



## ***In vitro* Antioxidant Properties of Novel Compound (1R, 2R) -1,2-bis- (5- (4-Hydroxynaphthalen-1-ylazo) - [1,3,4] Thiadiazol-2-YL) -Ethane- 1,2-Diole**

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**Abstract:** 1,3,4-Thiadiazoles have a variety of biological activities depending on their substituents. This study aims to investigate the *in vitro* antioxidant properties of 1R,2R -1,2-bis- (5- (4-hydroxynaphthalen-1-ylazo) - [1,3,4] thiadiazol-2-yl) -ethane- 1,2-diole novel compound. In this study, antioxidant activities were measured by different methods such as, DPPH· radical scavenging activity, iron reducing power capacity, metal chelating activity and hydroxyl radical scavenging activity. As a result, it was determined that this new compound has effective antioxidant and free radical scavenging activity when compared to reference antioxidants such as BHT and  $\alpha$ -tocopherol.

**Keywords:** 1-3-4 Thiadiazol, antioxidant activity, radical scavenging activity, biological activities.

## **(1R, 2R) -1,2-BIS- (5- (4-Hidroksinaftalin-1- İlazo) - [1, 3,4] Tiyadiazol-2-Diol Yeni Bileşiminin *In vitro* Antioksidan Özellikleri**

**Özet:** 1,3,4-Tiyadiazoller yapılarındaki gruplara bağlı olarak çeşitli biyolojik aktivitelere sahiptir. Bu çalışma, (1R,2R) -1, 2-bis- (5- (4-hidroksinaftalin-1-ilazo) - [1, 3,4] tiyadiazol-2-il) etan-1,2-diole yeni bileşiminin *in vitro* antioksidan özelliklerini araştırmayı amaçlamaktadır. Bu çalışmada antioksidan aktiviteler; DPPH· radikal temizleme aktivitesi, demir azaltma gücü kapasitesi, metal şelatlama aktivitesi ve hidroksil radikali temizleme aktivitesi gibi farklı yöntemlerle ölçüldü. Sonuç olarak, bu yeni bileşimin BHT ve  $\alpha$ -tokoferol gibi referans antioksidanlar ile karşılaştırıldığında etkili antioksidan ve serbest radikal süpürücü aktiviteye sahip olduğu belirlendi.

**Anahtar Kelimeler:** 1-3-4 tiadiazol, antioksidan aktivite, radikal süpürücü aktivite, biyolojik aktiviteler.

### **1. INTRODUCTION**

Antioxidant defense systems are the defensive systems that work in the body to prevent the damages induced by reactive oxygen derivatives [1]. Antioxidants are becoming increasingly important as the role of antioxidants in the prevention of oxidative stress-induced degenerative and age-related diseases is being

demonstrated by experimental, clinical and epidemiological studies [2, 3].

Antioxidants are the systems that neutralize the destructive effects of free radicals. There are many enzymatic or nonenzymatic endogenous antioxidant defense mechanisms in the body to prevent the formation of reactive oxygen species (ROS and the damage they cause. In addition,

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certain medicines, vitamins and synthetic food antioxidants may be considered as exogenous antioxidants [4].

It is envisaged that compounds having antioxidant activity may be used in the treatment or prevention of diseases resulting from deficiency of antioxidant defense system in the body. Complexes formed by metals and heterocyclic ligands are model compounds of metal-proteins and due to this fact, they are of particular interest in bioinorganic chemistry. Nitrogen-containing heterocyclic molecules constitute the largest family of chemical components used in many natural products and biologically active drugs that are vital for improved life quality [5, 6].

The investigation of the pharmacological properties of inorganic and organometallic compounds and the chemical bases of their mechanism of action is very important for the initial stages of drug research [7].

Five-membered heterocyclic rings containing one sulfur and two nitrogen atoms are called "thiadiazoles". There are four isomers of thiadiazole as 1,2,3-thiadiazole, 1,2,4-thiadiazole, 1,2,5-thiadiazole and 1,3,4-thiadiazole. Among these isomers, 1,3,4-thiadiazoles are known as the compounds with the highest biological activity. [8].

