

A Comprehensive review on 1, 2,4 Triazole.

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ABSTRACT: The 1, 2, 4-triazole ring is wide-ranging essential structural features of many synthetic compounds with extended therapeutic efficacy. Since from last many years, heterocyclic compounds have been explored comprehensively owing to their remarkable biological activities.

The extended pharmacological activity and therapeutic efficacy has attracted the attention of many researchers to recognize the skeleton for its wide potential. In last few decades, antimicrobial activities, anti-cancer, antiviral, anti-inflammatory, anti-fertility, anti-tubercular activity and anti-corrosion properties of substituted triazoles have been reported. Basic focus has been specified to structure-activity relationship, pharmacological activities of various mono as well as poly substituted triazole to explore this heterocyclic ring in the field of medicinal chemistry.

The introduction of various 1, 2, 4, triazoles derivatives with their diversified pharmacological effects has been reported. 1, 2, 4,-triazole and its derivatives attributes its valuable importance in the health sectors with biological actions like the antineoplastic, antifungal and antibacterial effects.

In this review we have summarized several development during the past some decades in medicinal chemistry of 1, 2, 4 triazole derivatives with pharmacological activities. 1, 2, 4-triazole scaffold owning broad spectrum of

pharmacological activities are extensively discussed.

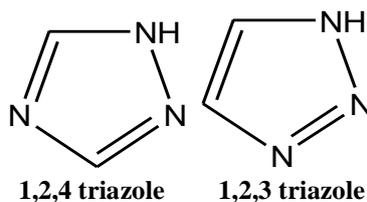
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I. INTRODUCTION:

The chemistry and rational design of 1, 2, 4- triazoles and their fused heterocyclic derivatives have attracted significant attention towards their effective structural and biological importance. 1, 2, 4- triazole scaffold has been covered a wide variety of medicinally active drug candidates including antifungal, antibacterial, analgesics and anti-inflammatory, antineoplastic, antiviral, sedatives, anxiolytics, anti-convulsants, antimigraine, antihistaminic, CNS stimulants and other activities.^[1] Thus 1,2,4 triazole units have fascinated significant attention in fields, such as pharmaceuticals and agrochemical research also in the material sciences due to their distinctive structure and biological properties.^[2]

Triazole:

Triazole is a heterocyclic compound containing 5 membered unsaturated ring structure composed of 3 nitrogen atom and 2 carbon atom. There are two isomer of triazole i.e. 1,2,3 triazole & 1,2,4 triazole.



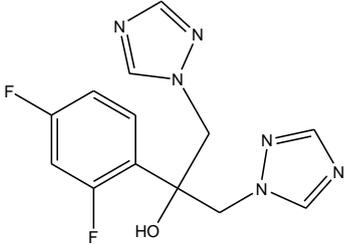
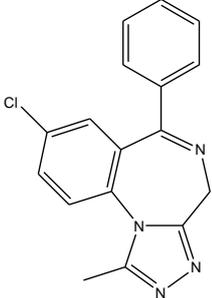
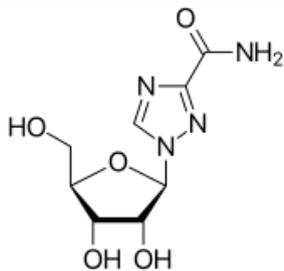
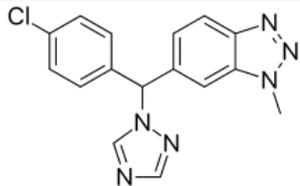
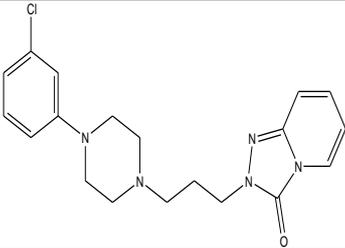
Five-membered nitrogen heterocyclic compounds are important structural fragments and considered as biologically active compounds corrosion inhibitors, pesticides, dyes, acid-base indicator, and other industrial chemicals. At 1885,

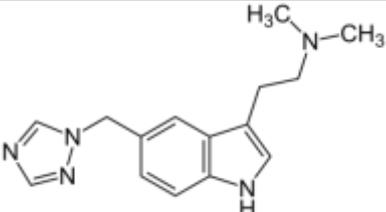
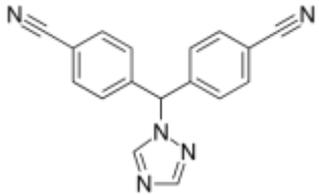
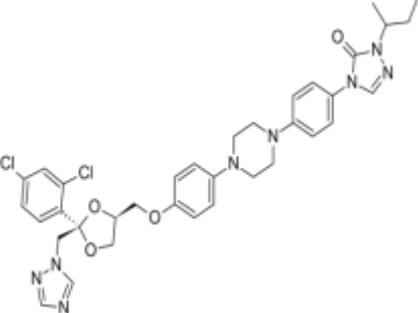
Bladin was the first science who gave the name of (triazole) to the carbon nitrogen ring system (C₂N₃H₃) and described triazole derivatives.^[3] Triazole also known as Pyrotriazole.

