



## Synthesis, Characterization and Antibacterial Evaluation of some Novel Benzimidazole Derivatives Containing 1,3,4-thiadiazole moiety.

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### ABSTRACT

A series of novel 5-amino-1,3,4-thiadiazole-2-thiol and 1,3,4-thiadiazole-2,5-dithiol derivatives of benzimidazole were synthesized through nucleophilic substitution reaction of 5-substituted-2-(chloromethyl)-1H-benzimidazole, structures of the synthesized compounds were proved by spectral methods of analysis ( FT-IR, <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR ). All the target compounds were screened for their antibacterial activity toward gram-negative (*E.coli*, *P. aeruginosa*) and Gram-positive (*B. subtilis*, *S. aureus*) bacteria, most of the synthesized derivatives exhibited good to moderate activity toward both Gram-positive (*B. subtilis*, *S. aureus*) and Gram-negative (*E.coli*, *P. aeruginosa*) bacteria.

**Keywords:** Benzimidazole, Bis benzimidazole, 1,3,4-thiadiazole, Antibacterial activity.

### INTRODUCTION

The benzimidazole nucleus consider one of the most significant and important N-containing fused organic compounds in a large number of synthetic pharmaceutical materials and natural products.<sup>1,2</sup> Benzimidazole ring count a significant heterocyclic pharmacophore in the drug discovery, these compounds which carrying diverse substituents in the structure of benzimidazole are associated with a wide range of biological activities including: antifungal,<sup>3,4,5</sup> anticancer,<sup>6,7,8</sup> anti-inflammatory,<sup>9,10</sup> antioxidant,<sup>11,12,13</sup> anti-bacterial,<sup>14,15,16,17</sup> anti-viral,<sup>18,19</sup> anticoagulant,<sup>20</sup> and anti-hypertensive properties.<sup>21</sup>

Despite of many attempts to develop and discover new structural type in the search for great and more effective antimicrobials, benzimidazoles still consider as one of the most versatile and significant type of compounds against microbes.<sup>22,23</sup>

The benzimidazole containing compounds as a structural motif have been widely used in medicinal chemistry and drugs development. Amongst the benzimidazole derivatives 2-chloromethyl benzimidazole show a considerable importance in biological chemistry, they are important intermediates in the synthesis of many biologically active compounds.<sup>24</sup>

Designing new compounds in order to deal with resistant bacteria has become one of the most significant and great areas of antibacterial research today. Because the resistance of pathogenic bacteria toward common and available antimicrobial drugs is quickly becoming a major worldwide problem. So the discovery of new and potent antibacterial agent is more challenging in current years.<sup>25</sup>

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

Melting points were determined using stuart smp3 apparatus and are uncorrected, FT-IR spectra were recorded on shimadzu FT-IR spectrophotometer, <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectra were recorded on brucker 300 MHz spectrophotometer using (DMSO) as a solvent and TMS as internal reference. The compounds were checked for their purity on silica gel TLC plates and the visualization of spots performed by using UV light.

### General method for the Synthesis of 5 substituted-2-(chloromethyl)-1H-benzimidazole 1(a-d)<sup>15, 26, 27</sup>

A mixture of 4-(un)substituted-o phenylenediamine (0.05 mole) and chloroacetic acid (0.05 mole) was dissolved in ( 25 ml) 4N HCl and refluxed for 4hrs. The completion of the reaction was checked by using T.L.C (mobile phase:ethyl acetate: hexane 2:1). The reaction mixture was allowed to cool down and neutralized with ammonium hydroxide solution, the precipitate appeared was dried and recrystallized from (methanol/water).

#### 2-(chloromethyl)-1H-benzimidazole (1a):

yellow crystals, m.p: 147-150°C, IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): N-H<sub>str</sub> (3133), aromatic C-H<sub>str</sub> (3050), aliphatic C-H<sub>str</sub> (2900, 2846), C=N<sub>str</sub> (1625), aromatic C=C<sub>str</sub> (1520, 1446), C-Cl<sub>str</sub> (640), Yield: 93%.

