Efficient *N*-acylation of sulfonamides using Cesium salt of Wells– Dawson heteropolyacid as catalyst: Synthesis of new *N*-acyl sulfonamides and cyclic imides

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# Preparation of *N*-acyl sulfonamides (2a-j), (3a-m), (5a-f) and cyclic imides (3n-r)

Under nitrogen atmosphere, a mixture of sulfonamide (1 mmol), acylating agent (2 mmol) and  $Cs_5HP_2W_{18}O_{62}$  catalyst (5 mmol %) in water (2 mL), was stirred at room temperature to obtain (2a-j), (3a-m), (5a-f) and under reflux for (3n-r). Reaction was monitored by TLC. After completion of the reaction, the catalyst was removed by filtration. The filtrate was washed by water (10 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (3x15 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, then the solvent was evaporated in vacuum, and the crude compound was purified by flash chromatography (Merck silica gel 60 H, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH, 9:1) to afford the corresponding products.

### NMR data of *N*-acyl sulfonamide derivatives (2a-j)



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#### N-(N-butylsulfamoyl)acetamide (2a)

Yield: 91%, mp 131°C, Rf=  $0.49(CH_2Cl_2/MeOH, 9/1)$ . <sup>1</sup>**HNMR** (CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$ ppm): 0.92 (t, 3H, **J**=5.02 Hz, C**H**<sub>3</sub>), 1.37 (m, 2H, C**H**<sub>2</sub>), 1.54 (m, 2H, C**H**<sub>2</sub>), 2.02 (s, 3H, CO-C**H**<sub>3</sub>), 3.21 (m, 2H, C**H**<sub>2</sub>-N), 5.15 (t, *J*=6.86 Hz, 1H, N**H**-CO).

<sup>13</sup>**C** NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ ppm): 13.5, 19.8, 29.6, 21.7, 30.9, 43.5, 169.8. Ms (ESI<sup>+</sup> 70 eVm/s): 151.04 (14%), 212.10 ([M+NH<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup>, 100%).

**Elemental anal**. (%), calculated: C, 37.10; H, 7.26; N, 14.42; found: C, 37.14; H, 7.24; N, 14.45.



2b

#### N-(N-tert-butylsulfamoyl)acetamide (2b)

Yield: 92%, mp 135°C, Rf=  $0.53(CH_2Cl_2/MeOH, 9/1)$ . <sup>1</sup>HNMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, $\delta$ ppm): 1.43(s, 9H, 3(CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.02 (s, 3H, CO-CH<sub>3</sub>). <sup>13</sup>CNMR (CDl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$ ppm): 19.7, 29.7, 44.6, 171.2, Ms (ESI<sup>+</sup> 70 eVm/s): 72.05 (14%), 212.10 ([M+NH<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup>, 100%). Elemental anal. (%), calculated: C, 37.10; H, 7.26; N, 14.42; found: C, 37.08; H, 7.27; N, 14.4O.



#### N-(N-(2-chloroethyl)sulfamoyl)acetamide (2c)

Yield: 79%, mp 131°C, Rf= 0.37(CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH, 9/1). <sup>1</sup>**HNMR** (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, $\delta$ ppm): 1.97 (s, 3H, CO-C**H**<sub>3</sub>), 3.35 (m, 2H, N-C**H**<sub>2</sub>), 3.60 (t, *J*=6.24Hz, 2H, Cl-C**H**<sub>2</sub>), 7.60(s, 1H, N**H**).8.25(s, 1H, N**H**). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$  ppm): 21.8, 40.9, 43.2, 171.6. Ms (ESI<sup>+</sup> 70 eVm/s): 201.19([M+1]<sup>+</sup>, 100%). Elemental anal. (%), calculated: C, 23.94; H, 4.52; Cl, 17.67; N, 13.96; found: C, 23.96; H, 4.50; N, 13.91.



2d

#### *N*-(*N*-phenylsulfamoyl) acetamide (2d)

Yield: 92%, mp 140 °C, Rf =  $0.28(CH_2Cl_2/MeOH, 9/1)$ , <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$  ppm): 2.18 (s, 3H, CO-CH<sub>3</sub>), 6.79(d, 2H, Ar-H), 7.00(t, 1H, Ar-H), 7.60(t, 2H, Ar-H), 8.00(s, 1H, NH). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$  ppm): 21.8, 119,9, 122.8, 129.8, 140.4, 172.5, **MS** (ESI<sup>+</sup> 70 eV m/z): 214.04 ([M]<sup>+</sup>, 100%). **Elemental anal**. (%), calculated: C, 44.85; H, 4.70; N, 13.08; found: C, 44.81; H, 4.73; N, 13.09.