Clinically used 1, 2, 4-triazole containing drugs:
 1,2,4-Triazole and its derivatives possess widely differing activities e.g. antibacterial, antifungal, anticancer, antitubercular, anti-inflammatory, analgesic, antiviral, anti-nociceptive, anti-

convulsant, anti-corrosive, anthelmintic, antioxidant, urease & lipase inhibitors, hypoglycaemic, anti-migraine, anti-proliferative, sedative, diuretic, muscle relaxant and anti- HIV 50.^[4]

Table No: 1, clinically used 1, 2, 4-triazole containing drugs

No.	Drug	Structure	Use/Category
1	Fluconazole		Antifungal
2	Alprazolam		Anxiolytic, Hypnotic, Sedative.
3	Ribavirin		Antiviral
4	Vorozole		Aromatase Inhibitor, Antineoplastic
5	Trazodone		Antidepressant

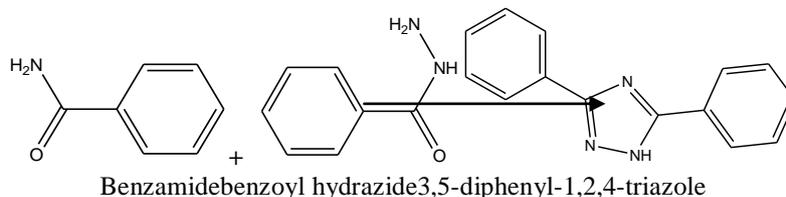
6	Rizatriptan		Ant migraine
7	Letrozole		Breast Cancer
8	Itraconazole		Antifungal

Methods of Synthesis:

Pellizzari reaction:

Heating the mixture of amide and acyl hydrazide has been made 1, 2, 4-triazole derivative is known as Pellizzari reaction. This method

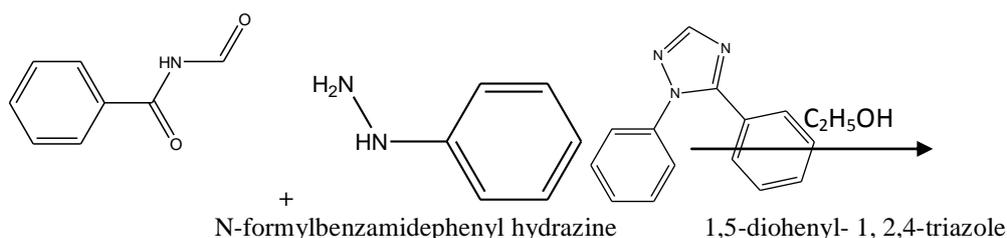
has been described that the mixture of formamide and hydrazine hydrochloride heated with KOH yield of 1, 2, 4-triazole. For example benzamide and benzoyl hydrazide yields 3,5-diphenyl-1,2,4-triazole.^[4]



Einhorn – Brunner Reaction:

The Einhorn–Brunner reaction is the condensation between hydrazines or mono substituted hydrazine and diacylamines in the presence of weak acid to form 1, 2 4-triazole. For

example: N-formylbenzamide and phenyl hydrazine gave 1, 5-diphenyl- 1,2,4-triazole.^[4]



Chemistry of 1, 2, 4-triazole:

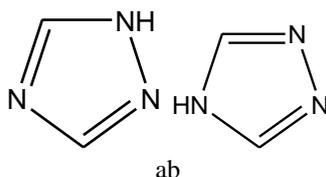
Chemical properties

- Molecular formula - $C_2H_3N_3$
- Molecular weight - 69gm/mol
- Solubility- Soluble in water
- Melting point - 393 to 394 K
- Boiling point - 500 to 533 K

Aromaticity and Resonance Effect:

Stability of triazole ring is described by aromaticity. The donation of the one π electron

