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#### **Abstract**

Several appealing strategies emerged for selective anticancer therapy. Mitochondrial respiratory complex II (CII) is a potential target for many human diseases, including cancer. We have designed, synthesized, and characterized a library of potent CII inhibitors atpenin A5 and diazoxide analogues with enhanced 'drug-likeness' and evaluated their antineoplastic activity. Several of these derivatives showed greater activity and selectivity to inhibit the CII. Design aspects of lead derivatives (16c) include optimum ligand lipophilicity efficiency of >5, and half-life of >3 hours. This derivative displayed potent and selective inhibition of cell proliferation in both multiple human prostate cancer cell lines and reactive stromal cells in a dose-dependent manner which maybe a novel therapeutic strategy which can confer significant benefit to patients. Also, several of diazoxide derivatives displayed potent and selective inhibition of cell proliferation in triple negative breast cancer MDA-MB-468 cells.

Antiangiogenesis drugs play a beneficial role in cancer treatment. Inhibition of vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF) is one of the significant targets in tumor angiogenesis. Suppressing vascular permeability in tumor cells leads to inhibition of tumor growth by locking the survival factor that delivers the oxygen and nutrients to the tumors. We have designed and synthesized a library of potent VEGF inhibitors that had potency to inhibit the HUVEC-VEGF treated cells.

Inhibition of specific carbonic anhydrases (CA) enzymes emerged as a new strategy for anticancer therapy. The CA isoforms IX and XII were known to be overexpressed in various human solid tumors and play a critical role in regulating tumor acidification, proliferation, and progression. Series of novel sulfonamides containing coumarin moieties were synthesized as potent CA inhibitors. These compounds would be able to selectively target the tumor-associated CA IX and CA XII with high inhibition

activity. Several of these compounds have anticancer activity against the MDA-MB-468 cells.

The current dissertation emphasizes on the synthesis and evaluation of novel compounds that inhibit CII, VEGF, and CA as anticancer agents. I envision that further studies will lead to the optimization of structure-activity relationship of these new derivatives and recognize molecular and signaling pathways that could further result in the outcome of anticancer therapy.

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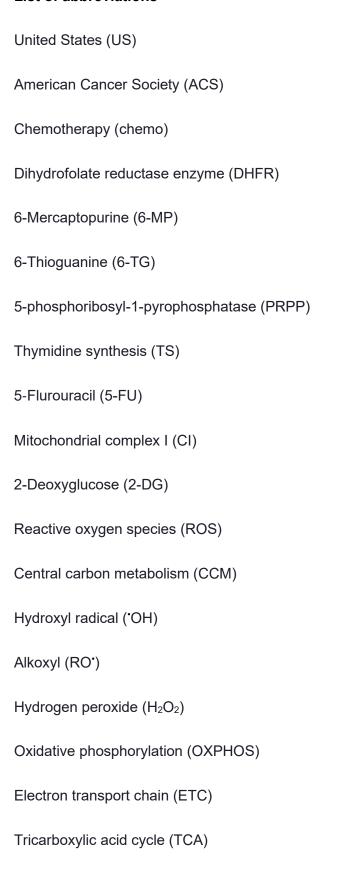
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## List of abbreviations



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Mitochondrial respiratory complex II (CII)
Succinate dehydrogenase (SDH)
Succinate-coenzyme Q reductase (SQR)
Ubiquinone (Q)
Ubiquinol (QH<sub>2</sub>)
Hypoxia-inducible factor (HIF)
Myocardial infarction (MI)
Ischemia-reperfusion (IR)
3-Bromopyruvate (3BP)
3-Nitropropionic acid (3NP)
\alpha-Tocopheryl succinate (\alpha-TOS)
Mitochondrially targeted vitamin E succinate (MitoVES)
Cationic triphenylphosphonium (TPP+)
Mitochondrial inner membrane (MIM)
Thenoyltrifluoroacetone (TTFA)
Lonidamine (LND)
US Food and Drug Administration (US-FDA)
Diazoxide (DZX)
Triple negative breast cancer (TNBC)
Atpenin A5 (AA5)
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Ubiquinone binding site (IIQ) Structure-activity relationship (SAR) Epidermal growth factor (EGF) Vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF) Tumor necrosis factor-alpha (TNF-α) Interleukins (IL-1-7) Transforming growth factor (TGF) Vascular endothelial growth factor receptor (VEGFR) Anti-vascular endothelial growth factor (anti-VEGF) Receptor tyrosine kinase (RTK). Carbonic anhydrases (CA) Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) Bicarbonate (HCO<sub>3</sub>) Zinc ion (Zn<sup>2+</sup>) *N*-bromosuccinimide (NBS) lithium diisopropylamide (LDA) Trifluoroacetic acid (TFA) Dess-martin periodinane (DMP) Diisobutylaluminium hydride (DIBAL-H) Zinc chloride (ZnCl<sub>2</sub>)

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Dichlorophenolindophenol (DCPIP)
Polar surface area (PSA)
Ligand-lipophilicity efficiency (LLE)
(3-(4,5-dimethylthiazol-2-yl)-5-(3-carboxymethoxyphenyl)2-(4-sulfophenyl)-2H-
tetrazolium) (MTS)
Enzalutamide (ENZ)
Thin-layer chromatography (TLC)
Parts per million (ppm)
n-butyl lithium (<sup>n</sup>BuLi)
Trimethyl borate (B(OMe)<sub>3</sub>
Tetrahydrofuran (THF)
Dichloromethane (DCM)
Diethylether (Et<sub>2</sub>O)
Ethylacetate (EtOAc)
Chloroform-d (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)
Sodium hydride (NaH)
Ethanol (EtOH)
Methanol (MeOH)
Carbon tetrachloride (CCl<sub>4</sub>)
Palladium on carbon (Pd/C)
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American type culture collection (ATCC) Dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO) Pan-assay interfering compounds (PAINS) Selectivity Index (SI) Roswell park memorial institute-1640 medium (RPMI-1640) Dulbecco's modified eagle medium (DMEM) Dimethyl sulfoxide-d<sub>6</sub> (dmso-d<sub>6</sub>) Human umbilical vein endothelial cells (HUVECs) (3-[4, 5-dimethylthiazol-2-yl]-2, 5-dimethyltetrazolium bromide) colorimetric assay (MTT) 1-Ethyl-3-(3-dimethylaminopropyl) carbodiimide hydrochloride (EDC) 1-Hydroxybenzotriazole hydrate (HOBt•H<sub>2</sub>O) Triethylamine (TEA) *N,N*-dimethylformamide (DMF)

## **Chapter 1. Introduction**

## 1.1. Overview of cancer and treatment

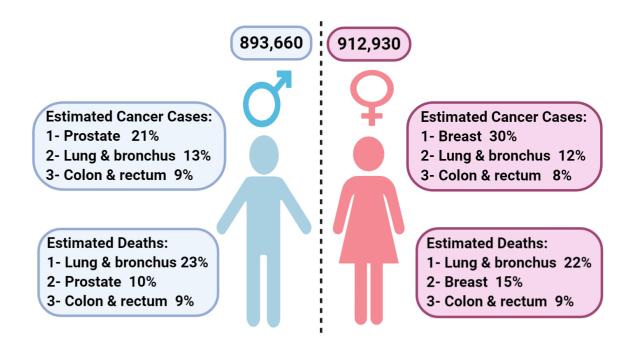
Cancer is one of the topmost public health issues worldwide and the second leading cause of death in the United States (US).¹ One-third of the world's population has suffered from some form of cancer in their lifespan. In the US, the American Cancer Society (ACS) estimates more than 1.8 million new cancer cases and 606,520 cancer deaths are projected to occur in 2020.² Cancer is a disease that involves abnormal cell growth with the potential to invade or spread to other parts of the body.³ Most of the cancer cells have the same hallmarks, that include: cell growth and division, avoidance of programmed cell death, promoting blood vessel construction and invasion of tissue and formation of metastases.⁴

There are more than 100 different types of cancer disease. Lung, colorectal, breast, and prostate cancers are the most common cancer types for new cases and number of deaths in the US. Lung and colon cancer types are fatal for both males and females. Prostate cancer is the most frequently diagnosed cancer type in the US and is second only to lung cancer as the most common non-cutaneous cancer diagnosed in men worldwide.<sup>5</sup> In the US, prostate cancer has 21% of the new cases with 191,930 estimated new cases and with nearly 72,500 related deaths in the year 2020.<sup>2</sup> Also, it is the third leading cause of cancer deaths.<sup>6</sup> On the other hand, breast cancer is the most frequently occurring cancer in American woman, with the exception of skin cancers. According to ACS, one in eight women in the US will develop breast cancer in their lifetime with 276,480 estimated new cases in the US with nearly 63,220 related deaths in the year 2020 (**Figure 1.1**).<sup>2</sup>

Depending on the type, stage of cancer, and how advanced it is, numerous treatment options are available including surgery, chemotherapy, radiation therapy, and

immunotherapy. The old and commonly used cancer treatment is surgery, which is the first choice in the early stage of solid tumors and sometimes used in combination with other types of treatment. It is a procedure to remove the tumor from the origin that depends on the type and the stage of the tumor. The surgery works best if the patients have a localized solid tumor in one area, while this option cannot be used in the case of invasive cancer or metastasized tumor. The next common cancer treatment is radiation therapy, which involves the usage of high doses of radiation to shrink or kill tumor cells. The first type of cancer in which positive results were obtained by using radiation therapy was breast cancer. Also, one of the common cancer treatments available nowadays is chemotherapy (chemo), which is a type of cancer treatment that uses drugs to kill malignant cells. Chemotherapy drugs could keep cancer from spreading, inhibit the growth of the tumor or even kill cancer cells. However, chemotherapy causes many side effects because it kills cells that grow quickly, including cells in blood, digestive system, and hair follicles. There are over 100 types of chemotherapeutic drugs with different routes of administration including capsule, intravenous, and cream. Chemotherapy is often administered as a single drug or in combination with other drugs because some drugs work better together than alone. With the introduction of adjuvant chemotherapy, the concept of localized treatment changed. In the last few decades, the immunotherapy was widely used in the treatment of cancer. It is used certain parts person's own immune system to attempts prevent, control, and eliminate cancer. Immunotherapy treatment has many main types of used to treat tumors such as checkpoint inhibitors, cytokines, cancer vaccines, and monoclonal antibodies.8 The immunotherapy treatment became a familiar concept in the US; thus, many cancer immunotherapy drugs were approved by the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

In this scientific era, scientists are struggling to control this deadly disease because of multifaceted disease progression, including unpredictable mutation, fast metastasis, acquired resistance to chemotherapy, and scarcity of tumor-targeted anticancer agents. In addition to these, severe side effects and the lack of selectivity of anticancer drugs have made the treatment challenging. It is necessary to discover drugs with higher selectivity towards cancer cells and minimal side effects to healthy cells. There are several important targets for cancer therapy and the researchers should focus more on minimizing the side effects of the clinically available anticancer agents or develop new agents that selectively target cancer with reduced side effects.



**Figure 1.1.** Three major cancer types for the estimated new cancer cases and deaths by sex, United States, 2020.

# 1.2. Targeting of cancer mitochondrial metabolic pathways, specifically mitochondrial respiratory complex II

Proliferating cancer cells are characterized by the ability to rapidly grow and divide uncontrollably that results in the formation of tumor, damage to the immune system, and this impairment can be fatal to cells. Cancer progression requires an increase in the metabolic processes and consumes a high amount of cellular nutrients. During recent years, in cancer drug discovery, the targeting of cancer metabolic pathways has emerged as an appealing strategy to increase the selectivity of anticancer therapy. The chemotherapies targeting cancer metabolism have been shown effective in the treatment of cancer for decades. While this success of chemotherapies targeting metabolism demonstrates that a novel therapeutic strategy exists to target cancer metabolism. It may provide a therapeutic advantage that can help overcome drug resistance, increase the specificity of drug delivery, enhance the potency of existing treatments, and overcome the side effects.

Antimetabolites are molecules that often inhibit the activity of enzymes involved in nucleotide base synthesis that leads to inhibition of the metabolism in the cells (**Table 1.1**). Many small molecules have been investigated to inhibit cancer cell metabolism, and one of the notable examples include methotrexate, which targets nucleotide biosynthesis of dihydrofolate reductase enzyme (DHFR).<sup>12</sup> Also, 6-mercaptopurine (6-MP) and 6-thioguanine (6-TG) inhibit the first enzyme in *de novo* purine biosynthesis using 5-phosphoribosyl-1-pyrophosphatase (PRPP) amidotransferase, and these molecules were known to be successful in treating childhood leukemia.<sup>13</sup> Targeting thymidine synthesis (TS) by an antimetabolite class of nucleoside analogues such as 5-flurouracil (5-FU) can halt tumor development.<sup>14</sup> 5-Flurouracil is the primary chemotherapy option for gastrointestinal cancers.<sup>12</sup>.<sup>15</sup> Gemcitabine and cytarabine are also antimetabolite

nucleoside analogues that can be incorporated into DNA to result in inhibition of DNA polymerases.

Moreover, metformin has been identified to have an impact on oxidative phosphorylation in cancer cells, as it can inhibit mitochondrial complex I (CI) that leads to a decreased glucose oxidation and increases glutamine dependency in cancer cells. 16-18 Another compound known for its inhibition of glucose metabolism is 2-deoxyglucose (2-DG). 2-Deoxyglucose is phosphorylated by hexokinase to produce 2-deoxyglucose-6-phosphate. 19 Cancer cells that are exposed to high amounts of 2-DG undergo growth arrest and/or apoptosis because 2-DG accumulates intracellularly and competitively inhibits hexokinase to slow glucose uptake. 20 According to recent findings, targeting the cellular metabolic process is an attractive choice for bypassing drug resistance and thus providing an alternative strategy for anticancer therapy. The proliferation of normal cells and cancer cells have approximately similar metabolic requirements, thus, finding a therapeutic window between them remains a major challenge in the development of successful cancer therapies targeting metabolic pathways.

Drug	Pathway Target	Effect	Development Status
Methotrexate	Dihydrofolate reductase	Inhibits cell proliferation	FDA-approved
6-Mercaptopurine 6-Thioguanine	PRPP amidotransferase	Inhibits cell proliferation	FDA-approved
5-Flurouracil	Thymidylate synthase	Inhibits cell proliferation	FDA-approved
Metformin	Mitochondrial complex I	Activates AMPK	FDA-approved for diabetes, clinical trials in cancer  Phase I/II
Gemcitabine Cytarabine	Nucleotide incorporation (DNA polymerase)	Inhibits cell proliferation	FDA-approved
2-Deoxyglucose	Hexokinase (glycolysis)	Blocks glycolytic flux	Reported in clinical trials

**Table 1.1:** Select agents targeting metabolism that are in clinical trials or FDA-approved for cancer treatment.

Targeting mitochondrial metabolism has been proposed as a unique approach for the development of anticancer drugs due to the central role that mitochondria play in the life and death of a cell.<sup>21</sup> Emerging evidence implicates mitochondrial metabolism as vital for tumor growth. 18, 22 Furthermore, mitochondria are crucial not only for energy production, but also in regulating essential steps for cell apoptosis and reactive oxygen species (ROS) generation.<sup>23</sup> Mitochondria are indispensable for eukaryotes and play many essential roles in the cell, most notably in electron transport-linked phosphorylation, central carbon metabolism (CCM), and the biosynthesis of intermediates for cell growth. Furthermore, the mitochondria is responsible for many other vital processes that determine cell function including cancer, inflammation, metabolic signaling, cell death, and transformation.<sup>21</sup> Hence, mitochondrial dysfunction and modulating the mitochondrial oxidative metabolism have been found to contribute to many common disorders, including neurodegeneration and is a promising target for cancer therapy. Even though many of the mitochondriatargeted compounds have exhibited potency and selectivity towards cancer cell death in preclinical and early clinical testing, none of these compounds have progressed beyond phase III clinical trials to be used for treatment of human cancers.<sup>24</sup> Intensifying research in this area may improve the therapeutic efficacy of these compounds and fulfill the clinical promise of exploiting the mitochondrion as a target for cancer chemotherapy.

Reactive oxygen species are a variety of highly reactive chemicals and free radical oxygen molecules that are able to independently exist with one or more unpaired electrons such as the hydroxyl radical ('OH), alkoxyl (RO') and hydrogen peroxide (H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>).<sup>25</sup> Reactive oxygen species are generated during mitochondrial oxidative metabolism and play an essential role in triggering apoptosis under physiologic and pathologic conditions. In normal physiological conditions, ROS levels in cells are controlled and remain in balance, and also have antiapoptotic effects to drive regulatory pathways but when oxidative stress

occurs, ROS overwhelms the cellular antioxidant defense system and triggers oxidative damage to DNA and proteins.<sup>26</sup> Despite the presence of various antioxidant defenses, mitochondria are considered a major source and target of oxidants in most tissues.<sup>27</sup> There is evidence showing that ROS can act as cancer suppressents.<sup>28</sup> The increased ROS in malignant cells may be a promising approach towards developing a novel anticancer agent.

One of the most important mechanisms in mitochondrial metabolism is oxidative phosphorylation (OXPHOS)/electron transport chain (ETC). Oxidative phosphorylation refers to the generation of ATP from ADP and phosphate by ATP synthase by utilizing the reducing power of NADH and FADH<sub>2</sub> produced by the tricarboxylic acid (TCA) cycle and proton in the inner mitochondrial membrane.<sup>29</sup> The ETC (respiratory chain) process releases a huge amount of energy in the form of a proton gradient across the inner membrane of mitochondria, which is then utilized to synthesize ATP via ATP synthase.<sup>9</sup> The respiratory chain consists of several important parts that include complex I (NADH-ubiquinone reductase), complex II (succinate dehydrogenase), complex III (cytochrome c oxidoreductase), complex IV (cytochrome c oxidase) and ATP synthase (complex V).<sup>29</sup> Targeting this type of mitochondrial metabolism has been proposed as a unique approach for the development of anticancer drugs.

Mitochondrial respiratory complex II (CII), also known as succinate dehydrogenase (SDH) or succinate-coenzyme Q reductase (SQR), is a 124 kDa protein complex located in the inner membrane of mitochondria.<sup>30</sup> Mitochondrial complex II is an integral membrane protein and contains four nuclear-encoded subunits: SDHA, SDHB, SDHC, and SDHD.<sup>31</sup> Complex II plays a vital role in mitochondrial metabolism, where it catalyzes the oxidation of succinate to fumarate in the TCA cycle. Also, it reduces ubiquinone (Q) to ubiquinol (QH<sub>2</sub>) (**Figure 1.2**).<sup>32</sup> It is considered to be a part of the ETC as well as being

implicated in succinate signaling and substantial ROS generation.<sup>31</sup> Complex II, unlike other mitochondrial complexes, links the two essential energy-producing processes of the cell: the TCA cycle and the ETC, while lacking any contribution to maintaining proton gradient across the mitochondrial inner membrane.<sup>33</sup> Despite the association of some aggressive forms of cancer with CII mutation (probably linked to hypoxia-inducible factor (HIF) activation resulting from inhibition of HIF prolyl-hydroxylases by succinate accumulation), far greater evidence supports an antiproliferative role for CII inhibition.<sup>34</sup>

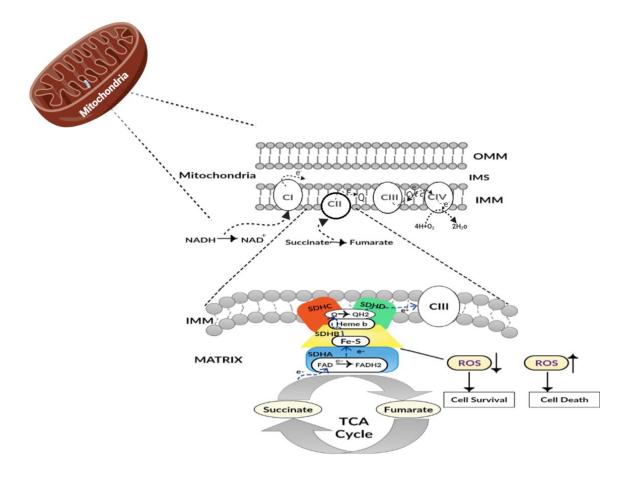


Figure 1.2. The structure of mitochondria respiratory complex II (CII); succinate dehydrogenase (SDH). It is a member of the respiratory chain and TCA cycle, wherein it catalyzes the oxidation of succinate to fumarate. SDHA, B, C, D represent the subunits of SDH.

Many factors make mitochondria an emerging and unique therapeutic target for several human diseases, including myocardial infarction (MI), stroke, and cancer. Complex II activity is responsible for the oxidative stress in stroke and MI due to its role in the generation of pathological ROS.<sup>23, 35</sup> Several facets of CII inhibition, beyond the generation of ROS, have significant promise for the development of selective small molecule chemotherapeutics. Mutation of CII is rare in individual subunits within cancers, which makes it a unique invariant druggable target for the development of cancer chemotherapy. Complex CII mutations are associated only in infrequent and nonaggressive neoplasia such as pheochromocytomas.<sup>36, 37</sup> In prostate cancer, which is one of the most common cancer types, the percentage of the patients with mutation in complex II is one in a million. 36, 38 Inhibiting CII has a significant promise for the development of selective small-molecule chemotherapeutics through inhibiting glutaminolysis, the primary source of energy for cancer cells, at mitochondrial level via inhibition of the TCA cycle. 33, 39 Along with complex I, complex II (also known as fumarate reductase) is a vital member of the NADH-fumarate reductase system in which amino acids can be used instead of glucose for maintaining mitochondrial energy production in tumor microenvironments under hypoxic conditions.<sup>40</sup> The inhibition of CII leads to prolonged activation of both autophagy and apoptosis in tumor cells. 41 Malignant cells are known to develop resistance to apoptosis. 42 Activation of the self-digestion process, autophagy, could therefore be an appropriate strategy for combating drug resistance and enhance cell death. 41 Promisingly, a number of known but low potency CII inhibitors are selectively cytotoxic to cancer cells, albeit with weak effect, while conveying minimal to no toxicity to non-malignant cells. 43, 44 The mitochondrial inner membrane potential within cancer cells is posited to be greater than their non-malignant counterparts.<sup>45</sup> This observation may account for the selective cytotoxicity of CII inhibitors to neoplastic cells.

The development of potent CII inhibitors would be expected to provide highly selective antineoplastic agents.

Inhibition of CII has also shown promise in the potential treatment of stroke and neurodegenerative diseases. Cardiac mitochondria sustain major damage in ischemia-reperfusion (IR) injury, tissue damage caused when blood supply returns after a period of ischemia. Recovery of mitochondrial function after IR insult is highly predictive of cardiac contractile recovery<sup>46</sup> and the preservation of mitochondrial function has become a popular strategy for cardioprotection.<sup>47</sup> Accumulation of succinate is a universal metabolic signature of ischemia and is responsible for mitochondrial ROS production during reperfusion. Inhibition of CII blocks both succinate accumulation during ischemia and its oxidation upon reperfusion, resulting in decreased volume of infarcted brain tissue caused by IR injury.<sup>48</sup> As such, it has been shown that inhibiting complex II with low potency compounds can protect the heart against ischemia-reperfusion IR injury, thereby ascribing CII as a potential target for drug development in stroke.<sup>48, 49</sup>

Several CII inhibitors are known in the literature; however, all have low potency towards CII inhibition, and hence low cytotoxicity. 3-Bromopyruvate (3BP, **Figure 1.3**) was the first identified CII inhibitor, however no IC<sub>50</sub> has been reported to the best of our knowledge. This compound is known to be an alkylating agent<sup>50</sup> and is also an antiglycolytic agent as hexokinase inhibitor, which strongly inhibits glycolysis,<sup>51</sup> and these mechanisms of action will certainly contribute to antineoplastic activity, yet does not explain the observed selectivity between cancerous and non-malignant cells.<sup>52</sup> Perhaps this selectivity is a tantalizing glimpse of the utility of CII as a chemotherapeutic target. On the other hand, a new study proved 3BP has high efficacy for anticancer therapy with no apparent side effects in the animal study.<sup>53</sup>

The three carbon dicarboxylic acid (malonate) was one of the first identified competitive succinate dehydrogenase inhibitors with an IC $_{50}$  of approximately 40  $\mu$ M $^{54}$  and is often used as a tool compound. It has a significant role in symbiotic nitrogen metabolism and brain development. $^{55}$  It has also been shown to regulate the activity of mitochondrial ATP-sensitive potassium channels. $^{56}$  The competitive inhibitor malonate is also cardioprotective, mimic ischemic preconditioning, and can modulate ROS production in isolated mitochondria. $^{57}$  No high antineoplastic activity associated with malonate has been reported.

3-Nitropropionic acid (3NP) is a mitochondrial toxin, able to impair cellular energy metabolism via inhibition of CII, which induces a reduction in ATP production that leads to oxidative stress and generation of ROS.<sup>40</sup> According to the best of our knowledge, no IC<sub>50</sub> has been reported for 3NP. 3-Nitropropionic acid also has the same effect as malonate, including cardioprotective, mimic ischemic preconditioning, and decrease oxygen radical production.<sup>56</sup> However, the irreversible inhibitor of mitochondrial complex II 3NP has a limited anticancer effect. <sup>56</sup>

Figure 1.3. Structures of known mitochondria respiratory complex II inhibitors.