#### N- (N-benzylsulfamoyl) acetamide (2e)

Yield: 85%, mp 125 °C, Rf = 0.50(CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH, 9/1). <sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$  ppm): 1.92 (s, 3H, CO-CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.32(s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>-Ph), 6.05(t, *J*=7.46 Hz, 1H, NH), 7.18(m, 3H, H-Ar), 7.26(m, 2H, H-Ar), 8.10(s, 1H, NH). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$  ppm): 23.1, 44.2, 126.9, 127.2, 128.6, 139.3, 170.0. MS (ESI<sup>+</sup> 70 eV m/z): 106.05 (4%), 229.09 ([M+1]<sup>+</sup>, 13%), 246.11 ([M+NH<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup>, 100%). **Elemental anal.** (%), calculated: CC, 47.35; H, 5.30; N, 12.27; found: C, 47.38; H, 5.34; N, 12.23.



2f

Yield: 76%, mp 147°C, Rf = 0.45 (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH, 9/1). <sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$  ppm): 1.95 (s, 3H, CO-CH<sub>3</sub>), 6.90 (m, 1H, **H**-Ar), 7.06 (m, 2H, **H**-Ar), 7.30 (m, 1H, **H**-Ar), 7.85(s, 1H, NH<sub>amide</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>,  $\delta$  ppm): 22.8, 105.6, 110.1, 114.6, 130.7, 139.4, 163.2, 178.6. **MS** (ESI<sup>+</sup> 70 eV m/z): 111.04 (11%), 190.06 (5%), 250.10 ([M+NH<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup>, 100%). **Elemental anal**. (%), calculated: C, 41.37; H, 3.91; N, 12.06; found: C, 41.39; H, 3.89; N, 12.05.



2g

*N*-acetyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline-2sulfonamide (2g)

Yield: 88%, mp 140 °C, Rf =  $0.58(CH_2Cl_2/MeOH, 9/1)$ . <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$  ppm): 1.95(s, 3H, CO-CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.90(t, 2H, J=5.8Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>-Ar), 3.59(t, 2H, J=5.7Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>N), 4.50(s, 2H, Ar-CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.13-7.25(m, 4H, Ar-H), 8.07(s, 1H, NH<sub>amide</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>,  $\delta$  ppm): 22.8, 28.2, 28.6, 43.9, 47.0, 126.0, 126.2, 126.4, 128.6, 131.9, 133.3, 169.5. MS (ESI<sup>+</sup> 70 eV m/z): 130.99 (12%), 254.99 ([M+1]<sup>+</sup>, 42%), 272.02 ([M+NH<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup>, 100%). Elemental anal. (%), calculated: C, 51.95; H, 5.55; N, 11.02; found: C, 51.98; H, 5.57; N, 11.00.



4-oxo-4-(4-phenylpiperazine-1-sulfonamido)butanoic acid (2h)

Yield: 85 %, mp 147 °C, Rf = 0.45(CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH, 9/1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$  ppm): 2.09 (s, 3H, CO-CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.82(t, *J*= 6.8, 4H, CH<sub>2</sub>-N), 3.25(t, *J*= 8.1, 4H, CH<sub>2</sub>-N), 7.03(m, 3H, Ar-H), 7.30(t, 2H, Ar-H), 7.95(s, 1H, NH). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$  ppm): 22.8, 44.9, 52.9, 115.3, 121.9 130.2, 150.3, 169.7. MS (ESI<sup>+</sup> 70 eV m/z): 240.15 (50%), 282.17 ([M-1], 100%), 301.18 ([M+NH<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup>, 43%). Elemental anal. (%), calculated: C, 50.87; H, 6.05; N, 14.83; found: C, 50.90; H, 6.02; N, 14.85.



N-tosylacetamide (2i)

Yield: 92 %, mp 169 °C, Rf =  $0.33(CH_2Cl_2/MeOH, 9/1)$ . <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$  ppm): 2.02 (s, 3H, CO-CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.39 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>-Ph), 7.26 (d, *J*= 8.1Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.71 (d, *J*= 8.2Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 8.08(s, 1H, NH). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$  ppm): 21.6, 21.8, 128.5, 129.4, 136.8, 137.1, 170.6. MS (ESI<sup>+</sup> 70 eV m/z): 214.02([M+1]<sup>+</sup>, 70%). Elemental anal. (%), calculated: C, 50.69; H, 5.20; N, 6.57; found: C, 50.67; H, 5.23; N, 6.52.