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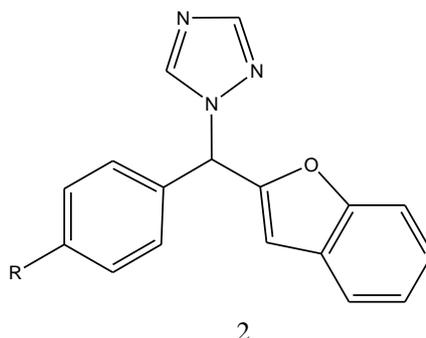
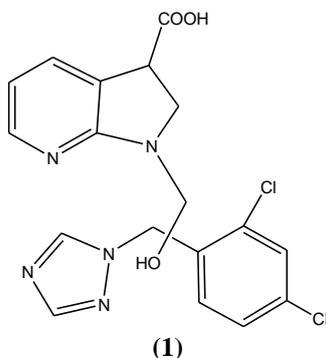


from each atom connected by double bonds, also involvement of the three nitrogen atom and two carbon atom has been formed an aromatic sextet.³⁵ In addition to this triazolescaffold is stabilized by resonance also known as tautomeric forms^[4]

Tautomerism in 1, 2, 4 –Triazole:

- There are two tautomeric forms of 1,2,4 – triazole i.e. 1H-1,2,4-triazole(a) and 4H-1,2,4 – triazole(b).
- According to various studies form a is more stable than form b.

II. Rational Design Approaches (Structure Activity Relationships of 1, 2, 4, -triazole): 1, 2, 4-Triazole (1-Substituted):



The compound(1)exhibited high biological activity against *Candida albicans*, *Candida parapsilosis* and *Candida krusei* as compared to medicinal agent fluconazole, while it has higher activity against *Torulopsisglabrata* than fluconazole. It has been noted that this compound

recognized higher activities against *C. parapsilosis* than fluconazole.^[5]

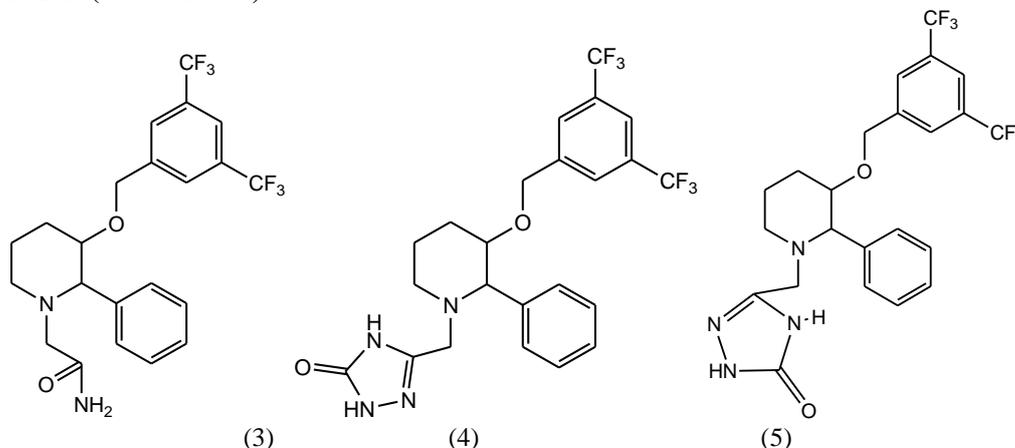
R=Alkyl/Aryl

A series of 4-alkyl/aryl substituted-1-[benzofuran-2-yl-phenylmethyl]-1Htriazoles(2) was synthesized

and screened for their inhibitory activity against CYP26A1 (IC₅₀ 4.5 and 7 μM respectively, using a

MCF-7 cell based assay by Pautus et al.^[6]

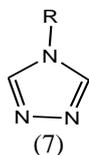
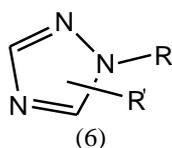
1, 2, 4-Triazole (3-Substituted):



The preparation of a series of N-heteroaryl piperidine ether-based human NK1 antagonists was described by Ladduwahetty et al. This compounds are orally bioavailable and shown significant developments in potency particularly (3)-[{(2S, 3S)- 3-(((3, 5-bis (trifluoromethyl)

phenyl)methyl)oxy)-2- phenylpiperidino} methyl]-1,2,4-triazole (4) and 5- [{(2S,3S)-3-(((3,5-bis (trifluoromethyl)-phenyl) methyl) oxy) -2-phenylpiperidino} methyl]-3-oxo- 1,2,4-triazolone (5) both in vitro and in vivo, compare to the lead carboxamidomethyl)- piperidine ether (3).^[7]