Vitamin E analogue  $\alpha$ -Tocopheryl succinate ( $\alpha$ -TOS) has a CII inhibition IC $_{50}$  = 42  $\mu$ M was shown to have improved biological activity. State It can inhibit the proliferation and induce apoptosis in cancer cells by rapid generation of ROS. This compound is selective for cancer cells due to their characteristically diminished antioxidant defenses and low esterase activity, thereby lessening the toxicity on non-malignant cells. Mechanism of action studies suggest  $\alpha$ -TOS can cause membrane damage and induce ceremidemediated apoptosis. Several animal data studies of  $\alpha$ -TOS have been shown to suppress growth effects for many cancers including prostate, lung, melanoma, and breast. State III inhibition IC $_{50}$  = 42  $\mu$ -M was shown to suppress growth effects for many cancers including prostate, lung, melanoma, and

Mitochondrially targeted vitamin E succinate (MitoVES) (**Figure 1.3**) has a lower potency for CII than the parent compound  $\alpha$ -TOS with an IC<sub>50</sub> = 70  $\mu$ M.<sup>65</sup> However, MitoVES was found to be 20-50 times more effective in inducing apoptosis in cancer cells than  $\alpha$ -TOS.<sup>66</sup> This is attributed to the introduction of a lipophilic cationic triphenylphosphonium (TPP+) group which allows it to permeate throughout phospholipid bilayers, targets and accumulates within mitochondria. The delocalized charge on the quaternary phosphorus atom is known to cause up to 1000-fold greater accumulation in the mitochondria.<sup>67</sup> This places the pharmacophore of the compound inside the mitochondrial inner membrane (MIM) where CII is located. Thus, the addition of the cationic TPP group serves as a targeted delivery method to enhance the concentration of the compound within the mitochondria and provides enhanced antineoplastic properties.<sup>31</sup> Again, inhibition of CII has been shown to be selective to cancerous cells with MitoVES possessing an IC<sub>50</sub> of 0.5-3  $\mu$ M for apoptosis induction in cancer cells, which is more cytotoxic than non-malignant cells with approximately 20-60  $\mu$ M.<sup>66</sup>

Thenoyltrifluoroacetone (TTFA), is a chelating agent, and potent inhibitor of cellular respiration by inhibition of CII. It is widely used as a control compound to study the

structure and function of CII with an IC<sub>50</sub> = 30  $\mu$ M.<sup>68</sup> Thenoyltrifluoroacetone induces apoptosis and results in the generation of ROS. However, high toxicity to non-cancerous cells limits TTFA investigation as a CII inhibitor.<sup>69</sup> Also, TTFA has been shown to potently inhibit carboxylesterase activity.<sup>70</sup>

Lonidamine (LND) has been known to be an anticancer agent that can selectively act on the mitochondrial metabolic pathways of neoplastic cells.<sup>71</sup> Early studies demonstrated that LND can inhibit aerobic glycolysis in cancer cells through its inhibitory effect on mitochondrial bound hexokinase while enhancing aerobic glycolysis in healthy cells.<sup>71</sup> It has limited anticancer activity as a single agent, while having a high potential impact in modulating the activities of conventional antitumor therapies.<sup>72, 73</sup> It has been used in many clinical trials and can effectively sensitize tumors to chemotherapy, hyperthermia, photodynamic therapy, and radiotherapy selectively.<sup>74</sup> A recent finding indicates that LND can inhibit CII by interfering with the ubiquinone site and preventing the reduction of ubiquinone, which leads to the alteration of several essential metabolic pathways in cancer cells.<sup>75</sup> Lonidamine treatment results in mitochondrial dysfunction, mitochondrial mass change, loss of mitochondrial membrane potential, and reduction of cellular ATP levels.<sup>71</sup> Lonidamine also enhances the generation of a large number of ROS through the inhibition of CII, which significantly contributes to halting tumor development.<sup>75</sup>

Several other small molecules with low potency CII inhibition activity are also known. However, their potency precludes them from detailed evaluation as antitumor agents. While many of the above-mentioned known CII inhibitors demonstrate anticancer activity, they all exhibit low potency CII inhibition ability ( $IC_{50} = 30-70 \mu M$ ). Indeed, almost all these inhibitors have been shown to have alternative or complementary mechanisms to CII inhibition that may account for the observed anticancer activity. Reactive oxygen species induction is essential for all the CII inhibitors with proven anticancer activity;

however, the precise sequence of events leading up to and following ROS production are poorly understood. A potent CII inhibitor would be expected to elicit far greater anticancer efficacy and would be an excellent candidate for development as a chemotherapeutic agent, as a probe compound for further elucidation of this promising mechanism and further study of the role of mitochondria in cancer and other diseases.<sup>23</sup>

The accumulation of metabolite succinate in the TCA cycle is an essential pathologic event in tissue ischemia, and this is thought to occur by reverse operation of CII.<sup>48</sup> As such, it has been shown that inhibiting complex II with low potency compounds can protect the heart against ischemia-reperfusion IR injury, thereby ascribing CII as a potential target for drug development in stroke.<sup>48, 49</sup>

The clinical vasodilator and FDA approved drug diazoxide (DZX) is the second most potent CII inhibitor with an IC $_{50}$  value of 32  $\mu$ M disclosed in rat heart mitochondria. It is known to regulate ROS production, protecting normal cells from ischemic damage but also inducing specific cancer cell death. Heart Benefits, as well as drawbacks and a narrow therapeutic window, have been observed from DZX administration across different tissues and organelles. In pancreatic  $\beta$ -cells, DZX is known to activate  $K_{ATP}$  channels that leads to a suppression of glucose-induced insulin release. Several studies have shown that DZX reduces glucose-induced insulin secretion in healthy individuals and prevents hyperinsulinemia in patients suffering from insulinoma. Small doses of DZX regulates ROS production and induces protection from IR injury and elicits cardioprotection. However, the high doses of DZX (more than 750  $\mu$ M) is shown to increase the generation of ROS. Also In cortical neuron mitochondria, <200  $\mu$ M of DZX had no effect, but results in depolarization with more than 300  $\mu$ M dose. Further, a 100  $\mu$ M concentration of DZX was reported to inhibit CII in mouse heart mitochondria but IC $_{50}$  was not reached. Diazoxide has been shown to be neuroprotective in animal models of alzheimer's

disease, <sup>84, 85</sup> protect neurons from a range of neurotoxic insults, including exposure to amyloid-β peptide (25-35), <sup>86</sup> and was reported to reduce proliferation in both acute leukemic T cells, <sup>87</sup> and triple negative breast cancer (TNBC) MDA-MB-468 cells. <sup>85</sup> The cytotoxicity of DZX on cancer cells was attributed to the downregulation of beta-catenin-mediated cyclin D1 transcription as this mechanism of action is detected for the inhibition of growth in the human lung cancer (H1299) cells. <sup>88</sup> Despite the low potency of DZX as anticancer agent, it may have a promising approach towards development as a novel anticancer agent.

One of the most interesting compounds acting via targeting and inhibiting CII is the natural product atpenin A5 (AA5, **Figure 1.3**). It is a specific CII inhibitor at the ubiquinone binding site (IIQ) and the most potent inhibitor known to date with IC<sub>50</sub> = 3.3-10 nM.<sup>89</sup> Atpenin A5 is able to generate high ROS levels that leads to the inhibition of CII (75% hydrogen peroxide and 25% superoxide).<sup>90</sup> Atpenin A5 and its analogs have been shown to demonstrate anticancer activity *in vitro* in DU-145 prostate cancer cells.<sup>91</sup> However, atpenin B which was reported by Quéguiner and co-workers, a close analogue of atpenin A5, was found to have limited anticancer effect in *in vivo* studies which could be attributed to its poor absorption, distribution, metabolism and excretion (ADME) properties.<sup>92</sup> Among atpenin analogues, atpenin A5 may be a useful tool for CII inhibition and antineoplastic agent in mammalian tissues. Also, CII inhibitor AA5 has been reported to have protective effects against IR injury through mitochondrial K<sub>ATP</sub> channels activation.<sup>93</sup> Atpenin A5 is the most potent K<sub>ATP</sub> activator discovered to the best of our knowledge.

In this research, we will focus on the most potent CII inhibitors known in the literature. The structure-activity relationship (SAR) of AA5 and DZX will be determined; also, their antineoplastic activity will be evaluated. To the best of our knowledge, no

studies have been reported attempting to optimize the potency of these two compounds as a CII inhibitor and as chemotherapeutic agents.

# 1.3. Targeting of angiogenesis vascular endothelial growth factor

The human cells always need a constant source of oxygen and nutrients under normal conditions. Most of the nutrients are delivered to cells via the blood vessels in the circulatory system, which have a crucial role in the life of the cells such as proliferation and growth. Considering this vital phenomenon, the researchers are concerned to study this important aspect of the blood vessels. Angiogenesis is an essential process of forming new blood vessels in tissues and organs in the body under physiological and pathological conditions and is regulated by the balance of angiogenic and antiangiogenic molecules.94 It is a critical process of growth and development during embryogenesis as well as in wound healing in the body from pre-existing vessels. The primary vessels form and develop through vasculogenesis; after that, any new blood vessel formation will be under the control of angiogenesis during body development or disease.95 Most of the normal cells are involved in the formation of new blood vessels. However, angiogenesis also plays a critical role in cancers and also in non-cancerous diseases such as psoriasis, arthritis, and endometriosis.94 The essential role of angiogenesis depends on growth factors, which are considered a subset of cytokine ligands that bind to the receptor and activate the growth factor receptors and stimulate cell growth, survival, inflammation, and tissue repair. Large families of growth factors are known to include: epidermal growth factor (EGF), vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF), tumor necrosis factor-alpha (TNF-α), interleukins (IL-1-7), and transforming growth factor (TGF).<sup>96</sup>

Cancer cells are abnormal in growth, which means they require a high amount of oxygen and nutrients to continue progression and propagation. Without blood vessels,

these cells will stop growing due to a lack of nutrient suppliers.<sup>97</sup> The blood vessels in a tumor are different from their regular counterparts. They are not organized and are irregularly shaped, dilated, tortuous, and often leaky that is partly due to the overproduction of VEGF.<sup>98</sup> Pathological induction of angiogenesis is one of the hallmarks of cancer.<sup>99</sup> Results of many studies have shown that hypoxia is a key driver of the formation of new capillaries to produce signaling and growth factors from tumor cells.<sup>100</sup> In addition, cancer cells can grow around an existing vessel to form a perivascular cuff, which paves way to potentially identify new targets for therapy.<sup>95</sup>

Antiangiogenic or angiogenesis inhibitors are molecules that are able to block the angiogenesis process. The tumor sends signals that stimulate blood vessel growth. <sup>101</sup> Blocking this process leads to the suppression of nutrients and oxygen from cancer cells and allows the cells to starve. <sup>97</sup> Thus, angiogenesis inhibitors are used to reduce and slow down the spread and growth of many types of cancers by diminishing the tumor's ability to form new blood vessels. <sup>95</sup> The angiogenesis inhibition process is a fascinating area of research in cancer treatment and drug discovery. This type of cancer treatment should have low toxicity because it is not designed to directly target tumor cells. The high mutation rates of cancer cells will not interfere with antiangiogenic drugs, but chemotherapy often renders it ineffective.

A breakthrough in tumor angiogenesis research became possible through the crucial discovery of the main molecular drivers of VEGF that include VEGF-A, VEGF-B, VEGF-C, VEGF-D, and placental growth factor and their cognate receptors. The major function of VEGF in our body is to modulate vessel permeability, and the remodeling of endothelial cells. It is considered as one of the most significant growth and survival factors for endothelium, which induces angiogenesis and endothelial cell proliferation and plays a vital role in human body. Vascular endothelial growth factor is a heparin-binding

glycoprotein that is secreted as a homodimer of 45 kDa. 103 In the cardiovascular system, VEGF expression has been demonstrated in cardiac myofibroblasts which have a significant role in the growth, development and repair of normal tissue. 104 It was shown higher excretion rate in most human tumors because the tumor tricks the body into creating new blood vessels by stimulating this type of angiogenesis factor. The VEGF forms ligands via three specific and cognate tyrosine-kinase receptors (VEGFR): VEGFR-1, VEGFR-2, and VEGFR-3.99 Vascular endothelial growth factor receptors are responsible for binding with VEGF to initiate signal cascades that act to induce and activate the angiogenesis process. 105 The VEGFR-1 expression has been shown in many cells such as stem cells, monocytes, and vascular endothelial cells and is essential for recruiting hematopoietic stem cells as well as the migration of monocytes and macrophages. 106 The VEGFR-2 is expressed on vascular endothelial cells and lymphatic endothelial cells and regulates vascular endothelial function. 107 The VEGFR-3 is only expressed on lymphatic endothelial cells and regulates its functions. 106 Vascular endothelial growth factor and its receptors are dysregulated upon activation, overexpression, or mutation that could lead to tumorigenesis and metastasis by initiating downstream signaling transduction pathways (Ras/MAPK, PI3K/Akt, and Jak/STAT), and results in angiogenesis, vascular permeability enhancement, and tumor development (Figure 1.3). 101 Therefore, VEGF or its receptors represent an important and valuable target in the research, development, and design of anticancer agents.

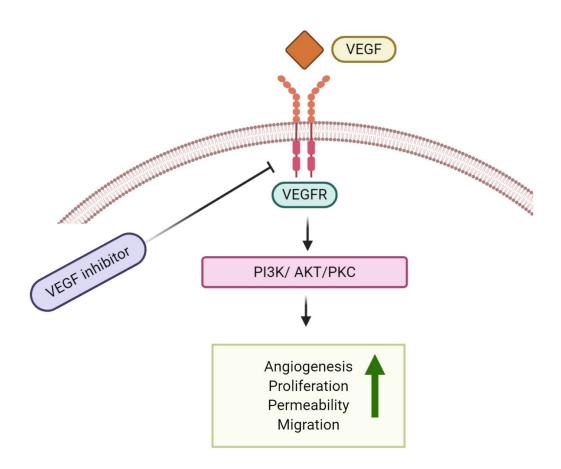


Figure 1.4. Vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF) ligand and receptor. VEGFs and PIGF (placental growth factor) can interact with a combination of VEGF receptors (VEGFRs), which activate tyrosine kinase proteins (PI3K/ AKT/ PKC) and initiates downstream signaling transduction pathways.

Anti-vascular endothelial growth factor (anti-VEGF) or a VEGF inhibitor is a drug usually used as an antineoplastic agent that functions by blocking VEGF from adhering to the receptors on blood vessels which in turn inhibits the growth and propagation of blood vessels. 108 In the last two decades, a variety of anti-VEGF compounds were discovered and designed to inhibit tumor growth and angiogenesis because of the VEGF's vital role in angiogenesis within tumors (Table 1.2). Regorafenib is a multi-kinase inhibitor which targets angiogenic, stromal, and oncogenic receptor tyrosine kinase (RTK). The FDA approved regorafenib for the treatment of refractory metastatic colorectal cancer in 2013. It was also approved by the FDA for the treatment of hepatocellular carcinoma in 2017. 101 Sorafenib is an antiangiogenics drug with a similar structure to regorafenib except for one fluorine atom on the phenyl ring. It is a kinase inhibitor approved in 2005 for the treatment of advanced renal cell carcinoma. Also, in 2007, it was approved for advanced primary liver cancer. Recently, this drug was approved for thyroid cancer in 2013.<sup>109</sup> The oral small molecule sunitinib inhibits cellular signaling by targeting multiple receptor tyrosine kinase inhibitors, and was approved by the FDA in 2006 for the treatment of renal cell carcinoma. 110 In 2011, the FDA approved sunitinib for treatment of rare cancer pancreatic neuroendocrine tumors which happened in a ratio of two to four people per million annually worldwide. 101, 111 Another anti-VEGF and anticancer drug is pazopanib which is a potent and selective multi-targeted receptor tyrosine kinase inhibitor. It has been approved by FDA for renal cell carcinoma in 2009 and soft tissue sarcoma in 2012. Some other anti-VEGF agents were discovered and approved by the FDA in the last ten years including axitinib, vandetanib, and lenvatinib, which are used for the treatment of specific types of cancers such as renal cell carcinoma and thyroid cancer (Table 1.2). 101

Several antibodies and protein-based therapies have also been designed to target angiogenic signaling for cancer therapy. The first and common antiangiogenic agent

discovered and gained FDA approval in 2004 for specific types of cancer is bevacizumab.<sup>112</sup> It is a humanized monoclonal IgG antibody (molecular weight, 149 kDa) that suppresses the angiogenesis process by binding and neutralizing VEGF-A.<sup>113</sup> Bevacizumab was approved for the treatment of several types of cancers, such as metastatic colorectal, non-small-cell lung, breast, and renal cell cancers.<sup>114</sup> Ramucirumab is also another is a humanized anti-VEGF monoclonal IgG<sub>1</sub> antibody (molecular weight, 147 kDa) developed for the treatment of tumors. In 2014-2015, the FDA approved ramucirumab as a single-agent treatment for advanced gastric cancer or gastroesophageal junction.<sup>115</sup> In addition, ramucirumab was also approved by the FDA for non-small-cell lung cancer and metastatic colorectal cancer.

Drug	Structure	Cancer
Regorafenib	CI OF OF N	Refractory metastatic colorectal cancer and Hepatocellular carcinoma
Sorafenib	CI O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O	Hepatocellular carcinoma, Renal cell carcinoma, and Thyroid cancer
Sunitinib	F N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N	Renal cell carcinoma, and Pancreatic neuroendocrine tumors
Pazopanib	H <sub>2</sub> N S' N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N	Renal cell carcinoma, and Soft tissue sarcoma
Axitinib	O NH S	Renal cell carcinoma
Vandetanib	F Br	Medullary carcinoma of the thyroid
Lenvatinib	O O CI N	Thyroid cancer
Bevacizumab	C <sub>6538</sub> H <sub>10034</sub> N <sub>1716</sub> O <sub>2033</sub> S <sub>44</sub>	Metastatic colorectal cancer, Non- small-cell lung cancer, Renal cell carcinoma, Ovarian cancer, and Breast cancer
Ramucirumab	$C_{6374}H_{9864}N_{1692}O_{1996}S_{46}$	Gastric esophageal junction cancers, Non-small-cell lung cancer, and Metastatic colorectal cancer

 Table 1.2: The FDA-approved antiangiogenic VEGF inhibitors.

Despite the number of the antiangiogenic drugs approved by the FDA, the success of antiangiogenic treatment has so far been relatively limited because these drugs provide short-term relief from tumor growth, and upon prolonged treatment, tumors become resistant and typically result in modest survival benefits. 100 Potent and therapeutically significant effects were achieved when combining the antiangiogenics with other treatments such as radiotherapy and chemotherapy, a situation that reflected the earliest clinical experience with these drugs as a novel therapy. 101 As an example, the combination of the VEFG inhibitor bevacizumab with carboplatin and paclitaxel is approved for the firstline treatment of advanced cancers. Radiation therapy elevates VEGF levels significantly within malignant tumors after treatment, and anti-VEGF drugs could protect tumor cells from radiation resistance, and have potential to provide higher antitumor efficacy. 116, 117 In general, combining repurposed pharmaceutical drugs with other chemotherapeutic agents has also shown promising results, which is useful when the anticancer monotherapy is faced with difficulty in providing a safe and effective treatment for cancer patients. 118 Using anti-VEGF therapies in combination with chemotherapy or radiotherapy is effective against many types of cancers because the VEGF blockade leads to angiogenesis inhibition and renders tumor cells more susceptible to conventional treatment. 119

The significance of targeting angiogenesis growth factors for anticancer research encourages the researchers to discover and develop new agents. Here, we envision to design a potential VEGF inhibitor to improve the applicability and reach of antiangiogenic cancer therapies.

# 1.4. Targeting of carbonic anhydrase enzymes in cancer cells

Carbonic anhydrases (CA; also known as carbonate dehydratases EC 4.2.1.1) are a superfamily of ubiquitous metalloenzyme which play a catalytic role in the reversible interconversion of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) and water to bicarbonate (HCO<sub>3</sub>) and a proton. <sup>120</sup> The active site structure of most CAs contains a zinc ion (Zn<sup>2+</sup>) located at the base, which is essential for catalysis and allows for nucleophilic attack on the carbon dioxide group. 121 Carbonic anhydrases are significant for many physiological processes including pH regulation, CO<sub>2</sub> homeostasis, respiration, bone resorption, fatty acid metabolism, and tumorigenesis. 122-124 The CA family in humans consists of 16 isoforms and their expression is varied by localization and catalytic activity: cytosolic carbonic anhydrases are CA I, CA II, CA III, CA VII, CA XIII; membrane-bound carbonic anhydrases are CA IV, CA IX, CA XII, CA XIV, CA XV; mitochondrial CA Va and CA Vb and CA VI secreted in saliva and colostrum. 125, 126 These enzymes are found in many tissues in the body, such as the renal cortex, gastric mucosa, red blood cells, lung, pancreas, and central nervous system. 127, 128 The CA IX and CA XII have been reported to have elevated expression in many types of tumors. They play a significant role in the process of tumorigenesis, cancer cell signaling, tumor progression, acidification, and metastasis. 129, 130

In general, the bicarbonate must be transported through the cell membrane because it is poorly soluble in lipid membranes compared to carbon dioxide. Therefore, to facilitate its transport into the cell, the bicarbonate is converted to carbon dioxide and water by producing carbonic anhydrase enzymes to do this conversion. Carbonic anhydrases have essential roles in all kingdoms of life to facilitate the transport of carbon dioxide and protons across biological membranes to the intra and extra-cellular space (**Figure 1.5**). The carbonic anhydrase enzyme employs a vital role in a two-step mechanism: first, there is a nucleophilic attack on CO<sub>2</sub> by a zinc-bound hydroxide ion. In the second step, the

active site is regenerated by the ionization of the zinc-bound H<sub>2</sub>O molecule and removing a proton from the active site.<sup>125, 131</sup> Through this mechanism, carbonic anhydrases are essential enzymes in cell survival and proliferation by maintaining and regulating the pH of the cells.<sup>128</sup>

Inhibition or prevention of the mechanism of action of the metalloenzyme CA has significant pharmacologic applications in many fields including anticancer, 120 diuretics, 132 anticonvulsant, 133 and antiglaucoma agents. 134 Also, CA inhibitors are known as antiinfectives such as antifungal, antibacterial, and antiprotozoal agents. 135 There are two main categories of CA inhibitors known: the metal-complexing anions and the unsubstituted sulfonamides and their bioisosteres. 120 A primary sulfonamide group (R-SO<sub>2</sub>NH<sub>2</sub>) is an important pharmacophore for carbonic anhydrase activity. <sup>136</sup> Carbonic anhydrase enzyme inhibitors have become an exciting aspect for clinicians when the first drugs were established as a promising group of diuretics. Hypoxia leads to a strong overexpression of CA IX and CA XII in many tumors. 120 The CA IX and CA XII catalyze the rapid interconversion of  $CO_2$  and water into  $CO_2$ , protons, and bicarbonate ions, which contributes to maintain acidification of the tumor microenvironment, which results in resistance to cytotoxic therapy in some hypoxic tumors to several anticancer drugs. 120, 137 Targeting carbonic anhydrase CA IX and CA XII has been an emerging strategy to combat tumor growth and regulation of tumor pH. 138 Recently, inhibition of the CA enzymes have been proposed as a potential new class of anticancer agents. Many studies showed that inhibiting CA IX and CA XII with sulfonamide and coumarin-based small-molecules inhibits cancer cell growth both in vitro and in vivo and effects tumor acidification. 120, 128, 137 Several of these compounds are in preclinical development, especially for tumors with overexpression of CA IX or CA XII,. 138

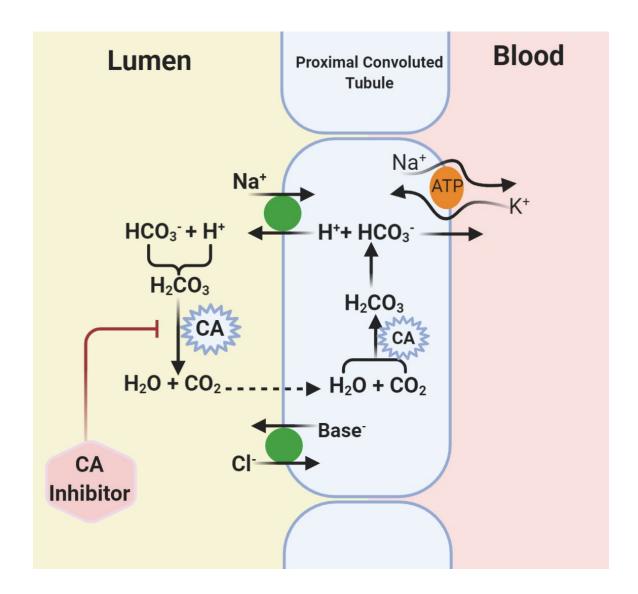


Figure 1.5. Mechanism of action of carbonic anhydrase inhibitor. The absorption of bicarbonate (HCO<sub>3</sub>) by the proximal convoluted tubule (PCT) happened after converted to carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) and water (H<sub>2</sub>O) by carbonic anhydrase enzyme (CA). The CA inhibitor used to prevent the completion of this mechanism.

