



**Bazı 3-Alkil(Aril)-4-ftalimido-4,5-dihidro-1H-1,2,4-triazol-5-on Bileşiklerinin Yarı-Nötralizasyon Metodu ile HNP ve pKa Değerlerinin Tayini**

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**Makalenin Alanı: Matematik**

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<b>Geliş Tarihi</b> 07.11.2022	Bu çalışmada, asitlik üzerine çözücü ve moleküler yapının etkilerini incelemek için, beş 3-alkil(aril)-4-ftalimido-4,5-dihidro-1H-1,2,4-triazol-5-on (3-7) bileşiğinin dört farklı susuz çözücünde (izopropil alkol, asetonitril, tert-butil alkol ve N,N-dimetilformamid) tetrabutylamonyum hidroksitle (TBAH) potansiyometrik olarak titrasyonları yapılmış ve yarı nötralizasyon yöntemi ile HNP ve karşın olan pKa değerleri her durum için tayin edilmiştir.
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**INTRODUCTION**

Triazoles are heterocyclic compounds that contain three nitrogen atoms. It has been reported that 1,2,4-triazole and 4,5-dihydro-1H-1,2,4-triazol-5-one derivatives have a wide spectrum of biological activities such as antioxidant (Koç et al., 2020; Yüksek et al., 2020), antimicrobial (Gursoy-Kol et al., 2020; Yüksek et al., 2020), antifungal (Kahveci et al., 2008), Gursoy-Kol et al., 2012), anti-inflammatory (Uzgoren-Baran et al., 2012), antiviral (Henen et al., 2012) and antitumor (Demirbaş et al., 2002).

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It is known that 1,2,4-triazole and 4,5-dihydro-1*H*-1,2,4-triazol-5-one ring show weak acidic properties due to the N-H group it carries, and many studies have been conducted on acidity studies of these compounds in recent years (Ocak, 2003; Gürbüz et al., 2021; Aktaş-Yokuş et al., 2017; Yüksek et al., 2017). In these studies, anhydrous solvents were used because of the low solubility of these heterocyclic compounds in water. The solutions of these compounds in anhydrous solvents were potentiometrically titrated with tetrabutylammonium hydroxide (TBAH). Potentiometric titrations are often used to titrate very weak acids and bases, sometimes even mixtures of acids and bases (Huber, 1967). As a result of the titrations, the pH and mV values corresponding to the titrant volume were read and a titration graph was drawn according to these values. There are turning points from the plotted graphs. The turning points are the points where the largest jump in mV versus the volume of titrant added (mL) occurs. From these values, half-neutralization points are determined. Since the  $pK_a$  values at the half-neutralization points are equal to the pH values, the pH values are taken as the  $pK_a$  values.

In order to determine the acidity of 4,5-dihydro-1*H*-1,2,4-triazol-5-one derivatives, the first two studies were carried out in 1991 on the potentiometric titration of their solutions in isopropyl alcohol with TBAH and the determination of their  $pK_a$  values (İkizler and Erdoğan, 1991; İkizler et al., 1991).