Yield: 92 %, mp 169 °C, Rf =  $0.33(CH_2Cl_2/MeOH, 9/1)$ . <sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$  ppm): 2.34 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>-Ph), 7.29 (t, *J*= 7.9Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.36 (t, *J*= 7.4Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.50 (d, *J*= 8.1Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.75 (d, *J*= 8.2Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.98 (d, *J*= 8.2Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 9.25(s, 1H, NH). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$  ppm): 21.8, 126.7, 127.6, 128.5, 130.2, 134.1, 136.1, 142.2, 143.3, 172.6. MS (ESI<sup>+</sup> 70 eV m/z): 276.06([M+1]<sup>+</sup>, 78%). Elemental anal. (%), calculated: C, 61.07; H, 4.76; N, 5.09; found: C, 61.09; H, 4.73; N, 5.10.

## NMR data of *N*-acyl sulfonamide derivatives containing carboxylic acid moiety (3a-m)



#### 4-oxo-4-((*N*-butylsulfamoyl)amino)butanoic acid (3a)

Yield: 90%, mp 131°C, Rf= 0.37(CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH, 9/1). <sup>1</sup>**HNMR** (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, $\delta$ ppm): 0.92 (t, 3H, *J*=5.02 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.37 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.54 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.38(t, 2H, *J*= 7.1Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>-CO<sub>amide</sub>), 2.59(t, 2H, *J*= 7.4Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>-CO<sub>2</sub>H), 3.21 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>-N), 11.02(s, 1H, CO<sub>2</sub>H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$  ppm): 13.5, 19.8, 29.6, 29.7, 30.9, 43.5, 173.6, 175.1. **Ms** (ESI<sup>+</sup> 70 eVm/s): 253.13([M+1]<sup>+</sup>, 100%). **Elemental anal**. (%), calculated: C, 38.09; H, 6.39; N, 11.10; found: C, 38.19; H, 6.35; N, 11.18.



#### 4-oxo-4-((*N*-tert-butylsulfamoyl)amino)butanoic acid (3b)

Yield: 92%, mp 129°C, Rf=  $0.33(CH_2Cl_2/MeOH, 9/1)$ . <sup>1</sup>HNMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, $\delta$ ppm): 1.43(s, 9H, 3(CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.38(t, 2H, *J*= 7.1Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>-CO<sub>amide</sub>), 2.98(t, 2H, *J*= 7.4Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>-CO<sub>2</sub>H), 7.74-7.79 (m, 2H, NH), 11.10(s, 1H, CO<sub>2</sub>H). <sup>13</sup>CNMR (CDl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$ ppm): 29.4, 29.7, 44.6, 172.6, 173.9. Ms (ESI<sup>+</sup> 70 eVm/s): 101.94(3%), 136.93(7%), 207.02(14%), 253.13([M+1]<sup>+</sup>, 100%). Elemental anal. (%), calculated: C, 38.09; H, 6.35; N, 11.11; found: C, 38.13; H, 6.39; N, 11.08.



4-oxo-4-((*N*-phenylsulfamoyl)amino) butanoic acid (3d)

Yield: 89%, mp 140 °C, Rf =  $0.28(CH_2Cl_2/MeOH, 9/1)$ , <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$  ppm): 2.61(t, *J*=7.3Hz, 2H, C**H**<sub>2</sub>-CO<sub>amide</sub>), 2.89(t, *J*=7.7, 2H, C**H**<sub>2</sub>-CO<sub>2</sub>H), 4.05(s, 1H, N**H**), 6.79(m, 5H, Ar-**H**), 7.74(s, 1H, N**H**). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$  ppm): 29.8, 29.9, 121.2, 124.3, 126.1, 140.4, 173.5, 175.8. **MS** (ESI<sup>+</sup> 70 eV m/z): 272 ([M]<sup>+</sup>, 100%). **Elemental anal**. (%), calculated: C, 44.12; H, 4.41; N, 10.29; found: C, 44.09; H, 4.46; N, 10.32.



