

Novel 3-[4-(diethylamino)phenyl]-4-substituted-1-ylsulfonyl sydnones: Synthesis, characterization and antimicrobial studies

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Abstract: Ten novel 3-[4-(diethylamino)phenyl]-4-substituted-1-ylsulfonyl)sydnones (**8a-j**) have been synthesized. All the synthesized compounds were characterized by IR, ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR spectroscopy and elemental analysis. Compound 3-[4-(Diethylamino)phenyl]-4-(piperazin-1-ylsulfonyl)sydnone (**8b**) and 3-[4-(Diethylamino)phenyl]-4-[(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)sulfonyl]sydnone (**8d**) exhibited highest activity against all tested microorganisms. Some compounds were found effectively active against tested organisms.

Keywords: Sydnone; sulfonamide; characterization; antimicrobial.

1. Introduction

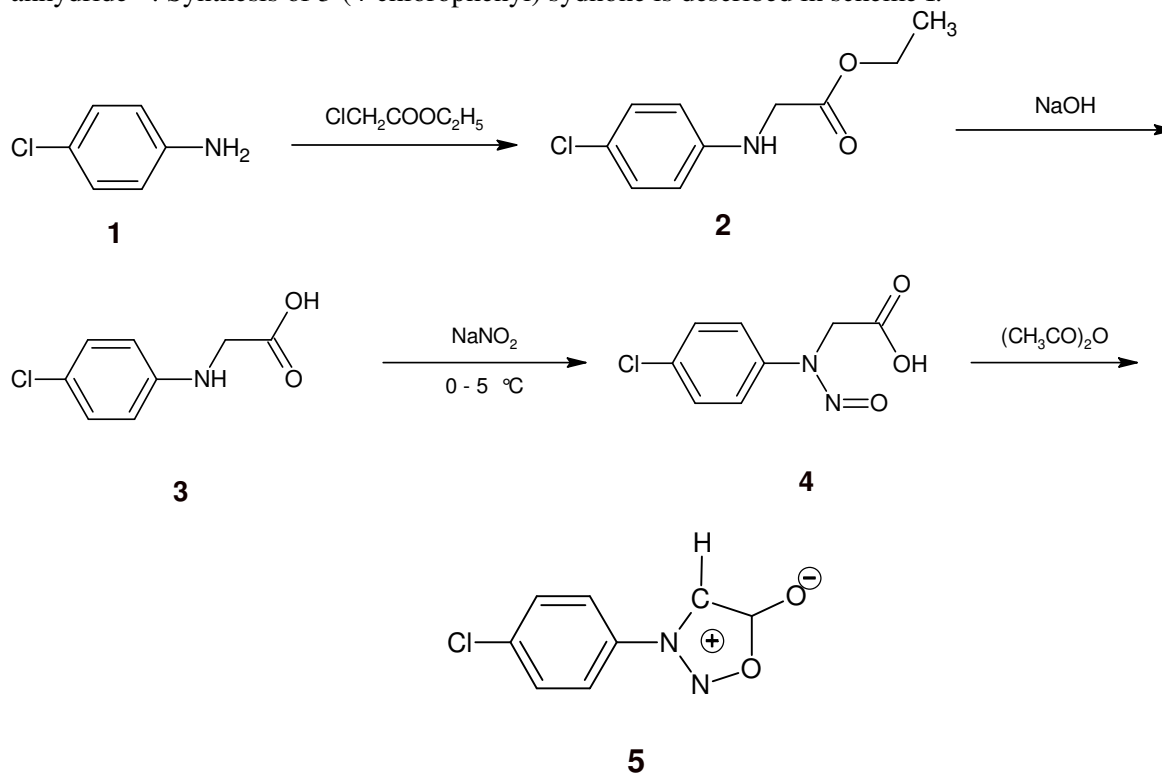
Considerable attention has recently been paid to finding applications of the mesoionic compounds in synthesis and pharmacology. The mesoionic compounds possess structural features which have been of considerable interest to medicinal chemists. From literature survey, sydnone derivatives are most important member of the mesoionic category of compounds. Sydnone derivatives have been viewed as exotic structures within the heterocyclic community. With few exceptions, sydnones are stable compounds that exhibit significant polarity¹. Of the many potential applications of sydnones, the one that has attracted the most interest is their biological properties like antimalarial, antitumor, antibacterial,

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analgesic, antiinflammatory and other antimicrobial activities²⁻⁶. Great deal of work has been done to show that sydnone do undergo electrophilic aromatic substitution at the C-4 position of the ring. A large amount of research work and activities has been undertaken to synthesize new derivatives of sydnone having different biological activities. Hence it is interesting to synthesize and characterize novel sydnone derivatives based on diethylaminobenzene.

