

## Synthesis and Preliminary Antibacterial Effects of New 1, 3, 4-Oxadiazoles

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### Abstract

4-aminobenzoyl hydrazide [I] was reacted with carbon disulfide in the existence of potassium hydroxide in ethyl alcohol to give 5-(4-aminophenyl)-2-thiol-1,3,4-oxadiazole [II]. The initiator aldehyde [III] was prepared via coupling reaction of 2-hydroxybenzaldehyde with the corresponding diazonium salt of compound [II]. Aldehyde [III] was condensed with some anilines including (3-bromoaniline, 4-aminophenol, 3-aminophenol, 2-aminophenol, 4-methoxyaniline, 2, 4-dimethylaniline and 4-acetamidoaniline) utilizing microwave irradiation technique in ethyl alcohol to yield seven imines [IV]<sub>a-g</sub>. Treatment of imines [IV]<sub>a-g</sub> with phthalic anhydride in microwave oven gave seven 1,3-benzoxazepine-4,7-diones derivatives of 1,3,4-oxadiazole [V]<sub>a-g</sub>. The antibacterial activities for the desired compounds were investigated on bacteria, *Staphylococcus aureus* and *Escherichia coli*. The results showed that the synthesized 1, 3, 4-oxadiazoles (compounds [V]<sub>a</sub>, [V]<sub>b</sub>, [V]<sub>c</sub>, [V]<sub>d</sub> and [V]<sub>e</sub>) expressed better activity to gentamycin against positive bacteria. On the other hand, the 1,3-oxazepine-4,7-diones [V]<sub>a</sub>, [V]<sub>b</sub>, [V]<sub>c</sub>, [V]<sub>d</sub>, [V]<sub>f</sub> and [V]<sub>g</sub> exhibited greater effect against negative bacteria in comparison with that of the control drug (Gentamycin).

**Keywords:** 1, 3, 4-Oxadiazoles, Benzoxazepines, Imines, Cycloaddition, Antibacterial action.

### Introduction

Development of new biological compounds based on the molecular recognition is significant goal in the medicinal chemistry and attracted considerable interest [1]. Nowadays, scientists focus on the nitrogen containing heterocyclic species because of their wide spectrum of biological activities and pharmacological importance [2, 3] as antibacterial [4], antiviral [5], anti-inflammatory [6], antiallergic [7], analgesic [8], anticancer [9] and antitumor [10].

Compound structure is the main dynamic source to act as a novel biologically active species [11]. Oxadiazole is an aromatic heterocyclic nucleus possessing one oxygen and two nitrogen atoms in a five-membered ring [12]. 1,3,4-Oxadiazole found in four different isomeric structures namely, 1,2,3-oxadiazole, 1,2,4-oxadiazole, 1,2,5-oxadiazole and 1,3,4-oxadiazole [13]. Among these, 1,3,4-oxadiazole is an important heterocyclic core and becomes significant structural motif for the discovery of new drugs [14] because of its

capability to engage in the hydrogen bonding and metabolic profile [15].

1,3,4-Oxadiazoles undergo several reactions like photochemical [16], thermal [17], electrophilic [18] and nucleophilic [19] substitution. Synthesis of 1,3,4-oxadiazole containing compounds and investigation of their chemical and biological properties has accelerated in recent years [20-23]. Heterocyclic seven-membered ring constitutes the core or a key fragment of a number of bioactive compounds involving isolated from natural products [24].

Fused oxazepinone derivatives have attracted considerable attention owing to their promising biological activities [25, 26], such as antihistaminic [27], anti-HIV [28], antidepressant [29], and antitumor activities [30]. Asendin (Amoxapine) drug is used as antidepressant [31] and active drug for schizophrenia [32]. Oxazepine compounds have biological importance and they have medicinal [33, 34] and pharmaceutical

applications [35, 36]. Thus, in this article, we reported here the synthesis of new 1, 3, 4-oxadiazole derivatives bearing the biologically active 1, 3-benzoxazepine-4, 7-dione moiety which probably have some biological activities.