4-oxo-4-((*N*-benzylsulfamoyl)amino)butanoic acid (3e)

Yield: 85%, mp 135 °C, Rf =  $0.31(CH_2Cl_2/MeOH, 9/1)$ . <sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$  ppm): 2.54(t, 2H, *J*= 7.2Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>-CO<sub>amide</sub>); 2.75(t, 2H, *J*=7.4, CH<sub>2</sub>-CO<sub>2</sub>H), 4.10(s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>-Ph), 7.12(m, 2H, **H**-Ar), 7.18(m, 3H, **H**-Ar), 8.10(s, 1H, NH). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$  ppm): 29.7, 30.8, 40.5, 122.6, 122.9, 123.8, 133.5, 173.2, 175.2. MS (ESI<sup>+</sup> 70 eV m/z): 105.98 (8%), 186.01 (5%), 287.01 ([M+1]<sup>+</sup>, 15%), 304.02 ([M+NH<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup>, 94%). **Elemental anal.** (%), calculated: C, 46.15; H, 4.89; N, 9.79; found: C, 46.12; H, 4.92; N, 9.81.



#### 4-oxo-4-((*N*-3-fluorophenylsulfamoyl)amino) butanoic acid (3f)

Yield: 77%, mp 148°C, Rf = 0.28 (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH, 9/1). <sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$  ppm): 2.62 (t, 2H, *J*= 7.2Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>-NH<sub>amide</sub>), 2.90(t, 2H, *J*= 7.5Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>H), 6.90 (m, 2H, CHar), 6.96 (m, 1H, CHar), 7.26 (m, 1H, CHar), 7.89(s, 1H, NH<sub>amide</sub>), 10.90(s, 1H, COOH). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$  ppm): 29.8, 29.9, 105.6, 110.1, 114.6, 130.7, 139.4, 163.2, 173.3, 175.6. MS (ESI<sup>+</sup> 70 eV m/z): 111.04 (12%), 1906.0 (6%), 290.10([M+1]<sup>+</sup>, 3%), 308.25 ([M+NH<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup>, 100%). Elemental anal. (%), calculated: C, 41.38; H, 3.79; N, 9.65; found: C, 41.39; H, 3.76; N, 9.69.



#### 4-oxo-4-(1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline-2 -sulfonamido)]butanoic acid (3g)

Yield: 94%, mp 140 °C, Rf =  $0.30(CH_2Cl_2/MeOH, 9/1)$ . <sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$  ppm): 2.56(t, 2H, *J*= 7.2Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>-CO amide), 2.75(t, 2H, *J*= 7.5, CH<sub>2</sub>-CO<sub>2</sub>H), 2.88(t, 2H, J=5.8Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>-Ar), 3.60(t, 2H, J=5.7Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>N), 4.51(s, 2H, Ar-CH<sub>2</sub>N), 7.05(m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.09(m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.17(m, 2H, Ar-H), 8.07(s, 1H, NH<sub>amide</sub>), <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$  ppm): 28.5, 28.6, 29.9, 44.6, 47.5, 126.2, 126.6, 127.2, 128.9, 131.1, 133.1, 172.5, 175.1. MS (ESI<sup>+</sup> 70 eV m/z): 131.93 (17%), 210.99 (4%), 257.19(4%), 313.07([M+1]<sup>+</sup>, 8%), 330.01 ([M+NH<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup>, 100%). Elemental anal. (%), calculated: C, 50.00; H, 5.13; N, 8.97; found: C, 50.07; H, 5.10; N, 8.99.



4-oxo-4-(4-phenylpiperazine-1sulfonamido)butanoic acid (3h)

Yield: 91 %, mp 147 °C, Rf = 0.35(CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH, 9/1). <sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$  ppm): 2.65(t, *J*= 7.3Hz, 2H, C**H**<sub>2</sub>-CO<sub>amide</sub>), 2.82(t, *J*= 7.6, 2H, C**H**<sub>2</sub>-CO<sub>2</sub>H), 3.22(t, *J*= 6.8, 4H, C**H**<sub>2</sub>-N), 3.58(t, *J*= 8.1, 4H, C**H**<sub>2</sub>-N), 6.87(m, 3H, Ar-**H**), 7.29(m, 2H, Ar-**H**), 7.59(s, 1H, NH). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$  ppm): 29.6, 31.1, 46.5, 49.1, 117.1, 121.1 129.5, 150.6, 172.6, 175.1. **MS** (ESI<sup>+</sup> 70 eV m/z): 161.20 (6%), 216.00 (6%), 241.99 (7%), 342.10 ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>, 100%). **Elemental anal**. (%), calculated: C, 49.26; H, 5.57;



