

Design, Synthesis, and antimicrobial evaluation of imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-triazole hybrids through click chemistry and Suzuki-Miyaura cross-coupling

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ABSTRACT A novel series of 2-(4-((4-(6-nitroimidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-2-yl)phenoxy)methyl)-1*H*-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)-*N*-substituted phenyl acetamide (**7a-e**) derivatives were synthesized and evaluated for their antimicrobial activities. The synthetic approach involved a multi-step reaction sequence, including the preparation of key intermediates and final triazole-linked Imidazopyridine derivatives. The structural elucidation of synthesized compounds was carried out using spectroscopic techniques such as infrared, proton nuclear magnetic resonance, carbon-13 nuclear magnetic resonance, and mass spectrometry. The antimicrobial potential of the synthesized derivatives was assessed against a panel of Gram-positive and Gram-negative bacterial strains as well as fungal pathogens. Among the synthesized compounds, **7c** (Minimum inhibitory concentration [MIC]:6.25 µg/mL) and **7e** (MIC:18.75 µg/mL) exhibited significant antibacterial activity. The results suggest that electronic effects of substituents and fluorine incorporation play a crucial role in enhancing biological activity. These findings indicate that imidazopyridine-triazole hybrids can serve as potential candidates for the development of new antimicrobial agents.

KEYWORDS Click chemistry, Palladium-catalyzed cross-coupling, Biological activity

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