## Experimental

### General

All chemical were equipped from Fluka and sigma Aldrich. Melting points was measured using an Electro thermal Stuart SMP 30 capillary melting point apparatus, UK. (IR) spectra were recorded on SHIMADZU FTIR-8400S Infrared Spectrophotometer using (KBr) disc. Proton magnetic resonance were collected on INOVA 500 MHz varian, USA NMR spectrometer in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub> as solvent and TMS as an internal standard, at University of Tehran, Iran. (CHNS) Analyses were deduced with Perkin Elmer 300A at University of Tehran, Iran.

### Preparation Methods

#### Preparation of 5-(4-aminophenyl)-2-thiol-1, 3, 4-oxadiazole [II] [37]

4-aminobenzoic hydrazide [I] (1.51 g, 10 mmol) was dissolved in absolute ethanol (25 mL) and put on ice bath. To this mixture, carbon disulfide (1 mL) was added drop-wise with stirring, then potassium hydroxide (0.56 g, 10 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred for 15 min, then refluxed with stirring on a water bath for 24 h in 70 °C. TLC (*n*-hexane: EtOAc, 1:1, R<sub>f</sub> = 0.64) showed that the reaction was completed. The mixture was then cooled down to room temperature.

The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, the resulting solid was dissolved in distilled water (100 mL) and the solution was acidified carefully with concentrated hydrochloric acid to give pale yellow precipitate that was filtered under reduced pressure, washed well with distilled water and recrystallized from ethanol to give pale yellow crystals, yield (1.4475 g, 75 %), m.p. 234-236 °C, Lit.[37] 235 °C.

#### Preparation of (E)-2-hydroxy-5-((4-(5-mercapto-1, 3, 4-oxadiazol-2-yl) phenyl) diazenyl) benzaldehyde [III] [38]

5-(4-aminophenyl)-2-thiol-1, 3, 4-oxadiazole [II] (1.93 g, 10 mmol) was dissolved in a

mixture of concentrated hydrochloric acid (3.2 mL) and distilled water (10 mL). The mixture was cooled at (0 °C) in an ice bath, then a solution of sodium nitrite (0.69 g, 10 mmol) dissolved in distilled water (5 mL) was added drop-wise to the mixture with stirring. The temperature of the ice bath was controlled between (0-5 °C) during the addition.

A solution of 2-Hydroxybenzaldehyde (1.22 g, 10 mmol) dissolved in (15 mL) of (10%w/v) sodium hydroxide solution was prepared and cooled to (5 °C) by immersion in an ice bath and stirred vigorously, then the diazonium salt solution was added very slowly to the phenoxide solution, a red precipitate soon separated.

