# Synthesis and Characterization of Novel Tetrazole Derivatives and Evaluation of Their Anti-candidal Activity

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#### ABSTRACT

This research includes synthesis of new heterocycles containing disubstituted Tetrazole derivatives. Imine compounds were synthesized by reaction of primary aromatic amines with various substituted benzaldehydes in the presence of glacial acetic acid as catalyst in absolute ethanol to obtain new imine compounds  $O_1-O_5$ . The novel five-membered heterocycles as Tetrazole derivatives  $O_6-O_{10}$  were obtained from treatment of each new imine compounds with sodium azide compound. Newly synthesized compounds were identified via spectral methods (FT-IR, 'H-NMR and '<sup>3</sup>C-NMR) spectra and some physical properties.  $O_6$  is the best derivative that has significantly (p<0.01) recorded a stronger influence to inhibit the growth of *Candida guilliermondii* at an average of the zone of inhibition 14.0 mm. While,  $O_9$  derivative recorded the lowest zone of inhibition 7.3 mm toward the same clinical fungal pathogen. The present work may be helpful in designing more potential antibacterial and antifungal agents for therapeutic use in the future.

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#### INTRODUCTION

Imine compounds are class of the compounds which contain -HC=N- group, they are usually synthesizing by the condensation of a primary aromatic amino

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group with an active carbonyl aromatic aldehyde. They are versatile precursors in the synthesis of organic, bio-organic, organometallic and industrial compounds via ring closure, cycloaddition and replacement reactions.<sup>1-4</sup> Imine compounds were discovered by a German chemist, Nobel prize winner, Hugo Schiff in 1864.<sup>5</sup> Imine compounds produced from the reaction between ketone or aldehyde compounds with amine compounds.<sup>6</sup> In the presence of perchloric acid (**Scheme 1**) the reaction of 4-fluorobenzaldehyde with 1-benzylpiperidin-4-amine gives the next product.<sup>7</sup>



Scheme 1. The effect of perchloric acid on imine compound formation

The reaction of pyridine-2-amine with 4-(dimethyl amino) benzaldehyde (**Scheme 2**) produces the imine compound.<sup>8</sup>



Scheme 2. Using glacial acetic acid to prepare the imine compound

One of the most important chemical compounds is sodium azide, which has been used in many fields including its effect on germination.<sup>9</sup> Due to its great importance, it was used in the preparation of compounds called tetrazoles. Tetrazoles are a class of synthetic organic heterocyclic compounds consist of five-member ring of four nitrogen atoms and one carbon atom **(Scheme 3)**.<sup>10</sup>



Scheme 3. Structure of tetrazole ring

Synthesis of tetrazole derivatives is an important task in modern medicinal chemistry.<sup>11</sup> Tetrazoles are class of heterocycles that have received attention due to their wide range of applications.<sup>12</sup> Pharmacologically, because of the effect of gram-negative or gram-positive bacteria on the health of human, thus some potential drugs/products must be synthesized.<sup>13,14</sup> Tetrazole contains compounds reported to possess diverse chemotherapeutic activities as antibacterial,<sup>15</sup> and antifungal.<sup>16</sup> Example of one of tetrazole derivatives is the product from the reaction between imine compound (N,N'-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4,4'- diyl) bis (1- (pyridine - 4 - yl) methanimine)) and sodium azide **(Scheme 4)**.<sup>17</sup>



#### Scheme 4. Synthesized of 2,5-dihydro-1H-tetrazol derivative

Tetrazole derivatives of type of 5-phenyl-1H-tetrazol-1-yl) thiazetidine dioxide prepared from the next reaction **(Scheme 5)**,<sup>18</sup> below:



Scheme 5. Potassium carbonate in tetrazole derivatives synthesis

This study aims to prepare tetrazole derivatives for first time and investigate their activity against pathogenic fungi, *Candida* spp. *in vitro*.

### METHODOLOGY

#### Materials

All chemicals were obtained and purchased from Sigma Aldrich.

## General procedure for the synthesis of imine compounds O<sub>1</sub>-O<sub>5</sub>

Equimolar mixtures 0.02 mole of aldehydes and aromatic amines and trace of glacial acetic acid dissolved in 25 ml absolute ethanol was placed in a 100-ml round-bottom flask equipped with condenser and stirrer bar. The mixture was allowed to react at reflux (at the boiling temperature of absolute ethanol) for 4hr, then allowed to cool down to the room temperature, whereby a crystal-line solid was separated out. The solid product was recrystallized twice from absolute ethanol.<sup>19-22</sup> The structural formulae, names, melting points, colors, and percentage of yields for the synthesized imine compounds are recorded in Table 1.

