

Synthesis and Antioxidant Study of new 1,3-Oxazepin-4,7-dione and 1,2,3-Triazole derivatives

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ABSTRACT

A series of new heterocyclic compounds containing 1,3-oxazepinering system was synthesized by a cycloaddition reaction of Schiff bases with maleic and phthalic anhydrides. Additionally, two new compounds containing 1,2,3-triazole ring system and the bioactive benzene sulfonic acid moiety were designed and synthesized via 1,3-dipolar cycloaddition reaction of 4-azidobenzene sulfonic acid with propiolic acid and acetylacetone. The structure of all the target compounds was confirmed by FT-IT, ¹H-NMR, ¹³C-NMR and mass spectroscopies. Furthermore, the antioxidant activity study showed that all the target compounds have a promising antioxidant activity against DPPH.

Keywords: Heterocyclic Chemistry, Schiff base, 1,3-Oxazepine, 1,2,3-Triazole, Antioxidant activity, DPPH.

INTRODUCTION

Free radicals are molecules, atoms or ions with unpaired electrons which are constantly formed in human body as a result of different processes [1, 2]. High levels of these species can cause damage to the biomolecules such as proteins, lipids, enzymes and nucleic acid molecules [3, 4]. This may result in many diseases such as cancer, diabetes, autoimmune diseases and others [5, 6]. Antioxidants are chemical compounds that reduce or neutralize the free radicals thus protecting organisms from the oxidative effect [7, 8]. Therefore, there is an increasing interest in the synthesis of new compounds that can be used as antioxidants [9]. Over the years, heterocyclic compounds have become the most important class of organic compounds in organic synthesis due to their various unique chemical and biological properties [10-12]. It is well known that compounds containing 1,3-oxazepine and 1,2,3-triazole ring systems (Figure 1) have a wide range of antioxidant applications [13, 14].



1,3-Oxazepine **1,2,3-Triazole**

Figure 1: Structure of 1,3-oxazepine and 1,2,3-triazole ring system.

1,3-Oxazepine ring system is an unsaturated non-aromatic seven-membered heterocyclic ring containing two heteroatoms (oxygen and nitrogen); oxygen atom is located at 1-position and nitrogen atom at 3-positions [15]. Recently, the cycloaddition reaction of imine compounds with cyclic anhydrides is the method of choice for the

synthesis of 1,3-oxazepine ring system containing two carbonyl groups at 4- and 7-positions [16]. Among high nitrogen-containing heterocyclic systems, 1,2,3-triazole ring system has played a vital role in medicinal chemistry [17, 18]. 1,2,3-Triazole ring system is an aromatic five-membered heterocyclic ring composed of adjacent three nitrogen atoms and two carbon atoms [19]. In general, 1,4-disubstituted-1,2,3-triazole structure is the most important of compounds containing 1,2,3-triazole ring system due to its use in different chemical and biological activities [20, 21]. Synthetically, 1,4-disubstituted-1,2,3-triazole ring system can be synthesized via 1,3-dipolar cycloaddition reaction using different starting materials in the presence of a variety of catalysts and conditions [22].

Chemicals and Instruments

All starting materials and solvents that were used in the synthesis of the target compounds were supplied from available sources and were directly used without further purification. FT-IR spectra were recorded on an FT-IR-8400S plus spectrometer operating from (4000–400 cm⁻¹) as a KBr disc. ¹H-NMR and ¹³C-NMR spectra were recorded at 500 MHz and 125 MHz, respectively on Inova spectrometer. The mass spectra (MS) were recorded using MS Model: 5973 Network Mass Selective Detector, with ion source: Electron Impact (EI) 70eV.

PROCEDURES

General procedure for the synthesis of *p*-substituted Schiff bases (1a-1d) [23]: An alcoholic solution contains *p*-substituted benzaldehyde (10.0 mmol) and three drops of glacial acetic acid was gradually added to a warmed stirred alcoholic solution of 1-mainonaphthalene (10.0 mmol) over five minutes. The reaction mixture was then stirred for further 30 minutes at room temperature before being

filtered to collect the target compounds in a yield 75-83%.