#### 2-(chloromethyl)-5-methyl-1H-benzimidazole (1b):

Dark brown crystals, m.p:130-134°C, IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): N-H<sub>str</sub> (3147), aromatic C-H<sub>str</sub> (3045), aliphatic C-H<sub>str</sub> (2919, 2850), C=N<sub>str</sub> (1622), aromatic C=C<sub>str</sub> (1522, 1447), C-Cl<sub>str</sub> (646), yield: 90%.

#### 2-(chloromethyl)-1H-benzimidazole-5carboxylic acid (1c):

Brown crystals, m.p: 290-293°C, IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): N-H<sub>str</sub> (3379), OH<sub>str</sub> (2600-3350), aromatic

C-H<sub>str</sub> (3040), aliphatic C-H<sub>str</sub> (2966, 2806), C=O<sub>str</sub> (1681), C=N<sub>str</sub> (1614), aromatic C=C<sub>str</sub> (1425-1573), C-Cl<sub>str</sub> (675), yield: 88%.

#### 2-(chloromethyl)-5-nitro-1H-benzimidazole (1d):

Dark yellow crystals, m.p:168-170 °C, IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): N-H<sub>str</sub> (3259), aromatic C-H<sub>str</sub> (3028), aliphatic C-H<sub>str</sub> (2980, 2800), C=N<sub>str</sub> (1624), C=C<sub>str</sub> (1446, 1471), NO<sub>2str</sub> (1334, 1508), C-Cl<sub>str</sub> (690), yield: 85%.

### Synthesis of 5-amino-1,3,4-thiadiazole-2-thiol (2)<sup>28</sup>

A mixture of (4 g, 0.04 mole) of thiosemicarbazide and (4.66g, 0.04 mole) of anhydrous sodium carbonate were dissolved in 50 ml of absolute ethanol. (6.4 g, 0.08 mole) of carbon disulfide was then added to this solution. The resulting mixture was then refluxed for 11 h, subsequently the reaction mixture was allowed to cool down at room temperature. Most of solvent was distilled off under reduced pressure and the residue was dissolved in 40 mL of distilled water and then carefully acidified with cold conc. Hydrochloric acid to give pale yellow precipitate. The product was then filtered and washed with cold water, then recrystallized from hot water, T.L.C (mobile phase: ethyl acetate: hexane 2:1 ). m.p: 232-234°C, IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): N-H<sub>str</sub> (3399, 3279), S-H<sub>str</sub> (2529), C=N<sub>str</sub> (1601), C=S<sub>str</sub> (1363), C-S<sub>str</sub> (670), yield 83%.

### General method for the Synthesis of compounds 3(a-d)<sup>29</sup>

5-amino-1,3,4-thiadiazole-2-thiol (2) (5 mmole) and fused sodium acetate (5 mmole) were added To the solution of compound (3) (5 mmole) in absolute ethanol (35 ml), the mixture was refluxed for 12 h, the reaction completion was checked by using T.L.C (mobile phase: ethyl acetate: hexane 2:1), then the reaction mixture was cooled and the precipitate was collected by filtration and dried.

#### 5-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-yl-methyl)sulfanyl]-1,3,4-thiadiazol-2-amine (3a):

Yellow-brown crystals, m.p: 196-198°C, IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): NH<sub>2str</sub> (3252), aromatic C-H<sub>str</sub> (3085), aliphatic C-H<sub>str</sub> (2954, 2918), C=N<sub>str</sub> (1622), aromatic C=C<sub>str</sub> (1526, 1434), C-S<sub>str</sub> (671), yield 53%.

#### 5-[(5-methyl-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl) methyl]sulfanyl]-1,3,4-thiadiazol-2-amine (3b):

Brown crystals, m.p: >350°C, IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): NH<sub>2str</sub> (3342, 3264), N-H<sub>str</sub> (3133), aromatic C-H<sub>str</sub>

(3080), aliphatic C-H<sub>str</sub> (2972, 2918), C=N<sub>str</sub> (1610), aromatic C=C<sub>str</sub> (1556, 1449), C-S<sub>str</sub> (621), yield 47%.