The most common and important carbonic anhydrase inhibitors are sulfonamide compounds and their isosteres which strongly inhibit CA belonging to most families. There are many carbonic inhibitor medications currently available with the different formulas administered through topical, oral, or IV route. The first discovered organic inhibitor of these enzymes was sulfanilamide. 139 The sulfonamide derivative, acetazolamide, was first introduced as an oral potent carbonic anhydrase inhibitor used for diuretic and glaucoma therapy (Figure 1.6). Acetazolamide is a beneficial adjunctive agent in the pharmacotherapy of the treatment of certain convulsive disorders (e.g., epilepsy), 140 altitude sickness, 141 and periodic paralysis. 142 Also, several studies showed that acetazolamide has an antitumor activity for many types of cancer, including neuroblastoma, colorectal cancer, and bronchial carcinoids. 143-145 Dichlorphenamide is another FDA approved carbonic anhydrase inhibitor drug used to treat primary periodic paralysis (muscle weakness). 146 It is also used to treat glaucoma by partially reducing the secretion of aqueous humor. 147 Methazolamide is one of the most potent carbonic anhydrase inhibitor drugs approved by the FDA. It is used to treat high pressure inside the eye due to certain types of glaucoma by decreasing the production of fluid inside the eve.<sup>148</sup>

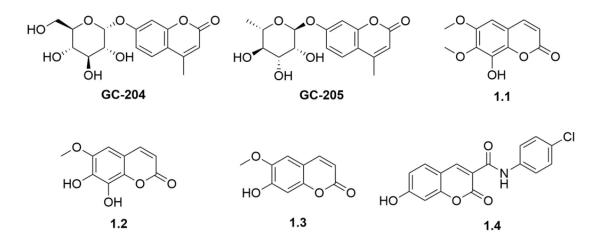
The sulfonamide derivative dorzolamide is one of the most potent drugs able to block the carbonic anhydrase enzymes. It is used to treat the elevation in intraocular pressure associated with open-angle glaucoma and ocular hypertension. Also, dorzolamide has been known to inhibit solid tumor growth *in vivo*. Ethoxzolamide is another sulfonamide drug used in the treatment of glaucoma which inhibits carbonic anhydrase activity and decreases reabsorption of water, sodium, potassium, bicarbonate. A preclinical carbonic anhydrase inhibitor U-104 has been shown to selectively inhibit CA IX and CA XII with K<sub>i</sub> of 45.1 nM and 4.5 nM, respectively.

carbonic anhydrase inhibitor U-104 has also been reported as a potent anticancer agent *in vitro* and *in vivo* with several tumors because it binds specifically to hypoxic cells, which overexpress CA IX.<sup>153</sup> These CA inhibitors have been shown to inhibit tumor-associated CA IX, resulting in increased cell death in hypoxic tumors.<sup>154</sup>

Coumarins in drug discovery have biological significance and several derivatives have been studied for various ailments. They have various pharmacological activities that depend on the type of coumarin nucleus which includes antimicrobial, antiinflammatory, anticoagulant, and antioxidant effects. 155-157 Also, coumarins possess immeasurable antitumor potential with minimal side effects, depending on their substitutions. 158 Coumarins have been shown to help control the pH balance of cancer cells and reduce the activity of tumor-associated carbonic anhydrases in the management of hypoxic tumors. 159 In the last decades, coumarin (1,2-benzopyrane) and its derivatives were reported as potent non-classical carbonic anhydrase inhibitors that selectively target human CA IX and CA XII carbonic anhydrases over other isoforms. 160 Coumarins, unlike the sulfonamides, directly interact with the CA active site metal ion, and undergoes hydrolysis under the influence of the zinc hydroxide with the generation of substituted 2-hydroxycinnamic acids. 161

The glycosyl coumarin GC-204 has been reported as a potent and selective carbonic anhydrase IX and XII inhibitor with  $K_i$  9.2 nM and 43 nM, respectively (**Figure 1.7**). Also glycosyl coumarin GC-205 has been shown to selectively inhibit carbonic anhydrase IX and XII with  $K_i$  201 nM and 1.8 nM, respectively. GC-205 was recently shown to strongly attenuate the growth of primary tumors and metastases in an animal model of breast cancer and is in advanced preclinical evaluation as an anticancer agent. The coumarin derivatives 8-hydroxy-6,7-dimethoxy-2H-chromen-2-one (**1.1**) and 7,8-dihydroxy-6-methoxy-2H-chromen-2-one (**1.2**) showed potent CA IX inhibition with  $K_i$  0.85

**Figure 1.6.** Structures of several clinical and preclinical sulfonamide derivative carbonic anhydrase inhibitors.



**Figure 1.7.** Structures of several coumarin derivatives as potent carbonic anhydrase inhibitors.

μM and 0.61 μM, respectively.<sup>163</sup> In addition, they are able to inhibit CA XII with K<sub>i</sub> 7.84 μM and 7.70 μM respectively.<sup>164</sup> The coumarin derivative 7-hydroxy-6-methoxy-2H-chromen-2-one (**1.3**) also evaluated as a potent CA IX and XII inhibitor with K<sub>i</sub> 0.96 μM and 4.05 μM, respectively. Literature reports show that *N*-(4-chlorophenyl)-7-hydroxy-2-oxo-2H-chromene-3-carboxamide (**1.4**) is a highly effective inhibitor against both CA IX and CA XII with a K<sub>i</sub> of 0.2 μM (**Figure 1.7**).<sup>165</sup> Several carbonic anhydrase inhibitors with sulfonamides containing coumarin moiety have been previously reported. Some of these derivatives have high efficacy for inhibiting the enzymatic activity of the physiologically dominant tumor-associated isoenzyme human CA IX with IC<sub>50</sub> in the range of 0.024-0.188 μM. <sup>159, 166</sup> The results indicate that the higher binding affinity of the sulfonamide-containing coumarin moieties to the cancer-associated CA IX have a potent anticancer activity. Dr. Zhu group shows that several coumarin containing sulfonamide moieties moiety compounds have anticancer activity more than the chemotherapeutic agent doxorubicin to inhibit *in vitro* the growth of breast carcinoma cell lines (MCF-7). <sup>166</sup>

By using a coumarin's containing sulfonamide moiety, I envisioned to synthesize a carbonic anhydrase inhibitor that could potentially improve both enzymatic inhibition and physical properties for CA inhibitors. I focused to synthesize compounds that target the cancer associated CA IX and XII and evaluated the anticancer activity of these compounds.

# Chapter 2. Design, Synthesis and Antineoplastic Evaluation of Mitochondrial Complex II (Succinate Dehydrogenase) Inhibitors Derived from Atpenin A5

### 2.1. Introduction

In cancers, metabolic pathways have emerged as an appealing target for selective antineoplastic therapy. The metabolic pathways can provide a therapeutic advantage that can help overcome drug resistance, increase the specificity of drug delivery, enhance the potency and overcome the side effects of existing therapies. Hemreging evidence implicate the role of mitochondrial metabolism in tumor growth progression. Mitochondrial complex II plays an essential role in mitochondrial metabolism, where it catalyzes the oxidation of succinate to fumarate in the tricarboxylic acid cycle, and the reduction of ubiquinone to ubiquinol in the electron transport chain (**Figure 2.1**). Inhibition of the ETC induces cell death through generation of reactive oxygen species.

There are several known CII inhibitors presented in the literature; however, most of them have low potency for this target and meager anticancer activity. Mitochondrially targeted vitamin E succinate (MitoVES, 1) (Figure 2.2) has an IC $_{50}$  of 70  $\mu$ M, which has lower potency for CII than the parent compound  $\alpha$ -TOS. $^{65}$  However, MitoVES was found to be 20-50 times more effective in inducing apoptosis in cancer cells than  $\alpha$ -TOS. $^{66}$  This efficacy is attributed to the introduction of a cationic triphenylphosphonium group which acts to target the compound to the mitochondria and provides enhanced antineoplastic properties. Inhibition of CII has been shown to be selective to cancerous cells with MitoVES possessing an IC $_{50}$  of 0.5-3  $\mu$ M for apoptosis induction in cancer cells and approximately 20-60  $\mu$ M for non-malignant cells. $^{66}$  Thenoyltrifluoroacetone (2), a widely employed control compound in CII assay kits has an IC $_{50}$  of 30  $\mu$ M. There has been limited investigation of this compound as a CII inhibitor because of its highly toxic to non-

cancerous cells.<sup>68</sup> The clinical vasodilator diazoxide (3) inhibits CII which has an IC<sub>50</sub> of  $32~\mu M.^{76}$  Diazoxide is known to regulate ROS production and induce specific cancer cell death.<sup>77</sup>

As described above, CII inhibitors are known to exhibit anticancer activity; however, these inhibitors show mediocre CII inhibition with IC<sub>50</sub> values ranging from ~30-70 μM. Almost all of the these inhibitors are known to have alternative or complementary mechanisms to CII inhibition that may account for the observed anticancer activity. Reactive oxygen species induction is important for all the CII inhibitors with proven anticancer activity. However, the precise sequence of events leading up to and following ROS production are poorly understood. A potent CII inhibitor would be expected to elicit far greater anticancer efficacy and would be an excellent candidate for development as a chemotherapeutic agent, as a probe compound for further elucidation of this promising mechanism and further study of the role of mitochondria in cancer.

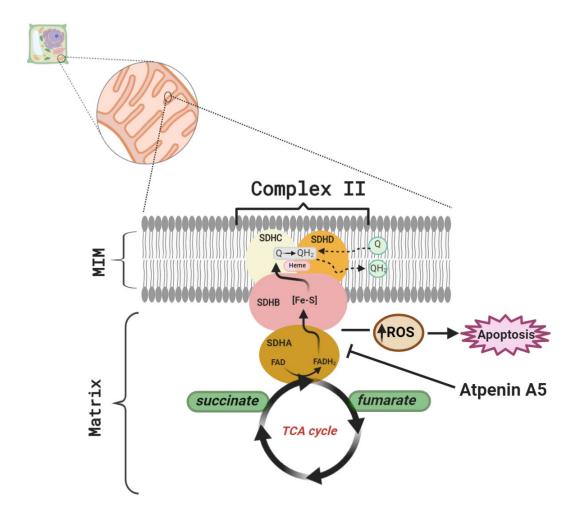


Figure 2.1. Mitochondria respiratory complex II; succinate dehydrogenase (SDH). It is a member of the respiratory chain and tricarboxylic acid cycle (TCA). It catalyzes the oxidation of succinate to fumarate in the TCA cycle and transports the electron generated by this oxidation to ubiquinone (Q) in the respiratory chain to ubiquinol (QH<sub>2</sub>). Generally, mitochondria complex II consists of four subunits SDHA, B, C, D, and these subunits include redox-active coenzyme flavin adenine dinucleotide (FAD)and FADH<sub>2</sub>, Iron–sulfur clusters (Fe-S).

Figure 2.2. Structures of the interesting known mitochondria complex II inhibitors.

The potent and specific succinate-ubiquinone oxidoreductase inhibitor atpenin A5 (AA5, **4**, **Figure 2.2**) has an IC<sub>50</sub> of 3.6-10 nM, and acts on the ubiquinone binding site (IIQ). It has traditionally been used as an antifungal. Atpenin A5 is known to be the most potent CII inhibitor to date.89 Inhibition of CII by AA5 results in production of ROS (75% hydrogen peroxide and 25% superoxide).90 Atpenin A4 (5), with two chlorine atoms on vicinal carbons in the side chain, has CII inhibition activity with an IC50 of 24 nM as compared to a mono chloro substituted AA5 which has an IC50 of 3.7 nM in rat liver mitochondria.89 A recent report showed that the chloro methyl or methyl substituents in the atpenin side-chains have approximately similar biological activity which suggests that chloro methyl or methyl substituents can be used interchangeably as bioisosteres. 167 Atpenin A5 and its analogues have been reported to have antineoplastic activity by targeting the prostate stromal cells by reducing the expression of insulin-like growth factor-I in DU-145 prostate cancer cells.<sup>77,91</sup> However, atpenin B (6), a similar structure to atpenin A5 but without chlorine atoms on the hydrocarbon side chain, was found to have limited anticancer efficacy in in vivo studies attributable to poor absorption, distribution, metabolism and excretion (ADME) properties. 92 In addition, atpenin B has been shown to inhibit ATP-generation. An atpenin A5 derivative (7), synthesized by Selby et al. as part of an antifungal library, showed bovine CII inhibition with an IC<sub>50</sub> of 3 nM. 168 However, the compound retains a stereocenter on the side chain alpha to the ketone. This moiety is present in all the most active CII inhibitors described in the Selby library. Excision of the methyl group resulted in significant amelioration of CII inhibition, suggesting a pharmacophoric role and complicating the generation of synthetic derivatives. The inhibitory potency for CII and the observed anticancer effects in prostate cancer cell models make AA5 an excellent hit compound for further drug discovery efforts. However, its suitability as a chemotherapeutic or chemical probe is hindered by low abundance, complex structure leading to lower synthetic yields, 50-fold reduction in in vivo activity and

lack of structural diversity for better lead optimization. To the best of our knowledge, no studies have been reported that attempt to optimize the potency of atpenin A5 as a CII inhibitor and chemotherapeutic.

# 2.2. Results and Discussion

# 2.2.1 Chemistry

The known crystal structure of *E.coli* CII with AA5,<sup>169</sup> and porcine CII (PDB ID: 3AEE) indicates a role for the highly substituted pyridine ring in active site recognition and hence in our first series of designed analogues, this moiety remained unchanged. The hydrocarbon side chain of AA5 contains three stereocenters that hinder large scale preparation, similarly AA5 derivative **7** (**Figure 2.2**), while simplified, still contained a stereocenter alpha to the side chain ketone. Colleagues in the Trippier lab sought to simplify the side chain through the generation of unfunctionalized and non-chiral hydrocarbon chain derivatives.

To date several hydrocarbon side chain derivatives of atpenin A5 have been synthesized to determine CII inhibition activity as a mechanism of action to achieve antifungal activity. However, only one has shown enhanced activity. Three routes of total synthesis of the atpenin A5 scaffold and its derivatives have been reported in the literature to date from the groups of Omura,<sup>170</sup> Selby,<sup>168</sup> and Carreira<sup>167</sup> as well as one report of racemic atpenin B by Quéguiner et. al.<sup>171</sup> Our synthetic route to access atpenin A5 derivatives for structure-activity relationship (SAR) study is based on modification of all four routes.

We started the synthesis with the commercially available 2,3-dimethoxypyridine (8) which was lithiated with "Butyl lithium (1.5 equivalents of base to overcome potential

chelation with the methoxy groups)<sup>171</sup> and exposed to trimethylborate followed by oxidation with peracetic acid to provide 2,3-dimethyoxy-4-hydroxypyridine (9) in moderate yield (Scheme 2.1). Regioselective addition of bromine was achieved at the 5-position by exposure to N-bromosuccinimide (NBS) and purification by column chromatography to afford 5-bromo-2,3-dimethoxypyridin-4-ol (10) as the major product in 83% yield. Subsequent protection of bromide (10) as the methoxymethyl ether (11) was achieved in excellent yield. Rearrangement of the bromine of pyridine 11 from the 5-position to the 6position was accomplished by a 'halogen dance' reaction<sup>172</sup> upon treatment with lithium diisopropylamide (LDA) and catalytic bromine provided the desired 6-bromo-2,3dimethoxy-4-(methoxymethoxy)pyridine (12) in excellent yield. Metal-halogen exchange of bromide (12) with <sup>n</sup>Butyl lithium, critically with just one minute of stirring at -78 °C, followed by trapping with trimethylborate and subsequent oxidation with peracetic acid provided 5,6-dimethoxy-4-(methoxymethoxy) pyridin-2-ol (13) in moderate yield. Protection of the hydroxy functionality of 13 as the methoxymethyl ether afforded the critical intermediate 2,3-dimethoxy-4,6-bis(methoxymethoxy)pyridine (14) in excellent yield. Subsequent exposure of tetra-substituted pyridine (14) to <sup>n</sup>Butyl lithium and a suitably functionalized aldehyde provided the respective alcohol which was oxidized to the ketone with DMP to afford a series of MOM-protected atpenin A5 derivatives of type 15. Deprotection of the MOM ether moieties by exposure to trifluoroacetic acid (TFA) resulted in a variety of hydrocarbon chain atpenin A5 derivatives (16a-k) in moderate to good vield.23

# Scheme 2.1. Synthesis of hydrocarbon side chain derivatives of atpenin A5. Reagents and Conditions: a) i) "BuLi, THF, -78 °C, 1 h, ii) (MeO)<sub>3</sub>B, -78 °C, 2 h, iii) MeCO<sub>3</sub>H, RT, 1 h, 63% over three steps, b) NBS, MeCN, 0 °C, 12 h, 83%; c) NaOH, MOMCI, DMF, 1 h, 94%; d) i) LDA (3 equiv.) THF, -78 °C, 1 h, ii) Br<sub>2</sub> (cat.) -40 °C, 1 h, 89% over two steps; e) i) "BuLi, THF, -78 °C, 1 minute, ii) (MeO)<sub>3</sub>B, -78 °C, 2 h, iii) MeCO<sub>3</sub>H,0 °C, 2 h, 63% over three steps; f) i) "BuLi, RCHO, -78 °C, 1 h, ii) DMP, DCM, RT, 30 minutes, g) TFA, DCM, RT, 30 minutes.

To determine the effect of the oxidation state of the first position of the hydrocarbon chain derivatives on complex II inhibition, we isolated triol (18) (Scheme 2.4) from the methoxymethyl ether intermediate (17) by omitting the oxidation step from our developed synthetic route.<sup>23</sup>

Previous antifungal structure activity studies of atpenin A5 have focused solely on generating analogues of the hydrocarbon side chain with little or no focus on the pyridine ring system. Given the structural similarity between atpenin A5 and the natural complex II substrate Coenzyme  $Q_{10}$  (ubiquinone), we hypothesized that the 2,3-dimethoxy and 4-hydroxy substituents on the atpenin A5 pyridine ring would be essential for CII binding site recognition. However, as the 6-hydroxy substituent of atpenin A5 is not present in ubiquinone we sought to determine the effects of removing this group. To this end colleagues in the Trippier lab synthesized the 6-hydroxy excised derivative (20) by direct addition of a suitably functionalized aldehyde to bromide intermediate (11), lacking the 6-hydroxy functionality (Scheme 2.4). This route provided diol intermediate (19) in good yield which was selectively oxidized with DMP to provide the desired 1-(4-hydroxy-5,6-dimethoxypyridin-3-yl)hexan-1-one (20) in moderate yield.<sup>23</sup>

During the course of our investigation into the synthesis of atpenin A5 derivatives we partially adopted the route of Quéguiner et. al. to atpenin B.<sup>171</sup> Protection of alcohol (9) as the N,N-diisopropyl carbamate (21) followed by addition of  $Br_2$  provided access to bromide (22) in excellent yield (Scheme 2.5). Subsequent transmetallation and trapping with hexanal provide alcohol (23) in good overall yield. However, deprotection of the N,N-diisopropyl carbamate by exposure to methanolic potassium hydroxide in this system failed to yield the desired compound, with the respective methyl ether derivative (24) obtained in 50% yield.

Scheme 2.2. Synthesis of oxidation state derivatives of atpenin A5. Reagents and conditions: a) <sup>n</sup>BuLi, hexanal, -78 °C, 80%; b) TFA, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, RT, 63%; c) DMP, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, RT, 51%.

Scheme 2.3. Synthesis of a methyl ether derivative of atpenin A5. Reagents and conditions: a) Ag<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, (<sup>i</sup>Pr)<sub>2</sub>NCOCl, toluene, 110 °C, 73%; b) Br<sub>2</sub>, CCl<sub>4</sub>, RT,90%; c) <sup>n</sup>BuLi, hexanal, THF, -78 °C, 84%; d) KOH, MeOH, 65 °C, 50%.

To synthesize the atpenin A5 derivative **16d** with the carbon side chain 5-benzyloxy pentyl, we started the synthesis with commercially available pentane-1,5-diol **(25)** which was reacted with benzyl bromide in the presence of sodium hydride to form 5-(benzyloxy)pentane-1-ol **(26)**. The swern oxidation was used to convert **26** to 5-(benzyloxy)pentanal **(27)** in a good yield. After that, the **27** was reacted with the compound **14** to yield 6-(benzyloxy)-1-(5,6-dimethoxy-2,4-bis(methoxymethoxy)pyridin-3-yl)hexan-1-one **(15d)** which followed by of the MOM ether moieties by exposure to TFA to provide **16d** in moderate yield **(Scheme 2.4)**. The 1-(2,4-dihydroxy-5,6-dimethoxypyridin-3-yl)-5-hydroxypentan-1-one **(16e)** was synthesized by hydration of **16d** using palladium on carbon and acetic acid under hydrogen (H<sub>2</sub>) atmosphere **(Scheme 2.5)**.

Scheme 2.4. Synthesis of atpenin A5 derivative 16d. Reagents and Conditions: a) NaH, benzyl bromide, THF, 70 °C, 12 h, 65%; b) i) (COCl)<sub>2</sub>, DMSO, ii) Et<sub>3</sub>N, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, -78 °C to RT; 83% c) i) 14, BuLi, -78 °C, ii) DMP, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, RT, d) TFA, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, RT, 58%.

Scheme 2.5. Synthesis of atpenin A5 derivative 16e. Reagents and Conditions: a) Pd/c, MeOH, AcOH, RT under  $H_2$ , 12 h, 86%.

To achieve greater delivery to the mitochondria, we envision the appendage of a mitochondrial targeting TPP group to **16c**. <sup>173</sup> The first method was used to achieve **16c** with TPP in the terminal carbon by forming (6-oxohexyl)- triphenylphosphonium (**31**) followed by reaction with **14** to obtained the target compound. I started synthesis by treating the commercially available 6-bromohexanoic acid (**28**) with triphenylphosphine to afford the (5-carboxypentyl)triphenylphosphonium (**29**). Esterification of the carboxylic acid by exposure to H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> with methanol to achieved (6-methoxy-6-oxohexyl) triphenylphosphonium (**30**). Afterward, partial reduction of an ester to an aldehyde using diisobutylaluminium hydride (DIBAL-H), but unfortunately, the TPP group lost because the instability for this group in the reduction reaction (**Scheme 2.6**). Also, the TPP group was lost after using the reduction agent lithium aluminum hydride (LiAlH<sub>4</sub>).

Therefore, a new reaction method was established to achieve the target compound by starting with atpenin A5 derivative with terminal OH in the hydrocarbon side chain **33**. The terminal alcohol functions of the derivative were further activated with a leaving group (-OSO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>) to obtain **34**. The terminal group was afterward displaced via a nucleophilic substitution reaction with triphenylphosphine (TPP) to attain the triphenylphonium cations. The TPP group was hydrolysis after deprotection of the MOM groups with TFA (**Scheme 2.7**). I hypothesize that the deprotection of two MOM groups with strong acid was an effect on the stability of the TPP on the compound. Therefore, another method was established to solve this issue. We learn from this adding the TPP group should be the last step in the reaction to avoid any alternative reaction.

Scheme 2.6. The first method to synthesis of a triphenylphosphine derivative of atpenin A5. Reagents and Conditions: a) TPP, toluene, 110 °C, 4 h, 87%; b) H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, MeOH, 65 °C, 12 h; c) DIBAL-H, Toluene, 0 °C, 2 h; d) i) <sup>n</sup>BuLi, THF, -78 °C, ii) DMP, DCM, RT, iii) TFA, DCM, RT.

Scheme 2.7. The second method to synthesis of a triphenylphosphine derivative of atpenin A5. Reagents and Conditions: a) CH<sub>3</sub>SO<sub>2</sub>CI, DCM, TEA, 0 °C, 30 min, RT, 2 h, 53%; b) i) TPP, toluene, 110 °C, 2 h. ii) TFA, DCM, RT, 30 mins.

Continuing to find an appropriate method to get the target compound, I started the synthesis with debenzylation of the **35** to effort the hydroxyl group in the terminal carbon **33** by using palladium on carbon under hydrogen (H<sub>2</sub>) atmosphere. Afterwards, replacing the hydroxyl group in **33** to chloride was achieved by exposure to thionyl chloride to afford 6-chloro-1- (5,6-dimethoxy-2,4-bis(methoxymethoxy) pyridin-3-yl)hexan-1-one (**35**), followed by deprotection of MOM by trifluoroacetic acid to achieve 6-chloro-1-(2,4-dihydroxy-5,6-dimethoxypyridin-3-yl)hexan-1-one (**37**). The final step involves the addition of triphenylphosphine under reflux conditions in the presence of sodium iodide (NaI) to obtain (6-(2,4-dihydroxy-5,6-dimethoxypyridin-3-yl) -6 oxohexyl) triphenylphosphonium (**32**) as described in (**Scheme 2.8**).<sup>175</sup> I faced difficulty with the purification of the final compound (**32**); which I lost the compound after the silica column purification. Furthermore, another way was used to purify the product by adding zinc chloride to the product in acetone to form the complexes ZnCl(TPP),<sup>176</sup> which should allow the product to be crystallized. However, we still face the problem of the impurity of the product. Attempts to access the TPP-containing compound will continue.