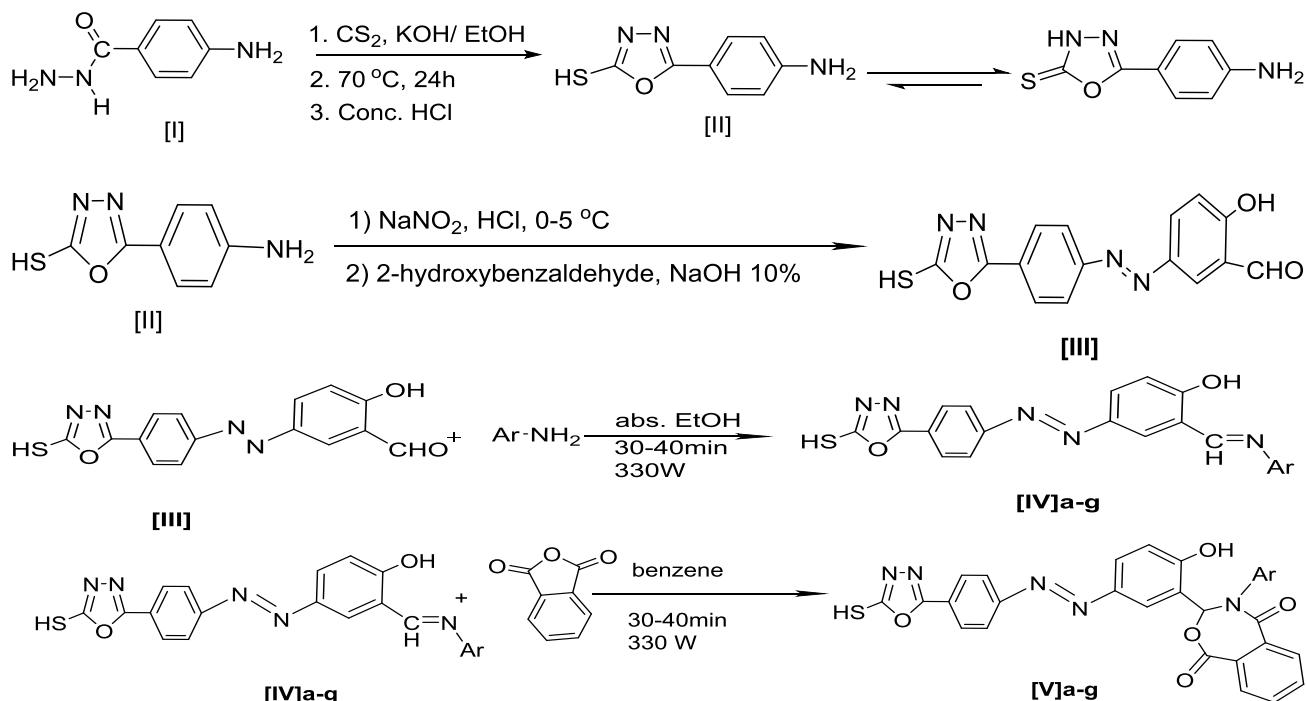
When all the diazonium salt solution has been added, the mixture was allowed to stand in an ice bath for (30 min.) with occasional stirring, then the solution was filtered and the precipitate was washed well with distilled water, dried upon filter paper then in oven and recrystallized from ethanol, yield (1.956 g, 60 %), m.p. 166-168 °C, R<sub>f</sub> (developer) 0.41(*n*-hexane: EtOAc, 1: 3).

#### General Procedure for the Preparation of Imines [IV]<sub>a-g</sub>

The aldehyde derivative [III] (0.326 g, 1 mmol), suitable aromatic amines (1 mmol) and absolute ethanol (1 mL) were placed in crucible. The reaction mixture was irradiated in a domestic microwave oven at (330W) for (30-40) min. TLC (*n*-hexane: EtOAc, 1:3) showed end of reactions. Recrystallization of crude yields was carried out using ethanol. Some physical properties and other characteristics of compounds [IV]<sub>a-g</sub> are given in Table 1.

#### General procedure for the preparation of 1, 3-benzoxazepine-4, 7-diones [V]<sub>a-g</sub>

Compounds [IV]<sub>a-g</sub> (1 mmol), phthalic anhydride (0.148 g, 1 mmol) and benzene (1 mL) were mixed and irradiated in microwave oven at (330W) for (30-40) min. TLC (*n*-hexane: EtOAc, 1:1) showed end of reactions. The crude yield was recrystallized from ethanol. Some physical properties and other characteristics of compounds [V]<sub>a-g</sub> are listed in Table 1.



Scheme 1: Synthesis of 1,3,4-oxadiazoles, (i) CS<sub>2</sub>, KOH, EtOH, 70 °C, 24 h; (ii) Conc. HCl; (iii) NaNO<sub>2</sub>, HCl, 0-5 °C; (iv) 2-hydroxybenzaldehyde, NaOH 10% , 5°C; (v) Ar-NH<sub>2</sub>, EtOH, MW (30W), 25 min; (vi) phthalic anhydride, benzene, MW (550-600W), 60 min

## Preliminary Antibacterial Assay

The antibacterial activities of the newly synthesized oxadiazoles [V]<sub>a-g</sub> were determined by the agar diffusion method [41] using Gram (+) and Gram (-) bacteria on agar media. The test bacteria to evaluate the effect of the target compounds were *Staphylococcus aureus* (Gram-positive) and *Escherichia coli* (Gram-negative). A solution of 10 mg/mL was prepared using (DMSO) as solvent. Gentamycin was used as standard drug to record the diameters assigned for inhibition zones of compounds Table 2.