1,3,4-Thiadiazoles have a variety of biological activities depending on their substituents. The compounds possessing 1,3,4-thiadiazole ring have anticonvulsant [9], antiinflammatory [10], antifungal [11], antimicrobial [12], antituberculosis [13], antihypertensive [14], hypoglycemic [15], anticancer [16] and antibacterial activities [17], therefore, they are important in the synthesis of new drugs.

In this study, antioxidant activities, 2,2-diphenyl-1-picrylhydrazyl (DPPH) radical scavenging activity, iron reducing power capacity, metal chelating activity and hydroxyl radical scavenging activity of first-time synthesized (1*R*,2*R*)-1,2-bis-(5-(4-Hydroxynaphthal-1-

ylazo)-[1,3,4]thiadiazol-2-yl)-ethyl-1,2 diol compound were investigated by four different methods.

## 2. MATERIAL AND METHODS

### 2.1. Chemicals

The free radical scavenging activity assay 1,1-Diphenyl 2-picryl hydrazyl (DPPH) was purchased from Sigma Aldrich, standard antioxidant Butylhydroxytoluene (BHT) and  $\alpha$ -tocopherol were purchased from Fluka. Chemical solutions (Dipotassium hydrogen phosphate, potassium dihydrogen phosphate, DMSO, methanol, ethanol, potassium ferricyanide, potassium persulfate, trichloroacetic acid (TCA), iron (III) chloride) were obtained from Merck (Darmstadt, Germany).

### 2.2. Instrumentals

Absorbance measurements in antioxidant studies were performed with a UV-Vis spectrophotometer: Shimadzu UV-1700 instrument. The brands of the devices used were as follows: pH meter Hanna HI221, precision balance Denver TP 323, magnetic stirrer KARHBasic, vortex IKA, shaking water tank Memmert VNB14, centrifuge Hettich 320.

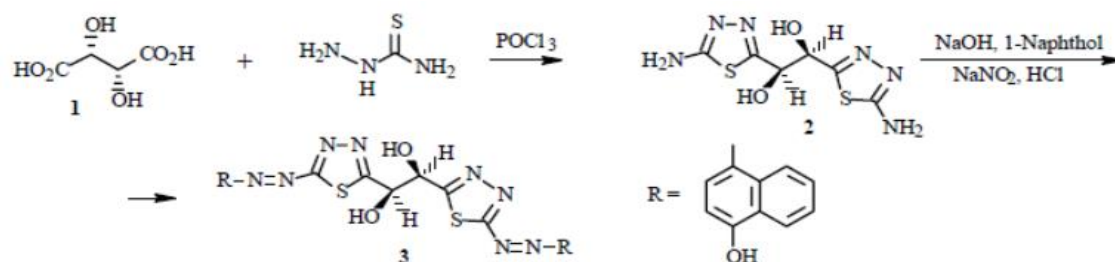
### 2.3. Antioxidant Activity Methods

The compound (1*R*,2*R*)-1,2-Bis-(5-(4-Hydroxynaphthalen-1-ylazo)-[1,3,4]Thiadiazol-2-yl)-Ethane-1,2-Diol was firstly synthesized by Metin Koparir et al. [18] in Organic Chemistry Laboratory in the Department of Chemistry, Faculty of Arts and Science, Firat University [18]. They synthesized (1*R*,2*R*)-1,2-bis-(5-amino-1,3,4-thiadiazol-2-yl)ethane-1,2-diol compound by using 2*R*,3*R*-(+)-Tartaric acid as starting compound. Then the diazo component 3 was obtained from 2 and 1-naphthol. [figure 1]. In addition, the structures of the synthesized compounds 2 and 3 were confirmed by elemental analyses, IR, <sup>1</sup>H-NMR, and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectra [18]. The test compound (1*R*,2*R*)-1,2-Bis-(5-(4-hydroxynaphthalen-1-ylazo)-[1,3,4]thiadiazol-2-yl)-ethane-1,2-diol (encoded in 3, in figure 1)