2. Results and Discussion

Dehydration of an N-alkyl or aryl N-nitroso- α -amino acid is only general route to sydnone. For the formation of sydnone by ring closure of N-substituted N-nitrosoglycines, it is evident that at least one hydrogen atom is required on the α -carbon atom and that the amino nitrogen atom should have a substituent other than hydrogen. However, when an N-alkyl-N-nitroso- α -amino dicarboxylic acid is treated with acetic anhydride, sydnone ring competes with the cyclic acid anhydride formation by dehydration between the two carboxyl groups and the result is rather complicated. In the case of nitrosoiminodiacetic acid, 3-carboxy methyl sydnone is obtained instead of the corresponding cyclic anhydride^{7,8}. Synthesis of 3-(4-chlorophenyl) sydnone is described in scheme I.

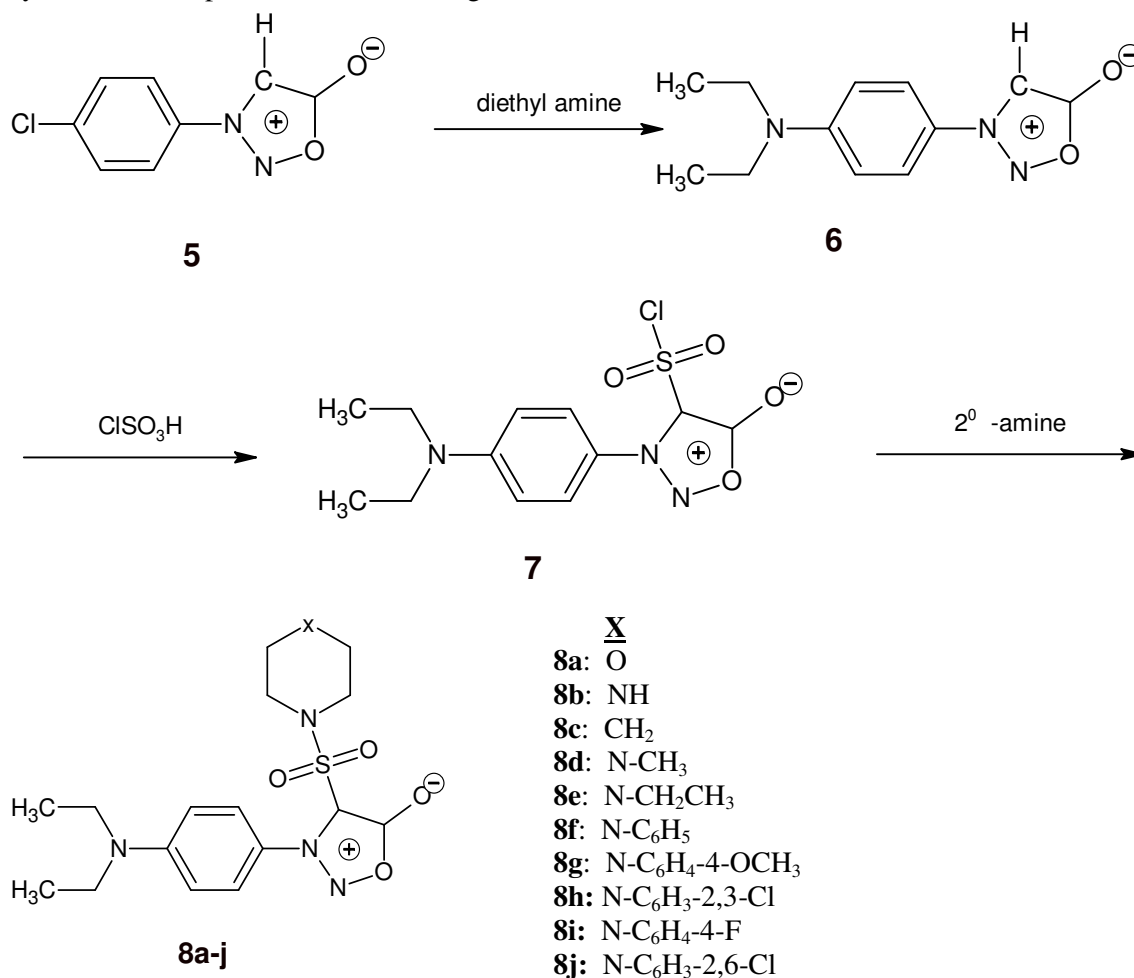


Scheme 1. Synthesis of 3-(4-chlorophenyl) sydnone from 4-chloroaniline

Hydrogen chloride is produced by the reaction between 3-(4-chlorophenyl)sydnone (5) and diethyl amine which combines with triethylamine to form triethylammonium chloride, which is required to complete the reaction. Compound (6) reacted with chlorosulfonic acid to give corresponding sulfonyl chloride which on condensation with different amines resulted in to final compounds. The new procedure for the synthesis of 3-[4-(diethylamino)phenyl]-4-(substituted-1-yl sulfonyl) sydnone (8a-j) is shown in

scheme II. Yield of the novel compounds were found between 74-89 %, depending upon reactivity of secondary amine. All the compounds gave satisfactorily elemental analysis.

All the compounds were characterized by IR and NMR spectroscopy. The expected spectral features of synthesized compounds have been assigned.



Scheme 2. Synthesis of 3-[4-(diethylamino)phenyl]-4-(substituted-1-yl sulfonyl) sydnone from 3-(4-diethylaminophenyl) sydnone