## Results and Discussion

5-(4-aminophenyl)-2-thiol-1,3,4-oxadiazole [II] was synthesized via reaction of 4-aminobenzoyl hydrazide [I] with carbon disulfide in the presence of potassium hydroxide in absolute ethanol [37]. Reaction of compound [II] with (HCl/ NaNO<sub>2</sub>) generated aryldiazonium chloride which was treated with salicylaldehyde dissolved in (NaOH) solution to yield azoaldehyde [III] [38]. Aldehyde [III] was treated with some aniline derivatives (3-bromoaniline, 4-aminophenol, 3-aminophenol, 2-aminophenol, 4-methoxyaniline, 2, 4-dimethylaniline and 4-acetamidoaniline) on microwave oven in

absolute ethanol to produce seven imines [IV]<sub>a-g</sub> of 1,3,4-oxadiazole, respectively. Treatment of imines [IV]<sub>a-g</sub> with phthalic anhydride using microwave irradiation gave 1, 3-benzoxazepin-4, 7-diones derivatives of 1, 3, 4-oxadiazole [V]<sub>a-g</sub>. Structures of target compounds synthesized were confirmed by infrared, <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra, and (CHNS) analysis and were in good agreement with the suggested structures.

The IR spectrum of oxadiazole derivative [I] showed the absence of the sharp doublet band for hydrazide group (-NHNH<sub>2</sub>) at (3307, 3236) cm<sup>-1</sup> and the strong band around 1627 cm<sup>-1</sup> belong to (C=O)str., additionally the appearance of the following characteristic bands: the doublet band at 3450 cm<sup>-1</sup> and 3352 cm<sup>-1</sup> attributed to (-NH<sub>2</sub>)str. substituted in benzene ring, the strong band at 1606 cm<sup>-1</sup> assigned to the oxadiazolic (C=N)str. and (-NH<sub>2</sub>)bend. due to the vibration coupling interaction.

The weak and strong bands at 2592 cm<sup>-1</sup> and 1068 cm<sup>-1</sup> due to (S-H)str. and (C=S)str. in thioenol and thioketone forms, respectively. The IR spectrum of azo-oxadiazole derivative [II] indicated the disappearance of a doublet band at 3450 cm<sup>-1</sup> and 3352 cm<sup>-1</sup> for (-

NH<sub>2</sub>)str. and appearance of the following characteristic bands: the weak band at 1417 cm<sup>-1</sup> assigned to azo group (N=N)str., the broad band at 3074 cm<sup>-1</sup> due to (O-H)str., the band at 1658 cm<sup>-1</sup> belong to (C=O)str., the oxadiazolic (C=N)str. appeared at 1599 cm<sup>-1</sup>. IR spectra of the oxadiazolic-imines [IV]<sub>a-g</sub> showed disappearing the peak at 1658 cm<sup>-1</sup> for carbonyl group, also disappearance of peaks of (-NH<sub>2</sub>) in the starting amines around (3400-3250) cm<sup>-1</sup>, in addition to appearing a peak around (1591-1608) cm<sup>-1</sup> recorded to the imine group. Other bands were listed in Table 3.

1,3-benzoxazepin-4,7-diones [V]<sub>a-g</sub> indicated peak around 1595-1606 cm<sup>-1</sup> for (C=N) group in oxadiazole ring, also appearance band at 1641-1718 cm<sup>-1</sup> attributed to stretching of carbonyl groups (O=C-N and O=C-O) of oxazepine. Other bands were listed in Table 3. The structures of benzoxazepine compounds [V]<sub>a-g</sub> were proven by their <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra (500 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) which showed the (N-H) proton for thione form as a singlet at 12.19, 12.02, 12.18, –, 10.22, –, and 10.22 ppm, respectively [39, 40]. The sulfhydryl (S-H) proton as a singlet at δ 11.45, 11.45, 11.44, 11.60, 10.11, 11.46 and 10.11 ppm, respectively.