4-oxo- 4-(4-methylphenylsulfonamido)- butanoic acid (3i)

Yield: 90 %, mp 169 °C, Rf =  $0.33(CH_2Cl_2/MeOH, 9/1)$ . <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$  ppm): 2.39 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>-Ph), 2.70(t, *J*= 7.1Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>-CO<sub>amide</sub>), 2.85(t, *J*= 7.5, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>-CO<sub>2</sub>H), 7.26 (d, *J*= 8.1Hz, 2H, CH<sub>arom</sub>), 7.71 (d, *J*= 8.2Hz, 2H, CH<sub>arom</sub>), 8.08(s, 1H, NH). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$  ppm): 21.6, 29.5, 29.9, 127.1, 130.0, 136.9, 143.9, 172.6, 173.9. MS (ESI<sup>+</sup> 70 eV m/z): 90.97 (3%), 155.04 (100%), 170.12(6%), 272.02([M+1]<sup>+</sup>, 70%). Elemental anal. (%), calculated: C, 48.70; H, 4.79; N, 5.16; found: C, 48.72; H, 4.82; N, 5.19.



(E)-4-oxo- 4-(4-methylphenylsulfonamido)- but-2-enoic acid (3j)

Yield: 79 %, mp 166 °C, Rf =  $0.35(CH_2Cl_2/MeOH, 9/1)$ . <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$  ppm): 2.37 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 6.20 (d, 2H, CH= CH), 7.26(d, 2H, Ar-H), 7.76(d, 2H, Ar-H), 9.40(s, 1H, NH), 12.23 (s, 1H, COOH). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$  ppm): 23.2, 127.3, 129.5, 135.8, 136.5, 141.3, 166.4. Elemental anal. (%), calculated: C, 49.06; H, 4.12; N, 5.20; found: C, 49.17; H, 4.18; N, 5.17.



3k

#### (E)-2,3-dichloro-4-oxo- 4-(4-methylphenylsulfonamido)but-2-enoic acid (3k)

Yield: 75 %, mp 169 °C, Rf =  $0.29(CH_2Cl_2/MeOH, 9/1)$ . <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$  ppm): 2.46 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 7.35(d, 2H, Ar-H), 7.85(d, 2H, Ar-H), 8.03(s, 1H, NH), 11.70(s, 1H, COOH). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$  ppm): 24.3, 127.2, 129.6, 136.4, 137.5, 141.3, 167.1. Elemental anal. (%), calculated: C, 39.07; H, 2.68; N, 4.14; found: C, 39.13; H, 2.69; N, 4.19.



5-oxo- 5-(4-methylphenylsulfonamido)pentanoic acid (31)

Yield: 80 %, mp 170 °C, Rf = 0.31(CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH, 9/1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$  ppm): 1.25 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>, 2.85(t, 2H, *J*= 7.6, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>-CO<sub>amide</sub>), 2.45(t, *J*= 7.5, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>-CO<sub>2</sub>H), 2.46 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 7.28 (d, *J*= 8.1Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.67 (d, *J*= 8.2Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.95(s, 1H, NH). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$  ppm): 20.9, 21.6, 32.5, 34.9, 127.1, 129.2, 137.3, 142.9, 172.7, 173.7. Elemental anal. (%), calculated: C, 50.52; H, 5.30; N, 4.91; found: C, 50.56; H, 5.280; N, 4.93.





2-(tosylcarbamoyl)benzoic acid (3m)

Yield: 55 %, mp 172 °C, Rf = 0.27(CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH, 9/1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$  ppm): 2.45 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>-Ph), 7.37 (d, *J*= 8.1Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.83 (d, *J*= 8.2Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.91 (d, 2H, Ar-H), 8.09 (d, 2H, Ar-H), 8.26(s, 1H, NH), 11.58(s, 1H, COOH). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$  ppm): 21.6, 123.8, 127.7, 128.3, 130.0, 131.4, 132.1, 134.5, 137.2, 137.9, 172.9, 173.7. MS (ESI<sup>+</sup> 70 eV m/z): 320.17 ([M+1]<sup>+</sup>, 100. Elemental anal. (%), calculated: C, 56.42; H, 4.10; N, 4.39; found: C, 56.49; H, 4.18; N, 4.29.