Biological activity: Antibacterial activity of test compound was assessed against *micrococcus* are *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Bacillus subtilis*, *Escherichia coli*, and *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* by broth dilution method.⁹ Ciprofloxacin was used as reference drug. N,N-dimethylformamide (DMF) was used as solvent for this activity. The twofold dilution of the compounds were prepared (128, 64, 32, 16, 8, 4, 2, 1, 0.5, 0.25, 0.125 >) $\mu\text{g/mL}$ in the same solvent for Minimal Inhibitory Concentration (MIC). The compounds were screened under identical conditions at a dose of 200 $\mu\text{g/mL}$ with DMF as solvent. Compound **8d** with substitution of 4-methylpiperazin showed enhanced activity against *B. Subtilis*, *E.Coli* and *P. aeruginosa* compared to other compounds. Presence of methyl group at 4th position of piperazine ring could be responsible for enhance activity against these species. The structure variation such as ethyl, phenyl, methoxy, group at para position of piperazine ring result in to decrease in activity. Compound **8e**

with substitution of ethyl group at para position of piperazine ring showed highest activity against *S. aureus*. Rest of the compounds showed moderate to good activity. This is an example which shows how biological activities are influenced by minor structure modification.

The observed data on the antimicrobial activity of the compounds (**8a-j**) and the reference drugs are given in Table 1.

Table 1. *In vitro* activity of compounds 3-[4-(diethylamino)phenyl]-4-(substituted-1-ylsulfonyl)sydnone (**8a-j**)

Compound	Gram Positive Organisms				Gram Negative Organisms			
	<i>S.aureus</i>		<i>B. Subtilis</i>		<i>E.Coli</i>		<i>P. aeruginosa</i>	
	IZ	MIC	IZ	MIC	IZ	MIC	IZ	MIC
8a	10	-	18	32	13	64	08	-
8b	12	64	15	64	16	32	18	32
8c	10	-	11	128	09	-	08	-
8d	15	32	21	08	20	08	18	16
8e	18	32	08	-	04	-	05	-
8f	17	32	05	-	11	128	10	-
8g	08	-	12	128	11	128	09	-
8h	05	-	08	-	07	-	08	-
8i	11	128	10	-	12	64	13	64
8j	12	128	11	128	08	-	07	-
Ciprofloxacin	31	01	35	0.5	38	0.25	41	0.125

IZ: Inhibition of zone at 200 µg/mL

MIC: Minimum Inhibitory Concentration

3. Conclusion

Our present investigation is centered on the studies of reactions, synthesis, spectral analysis and biological activities of sydnone sulfonamide derivatives. The procedure proved more profitable than those previously reported in the literature. Some compounds were found effective as antibacterial agents.

