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# Benzotriazole, its derivatives and antibacterial activity: An overview

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#### Abstract

Benzotriazole is an important class of bicyclic heterocyclic compounds were consist of three N atoms in cyclopentene and fused benzene ring. Its molecular formula is  $C_6H_5N_3$ . It is rarely obtained in natural but their synthesis is easy to perform. On screening the literature, benzotriazole gave a comprehensive review of the latest and remarkable developments of benzotriazole derivatives covering a varied number of activities such as antifungal, antibacterial, anticancer, anthelmintic, antidepressant, antioxidative, antitubercular, antiviral, anti-inflammatory, etc. The present reviews attempted to assemble the various derivatives of benzotriazole and its antibacterial activities.

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### 1. Introduction

Benzotriazole is an important class of bicyclic heterocyclic compounds, were consist of three N atoms with fused benzene ring [1]. Its five-membered rings can show tautomerism. Its common structure is stated in figure 1[2]. It is important in the dairy industry due to its ability to inhibit metal corrosion [3]. Benzotriazole is inexpensive and stable. It is acidic (pKa 8.2) and is easily soluble in alkaline solutions. It is a soluble organic solvent like ethanol, benzene, toluene, chloroform, and DMF [4]. The fused benzene ring makes benzotriazole nucleus possess a larger conjugated system to form  $\pi$ - $\pi$  stacking interactions, [In chemistry, *pi* stacking (also called  $\pi$ - $\pi$  stacking) refers to attractive, noncovalent interactions between aromatic rings, since they contain pi bonds], and its three nitrogen atoms make it easy to form hydrogen bonds and coordination bonds, thereby benzotriazole derivatives are more ready to bind with a variety of enzymes and receptors in the biological system via diverse non-covalent IJPC (2020) 10 (03)

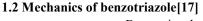
interactions, resulting in a broad spectrum of biological activities[5]. Benzotriazole possesses both electrons-donor and electron-acceptor properties. Benzotriazole has been investigated for a broad spectrum of activities which include antibacterial, antiviral, anti-inflammatory, anticonvulsant, an enzyme inhibitor, DNA cleavage, antifungal, herbicidal, antitubercular, antimicrobial and antiproliferative[6]. As the microorganisms are rapidly undergoing genetic changes and developing resistance against the many antibiotics and therapeutic agents for various diseases more quickly than the new drugs are being made available to the war against the infectious diseases has become a never-ending process[7]. Benzotriazole showed a wide application in pharmaceutical purposes to treat diseases [8]. Especially, triazole derivatives as medicinal drugs have been playing important roles in medicinal chemistry [9], and a lot of triazole analogs including imidazole, thiazole, carbazole, oxazole and benzimidazole [10], etc. have also been found to be widely used in the clinic. It is a fused aromatic nitrogen-containing heterocyclic compound and its derivatives have the various biological and industrial applications [11], corrosion inhibitors [12], man-made materials [13], supramolecular ligands [14], therefore large numbers of researches have already been focused on this attractive area. Moreover, a variety of benzotriazoles have been reported to inhibit the growth of some microorganisms and some benzotriazole derivatives show anti-inflammatory properties [15]. Benzotriazole is inexpensive and stable compound [16]

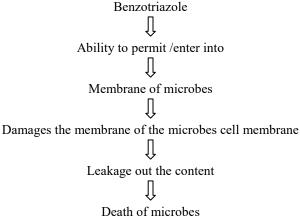


Fig. 1H-Benzotriazole

## 1.1 Physiochemical properties Table 1: Physicochemical properties of Benzotriazole

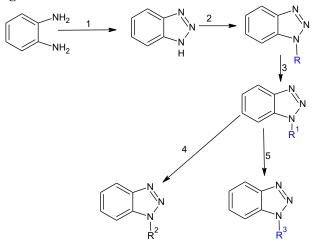
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Common name	Benzotriazole		
IUPAC name	1-H Benzotriazole, 1,2,3 Benzotriazole		
Molecular formula	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> N <sub>3</sub>		
Molecular weight	119.12g mol <sup>-1</sup>		
Appearance	Solid		
Colour	White to tan crystalline powder		
Odour	Odourless		
Density	1.36gcm <sup>-3</sup>		
Melting point	100 <sup>0</sup> C		
Boiling point	350 <sup>0</sup> C		
Solubility	Soluble in water (20g/lit)		





