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Evaluation of In-vitro Antimicrobial Activity of some Newly Synthesized 2-amino-3-phenylsulfonyl-4-aryl-4H-benzo[h]chromens Derivatives

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ABSTRACT: In this study, some chromens derivatives were synthesized as mentioned in our previous report. The synthesized compounds were evaluated for their antibacterial effect against three different bacterial species, using Disk Diffusion Agar test and microdilution broth (MIC) method against the *S. aureus*, *E. coli*, *P. aeruginosa* bacteria according to the National Committee for Clinical Laboratory Standards (NCCLS) recommendations. The results indicated that 4-nitro compound has considerable antibacterial activity against *S. aureus* bacteria. Moreover, compound 3-chloro has antibacterial properties against *E. coli* standard strain and none of 4H-Chromens derivatives have antibacterial effect on *P. aeruginosa* strains.

INTRODUCTION

In recent decades, there has been ever increasing interest in investigating and developing new compounds with antibacterial activity as a part of human health care studies. At the present time, some bacteria become resistance against current antimicrobial agents [1]. The overuse of antibiotic as well as uncompleted courses of prescribed antibiotics by patients will result in antibiotics resistance in human body; furthermore, increased antibiotic consumption in livestock and poultry is considered as another factor causing antibiotic resistance [2]. Therefore, there is a necessity to evaluate antibacterial properties of new compounds which could be used as antibiotic [3-5]. Heterocyclic compounds are considered as an important class of organic compounds because of their unique application, including bioactivity and

pharmaceutical properties. Chromenes are particular classes of oxygen-containing heterocyclic scaffolds. These are biologically interesting and attractive compounds with antimicrobial, antiviral and antitumor agents [6-10]. These compounds work in different ways such as inhibiting the influenza virus [11], DNA mutagenicity [12], sex pheromone [13] and also in central nervous system (CNS) activity [14].

In previous works, there have been reports based on this fact that, some Pyran and Chromene derivatives have significant activity against some bacteria [15,16]. Accordingly, in the present study, it is reported for the first time that some Chromene derivatives showed significant antibacterial activities towards various bacteria and the derivatives were

prepared as mentioned in our previous study[17]. Antimicrobial activities were determined as MIC values, using the microdilution broth method and Disk diffusion agar test against the *S. aureus*, *E. Coli*, *P. aeruginosa*, *S. aureus*, *E. coli*, *P. aeruginosa* bacterias.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

The cultures were grown on Mueller-Hinton Agar (MHA) (Merck, Germany) for all bacteria after 18-24 h of incubation at 37°C and antibacterial activity were investigated for *Staphylococcus aureus* ATCC 653, *Escherichia coli* ATCC 25922, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* P7.

Disk diffusion agar test

First, colonies of clinical and standard strains of *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* and *Escherichia coli* were suspended in 0.9% NaCl solution to prepare 0.5 McFarland standard ($1-1.5 \times 10^8$ CFU/mL) by spectrophotometric assay. A sterile swab was immersed in a bacterial suspension and used to inoculate Mueller-Hinton agar plates. Serial dilutions of compounds were prepared in 20% DMSO from 512 to 32 µg/mL. Then 10 µL of each prepared compound solution was loaded on blank disk. The disks were applied to the MHA plate. Following the incubation at 37°C for 24h, inhibition zone diameter was measured. A disk containing gentamycin (GM) was used as positive control and a disk containing DMSO was used as negative control. All experiments were done in duplicate.

Minimum inhibitory concentration method (Microdilution broth)

Minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) has been measured for each compound and also for the standard antibiotic, gentamycin, and they were all compared with each other. MIC is the lowest compound concentration that visi-

bly inhibits microbial growth. At first, 50 µL of the Mueller Hinton broth medium was added to each well of the 96 microtiter plates (SPL, Korea). Then 50 µL of compound solution in 20% DMSO at 2048 µg/mL concentration was added to first series of wells and after pipetting, 50 µL of it was added to next series of wells and this was done to last series of wells. 50 µL of content of last wells was removed. Microbial suspension in 0.9% NaCl solution with final 5×10^5 CFU/ml concentration inoculated in each well. The plates were incubated at 37°C for 24 h. Gentamicin was used as the standard antimicrobial agent. Wells containing broth medium with bacterial inoculum were used as positive control and negative control was contained DMSO (20%) with broth medium. All tests were done in triplicate.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The structures of experimental compounds are given in Table 1.

Antibacterial activity results

Evaluation of the antibacterial activity in this study was performed using MIC (minimum inhibitory concentration) and the inhibition zone diameter measurement against the *S. aureus*, *E. coli*, *P. aeruginosa* bacterias[18]. The assessment of minimal inhibitory concentrations provides a method for measuring the amount of microbial activity of 2-amino-3-phenylsulfonyl-4-aryl-4H-benzo[h]chromens derivatives. Furthermore, their MIC values against these organisms were determined by serial dilution method using DMF as a solvent and were compared with Gentamycin as a standard antibiotic. The results obtained are given in Tables 2 and 3 and also Figures 1, 2 and 3 show Effect of compounds 4H-Chromens derivatives on Standard strains and Clinical strains.