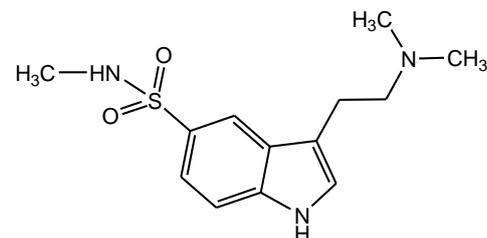
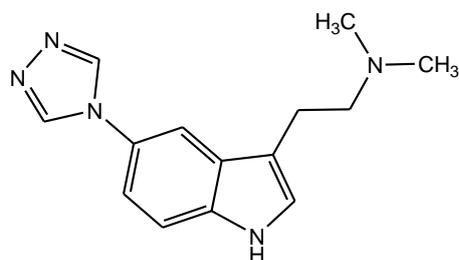
1, 2, 4-Triazole (4-Substituted):



	R	R'
a.	p-NO ₂ C ₆ H ₄	H
b.	p-NH ₂ C ₆ H ₄	H
c.	p-CH ₃ CONHC ₆ H ₄	H
d.	p-ClC ₆ H ₄	H

Ainsworth et al have been explored a series of 1- and 4- substituted 1, 2, 4-triazoles^[8], for pharmacological screening like convulsant and anticonvulsant activities by the methods as maximal electroshock seizure and subcutaneous pentylenetetrazole seizure tests in rats. The series of compounds (6 a-d) are the p-substituted phenyl

compounds among which 1-p-chlorophenyl-1,2,4-triazole is highly active against electroshock seizure but has weak activity against pentylenetetrazole. While compounds o- tolyl (7a) and o-chlorophenyl (7b) were convulsants and o-methoxyphenyl (7c) was an anticonvulsant even at high dose levels.

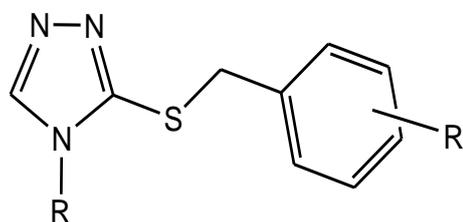


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The 1,2,4-triazole derivative (8) is the highly potent, selective and orally active 5-HT_{1D} receptor agonist reported, owing greater potency compared to compound sumatriptan (9) with improved subtype selectivity.

A series of 5- (heterocyclyl) tryptamines has been recognized the similarly substituted, N-4 linked 1,2,4- triazoles as the best indole C-5 substituent for 5-HT_{1D} receptor affinity and selectivity by Sternfeld et al. ^[9]

1, 2, 4-Triazole (5-Substituted):



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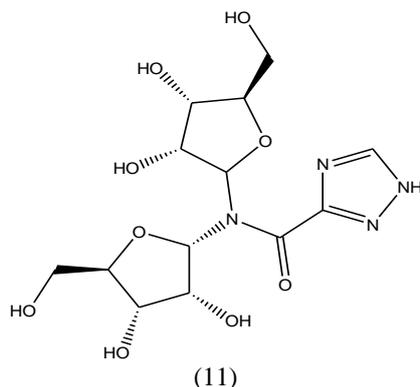
R'

- a. H
- b. 4-Cl
- c. 4-Br
- d. 3-Br
- e. 2-NO₂
- f. 2,4-(NO₂)₂
- g. 3,5-(NO₂)₂

3-(2, 4-dinitrobenzylsulfanyl)-1, 2, 4- triazole (10f) and 3-(3, 5-dinitrobenzylsulfanyl)-1, 2, 4-triazole (10g) are the most active compounds. ^[1]

1, 2, 4-triazole (1, 3-disubstituted):

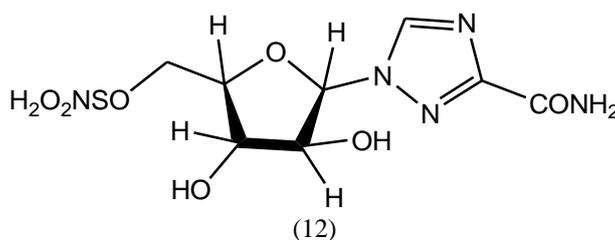
1-s-Diribofuranosyl- 1, 2, 4-triazole-3-carboxamide (11) against variety of both RNA and DNA viruses in tissue culture. The compounds identified as first synthetic broad-spectrum, non-interferon-inducing, antiviral agent. ^[10]



The triazole nucleoside analogue 1-(5'-O-sulfamoyls-D-ribofuranosyl)[1, 2, 4] triazole-3-carboxamide (12), 1-(5'-O-sulfamoyl- s-D-ribofuranosyl) [1, 2, 4] triazole-3-thiocarboxamide, 1-(5'-O-sulfamoyl- s- D-ribofuranosyl) [1, 2, 4] triazole-3-carbonitrile. Many target compounds exhibited important in vitro antifungal activities against tested fungi like *Aspergillus niger*, *Candida*

albicans, *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*, and *Microsporium gypseum*.

