

Antibacterial activity estimation of new pyrazole compounds

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Abstract

A series of modern compounds N,N'-(1,4-phenylene) bis (1-(1,3- diphenyl-1H-pyrazol-4-yl) methanimine from 5a to 5e were synthesized and characterized through methods were applied to enhance the structures for the new compounds Mass spectrometry, infrared and nuclear magnetic resonance. These modern compounds have antimicrobial activity estimated against bacteria and fungi, involved both Gram-positive and Gram-negative. Specific substitutions of the pyrazole rings were conclusive in enhancing the antibacterial activity. According to these results, hybrid compounds of pyrazole showed promising potential as potential candidates for the creation of new antimicrobial drugs.

Keywords: Antibacterial Activity; Characterization, pyrazole; Schiff's bases.

Introduction

The modern pyrazole compounds play a necessary role in different pharmacological activity¹. Some drugs involving patented ones are evolved from the pyrazole derivatives of five-membered ring². The unique chemical action of pyrazoles is attached to the pharmacological properties of their nuclei; pyrazoles contain a nitrogen atom 1 (N₁), which is called "pyrrole-like" because its unshared electrons are paired with the aromatic system, and a nitrogen atom 2 (N₂), which is called "pyridine-like" because its unshared electrons are not affected by resonance, just like pyridine systems³ as shown in Fig. 1. Thus, pyrazoles can react with both bases and acid. Pharmacological activity involving anti-inflammatory⁴, anticancer⁵, analgesic⁶, antiviral⁷, antibacterial⁸ and antifungal⁸. Pyrazole derivatives provide a special chance to create drugs with improved microbial activity⁹. Microbial infections reason widespread and dangerous diseases¹⁰. To inhibit these dangerous medical issues, the detection of new kinds of antibacterial and antifungal agents is a very significant function¹¹. In recent years, the researchers have important on assists modern antimicrobial agents¹², which may be work during prepare modern structures and targets, and controlling on the problem of obtained resistance. Drug-resistant strains of bacteria have become a serious global health concern¹³. Activation and overcoming resistance mechanisms is a viable approach to creating drugs¹⁴. In this study, we synthesized a novel heterocyclic

derivative containing pyrazole molecules, which may lead to more effective biological actions in order to help create new therapeutic agents for the treatment of microbial infections. The following work provides comprehensive explanations of the synthetic procedures, spectroscopic characterization, and antimicrobial evaluation of the recently synthesized pyrazole derivatives.

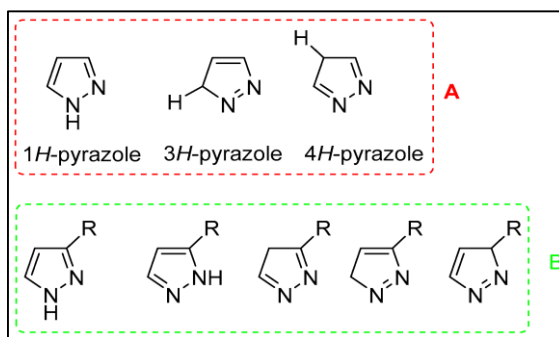
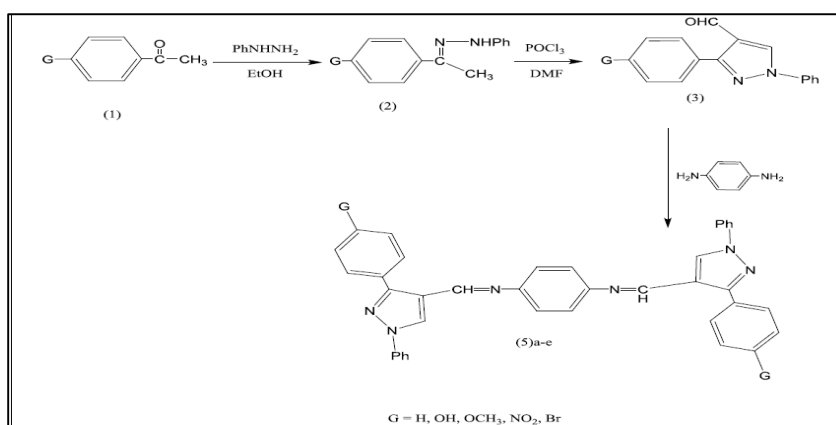


Figure (1). (A) Unsubstituted pyrazoles tautomerism. (B) Mono-substituted pyrazoles tautomerism.