Table 1.	Structural formula,	nomenclature,	melting points,	percentages	of yield ar	nd colors of
imine cor	npounds 0 <sub>1</sub> -0 <sub>5</sub>					

Comp. Code	Structural formula	Nomenclature	Yield %	m.p. °C	Color
0,	H <sub>3</sub> C N N C OH H <sub>3</sub> C OH CH <sub>3</sub>	(E)-5-((4,6-dimethyl pyrimidin-2- ylimino)methyl)-2- methoxyphenol	68%	78-80	Tan
02	NO2 NO2 NC H	(E)-1-(2,4- dinitrophenyl)-2-(4- nitrobenzylidene) hydrazine	81%	291- 293	Orange
0,3	$ \bigcirc 0 \\ N \\ N \\ H_3C' \\ CH_3 $	(E)-4-(4- ethoxybenzylidene amino)-1,5-dimethyl- 2-ph enyl-1H-pyrazol- 3(2H)-one	90%	212- 214	Bright yellow
04	$ \begin{array}{c} O \\ O $	4-(5-chloro-2- hydroxy benzyl ideneamino)-1,5- dimethyl -2-phenyl- 1H-pyrazol-3(2H)-one	89%	138- 140	Bright pale yellow
05	CH N-CH N-CH <sub>3</sub>	(E)-2-((p-tolylimino) methyl) phenol	87%	94-96	Bright yellow

### General procedure for the synthesis of tetrazole derivatives O<sub>6</sub>-O<sub>10</sub>

Equimolar mixtures 0.01 mole of imine compounds and sodium azide dissolved in 20 ml of tetrahydrofuran and 2 ml of distilled water and refluxed the mixture (at the boiling temperature of tetrahydrofuran and distilled water) for 4 hr and left to stand for 24 hr. The solid product was precipitated, filtered off and recrystallized from absolute ethanol.<sup>23,24</sup> The structural formulae, names, melting points, colors, and percentage yields for the synthesized tetrazole derivatives are presented in table 2. Melting points were recorded on electrothermal melting point apparatus (uncorrected). FT-IR spectra were recorded at the room temperature from (4000-400) cm<sup>-1</sup> with KBr disc by infrared spectrophotometer model tensor 27 Bruker Co., Germany. The <sup>1</sup>H-NMR and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectra were recorded by Bruker Ac-300MHz spectrometer, it making sure from the purity and reaction occur of synthesized derivatives  $O_6-O_{10}$  by the comparison between the physical measurements (Table 1) of  $O_1-O_5$  and the physical measurements of  $O_6-O_{10}$  (Table 2) and between FT-IR spectra of  $O_1-O_5$  (Table 3) and FT-IR spectra of  $O_6-O_{10}$  (Table 4).

Table 2	. Structural	formula,	nomenclature,	melting p	oints, p	percentages	of yield a	and (	colors o	f
tetrazole	derivatives	$0_{6} - 0_{10}$								

Comp. code	Structural formula	Nomenclature	Yield %	m.p. °C	Color
0,	H <sub>1</sub> C N N NH OCH <sub>3</sub>	5-(1-(4,6-dimethylpyrimi din-2-yl)-4,5-dihydro-1H- tetrazol -5-yl)-2-methoxy phenol	81%	107- 109	Bright Pale yellow
0,		N-(2,4-dinitrophenyl)- 5-(4-nitrophenyl)-4,5-di hydro-1H-tetrazol-1- amine	89%	> 300	Pale Orange
0,8	H <sub>3</sub> C CH <sub>3</sub> N <sup>N</sup> Na <sup>+</sup>	5-(4-chlorophenyl)-4- (1,5-dimethyl-3-oxo- 2-phenyl-2,3-dihydro- 1H-pyrazol-4-yl)-4,5- dihydrotetrazol-1-ide	93%	242- 244	Pale yellow
0,,	H <sub>3</sub> C, CH <sub>3</sub> N <sup>N</sup> NH OH	4-(5-(5-chloro-2-hydroxy phe nyl)-4,5-dihydro- 1H-tetrazol-1-yl)-1,5- dimethyl -2-phenyl-1H- pyrazol-3(2H)-one	85%	169- 171	Pale yellow
010	H <sub>3</sub> C-	R)-2-(1-p-tolyl-4,5-di hydro-1H-tetrazol-5-yl) phenol		119- 120	Bright Golden

### Anti-Candidal activity

This test was achieved *in vitro* to investigate inhibitory effects of the synthesized tetrazole derivatives using well diffusion method on Muller-Hinton agar. This experiment was done as mentioned by Owaid et al.<sup>25,26</sup> Four milligrams of each tetrazole derivative was dissolved in DMSO and applied separately as 4 mg/well (6 mm-well). After 18 hr of incubation at 37 °C, the zone of inhibition was taken using the ruler in millimeters.