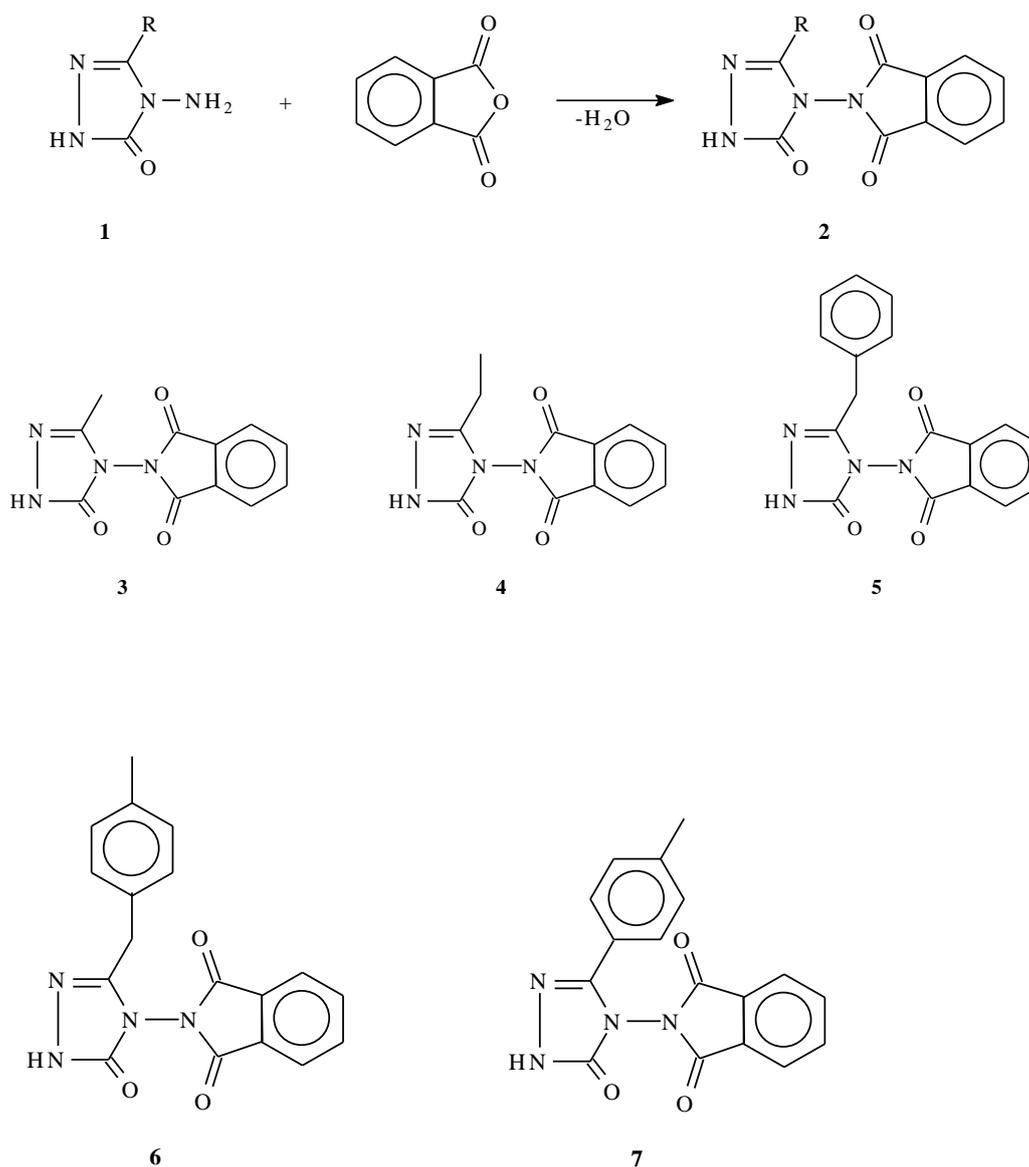
In many studies, especially after 2002, titration graphs were drawn by potentiometrically titration of the newly synthesized 4,5-dihydro-1*H*-1,2,4-triazol-5-one derivatives in different non-aqueous solvents with TBAH. Then, titration graphs were drawn and  $pK_a$  values were determined by half-neutralization method (HNP) and molecular structure on acidity were investigated (Bahçeci et al., 2002; İslamoğlu et al., 2011; Yüksek and Gürsoy-Kol, 2008; Aktaş-Yokuş et al., 2020).

Knowing the  $pK_a$  values of the active ingredient of pharmaceutical preparations is important because the distribution of active ingredient molecules, transport behavior, binding to receptors and their contribution to metabolic behavior depend on the ionization constant (Demirbaş et al., 1998; Putun et al., 1995; Frey et al., 1971).

## MATERIALS and METHODS

### Chemical Compounds

In the study, firstly five *N,N'*-linked biheterocyclic 3-alkyl(aryl)-4-phthalimido-4,5-dihydro-1H-1,2,4-triazol-5-ones (3-7)) required for work were synthesized according to the literature (Ikizler and Yuksek 1996; Ikizler and Un 1979; Ikizler and Yuksek 1993) (Schema 1).



**Schema 1.** *N,N'*-Linked biheterocyclic compounds whose acidity was studied

## Chemicals

Anhydrous solvents such as isopropyl alcohol, *tert*-butyl alcohol, acetonitrile and *N,N*-dimethylformamide were used to determine the  $pK_a$  constants of compounds **3-7**. Required solvents were obtained from Merck

## Prepared Solutions

In the titration of compounds **3-7**, which are weak acids, 0.05 N solution prepared by diluting from a standard 0.1 N solution of TBAH in isopropyl alcohol was used as titrant.  $10^{-3}$  M 100 mL solutions of the compounds **3-7** were prepared in isopropyl alcohol, *tert*-butyl alcohol, *N,N*-dimethylformamide and acetonitrile.

## Devices

A Jenway 3040 Model Ion Analyzer was used in the study. The Ion Analyzer used has a sensibility of  $\pm 0.001$  with an accuracy of  $\pm 0.005$  in pH measurements, a sensibility of  $\pm 0.1$  in mV measurements and an accuracy of  $\pm 0.2$ . As the electrode, ingold combined pH electrode was preferred. A 50  $\mu$ L micropipette was used for the titrations.