Scheme 2.8. The third method to synthesis of triphenylphosphine derivative of atpenin A5. Reagents and Conditions: a) Pd/C, MeOH, AcOH, H<sub>2</sub>, RT, 12 h, 86%; b) SOCl<sub>2</sub>, DCM, 75 °C, 1 h, 86%; c) TFA, DCM, RT, 30 mins, 69%; d) TPP, toluene, Nal, 110 °C, 2 h.

### 2.2.2. Complex II inhibition assay

Complex II activity was measured spectrophotometrically according to the literature method using isolated rat mitrochondria,<sup>54</sup> based on the thenoyltrifluoroacetone -sensitive rate of succinate-driven, co-enzyme Q<sub>2</sub>-linked reduction of dichlorophenolindophenol (DCPIP) which was performed by our collaborators at the University of Rochester Medical Center. Mitochondria are isolated from fresh rat hearts by differential centrifugation in sucrose-based buffer as described in the literature,<sup>177, 178</sup> with suitable modifications to ensure rapid isolation.<sup>54</sup> The complex II inhibition activity of each newly synthesized atpenin A5 derivative is reported in **Tables 2.1** and **2.2**.

The CII inhibition of the control compounds atpenin A5 and diazoxide were reported to have IC<sub>50</sub> values of 3.6-10 nM<sup>89, 93</sup> and 32 μM,<sup>76</sup> respectively. The inhibitory concentration value for CII of atpenin A5 was determined to follow in accordance with the literature value IC<sub>50</sub> of 3.3  $\pm 2$  nM (**Table 2.1**). The known crystal structure of complex II with atpenin A5 indicated a potential role for the highly substituted pyridine ring in active site recognition. Hence, in our first series of designed analogues, this moiety remained unchanged. The hydrocarbon side chain of atpenin A5 contains three stereocenters that hinder large scale preparation, naturally occurring analogues of atpenin A5 at the side chain are known to retain cytotoxic activity. We sought to simplify the side chain through the generation of simple unfunctionalized hydrocarbon chain derivatives. With the sole exception of the furan-2-yl moiety, all the synthesized side chain derivatives displayed CII inhibition activity ranging from 3.3 nM to 3.7 µM, all of which are more potent than any reported CII inhibitor except atpenin A5. Two of the most potent inhibitors ever, compounds 16j and 16k displayed CII inhibition with IC50 of 8.6 ±2.9 nM and 3.3 ±2.4 nM respectively (Table 2.1). In order to compare CII activity in different sources of mitochondria, two known derivatives (16b and 16f) that were also reported to have

antifungal activity were synthesized. These derivatives in literature have bovine CII IC $_{50}$  values of 96 nM and 20 nM, respectively. In rat heart CII, activity is substantially attenuated with IC $_{50}$  of 346 nM and 282 nM, respectively, suggesting that compound **16k** described herein may represent the most potent CII inhibitor yet described.

Comp.	R <sub>1</sub>	Mw	cLogPª	PSA <sup>b</sup>	LLE°	CII IC <sub>50</sub> (nM) <sup>d</sup>
16a	2-furan	265.22	-0.02	102.02	n/a	0% <sup>e</sup>
16b	butyl	255.27	1.09	88.88	5.37	345.5 ±7.6
16c	pentyl	269.29	1.53	88.88	5.62	64.0 ±4.3
16d	5-OBn butyl	361.39	2.02	98.11	3.41	280.8 ±88.7
16e	5-hydroxybutyl	271.27	-0.35	109.11	6.90	3730.2 ±1021.1
16f	hexyl	283.32	1.98	88.88	4.57	282.4 ±135.5
16g	heptyl	297.35	2.42	88.88	4.89	49.1 ±22.1
16h	octyl	311.37	2.87	88.88	4.93	15.7 ± 3.5
<b>16i</b>	nonyl	325.40	3.31	88.88	4.69	9.9 ±1.9
<b>16</b> j	decyl	339.43	3.75	88.88	4.32	8.6 ±2.9
16k	dodeyl	367.48	4.64	88.88	3.76	3.3 ±2.4

AA5	n/a	366.24	2.64	88.88	5.36	3.3 ±2.0
DZX	n/a	230.67	1.0	58.53	1.85	32,000 <sup>76</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Calculated by MarvinSketch 5.10.3.

**Table 2.1.** Complex II inhibition activity, cLogP, Mw, PSA and ligand lipophilic efficiency of atpenin A5 derivatives **16a-16k**.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup> Polar Surface Area (PSA, pH = 7.4), calculated by MarvinSketch 5.10.3.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> Ligand-Lipophilicity Efficiency (LLE = pIC<sub>50</sub>-cLogP).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>d</sup> Mean value of four experiments.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>e</sup> 0% inhibition of CII at 100 nM.

**Table 2.2.** Complex II inhibition activity, cLogP, Mw, PSA and ligand lipophilic efficiency of atpenin A5 derivatives **17-24**.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Calculated by MarvinSketch 5.10.3

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup> Polar Surface Area (pH = 7.4), calculated by MarvinSketch 5.10.3

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> Ligand-Lipophilicity Efficiency (LLE = pIC<sub>50</sub>-cLogP)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>d</sup> Mean value of four experiments

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>e</sup> 0% inhibition of CII at 100 nM.

Addition of an aromatic furnan-2-yl moiety (**16a**) to the 5-position of the atpenin A5 pyridine ring side chain abrogates activity, with no inhibition of CII at 100 nM concentration. This may be due to the extended conjugated system present in the derivative. The enol tautomer would be expected to be inactive based on subsequent data that shows a pharmacophoric role for the keto functionality. Shortening the side chain to a simple butane chain provided a compound with an IC<sub>50</sub> of 345.5 ±7.6 nM and a 1.5-fold lower logP (1.09) (**16b**). Retaining the length of the natural atpenin A5 hydrocarbon chain but with no substituents resulted in compound **16c** which displays an IC<sub>50</sub> of 64.0 ±4.3 nM, lower lipophilicity, but identical PSA to **16b**. The ligand-lipophilicity efficiency (LLP) of **16c**, a measure of potency and lipophilicity, was calculated to be 5.62, the optimum value calculated across all of the derivatives herein. A LLE greater than 5 combined with a lipophilic cLogP is often considered desirable for a lead or clinical compound, <sup>179</sup> parameters of which compound **16c** meets, combined with significant potency.

Interestingly, retaining the length of the natural product side chain but replacing the terminal methyl with a benzyl ether (**16d**) reduced activity (IC<sub>50</sub> = 280.8  $\pm$ 88.7 nM) compared to AA5. Removal of the benzyl protecting group to provide alcohol (**16e**) further decreased activity with CII IC<sub>50</sub> value of 3.7  $\mu$ M, but still provided a compound of 10-fold greater activity than diazoxide. This observation suggests the alcohol moiety of **16e** is not engaging in hydrogen bonding within the complex II protein given its lower potency compared with the identical side chain length derivative **16c**.

Addition of a methyl group to the pentane side chain of **16c** provided hexyl derivative **16f** which displayed equipotent activity with the benzyl ether derivative (**16d**) with an  $IC_{50}$  of 280.8 ±88.7 nM, further suggesting that the oxygen of **16d** and **16e** is not involved in intermolecular interactions with CII. Again, a difference in activity between species of CII is observed, when derivative **16f** is assayed in bovine CII, an  $IC_{50}$  of 20 nM

is obtained.<sup>168</sup> This suggests that the CII inhibitors detailed herein may possess much greater activity when assayed in bovine CII.

Progressive homologation of the 5-position side chain from hexane to dodecane resulted in a progressive increase in CII inhibition, resulting in the identification of one compound (16i) which displays equipotent activity to atpenin A5 with an IC $_{50}$  of 9.9 ±1.9 nM and two compounds with greater potency: decane (16j) with an IC $_{50}$  of 8.6 ±2.9 nM and dodecane (16k) with an IC $_{50}$  of 3.3 ±2.4 nM. Homologation was stopped at the dodecane chain as this compound represents comparable molecular weight and PSA to the atpenin A5 natural product, albeit with increased logP. In general, increasing lipophilicity increases activity, a common phenomenon in medicinal chemistry. However, this pattern may not fully explain the observed activity in this series of compounds, as hexane derivative (16f) retains equipotency with terminal alcohol 16e despite contrasting lipophilicity properties: cLogP and PSA of 1.98 and 88.88 for 16f and -0.35 and 109.11 for 16e. The length of the hydrocarbon chain is identical in both compounds and may excerpt a significant influence on CII inhibition activity. Additionally, compound 16e does not fit this trend when transitioning from pentane (16c) to heptane (16g), wherein the activity of hexane side chain derivate 16e displays significantly attenuated CII inhibition.

A similar trend is observed in the MitoVES (4) series of compounds (Figure 2.2) wherein shortening the alkyl chain results in progressive loss of complex II inhibition activity. 66 Penetration of the mitochondrial inner membrane to access the CII target is necessary for inhibitory activity, with lipophilicity a key determinant in this process along with cationic charge. To achieve greater delivery to the mitochondria we envision the appendage of a mitochondrial targeting TPP group. The delocalized charge on the quaternary phosphorus atom is known to result in up to 1000-fold greater accumulation in the mitochondria. However, an optimum hydrocarbon linker length between the activity

CII inhibitor 'warhead' and the TPP group has been shown to be essential to have activity.<sup>66</sup> This series of atpenin A5 derivatives provide significant foundation for further studies to append a mitochondria targeting delivery moiety.

Computational analysis of the crystal structure of the complex II quinone binding site with bound atpenin A5 predicts a pharmacophoric role for the highly substituted pyridine moiety, but no role for the 5-position carbonyl in intermolecular binding. 169 Colleagues in the Trippier lab next sought to generate bioisosteres of our atpenin A5 derivatives about the pyridine ring to confirm this model. The intermediate bismethoxymethyl protected hexanol derivative 17 does not inhibit complex II at 100 nM concentration, suggesting that both pyridine alcohols are required for intermolecular binding to the complex II guinone site, or alternatively, the additional steric bulk of the MOM groups preclude access of the compound to the CII binding site (Table 2.2). Interestingly, alcohol 18, an oxidation state analogue of the active complex II inhibitor 16c displayed no CII inhibition activity. The only structural difference between these compounds and thus the only difference between a 70 nM CII inhibitor and an inactive compound is the oxidation state of the alpha position of the pyridine 5-position hydrocarbon chain. A carbonyl at this position confers activity while an alcohol completely abrogates CII inhibition activity. Excision of the pyridine 6-position alcohol (19), a close structural analogue of compound 18 also resulted in an inactive compound. Oxidation of alcohol 19 to the respective carbonyl (20) and thus a direct bioisostere of 16c wherein the pyridine 6-positon alcohol is excised, displayed no CII inhibitory activity at 100 nM concentration. An alternative synthetic route to access hydrocarbon chain derivatives of atpenin A5 resulted in the isolation of the methyl ether substituted hydrocarbon chain compound 24. This ether, like its alcohol counterpart, showed no activity to inhibit CII at 100 nM (**Table 2.2**). These collections of derivatives confirm the pharmacophoric role of the pyridine substituents in binding the quinone site of complex II.

Together these observations suggest a pharmacophoric role for the carbonyl of the side chain in the design of atpenin A5 derivatives. When replacement of the carbonyl with an alcohol or methyl ether is performed, CII inhibition activity is abrogated. While the possibility that the inactivity of these derivatives may indicate a failure of the compounds to penetrate into the mitochondria, analysis of their physicochemical properties disputes this hypothesis. Polar surface area values of **18** and **24** (71.81 and 60.81) calculated at pH 7.4 are significantly lower than active inhibitor **16c** and the atpenin A5 natural product (both 88.88) indicating lower lipophilicity, however they are higher than the active, albeit low potency, complex II inhibitor diazoxide (58.83). The cLogP values, a more direct measure of lipophilicity of **18** and **24** (2.24 and 2.88) are actually higher than the active and structurally similar inhibitor **16c** (1.53) and in the case of compound **24**, higher than the atpenin A5 scaffold (2.64) itself, although shape, size and charge requirements also play a role in mitochondrial penetration.

#### 2.2.3. Molecular modeling

Enabled by the synthesis of a unique library of structural analogues of the hit compound (**Tables 2.1 and 2.2**), aimed at fully exploring the pharmacophore of atpenin A5 and its derivatives, it was evident that reduction of the side chain ketone to an alcohol or conversion to an ether results in complete amelioration of CII inhibition activity. A correction to the reported pharmacophore of atpenin A5 is thus proposed. Through detailed structure-activity relationship studies we have shown that the side chain ketone is critical for CII inhibition activity and thus forms part of the pharmacophore of this class of inhibitor. Quantitative structure-activity relationship prediction was employed to

understand the SAR of our compound series. The known crystal structure of AA5 bound in the ubiquinone binding site of porcine heart mitochondria complex II (PDB ID: 3AEE) provided the basis of our analysis. The AA5 binding site was defined and the ligand replaced with compounds **16c**, **18**, or **24** using SeeSAR 5.5 (BioSolveIT GmbH) performed by Dr. Trippier. Binding poses for each ligand were generated and scoring performed by HYDE.<sup>181</sup>

The active CII inhibitor **16c** is predicted to form hydrogen bonding between the pyridine 4-OH of **16c** to the amine of TrpB173 amino acid residue, between the 3-OMe and the hydroxyl moiety of TyrD91, between the pyridine nitrogen (amine tautomer) and SerC42 and between the pyridine 6-OH and the hydroxy moiety of MetC39 (**Figure 2.3A**). This is in agreement with the observed inactivity of the 6-OH excised or protected analogues **17**, **19**, **20** and **24**. These predicted active site interactions match those obtained from the crystal structure of atpenin A5 with porcine heart complex II, <sup>169</sup> when **16c** is overlaid with atpenin A (**Figure 2.3B**).

Modelling of the inactive alcohol derivative 18 into the complex II active site shows a significant change of binding pose, which is sufficient to prevent formation of, or reduce the strength of, hydrogen bonds between the pyridine 3-OMe and TyrD91 and between the pyridine 6-OH and MetC39. The 6-OH hydrogen is predicted instead to partake in intramolecular hydrogen bonding to the side chain alcohol, forming a thermodynamically stable six-membered ring (Figure 2.3C). The methyl ether derivative 24 also suffers a significant change in binding pose sufficient to reduce the predicted strength of the hydrogen bond between the pyridine 3-OMe and TyrD91 and to preclude hydrogen bond formation between the pyridine 6-OH and MetC39, instead of forming an intramolecular hydrogen bond between the 6-OH and the methyl ether oxygen atom on the C5-position chain resulting in a stable six-membered ring (Figure 2.3D).

The QSAR ligand-protein interaction predictions show excellent correlation with the determined SAR. The molecular modelling studies and SAR data reveal a pharmacophoric role for the side chain ketone moiety, not as might be expected by participating in hydrogen bonding to complex II binding site residues, but by conferring an optimal binding pose to active inhibitors. Indeed, in all three compound interaction models (16c, 18 and 24, Figure 2.3) and in the original crystal structure of AA5 bound with porcine heart mitochondria CII, the ketone oxygen is not predicted to be involved in intermolecular hydrogen bonding. Excision of the carbonyl moiety leads to conformational changes that reduces distance between hydrogen bond donors and receptors and lead to suboptimal bonding angles, thus either preventing formation of hydrogen bonds between ligands and complex II amino acid residues or significantly reducing their strength resulting in inactive complex II inhibitors.

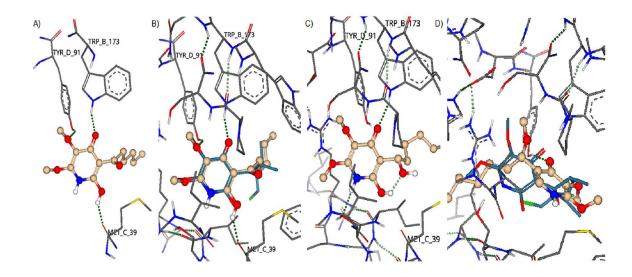


Figure 2.3. Modelling of atpenin A5 and selected derivatives in the ubiquinone binding site of porcine heart complex II (PDB ID: 3AEE); A) Hypothetical binding interactions of CII inhibitor 16c. B) Overlay of AA5 (7) (turquoise) and 16c (gold) in the active site of porcine heart mitochondria complex II. C) Hypothetical binding interactions of inactive compound 18. D) Hypothetical binding interactions of inactive compound 24 (gold), overlaid with AA5 (7) (turquoise). Red: oxygen, blue: nitrogen, white: hydrogen, gold: carbon. Green dotted lines represent hydrogen bonds (greater opacity represents a stronger bond).

### 2.2.4. Cytotoxicity assay

Atpenin A5 derivative **16c** was taken forward for cytotoxicity evaluation to provide proof-of-concept that CII inhibition by compounds of this structural scaffold provide antineoplastic effect. This derivative was chosen for further study due to its high structural resemblance to natural atpenin A5; the same hydrocarbon chain length, same PSA, yet lower lipophilicity engendering greater solubility, structural simplicity thus high yields of synthetic material and favorable LLE value (5.62), combined with high CII inhibition potency (IC<sub>50</sub> = 64.0 nM, 17.23 × 10<sup>-3</sup>  $\mu$ g/mL). Four human prostate cancer cell lines and HEK293 cells were exposed to compound **16c** and cytotoxicity was measured by (3-(4,5-dimethylthiazol-2-yl)-5-(3-carboxymethoxyphenyl)2-(4-sulfophenyl)-2H-tetrazolium) (MTS) assay after 48 hours (**Figure 2.4**).

Treatment of DU-145 prostate cancer cells with CII inhibitor **16c** provided a great significant inhibitory effect on cell growth in a dose-dependent manner, resulting in an IC $_{50}$  of 13 µg/mL (**Figure 2.4A**). Also, with the exposure of the CII inhibitor **16c** to PC3 prostate cancer cells, a much lower inhibitory effect was observed, resulting in an IC $_{50}$  of 55 µg/mL (**Figure 2.4B**). In 22Rv1 prostate cancer cells, inhibitor **16c** demonstrated an IC $_{50}$  of 11 µg/mL (**Figure 2.4C**). Also, In LNCap prostate cancer cells, inhibitor **16c** exhibited an IC $_{50}$  of 8.8 µg/mL (**Figure 2.4D**). The variation in the cytotoxicity results between the prostate cancer cell lines refers to the stage of the metastatic potential, in which the PC3 cells have high metastatic potential compared to the other cells, whereas DU145 cells have a moderate metastatic potential, and LNCaP and 22Rv1 cells have low metastatic potential. <sup>182</sup> On the other hand, selectivity to cancerous cells over low tumorigenic cells, was confirmed by the use of human embryonic kidney cells (HEK293) where **16c** demonstrated an IC $_{50}$  of 71 µg/mL, an approximate 7-fold selectivity for DU-145, 22Rv1 and LNCap prostate cancer cells over this transformed cell line (**Figure 2.4E**). The inactive

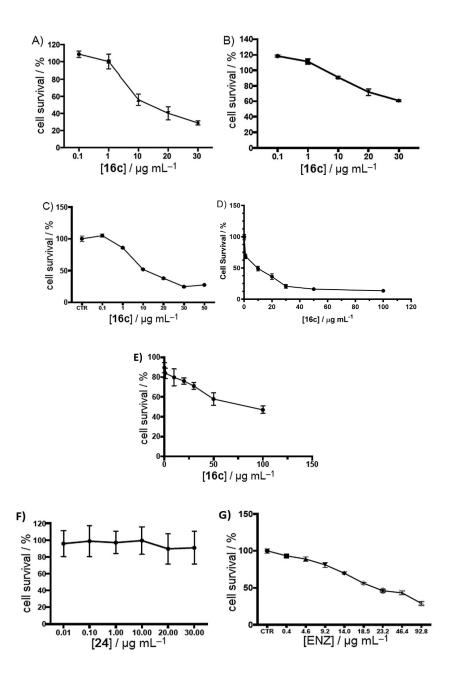


Figure 2.4. Complex II inhibitors are potent antiproliferative agents. Dose–response curves of the effect of complex II inhibitor 16c (48 h treatment) on the cell viability of: A) DU-145 prostate cancer cells, B) PC3 prostate cancer cells, C) 22Rv1 prostate cancer cells, D) LNCap prostate cancer cells, and E) low tumorigenic HEK293 cells. F) Dose–response curve of the effect of structurally similar but inactive complex II inhibitor 24 on the viability of DU-145 prostate cancer cells. G) Dose–response curve of the effect of the clinical chemotherapeutic enzalutamide (ENZ) on the viability of 22Rv1 prostate cancer cells after 72 hours incubation. Values are the mean ±SD of triplicate experiments.

control compound **24** displayed no growth inhibition effect upon treatment of DU-145 cells up to 30  $\mu$ g/mL (**Figure 2.4F**), implicating CII inhibition as a primary mechanism of action to inhibit prostate cancer cell growth. The clinically available prostate cancer drug enzalutamide (ENZ) displayed an IC<sub>50</sub> of 29  $\mu$ g/mL after 72 hours treatment in 22Rv1 prostate cancer cells (**Figure 2.4G**), a cell line known to be resistant to this chemotherapeutic agent. CII inhibitor **16c** displayed an IC<sub>50</sub> of 11  $\mu$ g/mL after just 48 hours, which our compound **16c** exhibited 3-fold potency than clinically available prostate cancer drug enzalutamide. This observed cytotoxicity, along with that of CII inhibitor **16k** (**Figure 2.5**), suggests that CII inhibition may be a novel target for the treatment of advanced drug-resistant prostate cancer.

Further, when the more potent CII inhibitor **16k** (IC<sub>50</sub> = 3.3 nM, 1.21 × 10<sup>-3</sup>  $\mu$ g/mL) was exposed to 22Rv1 prostate cancer cells, an even greater reduction of cell viability was observed with an IC<sub>50</sub> of just 2  $\mu$ g/mL (**Figure 2.5A**). This shows that CII inhibition potency is directly proportional to antiproliferative effect. However, maximal cytotoxicity is reached at 10  $\mu$ g/mL, beyond which a plateau is observed. Selectivity over the low tumorigenic HEK 293 cell line was again observed with **16k** providing an IC<sub>50</sub> of 28  $\mu$ g/mL, conferring 14-fold selectivity (**Figure 2.5B**). A summary of the IC<sub>50</sub> values for compounds **16c** and **16k** across prostate cancer cell lines and HEK293 cells compared with enzalutamide positive control is depicted in **Table 2.3**.

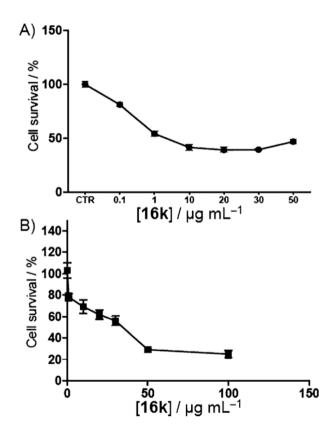


Figure 2.5. Complex II inhibitors with greater potency convey greater cytotoxicity. Dose–response curves of the effect of complex II inhibitor 16k (48-hour treatment) on the cell viability of A) 22Rv1 prostate cancer cells and B) low tumorigenic HEK293 cells. Values are the mean ±SD of triplicate experiments.

Compound	CII IC <sub>50</sub>	lC₅₀[μg mL⁻¹]b					
2000	(nM)ª	DU-145	PC3	22Rv1	LNCap	HEK293	
16c	64.0 ±4.3	13.0 ±1.6	55.2 ±9.4	11.4 ±1	8.8 ±1.8	70.5 ±5.2	
16k	3.3 ±2.4	N.D.°	N.D.	2.1 ±0.5	N.D.	28.1 ±2.0	
24	0% <sup>d</sup>	>30°	N.D.	N.D.	N.D.	N.D.	
Enzalutamide	N.D.	N.D.	N.D.	29.3 ±2.4	N.D.	N.D.	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>Mean value of four experiments

**Table 2.3.** Activity of CII inhibitors **16c** and **16k**, the inactive control **24**, and the clinical chemotherapeutic enzalutamide across a panel of human prostate cancer cells and low tumorigenic human endothelial kidney cells.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup>Values are the mean ±SD of n = 3 experiments.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> Not determined.

d0% inhibition of CII at 100 nM.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>e</sup>No cell death at 30 mg mL<sup>-1</sup>.