#### 1.3 Scheme of synthesis benzotriazole dervivatives[18]

#### Figure 2: Mechanics of the benzotriazole derivative



R	CH2COOC2H5
$\mathbf{R}^{1}$	CH2CONH-NH2
$\mathbf{R}^2$	CH2CONH-N=CH-D
$\mathbf{R}^{3}$	CH2CONH-N=C-D

1 = Sodium nitrite, Glacial Acetic acid, water.

2 = Ethyl chloroacetate, Dry acetone.

3 = Hydrazine hydrate, methanol.

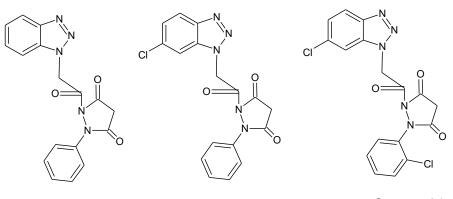
4 = Methanol, Aromatic aldehydes.

5 = Methanol, Aromatic ketones.

D = N, N Dimethyl amino benzaldehyde, 4-OH Benzaldehyde

# 2. Antibacterial activity

A series of 1, 2, 3, benzotriazole derivatives containing pyrazolidine 3, 5 dione moiety were synthesized by diazotization of benzene-1, 2-diamine with glacial acetic acid and were evaluated for antibacterial activities, against gram-positive organisms like *S. aureus* and *B. subtilis* as well as gram-negative organisms like *E. Coli* and *P. vulgaris* by diffusion agar media technique. Compound 1b (Fig. 1) was found to be good activity against *E. coli*. Compound 1h (Fig. 1) was found to be more effective against *S. aureus*. Compound 1f was found to have good activity against *B. subtilis*. Compound 1g (Fig. 1) was found to have good activity against *P. Vulgaris*. Ciprofloxacin and Amoxicillin (100  $\mu$ g/ml) was used as a standard for screening [19].



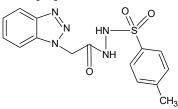
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Compound 1 b

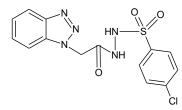
Fig. 2: Compound 1 h, 1 b, and 1 g

Compound 1 c

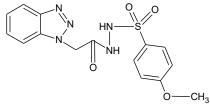
N-Substituted 2- (1H-benzotriazole -1 - yl) - acetohydrazide series (2a-2f) were synthesized from ophenylenediamine and evaluated for antibacterial activity by agar plate disc diffusion method. Compound 2b, 2c, and 2e (Fig. 2) showed good antibacterial activity against *S. aureus*, *B. subtilis*, and *E. coli* but less potent than sulphacetamide[20].



Compound 2 d



Compound 2 e



Compound 2 f

Fig. 3: Compound 2 d, 2 e, and 2 f

Sanna *et al* was synthesized a series of acrylonitrile containing benzotriazole derivatives and exhibited antitubercular activity against many antibiotic-resistant microbial strains. Compound 3 (Fig. 3) showed excellent antibacterial activity against antibiotic-resistant microbial strains [21].

#### Compound 3 a

A series of N-alkylated benzotriazole derivatives were synthesized and evaluated for antimicrobial activity. Compound 4 (Fig. 4) showed significant antimicrobial activity against many gram-positive and gram-negative bacteria [22].

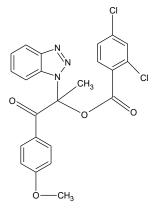


#### Compound 4 a

A novel series of N-Substituted benzotriazole derivatives containing mannich bases (5a-5x) were synthesized by amine exchange reactions, from the N, Ndimethylaminopropiophenone hydrochlorides and benzotriazole. Antibacterial activities of the synthesized compounds were tested against B. subtilis, S. aureus, S. faecalis, E. coli, P. aeruginosa, and E. cloacae using MHA media. Compounds 5d (Fig. 5), 5g, 5p 5r, and 5x exhibited significant activity with MIC values of 1.56 µg/mL against B. subtilis. Compound 5s (Fig. 5) showed the most favourable antibacterial activity against B. subtilis, S. aureus, S. faecalis, P. aeruginosa, E. coli and E. Cloacae with MIC of 1.562 µg/mL, 1.562 µg/mL, 1.562µg/mL, 3.125 6.25 µg/mL and 6.25µg/mL μg/ mL, respectively[23].

