



## ANTIBACTERIAL ACTIVITY OF CHEMICALLY SYNTHESIZED NOVEL SULFONAMIDE COMPOUNDS

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**ABSTRACT:** When first exposed to a new antibiotic, the susceptibility of microbes tends to be high and their mortality rate is also high. The surviving microbes usually have some genetic characteristics that accounts for their survival. Their progeny are similarly resistant. A large range of gram negative and gram positive bacteria show resistant to various antibiotics. Here, antibacterial activity of some chemically synthesized compounds was checked on common opportunistic pathogens like *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Bacillus subtilis*, *Escherichia coli*, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*. Two different techniques, agar well method and broth dilution method were used to check antibacterial activity of chemically synthesized compounds and minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC).

**Key words:** - *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Bacillus subtilis*, *Escherichia coli*, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, Minimum Inhibitory Concentration (MIC), Ciprofloxacin.

### INTRODUCTION:

Ever since antibiotics were introduced into clinical practice, bacterial pathogens have been developing resistance which reduce or eliminates their effectiveness. In addition, opportunistic pathogens with innate resistance to antibiotics have become emerging problems particularly in hospital setting. So we require drugs which are capable to eliminate broad spectrum of bacteria. To check the antibacterial activity of chemical compounds different types of methods are used. Agar dilution and broth dilution are the most commonly used techniques to determine the minimal inhibitory concentration (MIC) of antibacterial agents. Other than that agar well diffusion and paper disc methods are also used to check MIC. MIC (Minimum Inhibitory Concentration) is used to check the minimum concentration of antibacterial agents that kills the present test organism.

Bacteria have developed different mechanisms to escape the effect of antibacterial drugs. As an example, methicillin resistant

*Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) was once thought to be problematic only in health care setting, but now community associated MRSA infections are becoming more common.

Some chemical compounds were synthesized that are capable to inhibit the growth of bacteria. It is necessary to check antibacterial activity of these compounds on some common opportunistic bacteria like gram positive *Staphylococcus aureus* and *Bacillus subtilis* and gram negative *Escherichia coli* & *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*. These bacteria mainly associated with human body and helpful in some ways.

### MATERIALS:

**BACTERIAL STRAINS:** - The bacteria used in study were:

Gram positive bacteria - [1] *Staphylococcus aureus*  
[2] *Bacillus subtilis*

Gram negative bacteria - [1] *Escherichia coli*  
[2] *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*

All these bacterial strains were obtained from the Department of Micro-biology, M. G. Science Institute, Ahmedabad. These all the bacterial strains were maintained on nutrient agar slant at

4°C and suspension prepared by picking up well isolated colony from nutrient agar slant.

#### **MEDIA:-**

Simple nutrient agar was used in this study because it supported the growth of the majority bacteria.

#### **Composition of nutrient agar medium:-**

Ingredients	Concentration (gm/ 100ml)
Bacteriological peptone	1
Meat extract	0.3 to 0.5
NaCl	1.5
Agar agar powder	2 to 2.5
Distilled water	100
pH	7.2 to 7.6

**Chemical compounds:-** Chemical compounds which are used to check anti-bacterial activity were chemically synthesized at L.M.College of Pharmacy.

**Other equipments:-** 5ml and 1ml sterilized pipettes, sterilized conical flask, test tubes and 15×100mm Petriplates, cupborer, cotton plugs for test tubes, alcohol, etc.

Instruments	Company's name
Incubator (37°C)	Ambassador laboratory equipments
Hot air Oven	Ambassador laboratory equipments
Autoclave	Sharda scientific instruments
Zone Reader	DBK industrial laboratory
Precision Balance	Swisser instruments

### **III. Minimum Inhibitory Concentration [mic]**

Minimum Inhibitory Concentration (MIC) is the lowest concentration of a chemical, usually a drug, which prevents visible growth of the test bacterium. The aim of the broth dilution method is to determine the lowest concentration of the assayed antibacterial agent that, under defined test conditions, inhibits the visible growth of the

bacterium

being investigated. In MIC, results have been graded into susceptible, intermediate or resistant to a particular antibacterial agent by using a break point. Break point is a chosen concentration of an antibiotic which defines whether a bacterial species is susceptible or resistant to the antibiotic. If the MIC is less than or equal to the susceptibility break point the bacterium is considered susceptible to the antibiotic. In broth dilution, the test organism is inoculated into liquid (broth) medium in the presence of different concentrations of antibacterial agent. Growth is assessed after incubation for a defined period of time (24 hours) and MIC value is observed.

**Results of MIC:-** By studying the table no.3.1, it is observed that *Ps.aeruginosa* does not give the inhibition towards some chemical compounds like LMAC 02, LMAC 03, LMAC 05 and LMAC 10 whereas

*B.subtilis* gives the MIC in concentration as low as 5 µg in chemical compounds LMAC 01, LMAC 04, LMAC 06 and LMAC 07. So it is concluded that in case of *Ps.aeruginosa* MIC is higher than 100 µg in some cases. *E.coli* also does not give the results in chemical compounds LMAC 03 and LMAC 04. In the case of *S.aureus* MIC is between 15 µg to 20 µg but in some chemical compounds results are observed lower as well.