### 2-[[5-amino-1,3,4-thiadiazol-2-yl) sulfanyl] methyl]-1H-benzimidazole-5-carboxylic acid (3c):

Brown crystals, m.p: 240 dec. °C, IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): OH<sub>str</sub> (2800-3550), NH<sub>2 str</sub> (3442, 3265), N-H<sub>str</sub> (3147), aromatic C-H<sub>str</sub> (3051), aliphatic C-H<sub>str</sub> (2941, 2864), C=O<sub>str</sub> (1697), C=N<sub>str</sub> (1616), aromatic C=C<sub>str</sub> (1571, 1512, 1421), C-S<sub>str</sub> (671). <sup>1</sup>HNMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ ppm: 3.9 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.4 (s, 1H, N-H), 4.58 (s, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub>), 7.6 – 8.1 (m, 3H, Ar-H), 12.9 (s, 1H, OH), yield 45%.

### 5-[[5-nitro-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl) methyl] sulfanyl]-1,3,4-thiadiazol-2-amine (3d):

Light brown crystals, m.p: 214°C, IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): NH<sub>2 str</sub> (3406, 3284), N-H<sub>str</sub> (3107), aromatic C-H<sub>str</sub> (3057), aliphatic C-H<sub>str</sub> (2968, 2800), C=N<sub>str</sub> (1627), aromatic C=C<sub>str</sub> (1537, 1469), NO<sub>2str</sub> (1338, 1514), C-S<sub>str</sub> (640), <sup>1</sup>HNMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ ppm: 3.37 (s, 1H, N-H), 4.3 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 7 (s, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub>), 7.6-8.1 (m, 3H, Ar-H), yield 90%.

### Synthesis of 1,3,4-thiadiazole-2,5-dithiol (4)<sup>30</sup>

A mixture of carbon disulfide (0.04 mole, 30 mL) and hydrazine hydrate 80% (0.04 mole, 10 mL) with pyridine (100 mL) was heated under reflux for 5 hours. Then excess solvent was distilled off and the solid obtained was separated by adding (50 mL) of water and (10 mL) of hydrochloric acid. The precipitate was then filtered, dried and recrystallized

from ethanol. T.L.C (mobile phase: ethyl acetate: hexane 2:1). Yellow crystals, m.p:163-166°C, IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): N-H<sub>str</sub> (3055), S-H<sub>str</sub> (2732), C=N<sub>str</sub> (1622), C=S<sub>str</sub> (1266), C-S<sub>str</sub> (677), yield 85%.

### General methods for the synthesis of compounds 5(a-d)<sup>29</sup>

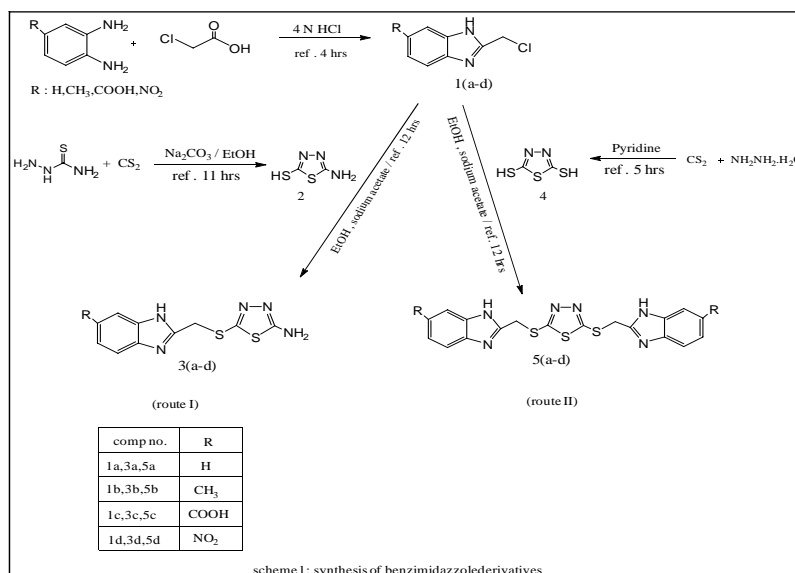
To the solution of compounds (1) (0.02mole ) in absolute ethanol(60 ml) the 1,3,4-thiadiazole-2,5-dithiol (4) (0.01 mole) and fused sodium acetate (0.02 mole) were added and the mixture was refluxed for 12 hrs, after completion of the reaction which was checked by T.L.C (mobile phase: ethyl acetate: hexane 2:1) the mixture was allowed to cool down and cooled in ice bath, the product was collected by filtration and dried.

