# Amino Acids in the Syntheses of Heterocyclic Systems: Syntheses and Radiostability of Novel Biologically Active Triazoles Containing the Sulfonamide Moiety

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ABSTRACT: A number of novel triazoles 2a–f, 4, 9, 10, 12, 15; triazolothiadiazoles 6, 8, 11, 16; triazolothiadiazine 5; and triazolotriazine 14 were synthesized and characterized by elemental analyses and spectral data. Six of the compounds showed antifungal activity compared with the fungicide Mycostatine. Radiosterilization of the biologically active compounds 4, 8, 9b, and 10 in the dry state may prove to be applicable at the sterile dose 25 kGy. © 2002 Wiley Periodicals, Inc. Heteroatom Chem 13:316–323, 2002; Published online in Wiley Interscience (www.interscience.wiley.com). DOI 10.1002/hc.10037

## INTRODUCTION

The triazole ring system has important and versatile biological activities [1–5]. On the other hand, triazolothiadiazole, thiadiazine, triazine, and sulfonamide derivatives are well known as antifungal agents [6–9]. In view of these findings, we undertook the synthesis of a new series of compounds incorporating the above mentioned biologically active moieties in one molecule and evaluated their antifungal activity. The application of radiation in pharmaceuticals technology has steadily increased during the past few years [10,11]. In the 1997 edition of the European pharmacopoeia, under the methods of preparation of sterile products, irradiation is one of only three processes that can be used as a terminal sterilization method. Also, considerable interest has developed regarding the radiation sensitivity of various antibiotics [12,13] and recently synthesized biologically active compounds [14,15]. Generally, data of these compounds indicate that even at a dose of 25 kGy the radiosterilization may be feasible [16,17].

## CHEMISTRY

Several compounds were designed with the aim of exploring their antifungal activity (Schemes 1–4). The starting materials **1a–f** were prepared by reaction of the appropriate sulfonyl chloride derivatives with amino acids in the presence of sodium hydroxide solution (10%), with subsequent acidification [18]. The *s*-triazolosulfonamide derivatives **2a–f** were obtained in good yields by fusion of the

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#### SCHEME 1

respective compounds **1a–f** with thiocarbohydrazide in an oil bath at 180°C (Scheme 1).

The structures of compounds 2a-f were confirmed on the basis of elemental analyses and spectral data. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **2a** in DMSO- $d_6$  exhibited  $\delta = 2.4$  (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.0 (d, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 5.4 (s, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub>), 7.2–7.8 (m, 4H, Ar-H), 8.3 (br, 1H, SO<sub>2</sub>NH), 13.4 (s, 1H, NH). MS of 2a (m/z): 284 (M-15, 16.80%), 91 (100%), 149 (15.20%), 105 (13.50%), 59 (20.0%). IR spectrum of **2b** showed bands at 3390, 3330, 3200 (NH, NH<sub>2</sub>), 3100 (CH aromatic), 2970 (CH aliphatic), 1650 (C=N), 1320 (C=S). <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **2b** in DMSO- $d_6$  exhibited  $\delta = 1.3$  (d, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.3 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub> tolyl), 4.5 (q, 1H, CH), 5.4 (s, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub>), 7.2–7.8 (m, 4H, Ar-H), 8.6 (br, 1H, SO<sub>2</sub>NH), 13.4 (s, 1H, NH). IR spectrum of 2d showed bands at 3400, 3300, 3150 (NH, NH<sub>2</sub>), 3100 (CH aromatic.), 2900 (CH aliphatic), 1590 (C=N). <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **2d** in DMSO- $d_6$  exhibited  $\delta = 4.2$  (d, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 5.5 (s, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub>), 7.6–8.0 (m, 3H, Ar-H), 8.8 (s, 1H, SO<sub>2</sub>NH), 13.6 (s, 1H, NH). MS of 2d (m/z): 353 (M<sup>+</sup>, 38.2%), 145 (100%), 209 (34.0%), 163 (17.0%), 144 (72.20), 73 (32.70%), 60 (52.80%). IR spectrum of **2e** showed bands at 3350, 3300, 3200 (NH, NH<sub>2</sub>), 3100 (CH aromatic.), 2950 (CH aliphatic), 1620 (C=N). MS of 2f (m/z): 363 (M<sup>+</sup>, 27.20%), 144 (100%), 219 (10.30%), 158 (3.90%), 74 (9.60%).

