

Evaluation of Antifungal Activity 3-(1-Methoxy Naphthalen-2-Yl)-5-Phenylisoxazole.

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Abstract: Isoxazole derivatives have been prepared by condensing alpha-naphthol with acetic anhydride respectively. While compounds have been synthesized by the reaction of 3-(1-methoxy naphthalen-2-yl)-5-phenylisoxazole. All the compounds were screened for their antifungal activities. The structures of newly synthesized compounds were established on the basis of elemental analyses, IR. The newly synthesized heterocycles were characterized based on their chemical properties and spectroscopic data, and were found to inhibit *Fusarium oxysporum*.

Keywords: Isoxazole derivatives, *Fusarium oxysporum*, anti-fungal activity.

I. Introduction

Fungi

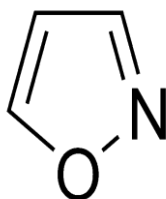
The branch of microbiology that deals with the study of fungi (yeasts and molds) is called mycology¹. The different groups of fungi have different levels of cellular organization. Some groups consist of single-celled organisms that have a single nucleus per cell. (A nucleus is a membrane-enclosed structure within a cell that contains the cell's genetic material and controls its growth and reproduction.) Other groups consist of single-celled organisms in which each cell has hundreds or thousands of nuclei.²

Fungi, the word for more than one fungus, can be found on different parts of the body. Here are some common types of fungal infections:

- **Tinea** (say: **tih**-nee-uh) is a type of fungal infection of the hair, skin, or nails. When it's on the skin, tinea usually begins as a small red area the size of a pea. As it grows, it spreads out in a circle or ring. Tinea is often called ringworm because it may look like tiny worms are under the skin. Because the fungi that cause tinea (ringworm) live on different parts of the body, they are named for the part of the body they infect. Scalp ringworm is found on the head, and body ringworm affects any other skin areas.
- **Athlete's foot** is another type of fungal infection that usually appears between the toes but can also affect toenails and the bottom or sides of the feet.
- **Jock itch** is a fungal infection of the groin and upper thighs. You might think only men and boys get it, but girls and women can get it, too.
- **Candida** (say: **kan**-duh-duh) is a yeast, similar to a fungus. It most often affects the skin around the nails or the soft, moist areas around body openings. Diaper rash in babies can be from one type of candidal infection, as can thrush (white patches often found in the mouths of babies.) Older girls and women may develop another form of candidal infection in and around the vagina. This is called a yeast infection.

Fusarium spp. infects neutropenic patients to cause pneumonia, fungemia, and disseminated infection with cutaneous lesions.³ It is a common vascular wilt fungal disease, exhibiting symptoms similar to Verticillium wilt. The pathogen that causes Fusarium wilt is *Fusarium oxysporum* (*F. oxysporum*). The fungal pathogen *Fusarium oxysporum* affects a wide variety of hosts of any age. Tomato, tobacco, legumes, cucurbits, sweet potatoes and banana are a few of the most susceptible plants, but it will also infect other herbaceous plants.⁴ *Fusarium oxysporum* generally produces symptoms such as wilting, chlorosis, necrosis, premature leaf drop, browning of the vascular system, stunting, and damping-off.⁵ Fusarium wilt starts out looking like vein clearing on the younger leaves and drooping of the older lower leaves, followed by stunting of the plant, yellowing of the lower leaves, defoliation, marginal necrosis and death of the plant. *F. oxysporum* f. sp. *batatas* affects sweet potato. *F. oxysporum* f. sp. *cubense* causes Panama disease on banana. It is found everywhere bananas are grown in Africa, Asia, Central and South America. The disease starts out as yellowing and drooping on one side of the plant.⁶ *F. oxysporum* f. sp. *melonis* attacks muskmelon and cantaloupe.⁵ These remarkably diverse and adaptable fungi have been found in soils ranging from the Sonoran Desert, to tropical and temperate forests, grasslands and soils of the tundra.⁷ *F. oxysporum* strains are ubiquitous soil inhabitants that have the ability to exist as saprophytes, and degrade lignin⁸ and complex carbohydrates^{9,6}, associated with soil debris. Isoxazole is a five membered heterocyclic compound having two hetero atoms: oxygen at position 1