Scheme 1. Synthetic path of N,N'-(1,4-phenylene)bis(1-(1,3- diphenyl-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)methanimine) 5a – 5e.

Materials and Methods

All substance utilizing in the study was origin from diverse companies, involving Merck and Fluka.

General Procedure for the Synthesis of Phenyl Hydrazone Derivatives 2a–e¹⁵.

A combination of substituted acetophenones 1a-e (1 mol), phenyl hydrazine (1 mol), and acetic acid (1 mL) was refluxed in ethanol (20 mL) for Half an hour. The mixture was cooled to room temperature and through TLC determined complete the reaction. In final, recrystallized utilizing absolute ethanol. Table 1 offers the physical information for compound 2a-e.

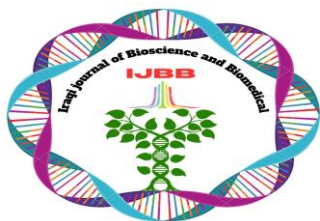


Table (1). Physical information of compounds 2a–e.

Compound	Color	m.p. (°C)	R _f Value/Solvent System (Hexanes: Ethyl Acetate)	Yield (%)
2a	reddish orange	133-134	0.1/6:4	90
2b	Yellow	146-148	0.15/6:4	75
2c	Yellowish green	170-172	0.18/6:4	80
2d	Yellowish green	98-100	0.1/6:4	80
2e	Yellowish green	210-212	0.16 / 6:4	70

General Procedure for the Synthesis of 1-Phenyl-3-(substituted -phenyl)-1H-pyrazole-4-carbaldehydes 3a–e¹⁶.

The product of 2a-2e combination with cooled to (0 °C) DMF solution (12 mL), add 6 mL of POCl₃ dropwise for One hour. After that the reaction was heated at 65-70 °C for two hours. In finally, after heated the product is solidify and then filtrated washed with Na₂CO₃ (5%, 30 mL) and water, then recrystallized from the DMF-ethanol combination. Table 2 contains physical information for compound 3a-e.

Table (2). Physical information of compounds 3a–e.

Compound	Color	m.p. (°C)	R _f Value/Solvent System (Hexanes: Ethyl Acetate)	Yield (%)
3a	Orange	136-138	0.27/7:3	75
3b	Yellow	148-150	0.31/7:3	77
3c	Yellow	161-163	0.2/7:3	82
3d	Yellow	168-170	0.24/7:3	74
3e	Pale green	189-191	0.25/ 7:3	69

General Procedure for the Synthesis of *N,N'*-(1,4-phenylene)bis(1-(1,3-diphenyl-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)methanimine)5a-e¹⁷.

The combination between 3a-e (0.01 mole, 2.64 gm) and *p*-phenelyendiamine (0.02 mole, 0.54 gm) respectively was dissolved in 10 ml absolute ethanol to give mixture of dark brown. Then the mixture was added Three drops glacial acetic acid. The consequence mixture of components was warming under temperature reflux Five hours. The components were reacted then enable to coldish

minimum to room temperature. The product was purified through filtered and washed through water, recrystallized from ethanol to give the product as reddish orange. The product was filtered and washed with water, recrystallized from ethanol to give the product. The physical information of synthesized compounds is listed in Table 3.

Table (3). Physical information of compounds 5a-e.