The phenolic (O-H) proton as a singlet at δ 10.93, (10.24, 9.76), 9.74, 9.83, 9.74, 9.90 and 9.74 ppm, respectively. The signals of aromatic protons (Ar-H) and (C-H) proton of oxazepine ring appeared at δ 6.70-8.35 ppm. Moreover, the methoxy protons (O-CH<sub>3</sub>) in compound [V]<sub>e</sub> appeared as a singlet at δ 3.75 ppm.

The protons of methyl groups (2-CH<sub>3</sub>) and (4-CH<sub>3</sub>) in compound [IV]<sub>f</sub> appeared as a singlet at δ 2.06 and 2.33 ppm, respectively. The proton of (N-H) and protons of methyl group (CH<sub>3</sub>) of acetamide group (-NHCOCH<sub>3</sub>) in compound [V]<sub>g</sub> appeared as a singlet at δ 4.35 and 3.80 ppm, respectively. Moreover, the (CHNS) elemental analysis results for compounds [V]<sub>a-g</sub> afforded good agreement with the proposed structures and shown in Table 4.

### Antibacterial Activities

Compounds [V]<sub>a</sub>, [V]<sub>b</sub>, [V]<sub>c</sub>, [V]<sub>d</sub> and [V]<sub>e</sub> showed better activity than control drug against Gram-positive bacteria, while compounds [V]<sub>a</sub>, [V]<sub>b</sub>, [V]<sub>c</sub>, [V]<sub>d</sub>, [V]<sub>f</sub> and [V]<sub>g</sub> were found to be greater activity than gentamycin against Gram-negative bacteria.

**Table 1: Some physical properties of compounds [IV]<sub>a-g</sub> and [V]<sub>a-g</sub>**

Product	Physical state	Rf (developer)	Mp (°C)	Yields (%)	Time (min)
[IV] <sub>a</sub>	Brown solid	0.90 (n-hexane/EtOAc. 1:3)	152-154	92	30
[IV] <sub>b</sub>	Dark brown solid	0.92 (n-hexane/EtOAc. 1:3)	106-108	82	30
[IV] <sub>c</sub>	Dark brown solid	0.88 (n-hexane/EtOAc. 1:3)	196-198	88	30
[IV] <sub>d</sub>	Brown solid	0.87 (n-hexane/EtOAc. 1:3)	196-198	96	40
[IV] <sub>e</sub>	Brown solid	0.90 (n-hexane/EtOAc. 1:3)	138-142	92	30
[IV] <sub>f</sub>	Dark brown solid	0.84 (n-hexane/EtOAc. 1:3)	145-147	88	30
[IV] <sub>g</sub>	Dark brown solid	0.93 (n-hexane/EtOAc. 1:3)	150-154	87	30
[V] <sub>a</sub>	Brown solid	0.90 (n-hexane/EtOAc. 1:1)	162-164	96	30
[V] <sub>b</sub>	Dark brown solid	0.94 (n-hexane/EtOAc. 1:1)	206-208	90	30
[V] <sub>c</sub>	Brown solid	0.93 (n-hexane/EtOAc. 1:1)	203-205	82	30
[V] <sub>d</sub>	Brown solid	0.94 (n-hexane/EtOAc. 1:1)	200-202	83	40
[V] <sub>e</sub>	Dark brown solid	0.93 (n-hexane/EtOAc. 1:1)	174-176	88	30
[V] <sub>f</sub>	Dark brown solid	0.86 (n-hexane/EtOAc. 1:1)	154-156	95	30
[V] <sub>g</sub>	Brown solid	0.88 (n-hexane/EtOAc. 1:1)	191-193	95	30

**Table 2: The antibacterial activities of compounds [V]<sub>a-g</sub> and gentamycin as control drug**

Product	<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> (Gram-positive)	<i>Escherichia coli</i> (Gram-negative)
[V] <sub>a</sub>	17	18
[V] <sub>b</sub>	19	19
[V] <sub>c</sub>	19	19
[V] <sub>d</sub>	17	17
[V] <sub>e</sub>	16	14
[V] <sub>f</sub>	15	20
[V] <sub>g</sub>	14	17
DMSO	0	0
Gentamycin	15	15