Treatment of prostate stromal cells (WPMY-1) with CII inhibitors **16c** and **16k** provided a significant inhibitory effect on cell growth in a dose-dependent manner, resulting in an IC<sub>50</sub> of 18.06 ±2.5 μg/mL and 13.47 ±2.2 μg/mL, respectively, after 48 h (**Figure 2.6 A,C**). Also, treatment of NIH 3t3 mouse fibroblast cell line with CII inhibitor **16c** provided a significant inhibitory effect on cell growth in a dose-dependent manner, resulting in an IC<sub>50</sub> of 35.4 ±3 μg/mL after 48 h (**Figure 2.6 B**). The tumor-stromal interaction is a developing area of interest for anticancer therapeutics. Reactive stromal cells such as WPMY-1 cells assist the metastatic process through extensive cross-talk in the tumor microenvironment. Targeting the selective death of both cancer cells and reactive stromal cells may be a novel therapeutic strategy with significant benefit to patients.

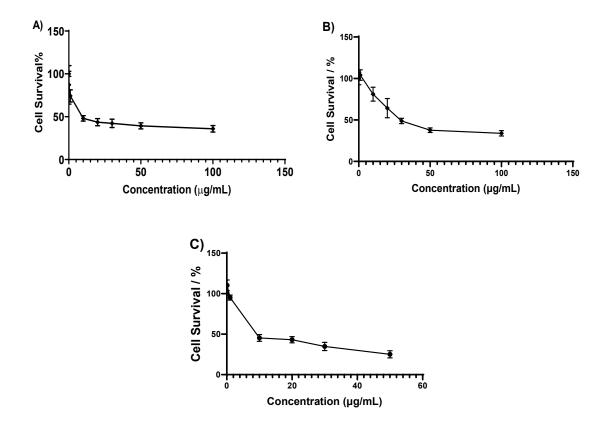


Figure 2.6. Inhibition of the stromal cell by complex II inhibitor 16c and 16k. A) Dose–response curves of the effect of complex II inhibitor 16c (48 h treatment) on the cell viability of WPMY-1 A human prostatic stromal myofibroblast cell line. B) Dose–response curves of the effect of complex II inhibitor 16c (48 h treatment) on the cell viability of NIH 3t3 mouse fibroblast cell line. C) Dose–response curves of the effect of complex II inhibitor 16k (48 h treatment) on the cell viability of WPMY-1 A human prostatic stromal myofibroblast cell line. Values are the mean ±SD of triplicate experiments.

To determine if our synthetic CII inhibitors retain the selectivity of the parent compound for CII over other constituent members of the electron transport chain, our collaborators at the University of Rochester Medical Center assayed **16c** and **16K** for mitochondrial complex I (CI) inhibition activity. Both compounds were found to be inactive up to 10 µM leading to a selectivity ratio for CII:CI of >156-fold for **16c** and >3030-fold for **16k** (**Table 2.4**). This data highlights these compounds as promising chemical probes for further interrogation of the NADH-fumarate reductase system, specifically targeting complex II.

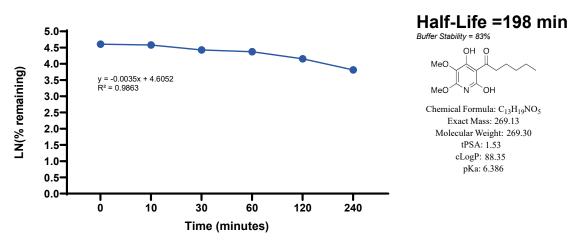
To understand the stability of the atpenin A5 derivatives our collaborators at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center carried out metabolic stability studies. The mitochondria complex II inhibitor AA5 derivative **16c** was subjected to incubation with mouse liver S9 fractions in the presence of NADPH (NADPH regenerating system) cofactors at 6 different time points between 0-240 min. Aliquots were taken from various fractions and analyzed by LC-MS at various time points. The atpenin A5 derivative **16c** displayed remarkable stability and half-life of > 190 min (**Figure 2.7**).

Compound	IC <sub>50</sub>	(nM) <sup>a</sup>	Selectivity Ratio		
	Complex II	Complex I	CII:CI		
16c	64 ±4.3	> 10000	> 156		
16k	3.3 ±2.4	> 10000	> 3030		
AA5	3.3 ±2.0	> 10000	> 3030		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Values are the mean ± SD of n = 3 experiments

**Table 2.4.** Selectivity of compounds **16c**, **16k**, and AA5 for the inhibition of mitochondrial complex II over complex I.

# 16c Murine S9 (Lot VLH) Half-Life



**Figure 2.7.** Metabolic stability of atpenin A5 derivative **16c**. Half-life **16c** upon incubation with Murine S9 liver fractions.

A recent report identified atpenin A5 as an active hit in a screen for the identification of compounds that target cells in dormant tumor spheroid regions. Cancer cells in poorly vascularized tumor regions react to diminished nutrients by stopping cell cycle progression and becoming dormant. Hence those cells in hypoxic regions of the tumor are usually dormant and more likely to be resistant to chemotherapeutics. As cytostatic drugs target proliferating cells, dormancy is a major resistance mechanism to these antineoplastics. Small molecules that target cancer cells in poorly vascularized (hypoxic) regions have the potential to enhance cytotoxicity and reduce resistance mechanisms.

Utilizing a microfluidic culture system, <sup>188</sup> our collaborators at Texas Tech University exposed PC3 prostate cancer cells under hypoxic conditions to the clinical chemotherapeutic drug etoposide, <sup>189</sup> CII inhibitor **16c** and inactive control **18** (**Figure 2.8**). As expected, the inactive compound **18** demonstrated no cytotoxic effect at 1 μM and no effect at 10 μM concentration within experimental error, further supporting the antineoplastic role of the CII inhibition mechanism. Complex II inhibitor **16c** provided 12% cell death at 1 μM concentration and 20% cell death at 10 μM concentration. On the other hand, etoposide is known to have poor cytotoxicity in hypoxic environments, <sup>189</sup> displaying only 7% cell death at 10 μM concentration in hypoxic assay. Our designed CII inhibitor (**16c**), at 10-fold lower concentration (1 μM), provides superior cytotoxicity in PC3 cells under hypoxia than the clinical chemotherapeutic drug etoposide. This data suggests that CII inhibition provides a potential mechanism for targeting cytotoxicity to dormant tumor cells and may be able to counter this resistance mechanism of tumor cells.

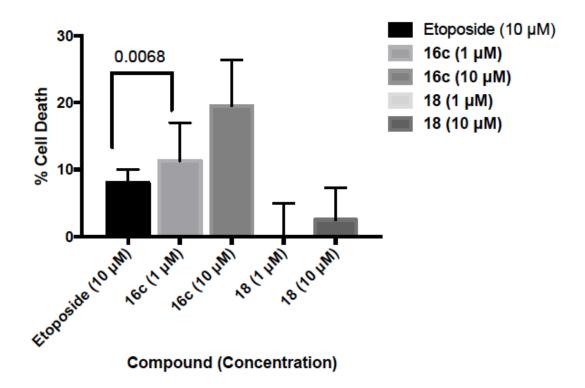


Figure 2.8. Cytotoxic effect of the clinical chemotherapeutic etoposide, complex II inhibitor 16c and inactive control 18 in PC3 prostate cancer cells under hypoxia. Cell death was measured with Annexin V and Sytox Green. Values are the mean  $\pm$ SD for triplicate experiments. A one-way ANOVA analysis was used to compare statistical difference between etoposide and 16c at 1  $\mu$ M concentrations, \* $\rho$  = 0.0068.

We next sought to determine the effect of complex II inhibition by our developed inhibitors on mitochondrial metabolic processes. The effect of **16c** on electron transport parameters of 22Rv1 cells after 48-hour incubation was studied using a Seahorse XF Extracellular Flux Analyzer. The oxygen consumption rate of 22Rv1 cells is substantially reduced in a dose-dependent manner upon exposure to **16c** (**Figure 2.9A**). Mitochondria complex II inhibitor **16c** significantly inhibited mitochondrial function in 22Rv1 prostate cancer cells in a dose-dependent manner, including reducing basal respiration (**Figure 2.9B**), inhibition of ATP production (**Figure 2.9C**) and reduction of maximal respiration (**Figure 2.9D**) compared with no treatment control. This suggests the CII inhibitor **16c** targeting mitochondrial metabolism in cancer cells and may have the potential for the treatment of this disease.

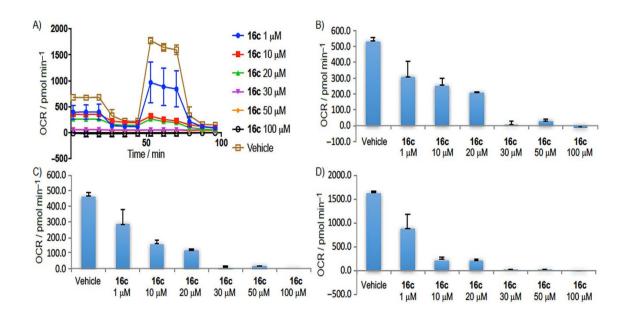


Figure 2.9. Complex II inhibitor 16c blocks mitochondrial respiration and function in 22Rv1 prostate cancer cells. A) Oxygen consumption rate (OCR), B) basal respiration, C) ATP production, and D) maximal respiration are decreased in a dose-dependent manner. Error bars: mean  $\pm$ SD, n = 3.

#### 2.3.Conclusions

We disclose the design, synthesis, and evaluation of ten highly potent CII inhibitors, the most potent CII inhibitors disclosed to date. Modelling studies reveal the role of the side chain carbonyl functionality to ensure a bioactive conformation of the inhibitor within CII. Thus, expansion of the pharmacophore of the atpenin A5 natural product to include the functionalized pyridine ring and side chain carbonyl is proposed. Analysis of physicochemical properties indicated compound **16c** as the most 'drug-like' molecule for further study, while the potency of **16c** is reduced (CII IC<sub>50</sub> = 64 nM) over **16k** (CII IC<sub>50</sub> = 3.3 nM) the ligand-lipophilicity efficiency of **16c** is the most optimal of the CII inhibitors synthesized and represents far greater potency than existing inhibitors. The CII inhibitors **16c** has low clearance, a half-life of >3 hours, and >150-fold selective towards CII over mitochondrial complex I.

Significant antiproliferative activity was demonstrated by **16c** in DU-145 and 22Rv1 human prostate cancer cell lines. This effect was shown to be selective to cancer cells with a 7.4-fold greater antiproliferative activity over low tumorigenic human embryonic kidney cells for **16c** which increased to 17.5-fold for the highly potent CII inhibitor **16k**. Both compounds showed superior antiproliferative activity to the clinical chemotherapeutic enzalutamide. Further, this effect is retained under hypoxic conditions providing greater than double the antiproliferative activity of the clinical chemotherapeutic etoposide. Compounds with no CII inhibition activity provided no antiproliferative effect in normoxic or hypoxic environments. Mitochondria complex II inhibitor **16c** significantly inhibited mitochondrial function, reducing oxygen consumption rate, basal respiration, ATP production and maximal respiration.

In summary, for the first time, truly potent CII inhibitors with nanomolar activity are shown to elicit significant and selective anticancer activity. Mitochondrial complex II

inhibitors **16c**, **16j** and **16k** represent valuable molecular tools to study the effect of CII in cancer and other diseases.

### 2.4. Experimental Section

### 2.4.1. Chemistry

#### General

All reactions were carried out in oven- or flame-dried glassware under positive nitrogen pressure unless otherwise noted. Reaction progress was monitored by thin-layer chromatography (TLC) carried out on silica gel plates (2.5 cm x 7.5 cm, 200  $\mu$ m thick, 60 F254) and visualized by using UV (254 nm) or by potassium permanganate and/or phosphomolybdic acid solution as indicator. Flash column chromatography was performed with silica gel (40-63  $\mu$ m, 60 Å) or on a Teledyne Isco (CombiFlash R<sub>f</sub> 200 UV/Vis). Commercial grade solvents and reagents were purchased from Fisher Scientific (Houston, TX) or Sigma Aldrich (Milwaukee, WI) and were used without further purification except as indicated. Anhydrous solvents were purchased from Acros Organics and stored under an atmosphere of dry nitrogen over molecular sieves.

<sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C, COSY, HMQC and DEPT NMR spectra were recorded in the indicated solvent on a Bruker 400 MHz Advance III HD spectrometer at 400 and 100 MHz for <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C respectively, with TMS as an internal standard. Multiplicities are indicated by s (single), d (doublet), dd (doublet of doublets), t (triplet), q (quartet), m (multiplet), and br (broad). Chemical shifts (δ) are reported in parts per million (ppm), and coupling constants (*J*), in Hertz. High-resolution mass spectroscopy was performed on a LC/MS IT-TOF (Shimadzu) using an ESI source conducted at the University of Texas at Arlington, Shimadzu Center for Advanced Analytical Chemistry. High-pressure liquid

chromatography was performed on a Gilson HPLC system with 321 pumps and 155 UV/Vis detector using trilution software v2.1 with an ACE Equivalence 3 (C18, 3  $\mu$ M, 4.6 x 150 mm) column. All samples were determined to possess >95% purity.

# 2,3-Dimethoxypyridin-4-ol (9).170

To a solution of 2,3-dimethoxypyridine (0.30 g, 2.16 mmol) in tetrahydrofuran (THF, 15 mL) at -78 °C was added n-butyl lithium (°BuLi, 1.3 mL, of a 2.5 M solution in hexanes, 3.24 mmol) dropwise. The mixture was stirred for 1 h at 0 °C in an ice water bath. The reaction mixture was cooled to -78 °C, trimethyl borate (B(OMe)<sub>3</sub>, 0.62 mL, 5.4 mmol) was added and the mixture was stirred at -78 °C for 2 h. A solution of peracetic acid (32 wt % in dilute acetic acid, 1.02 mL, 4.32 mmol) was added and the mixture was slowly warmed to room temperature over one hour. To the reaction solution was added an aqueous solution of sodium bisulfite. The solution was extracted with ethyl acetate, washed with brine and dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, the solvent was removed in vaccuo and purification by flash column chromatography [dichloromethane (DCM): diethylether (Et<sub>2</sub>O) 94:6] afforded the title compound as a colorless oil (211 mg, 63% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ= 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 6.48 (d, 1H, *J*=5.7 Hz), 7.61 (d, 1H, *J*=5.7 Hz), 7.99 ppm (s, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>CNMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ = 53.30, 60.20, 107.30, 130.40, 140.70, 156.60, 157.80 ppm.

### 5-Bromo-2,3-dimethoxypyridin-4-ol (10).

To a solution of 2,3-dimethoxypryidin-4-ol (0.106 g, 0.68 mmol) in acetonitrile (5 mL) at 0 °C was added *N*-bromosuccinamide (0.134 g, 0.75 mmmol). The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred overnight. The reaction mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate, the organic layer washed with brine and dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, the solvent was removed in vaccuo and purification by flash column chromatography [Hexanes: ethylacetate (EtOAc) 20:1] afforded the title compound as a yellow powder (0.132 g, 83% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ = 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.99 (s, 3H), 6.77 (s, 1H), 7.90 ppm (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ = 53.76, 60.99, 100.88, 130.63, 141.98, 152.60, 156.59 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_7H_8BrNO_3$  ( $M+Na^+$ ): 255.9580, found: 255.9574.

#### 5-Bromo-2,3-dimethoxy-4-(methoxymethoxy)pyridine (11).

To a solution of 5-bromo-2,3-dimethoxypyridin-4-ol (**10**) (3.68 g, 15.7 mmol) in *N,N*-dimethylformamide (50 mL) as a solvent at 0 °C was added sodium hydride (NaH, 0.943 g, 23.6 mmol of a 60% dispersion in mineral oils). The mixture was stirred for 10 minutes

and methoxymethyl chloride (1.79 mL, 23.6 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred for 1 h. The reaction mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate, the organic layer washed with brine and dried over sodium sulfate, the solvent was removed in vaccuo and purification by flash column chromatography (Hexanes: EtOAc 20:1) afforded the title compound as a yellow powder (4.11g, 94% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCI<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ = 3.57 (s, 3H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.94 (s, 3H), 5.33 (s, 2H), 7.90 ppm (s, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ= 53.88, 57.68, 60.51, 98.57, 107.24, 136.29, 142.25, 153.16, 158.56 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** *m/z* calcd for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>12</sub>NBrO<sub>4</sub> (*M*+Na<sup>+</sup>): 299.9842, found: 299.9835.

#### 6-Bromo-2,3-dimethoxy-4-(methoxymethoxy)pyridine (12).

Lithium diisopropylamide (LDA) was prepared by addition of "BuLi (1.41 mL, 1.6 M in hexanes, 2.26 mmol) to diisopropylamine (0.317 mL, 2.26 mmol) in THF (10 mL) at -78 °C and warmed up to 0 °C for 30 min with stirring. Lithium diisopropylamide solution was cooled to -78 °C and a solution of 5-bromo-2,3-dimethoxy-4-(methoxymethoxy)pyridine (11, 0.21 g, 0.76 mmol) in THF (10 mL) was added. The solution was warmed to -40 °C in an acetonitrile-dry ice bath and 2  $\mu$ L of bromine was added. The reaction mixture was stirred for 1 h at -40 °C and then cooled to -78 °C. An excess of ethanol (EtOH, 4 mL) was added and the mixture was warmed up to 23 °C, which was treated with a saturated

aqueous solution of ammonium chloride (NH<sub>4</sub>Cl, 5 mL) and then extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic washings were washed with brine and dried over sodium sulfate, the solvent was removed in vaccuo and purification by flash column chromatography (Hexanes: EtOAc 10:1) afforded the title compound as a yellow powder (0.187 g with 89% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ = 3.39 (s, 3H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 5.14 (s, 2H), 6.82 ppm (s, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ= 54.06, 56.30, 60.36, 94.42, 108.95, 131.10, 131.69, 158.5, 157.43 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** *m/z* calcd for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>12</sub>NBrO<sub>4</sub> (*M*+Na<sup>+</sup>): 299.9842, found: 299.9839.

### 5,6-Dimethoxy-4-(methoxymethoxy)pyridin-2-ol (13).

To a solution of 6-bromo-2,3-dimethoxy-4-(methoxymethoxy)pyridine (**12**, 3.79 g, 13.6 mmol) in THF (120 mL) at -78 °C was quickly added "BuLi (18.7 mL, of a 1.6 M solution in hexanes, 40.9 mmol). The mixture was stirred for 1 minute and B(MeO)<sub>3</sub> (4.89 mL, 40.9 mmol) was added with stirring for 2 h at -78 °C. A solution of peracetic acid (32 wt % in dilute acetic acid, 12.9 mL, 54.5 mmol) was then added and the reaction mixture allowed to warm to 0 °C under stirring for 2 h. An aqueous solution of sodium bisulfite was added dropwise, and the mixture extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic washings were washed with brine and dried over sodium sulfate, the solvent was removed in vaccuo and

purification by flash column chromatography (Hexanes: EtOAc 10:1) afforded the title compound as a yellow powder (1.86 g, 63% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCI<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ = 3.41(s, 3H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 5.16 (s, 2H), 6.04 ppm (s, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ = 54.90, 56.45, 60.99, 89.02, 94.36, 126.31, 155.69, 158.34, 160.32 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>13</sub>NO<sub>5</sub> (M+Na<sup>+</sup>): 238.0686, found: 238.0678.

# 2,3-Dimethoxy-4,6-bis(methoxymethoxy)pyridine (14).

To a solution of 5,6-dimethoxy-4-(methoxymethoxy)pyridin-2-ol (**13**, 1.805 g, 8.38 mmol) in DMF (10 mL) at 0 °C was added NaH (0.537 g , 13.4 mmol, of a 60% dispersion in mineral oils). After 10 minutes, methoxymethyl chloride (0.96 mL, 12.6 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred for 1h. The reaction mixture was extracted with EtOAc, the organic washings were washed with brine and dried over sodium sulfate, the solvent was removed in vaccuo and purification by flash column chromatography (Hexanes: EtOAc 10:1) afforded the title compound as a yellow powder (2.05 g, 94% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCI<sub>3</sub>): δ= 3.48 (s, 3H), 3.49 (s, 3H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 5.22 (s, 2H), 5.41 (s, 2H), 6.21 ppm (s, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ= 53.67, 56.47, 56.96, 60.86, 88.99, 91.95, 94.54, 127.50, 156.02, 156.46, 159.21 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{11}H_{17}NO_6$  ( $M+Na^+$ ): 282.0948, found: 282.0940.

General method for the synthesis of compounds 16a-16k.

### (2,4-dihydroxy-5,6-dimethoxypyridin-3-yl)(furan-2-yl)methanone (16a).

To a solution of 2,3-dimethoxy-4,6-bis(methoxymethoxy)pyridine (14, 0.029 g, 0.11 mmol) in THF (5 mL) at -78 °C was added "BuLi (0.09 mL, 2.5 M, 0.22 mmol) and the reaction mixture stirred for 1 h. Furan-2-carbaldedhye (10.6 mg, 0.11 mmol) was added and the mixture stirred for 1 h. The reaction was quenched by addition of ethanol and extracted with ethyl acetate, the organic washings were washed with brine and dried over sodium sulfate, the solvent was removed in vaccuo and the crude product used for the next step without further purification. To a solution of the crude material in DCM (5 mL) at room temperature was added Dess-Martin Periodinane (0.071 g, 0.17mmol), and the reaction mixture stirred for 30 minutes. The reaction was quenched by addition of saturated sodium thiosulfate and extracted with ethyl acetate, the organic washings were washed with brine and dried over sodium sulfate, the solvent was removed in vaccuo and the crude material in DCM (2 mL) at 0 °C was added trifluoroacetic acid (TFA, 0.5 mL) and the reaction mixture stirred for 30 minutes. The solvent was removed in vaccuo and the residue purified by

flash column chromatography (Hexanes: EtOAc 4:1) to afford the title compound as a colorless oil (0.014 g, 48% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ= 3.84 (s, 3H), 4.11 (s, 3H), 6.57 (s, 1H), 7.68 ppm (m, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ= 57.31, 61.54, 111.97, 120.97, 122.16, 146.87, 151.46, 156.19, 160.53, 182.98 ppm.

## 1-(2,4-dihydroxy-5,6-dimethoxypyridin-3-yl)pentan-1-one (16b).

The colorless oil compound was obtained from **15** by following the experimental conditions described for **16a**. (0.015 g, 53% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ= 0.96 (3H, t, J=7.0 Hz), 1.33 (m, 2H), 1.66 (m, 2H), 3.05 (2H, t, J=7.0 Hz), 3.79 (s, 3H), 4.16 ppm (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ= 13.94, 22.51, 26.32, 42.25, 61.51, 101.04, 121.05, 155.56, 162.07, 205.93 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{12}H_{17}NO_5$  ( $M+Na^+$ ): 278.0999, found: 278.1005.

### 1-(2,4-dihydroxy-5,6-dimethoxypyridin-3-yl)hexan-1-one (16c).

The colorless oil compound was obtained from **15** by following the experimental conditions described for **16a**. (0.037 g, 51% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ= 0.89 (3H, t, *J*=7.0 Hz), 1.30 (m, 4H), 1.65 (m, 2H), 3.04 (2H, t, *J*=7.0 Hz), 3.80 (s, 3H), 4.16 ppm (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCI<sub>3</sub>): δ= 14.01, 22.40, 24.07, 31.82, 42.50, 57.78, 60.61, 101.55, 121.06, 155.08, 161.82, 206.60 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{13}H_{19}NO_5$  ( $M+Na^+$ ): 292.1161, found: 292.1155.

#### 5-(benzyloxy)-1-(2,4-dihydroxy-5,6-dimethoxypyridin-3-yl)pentan-1-one (16d).

The colorless oil compound was obtained from **15** by following the experimental conditions described for **16a** with the slight modification that the crude material was purified by flash column chromatography (Hexanes: EtOAc 4:1) after oxidation with DMP and after deprotection with TFA. (0.098 g, 58% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ = 1.17 (m, 4H), 1.25 (m, 18 H), 3.09 (2H, t, *J*=6.3 Hz), 3.51 (2H, t, *J*=6.3 Hz), 3.78 (s, 3H), 4.15 (s, 3H), 4.50 (s, 2H), 7.32 ppm (m, 5H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ= 20.94, 29.37, 42.26, 57.94, 61.49, 70.16, 72.92, 100.67, 121.49, 127.49, 127.60, 128.34, 138.55, 155.94, 161.82, 205.74 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{19}H_{23}NO_6$  ( $M+Na^+$ ): 384.1423, found: 384.1417.

## 1-(2,4-dihydroxy-5,6-dimethoxypyridin-3-yl)-5-hydroxypentan-1-one (16e).

The colorless oil compound was obtained from **15** by following the experimental conditions described for **16a**. (0.045 g, 86% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD): δ= 1.60 (m, 2H), 1.73 (m, 2 H), 3.10 (2H, t, *J*=7.4 Hz), 3.59 (2H, t, *J*=7.4 Hz), 3.71 (s, 3H), 4.99 ppm (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD):  $\delta$ = 21.86, 33.26, 43.84, 61.19, 62.75, 101.06, 124.70, 160.08, 162.86, 207.51 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{12}H_{17}NO_6$  ( $M+Na^+$ ): 294.0948, found: 294.0954.