## Half-Neutralization Method

As a result of the titrations, the pH and mV values corresponding to the titrant volume were read and a titration graph was drawn according to these values. The turning points were found by using the first and second derivative graphs.

Weak acid and its salt form a buffer solution. In a buffer solution, the pH of weak acids can be calculated using the following equation:

$$pH = pK_a + \log \frac{[A^-]}{[HA]}$$

Where  $pH = pK_a$  when  $[A^-]$  is equal to  $[HA]$  at the half-neutralization points (Skoog and Leary. 1992; Gündüz and Gündüz 2002; Ocak 2003).

As a result, the pH values of weak acids at the half-neutralization points can be taken as  $pK_a$ .



When Table 1 is examined, it is seen that the typical S-shaped titration curves of the compounds **3-7** are obtained in each solvent, and the HNP and the corresponding  $pK_a$  values are obtained. However, since S-shaped titration curves could not be obtained for compound **3** in isopropyl alcohol and compound **6** in *tert*-butyl alcohol, acidity values could not be determined. Therefore, a comparison could not be made.

According to the results obtained, the order of the compounds in the solvents is as follows, taking into account the HNP values:

**3:** DMF > *tert*-butyl alcohol > acetonitrile

**4:** isopropyl alcohol > DMF > acetonitrile > *tert*-butyl alcohol

**5:** isopropyl alcohol > acetonitrile > *tert*-butyl alcohol > DMF

**6:** isopropyl alcohol > acetonitrile > DMF

**7:** isopropyl alcohol > acetonitrile > *tert*-butyl alcohol > DMF

Compound **3** showed the highest acidity in DMF, while the other compounds had the highest acidity in isopropyl alcohol. In addition, compound **3** showed the lowest acidity in acetonitrile, while compound **2** in *tert*-butyl alcohol, and compounds **5-7** in DMF.

When all the compounds were taken into consideration, it was found that the compound **2** showed the highest acidity in isopropyl alcohol, while the compound **3** showed the lowest acidity in acetonitrile.

Considering the acidity order of the R functional groups, it was seen that the acidity order of the compounds for each solvent was as follows:

DMF : 4 > 5 > 6 > 3 > 7

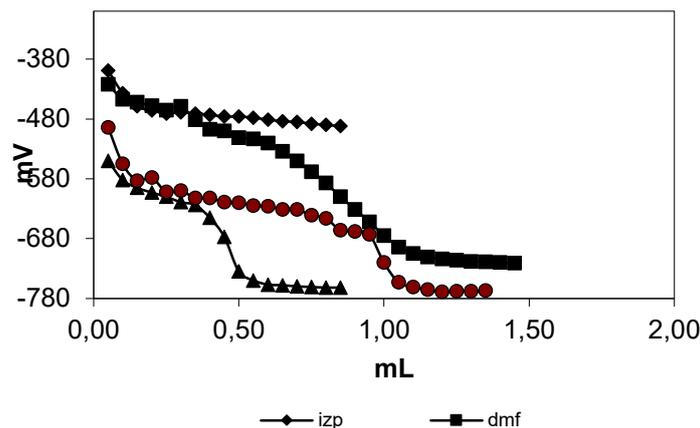
Acetonitrile : 7 > 5 > 6 > 4 > 3

*tert*-Butyl alcohol : 7 > 5 > 4 > 3

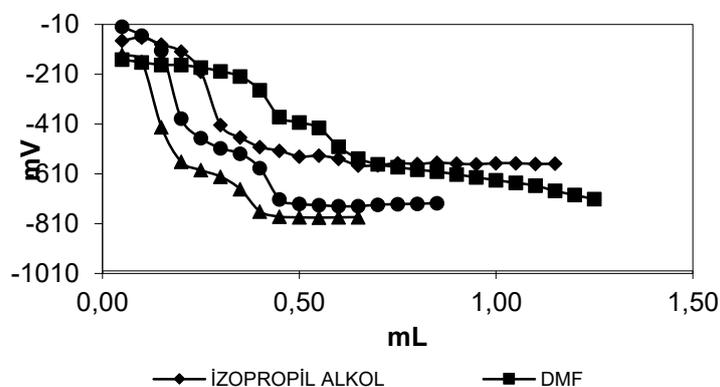
Isopropyl alcohol : 4 > 7 > 6 > 5

As can be understood from the ranking, it was observed that the groups linked to C-3 did not have a significant effect on acidity since they were far away. It is thought that factors such as London gravitational forces and solubility are also effective on this ranking in acidity strength, as can be seen from the literature.