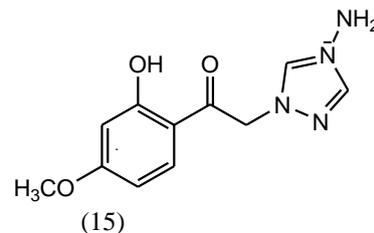
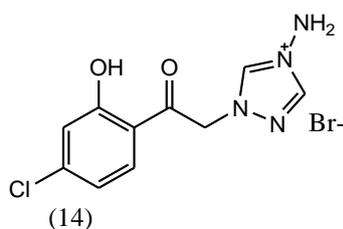
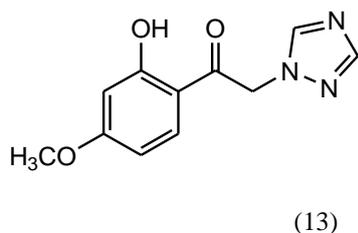
The triazole nucleoside derivatives 1-(5'-O-sulfamoyl-β-D-ribofuranosyl)[1, 2, 4] triazole-3-carboxamide (16), 1-(5'-O-sulfamoyl- β-D-ribofuranosyl) [1, 2, 4] triazole-3-thiocarboxamide (17), 1-(5'-O-sulfamoyl- β-D-ribofuranosyl) [1, 2, 4] triazole-3-carbonitrile (18), were synthesized by Kini et al.^[11]



1, 2, 4-Triazole (1, 4-Disubstituted):

Emami et al have been described 2-Hydroxyphenacyl azole (13) and 2-hydroxyphenacyl azolium compounds (14, 15) as new class of azole antifungals.^[12] Among this most

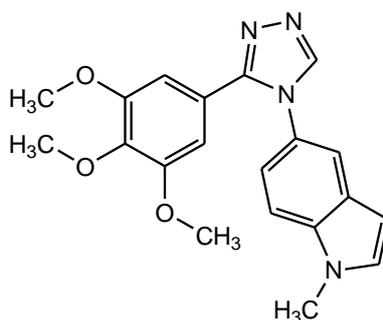
target compounds exhibited significant in vitro antifungal activities against fungi like *Aspergillus niger*, *Candida albicans*, *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* and *Microsporium gypseum*.



1, 2, 4-Triazole (3, 4-Disubstituted):

A group of tubulin polymerization inhibitors that enclose the 1, 2, 4-triazole lead to keep the biologically active structures afforded by the cis double bond in combretastatin A-4 was described by Zhang et al.^[13]. Many of the compounds shown potent cytotoxicity against a

variety of cancer cells including multi-drug-resistant cancer cell lines and tubulin polymerization inhibitory activity. The N-methyl-5-indolyl moiety when attached to the 1, 2, 4-triazole core, as established by compound (16), owing optimum properties in this series.

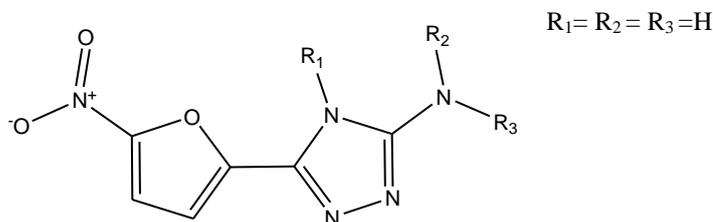


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1, 2, 4-Triazole (3, 5-disubstituted):

5-(5-nitro-3-furyl)-1, 2, 4-triazole (17) series with their biological activity as potent urinary tract antibacterial agents was synthesized

and tested by Akerblomet al¹⁴. Many of the derivatives showed a higher antibacterial activity than nitrofurantoin especially against gram-ve bacteria.

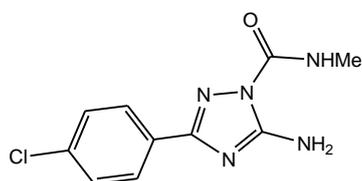


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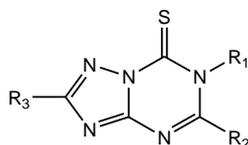
1, 2, 4-Triazole (1, 5-Disubstituted):

Akahoshi et al¹⁵ synthesized series of inhibitors in extension of their preceding work on eosinophilia inhibitors, which comprised of 5-

amino-1-[(methylamino) thiocarbonyl]- 1H-1,2,4-triazole derivatives(18) and a newly developed series of 1,2,4-triazolo[1,5-a]-1,3,5-triazine derivatives(19).