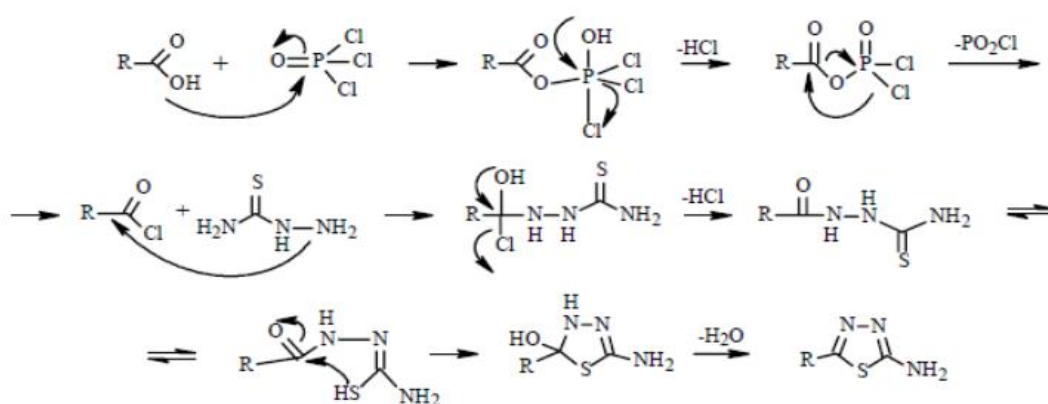
was dissolved in a suitable solvent Dimethyl sulphoxide (DMSO).

The dissolved derivative was diluted to different concentrations using the same solvent (DMSO)

and the antioxidant activities were examined using the various methods listed below.



Scheme 1



Scheme 2

Figure 1. Synthesis and mechanism of test compound [18].

### 2.3.1 Determination of DPPH free radical scavenging activity

Free radical scavenging activity assay of the compound was performed with a minor modification according to the Blois method (1958) using 1,1-Diphenyl 2-picryl hydrazyl (DPPH) [4]. Reagents used were: 0.1 mM DPPH and  $\alpha$ -tocopherol (1 mg/ml), Butylhydroxytoluene (BHT) (1 mg / ml).

The test compound used in the study was dissolved in DMSO as 1 mg / mL. The test compound and standards were transferred to the test tubes in the order of 50, 100, 250  $\mu$ g / ml, respectively. 1 mL of the stock DPPH solution was then added to each sample tube. The tubes were incubated for 30 minutes at room temperature and in darkness. After incubation,

the absorbance was measured (UV-Vis spectrophotometer: Shimadzu UV-1700 Spectrophotometer) at 517 nm against DMSO - induced blank solution. Reduced absorbance gives the free radical scavenging activity of the remaining amount of DPPH solution.

The calculations for DPPH radical scavenging activity in the reaction medium were calculated according to the following formula.

$$\% \text{ Free Radical Scavenging Activity} = (A_0 - A_1 / A_0) \times 100$$

$A_0$ : Absorbance of the control reaction,  $A_1$ : Absorbance of the sample or standard.

### 2.3.2. Metal Chelating Activity

The metal chelating activities of the test compound were measured according to the method of Dinis et al. [19]. For this procedure, 0.4 mL of samples from different concentrations of test compound (50, 100, 250 µg / mL) were added to 2 mM and 0.05 mL of FeCl<sub>2</sub> solution. The reaction was initiated by the addition of 0.2 mL and 5 mM ferrozine solution. After vortexing the solution vigorously, it was left to stand at room temperature for 10 min. After incubation, the absorbance at 562 nm was recorded against the residual blank solution without ferrozine. As the control, the remaining solution was used without the test compound. To compare metal chelating activities, BHT and α-tocopherol were used at the same concentration as the standard antioxidants.

Each measurement was repeated 3 times and the averages were calculated. In this method, low absorbance value is considered as high metal chelating activity. Percent metal chelating activity is calculated from the following formula;

$$\% \text{ metal chelating activity} = [(A_0 - A_1) / A_0] \times 100$$

A<sub>0</sub> = Control absorbance

A<sub>1</sub> = Absorbance of test compound and / or standards

### 2.3.3. Iron Reduction Activity

Iron reduction activity of the test compound was investigated based on Fe<sup>3+</sup> to Fe<sup>2+</sup> transformation by following Oyaizu method [20]. 1 mL of each tube was taken from DMSO-dissolved samples (50, 100, 250 µg / mL) of the test compound at different concentrations. 2.5 mL of 0.2 M phosphate buffer (pH = 6,6) and 2.5 mL of 1% potassium ferrocyanide (K<sub>3</sub> [Fe (CN)<sub>6</sub>]) were added to each tube and the tubes were incubated at 50 ° C for 20 min. After this procedure, 2.5 mL of 10% trichloroacetic acid (TCA) was added to the reaction mixtures. The mixtures were centrifuged at 2000 rpm for 10 min. 2.5 mL were taken from the supernatant and after addition of 2.5 mL of distilled water