4. Experimental

General Procedure: All the melting points reported are uncorrected and were recorded using an electro thermal melting point apparatus. Thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on E-Merck pre-coated 60 F254 plates and the spots were rendered visible by exposing to UV light. IR spectra were recorded on Shimadzu FTIR instrument. NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker Avance II NMR spectrometer. Chemical shifts (δ) reported are referred to internal reference tetramethyl silane. Elemental analysis was obtained using a Carlo-Erba CHNS-O EA 1108 Elemental Analyzer.

Preparation of Ethyl N-(4-chlorophenyl)glycinate (2) : p-Chloroaniline (1.40 g, 0.01 mol), chloroethyl acetate (1.06 mL, 0.01 mol) in ethanol (10 mL) and anhydrous sodium acetate (1.64 g, 0.02 mol) were refluxed for 5 hours. The mixture was diluted with 10 mL of water and kept in refrigerator for overnight. Recrystallization in ethanol gave yield 81% of pure glycinate. M.p. 115-117 °C. (lit.¹⁰ m.p. 94 °C) IR (KBr): 3328, 2951, 2933, 2887, 1757, 1072; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 1.21 (t, 3H, COOCH₂CH₃), 3.76 (s, 1H, NH), 4.29 (s, 2H, CH₂), 4.54 (q, 2H, COOCH₂CH₃), 6.83-7.21 (m, 4H, Ar-H); ¹³C NMR (40 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 14.67, 44.78, 61.29, 115.12, 123.22, 128.96, 146.26, 172.11.

Preparation of N-(4-chlorophenyl)glycine (3): Ethyl N-(4-chlorophenyl)glycinate (2.13 g, 0.01 mol) and sodium hydroxide (0.6 g, 0.015 mol) in solution of distilled water and ethanol (18 mL:4 mL) was heated at 80-85 °C for 0.5 hour. Allowed to cool and acidified with hydrochloric acid. Crystalline white product was obtained. Yield 78%. M.p. 145-147 °C. (lit.¹⁰ m.p. 144 °C) IR (KBr): 3323, 3278-2521, 2954, 2937, 2881, 1705, 1067; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 4.33 (s, 2H, CH₂), 6.44 (s, 1H, COOH), 6.52 (s, 1H, NH), 6.88-7.23 (m, 4H, Ar-H); ¹³C NMR (40 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 44.98, 114.32, 123.26, 129.10, 146.07, 172.18.

Preparation of [(4-chlorophenyl)(nitroso)amino]acetic acid (4): To an ice cooled solution of the N-(4-chlorophenyl) glycine (1.86 g, 0.01 mol) in water (40 mL), a solution of sodium nitrite (0.69 g, 0.01 mol) in water (5 mL) was added dropwise with stirring. The reaction mixture was filtered and precipitated by adding concentrated hydrochloric acid to the filtrate. Product obtained as yellowish needles. Yield 78%. M.p. 104-106 °C. (lit.¹¹ mp 113 °C. IR (KBr): 3257-2526, 2925, 2853, 1712, 1571, 1328, 1065; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 5.02 (s, 2H, CH₂), 6.93-7.48 (m, 4H, Ar-H), 11.56 (s, 1H, COOH); ¹³C NMR (40 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 49.43, 120.78, 128.31, 130.46, 138.89, 168.24.

Preparation of 3-(4-chlorophenyl)sydnone (5): The mixture of [(4-chlorophenyl)(nitroso) amino]acetic acid (2.70 g, 0.0126 mol) and acetic anhydride (15 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 12 hours in dark. The solution was poured slowly into cold water which was very well stirred. The pH of the content was adjusted to 7.0 with 10 % sodium bicarbonate solution. The crude sydnone obtained was washed well with water and dried. Recrystallization from 95 % ethanol afforded yield 98% of light yellow needles, M.p. 140-145 °C. (lit.¹² m.p. 110-112 °C). IR (KBr): 3178, 1750, 1056; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 7.21 (s, 1H, sydnone), 7.52-8.16 (m, 4H, Ar-H); ¹³C NMR (40 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 124.12, 128.55, 130.63, 135.22, 140.92, 169.19.