General procedure for the synthesis of 1,3-oxazepine derivatives (2a-2d, 3a-3d):An appropriate Schiff base **1a-1d** (7.14 mmol) and an appropriate cyclic anhydride (7.20 mmol) in dry benzene (50 ml) were refluxed for 24 hours. The solvent was evaporated on rotary evaporator to dryness and the residue was then triturated in diethyl ether. The solid product was collected under vacuum filtration and dried to give the target compounds as solid products.

2-(Phenyl)-3-(naphthalen-1-yl)-2,3-dihydro-[1,3]oxazepin-4,7-dione (2a): It was prepared by using compound **1a** (1.65 g, 7.14 mmol) and maleic anhydride (0.70 g, 7.20 mmol); Yield (1.7 g, 60%) as a pale yellow solid. FT-IR (KBr disc, cm^{-1}), 3271 (C-H, benzylic), 3051 (C-H, Ar-H), 1712 (C=O, lactone group) and 1635 (C=O, lactam group). $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (500 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$): δ = 6.4-6.7 (dd, 2H, CH=CH), 7.5-8.1 (m, 12H, Ar-H) and 10.49 (s, 1H, -O-CH-N-). HPMS- EI^+ (m/z): Calc. for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{15}\text{NO}_3$ = 329.3, Found = 329.0.

2-(4-Nitrophenyl)-3-(naphthalen-1-yl)-2,3-dihydro-[1,3]oxazepin-4,7-dione (2b): It was prepared by using compound **1b** (1.97 g, 7.14 mmol) and maleic anhydride (0.70 g, 7.20 mmol); Yield (2.0 g, 73%) as a yellow-brown solid. FT-IR (KBr disc, cm^{-1}), 3238 (C-H, benzylic), 3078 (Ar-H), 1716 (C=O, lactone group), 1629 (C=O, lactam group) and 1346 (C-NO₂). $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (500 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$): δ = 6.2-6.6 (dd, 2H, CH=CH), 7.0-8.2 (m, 11H, Ar-H) and 10.49 (s, 1H, -O-CH-N-). HPMS- EI^+ (m/z): Calc. for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$ = 374.3, Found = 374.0.

2-(4-Bromophenyl)-3-(naphthalen-1-yl)-2,3-dihydro-[1,3]oxazepin-4,7-dione (2c): It was prepared by using compound **1c** (2.21 g, 7.14 mmol) and maleic anhydride (0.70 g, 7.20 mmol); Yield (1.9 g, 64%) as a dark yellow solid. FT-IR (KBr disc, cm^{-1}), 3277 (C-H, benzylic), 3051 (C-H, Ar-H), 1712 (C=O, lactone group), 1633 (C=O, lactam group) and 767 (C-Br). $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (500 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$): δ = 6.4-6.7 (dd, 2H, CH=CH), 7.6-8.1 (m, 11H, Ar-H) and 10.49 (s, 1H, -O-CH-N-). HPMS- EI^+ (m/z): Calc. for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{14}\text{BrNO}_3$ = 408.2, Found = 408.0.

2-(4-Chlorophenyl)-3-(naphthalen-1-yl)-2,3-dihydro-[1,3]oxazepin-4,7-dione (2d): It was prepared by using compound **1d** (1.89 g, 7.14 mmol) and maleic anhydride (0.70 g, 7.20 mmol); Yield (2.3 g, 87%) as a yellow solid. FT-IR (KBr disc, cm^{-1}), 3273 (C-H, benzylic), 3049 (C-H, Ar-H), 1712 (C=O, lactone group), 1635 (C=O, lactam group) and 765 (C-Cl). $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (500 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$): δ = 6.4-6.7 (dd, 2H, CH=CH), 7.5-8.1 (m, 11H, Ar-H) and 10.48 (s, 1H, -O-CH-N-). HPMS- EI^+ (m/z): Calc. for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{14}\text{ClNO}_3$ = 363.7, Found = 363.0.