### 2,2'-[1,3,4-thiadiazole-2,5-diylbis (sulfaneyl Imethaneyl)]bis(1H-benzimidazole) (5a):

Yellow-brown crystals, m.p: 218-220 dec.°C, IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): N- H<sub>str</sub> (3420), aromatic C-H<sub>str</sub> (3100), aliphatic C-H<sub>str</sub> (2978, 2930), C=N<sub>str</sub> (1622), aromatic C=C<sub>str</sub> (1526, 1437), C-S<sub>str</sub> (746), <sup>1</sup>HNMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ ppm: 3.4 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.8 (s, 1H, N-H), 7.1-7.7 (m, 8H, Ar-H) yield 47%.

### 2,2'-[1,3,4-thiadiazole-2,5-diylbis (sulfaneyl Imethaneyl)] bis(5-methyl-1H-benzimidazole) (5b):

Light brown crystals, m.p: >300 °C, IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): N- H<sub>str</sub> (3417), aromatic C-H<sub>str</sub> (3072), aliphatic C-H<sub>str</sub> (2976), C=N<sub>str</sub> (1637), aromatic C=C<sub>str</sub> (1618, 1562), C-S<sub>str</sub> (619), yield 44%.



**2,2'-[1,3,4-thiadiazole-2,5-diylbis (sulfaneylmethanediy)]bis(1*H*-benzimidazole-5-carboxylic acid) (5c):**

Light green. M.p: 284-285°C, IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): N-H<sub>str</sub> (3431), OH<sub>str</sub> (2500-3600), aromatic C-H<sub>str</sub> (3074), aliphatic C-H<sub>str</sub> (2974, 2889, 2804), C=O<sub>str</sub> (1699), C=N<sub>str</sub> (1631), aromatic C=C<sub>str</sub> (1616, 1564), C-S<sub>str</sub> (769), <sup>1</sup>HNMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ ppm: 5.09 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 5.3 (s, 1H, N-H), and 7.69-8.3 (m, 6H, Ar-H). <sup>13</sup>CNMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ ppm: 29.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 114.3, 116.2, 124.5, 126.7, 134.1, 137.1 (Ar-C), 152.1 (C=N of benzimidazole), 164.3 (C=N of thiadiazole), 167.2 (C=O), yield 73%.

**2,2'-[1,3,4-thiadiazole-2,5-diylbis (sulfaneylmethanediy)]bis(5-nitro-1*H*-benzimidazole) (5d):**

Light brown crystals, m.p: 165°C. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): N-H<sub>str</sub> (3419), aromatic C-H<sub>str</sub> (3099), aliphatic C-H<sub>str</sub> (2974, 2918), C=N<sub>str</sub> (1627), aromatic C=C<sub>str</sub> (1597, 1471), NO<sub>2str</sub> (1346, 1519), C-S<sub>str</sub> (738), <sup>1</sup>HNMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ ppm: δ 3.6 (s, 1H, N-H), δ 5.0 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), and δ 7.6-8.4 (m, 6H, Ar-H). <sup>13</sup>CNMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ ppm: 31.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 104.7, 108, 116.1, 117.9, 118.2, 129.4 (Ar-C), 142.6 (C=N of benzimidazole), 164.5 (C=N of thiadiazole). Yield 78%.