and 0.1 mL of 0.5 mL of FeCl<sub>3</sub>, absorbance was measured at 700 nm. DMSO was used as the blind. For the control, a reactive DMSO mixture without the compound was used. BHT and α-tocopherol were the standard antioxidants, were used at the same concentration to compare the reduction activity. Each measurement was repeated 3 times and the averages were calculated. In this method, high absorbance value is considered as high reducing activity.

### 2.3.4 Scavenging activity of hydroxyl radical with deoxyribose degradation

The method based on the capture of non-enzymatic, hydroxyl radicals formed by Deoxyribose degradation was carried out with some modifications (Halliwell et al., 1987) [21]. Reaction mixture; 50 µL of samples dissolved in DMSO at different concentrations (50, 100, 250 µg/ml) were taken and 150 µL deoxyribose (200 mM 5 mL), 60 µL FeSO<sub>4</sub> · 7H<sub>2</sub>O (20 mM 50 mL), 30 µL EDTA (10 mM 50 mL), 150 µL (500 mM 5 mL) were added and the mixture was mixed with 2.5 mL of KH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> buffer (pH: 7.4) to a final volume of 3 mL and vortexed thoroughly.

1 mL of 10% TCA and 1 mL of 2.0% TBA were added to the tubes kept at 37 ° C incubator for 1 hour. Samples heated at 100 ° C for 15 min in a hot water bath were subsequently exposed to room temperature, their absorbance at 532 nm wavelength against tampon was recorded. To compare the hydroxyl trapping activity, the standard antioxidant BHT and α-tocopherol were used at the same concentration instead of the sample.

$$\% \text{ OH radical scavenging activity} = [(A_0 - A_1) / A_0] \times 100$$

The absorbance of the A<sub>0</sub> control was taken as the absorbance of the A<sub>1</sub> test compound / standard.

### 3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Previous studies have indicated that a single method can not be sufficient to determine antioxidant activity, and therefore multiple methods are required to assess antioxidant activity [22,23]. Due to this fact, antioxidant activities of the synthesized compounds have been investigated by different methods.

The principle of the DPPH method is based on the reduction of colored free radical 1,1-Diphenyl

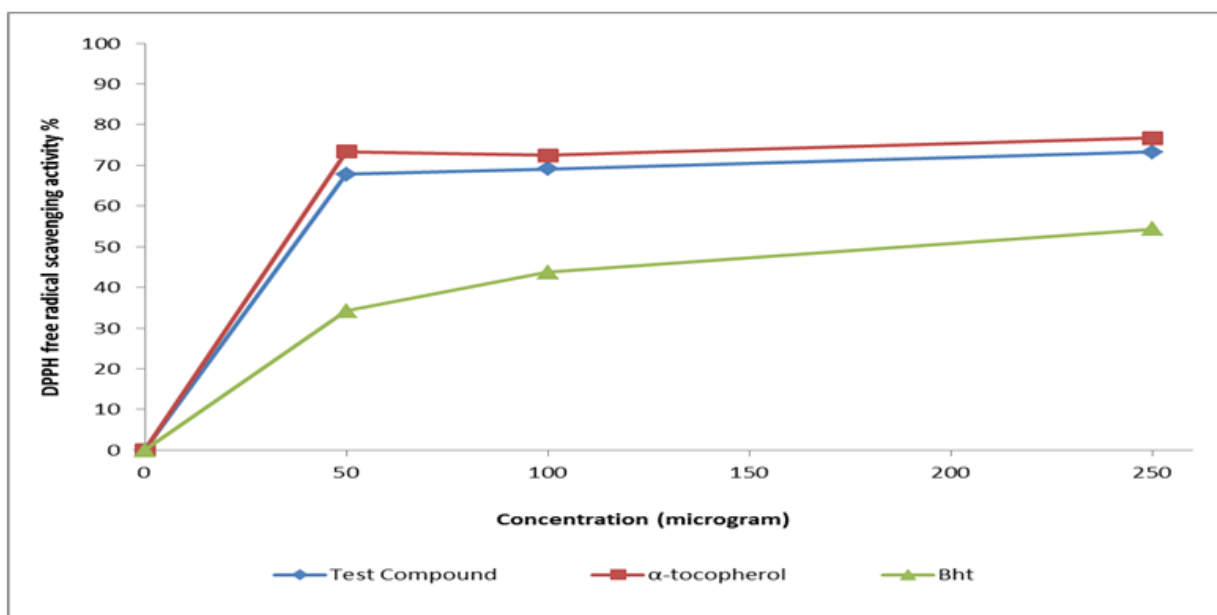
2-picryl hydrazyl radical (DPPH) by free radical scavengers. DPPH is a stable, red colored free radical. When free radicals are eliminated by antioxidant compounds, the color turns from red to yellow. The decrease in the absorbance of the reaction mixture at 517 nm indicates increased antioxidant effect in the free radical scavenging activity. The reduction ability of DPPH radicals was determined by absorbance reduction at 517 nm induced by antioxidants and percent inhibition values were calculated. The findings obtained are given in Table 1.