#### NMR data of cyclic imides (3n-r)



1-tosylpyrrolidine-2,5-dione (3n)

Yield: 82%, mp 126 °C, Rf =  $0.88(CH_2Cl_2/MeOH, 9/1)$ . <sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$  ppm): 2.45 (s, 3H, C**H**<sub>3</sub>-Ph), 2.65(s, 4H, (C**H**<sub>2</sub>)-CO<sub>amide</sub>), 7.40 (d, *J*= 8.1Hz, 2H, Ar-**H**), 7.75 (d, *J*= 8.2Hz, 2H, Ar-**H**). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$  ppm): 21.5, 26.9, 128.5, 129.3, 137.6, 137.9, 175.8. MS (ESI<sup>+</sup> 70 eV m/z): 254.09 ([M+1]<sup>+</sup>, 40%), 271.02 ([M+NH<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup>, 100%). Elemental anal. (%), calculated: C, 52.16; H, 4.38; N, 5.53; found: C, 52.19; H, 4.29; N, 5.59.

30 1-tosyl-1H-pyrrole-2,5-dione (30)

Yield: 78%, mp 135 °C, Rf = 0.84(CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH, 9/1). <sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$  ppm): 2.35 (s, 3H, C**H**<sub>3</sub>-Ph), 6.65(s, 2H, C**H**=C**H**), 7.30 (d, *J*= 8.1Hz, 2H, Ar-**H**), 7.85 (d, *J*=

2.55 (s, 51, CH<sub>3</sub> 14), 0.05(s, 21, CH<sup>2</sup>-CH), 7.56 (d,  $3^{2}$  0.112, 21, 14 H), 7.55 (d,  $3^{2}$ 8.2Hz, 2H, Ar-H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ ppm): 21.5, 128.5, 129.3, 134.3, 136.3, 137.9, 175.8. **MS** (ESI<sup>+</sup> 70 eV m/z): 252.09 ([M+1]<sup>+</sup>, 40%), 269.02 ([M+NH<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup>, 100%). **Elemental anal**. (%), calculated: C, 52.58; H, 3.61; N, 5.57; found: C, 52.59; H, 3.58; N, 5.59.



#### 3,4-dichloro-1-tosyl-1H-pyrrole-2,5-dione (3p)

Yield: 73%, mp 136 °C, Rf = 0.80(CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH, 9/1). <sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$  ppm): 2.45 (s, 3H, C**H**<sub>3</sub>-Ph), 7.35 (d, *J*= 8.1Hz, 2H, Ar-**H**), 7.80 (d, *J*= 8.2Hz, 2H, Ar-**H**). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$  ppm): 21.5, 128.5, 129.3, 136.8, 137.6, 137.9, 175.8. MS (ESI<sup>+</sup> 70 eV m/z): 321.09 ([M+1]<sup>+</sup>, 40%), 338.02 ([M+NH<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup>, 100%). Elemental anal. (%), calculated: C, 41.27; H, 2.20; N, 4.38; found: C, 41.30; H, 2.22; N, 4.35.



Yield: 77%, mp 129 °C, Rf = 0.86(CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH, 9/1). <sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$  ppm): 2.26 (m, 2H, C**H**<sub>2</sub>-(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, 2.35(t, 2H, *J*= 7.6, 2H, C**H**<sub>2</sub>-CO), 2.35 (s, 3H, C**H**<sub>3</sub>), 7.40 (d, *J*= 8.1Hz, 2H, Ar-**H**), 7.77 (d, *J*= 8.2Hz, 2H, Ar-**H**). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$  ppm): 19.2, 21.6, 32.5, 127.1, 129.2, 133.5, 136.7, 172.7, 173.7. MS (ESI<sup>+</sup> 70 eV m/z): 268.04 ([M+1]<sup>+</sup>, 100%). Elemental anal. (%), calculated: C, 53.92; H, 4.90; N, 5.24; found: C, 53.90; H, 4.93; N, 5.21.