Compound	Color	m.p. (°C)	R _f Value/Solvent System (Hexanes: Ethyl Acetate)	Yield (%)
5a	Reddish Orange	182-184	0.1 / 6:4	56
5b	Yellow	140-143	0.15 / 6:4	74
5c	Yellow	182-185	0.16 / 6:4	81
5d	Orange	100-112	0.14 / 6:4	70
5e	Yellow	230-232	0.15 / 6:4	65

Results and Discussion

The synthesis procedure involves the reaction of two moles of pyrazole-4-carbaldehydes derivatives with 4-phenylene diamine. The synthesized compounds 5a-e were characterized by FT-IR spectroscopy. Fig. 2 offers the FT-IR spectrum of compound (5a); which shows the appearance of the (CH = N) in 1624 cm⁻¹. Bands at 3029, 1594, 835 cm⁻¹ that attributed to (C – H) aromatic, (C = C) stretching and out of plane bending of *para*-disubstituted benzene ring. The other spectral data for series 5a-e show in table 4.

Table (4): FT-IR spectral data of compounds 5a-e.

Comp. No.	Alkyl Group	FT-IR Spectral data, cm ⁻¹				
		ν CH = N	ν C-H (Aromatic)	ν C = C	γ-disubstitute d	Others
5a	H	1624	3029	1594	835	-
5b	OH	1622	3026	1602	829	3376 (-OH)
5c	OCH ₃	1622	3043	1602	824	1149 (C – O)
5d	NO ₂	1618	3048	1604	830	1535, 1368 (NO ₂)
5e	Br	1616	3069	1598	841	-

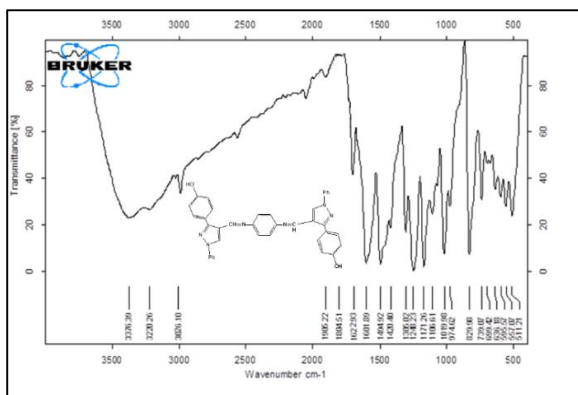


Figure (3). FT-IR spectrum of (5b).

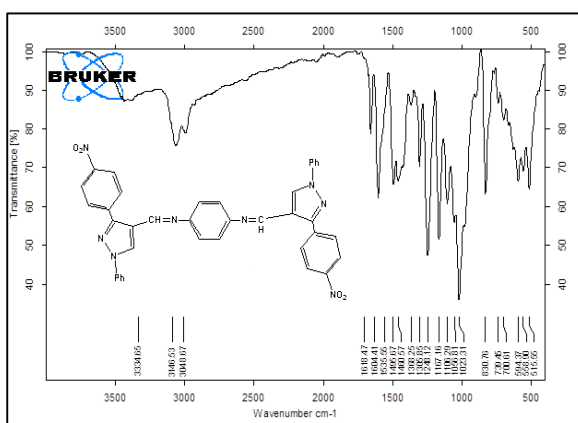


Figure (5). FT-IR spectrum of (5d).



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Table (5): ^1H NMR spectral data (δ ppm) for compounds 5a-e.