Preparation of 3-(4-diethylaminophenyl) sydnone (6): Diethylamine (1.05 mL, 0.01 mol) was added dropwise to the mixture of 3-(4-chlorophenyl) sydnone (1.96 g, 0.01 mol) and triethylamine (1.34 mL, 0.01 mol) in dimethylformamide (DMF) (10 mL) over the period of 30 minute. The reaction mixture heated for about 24 hour at 50 °C. The solution was poured over the crushed ice. The resulting crystals are filtered. Recrystallized from hot water. Yield obtained was about 78 %. M.p. 160-163 °C. IR (KBr): 3182, 2956, 2918, 2865, 2823, 1753, 1343; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 1.33 (t, 6H, J=7 Hz, CH₃), 3.39

(q, 4H, $J=7$ Hz, CH₂), 7.11 (s, 1H, sydnone), 7.18-7.64 (m, 4H, Ar-H); ¹³C NMR (40 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 13.06, 45.13, 116.33, 123.11, 124.43, 140.87, 149.33, 169.24.

Preparation of N-(4-diethylaminophenyl) sydnone sulphonyl chloride (7): Add N-(4-diethylaminophenyl) sydnone (2.33 g, 0.01 mol) in small portion to the mixture of chlorosulphonic acid (0.70 mL, 0.01 mol) and catalytic amount of phosphorous pentoxide. Shake well to ensure thorough mixing. When the addition has been made, heat the reaction mixture at 60-65 °C for about 1 hour in order to complete the reaction. Allow to cool and pour the mixture over ice. Stir well. Brown solid product was obtained. Filter off the product and wash with cold water. Yield is about 89%. M.p. 195-197 °C. IR (KBr): 2963, 2923, 2867, 2836, 1747, 1395, 1345, 1178; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 1.36 (t, 6H, $J = 7$, CH₃), 3.45 (q, 4H, $J = 7$ Hz, CH₂), 7.13-7.95 (m, 4H, Ar-H); ¹³C NMR (40 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 13.26, 45.35, 115.86, 117.89, 123.10, 140.90, 149.54, 169.22.

Preparation of 3-[4-(diethylamino)phenyl]-4-(substituted-1-yl sulfonyl) sydnone (8a-j): Various 2° - amine (0.005 mol) in acetone (10 mL) was added to N-(4-diethylaminophenyl) sydnone sulphonyl chloride (1.65 g, 0.005 mol) with stirring for 4 hour. Add pyridine (2.0 mL) in portion within this period. Pour the solution to the ice cold water. Products recrystallized in benzene. Similarly other final derivatives were prepared. Yield, Melting point, Elemental analysis of compounds (8a-j) are shown in Table 2.

3-[4-(Diethylamino)phenyl]-4-(morpholin-4-ylsulfonyl)sydnone (8a): IR (KBr): 2955, 2928, 2874, 2844, 1743, 1358, 1349, 1187, 1127; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 1.29 (t, 6H, $J=7$ Hz, CH₃), 3.37 (q, 4H, $J=7$ Hz, CH₂), 3.54-3.70 (m, 8H, morpholine), 7.10-7.89 (m, 4H, Ar-H); ¹³C NMR (40 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 13.12, 45.21, 42.78, 63.54, 116.76, 123.26, 124.10, 140.92, 150.10, 169.19.

3-[4-(Diethylamino)phenyl]-4-(piperazin-1-ylsulfonyl)sydnone (8b): IR (KBr): 3225, 2961, 2926, 2870, 2830, 1751, 1373, 1342, 1185; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 1.28 (t, 6H, $J=7$ Hz, CH₃), 2.61 (s, 1H, NH), 3.25-3.56 (m, 8H, piperazine), 3.39 (q, 4H, $J=7$, CH₂), 7.12-7.89 (m, 4H, Ar-H); ¹³C NMR (40 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 13.42, 41.57, 45.23, 45.37, 116.73, 123.28, 124.61, 150.36, 140.83, 169.15.

3-[4-(Diethylamino)phenyl]-4-(piperidin-1-ylsulfonyl)sydnone (8c): IR (KBr): 2985 (CH₃), 2934, 2875, 2825, 1765, 1370, 1347, 1182; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 1.33 (t, 6H, $J=7$ Hz, CH₃), 1.54-1.60 (m, 6H, piperidine), 3.40 (t, 4H, $J=11$ Hz, piperidine), 3.45 (q, 4H, $J=7$ Hz, CH₂), 7.12-7.84 (m, 4H, Ar-H); ¹³C NMR (40 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 13.32, 23.47, 25.32, 45.21, 45.63, 116.66, 123.35, 124.12, 140.92, 150.31, 169.36.