### 1-(2,4-dihydroxy-5,6-dimethoxypyridin-3-yl)heptan-1-one (16f).

The colorless oil compound was obtained from **15** by following the experimental conditions described for **16a** (0.025 g, 52% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ= 0.89 (3H, t, J=7.0 Hz), 1.31 (m, 6H), 1.66 (m, 2H), 3.03 (2H, t, J=7.0 Hz), 3.79 (s, 3H), 4.16 ppm (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ= 13.94, 22.51, 26.32, 42.25, 57.63, 61.51, 101.04, 121.05, 155.56, 162.07, 205.93 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{14}H_{21}NO_5$  ( $M+Na^+$ ): 306.1312, found: 306.1308.

### 1-(2,4-dihydroxy-5,6-dimethoxypyridin-3-yl)octan-1-one (16g).

The colorless oil compound was obtained from **15** by following the experimental conditions described for **16a** (0.017 g, 51% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ= 0.88 (3H, t, *J*=7.0 Hz), 1.31 (m, 8H), 1.64 (m, 2H), 3.06 (2H, t, *J*=7.0 Hz), 3.79 (s, 3H), 4.17 ppm (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ = 14.08, 22.64, 24.21, 29.17, 29.39, 31.75, 42.56, 57.63, 61.50, 100.99, 121.25, 155.95, 161.82, 206.33 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{15}H_{23}NO_5$  ( $M+Na^+$ ): 320.1468, found: 320.1463.

### 1-(2,4-dihydroxy-5,6-dimethoxypyridin-3-yl)nonan-1-one (16h).

The colorless oil compound was obtained from **15** by following the experimental conditions described for **16a** (0.019 g, 55% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCI<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ = 0.89 (3H, t, J=7.0 Hz), 1.29 (m, 10H), 1.69 (m, 2H), 3.10 (2H, t, J=7.0 Hz), 3.82 (s, 3H), 4.21 ppm (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCI<sub>3</sub>): δ= 14.10, 22.67, 24.15, 29.19, 29.34, 29.44, 31.85, 42.77, 58.33, 61.68, 100.48, 121.96, 154.84, 161.67, 206.41 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>25</sub>NO<sub>5</sub> (M+Na<sup>+</sup>): 334.1625, found 334.1626.

### 1-(2,4-dihydroxy-5,6-dimethoxypyridin-3-yl)decan-1-one (16i).

The colorless oil compound was obtained from **15** by following the experimental conditions described for **16a** (0.018 g, 52% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ = 0.87 (3H, t, *J*=7.0 Hz), 1.26 (m, 12 H), 1.65 (m, 2H), 3.06 (2H, t, *J*=7 Hz), 3.78 (s, 3H), 4.17 ppm (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCI<sub>3</sub>): δ= 14.10, 22.65, 24.19, 29.29, 29.42, 29.51, 31.87, 42.56, 57.63, 61.52, 100.05, 121.10, 155.19, 161.65, 206.76 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{17}H_{27}NO_5$  (M+Na<sup>+</sup>): 348.1781, found: 348.1778.

### 1-(2,4-dihydroxy-5,6-dimethoxypyridin-3-yl)undecan-1-one (16j).

The colorless oil compound was obtained from **15** by following the experimental conditions described for **16a** (0.028 g, 55% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ= 0.87 (3H, t, *J*=7.0 Hz), 1.26 (m, 14 H), 1.65 (m, 2H), 3.04 (2H, t, *J*=7.0 Hz), 3.78 (s, 3H), 4.17 ppm (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCI<sub>3</sub>): δ= 14.09, 22.66, 24.20, 29.32, 29.43, 29.51, 29.55, 29.59, 31.88, 42.57, 57.25, 61.50, 100.69, 121.26, 155.67, 160.99, 206.08 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{18}H_{29}NO_5$  ( $M+Na^+$ ): 362.1938, found: 362.1937.

## 1-(2,4-dihydroxy-5,6-dimethoxypyridin-3-yl)tridecan-1-one (16k).

The colorless oil compound was obtained from **15** by following the experimental conditions described for **16a** (0.035 g, 56% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ = 0.89 (3H, t, *J*=7.0 Hz), 1.25 (m, 18 H), 1.68 (m, 2H), 3.07 (2H, t, *J*=7.0 Hz), 3.79 (s, 3H), 4.15 ppm (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCI<sub>3</sub>): δ= 14.10, 22.67, 24.20, 29.34, 29.42, 29.51, 29.55, 29.64, 29.67, 31.90, 42.55, 57.6361.51, 101.07, 121.25, 155.19, 161.80, 206.42 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{18}H_{29}NO_5$  ( $M+Na^+$ ): 390.2251, found: 390.2256.

### 1-(5,6-dimethoxy-2,4-bis(methoxymethoxy)pyridin-3-yl)hexan-1-ol (17).

To a solution of 2,3-dimethoxy-4,6-bis(methoxymethoxy)pyridine (**14**, 0.030 g, 0.116 mmol) in THF (3 mL) at -78 °C was added <sup>n</sup>BuLi (0.19 mL, of a 2.5 M solution in hexanes, 0.35 mmol), which was stirred for 1 h. Hexanal (0.074 mL, 0.58 mmol) was added and the reaction was stirred for 1 h. The reaction was quenched with ethanol and extracted with ethyl acetate, the organic washings were washed with brine and dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, the solvent was removed in vaccuo and the residue was purified by column chromatography (Hexanes: EtOAc 4:1) to afford the title compound as a colorless oil (33.3 mg, 80% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ = 0.89 (t, 3H, J=7.0 Hz), 1.30 (m, 4H), 1.52 (m, 2H), 1.74 (m, 1H), 1.91 (m, 1H), 3.22 (s, 1H), 3.53 (s, 3H), 3.56 (s, 3H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 4.95 (1H, t, J=6.7 Hz), 5.29 (1H, d, J=5.0 Hz), 5.32 (1H, d, J=5.0 Hz), 5.49 (1H, d, J=5.0 Hz), 5.60 ppm (1H, d, J=5.0 Hz).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ = 13.9, 22.2, 25.9, 31.8, 37.5, 53.6, 57.3, 57.8, 60.6, 67.3, 91.8, 99.2, 112.0, 129.0, 153.0, 154.9, 156.8 ppm.

#### (rac)-3-(1-hydroxyhexyl)-5,6-dimethoxypyridine-2,4-diol (18).

To a solution of 2,3-dimethoxy-4,6-bis(methoxymethoxy)pyridine (**14**, 0.020 g, 0.077 mmol) in THF (5 mL) at -78 °C was added <sup>n</sup>BuLi (0.068 mL, of a 2.5 M solution in hexanes, 0.17 mmol), which was stirred for 1 h. Hexanal (0.010 mL, 0.077 mmol) was added and the reaction was stirred for 1 h. The reaction was quenched with ethanol and extracted with ethyl acetate, the organic washings were washed with brine and dried over anhydrous

sodium sulfate, the solvent was removed in vaccuo and the crude product used for the next step without further purification. To a solution of the crude material in DCM (4 mL) at 0 °C was added TFA (1 mL) and the reaction stirred for 30 minutes. The solvent was removed in vaccuo and the residue purified by flash column chromatography (Hexanes: EtOAc 4:1) to afford the title compound as a racemic mixture as a colorless oil (0.061 g, 63% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ= 0.87 (m, 4H), 1.29 (m, 6H), 3.81 (m, 4H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 5.55 (1H, d, *J*=7.0 Hz), 7.71 ppm (br. s, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ= 13.89, 22.63, 25.17, 31.79, 36.94, 72.83, 80.03, 157.16, 163.58 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{13}H_{21}NO_5$  ( $M+H-H_2O^+$ ): 254.1387 found 254.1366.

#### (rac)-5-(1-hydroxyhexyl)-2,3-dimethoxypyridin-4-ol (19).

To a solution of 5-bromo-2,3-dimethoxy-4-(methoxymethoxy)pyridine (**11**, 0.032 g, 0.115 mmol) in THF (5 mL) at -78 °C was added <sup>n</sup>BuLi (0.10 mL, of a 2.5 M solution in hexanes, 0.25 mmol), which was stirred for one minute. Hexanal (0.012 g, 0.15 mmol) was added and stirring was continued for 1 h. The reaction was quenched by ethanol and extracted with ethyl acetate, the organic washings were washed with brine and dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, the solvent was removed in vaccuo and the residue purified by flash

column chromatography (Hexanes: EtOAc 4:1) to afford the title compound as a colorless oil (25 mg, 85%):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ= 0.89 (m, 2H), 1.30 (m, 6H), 1.73 (q, *J*=5.5 Hz), 3.90 (s, 3H), 4.27 (s, 3H), 4.86 (1H, t, *J*=5.5 Hz), 7.76 (s, 1H), 10.59 ppm (br, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ= 13.90, 22.45, 25.0, 31.37, 37.0, 58.58, 61.40, 69.54, 114.39, 117.28, 124.97, 130.53, 132.05, 155.08, 162.0 ppm.

## 1-(4-hydroxy-5,6-dimethoxypyridin-3-yl)hexan-1-one (20).

To a solution of 5-(1-hydroxyhexyl)-2,3-dimethoxypyridin-4-ol (19, 28 mg, 0.11 mmol) in DCM (5 mL) at room temperature was added Dess-Martin Periodinane (0.073 g, 0.17 mmol) and the reaction stirred for 30 minutes. The reaction was quenched by the addition of saturated sodium thiosulfate and extracted with ethyl acetate, the organic washings were washed with brine and dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, the solvent was removed in vaccuo and the crude product used for the next step without further purification. To a solution of the crude material in DCM (4 mL) at 0 °C was added TFA (1 mL) and the reaction stirred for 30 minutes. The solvent was removed in vaccuo and the residue purified by flash column chromatography (Hexanes: EtOAc 4:1) to afford the title compound as a colorless oil (0.015 g, 51% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ = 0.91 (3H, t, *J*=7.0 Hz), 1.37 (m, 6H), 1.75 (m, 2H), 2.93 (2H, t, *J*=7.0 Hz), 3.89 (s, 3H), 4.05 (s, 3H), 8.44 (s, 1H), 12.63 ppm (s, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ= 13.88, 22.43, 24.44, 31.41, 38.19, 54.40, 60.57, 114.55, 130.525, 145.07, 160.81, 161.39, 206.02 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{13}H_{19}NO_4$  ( $M+Na^+$ ): 276.1206, found: 276.1207.

## 2,3-Dimethoxypyridin-4-yl diisopropylcarbamate (21).<sup>171</sup>

To a solution of 2,3-dimethoxypyridin-4-ol (**9**, 0.30 g, 1.93mmol) in toluene (10 mL) was added silver carbonate (0.80 g, 2.9 mmol) and diisopropylcarbamyl chloride (0.484 g, 2.9 mmol) and the reaction mixture was refluxed for 3 h. The suspension was allowed to cool and passed through celite washing with methanol (MeOH), removal of the solvent in vaccuo and purification by chromatography (DCM: Et<sub>2</sub>O 96:4) provided the title compound as a colorless oil with yield (398 mg, 73%):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ= 1.26 (d, 12H, J=6.8 Hz), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 3.99 (m, 2H), 6.68 (d, 1H, J=5.6 Hz), 7.77 ppm (1H, d, J=5.6 Hz).

<sup>13</sup>CNMR (100 MHz, CDCI<sub>3</sub>): δ= 20.2, 21.0, 46.6, 53.5, 60, 112.7, 135.70, 140.4, 150.80, 152.1, 158.8 ppm.

# 5-Bromo-2,3-dimethoxypyridin-4-yl diisopropylcarbamate (22).<sup>171</sup>

To a solution of 2,3-dimethoxypyridin-4-yl diisopropylcarbamate (**21**, 0.60 g, 2.12 mmol) in carbon tetrachloride (CCl<sub>4</sub>, 20 mL) was added bromine (0.273 mL, 5.31 mmol) and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 48 h, which was shielded from light with aluminum foil. To the reaction mixture was added a solution of saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate (5 mL) and sodium thiosulfate (5 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic phase was washed with brine and dried over sodium sulfate, the solvent was removed in vaccuo and the residue purified by column chromatography (DCM:Et<sub>2</sub>O 98:2) to afford the title compound as a yellow solid (383 mg, 50% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCI<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ = 1.29 and 1.34 (12H, 2d, J= 6.8 Hz), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.97 (s, 3H), 4.01-4.04 (m, 2 H), 7.99 ppm (s, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ= 19.9, 20.8, 46.6, 46.9, 53.4, 58.9, 107.5, 137.1, 141.1, 148.3, 150.5, 157.5 ppm.

### 5-(1-hydroxyhexyl)-2,3-dimethoxypyridin-4-yl diisopropylcarbamate (23).

To a solution of 5-bromo-2,3-dimethoxypyridin-4-yl diisopropylcarbamate (**22**, 0.12 g, 0.33 mmol) in THF (3 mL) at -78 °C was added <sup>n</sup>BuLi (0.45 mL, of a 2.5 M solution in hexanes, 1.1 mmol) which was stirred for 1 minute. Hexanal (0.24 mL, 1.66 mmol) was added and the reaction mixture stirred for 1 h. The reaction was quenched by addition of ethanol and extracted with ethyl acetate, the organic washings were washed with brine and dried over

sodium sulfate, the solvent was removed in vaccuo and the residue purified by column chromatography (Hexanes: EtOAc 4:1) to afforded the title compound as a colorless oil (104.7 mg, 83% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ = 0.86 (3H, t, *J*=7.0 Hz), 1.1-1.5 (m, 18H), 1.70-2.00 (m, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 4.00 (s, 3H), 3.98-4.12 (m, 2H), 4.69 (1H, t, *J*=6.7 Hz), 7.97 ppm (s, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ= 14.1, 20.4, 21.3, 22.6, 25.7, 31.6, 36.7, 47, 47.1, 53.8, 60.1, 60.3, 128.1, 135.6, 138.2, 148.9, 153.1, 158.0 ppm.

# 2,3-Dimethoxy-5-(1-methoxyhexyl)pyridin-4-ol (24).

5-(1-hydroxyhexyl)-2,3-dimethoxypyridin-4-yl diisopropylcarbamate (**23**, 0.090 g, 0.23 mmol) was refluxed in potassium hydroxide solution (5 M, in methanol, 10 mL) for 20 h. The solvent was removed in vaccuo and diluted acetic acid added. The reaction mixture was neutralized by addition of saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic washings were washed with brine and dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, the solvent was removed in vaccuo and purification by column chromatography afforded the title compound as a colorless oil (50% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ = 0.85 (3H, t, *J*=7.0 Hz), 1.26 (m, 6H), 1.68-1.83 (m, 2H), 3.34 (s, 3H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.98 (s, 3H) 4.28 (1H, t, *J*=6.7 Hz), 7.55 (s, 1H), 7.68 ppm (s, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ= 13.9, 22.2, 25.0, 31.5, 35.7, 53.6, 57.1, 60.7, 80.7, 117.9, 130.4, 139.8, 154.8, 157.1 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>23</sub>NO<sub>4</sub> (M+Na<sup>+</sup>): 292.1525, found: 292.1517.

## 5-(Benzyloxy)pentan-1-ol (26).

A solution of pentane-1,5-diol (25, 5 mL, 48.01 mmol) in THF (20 mL) was added dropwise to a suspension of NaH (1.15 g, 60 % dispersion in mineral oil, 48.01 mmol) in THF (5 mL) under argon atmosphere. The reaction mixture was heated under reflux for 4 h, cooled to room temperature and benzyl bromide (5.7 mL, 48.01 mmol) was added to it drop wise. The reaction mixture was heated under reflux overnight. After that, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and the solvent was removed in vaccuo. Reaction mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate, the organic layer washed with brine and dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, the solvent was concentrated under reduced pressure and purification by flash column chromatography afforded the title compound as a yellow oil (Hexanes: EtOAc 20:1) (65% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ = 1.44 (m, 2H), 1.55 (m, 2H), 1.66 (m, 2H), 2.67 (s, 1H), 3.49 (2H, t, J=6.5 Hz), 3.59 (2H, t, J=6.5 Hz), 4.51 (s, 1H), 7.30 (m, 1H), 7.35 ppm (4H, d, J=4.3 Hz ).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ= 24.4, 25.6, 29.9, 32.2, 62.1, 69.7, 72.9, 127.5, 127.6, 127.8, 128.4, 128.4, 137.4 ppm.

#### 5-(Benzyloxy)pentanal (27).

A solution of dimethyl sulfoxide (3.66 mL, 51.5 mmol) in dimethyl chloride (3 mL) was added dropwise to a solution of oxalyl chloride (2.2 mL, 25.7 mmol) dimethyl chloride (1 mL). After stirring 15-minute a solution of 5-(benzyloxy)pentan-1-ol (26,1 g, 5.15 mmol) in DCM (3 mL) was adding dropwise. After 30-minute, the triethylamine was added dropwise, the reaction was stirring for 1 h at -78 C. After that, reaction was slowly cooled to room temperature, the solvent was removed in vaccuo and purification by flash column chromatography (Hexanes: EtOAc 20:1) resulted in the title compound as a yellow color liquid (56% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ = 1.69 (m, 3 H), 1.74 (m, 2H), 2.48 (2H, t, *J*=7.0 Hz), 3.51 (2H, t, *J* =6.2 Hz), 4.51 (s, 2H), 7.3 (m, 1H), 7.35 (m, 4H), 9.77 ppm (1H, t, *J*=2.0 Hz).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCI<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ = 18.9, 29.6, 43.5, 69.7, 72.9, 127.5,127.6, 127.6, 128.3, 128.6, 138.4, 202.5 ppm.

## (5-Carboxypentyl)triphenylphosphonium (29).

A solution of 6-bromohexanoic acid (28, 1 g, 5.1 mmol) in dry acetonitrile the triphenylphosphine (1.34 g, 5.1 mmol) and reacted at 80  $^{\circ}$ C under inert N<sub>2</sub> gas for 16 h.

After cooling of the reaction solution to room temperature, a white precipitate was obtained in a crystallized form. (1.8, 95% yield).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ= 1.43 (m, 1H), 1.63 (m, 4H), 2.31 (m, 2H), 3.40 (1H, t, *J*=6.1 Hz), 3.54 (m, 1H), 7.31 (s, 6H), 7.72 (m, 9H), 8.16 ppm (br, 1H).

## (6-Methoxy-6-oxohexyl)triphenylphosphonium (30).

A solution of (5-carboxypentyl)triphenylphosphonium (**29**, 1 g, 2.65 mmol) in methanol (50 mL) was added a catalytic amount of  $H_2SO_4$  (5 drops). The mixture was refluxed overnight, after which time the solvent was removed in vaccuo. The reaction mixture was extracted with EtOAc, the organic washings were washed with brine and dried over sodium sulfate, the solvent was removed in vaccuo to provide the product as a yellow oil. (0.87 g, 84%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ = 1.42 (m, 1H), 1.63 (m, 4 H), 2.30 (m, 2H), 3.40 (1H, t, J=6.1 Hz), 3.53 (m, 1H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 7.31 (s, 6H), 7.70 (m, 9H), 8.22 ppm (br, 1H).

1-(5,6-Dimethoxy-2,4-bis(methoxymethoxy)pyridin-3-yl)-6-hydroxyhexan-1-one (33).

To a solution of 6-(benzyloxy)-1-(5,6-dimethoxy-2,4-bis(methoxymethoxy)pyridin-3-yl) hexan-1-one (**35**, 0.07 g, 0.19 mmol) in methanol (2 mL) and acetic acid (1 mL) at room temperature was added palladium on carbon (Pd/C, 0.227 g, 0.21 mmol), which was stirred for overnight under H<sub>2</sub>. After celite filtration, the solvent was removed in vaccuo and the residue purified by flash column chromatography (Hexane: EtOAc 4:1) to afford the title compound as a colorless oil (0.045 g, 86% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ = 1.32 (m, 2H),1.57 (m, 2H), 1.63 (m, 2H), 3.10 (2H, t, *J*=7.4 Hz), 3.32 (s, 3H), 3.59 (2H, t, *J*=7.4 Hz), 3.71 (s, 3H), 4.99 (s, 3H) 6.13 (s, 2H), 6.24 ppm (s, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ= 21.8, 25.2, 33.2, 43.8, 54.5, 56.7, 56.7, 61.1, 62.7, 94.4, 95,7, 101.1, 124.7, 159.7, 160.2, 162.7, 203.7 ppm.

$$\begin{array}{c|c} \mathsf{MOMO} & \mathsf{O} & \mathsf{O} \\ \mathsf{MeO} & & \mathsf{S}-\mathsf{CH}_3 \\ \mathsf{MeO} & \mathsf{N} & \mathsf{OMOM} \end{array}$$

# 1-(5,6-Dimethoxy-2,4-bis(methoxymethoxy)pyridin-3-yl)-6-(methylsulfonyl)hexan-1-one (34).

To a solution of 1-(5,6-dimethoxy-2,4-bis(methoxymethoxy)pyridin-3-yl)-6-hydroxyhexan-1-one (33, 0.09 g, 0.24 mmol) in tetrahydrofuran (5 mL) the triethylamine (0.1 mL, 0.48 mmol) was added. The mixture was stirred at room temperature over a period of 30 min. A solution of methanesulfonyl chloride (0.024 mL, 0.312 mmol) in tetrahydrofuran (3 mL) was then added dropwise to the mixture. The reaction mixture stirred at room temperature for overnight. The mixture was neutralized, and solvent was removed in vaccuo. The reaction was extracted with dichloromethane, the organics phases were washed with

water and brine and dried over sodium sulfate. The crude product was used without further purification in the next step. The title compound as a yellow oil (0.056 g, 53% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ= 1.49 (m, 2H),1.69 (m, 4H), 2.67 (s, 3H), 2,84 (m, 2H), 3.34 (s, 6H), 3.57 (2H, t, *J*=7.2 Hz), 3.86 (s, 3H), 4.03 (s, 3H), 6.03 (s, 2 H), 6.24 ppm (s, 2H).

5-(benzyloxy)-1-(5,6-dimethoxy-2,4-bis(methoxymethoxy)pyridin-3-yl)hexan-1-one (35).

To a solution of 2,3-dimethoxy-4,6-bis(methoxymethoxy)pyridine (14, 0.121 g, 0.47 mmol) in THF (5 mL) at -78 °C was added "BuLi (0.4 mL, 2.5 M, 1.02 mmol) and the reaction mixture stirred for 1 h. 5-(benzyloxy)hexanal (0.096 mg, 0.47 mmol) was added and the mixture stirred for 1 h. The reaction was quenched by addition of ethanol and extracted with ethyl acetate, the organic washings were washed with brine and dried over sodium sulfate, the solvent was removed in vaccuo and the crude product used for the next step without further purification. To a solution of the crude material in DCM (5 mL) at room temperature was added DMP (0.297 g, 0.7 mmol), and the reaction mixture stirred for 30 minutes. The reaction was quenched by addition of saturated sodium thiosulfate and extracted with ethyl acetate, the organic washings were washed with brine and dried over sodium sulfate, the solvent was removed in vaccuo and the residue purified by flash column chromatography (Hexanes: EtOAc 4:1) to afford the title compound as a colorless oil (0.098 g, 58% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ= 1.27 (m, 2H), 1.52 (m, 4 H), 3.09 (2H, t, *J*=6.3 Hz), 3.51 (2H, t, *J*=6.3 Hz), 3.78 (s, 6H), 4.05 (s, 3H), 4.15 (s, 3H), 4.81 (2H, t, *J*=6.3 Hz), 6.23 (m, 4H), 7.32 ppm (m, 5H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ= 24.9, 28.3, 29.8, 39.2, 55.3, 56.9, 61.4, 70.1, 72.9, 100.6, 106.3, 119.5, 127.4, 127.4, 127.6, 128.5, 138.5, 152.8,153.5, 156.7, 203.5 ppm.

## 6-Chloro-1-(5,6-dimethoxy-2,4-bis(methoxymethoxy)pyridin-3-yl)hexan-1-one (36).

The 1-(5,6-dimethoxy-2,4-bis(methoxymethoxy)pyridin-3-yl)-6-hydroxyhexan-1-one (**33**, 0.2 g, 0.51 mmol) was dissolved in thionyl chloride (0.69 mL, 5.10 mmol) in DCM (2 mL) and refluxed for 3 h. the solvent was removed in vaccuo and the residue purified by flash column chromatography (Hexanes: EtOAc 4:1) to afford the title compound as a yellow oil (0.173 g, 86% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCI<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ = 1.29 (m, 2H), 1.57 (m, 2H), 1.72 (m, 2 H), 3.04 (2H, t, *J*=7.4 Hz), 3.34 (s, 6H), 3.73 (2H, t, *J*=7.4 Hz), 3.79 (s, 3H), 5.08 (s, 3H), 6.03 (s, 2H), 6.24 ppm (s, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ= 24.7, 25.1, 34.5, 42.9, 54.5, 56.7, 56.7, 61.1, 62.7, 94.7, 95.8, 101.1, 124.7, 158.5, 161.7, 162.7, 200.0 ppm.