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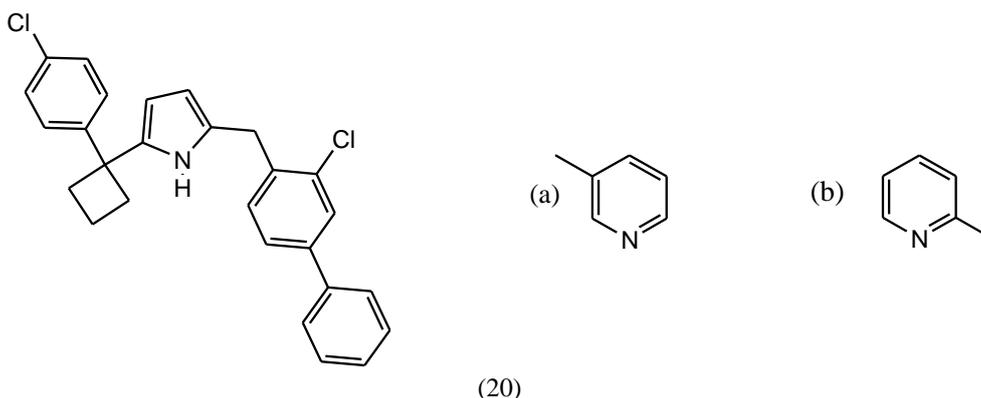
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	R ₁	R ₂	R ₃
a	CH ₃	H	C ₆ H ₄ -(4Cl)

1, 2, 4-Triazole (4, 5-Disubstituted):

4-methyl-5-phenyl-(1, 2, 4) triazoles (20) is a selective inhibitors of 11β- hydroxysteroid

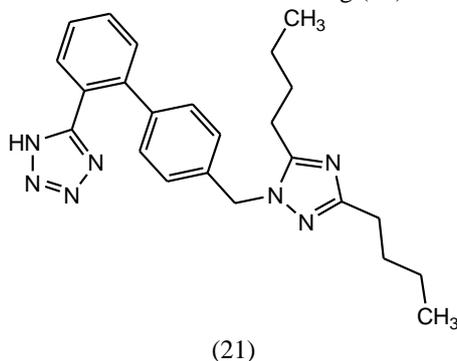
dehydrogenase type1 (11β-HSD1) was identified Zhu et al¹⁶. They were active in vitro and in vivo mouse pharmacodynamics model.



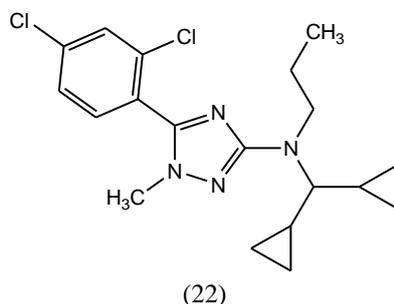
1, 2, 4-triazole (1, 3, 5-trisubstituted):

Some novel analogs of 1H-1, 2, 4-triazole consisting biphenyl methyl group attached to carbon and the butyl group were attached to the

adjacent nitrogen was described by Reitz et al^[17]. Also they were potent angiotensin II receptor antagonists. The in vivo properties of dibutyl analog (21) were noted.



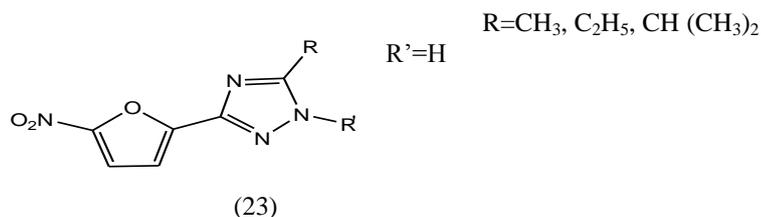
The synthesis of 1-alkyl-3-dialkylamino-5-phenyltriazoles (22) as major products was described by Chen et al^[37].



1, 2, 4-Triazole (2, 3, 5-Trisubstituted):

Burch et al^[18] were reported the synthesis of series 3-alkyl-5-(5-nitro-2-furyl)-1, 2, 4-triazoles (23). Among them many of the analogue owed broad spectrum antibacterial activity in vitro

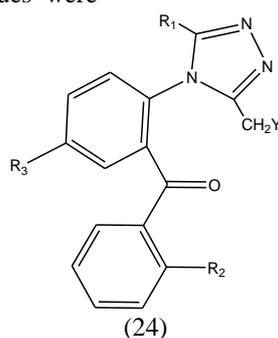
against both gram positive and gram negative bacteria, except *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*. The Compounds with the above substituents exhibited maximum biological activity.