Com. No.	Formula	^1H -NMR spectral data (δ ppm)
5a	$\text{C}_{38}\text{H}_{28}\text{N}_4$	9.4 (s, 2H, pyrazolyl-H), 8.3 (s, 2H, CH=N), 6.98-7.10 (m, 10H, Ar-H, Phenyl ring), 7.48-7.34 (s, 4H, Ar-H), 7.13-7.32 (s, 10H Ar-H), (2.5) singlet for DMSD- <i>d</i> 6 solvent.
5b	$\text{C}_{38}\text{H}_{28}\text{N}_4\text{O}$	10.71 (s, 2H, phenolic OH), 8.8 (s, 2H, pyrazolyl-H), 8.37 (s, 2H, CH=N), 7.99-8.17–8.17 (m, 10H, Ar-H, Phenyl ring), 7.59-7.61 (s, 4H, Ar-H), 7.36-7.38 (s, 10H Ar-H), (2.5) singlet for DMSD- <i>d</i> 6 solvent.
5c	$\text{C}_{39}\text{H}_{32}\text{N}_4\text{O}$	8.87 (s, 2H, pyrazolyl-H), 8.46 (s, 2H, CH=N), 7.94–8.00 (m, 10H, Ar-H, Phenyl ring), 7.82-7.89 (s, 4H, Ar-H), 7.72-7.78 (s, 10H Ar-H), (2.5) singlet for DMSD- <i>d</i> 6 solvent.
5d	$\text{C}_{38}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}_6\text{O}_4$	9.10-9.13 (s, 2H, pyrazolyl-H), 8.37 (s, 2H, CH=N), 8.01–8.17 (m, 10H, Ar-H, Phenyl ring), 7.36-7.99 (s, 4H, Ar-H), 6.52-6.54 (s, 10H Ar-H), (2.5) singlet for DMSD- <i>d</i> 6 solvent.
5e	$\text{C}_{38}\text{H}_{28}\text{Br}_2\text{N}_4$	9.05-9.10 (s, 2H, pyrazolyl-H), 8.30-8.37 (s, 2H, CH=N), 8.01–8.17 (m, 10H, Ar-H, Phenyl ring), 7.59-7.99 (s, 4H, Ar-H), 6.52-7.38 (s, 10H Ar-H), (2.5) singlet for DMSD- <i>d</i> 6 solvent.

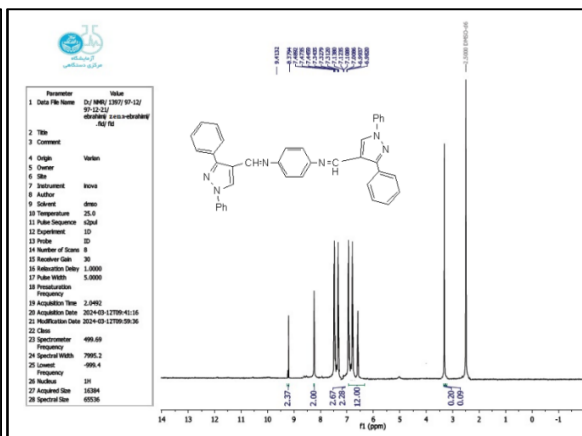
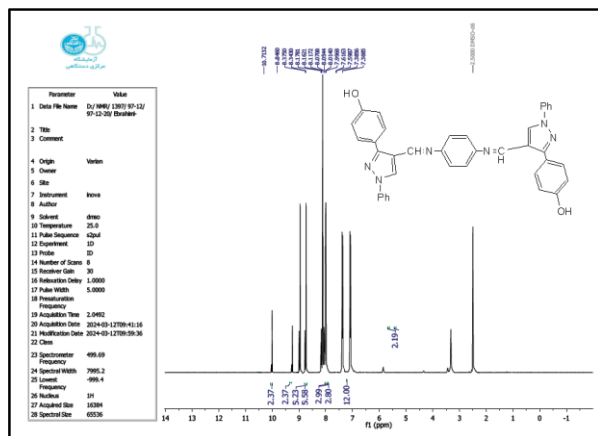


Figure (7). ^1H NMR spectrum of compound 5a. Figure (8). ^1H NMR spectrum of compound 5b.