#### **Statistical Analysis**

The data (triplicates) were analyzed by one-way analysis of variance using ANOVA table by SAS program for Windows, version 9.0, SAS Institute Inc., USA. The significance of differences was calculated using Duncan's Multiple Range Test (DMRT). Probability value least than 1% was considered to be statistically significant.

#### **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

## Imine compounds O<sub>1</sub>-O<sub>5</sub>

Imine compounds **(Scheme 6)** were synthesized from commercially available aromatic aldehydes and primary amines and identified by their melting points, and FT-IR. The FT-IR spectra showed the appearance of the stretching absorption bands of azomethine (C=N) at 1591-1669 cm<sup>-1</sup>,<sup>27,28</sup> beside the characteristic bands of the residual groups in the structure Table 3. See Figs. 1 and 2.



Scheme 6. Structure of the synthesized imine compounds

	FT-IR, n(cm <sup>-1</sup> )							
Comp.	0.11	C=C	C=C C-H		C-H	Ali.	0.1	
Code	C=N	Aromatic	Aromatic	Alkene	Asymmetric	symmetric	Utners	
0	1660	1510	2000	20.45	2074	20/1	O-H b3309,	
01	1009 1310 3000 3043 2974	2941	C=N yrimidine1547					
0	1610	1572	30/12	3080			NO <sub>2</sub> 1505, 1322	
02	1010	1372	5042	5005			N-H 3277	
03	1591	1569	3044	3067	2983	2875	C=0 1645, C-Cl 829	
0	1504	1550	2044	2075	2002	0074	C=0 1634, C-Cl 815	
04	1594	1009	5044	3044 3075		2014	0-H b3450	
05	1614	1566	3046	3079	2980	2867	0-H b3375	

**Table 3.** FT-IR spectra of imine compounds  $0_1 - 0_5$ 



Figure 1. FT-IR spectra of O<sub>1</sub>





The physical properties and FT-IR spectra of imine compounds O<sub>1</sub>-O<sub>5</sub> prove the synthesis processes, Mechanism of imine compounds formation represented in the following reaction.<sup>29,30</sup> See **scheme 7**.



Scheme 7. Mechanism of imine compounds formation

## Tetrazole derivatives O<sub>6</sub>-O<sub>10</sub>

The synthesis of tetrazole derivatives was achieved by the reaction of imine and sodium azide. Their melting points identified the resulted products. FT-IR spectra of the products (table 4) showed characteristic absorption band at 1272-1301, 1022-1089 and 1484-1509 cm<sup>-1</sup> as an indicative of C-N, N-N and N=N bonds of tetrazole rings formation beside the characteristic bands of the residual groups in the structure as presented in Figs. 3 and 4.<sup>28</sup>

	C-H Ali. Others	Asymmetric Symmetric	2937 2875 0-H b 3627	2968 2877 NO <sub>2</sub> 1575,1331	2941 2865 C=0 1650	C-CI 768	0-H b 3491	2954 2874 C=01638	C-CI 772	2920 2855 0-H b 3446
n(cm <sup>-1</sup> )	C-H Aromatic		3082	3091	3060			3055		3053
FT-IR I	C=C	Aromatic	1578	1594	1594			1564		1598
	C-N	:	1278	1272	1301			1273		1283
	N=N		1512	1509	1484			1484		1499
	N-N		1022	1089	1086			1087		1033
	H-N		3229	3279	I			3280		3320
	Comp.	code	0°	07	Ő	20		0°		010

