SYNTHESIS AND ANTIMICROBIAL EVALUATION OF SYMMETRICAL DIQUATERNARY AMMONIUM SALTS BEARING BIS 1,3,4-OXADIAZOLE RINGS MOIETIES

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Abstract. This study describes the synthesis of some novel compounds containing bis-1,3,4 oxadiazole bearing quaternary ammonium salt moieties. The target compounds were prepared from 2-(dimethylamino)ethyl methacrylate (DMAEMA) or 2-(diethylamino) ethyl methacrylate (DEAEMA), using adipic acid as starting material. All the newly synthesized compounds showed satisfactory analytic data for the proposed structures, which were confirmed by IR and NMR (¹H and ¹³C) spectroscopy. The newly synthesized compounds were evaluated for their antibacterial activity against various gram-positive and gram-negative strains of bacteria, and the antifungal activities were tested against three phytopathogenic fungi namely, *Fusarium oxysporum*, *Fusarium commune* and *Fusarium rodelens*. Some of the tested compounds displayed promising antibacterial and antifungal activities.

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