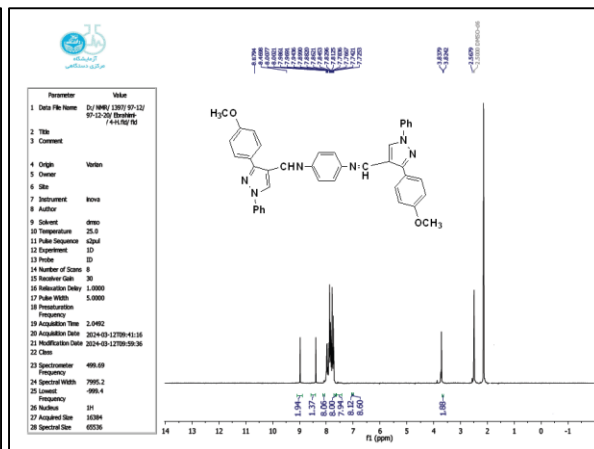
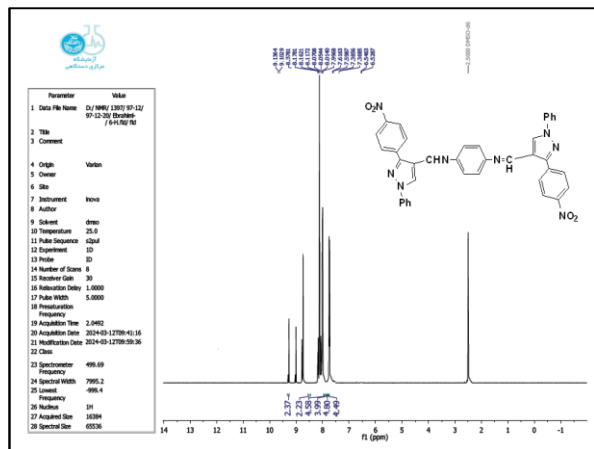


Figure (9). ¹H NMR spectrum of compound 5c Figure (10). ¹H NMR spectrum of compound 5d.

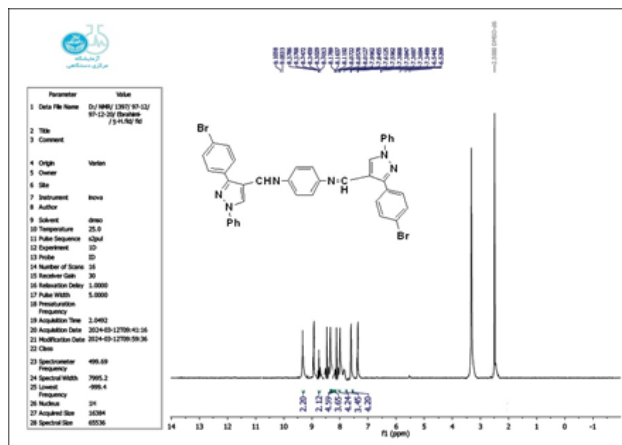


Figure (11). ¹H NMR spectrum of compound 5e.

Further chemical proof for pyrazole derivatives was obtained from its mass spectroscopy. The mass spectrum of compound 5a, Fig. 12, gives a strong intense molecular ion at m/z 540, which corresponds to the molecular weight of the structure assigned to 5a. the most informative bands, due to fragmentation as below:

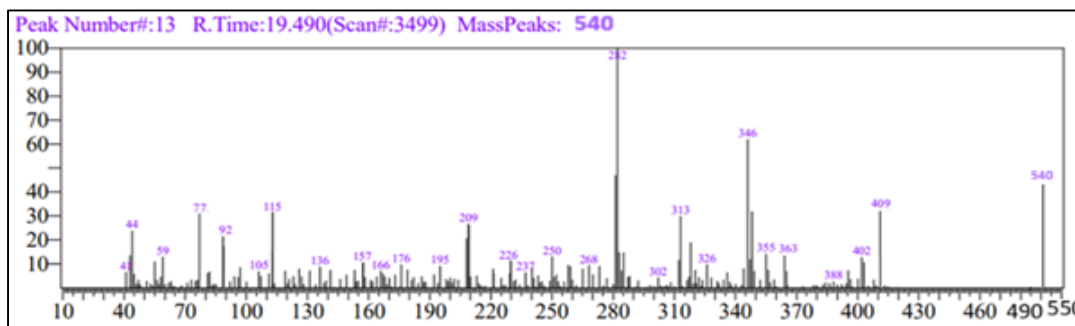
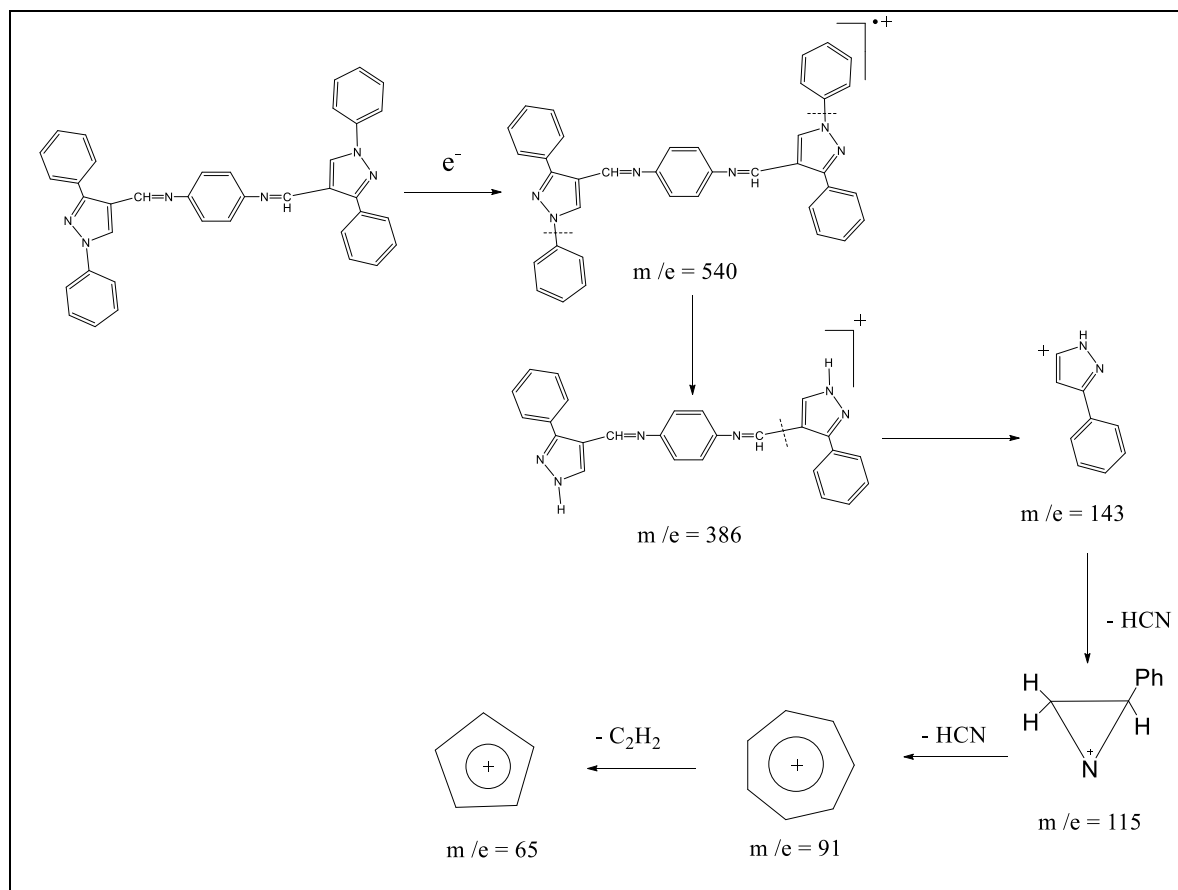


Figure (12). Mass spectrum of compound 5e.