Table 4. FT-IR spectra of tetrazole derivatives  $0_6-0_{10}$ 



Figure 3. FT-IR spectra of O<sub>6</sub>





The <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of compound  $O_8$  in DMSO solvent (Fig. 5) showed chemical shifts,  $\delta$ (ppm), singlet in 2.46 indicates the presence 3H of the (N-<u>CH<sub>3</sub></u>) group, singlet in 3.20 indicates the presence 3H of the (=C-<u>CH<sub>3</sub></u>) group, singlet in 9.57 indicates the presence 1H of the (N-<u>CH</u>) group, multiplet and doublet of doublet in 7.85-7.36 indicates the presence 9H of the aromatic pro-

tons. Spectrum of compound  $O_9$  (Fig. 6) showed chemical shifts,  $\delta$ (ppm) at: singlet in 2.42 indicates the presence 3H of the (N-<u>CH</u><sub>3</sub>) group, singlet in 3.23 indicates the presence 3H of the (=C-<u>CH</u><sub>3</sub>) group, singlet in 6.78 indicates the presence 1H of the (-<u>NH</u>) group, singlet in 9.67 indicates the presence 1H (N-<u>CH</u>) group, singlet in 12.73 indicates the presence 1H of the (-<u>OH</u>) group, multiplet in 7.64-6.93 indicates the presence 8H of the aromatic protons.<sup>31</sup> Other chemical shifts of O<sub>6</sub>, O<sub>7</sub> and O<sub>10</sub>,  $\delta$ (ppm) are presented in table 5.

Comp. code	Chemical Shift õ ppm
0 <sub>6</sub>	Singlet in 2.40 (6H, 2 $\underline{CH}_3$ ), singlet in 3.34 (3H, O- $\underline{CH}_3$ ), singlet in 7.11 (1H, - <u>NH</u> ), singlet in 9.58 (1H, N- $\underline{CH}$ ), singlet in 9.77 (1H, - <u>OH</u> ), multiplet and singlet in 7.42-7.11 (4H, aromatic protons)
0,	Singlet in 3.57 (1H, <u>NH out</u> ), singlet in 8.89 (1H, <u>NH in</u> ), singlet in 11.86 (1H, N- <u>CH</u> ) and multiplet and doublet of doublet in 8.82-8.05 (7H,aromatic protons)
08	Singlet in 2.46 (3H, N- <u>CH<sub>3</sub></u> ), singlet in 3.20 (3H, =C- <u>CH<sub>3</sub></u> ), singlet in 9.57 (1H, N- <u>CH</u> ), multiplet and doublet of doublet in 7.85-7.36 (9H, aromatic protons)
0,9	Singlet in 2.42 (3H, N- $\underline{CH}_3$ ), singlet in 3.23 (3H, =C- $\underline{CH}_3$ ), singlet in 6.78 (1H, - $\underline{NH}$ ), singlet in 9.67 (1H, N- $\underline{CH}$ ), singlet in 12.73 (1H, - $\underline{OH}$ ), multiplet in 7.64-6.93 (8H, aromatic protons)
0 <sub>10</sub>	Singlet in 2.34 (3H, CH <sub>3</sub> ), singlet in 6.80 (1H, - <u>NH</u> ), singlet in 8.67 (H, N- <u>CH</u> ), singlet in 13.25 (1H, - <u>OH</u> ), multiplet and doublet of doublet in 7.66-6.95 (8H, aromatic protons)

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Table	5.	The	<sup>1</sup> H-NMR	Snectra d	of tetrazole	derivatives	0-0	in DMSO
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Figure 5. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR Spectra of O<sub>8</sub>



Figure 6. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR Spectra of O<sub>9</sub>

The <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum of compound O<sub>6</sub> in DMSO solvent (Fig. 7) showed chemical shifts,  $\delta(\text{ppm})$ , 37.47 indicates the presence two groups of (CH<sub>3</sub>), 56.27 indicates the presence one group of (O-CH<sub>3</sub>) group, 191.91 indicates the presence one group of (N-CH), 112.04-124.94 indicates the presence of aromatic carbons, 130.29-153.80 indicates the presence of pyrimidine carbons. While the spectrum of compound O<sub>9</sub> (Fig. 8) exhibited chemical shifts,  $\delta(\text{ppm})$ , 9.79 indicates the presence one group of (N-CH<sub>3</sub>), 150.46 indicates the presence one group of (CH<sub>3</sub>-C=), 154.78 indicates the presence one group of (CO-C=), 157.80 indicates the presence one group of (N-CH), 158.59 indicates the presence one group of (N-CO), 113.96-134.10 indicates the presence of aromatic carbons.<sup>32</sup> Other chemical Shifts of O<sub>7</sub>, O<sub>8</sub>, O<sub>10</sub>,  $\delta(\text{ppm})$  are displayed in table 6.