3-[4-(Diethylamino)phenyl]-4-[(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)sulfonyl]sydnone (8d): IR (KBr): 2989, 2977, 2875, 2852, 1746, 1382, 1363, 1174, 1095; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 1.26 (t, 6H, $J=7$ Hz, CH₃), 2.38 (s, 3H, N-CH₃), 2.83 (t, 4H, $J=4$ Hz, piperazine), 3.38 (q, 4H, $J=7$ Hz, CH₂), 3.58 (t, 4H, $J=5$ Hz, piperazine), 7.10-7.88 (m, 4H, Ar-H); ¹³C NMR (40 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 13.37, 42.45, 45.27, 45.73, 52.78, 116.54, 123.72, 124.09, 150.57, 140.78, 169.16.

Table 2. Analysis of 3-[4-(diethylamino)phenyl]-4-(substituted-1-ylsulfonyl)sydnone (**8a-j**)

	RMol. Formula	Yield (Mol. Weight)	%	M.P °C	Analysis				
					%C	%H	%O	%N	%S
8a	morpholine	C ₁₆ H ₂₂ N ₄ O ₅ S (382.43)	87	204-206	50.25 (50.35)	5.80 (5.86)	20.92 (21.14)	14.65 (14.62)	5.47 (5.56)
8b	piperazine	C ₁₆ H ₂₃ N ₅ O ₄ S (381.45)	89	185-187	50.38 (50.26)	6.08 (5.98)	16.78 (16.49)	18.36 (18.12)	5.48 (5.55)
8c	piperidine	C ₁₇ H ₂₄ N ₄ O ₄ S (380.46)	82	224-226	53.67 (53.96)	6.36 (6.54)	16.82 (16.96)	14.73 (14.87)	5.50 (5.58)
8d	N-methyl piperazine	C ₁₇ H ₂₅ N ₅ O ₄ S (395.48)	78	195-197	51.63 (51.87)	6.37 (6.68)	16.18 (16.26)	17.71 (17.78)	5.23 (5.31)
8e	N-ethyl piperazine	C ₁₈ H ₂₇ N ₅ O ₄ S (409.50)	76	243-245	52.79 (52.54)	6.65 (6.96)	15.63 (15.72)	17.10 (16.98)	5.00 (4.90)
8f	N-phenyl piperazine	C ₂₂ H ₂₇ N ₅ O ₄ S (457.55)	79	210-212	57.75 (57.69)	5.95 (6.03)	13.99 (13.91)	15.31 (15.56)	4.35 (4.43)
8g	N-4-methoxyphenyl- piperazine	C ₂₃ H ₂₉ N ₅ O ₅ S (487.57)	74	201-203	56.66 (56.76)	6.00 (6.13)	16.41 (16.33)	14.36 (14.28)	4.02 (4.11)
8h	N-2,3-dichlorophenyl- piperazine	C ₂₂ H ₂₅ Cl ₂ N ₅ O ₄ S (526.44)	82	173-175	50.19 (50.32)	4.79 (4.86)	12.16 (12.28)	13.30 (13.22)	3.67 (3.61)
8i	N-4-florophenyl- piperazine	C ₂₄ H ₂₆ FN ₅ O ₄ S (475.54)	81	215-217	55.57 (55.68)	5.51 (5.65)	13.46 (13.41)	14.73 (14.86)	4.15 (4.09)
8j	N-2,6-dichlorophenyl piperazine	C ₂₂ H ₂₅ Cl ₂ N ₅ O ₄ S (526.44)	74	238-240	50.19 (50.02)	4.79 (5.01)	12.16 (12.31)	13.30 (13.42)	3.67 (3.74)