2-tosylisoindoline-1,3-dione (3r)

Yield: 60%, mp 138 °C, Rf = 0.78(CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH, 9/1). <sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ ppm): 2.45 (s, 3H, C**H**<sub>3</sub>), 7.35 (d, *J*= 8.1Hz, 2H, Ar-**H**), 7.80 (d, *J*= 8.2Hz, 2H, Ar-**H**), 7.90 (d, *J*= 8.5Hz, 2H, Ar-**H**), 8.20 (d, *J*= 8.7Hz, 2H, Ar-**H**). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ ppm): 21.5, 124.6, 127.5, 130.0, 131.1, 135.2, 145.1, 164.6. MS (ESI<sup>+</sup> 70 eV m/z): 302.12 ([M+1]<sup>+</sup>, 38%), 319.02 ([M+NH<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup>, 100%). **Elemental anal**. (%), calculated: C, 59.79; H, 3.68; N, 4.65; found: C, 59.76; H, 3.70; N, 4.64.

#### NMR data of *N*-acyl sulfonamide derivatives (5a-f)



*N*-butyl-*N*-tosylacetamide (5a)

Yield: 85 %, mp: 140 °C, Rf = 0.48(CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH, 9/1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$  ppm): 0.76 (t, *J*=7.3Hz, 3H, CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.25 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.35 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.20 (s, 3H, CO-CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.37 (s, 3H, Ph-CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.80 (t, *J*=7.5Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>-N), 7.28 (d, *J*=7.8Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.73 (d, *J*=7.8 Hz, 2H, Ar-H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$  ppm): 12.5, 18.6, 19.9. 20.4, 30.5, 42.3, 126.0, 128.8, 136.1, 142.2, 169.8. MS (ESI<sup>+</sup> 70 eV m/z): 73.98 (100%), 91.01 (10%), 190.00 (12%), 287.11 ([M+NH<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup>, 55%). Elemental anal. (%), calculated: C, 57.97; H, 7.11; N, 5.20; found: C, 57.95; H, 7.14; N, 5.18.



*N-tert*-butyl-*N*-tosylacetamide (5b)

Yield: 88 %, mp 136 °C, Rf = 0.47(CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH, 9/1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$  ppm): 1.45 (s, 9H, 3(CH<sub>3</sub>)), 2.10 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.45 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 7.25(d, 2H, Ar-H), 7.75(d, 2H, Ar-H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$  ppm): 19.8, 20.5, 29.1, 40.2, 126.5, 129.0, 136.1, 142.4, 169.8. MS (ESI<sup>+</sup> 70 eV m/z): 155.04 (100%), 227.16 (33%), 269.98 ([M+1]<sup>+</sup>, 4%), 287.19 ([M+NH<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup>, 10%). Elemental anal. (%), calculated: C, 57.97; H, 7.11; N, 5.20; found: C, 57.99; H, 7.10; N, 5.22.



#### N-(2-chloroéthyl)-N-tosylacetamide (5c)

Yield: 81%, mp 146 °C, Rf =  $0.42(CH_2Cl_2/MeOH, 9/1)$ . <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$  ppm): 2.37 (s, 3H, CO-CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.47 ( s, 3H, Ph-CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.50 (t, 6.2Hz, 2H, N-CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.70 (t, *J*=5.54 Hz, 2H, Cl-CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.26 ( d, *J*=8.1Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.71 (d, *J*=8.1Hz, 2H, Ar-H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$  ppm): 20.9, 21.6, 43.9, 44.9, 127.1, 130.0, 136.9, 143.9, 169.9. MS (ESI<sup>+</sup> 70 eV m/z): 91.08 (55%), 155.04 (100%), 276.08 ([M+1]<sup>+</sup>, 54%). Elemental anal. (%), calculated: C, 47.91; H, 5.12; N, 5.08; found: C, 47.94; H, 5.10; N, 5.11.



#### N-(3-bromopropyl)-N-tosylacetamide (5d)

Yield: 80 %, mp 149°C, Rf = 0.40(CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH, 9/1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$  ppm): 2.02 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.24 (s, 3H, CO-CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.38 (s, 3H, Ph-CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.15 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.40 (t, *J*=6.24Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>), 7.28 (d, *J*= 8.1Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.72 (d, *J*= 8.2Hz, 2H, Ar-H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$  ppm): 19.8, 20.4, 29.1, 31.2, 40.3, 125.9, 128.7, 135.5, 142.7, 170.1. MS (ESI<sup>+</sup> 70 eV m/z): 335.04 ([M+1]<sup>+</sup>, 78%). Elemental anal. (%), calculated: C, 43.12; H, 4.83; N, 4.19; found: C, 43.09; H, 4.84; N, 4.17.