4-(Naphthalen-1-yl)-3-phenyl-3,4-dihydro-2,4-benzoxazepin-1,5-dione (3a): It was prepared by using compound **1a** (1.65 g, 7.14 mmol) and phthalic

anhydride (1.06 g, 7.20 mmol); Yield (2.3 g, 84%) as a pale purple solid. FT-IR (KBr disc, cm^{-1}), 3282 (C-H, benzylic), 3049 (C-H, Ar-H), 1703 (C=O, lactone group) and 1660 (C=O, lactam group). $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (500 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$): δ = 7.3-8.2 (m, 16H, Ar-H) and 10.38 (s, 1H, -O-CH-N-). $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (125.68 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$): δ = 168.3, 167.7, 139.1, 133.8, 132.8, 131.7, 128.7, 127.7, 127.9, 125.5, 123.5, 122.6 and 81.8. HPMS- EI^+ (m/z): Calc. for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{15}\text{NO}_3$ = 379.0, Found = 379.0.

4-(Naphthalen-1-yl)-3-(4-nitrophenyl)-3,4-dihydro-2,4-benzoxazepin-1,5-dione (3b): It was prepared by using compound **1b** (1.97 g, 7.14 mmol) and phthalic anhydride (1.06 g, 7.20 mmol); Yield (1.9 g, 62%) as a pale yellow solid. FT-IR (KBr disc, cm^{-1}), 3282 (C-H, benzylic), 3047 (Ar-H), 1703 (C=O, lactone group), 1659 (C=O, lactam group) and 1340 (C-NO₂). $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (500 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$): δ = 7.3-8.9 (m, 15H, Ar-H) and 10.37 (s, 1H, -O-CH-N-). $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (125 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$): δ = 168.2, 167.6, 141.5, 133.8, 132.5, 131.7, 129.8, 128.4, 127.9, 127.7, 126.6, 125.9, 124.0, 123.5, 122.6, 113.2 and 81.8. HPMS- EI^+ (m/z): Calc. for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$ = 424.4, Found = 425.0.

4-(Naphthalen-1-yl)-3-(4-bromophenyl)-3,4-dihydro-2,4-benzoxazepin-1,5-dione (3c): It was prepared by using compound **1c** (2.21 g, 7.14 mmol) and phthalic anhydride (1.06 g, 7.20 mmol); Yield (2.4 g, 73%) as a white solid. FT-IR (KBr disc, cm^{-1}), 3282 (C-H, benzylic), 3049 (Ar-H), 1703 (C=O, lactone group), 1660 (C=O, lactam group) and 767 (C-Br). $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (500 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$): δ = 7.3-8.2 (m, 15H, Ar-H) and 10.37 (s, 1H, -O-CH-N-). $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (125 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$): δ = 168.3, 167.6, 139.1, 133.8, 133.7, 131.7, 130.0, 129.5, 128.7, 127.9, 125.9, 125.5, 122.6 and 81.8. HPMS- EI^+ (m/z): Calc. for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{14}\text{BrNO}_3$ = 458.4, Found = 459.0.

4-(Naphthalen-1-yl)-3-(4-chlorophenyl)-3,4-dihydro-2,4-benzoxazepin-1,5-dione (3d): It was prepared by using compound **1d** (1.89 g, 7.14 mmol) and phthalic anhydride (1.06 g, 7.20 mmol); Yield (2.0 g, 67%) as a white solid. FT-IR (KBr disc, cm^{-1}), 3282 (C-H, benzylic), 3049 (Ar-H), 1703 (C=O, lactone group), 1658 (C=O, lactam group) and 767 (C-Cl). $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (500 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$): δ = 7.3-8.2 (m, 16H, Ar-H) and 10.38 (s, 1H, -O-CH-N-). $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (125 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$): δ = 168.3, 167.6, 139.1, 133.8, 133.7, 131.7, 131.7, 130.0, 129.5, 128.7, 127.9, 125.9, 125.5, 123.5, 122.6 and 81.8. HPMS- EI^+ (m/z): Calc. for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{14}\text{ClNO}_3$ = 413.8, Found = 412.0.