The reaction of compound **2d** with acetic anhydride was carried out in a trial for obtaining triazolothiadiazole derivative **3**, but instead the triacetyl derivative 4 was obtained (Scheme 2). The structure of compound **4** was proved by elemental analyses, IR, and <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy. The IR spectrum showed the absence of NH, NH<sub>2</sub> of the triazole ring and the presence of the SO<sub>2</sub>NH moiety at 3150 cm<sup>-1</sup> and 3C=O groups at 1716, 1690, 1670 cm<sup>-1</sup>. The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **4** in DMSO- $d_6$  revealed  $\delta =$ 2.1 (s, 6H, N(COCH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 2.2 (s, 3H, NCOCH<sub>3</sub>), 4.8 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.1-8.0 (m, 3H, Ar-H), 8.9 (s, 1H, SO<sub>2</sub>NH). Reaction of 2d with ethyl chloroacetate furnished the triazolothiadiazine derivative **5**. MS (m/z): 395 (M<sup>+</sup>, 35.71%), 180 (100%), 355 (35.71%), 285 (64.29%), 220 (64.29%), 176 (39.29%), 118 (32.14%), 94 (39.29%), 78 (3.57%). Also, reaction of 2d with benzoyl chloride in pyridine effected cyclization to furnish triazolothiadiazole 6, rather than the benzoylaminotriazole derivative 7, based on the elemental analyses and IR spectrum, which showed the absence of a C=O band and the presence of an NH band at 3460, a CH aliphatic group at 2910, and a C=N group at 1610 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS of 6 (m/z): 439 (M<sup>+</sup>, 1.52%), 73 (100%), 355 (4.66 %), 275 (10.18%), 207 (46.43%), 150 (30.35%), 107 (24.64%), 60 (68.13%).

The triazolothiadiazole derivative **8** was obtained in good yield by the reaction of **2d** with phenyl isothiocyanate in pyridine. The structure of **8** was established by elemental analyses and its IR spectrum, which showed the absence of NH<sub>2</sub> bands and presence of NH at 3150 cm<sup>-1</sup>, and of C=N at 1595 cm<sup>-1</sup>.



#### SCHEME 2

Condensation of **2d** with aromatic aldehydes in glacial acetic acid afforded Schiff bases **9a–c**, while, under condition of fusion, the reaction of **2d** with benzaldehyde caused cyclization to afford the corresponding triazolothiadiazole derivative **6**. The structure of **6** was also confirmed through its synthesis by reaction of **9a** with thionyl chloride (Scheme 3). The<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **9b** in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub> revealed  $\delta = 3.8$  (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 4.3 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.0–7.9 (m, 7H, Ar-H), 8.3 (s, 1H, SO<sub>2</sub>NH), 9.7 (s, 1H, N=CH), 13.9 (s, 1H, NH).

The dicyano derivatives **10** and **11** were obtained in good yields by reaction of compound **2d** with ethoxymethylenemalononitrile and [bis(methylsulfanyl)methylidene]malononitrile, respectively in dimethylformamide. The IR spectrum of **10** showed bands at 3430 (NH), 2925 (CH aliphatic), 2211 (C=N), 1615 (C=N). MS of **10** (m/z): 429 (M<sup>+</sup>, 0.67%), 55 (100%), 368 (4.88%), 327 (3.33%), 257 (8.86%), 152 (17.44%), 111 (41.07%), 73 (53.57%). The IR spectrum of **11** showed bands at 3200 (NH), 3100 (CH aromatic.), 2927 (CH



aliphatic), 2210 (C=N), 1620 cm<sup>-1</sup> (C=N). MS of **11** (m/z): 427 (M<sup>+</sup>, 5.22%), 177 (100%), 386 (18.26%), 354 (36.09%), 284 (48.26%), 193 (37.39%), 148 (15.22%), 106 (80.43%), 62 (45.65%).