**Table 1.** Scavenging effect of test compound,  $\alpha$ -tocopherol and BHT at different concentrations (50-100-250  $\mu\text{g/mL}$ ), values are expressed as mean  $\pm$  SD.

DPPH % Inhibition	50 $\mu\text{g/mL}$	100 $\mu\text{g/mL}$	250 $\mu\text{g/mL}$
Test Compound	67,8 $\pm$ 0.21	69,1 $\pm$ 0.02	73,3 $\pm$ 1.2
$\alpha$ -Tocopherol	73,4 $\pm$ 0.01	72,4 $\pm$ 0.01	76,7 $\pm$ 1.03
BHT	34,2 $\pm$ 0.01	43,7 $\pm$ 0.1	54,3 $\pm$ 0,49

As indicated by the table, the test compound showed better activity than the standard BHT. On the other hand, the test compound has a lower activity to standards  $\alpha$ -tocopherol. Accordingly, it can be said that the test compound possesses high radical scavenging activity. This result may show that our test compound has good activity as

a hydrogen donor because the effect of antioxidants on DPPH radical cleavage is possibly attributed to their hydrogen donor capabilities [24]. DPPH is a stable, free radical and accepts an electron or hydrogen radical to become a stable diamagnetic molecule [25].



**Figure 2.** Comparison of % free radical scavenging activity of test compound and standard antioxidant compounds such as BHT and  $\alpha$ -tocopherol at the concentrations (50–100-250  $\mu\text{g/mL}$ ).

The reduction power of a compound may be indicative of its high potential antioxidant power [26]. The  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  / ferricyanide complex is reduced to the ferrous form as a result of reducing agents such as antioxidant substance content of antioxidant samples. [27].

The antioxidant activity of a possible antioxidant substance has been linked to various factors; prevention chain initiation, binding of transition metal ion catalyst, decomposition of peroxides, prevention of continued hydrogen abstraction, reductive capacity and radical scavenging [28].