Synthesis of 4-azido-benzenesulfonic acid (4a): 4-Amino-benzenesulfonic acid (5.0 g, 28.8 mmol) and sodium carbonate (1.53 g, 14.43 mmol) were dissolved in water (50 ml) followed by the addition of sodium nitrite (3.0 g, 43.3 mmol). The resulting

solution was cooled to below 5.0 °C before being poured into a flask containing crashed ice (25.0 g) and HCl (5.0 ml). To the resulting solution, NaN₃ (2.8 g, 43.3 mmol) was slowly added over 20 minutes with maintaining the temperature below 5.0 °C. The reaction mixture was then stirred for 1.0 hour at the same temperature before being

naturalized with conc. HCl. The reaction mixture was evaporated to dryness on the rotary evaporator. The residue was then dissolved in methanol, filtered and concentrated to give the target product as a pale yellow solid in a yield (4.9 g, 85%). FT-IR (KBr disc, cm⁻¹), 3448 (OH, SO₃H), 3061 (C-H, Ar-H), 2137 (-N₃) and 1593 (C=C, Ar-H).

Table 1: Antioxidant activity values of the synthesized compounds using the DPPH assay.

| Com. No. | Structure of compound | A _s | Inhibition % |
|----------|-----------------------|----------------|--------------|
| 2a | | 0.102 | 60.7 |
| 2b | | 0.054 | 79.2 |
| 2c | | 0.090 | 65.3 |
| 2d | | 0.039 | 85.0 |
| 3a | | 0.037 | 85.7 |
| 3b | | 0.032 | 87.6 |
| 3c | | 0.074 | 71.5 |
| 3d | | 0.035 | 86.5 |
| 4b | | 0.040 | 84.6 |
| 4c | | 0.037 | 85.7 |
| | Trolox | 0.001 | 99.6 |

Synthesis of 1-(4-Sulfo-phenyl)-1H-1,2,3-triazole-4-carboxylic acid (4b): An aqueous solution of sodium ascorbate (0.63 g, 3.26 mmol, was dissolved in water 2.5 ml) was added to a stirred aqueous solution of CuSO₄·5H₂O (0.53 g, 2.17 mmol, was dissolved in water 2.5 ml). To the resulting solution, a mixture of *tert*-butanol:water (15 ml 2:1), propionic acid (1.9 ml, 32.6 mmol) and compound **4a** (6.5 g, 32.6 mmol) were sequentially added. The reaction

mixture was then stirred at 50 °C for 24 hours. The reaction mixture was then allowed to cool into room temperature before being worked-up by addition of water (100 ml). The solid precipitate was collected by vacuum filtration, washed with ether and dried to give the target compound **4b** in a yield (5.9 g, 67%). FT-IR (KBr disc, cm⁻¹), 3500-2500 (OH, SO₃H, COOH), 3136 (Ar-H), 1722 (C=O, COOH), 1695 (C=C, triazolyl ring), 1597 (C=C, Ar) and 1400-

1354 (-N=N-). $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (500 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$): δ =7.8-7.9 (dd, 4H, Ar-H), 9.3 (s, 1H, C=CH-triazolyl) and 13.3 (s, 1H, COOH). $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (125 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$): δ = 161.5, 148.7, 140.7, 136.0, 127.1 and 120.0. HPMS-EI^+ (m/z): Calc. for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_7\text{N}_3\text{O}_5\text{S}$ =269.2, Found =269.0.

