

## Synthesis and *In Vitro* Antimycobacterial Evaluation of *N*-arylidene-5-aryl-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2-amines Derivatives

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**SUMMARY.** A series of *N*-arylidene-5-aryl-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2-amines (**2a-d**, **3a-d**, and **4a-d**) were synthesized with the help of aryl acids, semicarbazide, and arylbenzaldehyde. These synthesized compounds were characterized by elemental analysis, FT-IR, <sup>1</sup>HNMR, and mass spectral data analysis. The title compounds were evaluated as *in-vitro* antimycobacterial agents against *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* H37RV by using Microplate Alamar Blue Dye Assay (MABA) method. The *in vitro* antimycobacterial result exhibited that the most active compounds (**2c**, **2d**, **3c**, **3d**, **4c**, and **4d**) showed a minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) value of 6.25 µg/mL when compared with standard drugs ciprofloxacin, pyrazinamide (3.125 µg/mL), and streptomycin (6.25 µg/mL). Most of the title compounds were exhibited MIC value ranging (6.25-12.5 µg/mL). Compound **3a** was found least effective compound. Electron withdrawing group (Cl & NO<sub>2</sub>) on the phenyl ring is more effective than electron releasing groups (OH). All the synthesized compounds will encourage us to progress and improve other novel compounds for their effective antimycobacterial potential.

**RESUMEN.** Se sintetizaron una serie de *N*-ariliden-5-aril-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2-aminas (**2a-d**, **3a-d** y **4a-d**) con la ayuda de ácidos arílicos, semicarbazida y arilbenzaldehído. Estos compuestos sintetizados se caracterizaron mediante análisis elemental, FT-IR, <sup>1</sup>HNMR y análisis de datos espectrales de masas. Los compuestos del título se evaluaron como agentes antimicobacterianos *in vitro* contra *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* H37RV utilizando el método Microplate Alamar Blue Dye Assay (MABA). El resultado antimicobacteriano *in vitro* mostró que los compuestos más activos (**2c**, **2d**, **3c**, **3d**, **4c** y **4d**) mostraron un valor de concentración mínima inhibitoria (CMI) de 6,25 µg/mL en comparación con los fármacos estándar ciprofloxacina, pirazinamida (3,125 µg/mL) y estreptomycin (6,25 µg/mL). La mayoría de los compuestos del título exhibieron valores de CIM en el rango (6,25-12,5 µg/mL). Se encontró que el compuesto **3a** era el compuesto menos eficaz. El grupo aceptor de electrones (Cl y NO<sub>2</sub>) en el anillo de fenilo es más efectivo que los grupos liberadores de electrones (OH). Todos los compuestos sintetizados nos animarán a progresar y mejorar otros compuestos novedosos por su eficaz potencial antimicobacteriano.

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