1, 2, 4-triazole (3, 4, 5-trisubstituted):

2- [(alkylaminomethyl)-4H-1, 2, 4-triazole-4-yl] benzophenones (24) series were synthesized by Gall et al^[19]. These analogues were

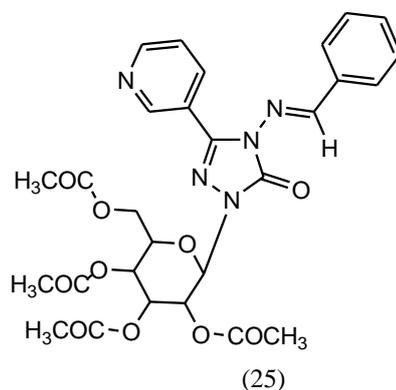
shown potential sedative and muscle relaxing activity, similar as prodrugs of triazolobenzodiazepines.



1, 2, 4-Triazole (1, 3, 4, 5-Tetrasubstituted):

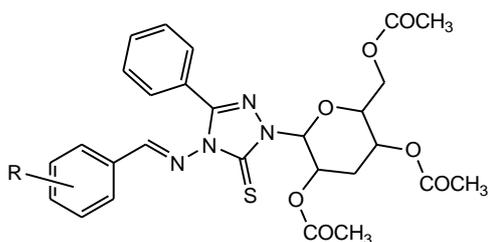
Glucosidation of many 4-amino- and 4-arylideneamino-5-(pyridin-3-yl)-2,4-dihydro-[1, 2, 4]-triazole-3-thiones with 2, 3, 4, 6-tetra-O-acetyl- α -D-glucopyranosyl bromide reported by Nasser et al^[20]. It was followed by a chromatographic

separation made the corresponding N- and S- D-glucosides. The analogue (25) exhibited maximum inhibitory effect against *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Candida albicans*, *Aspergillus fumigatus*, *Bacillus subtilis*, and *Escherichia coli*.



1, 2, 4-Triazole (2, 3, 4, 5-tetrasubstituted):

D-glucopyranosyl- 1, 2, 4-triazole-3-thione derivatives (26a-d) series were synthesized and screened by Li et al^[21]. The Schiff bases therefore found successively afforded similar compounds with the substituents as introduced in its past derivatives.

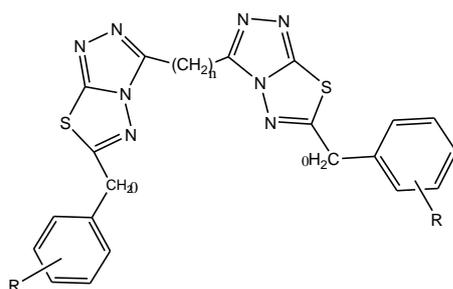


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- R
- H
 - 4-Cl
 - 3-OCH₃, 4-OH
 - 4-OH

Fused Ring System:

A several compounds as bis-[4-amino-5-mercapto-1, 2, 4-triazol-3-yl] alkanes (27) was synthesized by Holla et al^[22]. Which were converted into bis-[1, 2, 4-triazolo [3, 4-b]- 1,3,4-thiadiazol-4-yl] alkanes.



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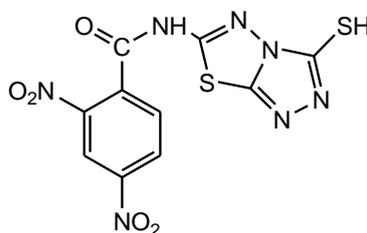
R=2 Cl n=2

III.Applications and Biological Activities:

1,2,4-Triazole scaffold and its analogue are a potential kinds of derivatives comprising industrial, agricultural, environmental, and pharmacological activities, including anti-inflammatory, antimicrobial, anticonvulsant, antibacterial, antitubercular, anticancer, anti-oxidant, antiviral and antifungal activities.^[3]

Industrial Application:

It has been reported that specific selective triazole derivatives have been used as light emitting diodes like in electroluminescent devices. Various kinds of triazole analogues have been used to enhance the efficiency of cooling fluids (lubricant oil), for example 2-mercapto-1, 2, 4-triazole-2,4- dinitrobenzamide(28).^[23]



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Agricultural Applications:

An extensive series of azole herbicides have been explored that are containing higher level of bioactivity, flexibility, crop tolerance and low levels of toxicity to human being. Many azole analogues find application in the plant protection technology as pesticides.^[24]

In vitro activity of Etaconazole on fungi which producing summer disease of apple have

been evaluated by Sutton et al.^[25] While Diniconazole fungicides residues have been detected by Amer et al^[26] in tomatoes and green beans by capillary gas chromatography.