**RESULT AND DISCUSSION**

The reaction sequence for various title compounds is summarized in (scheme 1). The

starting material 5-substituted-2-(chloromethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazole 1(a-d) was synthesized according to a reported procedure through the reaction of 4-(un)substituted-*o*-phenylenediamine with chloroacetic acid.<sup>15,26,27</sup> Structure of compounds 1(a-d) was confirmed by comparison of its physical and spectral data with the reported ones,<sup>26,27,31</sup> nucleophilic substitution reaction of compound 1(a-d) with 5-amino-1,3,4-thiadiazole-2-thiol (2) yielded 5-[[5-substituted-1*H*-benzimidazol-2-yl)methyl]sulfanyl]-1,3,4-thiadiazol-2-amine 3(a-d) (route I), the structure of compounds 3(a-d) was confirmed by its IR, <sup>1</sup>H-NMR, the IR spectra of the compound (3c) exhibited a broad band at (2800-3550 cm<sup>-1</sup> for carboxylic OH), (3442, 3265 cm<sup>-1</sup> for NH<sub>2</sub>), (3147 cm<sup>-1</sup> for benzimidazole N-H), (1697 cm<sup>-1</sup> for C=O) and band at (671 cm<sup>-1</sup> for C-S). <sup>1</sup>HNMR spectra showed the following chemical shifts at: δ 3.9 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), δ 4.4 (s, 1H, N-H), δ 4.58 (s, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub>), δ 7.6-8.1 (m, 3H, Ar-H), and weak signal at δ 12.9 for carboxylic OH, and the IR spectra of the compound (3d) exhibited the following bands: (3406, 3284 cm<sup>-1</sup>) for NH<sub>2</sub>, (3107 cm<sup>-1</sup>) for benzimidazole N-H, and two peaks at (1338, 1323 cm<sup>-1</sup>) corresponding for NO<sub>2</sub> group, whereas the <sup>1</sup>HNMR spectra for this compound revealed the following peaks: δ 3.37 (s, 1H, N-H), δ 4.3 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), δ 7 (s, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub>), and multiplet signals at δ (7.6-8.1) corresponding for aromatic protons.

**Table 1: Physical properties of the compounds**

Compound no.	R	m.p (°C)	M.wt(g/mole)	Mol.Formula	Color	Yield %
1a	H	147-150	166.61	C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>7</sub> ClN <sub>2</sub>	yellow	93%
1b	CH <sub>3</sub>	130-134	180.64	C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>9</sub> ClN <sub>2</sub>	dark brown	90%
1c	COOH	290-293	210.62	C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>7</sub> ClN <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	brown	88%
1d	NO <sub>2</sub>	168-170	211.61	C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>6</sub> ClN <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	dark yellow	85%
2		232-234	133.19	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>3</sub> N <sub>3</sub> S <sub>2</sub>	pale yellow	83%
3a	H	196-198	263.34	C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>9</sub> N <sub>5</sub> S <sub>2</sub>	yellow-brown	53%
3b	CH <sub>3</sub>	>350	277.36	C <sub>11</sub> H <sub>11</sub> N <sub>5</sub> S <sub>2</sub>	brown	47%
3c	COOH	240 dec.	307.35	C <sub>11</sub> H <sub>9</sub> N <sub>5</sub> S <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	brown	45%
3d	NO <sub>2</sub>	214	308.33	C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>8</sub> N <sub>6</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub>	light brown	90%
4		163-166	150.23	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub> N <sub>2</sub> S <sub>3</sub>	yellow	85%
5a	H	218-220	410.53	C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>14</sub> N <sub>6</sub> S <sub>3</sub>	yellow-brown	47%
5b	CH <sub>3</sub>	>300	438.59	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>18</sub> N <sub>6</sub> S <sub>3</sub>	light brown	44%
5c	COOH	284-285	498.55	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>14</sub> N <sub>6</sub> O <sub>4</sub> S <sub>3</sub>	light green	73%
5d	NO <sub>2</sub>	165	500.53	C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>12</sub> N <sub>8</sub> O <sub>4</sub> S <sub>3</sub>	light brown	78 %