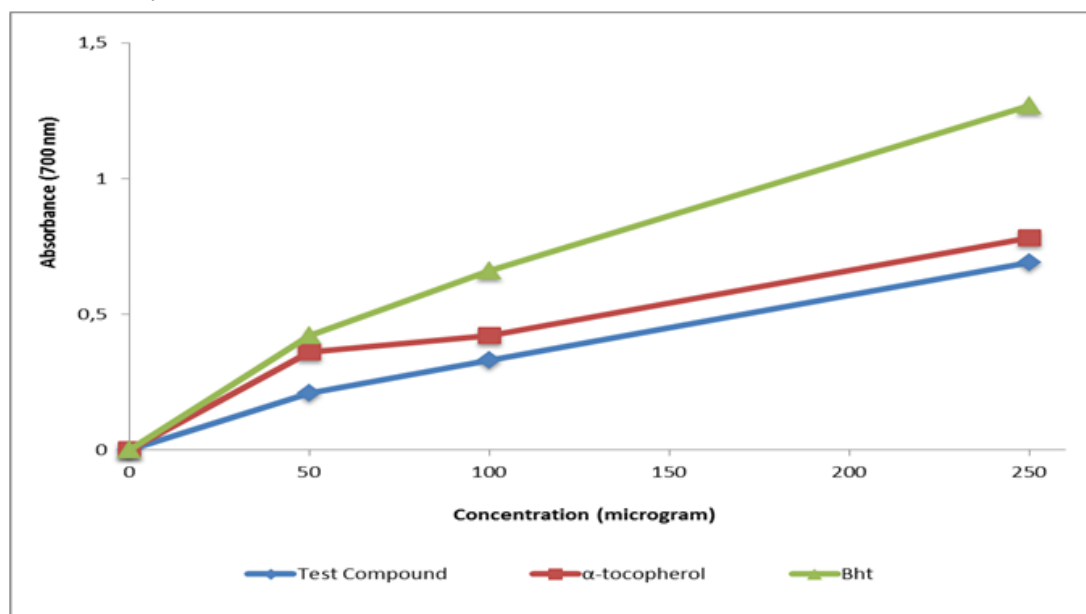
Iron reduction activity of the test compound was evaluated as the absorbance against the concentration and the activities were compared with those of BHT and  $\alpha$ -tocopherol. In this method, high absorbance value is considered as high reducing power. It was found that although absorbance value of the test compound was lower than that of BHT and  $\alpha$ -tocopherol but test compound's iron reduction activity was similar to the activity level of BHT and  $\alpha$ -tocopherol. Accordingly, it can be said that the test compound has moderate iron reduction activity.

**Table 2.** Iron reducing power of test compound and standarts. Absorbance of 50, 100 and 250  $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$  of test compound and standart antioxidants at 700 nM, values are expressed as mean  $\pm$  SD.

Groups	50 $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$	100 $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$	250 $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$
Test Compound	0,21 $\pm$ 0.02	0,33 $\pm$ 0.01	0,69 $\pm$ 0.02
$\alpha$ -tocopherol	0,36 $\pm$ 0.06	0,42 $\pm$ 0.01	0,78 $\pm$ 0.02
BHT	0,42 $\pm$ 0,01	0,66 $\pm$ 0,02	1,27 $\pm$ 0,02

These values are given in Table 2 and Figure 3, the reducing power of the test compound and standards (BHT and  $\alpha$ -tocopherol) using the potassium ferricyanide reduction method is

shown. As the concentration of the test compound increased, the reduction activity also increased.



**Figure 3.** Comparison of reducing power capability of test compound and standard antioxidant compounds such as BHT and  $\alpha$ -tocopherol, at the concentrations (50–100-250  $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$ ).

The following order shows the reducing power of the compounds and standards at maximum concentration (250  $\mu\text{g/ml}$ ): BHT >  $\alpha$ -tocopherol > Test compound.

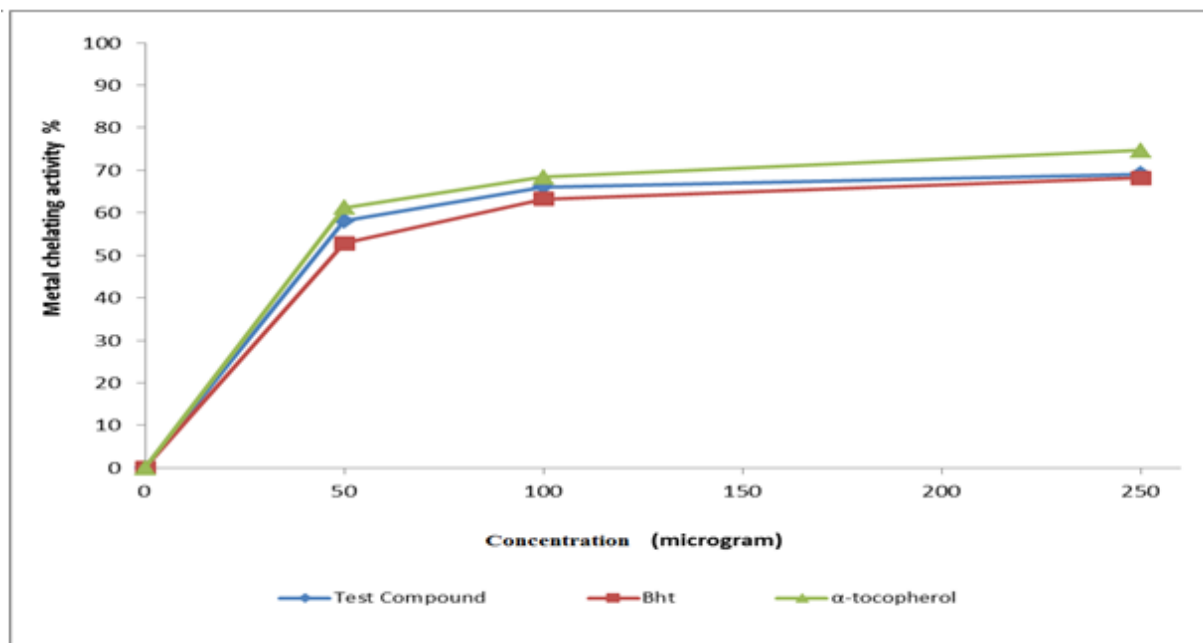
The data obtained from the metal chelate activity test of the synthesized compounds are given in Table 3. The metal chelating activities of the test compound and standard are given as % inhibition.