Fusion of each thiocarbohydrazide with 2chlorohippuric acid afforded the corresponding triazole derivative **12**, while, with 4-chlorohippuric acid. double cyclization occurred to give the triazolotriazine 14 through the formation of the expected triazole derivative 13 (Scheme 4). The structures of 12 and 14 were established by elemental analyses and by IR, <sup>1</sup>H NMR, and MS spectroscopy. The IR spectrum of 12 showed bands at 3328, 3250, 3182 (NH, NH<sub>2</sub>), 3087 (CH aromatic.), 2947 (CH aliphatic), 1640 (C=O), 1592 (C=N). The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **12** in DMSO- $d_6$  exhibited  $\delta = 4.5$  (d, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 5.6 (s, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub>), 7.4-7.6 (m, 4H, Ar-H), 8.9 (t, 1H, CONH), 9.0 (s, 1H, NH triazole). The IR spectrum of 14 showed the absence of (C=O) and the presence of NH at 3250, the CH aromatic at 3100, the C=N group at 1620, 1595 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS of **14** (*m*/*z*): 265 (M<sup>+</sup>, 0.1%), 131 (100%), 236 (0.7%), 192 (0.1%), 158 (0.31%), 116 (0.74%), 85 (7.76%), 60 (11.25%).

Condensation of **12** with 4-chlorobenzaldehyde in acetic acid furnished the Schiff base **15**, while, under the conditions of fusion, the reaction of **12** with 4-chlorobenzaldehyde effected cyclization to give the corresponding triazolothiadiazole **16**. IR spectrum of compound **15** exhibited bands at 3276 (NH), 3094 (CH aromatic.), 2942 (CH aliphatic), 1640 (C=O), 1590 (C=N). The <sup>1</sup>H NMR of **15** in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub> revealed  $\delta$  = 4.6 (d, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.2–8.0 (m, 8H, Ar-H), 9.0 (t, 1H, CONH), 10.1 (s, 1H, N=CH), 14.0 (s, 1H, NH triazole). The <sup>1</sup>H NMR of compound **16** in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub> showed  $\delta$  = 4.5 (d, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.3–8.1 (m, 8H, Ar-H), 9.0 (t, 1H, CONH).

#### EXPERIMENTAL

All melting points are uncorrected and were determined on an electrothermal STUART melting point apparatus (SCIENTIFIC Co. Ltd, UK). IR spectra (cm<sup>-1</sup>) were recorded on a Pye-Unicam spectrophotometer, type 1200, using the KBr technique. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian EM-390 (90 MHz) spectrometer using TMS as an internal standard, DMSO- $d_6$  as a solvent and chemical shifts were expressed in  $\delta$  values. Mass spectra were run using an HP Model: MS-5988 instrument. Elemental analyses were determined using a Perkin-Elmer 240 (Microanalyses) instrument. The samples were irradiated with gamma radiation (<sup>60</sup>Co) at the National Center for Radiation Research and Technology. Powder samples contained in polycarbonate vials were



irradiated at room temperature. UV spectra were recorded using a ATI Unicam UV–VIS Aurora Scan instrument.

# *General Procedure for Syntheses of Tosyl Amino Acids* (**1a–f**)

The tosyl amino acid derivatives were prepared according to the procedure of McChesney et al. [18], where each amino acid (0.026 mol) was dissolved in 1 N NaOH (25 ml) and in a period of 13 min a solution of *p*-toluenesulphonyl chloride or 2,5-dichlorophenylsulphonyl chloride (0.027 mol) in ether (30 ml) was added in portions. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 3 h. The excess sulphonyl chloride was filtered off and the solution treated with 2 N HCl until acidic to congo red indicator (pH 5). After cooling, acidification caused the product to precipitate. The crude product was filtered off, washed with water, and dried. The crude materials were recrystallized to give **1a–f**.

# General Procedure for Syntheses of s-Triazolosulfonamide Derivatives (**2a–f**)

A mixture of thiocarbohydrazide (1.06 g, 0.01 mol) and different sulfonyl amino acids **1a-f** (0.01 mol) were fused at 180°C in an oil bath for 15 min. After cooling, each reaction mixture was triturated with ethanol to give (4-amino-5-mercapto-s-triazol-3-yl)-methyl-4-tolylsulfonamide (2a), (4-amino-5mercapto-s-triazol-3-yl)-methyl-ethyl-4-tolylsulfonamide (**2b**), (4-amino-5-mercapto-s-triazol-3-yl)methyl-isobutyl-4-tolylsulfonamide (2c), (4-amino-5-mercapto-s-triazol-3-yl)-methyl-methyl-2,5-dichlorobenzenesulfonamide (2d), (4-amino-5-mercaptos-triazol-3-yl)-methyl-ethyl-2,5-dichlorobenzenesulfonamide (2e), and (4-amino-5-mercapto-s-triazol-3-yl)-dimethyl-4-bromobenzenesulfonamide (2f).