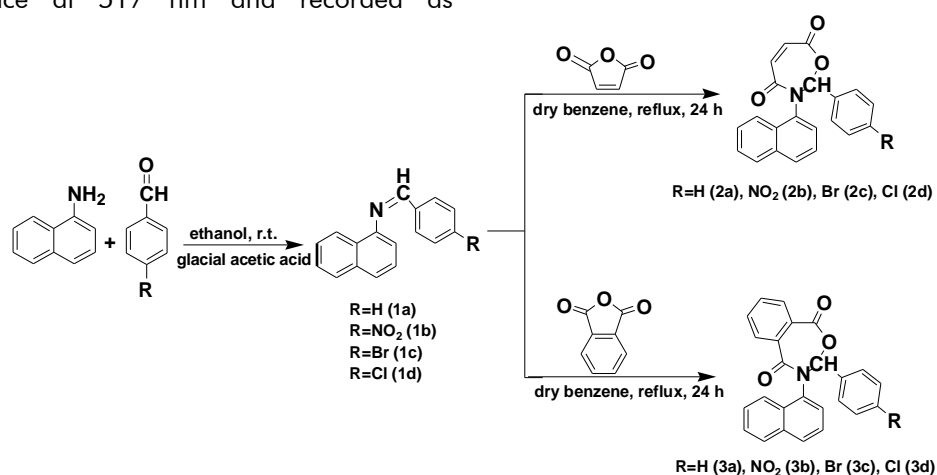
Synthesis of 4-(4-Acetyl-5-methyl-[1,2,3]triazol-1-yl)-benzenesulfonic acid (4c): To a mixture of acetylacetone (5.0 ml, 50.2 mmol) and Et_3N (7.0 ml, 50.2 mmol) in DMF (10 ml), compound **4a** (5.0 g, 25.1 mmol) was added in one portion. The reaction mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 24 hours. The formed precipitate was collected by vacuum filtration, washed with ether and dried to give the target compound **4c** in an excellent yield (6.5 g, 92%). FT-IR (KBr disc, cm^{-1}): 3506-2900 (OH, SO_3H), 3068 (Ar-H), 2920 (C-H, aliphatic) and 1600 (C=C, triazolyl ring). $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (500 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$): δ = 2.52 (s, 3H, CH_3), 2.63 (s, 3H, COCH_3) and 7.5-7.8 (q, 4H, Ar-H). $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (125 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$): δ = 193.3, 149.5, 142.8, 137.6, 134.8, 126.9, 124.9, 27.6 and 9.7. HPMS-EI^+ (m/z): Calc. for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{11}\text{N}_3\text{O}_4\text{S}$ =281.2, Found = 281.0.

Antioxidant assay: The free radical scavenging activity of the synthesized compounds **2a-2d**, **3a-3d**, **4b** and **4c** towards the radical of 1,1-diphenyl-2-picrylhydrazyl (DPPH) was measured as described in the literature [24]. Practically, all the synthesized compounds were dissolved in DMSO (1.0 mg/ml) to prepare a stock solution. A solution of DPPH (0.1 mM, 1.0 ml) was prepared in methanol and added to the tested sample solution (50 μl). The resulted mixture solution was allowed to stand at room temperature for 30 minutes following by measuring the absorbance at 517 nm and recorded as

absorbance of sample (A_s) using a BIO-TEK Power Wave Multi well plate reader spectrophotometer. The absorbance of methanol solution of DPPH was measured as a control (A_c). Moreover, the radical scavenging activity of Trolox was recorded as a standard. The free radical scavenging activity of the target compounds was calculated as a percentage inhibition of the DPPH radical according to the equation: DPPH scavenging effect (%) = $[(A_c - A_s)/A_c \times 100]$ where: A_c is the absorbance of the control reaction which equal to 0.26 and A_s is the absorbance of the tested sample.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Chemistry: For the synthesis of the target 1,3-oxazepine derivatives **2a-2d** and **3a-3d**, a series of schiff bases **1a-1d** was designed and synthesized as intermediate compounds from 1-aminonaphthalene as the amine component and a series of *p*-substituted benzaldehyde. Choosing of a series of *p*-substituted benzaldehyde is to investigate the effects of a structural variation of the substituent group on the antioxidants activity on the target 1,3-oxazepines derivatives. Practically, schiff bases **1a-1b** were synthesized via a reaction of 1-aminonaphthalene with *p*-substituted benzaldehyde in ethanol in the presence of few drops of glacial acetic acid as a catalyst according to the modified procedure that was described in the literatures [23,25]. The synthesized schiff bases **1a-1d** were then refluxed with maleicanhydride or phthalic anhydride in dry benzene for 24 hours to obtain the target 1,3-oxazepine derivatives **2a-2d** and **3a-3d**, respectively as described in Scheme 1.