**Table 3.** Metal chelating activity of test compound,  $\alpha$ -tocopherol and BHT at different concentrations (50-100-250  $\mu\text{g/mL}$ ).

Groups	50 $\mu\text{g/mL}$	100 $\mu\text{g/mL}$	250 $\mu\text{g/mL}$
Test Compound	58,12 $\pm$ 0.12	66,10 $\pm$ 1.49	69,13 $\pm$ 1.12
BHT	52,78 $\pm$ 1.46	63,26 $\pm$ 2.11	68,18 $\pm$ 2.19
$\alpha$ -tocopherol	61,25 $\pm$ 2,01	68,42 $\pm$ 3,12	74,68 $\pm$ 2,52

The new test compound was found to show lower activity than the  $\alpha$ -tocopherol and higher activity than the standard antioxidant BHT, which indicate that the new compound has moderate metal chelating activity. In Figure 4, the ferrous ion chelating activities of the compound and standards are demonstrated. Figure 4 shows that with the increase in the concentration, metal chelating activity of the test compounds also increases. The chelating activity of the test compound and standards were in the following order at maximum concentration (250  $\mu\text{g/mL}$ ):  $\alpha$ -tocopherol > test compound > Bht respectively.

Metal chelating activity so important that reduced the catalyzing transition metal concentration in lipid peroxidation. It has been reported that chelating agents are useful as secondary antioxidants because they reduce the redox potential and thus stabilize the oxidized form of the metal ion [29]. The production of radicals can cause lipid peroxidation, protein modification and DNA damage. Chelating agents may not trigger metal ions and may possibly prevent metal-dependent processes [30].



**Figure 4.** Comparison of metal chelating activity of test compound and standard antioxidant compounds such as BHT and  $\alpha$ -tocopherol, at the concentrations (50–100–250  $\mu\text{g/mL}$ ).

Hydroxyl radicals formed by the reduction of hydrogen peroxide and radiation, significant contribution to molecular and cellular damage in

biological systems. Therefore, prevention and scavenging of the formation of hydroxyl radicals is very important [31].

The hydroxyl radical scavenging properties of the test compound were investigated in order to determine antioxidant activity and the results are given in Table 4. It was determined that the test compound showed good activity at each concentration.