#### 6-Chloro-1-(2,4-dihydroxy-5,6-dimethoxypyridin-3-yl)hexan-1-one (37).

To a solution of 6-chloro-1-(5,6-dimethoxy-2,4-bis(methoxymethoxy)pyridin-3-yl) hexan-1-one (**36**, 0.07 g, 0.18 mmol) in DCM (2 mL) at 0 °C was added TFA (0.5 mL) and the reaction mixture stirred for 30 minutes. The solvent was removed in vaccuo and the residue purified by flash column chromatography (Hexanes: EtOAc 4:1) to afford the title compound as a yellow oil (0.038 g, 69% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ= 1.27 (m, 2H), 1.59 (m, 4H), 2.97 (m, 2H), 3.34 (m, 2H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 4.23 (s, 3H), 14.88 ppm (s, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ= 24.7, 25.1, 34.5, 42.9, 54.5, 56.7, 56.7, 101.1, 101.2, 124.7, 158.4, 161.6, 203.2 ppm.

#### 2.4.2. **Biology**

#### 2.4.2.1. Cell culture and Reagents

Cell lines (DU-145 a human prostate carcinoma cell line, 22Rv1 a human prostate carcinoma epithelial cell line, LNCap prostate cancer, PC3 prostate cancer cell lines, WPMY-1 prostate stromal cells, HEK293 human embryonic kidney cells, and NIH 3t3 mouse fibroblast cell line) were obtained from the American Type culture Collection (ATCC). The cells were cultured in Roswell Park Memorial Institute-1640 medium (RPMI-1640) (ATCC® 30-2001™) for DU-145, 22Rv1 and LNCap cells and in F-12K Medium (Kaighn's Modification of Ham's F-12 Medium) (ATCC® 30-2004™) for PC3 prostate cancer cell lines and in Eagle's Minimum Essential Medium (ATCC® 30-2003™) for

HEK293 human embryonic kidney cells and Dulbecco's Modified Eagle's Medium (ATCC® 30-2002™) for WPMY-1 prostate stromal cells and NIH 3t3 mouse fibroblast cell line with fetal bovine serum (ATCC 30-2020) to a final concentration of 10% and Corning™ Penicillin-Streptomycin Solution (Catalog No. MT30001CI) according to the supplier's recommended protocol. Enzalutamide (ENZ) (catalog no. 50-101-3979) and Etoposide (catalog no. AAJ63651MC) were purchased from Fisher Scientific. Atpenin A5 (catalog no. 10189-198) was purchased from VWR. Stock solutions of AA5 were prepared in DMSO and were serially diluted for cell culture treatment maintaining the final DMSO concentration at less than 1%. CellTiter 96 AQueous One Solution Cell Proliferation Assay (3-(4,5-dimethylthiazol-2-yl)-5-(3-carboxymethoxyphenyl)-2-(4-sulfophenyl)-2H-tetrazolium) (MTS) assay (catalog no. G3580) was purchased from Promega.

## 2.4.2.2. Cytotoxicity Assays

To determine the cell growth inhibition ability of the synthesized compounds, cells were seeded at a density of 0.1X 10<sup>6</sup> cells per mL in 96-well plates containing 100 μL cell suspension per well. Stock solutions of the synthesized compounds were prepared in DMSO. Cells were treated at the indicated concentrations of test compounds, limiting the final DMSO concentration to less than 1%. After incubation at 37°C, 5% CO<sub>2</sub> for 48 h, 20 μL of MTS reagent (CellTiter 96<sup>®</sup> AQueous One Solution Reagent) was added to each well and incubated at the above-mentioned conditions for 3–4 h. Absorbance was recorded at 490 nm on a BioTek Synergy Mx multimode plate reader and the viability of cells were plotted as percentage of controls. Human PC3 prostate cancer cells were cultured in a microfluidic chip for 16 h and the chip was placed in a hypoxia chamber and pre-conditioned at <1% oxygen before treating the cells with various concentrations of

synthesized compounds. Apoptosis was assayed using Annexin V and Sytox Green dye as previously reported. 190

#### 2.4.2.3. Complex II Inhibition Assay

Mitochondria were isolated from fresh rat hearts by differential centrifugation in sucrose-based buffer as previously described. Complex II enzymatic activity was determined spectrophotometrically as the rate of succinate-driven, coenzyme Q2-linked reduction of dichlorophenolindophenol (DCPIP). Mitochondria or sub-mitochondrial particles were incubated in phosphate buffer (pH 7.4) containing 40  $\mu$ M DCPIP, 1 mM KCN, 10  $\mu$ M rotenone, and 50  $\mu$ M coenzyme Q2. The rate of reduction of DCPIP to DCPIPH2 was followed at 600 nM ( $\epsilon$  = 21 mM-1cm-1). The reaction was initiated by addition of succinate (10 mM), and varying amounts of inhibitors were used to determine an IC50 value. At the end of each run thenoyltrifluoroacetone (1 mM) was added and the residual TTFA-insensitive rate subtracted.

#### 3.4.2.4. Complex I Inhibition Assay

Complex I (NADH ubiquinone-oxidoreductase) was measured spectrophotometrically (340 nm) in frozen/ thawed mouse cardiac mitochondria, as the rotenone-sensitive oxidation of NADH (40  $\mu$ M) in the presence of coenzyme Q1 (10  $\mu$ M), in phosphate buffer at pH 7.2, according to literature procedures.<sup>192</sup>

## 2.4.2.5. Stability Testing of CII Inhibitor 16c

The CII inhibitor **16c** (2 mM in DMSO, final concentration 2  $\mu$ M) was incubated with Murine Liver S9 fraction (Lot VLH) and Phase I (NADPH Regenerating System) cofactors

for 0-240 minutes. Reactions were quenched with a 500  $\mu$ L (1:1) of a MeOH/(+)IS, vortexed for 15 seconds, incubated at RT for 10 minutes and spun for 5 minutes at 2400 rpms. Supernatant (1 mL) was then transferred to an eppendorf tube and spun in a tabletop, chilled centrifuge for 5 minutes at 13.2 K rpms. Supernatant (800  $\mu$ L) was transferred to an HPLC vial (w/out insert) and analyzed by HPLC/MS by using the following parameters: Ion Source/Gas Parameters: CUR = 50, CAD = low, IS = 4500, TEM = 700, GS1 = 70, GS2 = 70. Buffer A: Water + 0.1% formic acid; Buffer B: MeOH + 0.1% formic acid; flow rate 1.5 mL/min; column Agilent C18 XDB column, 5 micron packing 50 X 4.6 mm size; 0-1.5 min 97% A, 1.5-2.0 min gradient to 100% B, 2.0 - 3.5 min 100% B, 3.5-3.6 min gradient to 97% A, 3.6-4.5 97% A; IS: tolbutamide (transition 271.2 to 91.2); **16c** transition 270.089 to 151.2.

#### 2.4.2.6. Assessment of Metabolic Parameters

Changes in oxygen consumption rate were measured using a XF24 Extracellular Flux Analyzer (Seahorse Bioscience, Billerica, MA). The human prostate carcinoma cells (22Rv1) were plated in XF24 well plates (40000 cells per well) and allowed to adapt overnight. Treatments were performed with **16c** at concentrations of 1, 10, 20, 30, 50 and 100  $\mu$ M and incubated for 48 h. Mitochondrial Stress test was performed using oligomycin (10  $\mu$ M), FCCP (5  $\mu$ M) and rotenone/antimycin A (5  $\mu$ M) based on the manufacturer's recommended protocol.<sup>193</sup>

#### 2.4.2.7. Statistical Analysis

Experiments were repeated at least thrice, and the statistical significance was calculated using the one-way ANOVA. A  $\rho$  value of <0.05 was considered statistically significant. IC<sub>50</sub> values were calculated by GraphPad prism software.

# Chapter 3. Structure-Activity Relationship Studies of Diazoxide Derivatives as Antineoplastic Agents

#### 3.1. Introduction

In drug discovery, targeting metabolic pathways of cancer has emerged as an appealing strategy for the development of selective antineoplastic agents.9 The mitochondrial respiratory complex II plays a vital role in mitochondrial metabolism. where it catalyzes the oxidation of succinate to fumarate and the reduction of ubiquinone to ubiquinol. The Food and Drug Administration approved clinical vasodilator drug diazoxide (DZX) has a reported mitochondrial complex II inhibition IC50 value of 32 μM in rat heart mitochondria, 76 and is known to regulate reactive oxygen species production, protecting normal cells from ischemic damage and also inducing specific cancer cell death. 77 Benefits, as well as drawbacks and a narrow therapeutic window have been observed from DZX administration across different tissues and organelles. In the pancreas, DZX opens K<sub>ATP</sub> channels, the closing of which is required for glucose-induced insulin secretion (GSIS) in pancreatic beta cells, thus insulin secretion is blocked, and hypoglycemia prevented. 194 In the context of ischemia, DZX can regulate ROS production and confer protection.<sup>81</sup> However, further reports found that high doses of DZX (750 µM) led to increased levels of ROS.82,83 In cortical neuron mitochondria <200 µM of DZX had no effect on mitochondria, but a 300 µM dose did result in depolarization.82 Further, a 100 µM concentration of DZX was reported to inhibit CII in mouse heart mitochondrial but IC<sub>50</sub> was not reached.<sup>56</sup> Diazoxide has been shown to have neuroprotective properties in animal models of Alzheimer's disease, 84, 85 protect neurons from a range of neurotoxic insults, including exposure to amyloid-β peptide (25-35),86 and was reported to reduce proliferation in both acute leukemic T cells, 87 and triple negative breast cancer (TNBC)

MDA-MB-468 cells. <sup>85</sup> One mechanism of action of this observed cytotoxicity was attributed to the downregulation of beta-catenin-mediated cyclin D1 transcription. <sup>88</sup> A new study shows that some benzothiadiazine derivatives are potent and selective PI3K $\delta$  inhibitors for treating  $\beta$ -cell-mediated malignancies. <sup>195</sup> No studies have been reported, to the best of our knowledge, to probe the structure-activity relationship of DZX for either CII inhibition or antineoplastic activity. <sup>196</sup>

Herein, we report the synthesis of a library of novel DZX derivatives to understand structural effect on CII inhibition activity and antineoplastic effect in 22Rv1 prostate cancer cells and the TNBC MDA-MB-468 cell line. In the current project, the DZX parent compound exhibited no CII inhibition activity at 100  $\mu$ M (IC50 was found to be 1236  $\mu$ M) which corresponded to no effect to reduce cell viability of either prostate or breast cancer cells at 100  $\mu$ M up to 72 hours. Several derivatives were identified that possessed enhanced CII inhibition (IC50 values 11.88 - 89  $\mu$ M) over DZX but which did not significantly reduce cell viability in either cancer cell line. Importantly, many DZX derivatives were identified that possessed potent and selective activity to reduce TNBC cell viability more than the clinical agent 5-fluorouracil, representing novel hit compounds for further optimization as potential chemotherapeutics for this difficult to treat cancer.

#### 3.2. Results and Discussion

## 3.2.1. Chemistry

The parent compound diazoxide (7-chloro-3-methyl-2H-1,2,4-benzothiadiazine 1,1-dioxide) (3) can be accessed by a number of reported syntheses, our adopted route blends elements of several. 194, 197-200 Additionally, a number of alkyl chain derivatives of 3 have been synthesized as  $K_{ATP}$  channel activators that are selective to pancreatic  $\beta$ -cells,

although no determination of antineoplastic effects of these compounds have been reported.<sup>197</sup> We sought to modify the side chain through different primary amine also through different halogen substitutes in the phenyl ring of the DZX structure.

Halogen substituted DZX analogues at the 4- or 5- position of the phenyl ring were accessed in good yield over four steps (Scheme 3.1) starting from commercially available substituted aniline (3.1a-d). Electrophilic substitution of the appropriate aniline with chlorosulfonyl isocyanate in the presence of anhydrous aluminum chloride and nitromethane resulted in ring closure to yield 6- and 7-halo-3-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-1,2,4benzothiadiazine1,1dioxides (3.2a-c), or 3-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-1,2,4-benzothiadiazine-1,1dioxides (3.2d) in moderate yield. 197 Subsequently, the 3-oxo compounds (3.2a-d) were converted into the corresponding 3-thioxo derivatives (3.3a-d) by reacting with phosphorus pentasulfide in anhydrous pyridine under reflux (Table 3.1). 194 Methylation of 3.3a-d was accomplished with methyl iodide in 1:1 hydromethanolic solution of sodium bicarbonate to yield the desired 3-methylsulfide intermediates (3.4a-d) in good yield. 198 Nucleophilic substitution of these intermediates with the corresponding primary amine was accomplished with overnight heating at 130 °C in a sealed vessel to afford the desired DZX derivatives (Tables 3.2-3.5).<sup>201</sup> Several synthesis analogues with secondary amines and aniline was failed to react with 3-methylsulfide intermediates (3.4a-d). The reason of that could refer to the high resonance in these amines which prevents the reaction. 196

**Scheme 3.1. Synthesis of diazoxide derivatives**. *Reagents and Conditions:* **a)** chlorosulfonyl isocyanate, CH<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>, -5 °C, AlCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 °C, 1 h, 53-64%; **b)** P<sub>2</sub>S<sub>5</sub>, anhydrous pyridine, 115 °C, 12 h, 50-58%; **c)** NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, CH<sub>3</sub>I, CH<sub>3</sub>OH/H<sub>2</sub>O, RT, 81-90%; **d)** RNH<sub>2</sub>, sealed tube, 130 °C, 42-88%.

Derivatives possessing a cyclopentyl substituted amine could not be obtained in sufficient yield from the methylsulfide intermediates **3.4a-c** due to the increased steric bulk. To increase the reactivity of **3.4a-c** to nucleophilic substitution, the methylsulfides were oxidized to the corresponding 3-methylsulfinyl intermediates (**3.4aa-ca**) (**Scheme 3.2**). Subsequently these intermediates were reacted with cyclopentamine to yield DZX derivatives **3.13a-c**. <sup>199</sup>

Access to the *N*-methylated DZX derivative (**3.34d**) was achieved (**Scheme 3.3**) by exposing methylsulfides **3.4a** and **3.4d** to methyliodide in the presence of base to provide corresponding intermediates 7-fluoro-4-methyl-3-(methylthio)-4*H*-benzo[e][1,2,4] thiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (**3.33a**) and 4-methyl-3-(methylthio)-4*H*-benzo[e][1,2,4] thiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (**3.33d**), respectively. Subsequent nucleophilic substitution with isopropylamine yield 3-(isopropylamino)-4-methyl-4*H*-1,2,4benzothiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (**3.34d**).<sup>202</sup>

Scheme 3.2. Synthesis of diazoxide derivative with bulky alkyl amino group. *Reagents and Conditions:* **a)** Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, Br<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O, RT, 75-91%; **b)** cyclopentamine, 1,4-dioxane, sealed tube, 130 °C, 49-68%.

Scheme 3.3. Synthesis of diazoxide derivative with alkyl group in position 4. Reagents and Conditions: a) K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, CH<sub>3</sub>I, CH<sub>3</sub>CN/DMF, RT, 76-89%; b) isopropylamine, 1,4-dioxane, sealed tube, 130 °C, 55%.

Compound	Structure	Mw	cLogPª	PSA <sup>b</sup>	% CII activity (100 μM) <sup>c</sup>
3.2a	F NH NH	216.19	0.95	75.27	6 ±1.5
3.3a	F NH S	232.25	0.76	58.20	0
3.2b	CI H O NH	232.64	1.52	75.27	0
3.3b	CI N S NH	248.70	1.33	58.20	81 ±6.9
3.2c	Br NH O	277.09	1.67	75.27	0
3.3c	Br NH S	293.15	1.48	58.20	55 ±15.2
3.2d	S NH O NH	198.20	0.49	75.27	0
3.3d	H S NH	214.26	0.36	58.20	2 ±5.8

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Calculated by ChemDraw Professional 16.0.

**Table 3.1.** Structure, molecular weight, calculated logP, and PSA of diazoxide derivatives **3.2a-d** and **3.3a-d**.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup> Polar surface area (pH 7.4), calculated by ChemDraw Professional 16.0.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> Values represent the mean ±SD of n = 4 experiments.

Compound	Structure	Mw	cLogPª	PSAb	% CII activity (100 μM) <sup>c</sup>
3.4a	F S O	246.27	0.97	58.53	0
3.5a	F S O	257.28	0.73	70.56	4 ±6.9
3.6a	F S N	285.34	1.66	70.56	5 ±4.5
3.7a	F S O	339.77	2.37	70.56	30 ±6.5
3.8a	F S N	323.32	1.80	70.56	1 ±6.2
3.9a	F S O O	319.35	1.99	70.56	4 ±15.5
3.10a	F S O	243.26	0.42	70.56	0
3.11a	F S N	335.35	1.58	79.79	0
3.12a	F S O O	305.33	1.66	70.56	0

3.13a	F S O O	283.32	1.36	70.56	1 ±4.7
3.14a	F S N	333.38	2.37	70.56	14 ±10.4
3.15a	F S O O	319.35	1.97	70.56	22 ±9.9
3.16a	F O O O	373.33	2.54	70.56	6 ±15.7
3.17a	F S O O	335.35	1.58	79.79	27 ±5.6
3.18a	F S O O	319.35	2.16	70.56	23 ±9.9
3.21a	F S O CF3	389.32	2.69	79.79	2 ±6.9
3.23a	F S O	255.27	0.67	70.56	38 ±7.8
3.27a	F S N NH	358.39	1.98	82.59	17 ±8.2
3.28a	F S O CI	353.80	2.70	70.56	34 ±18.4

3.29a	F SCF <sub>3</sub>	405.39	3.33	70.56	23 ±12.3
3.30a	F S O O	349.38	1.91	79.79	18 ±6.2
3.32a	F S O CF3	387.35	2.87	70.56	20 ±5.2
3.33a	F S S	290.30	1.84	49.74	6 ±13.4

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Calculated by ChemDraw Professional 16.0.

**Table 3.2**. Structure, molecular weight, calculated logP, and PSA of diazoxide derivatives with 7-fluoro substitution.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup> Polar surface area (pH 7.4), calculated by ChemDraw Professional 16.0.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> Values represent the mean ±SD of n = 4 experiments.

Compound	Structure	Mw	cLogPª	PSAb	% CII activity (100 μM)°
3.4b	CI H S	262.73	1.54	58.53	24 ±0.7
3.5b		273.74	1.30	70.56	0
3.6b	CI H H H	301.79	2.23	70.56	0
3.7b	CI H H H CI	356.22	2.94	70.56	34 ±1.2
3.8b	CI H H H N F	339.77	2.37	70.56	0
3.9b		335.81	2.56	70.56	19 ±22.6
3.10b	CI H H	259.71	0.99	70.56	0
3.11b	CI H H H O	351.81	2.15	79.79	17 ±4.2

3.12b	CI H H H	321.78	2.23	70.56	0
3.13b		299.77	1.93	70.56	27 ±19.8
3.14b	CI H H H	349.83	2.94	70.56	30 ±14.0
3.15b	CI H H H N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N	335.81	2.54	70.56	51 ±13.9
3.16b	CI H H H CF3	389.28	3.11	70.56	19 ±10.1
3.17b	CI H H H O	351.81	2.15	79.79	0
3.18b	CI H H H	335.81	2.73	70.56	17 ±8.9
3.19b	CI H H H	351.81	2.15	79.79	24 ±19.2

3.20b	CI H H F F	357.76	2.52	70.56	15 ±2.8
3.21b	CI N N CF3	405.78	3.36	79.79	0
3.23b	CI H H H	271.72	1.24	70.56	0
3.27b	CI H H H NH	374.84	1.98	82.59	25 ±19
3.31b	CI H H H	365.83	2.48	79.79	24 ±14.1

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Calculated by ChemDraw Professional 16.0.

**Table 3.3**. Structure, molecular weight, calculated logP, and PSA of diazoxide derivatives with 6-chloro substitution.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup> Polar surface area (pH 7.4), calculated by ChemDraw Professional 16.0.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> Values represent the mean ±SD of n = 4 experiments.

Compound	Structure	Mw	cLogPª	PSAb	% CII activity (100 μM) <sup>c</sup>
3.4c	Br S N	307.18	1.69	58.53	10 ±2.7
3.5c	Br S N	318.19	1.45	70.56	0
3.6c	Br S N	346.24	2.38	70.56	19 ±10.4
3.7c	Br S O	400.68	3.09	70.56	45 ±5.6
3.8c	Br S O O	384.22	2.52	70.56	35 ±9.9
3.9c	Br S N	380.26	2.71	70.56	37 ±4.7
3.10c	Br N N N	304.16	1.14	70.56	11 ±6.9
3.11c	Br S O	396.26	2.30	79.79	64 ±15.3

3.12c	Br S N	366.23	2.38	70.56	36 ±9
3.13c	Br S N	344.23	2.08	70.56	25 ±7.8
3.14c	Br S N	394.29	3.09	70.56	46 ±13.4
3.15c	Br S O O	380.26	2.69	70.56	55 ±8.2
3.16c	Br CF <sub>3</sub>	434.23	3.26	70.56	0
3.17c	Br S S	396.26	2.30	79.79	44 ±12.3
3.18c	Br N N	380.26	2.88	70.56	29 ±6.2
3.19c	Br S N	396.26	2.30	79.79	24 ±5.2

3.20c	Br S N F	402.21	2.67	70.56	38 ±4.5
3.21c	Br S O CF3	450.23	3.41	79.79	22 ±21.1
3.22c	Br S N NH2	381.25	1.15	96.58	9 ±6
3.24c	Br S N F	398.25	2.85	70.56	45 ±17.1
3.25c	Br S N	410.29	2.63	79.79	17 ±3.3
3.26c	Br S N CF3	434.23	3.26	70.56	29 ±5.9

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Calculated by ChemDraw Professional 16.0.

**Table 3.4**. Structure, molecular weight, calculated logP, and PSA of diazoxide derivatives with 7-bromo substitution.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup> Polar surface area (pH 7.4), calculated by ChemDraw Professional 16.0.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> Values represent the mean ±SD of n = 4 experiments

Compound	Structure	Mw	cLogPª	PSAb	% CII activity (100 μM) <sup>c</sup>
3.4d	N S N	228.28	1.69	58.53	4 ±5.5
3.5d		239.29	0.59	70.56	0
3.6d	S S S	267.35	1.51	70.56	0
3.7d	S O O	321.78	2.23	70.56	0
3.8d	F S O	305.33	1.66	70.56	7 ±9.9
3.10d	THE H	225.27	0.28	70.56	0
3.11d	H H H O	317.36	1.44	79.79	0
3.12d	HN HN N	287.34	1.51	70.56	0

3.14d	H H H	315.39	2.22	70.56	0
3.15d	H H H	301.36	1.83	70.56	0
3.21d	CF <sub>3</sub>	371.33	2.54	79.79	7 ±6.2
3.23d		237.28	0.52	70.56	2 ±12.3
3.33d		242.31	1.69	49.74	0
3.34d	S S S	253.32	1.46	61.77	0

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Calculated by ChemDraw Professional 16.0.

**Table 3.5**. Structure, molecular weight, calculated logP, and PSA of diazoxide derivatives with a non-halogenated ring.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup> Polar surface area (pH 7.4), calculated by ChemDraw Professional 16.0.

 $<sup>^{\</sup>circ}$  Values represent the mean ±SD of n = 4 experiments.

## 3.2.2. Complex II Inhibition Assay

Mitochondrial respiratory complex II activity was measured spectrophotometrically by our collaborators at the University of Rochester Medical Center using isolated mouse liver mitochondria, with suitable modifications to ensure rapid isolation as previously described.<sup>203</sup> The natural product, and potent CII inhibitor, Atpenin A5 with  $IC_{50} = 3.3$ nM, 54, 89 was employed as a positive control with dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO) as a negative control. The parent compound DZX was found to be inactive in our assay with no inhibition activity at 100 µM and has a calculated IC<sub>50</sub> of >1000 µM (Table 3.6) compared with the value of 32 µM reported in the literature. 76 It should be noted that the literature CII IC<sub>50</sub> was determined in rat heart mitochondria while in this study, we employed mouse liver mitochondria, which may account for this apparent discrepancy. The positive control compound AA5 induced 93% inhibition at 0.1 µM, validating the assay protocol. To unequivocally associate this activity to the parent compound, we employed both synthesized and commercially acquired samples of DZX. The inactivity was confirmed in the prostate and breast cancer cell lines wherein DZX had no effect on cell viability (see below). Literature studies employing DZX mostly employ a concentration much greater than the reported 32 µM IC<sub>50</sub> value, with some experiments performed at concentrations up to 750 µM.76, 82, 83

Undeterred by the apparent lack of CII inhibition activity of the parent compound (IC<sub>50</sub> = 1236  $\mu$ M), we continued to screen derivatives of DZX for CII inhibition. All the synthesized derivatives were initially screened at 100  $\mu$ M. Halogen substitution on the benzothiadiazine ring provided increased CII inhibition activity over saturated counterparts. Among 7-fluorobenzothiadiazine substituted derivatives (**Figure 3.1A**), 4-chlorobenzylamine (**3.7a**) provided 30% inhibition whereas 2-phenylpropylamine (**3.9a**) provided 5% inhibition. When the chain length was extended, the 3-phenylpropylamine

(3.14a) induced 14% inhibition. When the chain length was extended, the 4-chlorophenethyamine derivative (3.28a) induced 34% inhibition. Replacement of the electron-withdrawing chlorine on the side chain benzylamine with an electron-donating methyl substituent to afford 4-methylbenzylamine derivative 3.18a decreased inhibition to 23%. Replacement with a highly electron withdrawing trifluoromethyl substituent (3.16a) afforded an inactive compound (7% inhibition at  $100 \, \mu M$ ) while the 2-methoxybenzylamine (3.17a) induced 37% inhibition. The most active derivative of the 7-fluoro series was allylamine 3.23a, inducing 38% inhibition, equipotent with 3.17a, indicating that a side chain containing an aromatic ring is not required for activity.

