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Synthesis, characterization, molecular docking study and antimicrobial activity of new 1,3,4-oxadiazoles bearing isomeric pyridyl and thiazolyl scaffolds

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In search of new antimicrobial agents, herein is reported a series new isomeric 2-pyridinyl substituted thiazolyl-5-aryl-1,3,4-oxadiazoles **2a-4g**, using pyridine nitriles as starting compounds, following multistep synthetic route. An intermediate, pyridinyl substituted thiazolyl acid hydrazide when condensed with different *para*-substituted benzoic acids in the presence of POCl₃ yields better to excellent yields of the title compounds. All the synthesized compounds **2a-4g** have been screened for their *in vitro* antimicrobial activity. Amongst them, 3-pyridinyl and 4-pyridinyl derivatives are found to be more active than 2-pyridinyl derivatives.

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