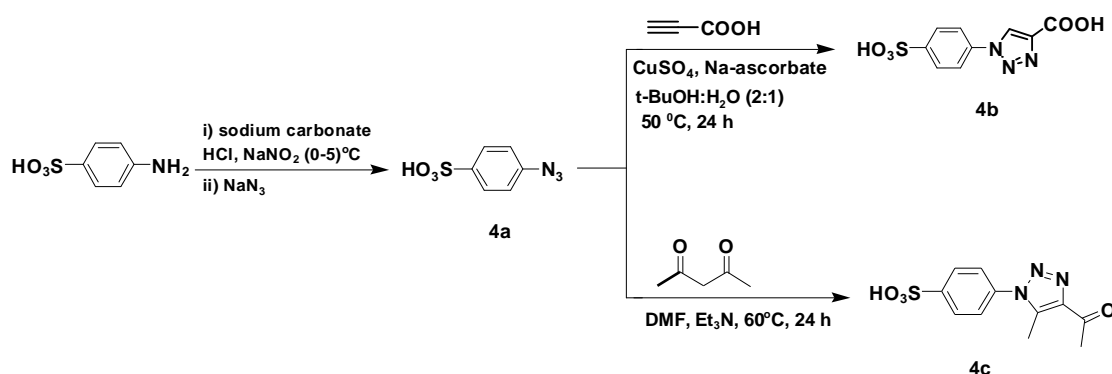
Scheme 1: Synthesis of 1,3-oxazepine derivatives 2a-2d and 3a-3d.

This synthetic pathway highlighted that the reaction had been proceeded smoothly to give the target compounds **2a-2d** and **3a-3d** in a simple work-up with relatively high yield. Importantly, TLC showed that these products are pure enough and not required to purification by column chromatography. The structure of the synthesized 1,3-oxazepines derivatives **2a-2d** and **3a-3d** was verified by FT-IR,

$^1\text{H-NMR}$, $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ and GC-MS spectroscopies. Clearly, along with the disappearance of the absorption band of the azomethane group ($\text{N}=\text{CH}$) at $1670\text{-}1640\text{ cm}^{-1}$, FT-IR spectra identifying the vibration frequencies of the new functional group which is $\text{C}=\text{O}$ of the lactone and lactam groups of oxazepine ring system at $1716\text{-}1703\text{ cm}^{-1}$ and $1660\text{-}1629\text{ cm}^{-1}$, respectively. Interestingly, FT-IR

spectra also showed that the absorption of the benzylic group (C-H) of oxazepine ring system was appeared at $3282-3238\text{ cm}^{-1}$. This high wave length can be attributed to linking the carbon atom of this group to the three withdrawing electron systems which is being naphthyl ring system and two heteroatoms (oxygen and nitrogen) as described for compounds that were reported in the literature[26]. The $^1\text{H-NMR}$ spectra that were recorded for the target compounds **2a-2d** and **3a-3d** indicate that all the signals are belonging to the starting material combined with the correct integration of both starting material and the target products. For example, the appearance of a doublet-doublet peak at 6.7-6.2 ppm that belongs to the protons of CH=CH group of maleic anhydride moiety of compounds **2a-2d** and the appearance of a singlet peak of proton of -O-CH-N- group of oxazepines ring system at 10.5-10.3 ppm for compounds **2a-2d** and **3a-3d** along with