## (1-Acetyl-4-diacetylamino-5-thioxo-s-triazol-3-yl)methyl-2,5-dichlorobenzenesulfonamide (**4**)

A solution of 2d (3.5 g, 0.01 mol) in acetic anhydride (20 ml) was heated under reflux for 10 h. After cooling the excess of acetic anhydride was removed under reduced pressure. The obtained solid was recrystallized from acetic acid to give **4**.

# (6-Oxo-5H-s-triazolo[3,4-b][1,3,4]thiadiazin-3-yl)methyl-2,5-dichlorobenzenesulfonamide (**5**)

To a solution of 2d (3.5 g, 0.01 mol) in dioxane (50 ml) and triethylamine (1.01 g, 0.01 mol), ethyl chloroac-

etate (1.22 g, 0.01 mol) was added. The reaction mixture was refluxed for 2 h. The formed product was filtered off, washed with water, dried and recrystallized from ethanol to give **5**.

## (6-Phenyl-s-triazolo[3,4-b][1,3,4]thiadiazol-3-yl)methyl-2,5-dichlorobenzenesulfonamide (6)

Method A: A solution of compound **2d** (3.5 g, 0.01 mol) in dry pyridine (20 ml) and benzoyl chloride (1.40 g, 0.01 mol) was added. The reaction mixture was refluxed for 8 h. After cooling and acidification with dil. HCl, the precipitate was formed and then collected by filtration, washed with water, and recrystallized from dioxane to give **6**.

Method B: A mixture of **2d** (3.5 g, 0.01 mol) and benzaldehyde (1.06 g, 0.01 mol) was fused for 15 min at  $220^{\circ}$ C in an oil bath. After cooling, the reaction mixture was triturated with ethanol to give **6**.

Method C: A solution of 9a (4.41 g, 0.01 mol) in thionyl chloride (10 ml) was refluxed for 1 h and the obtained solid was recrystallized from dioxane to give **6**.

# (Anilino-s-triazolo[3,4-b][1,3,4]thiadiazol-3-yl)methyl-2,5-dichlorobenzenesulfonamide (**8**)

A solution of **2d** (3.5 g, 0.01 mol) and phenyl isothiocyanate (1.35 g, 0.01 mol) in dry pyridine (20 ml) was refluxed until the evolution of  $H_2S$  had ceased (12 h). The reaction mixture was poured into ice-cold water (100 ml). The precipitate was filtered off, dried and recrystallized from ethanol to give **8**.

## (4-Arylideneamino-1H-5-thioxo-s-triazol-3-yl)methyl-2,5-dichlorobenzenesulfonamides (**9a–c**)

A mixture of 2d (3.5 g, 0.01 mol) and benzaldehyde or 4-methoxybenzaldehyde or 4-chlorobenzaldehyde in acetic acid (10 ml) was refluxed for 5 h. The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. The solid product was collected and recrystallized from acetic acid to give **9a–c**.

(4-Aminomethylenemalononitrile-1H-5-thioxos-triazol-3-yl)methyl-2,5-dichlorobenzenesulfonamide (**10**) and (6-dicyanoethylidene-5H-striazolo[3,4-b]thiadiazol-3-yl]methyl-2,5dichlorobenzenesulfonamide (**11**)

A mixture of 2d (3.5 g, 0.01 mol), ethoxymethylenemalononitrile or [bis(methylsulphonyl)methylidine] malononitrile (0.01 mol), and triethylamine (1.01 g, 0.01 mol) in dimethylformamide (20 ml) was