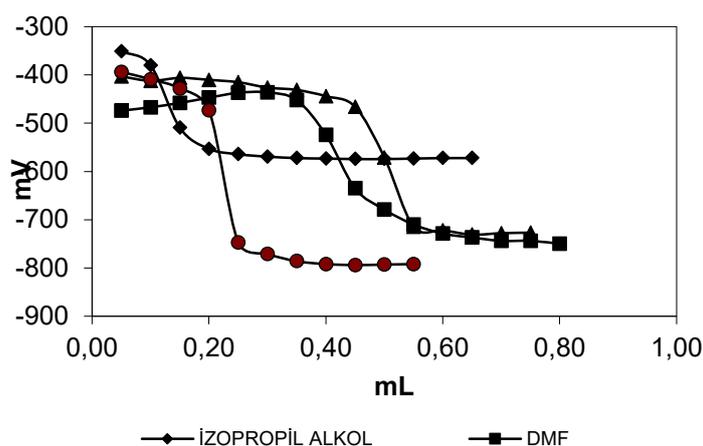
Titration graphs of compounds **3-7** in DMF, acetonitrile, isopropyl alcohol and *tert*-butyl alcohol at 25 °C are given in Figure 1-5.



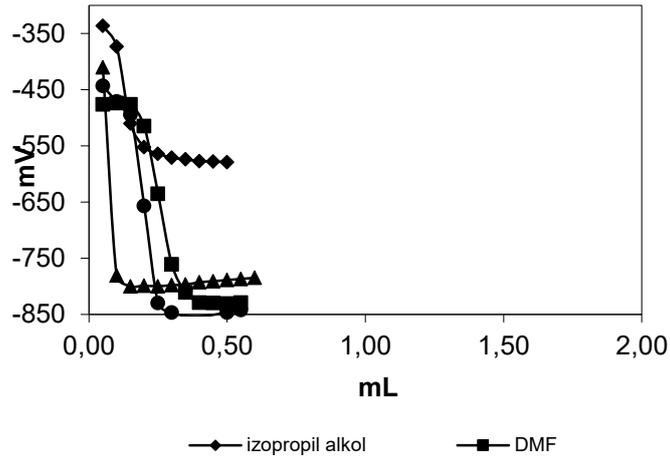
**Figure 1.** Potentiometric titration curves of 0.001 M solutions of compound **3** in  $10^{-3}$  M solutions of DMF, acetonitrile, isopropyl alcohol, and tert-butyl alcohol with 0.05 N TBAH



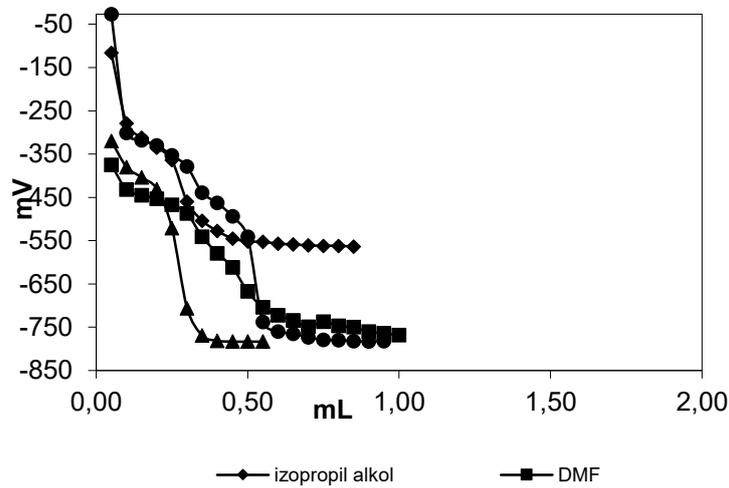
**Figure 2.** Potentiometric titration curves of 0.001 M solutions of compound **4** in  $10^{-3}$  M solutions of DMF, acetonitrile, isopropyl alcohol, and tert-butyl alcohol with 0.05 N TBAH



**Figure 3.** Potentiometric titration curves of 0.001 M solutions of compound **5** in  $10^{-3}$  M solutions of DMF, acetonitrile, isopropyl alcohol, and tert-butyl alcohol with 0.05 N TBAH



**Figure 4.** Potentiometric titration curves of 0.001 M solutions of compound **6** in  $10^{-3}$  M solutions of DMF, acetonitrile, isopropyl alcohol, and tert-butyl alcohol with 0.05 N TBAH



**Figure 5.** Potentiometric titration curves of 0.001 M solutions of compound **7** in  $10^{-3}$  M solutions of DMF, acetonitrile, isopropyl alcohol, and tert-butyl alcohol with 0.05 N TBAH

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