the disappearance of the singlet of proton of azomethane group (N=CH) at 8.7 ppm confirmed the target structures. Beside $^1\text{H-NMR}$ results, these structures were also correctly verified in the $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$. In addition, their mass spectra showed that the calculated values of the ratio m/z being very close to the measured values of m/z . As a variety of pharmaceutical drugs are prepared as benzenesulfonic salts[27], we are interested in the synthesis of new 1,2,3-triazole derivatives containing this bioactive moiety. Currently, two compounds **4b** and **4c** containing this functional group and 1,2,3-triazole ring system was designed. For the synthesis of the target 1,2,3-triazole derivatives **4b** and **4c**, 4-azidobenzene sulfonic acid **4a** was synthesized a key intermediate compound. This compound will introduce the target benzene sulfonic acid moiety along with azido group that is required the synthesis of 1,2,3-triazole ring system as shown in Scheme 2.



Scheme 2: Synthesis of 1,2,3-triazole derivatives (4b** and **4c**).**

Compound **4a** was prepared via the reaction of the corresponding diazonium salt with sodium azide following the procedure that was described in the literature[28]. After an investigation work-up, the target compound **4a** was obtained in a relatively high yield. Compound **4a** was characterized by FT-IR spectrum which showed the appearance of the main stretching bands at 2137 cm^{-1} which imputed for -N₃ group beside the characteristics data for the other residual groups. Compound **4a** was then chosen as the azide component in the copper (I) catalyzed azide-alkyne cycloaddition (CuAAC) that also known as "Click Reaction"[29]. Whereas propiolic acid was chosen as the alkyne component to generate 1,4-disubstituted-1,2,3-triazole derivative **4b**. This synthetic route involved the addition of propiolic acid and compound **4a** to a solution of *tert*-butanol:water (2:1 v/v) containing CuSO₄·5H₂O and sodium ascorbate. The latter is a reducing agent to generate *in situ* Cu (I) species that are required to perform click reaction successfully following the procedure that was described in the literature[30]. The target product **4b** was separated by addition of water as pure solid product. The structure of compound

4b was characterized by FT-IR, NMR, and mass spectroscopies. The FT-IR spectrum showed the main stretching bands at $3500-2500\text{ cm}^{-1}$ for OH group and 1722 cm^{-1} for C=O group of COOH along with the disappearance the stretching bands at 2137 cm^{-1} for -N₃ group of compound **4a**. The $^1\text{H-NMR}$ spectrum showed a singlet peak at 9.3 ppm that belong to the proton of -C=CH group of triazole ring further to the signals of other groups. In addition, $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ and mass spectra agreed with $^1\text{H-NMR}$ results. After that the efforts were turned to synthesize compounds **4c**. To achieve this aim, compound **4a** was added to a mixture of acetylacetone and triethylamine in DMF and left to stir at 60 °C for 24 hours according to the procedure that was described in the literature[31]. By this synthetic pathway, the target compound **4c** was separated from the reaction mixture as a pure solid product in an excellent yield. This newly synthesized compound **4c** was confirmed by FT-IR, NMR and Mass spectroscopies. FT-IR spectrum showed the disappearance of the stretching band N₃ group of compound **4a** at 2137 cm^{-1} . The $^1\text{H-NMR}$ spectra that were recorded for the target compounds **4c**

indicate that all the signals are belonging to the compound **4a** combined with the correct integration of both starting material and the target product **4c**. In

addition, the structure of compound **4c** was also confirmed correctly by $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ and Mass spectra.