The ion peak of molecular gives $m/z = 540$, the fragments with $m/z 409$ was created on loss of ammonia (NH_3) from the molecular ion, while in the next step the fragment with $m/z 364$ on cleavage of methyl but-2-enoate moiety resulted in the formation of $m/z 282$. There onwards a parallel pathway was initiated from the fragment with $m/z 295$, here a direct loss of methoxy ethane entity led to the formation of a daughter ion with $m/z 221$, while loss of 1-chloro-2-methyl benzene and propionic acid moieties resulted in the created of the last daughter ion with $m/z 105$. Finally, the fragment with $m/z 221$ underwent cleavage of hydrogen chloride entity and resulted in the formation of ion with $m/z 112$ and 77^{19} . The mass fragmentation pattern of 5a is shown in Scheme 2.



Scheme (2): Fragmentation pattern of 5a

Biological activity:

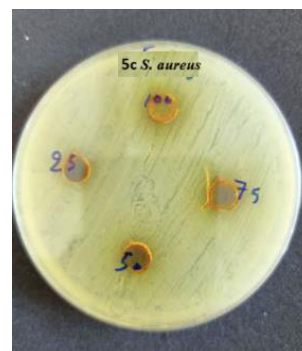
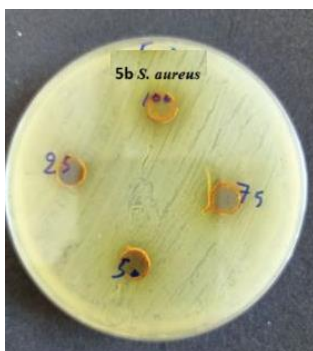
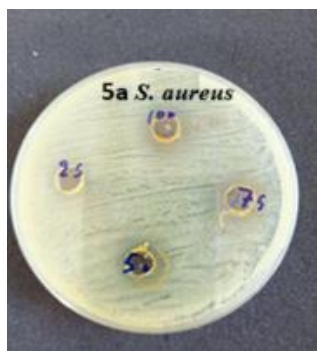
The disk diffusion method was used to test the antibacterial activity of most of the targeted compounds against one gram-negative bacteria (*E. coli*) and one gram-positive bacteria (*S. aureus*). DMSO was used to dissolve the test substances. As a comparative benchmark, two conventional antibiotics (*STREPTOMYCIN*) were utilized. The compounds' zones of inhibition were measured in

Fig. 13. Table 6 lists the antibacterial activity data of the produced compounds. The test chemicals' antibacterial properties are briefly displayed here.

The result indicated that the activity against *S. aureus* bacteria was high for (5b, 5c), low for compounds (5d, 5e) and no activity has appeared for (5a), The results it is also confirmed the activity against (*E. coli*) bacteria of the compounds (5b-5e), whereas the compound (5a) showed no activity against this type of bacteria, Fig. 12.

Table (6). The inhibition zones of the compounds (5a-5e)

Sample code	Conc. (µg/ml)	Zone of inhibition (mm)		Sample code	Conc. (µg/ml)	Zone of inhibition (mm)	
		Gram positive	Gram negative			Gram positive	Gram negative
		<i>S. aureus</i>	<i>E. coli</i>			<i>S. aureus</i>	<i>E. coli</i>
5a	100	20	13	5c	50	22	18
	75	28	19		25	17	19
	50	12	10	5d	100	30	19
	25	10	8		75	44	17
5b	100	44	22	5e	50	19	14
	75	38	25		25	12	10
	50	28	15	5e	100	24	20
	25	18	14		75	21	18
5c	100	44	22	5e	50	17	15
	75	30	25		25	14	11