Comp. code	Chemical Shift $\delta$ ppm
0 <sub>6</sub>	37.47 (2 <u>C</u> H <sub>3</sub> ), 56.27 (O- <u>C</u> H <sub>3</sub> ), 191.91 (N- <u>C</u> H), 112.04-124.94 (Aromatic Carbons), 130.29-153.80 (Pyrimidine Carbons)
0,	182.49 (N- <u>C</u> H), 118.96-125.56 (Aromatic Carbons)
0,8	10.33 (N- <u>C</u> H <sub>3</sub> ), 35.83 (=C- <u>C</u> H <sub>3</sub> ), 144.11 (CH <sub>3</sub> - <u>C=</u> ), 152.34 (CO- <u>C=</u> ), 159.99 (N- <u>C</u> H), 162.47 (N- <u>C</u> O), 115.08-128.22 (Aromatic Carbons)
0,9	9.79 (N- <u>C</u> H <sub>3</sub> ), 35.01 (=C- <u>C</u> H <sub>3</sub> ), 150.46 (CH <sub>3</sub> - <u>C=</u> ), 154.78 (CO- <u>C=</u> ), 157.80 (N- <u>C</u> H), 158.59 (N- <u>C</u> O), 113.96-134.10 (Aromatic Carbons)
0 <sub>10</sub>	21.07 ( <u>C</u> H <sub>3</sub> ), 163.00 (N- <u>C</u> H), 117.00-136.95 (Aromatic Carbons)

Table 6. The  ${\rm ^{13}C}\text{-}{\rm NMR}$  spectra of tetrazole derivatives  $\rm O_6\text{-}O_{10}$  in DMSO



Figure 7. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR Spectra of O<sub>6</sub>



Figure 8. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR Spectra of O<sub>a</sub>

Products of the reaction of the synthesized imine compounds with sodium azide compound are given in the following equation (**Scheme 8**):



Scheme 8. Structure of the synthesized tetrazole derivatives

It may be concluded that the reaction takes place via the concerted mechanism of the Huisgen 1,3-dipolar cycloaddition mechanism as represented in the following reaction.<sup>33</sup> See **scheme 9**.



Scheme 9. Mechanism of tetrazole derivatives formation

The results of FT-IR <sup>13</sup>C-NMR and <sup>1</sup>H-NMR showed that the five-ringed compounds were the least obstructed in all preparation processes. Because of the complete clarity in infrared beams and clear signals separated from each another by the resonance spectrum nuclear magnetic of hydrogen and carbon, this is the basis of organic preparation processes.

#### Anti-Candidal activity

Zone of inhibition of some human pathogenic fungi was done well-diffusion method to test the potential of the tetrazole derivatives  $O_6-O_{10}$  as shown in Figs. 8 and 9.  $O_6$  is the best derivative that has significantly (p<0.01) recorded a stronger influence to inhibit the growth of *Candida guilliermondii* at an average of the zone of inhibition 14.0 mm. However,  $O_9$  derivative recorded the lowest zone of inhibition 7.3 mm toward the same clinical fungal pathogen. From another hand,  $O_6$  showed zone of inhibition 12.0 mm against *Candida zeylanoides*. Furthermore,  $O_6$  derivative recorded zone of inhibition 11.3 mm against *Candida krusei* and *Candida albicans*.  $O_{10}$  did not inhibit the growth of *Candida albicans* as shown in Fig. 9. The resistance mechanisms depend on which specific pathways are inhibited by the drugs and the alternative ways available for those pathways that the organisms can modify to get a way around to survive.<sup>34</sup> Many new metal complexes and new 1,3-oxazepine derivatives had good antibacterial activity. Tetrazole derivatives are important to synthesize inflammatory agents.<sup>35</sup>



**Figure 8.** Zone of inhibition of *Candida* sp. using the synthesized tetrazole derivatives  $O_6 - O_{10}$ , LDS (p<0.01)



Figure 9. Anti-Candidal activity of the synthesized tetrazole derivatives 0<sub>6</sub>-0<sub>10</sub>

This study referees to that preparing derivatives of tetrazole are possible. The results of FT-IR, <sup>13</sup>C-NMR and <sup>1</sup>H-NMR showed that the five-ringed compounds were the least obstructed in all preparation processes. Because of the complete clarity in infrared beams and clear signals separated from each by

the resonance spectrum nuclear magnetic of hydrogen and carbon, this is the basis of organic preparation processes.  $O_6$  is the best derivative that has significantly (p<0.01) recorded a stronger influence to inhibit the growth of *Candida guilliermondii* at an average of the zone of inhibition 14.0 mm. However,  $O_9$  derivative recorded the lowest zone of inhibition 7.3 mm against *Candida guilliermondii*. The present work may be helpful in designing more potential antifungal agents for the therapeutic use in the future.

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