Pharmacological activities:

Since previous many decades 1, 2, 4-triazoles and its biological properties of have been explored and synthesis and characterization of 1, 2, 4- Triazole

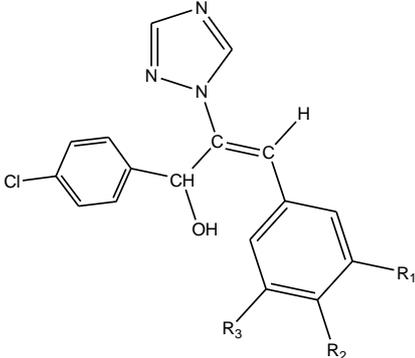
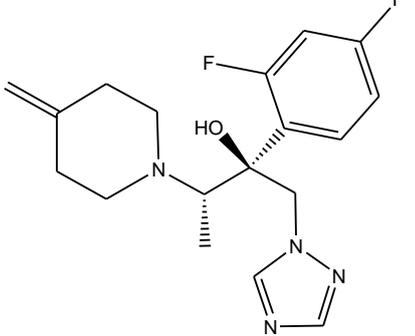
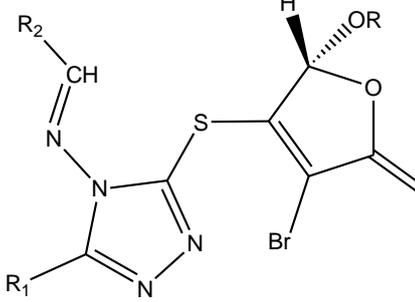
and its derivatives with different biological activities illustrated.

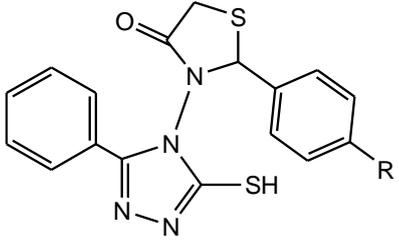


Figure 1: biological properties of 1, 2,

4-triazoles

Table No: 2, Pharmacological activities of 1, 2, 4 Triazoles and its derivatives.

Activity	Description	1, 2, 4- Triazole derivatives	
1. Antibacterial Activity	Substituted-(+) α -(4-chlorophenyl)- β -(phenylmethylene)-1H-1,2,4-triazole-1-ethanols) have been synthesized by Uchil et al ^[27] . It is used as bacteriostatic agent.		a: R ₁ =R ₂ =R ₃ =Cl b: R ₁ =Br, R ₂ =R ₃ =H c: R ₁ =R ₂ =R ₃ =O d: R ₁ =R ₃ =H, R ₂ =SCH ₃ e: R ₁ =OC ₆ H ₅ , R ₂ =R ₃ =H f: R ₁ =OCH ₃ , R ₂ =OH, R ₃ =H g: R ₁ =R ₃ =H, R ₂ =OH h: R ₁ =R ₂ =OCH ₂ O, R ₃ =H i: R ₁ =R ₃ =H, R ₂ =N(CH ₃)
2. Antifungal Activity	Tatsumi et al. was studied the mechanism of action of triazole antifungal, with Trichophyton mentagrophytes and Candida albicans compared to Efinaconazole (20) dose-dependently decreased ergosterol production and accumulated 4,4-dimethylsterols and 4 α -methylsterols. ^[28]		
3. Anticancer and Antitumor Activities	Anticancer activity of 12 derivatives of 1,2,4-triazole Schiff's bases bearing γ -substituted butenolide moiety were produced and screened in vitro by Li et al ^[29]		

<p>8. Antioxidant Activity</p>	<p>Series of 4-amino-5-phenyl-4H-1,2,4-triazole-3-thiol derivatives have been synthesized and screened for antioxidant activity by A. Abdul Hameed and F. Hassan^[34]</p>	
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II. CONCLUSION:

Triazoles and its derivatives attributed extreme attention for prominent biological and medicinal significance in field of medicinal chemistry. Human being is affected with so many disorders and there is serious need of medicines to improve the quality of life of individuals. This review explore chemistry and rational structural diversity with pharmacophore as 1, 2, 4 triazole, which signify huge therapeutic application. The heterocycle 1,2,4triazole is promising lead having remarkable synthetic applicability and biological activities. This will help aresearcher to design suitable structural modification and implement new approaches towards exploring novel drugs with better efficacy.

Abbreviations: Not Applicable

Conflicts of Interest

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