Compound	<i>М.Р. (°С)</i>	Yield (%)	Mol. Formula (Mol. Wt)	Elemental Analysis [Calculated/Found (%)]		
				С	Н	Ν
2a	200–202	80	C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>13</sub> N <sub>5</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub> (299)	40.13	4.35	23.41
				40.00	4.50	23.20
2b	195–197	85	C <sub>11</sub> H <sub>15</sub> N <sub>5</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub> (313)	42.17	4.79	22.36
•				42.40	4.60	22.20
2C	218–220	79	C <sub>13</sub> H <sub>19</sub> N <sub>5</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub> (341)	45.75	5.57	20.53
<b>.</b>		- 4		45.55	5.50	20.70
20	205-207	74	$C_9H_9N_5O_2S_2Cl_2$ (353)	30.59	2.55	19.83
<b>o</b> f		70		30.80	2.50	19.60
21	210-212	70	$C_9H_{10}N_5O_2S_2Br$ (363)	29.75	2.75	19.28
2-	011.010	70		29.60	2.55	19.40
ze	214-216	76	$C_{10}H_{11}N_5O_2S_2O_2$ (367)	32.69	2.99	19.07
	70 70	75		32.80	2.80	19.00
4	70-72	75	$C_{15}H_{15}N_5O_5S_2CI_2$ (479)	37.57	3.13	14.61
F	450 450	70		37.80	3.40	14.30
5	150-152	12	$C_{11}H_9N_5O_3S_2O_2$ (393)	33.58	2.29	17.81
6	> 200	70		33.30	2.00	17.50
0	>300	12	$C_{16}\Pi_{11}\Pi_5 C_2 S_2 C_2 (439)$	43.74	2.01	10.90
Q	00 02	70	$C_{12}$ H $_{12}$ N $_{12}$ $O_{12}$ $S_{12}$ $C_{12}$ (454)	43.40	2.70	18.20
0	90-92	19	$C_{16} I_{12} I_{16} C_2 S_2 C_2 (454)$	42.29	2.04	18.50
9a	260-262	70	$C_{10}H_{10}N_{2}O_{2}S_{2}Cl_{2}$ (441)	42.50	2.00	15.87
54	200-202	15	0161131050202012 (++1)	43.00	2.35	15.07
9b	180-182	82	CazHacNcOoSoClo (471)	43.31	3.18	14.86
0.0	100 102	02	01711151150302012 (111)	43.60	3 40	15.10
90	290-292	88	C16H12N5O2S2Cl2 (475)	40.42	2.53	14 74
	200 202			40.60	2.60	14.60
10	155–157	83	C13H0N7O2S2Cl2 (429)	36.36	2.09	22.84
-			-13 3 7 - 2 - 2 - 2 ( -7	36.00	2.30	22.60
11	120–122	81	C <sub>13</sub> H <sub>7</sub> N <sub>7</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> (427)	36.53	1.63	22.95
				36.20	1.40	22.70
12	210-212	70	C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>10</sub> N <sub>5</sub> OSCI (283)	42.40	3.53	24.73
			10 10 0 ( )	42.20	3.10	24.90
13	205–207	78	C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>8</sub> N <sub>5</sub> SCI (265)	45.28	3.02	26.42
				45.00	3.20	26.20
15	253–255	76	C <sub>17</sub> H <sub>13</sub> N <sub>5</sub> OSCl <sub>2</sub> (405)	50.37	3.20	17.28
				50.10	3.50	17.40
16	280–282	56	C <sub>17</sub> H <sub>13</sub> N <sub>5</sub> OSCl <sub>2</sub> (405)	50.37	3.20	17.28
				50.50	3.40	17.60

TABLE 1 Characterization Data for Newly Synthesized Compounds

refluxed for 10 h. The obtained solid was recrystallized from dioxane to give **10** and **11**, respectively.

(4-Amino-5-mercapto-s-triazol-3-yl)methyl-2chlorobenzenecarboxamide (**12**) and 6-(4'-chlorophenyl)-1,4,7-trihydro-9-thioxo-striazolo-[3,4-b][1,2,4]triazine (**14**)

A mixture of thiocarbohydrazide (1.06 g, 0.01 mol) and 2-chlorohippuric acid or 4-chlorohippuric acid (2.13 g, 0.01 mol) was fused at 180°C in an oil bath for 15 min. After cooling, the reaction mixture was triturated with ethanol and the obtained solid was recrystallized from ethanol to give **12** and **14**, respectively.

#### [4-(4'-Chlorobenzylideneamino)-1H-5-thioxo-striazol-3-yl]methyl-2-chlorobenzenecarboxamide (15)

A mixture of **12** (2.83 g, 0.01 mol) and 4chlorobenzaldehyde (1.40 g, 0.01 mol) in acetic acid (20 ml) was refluxed for 4 h. The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. The solid product was recrystallized from acetic acid to give **15**.

#### [6-(4-Chlorophenyl)-s-triazolo[3,4-b][1,3,4]thiadiazol-3-yl)methyl-2-chlorobenzenecarboxamide (16)

A mixture of **12** (2.83 g, 0.01 mol) and 4-chlorobenzaldehyde (1.40 g, 0.01 mol) was fused at

	Aspergillus ochraceus Wilhelm (AUCC-230)	Aspergillus flavus Link (AUCC-164)	Penicillium chrysogenum Thom (AUCC-530)	Candida albicans (Robin) Berkho (AUCC-1720)
2a	18	18	20	10
2b	24	24	24	24
2c	22	20	20	18
2d	20	22	20	20
2f	34	36	40	40
4	32	34	40	40
6	40	40	40	34
8	24	22	34	35
9b	40	40	35	34
10	34	32	30	24
Mycostatine <sup>a</sup>	40	40	42	40

TABLE 2 Antifungal Activity of Some Newly Synthesized Compounds (Inhibition Zones, mm)

<sup>a</sup>Manufactured by Bristol-Myers Squibb, Giza, Egypt.