and nitrogen at position 2. Claisen first reported an isoxazole (I) for a product from the reaction of 1,3-diketone with hydroxylamine hydrochloride. Subsequently a solid foundation for the chemistry of isoxazole was laid down by Claisen and his students. It was shown to possess typical properties of an aromatic system but under certain reaction conditions. Particularly in reducing or basic media, it becomes very highly labile.¹⁰



The next important contribution to the chemistry of isoxazoles was made by Quelico in 1945, when he began to study the formation of isoxazoles from nitrile N-oxide and unsaturated compounds.

Synthetic Aspect: Isoxazoles can be prepared by various methods; some of them are described as under.

1. A variety of 3,5-disubstituted 4-bromoisoxazoles (II) are readily prepared in good to excellent yields under mild reaction conditions.
2. Tayade V. B. et al. have synthesized some new 3,5-diarylisoxazoles from the reaction of 2-aryl acetophenones with hydroxylamine hydrochloride in presence of alkali.¹¹
3. Dawood Kamal et al. have prepared isoxazole derivatives from enamino nitriles.¹²
4. Mark Lautens and Amélie Roy have constructed isoxazoles (III), were achieved in good yields in a rapid and simple way by using *N*-acetoacetyl derivatives
5. Solid phase synthesis of isoxazole derivatives based on amino acids was reported by Lidia De Luca and coworkers in the presence of basic catalyst and dichloromethane used as a solvent. One pot synthesis of polyfunctionalized isoxazoles have been synthesized by the reaction of dipyrrolidinium 3,3-dimethylpentanedinitrile-2,4-dinitronate and acetyl chloride in benzene.¹³
6. Keisuke Suzuki et al. have synthesized functionalized isoxazole derivatives (IV) by cyclocondensation of *C*-chlorooximes with cyclic 1,3-diketones.¹⁴
7. Crawley L. S. and Fan Shawe W. J. have prepared isoxazole (V) from α,β -unsaturated carbonyl compounds, hydroxylamine hydrochloride and KOH in methanol.¹⁵
8. R. Kalirajan et al. have synthesized and checked antimicrobial screening against various gram positive and Gram negative bacteria and anti-fungal activity against various fungal stains compared with standard drug (Ampicillin and Ketoconazole) using solvent control.¹⁶

Therapeutic Importance

Isoxazole derivatives exhibit various biological activities such as,

1. Antibacterial¹⁴
3. Anticholestermic¹⁷
4. Anticancer¹⁸
5. Anthelmintics¹⁹
6. Anticonvulsant²⁰

Table 1. IR Interpretation of 3-(1-methoxy naphthalen-2-yl)-5-phenylisoxazole.

Sr.No.	Wave Number (cm ⁻¹)	Remark
1	1678	C=N
2	3066	Ar C—H
3	1593	Ar C=C
4	682	C-Cl

II. Material & Methods

Antifungal Activity

Materials:

Culture media: Potato dextrose agar (PDA) medium, Nutrient Broth.

Collection of Fungal strains:

Pure cultures of *F. Oxysporum* (FO) were obtained from the Government institute of science, Department of botany, Aurangabad. The collected fungi were cultured on potato dextrose agar (PDA) as the growth medium for all test fungi on petridishes and incubated at room temperature.

Assay for antifungal activity:

Preparation of fungal inoculums

For fungal inoculums, Potato dextrose agar (PDA) pours plates were prepared. At the center of these plates 5 days old test fungi were transferred and incubated at (25±2)0C. After 5 days of Incubation they were ready to use.