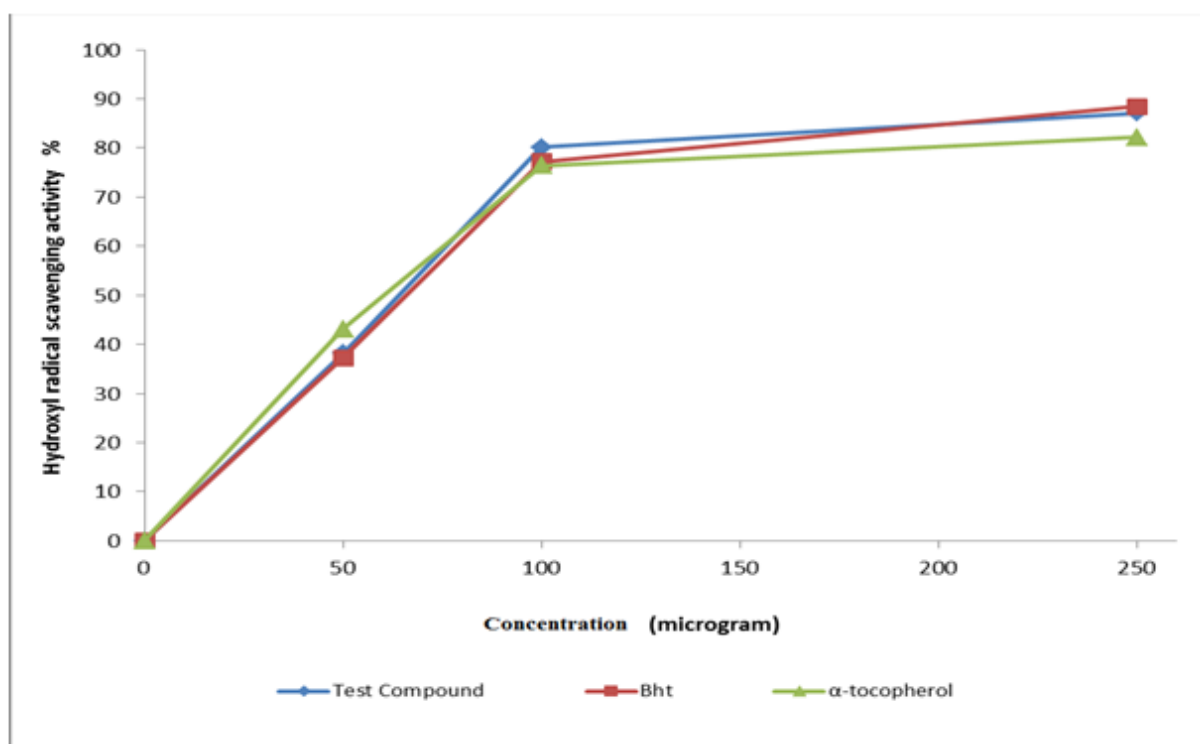
Figure 5 shows the radical inhibition percentages of the compound and standards. It can be inferred from the results that Hydroxyl radical scavenging activity of the test compound and standards ( $\alpha$  –

tocopherol and BHT) increases with the increase of the concentration.

The hydroxyl radical scavenging activity of the test compound and standards were in the following order at maximum concentration (250  $\mu\text{g/mL}$ ): Bht > Test compound >  $\alpha$  –tocopherol respectively.

**Table 4.** Hydroxyl radical scavenging activity of test compound,  $\alpha$ -tocopherol and BHT at different concentrations (50-100-250  $\mu\text{g/mL}$ ).

Groups	50 $\mu\text{g/mL}$	100 $\mu\text{g/mL}$	250 $\mu\text{g/mL}$
Test Compound	38,12 $\pm$ 0.12	80,10 $\pm$ 1.49	87,13 $\pm$ 1.12
BHT	37,25 $\pm$ 1.46	77,22 $\pm$ 2.11	88,42 $\pm$ 2.19
$\alpha$ -tocopherol	43,12 $\pm$ 2,01	76,42 $\pm$ 3,12	82,14 $\pm$ 2,52



**Figure 5.** Comparison of Hydroxyl radical scavenging activity of test compound and standard antioxidant compounds such as BHT and  $\alpha$ -tocopherol, at the concentrations (50–100-250  $\mu\text{g/mL}$ ).

Since the compounds studied in the literature are different, it is not possible to make a complete comparison. In addition, while some test methods are used to determine the antioxidant properties of lipophilic species, some methods are used to determine the antioxidant properties of hydrophilic and / or lipophilic species [32].

In this study, we tried to determine the in vitro antioxidant capacity of the test compound using several different methods.

As a result of this study, first-time synthesized (1*R*,2*R*)-1,2-bis-(5-(4-Hydroxynaphthalen-1-ylazo)-[1,3,4]Thiadiazol-2-yl)-Ethane-1,2-Diol



compound was found to show similar level of activity to that of the standard antioxidant BHT in all tests and possess both free radical scavenging and antioxidant capacity. Suggesting that the studied compound may be an antioxidant and antiradical source and should be used in different bio-activity tests this research provides a valuable contribution to the literature.

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