

## “Click Chemistry” Inspired Synthesis and Antimicrobial Evaluation of 1,2,4-triazolo[4,3-*a*]pyridine linked 1,4-disubstituted 1,2,3-triazole Derivatives with Amide Functionalities

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**ABSTRACT** In an attempt to rationalize the search for new potential antimicrobial agents, a new series of 1,2,4-triazolo[4,3-*a*]pyridine linked 1,4-disubstituted 1,2,3-triazoles with amide linkage has been synthesized by the cyclization of 1,2,4-triazolo[4,3-*a*]pyridine-based alkynes and 2-azido *N*-phenylacetamide in the presence of CuSO<sub>4</sub> as catalyst through “Click Chemistry” approach. The newly synthesized scaffolds have been evaluated for their antimicrobial potential using eight microbial strains such as *Escherichia coli*, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, *Enterobacter aerogenes*, *Bacillus megaterium*, *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Bacillus subtilis*, *Aspergillus Niger*, and *Aspergillus flavus*. Results revealed that all synthesized scaffolds displayed superior activities than the standard drugs against various microbial strains. The synthesized compounds showed potential antimicrobial activity against Gram-positive, Gram-negative bacteria, and fungi.

**KEYWORDS** Antimicrobial activity, Click chemistry, Microwave irradiation, 1,4-Disubstituted 1,2,3-triazoles, 1,2,4-Triazolo[4,3-*a*]pyridine.

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### INTRODUCTION

Microbial resistance is a threat to the health defense, it might turn into a next worldwide health emergency if serious and required actions are not taken to stop the microbial resistance.<sup>[1,2]</sup> To get control of this worse situation, the development of microbial drugs with novel method of action is extremely preferred. Scientists are using a variety of proposal to develop antimicrobial drugs for saving human life from the health emergencies of future and molecular hybridization approach is evolved as a main potential method to achieve this target.<sup>[3,4]</sup>

At present, the synthesis of nitrogen-containing heterocycles is significant in the fields of medicinal chemistry<sup>[5]</sup> and industrial chemistry.<sup>[6]</sup> Several reports found that fusing of triazole and pyridine rings is a good way to develop highly active compounds, such as antifungal<sup>[7,8]</sup> and antibacterial activity.<sup>[9]</sup>

The conjugation of functional molecules throughout 1,2,3-triazole has established great interest in drug design and discovery.<sup>[10,11]</sup> The formation of 1,2,3-triazole compounds through a Cu(I)-catalyzed alkyne azide 1,3-dipolar cycloaddition (CuAAC) reaction, frequently referred as click chemistry, is extensively used for the rapid assembly of heterocyclic molecules that may be later used as lead compound in drug development.<sup>[12]</sup> A wide range of biological activities such as antitubercular,<sup>[13]</sup> antifungal,<sup>[14]</sup> antioxidant,<sup>[15]</sup> antibacterial,<sup>[16]</sup> and anti-prostate cancer agent<sup>[17]</sup> are exhibited by 1,2,3-triazole based molecules.

Some 1,2,3-triazole-moiety containing molecules are accessible in the market or in clinical trials. Several of the 1,2,3-triazoles moiety-based potential pharmaceuticals include Rufinamide, Carboxyamidotriazole, tert-butylidimethylsilylspiroaminooxathioledioxide (TSAO), Tazobactam, Cefatrizine, and I-A09 [Figure 1].

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