Procedure :

The poisoned food technique was used to assay antifungal Activity. From this, required concentration of test sample was taken by sterilized pipette in a sterilized petriplate and Then 15 ml medium was poured into the petriplate and mixed well And allowed to solidify. Inoculation was done at the center of each Plate with 6 mm mycelium block for each fungus. The mycelium block was prepared with the help of cork borer from the growing area of a 5 days old culture of the test fungi on PDA. The blocks were placed at the center of each petriplate in an inverted position to get greater contact of the mycelium with the culture medium. The inoculated plates were incubated at (25+ 2)0C. The experiment was repeated for three times. Proper control (PDA without extract) was also maintained. After 7 days of incubation the diameter of fungal colonies were measured. The average of three measurements was taken as colony diameter of the fungus in mm.²¹ Inhibition effect of 3-(1-methoxy naphthalen-2-yl)-5-phenylisoxazole on *Fusarium oxysporum* By using poisoned food technique in potato dextrose agar medium (PDA).

Formula:

The percentage inhibition of mycelial growth of the test fungus was calculated by the following formula: $I = (C-T)/C \times 100$,

Where, I=Percentage of Inhibition,

C=Diameter of the fungal colony in control,

T=Diameter of the fungal colony in treatment

III. Results and Discussion

The targeted compounds synthesized were screened for the antifungal potential against *Fusarium oxysporum* was found to be sensitive to Itraconazole, Fluconazole, Ketoconazole and Clotrimazole but developed resistance against common antifungal antibiotics such as Nystatin and Amphoterecin-B. For convenience the synthesized compounds 3-(1-methoxy naphthalen-2-yl)-5-phenylisoxazole. The test compounds with the final treatment concentrations of 50- 1000 µg/mL was prepared. The fungistatic assay was carried out using potato dextrose agar (PDA) medium.

The synthesized compound were evaluated for their antifungal activity against *Fusarium oxysporum*. The relative broad spectrum of activity of the azoles against common fungal pathogens, ease of administration and limited toxicity are highly attractive features. Fluconazole and itraconazole are better tolerated and more effective than ketoconazole. These agents have several drawbacks and limitations also. One potential limitation of the azole antifungal agent is the frequency of their interaction with co administered drugs, which results in adverse consequences. A second limitation of the azoles is the emergence of resistance of fungal organisms, especially *fusarium oxysporum*, to fluconazole. These limitations of the azoles will become more problematic if fluconazole and other azoles continue to be used injudiciously. In poisoned food technique showed percentage inhibition of mycelial growth of the test fungus *fusarium oxysporum*.

Observation Table:

Table.2. In vitro antifungal activity of 3-(1-methoxy naphthalen-2-yl)-5-phenylisoxazole against the strains of *F. oxysporum*.

Concentration/ days	50ug/ml	100ug/ml	200ug/ml	300ug/ml	400ug/ml	500ug/ml	Std-10ug/ml	Control DMF
1 st day	9mm	8mm	8mm	7mm	6mm	Growth inhibition	Growth inhibition	14mm
2 nd day	11mm	11mm	10mm	9mm	8mm	Growth inhibition	Growth inhibition	21mm
3 rd day	13mm	12mm	11mm	10mm	9mm	Growth inhibition	Growth inhibition	36mm
4 th day	16mm	15mm	12mm	11mm	9mm	Growth inhibition	Growth inhibition	48mm
5 th day	20mm	17mm	12mm	11mm	9mm	Growth inhibition	Growth inhibition	62mm
6 th day	20mm	17mm	12mm	11mm	9mm	Growth inhibition	Growth inhibition	79mm
7 th day	20mm	17mm	12mm	11mm	9mm	Growth inhibition	Growth inhibition	90mm

The different test concentration 50- 500 µg/mL was prepared.

50ug/ml % of growth inhibition [77.77%],
100ug/ml % of growth inhibition [81.11%],
200ug/ml% of growth inhibition [86.66%],
300ug/ml % of growth inhibition[87.77%],
400ug/ml % of growth inhibition [90.00%],
500ug/ml % of growth inhibition [100%],
Std-10ug/ml % of growth inhibition [100%].