**Table 3: FT-IR data of compounds [IV]<sub>a-g</sub> and [V]<sub>a-g</sub> in cm<sup>-1</sup>**

Com. No.	FT-IR bands
[IV] <sub>a</sub>	3460 and 3344 (νO-H), 3217 (νN-H, thione form), 3057 (νC-H, benzene), 1591 (νC=N, imine and νC=N, oxadiazole, vib. coupling), 1533, 1508 and 1485 (νC=C, benzene), 1415 (νN=N), 1064 (νC=S, thione form), 840 (δo.o.p.C-H, benzene).
[IV] <sub>b</sub>	3329 (νO-H and νN-H, thione form, vib. coupling), 3068 (νC-H, benzene), 2603 (νS-H), 1602 (νC=N, imine and νC=N, oxadiazole, vib. coupling), 1510 (νC=C, benzene), 1415 (νN=N), 1070 (νC=S, thione form), 829 (δo.o.p.C-H, benzene).
[IV] <sub>c</sub>	3209 (νO-H, νN-H, thione form and νC-H, benzene, vib. coupling), 2621 (νS-H), 1606 (νC=N, imine and νC=N, oxadiazole, vib. coupling), 1510 and 1448 (νC=C, benzene), 1419 (νN=N), 1074 (νC=S, thione form), 835 (δo.o.p.C-H, benzene).
[IV] <sub>d</sub>	3371 (νO-H), 3219 (νN-H, thione form) 3064 (νC-H, benzene), 2576 (νS-H), 1608 (νC=N, imine and νC=N, oxadiazole, vib. coupling), 1570, 1492 and 1465 (νC=C, benzene), 1431 (νN=N), 1091 (νC=S, thione form), 748 (δo.o.p.C-H, benzene).
[IV] <sub>e</sub>	3342 (νO-H), 3219 (νN-H, thione form), 3047 (νC-H, benzene), 2937 (νasC-H, OCH <sub>3</sub> ), 2833 (νsC-H, OCH <sub>3</sub> ), 2596 (νS-H), 1606 (νC=N, imine and νC=N, oxadiazole, vib. coupling), 1546, 1512 and 1465 (νC=C, benzene), 1442 (νN=N), 1109 (νC=S, thione form), 827 (δo.o.p.C-H, benzene).
[IV] <sub>f</sub>	3344 (νO-H), 3215 (νN-H, thione form) 3032 (νC-H, benzene), 2920 (νasC-H, CH <sub>3</sub> ), 2860 (νsC-H, CH <sub>3</sub> ), 1608 (νC=N, imine and νC=N, oxadiazole, vib. coupling), 1543 and 1502 (νC=C, benzene), 1078 (νC=S, thione form), 829 (δo.o.p.C-H, benzene).
[IV] <sub>g</sub>	3254 (νO-H and νN-H, thione form, vib. coupling), 3051 (νC-H, benzene), 2978 (νC-H, CH <sub>3</sub> ), 1660 (νC=O, amide), 1608 (νC=N, imine and νC=N, oxadiazole, vib. coupling), 1512 (νC=C, benzene), 1410 (νN=N), 1047 (νC=S, thione form), 835 (δo.o.p.C-H, benzene).
[V] <sub>a</sub>	3473 (νO-H), 3288 (νN-H, thione form), 3064 (νC-H, benzene), 1714 (νC=O, O=C-O and O=C-N, oxazepine, vib. coupling), 1595 (νC=N, oxadiazole), 1545, 1500 and 1475 (νC=C, benzene), 1421 (νN=N), 1072 (νC=S, thione form), 713 (δo.o.p.C-H, benzene).
[V] <sub>b</sub>	3416 (νO-H), 3255 (νN-H, thione form), 3068 (νC-H, benzene), 1716 (νC=O, O=C-O and O=C-N, oxazepine, vib. coupling), 1604 (νC=N, oxadiazole), 1512 (νC=C, benzene), 1076 (νC=S, thione form), 717 (δo.o.p.C-H, benzene).
[V] <sub>c</sub>	3414νO-H), 3288 (νN-H, thione form), 3072 (νC-H, benzene), 1712 (νC=O, O=C-O and O=C-N, oxazepine, vib. coupling), 1606 (νC=N, oxadiazole), 1512 and 1469 (νC=C, benzene), 1425 (νN=N), 1080 (νC=S, thione form), 715 (δo.o.p.C-H, benzene).
[V] <sub>d</sub>	3360 (νO-H), 3221 (νN-H, thione form), 3064 (νC-H, benzene), 1716 (νC=O, O=C-O, oxazepine), 1641 (νC=O, O=C-N), 1604 (νC=N, oxadiazole), 1572, 1504 and 1460 (νC=C, benzene), 1419 (νN=N), 1076 (νC=S, thione form), 744 (δo.o.p.C-H, benzene).
[V] <sub>e</sub>	3281 (νO-H), 3209 (νN-H, thione form), 3066 (νC-H, benzene), 2966 (νasC-H, OCH <sub>3</sub> ), 2841 (νsC-H, OCH <sub>3</sub> ), 1712 (νC=O, O=C-O and O=C-N, oxazepine, vib. coupling), 1600 (νC=N, oxadiazole), 1550, 1506 and 1464 (νC=C, benzene), 1084 (νC=S, thione form), 831 (δo.o.p.C-H, benzene).
[V] <sub>f</sub>	3470 νO-H), 3308 (νN-H, thione form), 3059 (νC-H, benzene), 2922 (νasC-H, CH <sub>3</sub> ), 2864 (νsC-H, CH <sub>3</sub> ), 1718 (νC=O, O=C-O and O=C-N, oxazepine, vib. coupling), 1600 (νC=N, oxadiazole), 1543 and 1500 (νC=C, benzene), 1076 (νC=S, thione form), 715 (δo.o.p.C-H, benzene).
[V] <sub>g</sub>	3468 (νO-H), 3294 (νN-H, thione form), 3064 (νC-H, benzene), 1714 (νC=O, O=C-O and O=C-N, oxazepine, vib. coupling), 1668 (νC=O, amide), 1606 (νC=N, oxadiazole), 1512 (νC=C, benzene), 1408 (νN=N), 1074 (νC=S, thione form), 713 (δo.o.p.C-H, benzene).