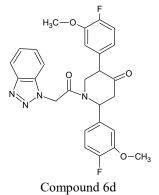
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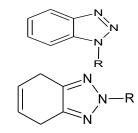


#### Compound 5 a

A series of imidazole/benzotriazole substituted piperidine-4-one derivatives (6a-6j) were synthesized. The synthesized compounds were investigated for antimicrobial activity against selected bacterial strains. Among the compounds, fluoro and methoxy group substituted compound 6d (Fig. 6) showed good antimicrobial activity at minimum concentration [24].



**Benzotriazole derivatives** 



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2010	1H-Benzotriazolylpropanone and 2H- benzotriazolylpropanones	Jun Wan and coworkers	Antibacterial activity	[43]
2010	Acridine substituted Benzotriazole derivative	Singh NP	Antibacterial activity	[44]
2010	Derivatives of 2-(2,4difluorophenyl)-1-(2,3- dihydro-1Hbenzotriazol-1-yl)-3-(1H-1,2,4triazol- 1-yl)propan-2-ol	Pallav D. Patel	Antifungal	[45]
2011	Imidazole/benzotriazole substituted piperidine-4- one derivatives	Ramachandran R.	Antibacterial activity, Antifungal	[46]
2011	Azetidinone derivatives of benzotriazole.	Dubey A and coworkers	Antitubercular activity	[47]
2011	Triazoloquinolones	Carta Antonio	Antitubercular activity	[48]
2012	Benzotriazole derivatives substituted with thiazole moiety.	Gaikwad ND and coworkers	Antibacterial activity, Antifungal	[49]
2012	Nonyl, Decyl, Dodecyl substituted Benzotriazole derivatives	S. Khabnadideh and coworkers	Antifungal	[50]
2012	N-Substituted 2-(1H-benzotriazole-1yl) - acetohydrazide derivatives	Jimit S. Patel	Antibacterial activity, Antifungal	[51]
2012	Benzotriazole substituted with pyrozolidine 3, 5- dione.	BV Suma	Antibacterial activity	[52]
2013	1,2,3-benzotriazole derivatives synthesized by ultrasonic and solvent-free conditions	MS Sudhir	Antifungal activities	[53]
2014	Benzotriazolo-thiadiazolyl-imidazole derivative	VK Singh	Anticonvulsant, Antimicrobial activity	[54]
2015	1H-benzotriazol-1-yl(2-hydroxy -5- [(e) phenyldiazenyl] phenyl) methanone derivatives	CM Jamkhandi	Anti-inflammatory activity	[55]
2017	2-(2-hydroxyaryl) benzotriazoles	Farkas R	Antibacterial, Antifungal, Antiviral, Anthelmintic, Antiprotozoal, And Antimycobacterial Activity	[56]

# 3. Research in Context

- 1) Systematic review: Benzotriazole derivative has chemical and biological properties that are versatile in the pharmaceutical industry. Benzotriazole derivatives act as agonists for many proteins.
- 2) Interpretation: Our data show that the 245 derivative of benzotriazole is available & it is arranged in the year wise in the form of graphical representation.
- **3) Future directions:** Benzotriazole provide the information of antibacterial activity still it has required research for futuristic pharmacological action.

# 4. Conclusion

The literature study of investigations on the synthesis and antimicrobial screening of Benzotriazole derivatives in the past two decades showed antimicrobial activities like antibacterial, antifungal, antiviral, antiprotozoal, and anthelmintic action. From the above, we conclude that the benzotriazole derivative shows the strongly potent antibacterial activity against the grampositive and gram-negative bacteria.

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