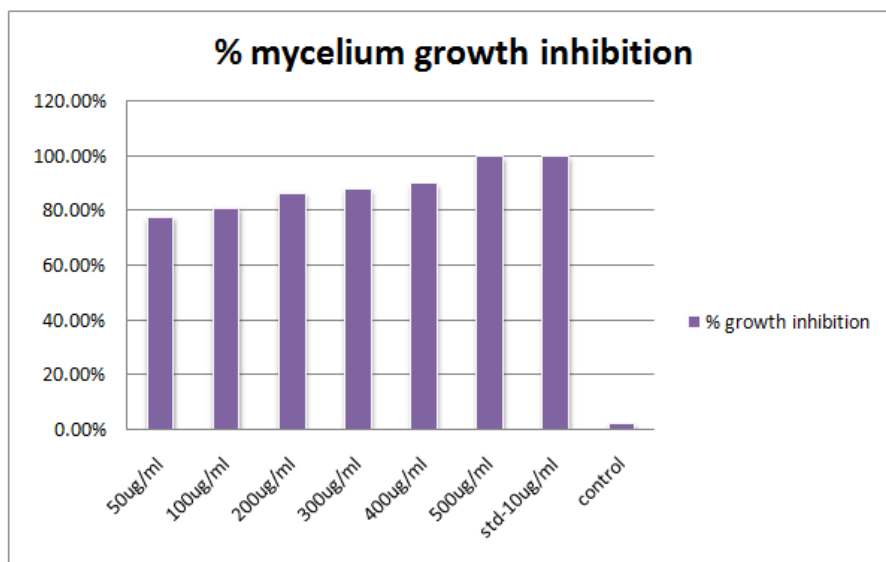


Figure 2. Inhibition effect of 3-(1-methoxynaphthalen-2-yl)-5-phenylisoxazole on *Fusariumoxysporum*.

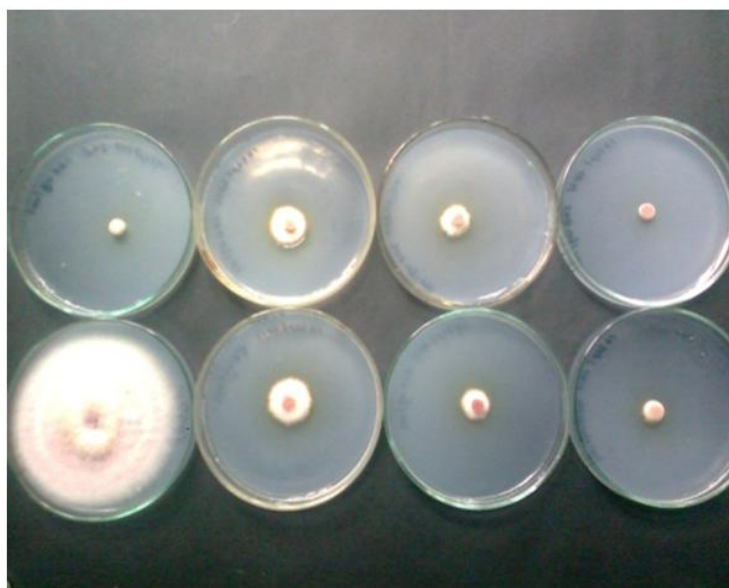


Figure 1: Inhibition effect of 3-(1-methoxy naphthalen-2-yl)-5-phenylisoxazole on *F. oxysporum*.

IV. Conclusion

The aim of present study is to design the new synthetic compound which is more potential against *Fusariumoxysporum* (growth of inhibition in 500ug/ml). The relative broad spectrum of activity of the azoles against common fungal pathogens, ease of administration and limited toxicity are highly attractive features. Fluconazole and itraconazole are better tolerated and more effective than ketoconazole. These agents have several drawbacks and limitations also. One potential limitation of the azole antifungal agent is the frequency of their interaction with co-administered drugs, which results in adverse consequences. A second limitation of the azoles is the emergence of resistance of fungal organisms, especially *fusariumoxysporum* to fluconazole.

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