Table 1. The structures of compounds

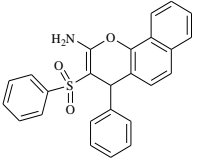
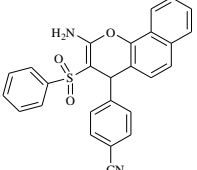
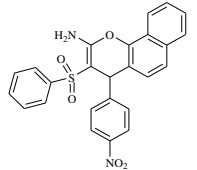
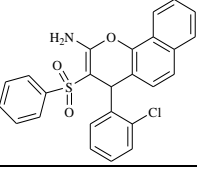
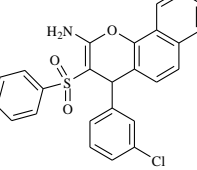
Entry	Name	Product
1	Benz aldehyde	
2	4-cyanid	
3	4-nitro	
4	2-chloro	
5	3-chloro	

Table 2. Inhibition zone diameter(mm) of chromens derivatives against clinical and standard isolates

Inhibition zone diameter of compounds against strains (mm)						
Compound	Standard strains			Clinical isolates		
	<i>S. aureus</i>	<i>E. coli</i>	<i>P. aeruginosa</i>	<i>S. aureus</i>	<i>E. coli</i>	<i>P. aeruginosa</i>
4-nitro (128 µg/mL)	10	0	0	11	0	0
4-nitro (256 µg/mL)	15	0	0	11	0	0
2-chloro	0	0	0	0	0	0
3-chloro (256 µg/mL)	0	10	0	0	0	0
3-chloro (512 µg/mL)	0	14	0	0	0	0
4-cyanid	0	0	0	0	0	0
Benz aldehyde	0	0	0	0	0	0
DMSO (control)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gentamycin	21	16	17	20	16	15

Table 3.ChromensderivativesMIC ($\mu\text{g/mL}$) against clinical and standard isolates by microbroth dilution.

Compound	MIC ($\mu\text{g/mL}$)					
	Standard strains			Clinical isolates		
	<i>S. aureus</i>	<i>E. coli</i>	<i>P. aeruginosa</i>	<i>S. aureus</i>	<i>E. coli</i>	<i>P. aeruginosa</i>
4-nitro	128	512 \leq	512 \leq	128	512 \leq	512 \leq
2-chloro	512 \leq	512 \leq	512 \leq	512 \leq	512 \leq	512 \leq
3-choloro	512 \leq	256	512 \leq	512 \leq	512 \leq	512 \leq
4-cyanid	512 \leq	512 \leq	512 \leq	512 \leq	512 \leq	512 \leq
Benz aldehyde	512 \leq	512 \leq	512 \leq	512 \leq	512 \leq	512 \leq
DMSO (control)	512 \leq	512 \leq	512 \leq	512 \leq	512 \leq	512 \leq
Gentamycin	4	16	16	4	32	16

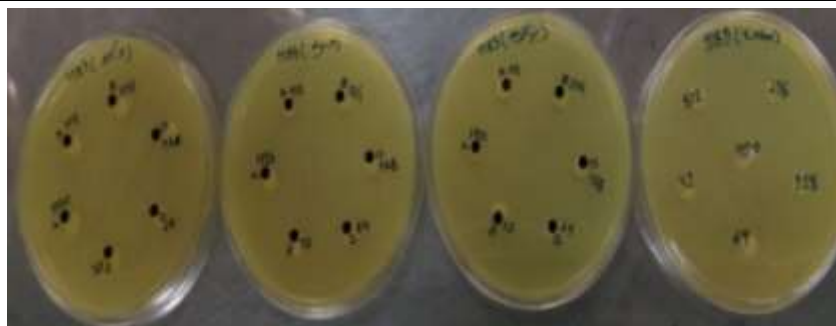


Figure 1. Effect of compounds on clinical strain of *P. aeruginosa*.



Figure 2. Effect of 4-nitro on *S. aureus* standard and clinical strain.



Figure 3. Effect of 3-choloro on *E. coli* standard strain.

As displayed in the results, compound 4-nitro was the most effective, presenting inhibition zones measured 10 mm against *S. aureus* strains at 128 µg/mL concentration. 3-chloro compound inhibited the growth of *E. coli* standard strain at 256 µg/mL. However, other compounds showed even no activity at a higher concentration of 512 µg/mL. None of the compounds have antibacterial effect on *P. aeruginosa* strains. These results show an effective in vitro activity of 4-nitro and 3-chloro. Therefore, this compounds has promising applications in a wide range of antibiotic therapy.

CONCLUSIONS

In summary, synthesized compounds were evaluated in terms of their antibacterial properties, using MIC (minimum inhibitory concentration) and the inhibition zone diameter measurement against some gram positive and gram negative bacteria. The results indicated that compound 4-nitro has significant antibacterial activity against *S. aureus* bacteria and also compound 3-chloro has considerable antibacterial properties against *E. coli* standard strain.

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