220°C in an oil bath for 15 min. After cooling, the reaction mixture was triturated with ethanol to give **16**.

#### ANTIFUNGAL ACTIVITY

Most of the newly synthesized compounds were screened for their antifungal activity against four species of fungi, namely Aspergillus ochraceus Wilhelm (AUCC-230), Aspergillus flavus Link (AUCC-164); Penicillium chrysogenum Thom (AUCC-530), and Candida albicans (Robin) Berkho (AUCC-1720), using a cup plate agar diffusion method [19]. The fungi cultures were maintained on Czapek's Dox agar medium. The tested compounds were dissolved in N,N-dimethylformamide (DMF) to get a solution of 1 mg/ml concentration. The inhibition zones were measured in millimeters at the end of an incubation period of 48 h at 28°C. Dimethylformamide showed no inhibition zones. Mycostatine was used as a standard reference fungicide to evaluate the potency of the tested compounds. The minimal inhibitory concentration (MIC) of the active compounds was measured using the serial dilution method [20].

The results are illustrated in Table 2. The antifungal activity of the synthesized compounds showed that the halogenated triazoles having sulfonamide moieties **2f**, **4**, **6**, **8**, **9b**, and**10** were found to be the most active compounds IZ (24–40 mm) against all the fungi under investigation, (MIC values were 100  $\mu$ g/ml). These results indicate that the biologically active compounds **2f**, **4**, **6**, **8**, **9b**, and **10** are nearly as active as the standard Mycostatine (30  $\mu$ g/ml).

#### RADIOSTABILITY OF THE BIOLOGICALLY ACTIVE COMPOUNDS

The aim of the present work is to investigate the stability of the chemical structure of the biologically active compounds **4**, **8**, **9b**, and **10** before sterilization. These compounds were irradiated in the dry state (doses of gamma irradiation ranging from 5–40 kGy) at dose rate 1 kGy/7 min. Ultraviolet spectra

TABLE 3 UV Spectra of Biologically Active Compounds 4, 8, 9b, and 10 in 10<sup>-4</sup> M DMF Solution Before and After  $\gamma$ -Irradiation

Compound	Dose (kGy)	λ <sub>max</sub> (1)	Abs./O.D. <sup>a</sup>
4	0 <sup>b</sup>	275	0.460
	5		0.471
	10		0.481
	15		0.574
	20		0.579
	25		0.630
	30		0.657
	40		0.657
8	0 <sup>b</sup>	285	1.272
	5		1.421
	10		1.433
	15		1.544
	20		1.624
	25		2.044
	30		2.173
	40		2.249
9b	0 <sup>b</sup>	290	1.373
	5		1.566
	10		1.633
	15		1.648
	20		1.652
	25		1.673
	30		1.748
	40		1.811
10	0 <sup>b</sup>	280	0.926
	5		1.208
	10		1.335
	15		1.342
	20		1.349
	25		1.349
	30		1.629
	40		1.640

<sup>a</sup>Abs./O.D. = absorbance/optical density.

<sup>b</sup>Nonirradiated compound (control).

of nonirradiated (control) and irradiated compounds in DMF as solvent are listed in Table 3.

The results showed that all the biologically active compounds 4, 8, 9b, and 10 were radioresistant, retaining their structure unchanged up to 40 kGy (the absorbance value above control). Also, thin layer chromatographic analyses for compounds 4, 8, 9b, and 10 was conducted before and after irradiation using precoated silica gel G sheet 1B-F and a mixture of 2:1 ethylacetate-petroleum ether as eluent. Spots were detected by use of a UV lamp at 254 nm. Compounds 4, 8, 9b, and 10 showed a single distinct spot, before and after irradiation, with the same *R*<sub>f</sub> values of 0.42, 0.81, 0.94, and 0.90, respectively. This means that no change occurred in the structures of these compounds, so the radiosterilization of these compounds in the dry form may prove to be applicable.

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