### **IV. METHOD**

**Stock solution & dilution preparation:-**

Here the chemical compound is water insoluble, that's why the stock solution and different dilutions were prepared in Dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO).

The stock solution was prepared by adding 0.01 gram compound in 5 ml DMSO. Then the three different dilutions of the stock solution were prepared to get different concentration of chemical compound. These dilutions were used

to check bacterial susceptibility towards the chemical compounds.

#### **Agarwellmethod:-**

- Firstly, prepare bacterial suspension of given samples which are used to check antibacterial activity
- Here, pour plate method is used. 20-25 ml melted agar is sufficient to pour the 15×100mm Petri plates. So 20ml melted agar was inoculated

with 2 ml of previously prepared bacterial suspension. Then it poured in sterilized Petri plates. Allow it to solidify.

- Draw four sectors on the bottom of the plate and label each sector. Keep one as control. Likewise prepares all the Petri plates. Here, four Petri plates were used to check the antibacterial activity of each bacterium by given each chemical compound. One Petri plate is used as control in each set to identify the perfect growth of each bacterium. It gives better statistical results.
- Sterilize the cup borer by dipping it in alcohol followed by flaming (to burn off alcohol). By using the cup borer makes perfect wells in the previously seeded plates in each quadrant.
- Fill each well with previously prepared different dilutions of the chemical compounds by using sterilized pipettes. Take great care so as to avoid overflowing or spilling the chemicals.
- Then incubate all the plates at 37°C for 24 hours. Next day observe the results in terms of zone of inhibition.

#### **RESULT DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSION**

Here, ciprofloxacin is used as control to check antibacterial activity of chemical compounds. All the four organisms which were used in this study, give the zone of inhibition. Gram negative organisms like *E.coli* and *Ps.aeruginosa* give the zone of inhibition between the range of 22mm to 34mm and 20mm to 35mm, respectively. Both

Gram positive organisms, *S.aureus* and *B.subtilis* give the zone of inhibition in the range of 32mm to 38mm and 35mm to 40mm, respectively.

By observing the table 5.1, the interpretation obtained is that *B.subtilis* gives the highest zone of inhibition against the ciprofloxacin and *E.coli* gives the lowest zone of inhibition compared to other three organisms. By studying the figure 5.2 it is concluded that *B.subtilis* gives the highest zone of inhibition.

In LMAC 01 chemical compound, the zone of inhibition is observed in the range of 16mm to 22mm. Gram negative organisms like *E.coli* and *Ps.aeruginosa* give lower zone of inhibition as compared to gram positive bacteria. *B.subtilis* gives the highest zone of inhibition against LMAC 01 chemical compound compared to other three organisms.

As observed in table 5.2 and figure 5.3 and 5.4, the compound LMAC 01 is showing good antibacterial activity against all the four organisms. Hence, chemical compound LMAC 01 is carried out broad spectrum antibacterial activity. It is also concluded that the compound shows dose dependent activity. The zone of inhibition is increased when higher dose is applied as seen in table 5.2. and figure 5.4.

By observing the table 5.3 and figure 5.5, the interpretation obtained is that *Ps. aeruginosa* is not able to show susceptibility towards LMAC 02 chemical compound but the same compound is exhibiting good zone of inhibition in the case of gram positive bacteria. Hence, it can be inferred that compound LMAC 02 is not effective for all gram negative bacteria. As observed in table 4.3, the compound LMAC 02 does not show the dose dependent activity in *S.aureus*. Other two organisms show dose dependent activity. So it is concluded that LMAC 02 compound is not as effective as LMAC 01 compound. Figure 5.6 shows the comparison between LMAC 01 and LMAC 02 compounds with ciprofloxacin.

By observing the table 5.4 and figure 5.7, the interpretation obtained is that the chemical compound LMAC 03 is showing good antibacterial activity against *B. subtilis* and *S. aureus* as the zone of inhibition is observed which is quite large. But the same compound is not exhibiting any zone of inhibition against *E. coli* and *Ps. aeruginosa*. Hence, it can be concluded that LMAC 03 chemical compound is not effective against gram negative bacteria as observed in figure 5.8. So this compound shows narrow spectrum antibacterial activity.

*E. coli* does not give the zone of inhibition against chemical compound LMAC 04 as observed in table 5.5, whereas other three bacteria, *Ps. aeruginosa*, *S. aureus* and *B. subtilis* are susceptible against LMAC 04 chemical compound and give the zone of inhibition between the range of 16mm to 28mm as shown in figure 5.10 and table 5.5. The compound shows dose dependent activity. The zone of inhibition is increased in size as the concentration of dose increases.

By observing the table 5.6 and figures 5.11 and 5.12, the interpretation obtained is that the *B. subtilis*, *S. aureus* and *E. coli* show the susceptibility against chemical compound LMAC 05 but it does not effect the *Ps. aeruginosa*. All the other three organisms give the zone of inhibition between the range of 18mm to 24mm.