**Table 4: (CHNS) Elemental analysis of compounds [V]<sub>a-g</sub>**

Com. No.	Calculated %				Found %			
	C	H	N	S	C	H	N	S
[V] <sub>a</sub>	55.42	2.89	11.14	5.10	55.07	3.19	10.78	4.70
[V] <sub>b</sub>	61.59	3.39	12.38	5.67	61.21	3.69	12.73	6.06
[V] <sub>c</sub>	61.59	3.39	12.38	5.67	61.98	3.68	11.99	5.40
[V] <sub>d</sub>	61.59	3.39	12.38	5.67	61.88	3.74	11.98	5.26
[V] <sub>e</sub>	62.17	3.65	12.08	5.53	61.78	4.02	12.49	5.17
[V] <sub>f</sub>	64.46	4.01	12.12	5.55	64.81	4.42	11.77	5.32
[V] <sub>g</sub>	61.38	3.66	13.85	5.29	60.98	4.04	13.47	4.90

## Conclusions

Preponderance of synthesized 1, 3, 4-Oxadiazoles showed greater effect against positive and negative bacteria than that of control drug. Compounds [V]<sub>a</sub>, [V]<sub>b</sub>, [V]<sub>c</sub>, [V]<sub>d</sub> and [V]<sub>e</sub> were found to be better effect than gentamycin against positive germ, while compounds [V]<sub>a</sub>, [V]<sub>b</sub>, [V]<sub>c</sub>, [V]<sub>d</sub>, [V]<sub>f</sub> and [V]<sub>g</sub>

showed greater activity to gentamycin athwart negative germ.

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