N-benzyl-N-tosylacetamide (5e)

Yield: 79 %, mp 146 °C, Rf = 0.41(CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH, 9/1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$  ppm): 2.42 (s, 3H, CO-CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.49 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>-Ph), 4.10 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.20 (d, *J*= 8.1Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.29 (d, *J*= 8.2Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.40 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.75 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.92 (d, *J*=7.5Hz, 2H, Ar-H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$  ppm): 19.9, 20.6, 44.3, 125.8, 126.2, 127.9, 128.3, 129.3, 137.6, 141.6, 142.3, 169.9. MS (ESI<sup>+</sup> 70 eV m/z): 43.98 (100%), 91.01 (14%), 304.02 ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>, 12%), 321.11 ([M+NH<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup>, 55%). Elemental anal. (%), calculated: C, 63.34; H, 5.65; N, 4.62; found: C, 63.37; H, 5.64; N, 4.60.



#### *N*-(3-fluorophenyl)-*N*-tosylacetamide (5f)

Yield: 75 %, mp 150 °C, Rf =  $0.42(CH_2Cl_2/MeOH, 9/1)$ . <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$  ppm): 1.98 (s, 3H, CO-CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.35 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>-Ph), 6.52 (d, *J*= 8.1Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 6.95(m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.10 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.15 (d, *J*= 8.2Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.80 (d, 2H, Ar-H), <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$  ppm): 19.7, 20.6, 104.9, 110.8, 116.5, 127.2, 128.3, 131.9, 137.3, 138.2, 139.7, 162.3, 171.4. MS (ESI<sup>+</sup> 70 eV m/z): 308.08 ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>, 100%). Elemental anal. (%), calculated: C, 58.62; H, 4.59; N, 4.56; found: C, 58.60; H, 4.62; N, 4.52.

#### Selected spectroscopic data for new compounds (2a-j)



Figure S1: <sup>1</sup>H NMR of 2a







Figure S3: <sup>1</sup>H NMR of 2c



Figure S4: <sup>1</sup>H NMR of 2d



Figure S5: <sup>1</sup>H NMR of 2e



Figure S6: <sup>13</sup>C NMR of 2e



Figure S7: MS of 2e



Figure S8: <sup>1</sup>H NMR of 2f



Figure S9: <sup>13</sup>C NMR of 2f



Figure S10: MS of 2f



Figure S11: <sup>1</sup>H NMR of 2g



Figure S12: <sup>13</sup>C NMR of 2g



Figure S13: MS of 2g



# Figure S14: <sup>1</sup>H NMR of 2h



Figure S15: MS of 2h



Figure S16: <sup>1</sup>H NMR of 2j



Figure S17: <sup>13</sup>C NMR of 2j



# Selected spectroscopic data for new compounds (3a-m)

Figure S18: <sup>1</sup>H NMR of 3a



Figure S19: <sup>1</sup>H NMR of 3b



Figure S20: <sup>13</sup>C NMR of 3b







Figure S22: MS of 3d



Figure S23: <sup>1</sup>H NMR of 3e



# Figure S24: <sup>13</sup>C NMR of 3e



Figure S25: MS of 3e



# Figure S26: <sup>1</sup>H NMR of 3f



Figure S27: MS of 3f



Figure S28: <sup>1</sup>H NMR of 3g



Figure S29: <sup>13</sup>C NMR of 3g



Figure S30: MS of 3g



Figure S31: <sup>13</sup>C NMR of 3h



Figure S32: <sup>1</sup>H NMR of 3i



Figure S33: <sup>1</sup>H NMR of 3j



Figure S34: <sup>1</sup>H NMR of 3k



Figure S35: <sup>1</sup>H NMR of 31



Figure S36: <sup>1</sup>H NMR of 3m

## Selected spectroscopic data of compounds (3n-r)



Figure S37: <sup>1</sup>H NMR of 3n



Figure S38: MS of 3n



Figure S39: <sup>1</sup>H NMR of 3 o



Figure S40: <sup>1</sup>H NMR of 3p



Figure S41: <sup>1</sup>H NMR of 3r



Figure S42: <sup>13</sup>C NMR of 3r

#### Selected spectroscopic data of compounds (5a-f)



Figure S43: <sup>1</sup>H NMR of 5a



Figure S44: MS of 5a



Figure S45: MS of 5b



Figure S46: <sup>1</sup>H NMR of 5c



Figure S47: <sup>1</sup>H NMR of 5e



Figure S48: <sup>13</sup>C NMR of 5e