dec. : decomposed

The ( route II ) also included nucleophilic substitution reaction of compound 1 (a-d) with 1,3,4-thiadiazole-2,5-dithiol (4) yielded 2,2'-[1,3,4-thiadiazole-2,5-diylbis (sulfanediyl methanediyl)] bis(5-substituted-1H-benzimidazole) 5(a-d), The structure of compounds 5(a-d) was confirmed by its IR, <sup>1</sup>H-NMR and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR, The IR spectra of the compound (5c) showed a broad band at 2500-3600 cm<sup>-1</sup> for carboxylic OH group, 3431 cm<sup>-1</sup> for benzimidazole N-H, 1699 cm<sup>-1</sup> for C=O group, 1631 cm<sup>-1</sup> for C=N group, and band at 769 cm<sup>-1</sup> for C-S group. Whereas the <sup>1</sup>HNMR spectra exhibited the following chemical shifts: δ 5.09 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), δ 5.3 (s, 1H, N-H), and δ 7.69-8.3 (m, 6H, Ar-H). The signals in <sup>13</sup>CNMR was appeared at around: δ 29.5 accounted for the methylene group (-CH<sub>2</sub>-), signals at (114.3, 116.2, 124.5, 126.7, 134.1, 137.1) could be for benzene ring, also <sup>13</sup>CNMR spectra showed signal about 152.1 and 164.3 for (-C=N) of benzimidazole and thiadiazole ring respectively, whereas signal at 167.2 accounted for (-C=O) group.

The IR spectra for the compound (5d) found have the following bands: 3419 cm<sup>-1</sup> for N-H group , 1627 cm<sup>-1</sup> for C=N group, and two bands observed at (1346, 1315 cm<sup>-1</sup>) accounted for NO<sub>2</sub>

group. The <sup>1</sup>HNMR spectra showed the chemical shifts: δ 3.6 (s, 1H, N-H), δ 5.0 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), and peaks at δ 7.6-8.4 (m, 6H, Ar-H). <sup>13</sup>CNMR spectra result for this compound found in full agreement with its assigned structures. Beginning with signal appeared at about δ 31.0 corresponding for the methylene group (-CH<sub>2</sub>-), signals of benzene ring appeared at about δ (104.7, 108, 116.1, 117.9, 118.2, 129.4) where as the chemical shifts at about 142.6 and 164.5 related to benzimidazole and thiadiazole (-C=N ) group respectively. The purity of the synthesized compounds was monitored by TLC. Physical properties of the synthesized compounds are shown in Table 1.

#### Antibacterial evaluation

Some of the newly synthesized compounds were tested for their *in-vitro* antibacterial activities against Gram-negative including (*Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, *Escherichia coli*) and gram-positive including (*Staphylococcus aureus*, *Bacillus subtilis*) bacteria by disc diffusion method, the concentration of the compounds used were (10 mg/mL and 100 mg/ml ). Inhibition zones were measured in millimeters and compared with (Ampicillin and ciprofloxacin) as a standard antibiotics references. The results are illustrated in ( Table 2) which

**Table. 2 : Antibacterial activity of the synthesized compounds**

Compound no.	Concentration (mg / ml)	Zone of inhibition ( in mm)			
		Gram-positive		Gram-negative	
		<i>S. aureus</i>	<i>B. subtilis</i>	<i>P. aeruginosa</i>	<i>E. coli</i>
3a	10	12	18	12	24
	100	14	17	-	25
3b	10	-	-	-	-
	100	11	12	-	-
3c	10	-	-	12	12
	100	22	23	18	19
3d	10	12	19	11	22
	100	12	18	-	20
5a	10	-	15	-	12
	100	-	-	-	-
5b	10	-	14	-	-
	100	12	15	-	-
5c	10	11	13	12	14
	100	30	30	15	22
5d	10	-	11	-	15
	100	-	-	-	-
Ampicillin		22	23	-	10
ciprofloxacin		19	23	29	-
DMSO solvent		0	0	0	0

demonstrates that most of compounds tested for their antibacterial activity exhibited good to moderate activities. Amongst all compounds tested (3a, 3c, 3d, 5c) showed good to moderate activity against all types of bacteria used.

### CONCLUSION

Benzimidazole derivatives containing 5-amino-1,3,4-thiadiazole-2-thiol and 1,3,4-thiadiazole-2,5-dithiol were synthesized by nucleophilic substitution reaction of 5-substituted-2-(chloromethyl)-1H-benzimidazole. The pharma-

cological study was performed to determine the effects of substituent on the antibacterial activity, most of the derivatives showed good to moderate activity toward Gram-negative (*E.coli*, *P.aeruginosa*) and Gram-positive (*B. subtilis*, *S. aureus*) bacteria.

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