3-[4-(Diethylamino)phenyl]-4-[(4-ethylpiperazin-1-yl)sulfonyl]sydnone (8e): IR (KBr): 2978, 2964, 2870, 2857, 1757, 1388, 1368, 1177, 1087; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 1.23 (t, 3H, $J=7$ Hz, CH_3), 1.47 (t, 6H, $J=6$ Hz, CH_3), 2.88 (q, 2H, $J=4$ Hz, CH_2), 2.91 (t, 4H, $J=4$ Hz, piperazine), 3.45 (q, 4H, $J=7$ Hz, CH_2), 3.73 (t, 4H, $J=5$ Hz, piperazine), 7.18-7.84 (m, 4H, Ar-H); ^{13}C NMR (40 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 11.48, 13.25, 41.33, 45.27, 50.63, 51.75, 116.76, 123.25, 124.26, 140.74, 150.33, 169.54

3-[4-(Diethylamino)phenyl]-4-[(4-phenylpiperazin-1-yl)sulfonyl]sydnone (8f): IR (KBr): 2979, 2974, 2878, 2858, 1741, 1368, 1375, 1171, 1083; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 1.35 (t, 6H, $J=7$ Hz, CH_3), 3.47 (q, 4H, $J=6$ Hz, CH_2), 3.76-3.83 (m, 8H, piperazine), 6.82-7.76 (m, 9H, Ar-H); ^{13}C NMR (40 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 13.53, 45.25, 45.54, 50.35, 116.88, 117.00, 120.24, 123.35, 124.42, 129.42, 140.66, 150.37, 153.46, 169.43.

3-[4-(Diethylamino)phenyl]-4-[[4-(4-methoxyphenyl)piperazin-1-yl]sulfonyl]sydnone (8g): IR (KBr): 2990, 2977, 2876, 2852, 1747, 1364, 1382, 1239, 1174, 1087, 1023; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 1.41 (t, 6H, $J=7$ Hz, CH_3), 3.33 (q, 4H, $J=7$ Hz, CH_2), 3.69-3.75 (m, 8H, piperazine), 3.71 (s, 3H, OCH_3), 6.85-8.76 (m, 8H, Ar-H). ^{13}C NMR (40 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 13.34, 45.24, 45.67, 50.83, 54.96, 114.63, 116.56, 119.58, 123.27, 124.51, 140.73, 145.65, 150.13, 154.74, 168.68.

3-[4-(Diethylamino)phenyl]-4-[[4-(2,3-dichlorophenyl)piperazin-1-yl]sulfonyl]sydnone (8h): IR (KBr): 2968, 2945, 2852, 2861, 1756, 1374, 1359, 1172, 1092, 1090; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 1.27 (t, 6H, $J=7$ Hz, CH_3), 3.38 (q, 4H, $J=7$ Hz, CH_2), 3.79-3.85 (m, 8H, piperazine), 6.95-7.84 (m, 7H, Ar-H); ^{13}C NMR (40 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 13.53, 45.23, 45.43, 51.44, 116.62, 118.34, 122.23, 123.18, 123.81, 124.31, 129.58, 136.28, 140.35, 147.87, 150.53, 169.26.

3-[4-(Diethylamino)phenyl]-4-[[4-(4-fluorophenyl)piperazin-1-yl]sulfonyl]sydnone (8i): IR (KBr): 2989, 2973, 2872, 2854, 1752, 1378, 1386, 1227, 1162, 1077; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 1.22 (t, 6H, $J=7$ Hz, CH_3), 3.40 (q, 4H, $J=7$ Hz, CH_2), 3.67-3.75 (m, 8H, piperazine), 7.00-8.23 (m, 8H, Ar-H); ^{13}C NMR (40 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 13.33, 45.26, 45.34, 51.21, 115.86, 116.47, 116.56, 123.15, 124.64, 140.36, 149.12, 150.35, 156.48, 169.30.

3-[4-(Diethylamino)phenyl]-4-[[4-(2,6-dichlorophenyl)piperazin-1-yl]sulfonyl]sydnone (8j): IR (KBr): 2975, 2964, 2877, 2856, 1766, 1384, 1358, 1176, 1095, 1084; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 1.31 (t, 6H, $J=7$ Hz, CH_3), 3.36 (q, 4H, $J=7$ Hz, CH_2), 3.79-3.85 (m, 8H, piperazine), 6.95-7.50 (m, 7H, Ar-H); ^{13}C NMR (40 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 13.14, 45.24, 45.33, 51.43, 116.76, 123.22, 124.12, 126.33, 128.45, 136.77, 140.66, 143.54, 150.17, 169.22.

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