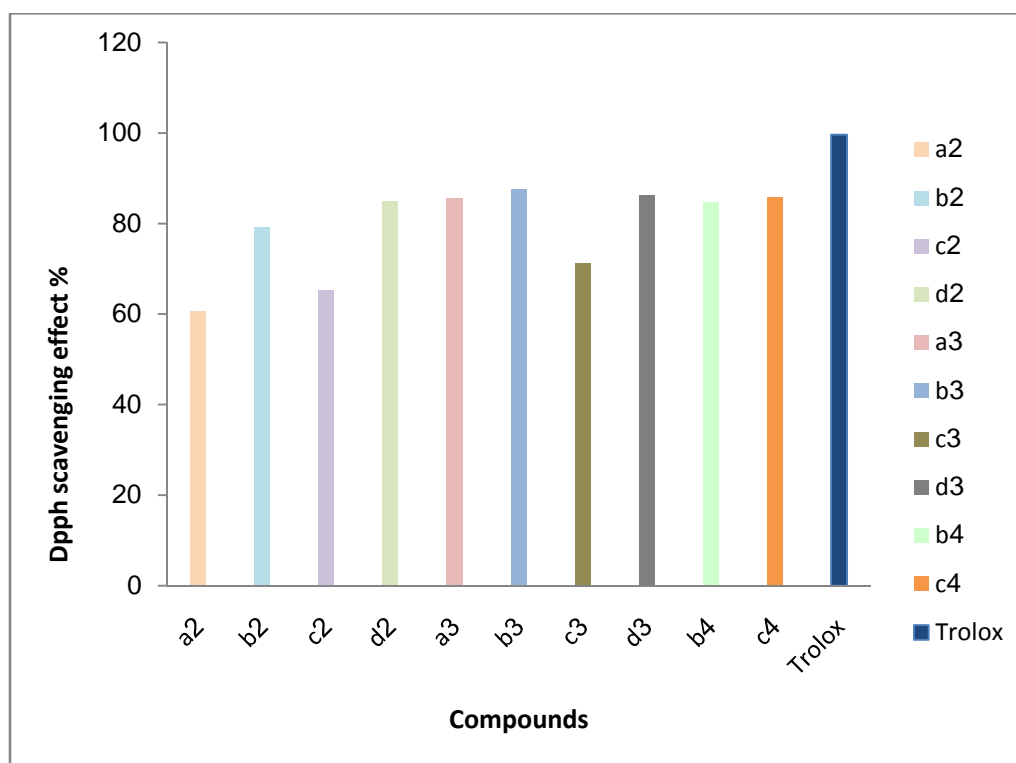


Figure 2: Antioxidant activity of DPPH scavenger radical for compounds 2a-4c.

Antioxidant assay: Antioxidant screening (DPPH radical scavenging activity)

The DPPH assay is commonly used to evaluate the effectiveness of antioxidants agents as a quick, reliable and reproducible parameter to search for the *in vitro* antioxidant activity of pure compounds. All the newly synthesized heterocyclic compounds derivatives were screened for *in vitro* antioxidant against DPPH free radicals in one concentration (500 ppm). According to experimental results, the entire newly synthesized compounds showed a good scavenging activity towards DPPH as shown in Table 1 and Figure 2. However, the oxazepine derivatives **3a-3d** that they were prepared using phthalic anhydride showed the higher scavenger activity than compounds **2a-2d** that were prepared using maleic anhydride. This is probably due to the presence of the additional aromatic system that comes from phthalic anhydride moiety thereby leading to increase the stability of the formed free radical of the synthesized compounds **3a-3d**. Furthermore, in both series 1,3-oxazepine derivatives **2a-2d** and **3a-3d**, that compounds substituted with nitro and chloro groups displayed the highest antioxidant activity compared to the standard. Interestingly, both **4b** and **4c** displayed a high scavenging activity towards DPPH with 84.6% and 85.7%, respectively compared to the standard. This higher scavenging activity is probably

due to the presence of the benzene sulfonic acid moiety that attached to 1,2,3-triazole ring system.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, a series of Schiff bases containing naphthalene ring system were used successfully as starting materials for the synthesis of 1,3-oxazepine derivatives via a cycloaddition reaction with maleic and phthalic anhydrides. Interestingly, new two 1,2,3-triazole derivatives containing benzene sulfonic acid moiety were synthesized in a simple synthetic route via 1,3-dipolar cycloaddition reaction of *p*-azidobenzene sulfonic acid with propiolic acid and acetylacetone in the presence of different conditions. Importantly, all the synthesized heterocyclic compounds displayed a promising antioxidant activity against DPPH.

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