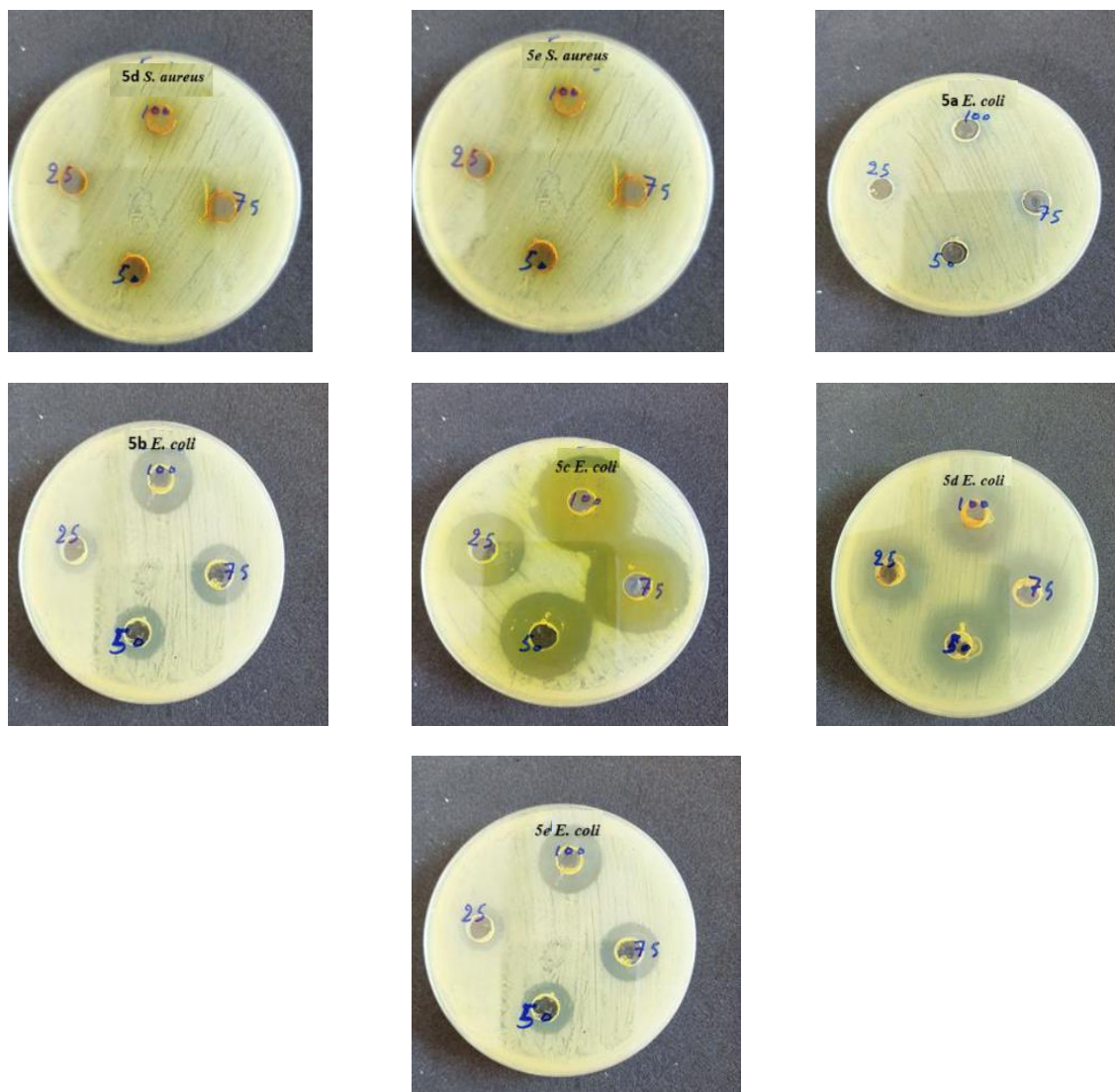


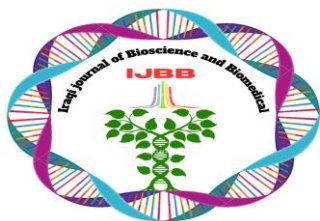
Figure (12). The compounds' zones of inhibition were measured.

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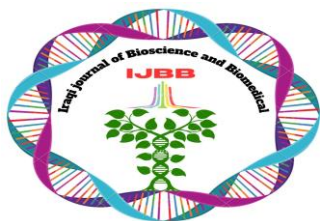
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