Here, *S. aureus* show the highest zone of inhibition. *B. subtilis* does not show dose dependent activity against LMAC 05 compound.

Chemical compound LMAC 06 is effective against both gram positive as well as gram negative organisms as shown in table 5.7 and figures 5.13 and 5.14. Surprisingly, here *Ps. aeruginosa* gives the highest diameter of inhibition. All organisms show dose dependent activity. The zone of inhibition is increased as the concentration of dose increases. So it is concluded that chemical compound LMAC 06 is broad spectrum and used

against both gram positive as well as gram negative.

By checking the table 5.8 and figures 5.15 and 5.16 thoroughly, it is observed that the LMAC 07 chemical gives the nearly same results which are given by chemical compound LMAC 06. Here, *E. coli* gives the highest zone of inhibition. So it is also broad spectrum chemical compound. So after observing all the chemical compounds, it is concluded that LMAC 06 and LMAC 07 are broad spectrum chemical compounds LMAC 03, LMAC 04 and LMAC 05 are narrow spectrum chemical compounds.

Chemical compound LMAC 08 is ineffective against *E. coli*, *S. aureus* and

*B. subtilis* as observed in table 5.9 and figure 5.17. *Ps. aeruginosa* does not give the zone of inhibition against this chemical compound. Here, diameter of zone of inhibition is smaller as compared to previous compounds. By observing the table

5.9 and figures 5.19 and 5.20, the interpretation obtained is that the all four organisms show the susceptibility against LMAC 09 compound. In the chemical compound LMAC 09, the zone of inhibition observed between the range of 15mm to 20mm which is very small compared to other chemical compounds. So it is concluded that LMAC 09 compound is effective against both gram positive and gram negative bacteria.

The chemical compound LMAC 10 is not able to resist *Ps. aeruginosa*. Other than *Ps. aeruginosa*, all the organisms give the zone of inhibition against LMAC 10 compound between the range of 12mm to 18mm which is very small as shown in the table 5.11 and figure 5.21 and 5.22.

So after observing all the tables and figures, it is concluded that in the most of the observations

gram positive bacteria like *Bacillus subtilis* and *Staphylococcus aureus* are able to give the zone of inhibition against the chemical compounds. But gram negative bacteria like *Escherichia coli* and *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* are do not able to give the zone of inhibition against many antibacterial agents. So some are broad spectrum and some are narrow spectrum antibacterial agents.

VI. Summary: Here, agar well method was used to check antibacterial activity of different chemically synthesized compounds and broth dilution method was used to check Minimum Inhibitory Concentration. For that two gram positive bacterial strains like *B. subtilis* and *S. aureus* and two gram negative bacterial strains like *Escherichia coli* and *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* were used to check their susceptibility against chemical compounds. As control, ciprofloxacin drug was used. Stock solution was prepared from chemical compounds and then to lower down the concentration and for getting different concentration, dilutions of stock solution was prepared. Then there was preparation of result tables and graphs to compare the chemical compounds with each other and with ciprofloxacin which was used as control.

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Authors do not have conflict of interest.

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**TableNo.3.1:-Results of MIC**

DATE	CHEMICAL COMPOUNDS	<i>E.coli</i>	<i>Ps.aeruginosa</i>	<i>S.aureus</i>	<i>B.subtilis</i>
30/5/19 to	<b>LMAC01</b>	10µg	22µg	5 µg	5 µg
1/6/19to	<b>LMAC02</b>	10µg	-	15µg	10µg
4/6/19	<b>LMAC03</b>	-	-	20µg	10µg
5/6/19	<b>LMAC04</b>	-	20µg	10µg	5 µg
6/6/19	<b>LMAC05</b>	15µg	-	10µg	10µg
7/6/19	<b>LMAC06</b>	15µg	10µg	13µg	5 µg
8/6/19	<b>LMAC07</b>	15µg	5 µg	10µg	5 µg
9/6/19	<b>LMAC09</b>	10µg	20µg	20µg	10µg
10/6/19	<b>LMAC10</b>	10µg	-	20µg	10µg

**TableNo.5.1:-Results of antibacterial activity of ciprofloxacin which is used as control.**

DATE	ORGANISM	CHEMICAL COMPOUND	CONCENTRATIONS OF CHEMICAL COMPOUNDS	NEXT DAY OBSERVATION (DIAMETER OF ZONE OF INHIBITION)
28/5/19	<i>E.coli</i>	Ciprofloxacin	20µg	20µg=23.6mm
			50µg100µg	50µg = 26.6mm100µg=33.4mm
28/5/19	<i>Ps.aeruginosa</i>	Ciprofloxacin	20µg	20µg=20mm
			50µg100µg	50µg = 26mm100µg=34.8mm
28/5/19	<i>S.aureus</i>	Ciprofloxacin	20µg	20µg=33.6mm
			50µg100µg	50µg = 35mm100µg=37mm
28/5/19	<i>B.subtilis</i>	Ciprofloxacin	20µg	20µg=36.6mm
			50µg100µg	50µg = 38.2mm100µg=39.8mm