When the 7-fluoro substituent on the benzothiadiazine ring was switched to a 6-chloro substituent (**Figure 3.1B**) the unfunctionalized thiourea derivative (**3.3b**) exhibited startlingly potent inhibition activity (81% inhibition at 100 μM). However, the chromophoric nature of the compound was determined to interfere with the assay readout, leading to what we postulate to be a false positive. An in silico pan-assay interfering compounds (PAINS)<sup>204</sup> filter did not predict this scaffold to be a PAINS. The 4-chlorobenzylamine derivative (**3.7b**) induced 34% inhibition, equipotent with its 7-fluoro benzothiadiazine substituted counterpart **3.7a**. Cyclopentamine derivative **3.13b** induced 27% inhibition, substantially more active than the respective 7-fluoro benzothiadiazine substituted compound **3.13a** (inactive). The *H*-Indole-3-ethylamine side chain substituted derivatives with the same side chain; 3-phenylpropylamine (**3.14a**) induces just 14% inhibition while H-Indole-3-ethylamine (**3.27a**) is equipotent. The most active derivative from the 6-chloro series possessed a 1-phenylethylamine side chain (**3.15b**) inducing 51% CII inhibition at 100 μM, possibly indicating a role for the phenyl ring in pi-pi stacking at this position of the

molecule. Overall, the 6-chloro substitution pattern on the benzothiadiazine ring provided no appreciable increase in CII inhibition activity compared to 7-fluoro substitution.

When the 7-fluoro substituent on the benzothiadiazine ring was interchanged with 7-bromo substitution the inhibitory activity of the derivatives notably increased (Figure **3.1C**). The unfunctionalized thiourea derivative **3.3c** was active, inducing 55% inhibition of CII at 100 µM, compared with 81% with the 6-chloro substituted benzothiadiazine. However, the chromophore of the compound was again found to interfere with the assay read out. The 4-chlorobenzylamine derivative (3.7c) induced 45% CII inhibition at 100 μΜ with the 7-bromo substituted benzothiadiazine ring, conferring increased activity over its 7-fluoro (3.7b) and 6-chloro (3.7a) counterparts and in contrast to the inactive unsubstituted derivative 3.7d. Equipotent inhibition to 3.7c was noted with 3phenylpropylamine (3.14c), which induced 46% inhibition. Again the 7-bromo substituted benzothiadiazine ring was more active than the 6-chloro substituted 3-phenylpropylamine (3.14a) and the unsubstituted derivative 3.14d, which induced 14% and 0% inhibition, respectively. The 1-phenylethylamine derivative (3.15c) induced 55% inhibition of CII at 100 μM, equipotent with its 6-chloro counterpart (3.15b). On the other hand, 1phenylethylamine (3.15a) as a side chain will have CII inhibition by 24% The most active compound identified in this study outside of the chromophoric false positives, 4methoxybenzylamine (3.11c), induced 64% inhibition at 100 µM. Derivatives possessing an unsubstituted benzothiadiazine ring (Figure 3.1D), exhibited no inhibition of CII at 100 µM. Increasing the treatment doses to 1mM for some DZX derivatives, the CII inhibition increased significantly. 7-Fluoro-3-thioxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-1,2,4-benzothiadiazine 1,1dioxide (3.3a) and 6-chloro-3-thioxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-1,2,4-benzothiadiazine1,1-dioxide (3.3b) have CII inhibition 97.4%, 91.5%, respectively. Also, the inhibition of CII for 7bromo-3-thioxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-1,2,4-benzothiadiazine1,1-dioxide (3.3c) increased by 96.8%. 7-Fluoro-3-methylsulfanyl-4*H*-1,2,4-benzothiadiazine 1,1-Dioxide (**3.4a**) and 6-chloro-3-((3-methylbutan-2-yl)amino)-4*H*-benzo[e][1,2,4]thia-diazine 1,1-dioxide (**3.6b**) inhibit the CII by 44% and 42%, respectively (**Figure 3.2**).

A preliminary structure-activity relationship can be derived for CII inhibition activity of this scaffold. Halogen substitution at the 6- or 7- position of the benzothiadiazine ring affords for inhibition activity which is completely absent from the respective non-halogenated derivatives. Of all halogen substituents evaluated herein, 7-bromo represents the most active inhibitors. The side chain derivatives require either aromatic or possibly allyl (in the case of a 7-F substituted benzothiadiazine ring, but interestingly not when combined with 6-CI substitution) moieties to confer CII inhibition activity. However, no clear chain substituent pattern can be derived beyond 4-CF<sub>3</sub> is deleterious to activity (3.16a and 3.16c confer 0% inhibition while 3.16b induces only 19% inhibition). Alkyl side chains yield inactive compounds; however, a cyclopentane ring does provide some activity (approximately 25% inhibition).

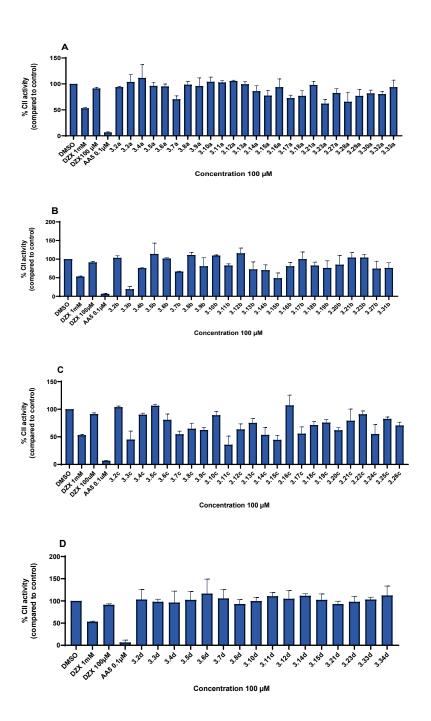


Figure 3.1. Percentage inhibition of mitochondrial complex II relative to DMSO control at 100  $\mu$ M concentration of diazoxide derivatives. A) Complex II inhibitory activity for diazoxide derivatives with 7-fluoro substitution. B) Complex II inhibitory activity for diazoxide derivatives with 6-chloro substitution. C) Complex II inhibitory activity for diazoxide derivatives with 7-bromo substitution. D) Complex II inhibitory activity for diazoxide derivatives with a non-halogenated ring. Values represent the mean  $\pm$ SD of n = 4 experiments.

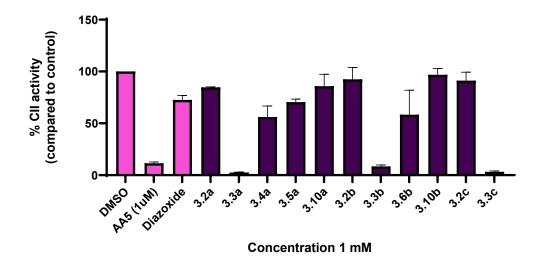


Figure 3.2. Percentage inhibition of mitochondrial complex II relative to DMSO control at 1 mM concentration of diazoxide derivatives. Values represent the mean of three separate experiments performed in triplicate.

The five most active CII inhibitors at 100 µM (3.3b, 81% inhibition; 3.3c, 55%; 3.11c, 64%; **3.15b**, 51% and **3.15c**, 55%), the parent compound DZX (9% inhibition at 100 μM) and positive control atpenin A5 (93% inhibition at 0.1 µM) were selected for IC50 determination (**Table 3.6**). The parent compound **DZX** possessed an  $IC_{50}$  = 1236  $\mu$ M in our CII inhibition assay, greatly reduced over the 32 μM IC<sub>50</sub> reported in the literature.<sup>76</sup> Positive control compound **AA5** possessed an IC<sub>50</sub> = 3.3 nM, in accordance with literature values.<sup>204</sup> The two unfunctionalized sulfonylureas **3.3b** and **3.3c** displayed the most potent IC<sub>50</sub> values of 11.88 and 36.98 μM respectively, as expected from the initial compound screen at 100 µM. However, it should again be noted we expect these compounds to be false positives. The most active compound identified in the initial screen 3.11c, possessed an IC<sub>50</sub> = 79.68  $\mu$ M. The 6-chloro substituted 1-phenylethylamine side chain derivative **3.15b** possessed an IC<sub>50</sub> = 89.01  $\mu$ M and its 7-bromo counterpart (**3.15c**) an IC<sub>50</sub> = 79.82 μM. The 6-chloro substituted 2,4-difluorobenzylamine side chain derivative 3.20b possessed an  $IC_{50}$  = 1100  $\mu$ M. The obtained  $IC_{50}$  values directly correlate with the activity pattern obtained in the initial screen conducted at 100 µM. Several novel DZX derivatives have been identified with significantly increased activity to inhibit CII, with the most active compounds conferring >15-fold increased potency over the parent compound.

Compound	Structure	CII IC <sub>50</sub> (μΜ) <sup>a</sup>
Diazoxide	CI NH	1236.0 ±2.5
Atpenin A5	MeO N OH CI	0.0033 ±2.0
3.3b	CI H S NH	11.88* ±3.3
3.3c	Br NH S	36.98* ±2.4
3.11c	Br S N	79.68 ±4
3.15c	Br S N	79.82 ±4.1
3.15b	CI H H H	89.01 ±10.4
3.20b	CI N N F	1100.0 ±6.7

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>Values are the mean ±SD of n = 4 experiments.

**Table 3.6**. Mitochondrial respiratory complex II  $IC_{50}$  values of selected diazoxide derivatives.

<sup>\*</sup>Probable interference.

## 3.2.3. Cytotoxicity Assay

The cytotoxicity of DZX and its derivatives at 100 μM concentration was determined in 22Rv1 human prostate cancer cell line after 48 hours treatment employing the MTS assay as previously reported.<sup>205, 206</sup> Atpenin A5 derivative **16c** which possesses a CII IC<sub>50</sub> = 64 nM and a 'drug-like' ligand-lipophilicity efficiency of 5.62 was employed as a positive control with dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO) as negative control. This compound has been previously reported by our lab to reduce cell viability of 22Rv1 cells.<sup>23</sup> In this assay, compound AA5 analogue **16c** provided a significant inhibitory effect at 20 μM concentration, reducing cell viability by 60%. The parent compound DZX, despite lacking any CII inhibition activity at 100 μM, reduced 22Rv1 prostate cancer cell survival by 12% (**Figure 3.3**), possibly due to the aforementioned ability of the compound to down regulate beta-catenin-mediated cyclin D1 transcription.<sup>88</sup>

The 7-fluorobenzothiadiazine substituted derivatives generally conferred the least effect on 22Rv1 prostate cancer cell viability at 100 μM of all the halogen substituted derivatives. The most potent CII inhibitor from this series, allylamine (3.23a) displaying 38% CII inhibition, afforded 24% reduction of cell viability (Figure 3.3A). However, this derivative was not the most cytotoxic in the 22Rv1 cells; 1-phenylethylamine (3.15a) which possess 22% CII inhibition affords 34% reduction in cell viability while the 3-indoleethylamine derivative (3.27a) which possesses 17% CII inhibition activity induces 30% reduction of cell viability in 22Rv1 cells. The 4-chlorobenzylamine 3.7a (30% CII inhibition) and 4-chlorophenethylamine homologue 3.28a (34% CII inhibition) both proved inactive in 22Rv1 cells. The cyclopentylamine side chain (3.13a) (0% CII inhibition), 3-phenylpropylamine (3.14a) (14% CII inhibition) and 2-Methoxybenzylamine (3.17a) (28% CII inhibition) reduces cell survival of 22Rv1 cells by approximately 27%.

From the 6-chlorobenzothiadiazine substituted derivatives, the most active compound 1-phenylethylamine (3.15b) (51% CII inhibition at 100  $\mu$ M, IC<sub>50</sub> = 89.0  $\pm$ 10.4  $\mu$ M) afforded a 50% reduction in 22Rv1 cell viability (**Figure 3.3B**). The cyclopentamine derivative (3.13b) which afforded a 34% reduction in cell viability was the next most active of this class. However, 4-chlorobenzylamine 3.7b, which was equipotent with 3.13b in CII inhibition, afforded just 10% reduction of 22Rv1 cell viability. The 2,4-difluorobenzylamine derivative 3.20b which possessed an CII IC<sub>50</sub> = 1100  $\mu$ M afforded a 28% reduction in 22Rv1 cell viability. Unfunctionalized thiourea compound 3.3b (CII Inhibition IC<sub>50</sub> = 11.88  $\pm$ 3.3  $\mu$ M) afforded just 12% reduction in 22Rv1 cell viability at 100  $\mu$ M.

The active 7-bromobenzothiadiazine substituted 1derivative, phenylethylamine 3.15c (55% CII inhibition at 100  $\mu$ M, IC<sub>50</sub> = 79.8 ±4.1  $\mu$ M) significantly reduced 22Rv1 cell survival by 70% at the same concentration after 48 hrs incubation and is the most potent derivative in the 22Rv1 cell line (IC<sub>50</sub> = 38.9  $\pm$ 3.2  $\mu$ M). To confirm the effect of 3.15c on prostate cancer cells, the effect of 3.15c on LNCap cell line was tested. The **3.15c** suppress the LNCap cell lines with  $IC_{50} = 44.58 \pm 3.3 \, \mu M$  (**Figure 3.4**). Derivatives 3.21c, the 4-(trifluoromethoxy)benzylamine (21% CII inhibition) and 3.14c, the 3-Phenylpropylamine (47% CII inhibition) reduced cell survival of 22Rv1 cells by 45% and 42% respectively, while the 4-methoxybenzylamine (3.11c) (64% CII inhibition) and 4-(trifluoromethyl)benzylamine (3.16c) (0% CII inhibition) derivatives resulted in 41% and 34% reduced cell viability, respectively. Unfunctionalized thiourea **3.3c** (55% CII Inhibition) afforded just 16% reduction in 22Rv1 cell viability (Figure 3.3C).

The unsubstituted benzothiadiazine derivatives that possess no significant CII inhibition activity generally afforded no reduction of 22Rv1 cell viability. However, 1-phenylethylamine (3.15d) and 4-(trifluoromethoxy) benzylamine (3.21d) were both equipotent to reduce cell survival of 22Rv1 cells by approximately 30%. These two side

chain derivatives display the greatest reduction in 22Rv1 cell viability across all benzothiadiazine derivative classes tested, suggesting the 1-phenethylamine and 4-(trifluoromethoxy)benzylamine contribute to a common pharmacophore. Furthermore, greater cytotoxicity was correlated with increased cLogP, possibly due to increased cell penetration. While several novel benzothiadiazine derivatives have been identified that possess significant activity to suppress prostate cancer cell viability, potency to inhibit CII does not correlate to antineoplastic effect. Indeed, the derivatives with the greatest effect to reduce cell viability in 22Rv1 cells (**Figure 3.3**) possess a range of CII inhibition activity from 0% to 64%. Derivative **3.15c** possessing an IC<sub>50</sub> = 38.9  $\pm$ 3.2  $\mu$ M in 22Rv1 prostate cancer cells and IC<sub>50</sub> = 44.58  $\pm$ 3.3  $\mu$ M in LNCap prostate cancer cells is more potent in this cell line than the clinical agents a prostate cancer drugs, apalutamide (IC<sub>50</sub> = 77.0  $\pm$ 17  $\mu$ M) and darolutamide (IC<sub>50</sub> = 46.0  $\pm$ 10  $\mu$ M), <sup>47</sup> identifying this scaffold as a hit for further studies (**Figure 3.4**). <sup>196</sup>

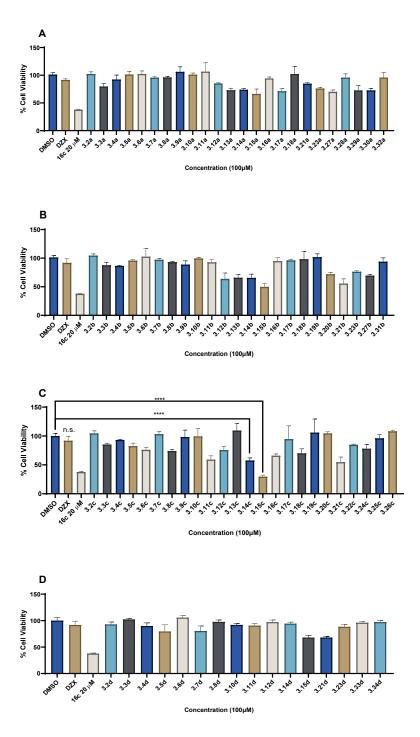
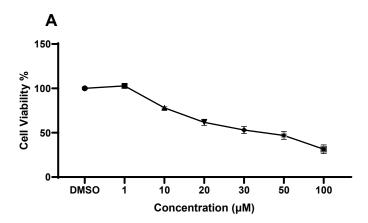


Figure 3.3. Cytotoxic effect of diazoxide derivatives (100  $\mu$ M, 48 h treatment) in 22Rv1 prostate cancer cells. A) Cytotoxic effect of diazoxide derivatives with 7-fluoro substitution. B) Cytotoxic effect of diazoxide derivatives with 6-chloro substitution. C) Cytotoxic effect of diazoxide derivatives with 7-bromo substitution. D) Cytotoxic effect of diazoxide derivatives with a non-halogenated ring. Values represent the mean  $\pm$ SD of n = 3 experiments. Unpaired t test; n.s.= not significant, \*\*\*\* $\rho$  < 0.0001.



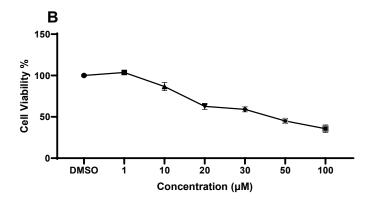
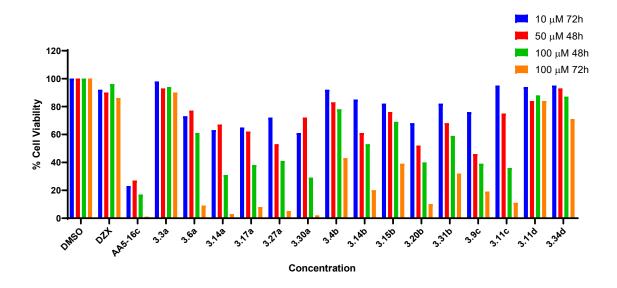


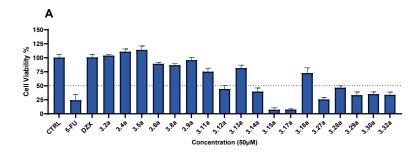
Figure 3.4. The cytotoxic effect of 3.15c, a diazoxide derivative, in prostate cancer cells. A) Cytotoxicity effect of 3.15c diazoxide derivative in 22Rv1 prostate cancer cells. B) Cytotoxicity effect of 3.15c diazoxide derivative in LNCap prostate cancer cells. Values represent the mean  $\pm SD$  of n = 3 experiments.

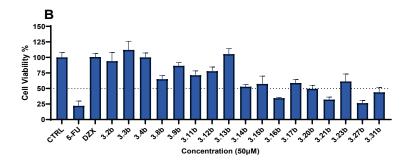
Administration of 300 mg/kg of DZX to rats bearing hormone-dependent mammary carcinomas was reported to result in 90% inhibition of tumor growth but induced mild reversible diabetes. <sup>207</sup> Additionally, DZX has been reported to be cytotoxic in TNBC cells. <sup>85</sup> Based on these studies, The cytotoxic effect of the DZX derivatives were initially studied by our collaborator at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in the TNBC MDA-MB-468 cell line. Some derivatives were dosed at 10, 50 and 100 μM for different period of times 24, 48 and 72 hours and viable cells were counted using a hemocytometer (**Figure 3.5**). We found the best cytotoxicity time to inhibit the proliferation of this type of cell line is over 72 hr. After that, all the derivatives were initially screened for cytotoxic effect at 50 μM over 72 hours (**Figure 3.6**). Those derivatives that reduced cell viability measured by MTS assay by 50% or more at this concentration underwent an IC<sub>50</sub> determination (**Table 3.7**).

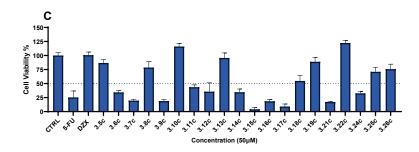


**Figure 3.5.** Cytotoxic effect of selected diazoxide derivatives on triple negative breast cancer (TNBC) MDA-MB-468 cells.

The parent compound DZX afforded no activity to reduce TNBC cells viability (IC<sub>50</sub> >400 µM) in our hands. Gratifyingly, several derivatives demonstrated marked dose and time-dependant reduction of cell viability with greater effect than the clinical agent 5fluorouracil. The 7-fluoro and 7-bromo substituted benzothiadiazine derivatives in particular exhibited potent reduction in TNBC cell viability. Within the 7fluorobenzothiadiazine deriavtives, the aliphatic amine substitution have been shown no activity at >50 µM concentration, but aromatic substitution to the amine was required for activity. In general, functionalized benzyl amine substituents exhibited greater reduction of cell viability than the ethyl (3.9a,  $IC_{50} > 50 \mu M$ ) and propyl (3.14a,  $IC_{50} = 57.85 \mu M$ ) homologation series. Addition of an electron withdrawing 4-SCF<sub>3</sub> group to the phenyl ring of the benzyl amine (3.29a,  $IC_{50} = 48.70 \mu M$ ) improved activity over the unfunctionalized benzylamine **3.12a** (IC<sub>50</sub> = 57.98  $\mu$ M). While an electron-donating 4-OMe group reduces activity (3.11a,  $IC_{50} > 50 \mu M$ ), positional switching to a 2-OMe further increases activity (3.17a,  $IC_{50} = 15.71 \mu M$ ). The most potent compound identified from the 7fluorobenzothiadiazine derivatives features chain branching alpha to the amine with 1phenylethan-1-amine (3.15a) possessing an  $IC_{50} = 4.17 \mu M$  with a selectivity index over low tumorigenic HEK293 cells (IC<sub>50</sub> = 42.55  $\mu$ M) of >10-fold. A profile that is superior to the clinical agent 5-fluorouracil in MDA-MB-468 (IC<sub>50</sub> = 6.83), and HEK293 cells (IC<sub>50</sub> = 7.06 µM) (**Table 3.7**).







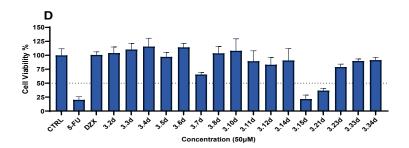


Figure 3.6. Cytotoxic effect of diazoxide derivatives (50  $\mu$ M, 72 hours treatment) in triple negative breast cancer MDA-MB-468 cells. A) Cytotoxic effect of diazoxide derivatives with 7-fluoro substitution. B) Cytotoxic effect of diazoxide derivatives with 6-chloro substitution. C) Cytotoxic effect of diazoxide derivatives with 7-bromo substitution. D) Cytotoxic effect of diazoxide derivatives with a saturated ring. Values represent the mean  $\pm$ SD of n = 3 experiments.

The 7-bromobenzothiadiazine derivatives showed the most potent activity to reduce MDA-MB-468 cell viability. The benzyl amine derivative (3.12c, IC<sub>50</sub> = 30.8  $\mu$ M) is less active than the homologation series of phenethyl (3.9c, IC<sub>50</sub> = 18.6  $\mu$ M) and phenyl propyl (3.14c, IC<sub>50</sub> = 9.27  $\mu$ M), possible due to increased lipophilicity enabling greater cell penetration. Substitution of the benzyl group increases activity with an inverse proportionality to electron-withdrawing effect at the *para* position; 4-OCF<sub>3</sub> (3.21c, IC<sub>50</sub> = 18  $\mu$ M), 4-CF<sub>3</sub> (3.16c, IC<sub>50</sub> = 16.15  $\mu$ M) and 4-Cl (3.7c, IC<sub>50</sub> = 12.54  $\mu$ M). Electron-donating substitution with a methoxy group increases activity dependent on position; 4-OMe (3.11c, IC<sub>50</sub> = 27.21  $\mu$ M), 3-OMe (3.19c, IC<sub>50</sub> = >50  $\mu$ M), 2-OMe (3.17c, IC<sub>50</sub> = 13.61  $\mu$ M). Similar to the 7-fluorobenzothiadiazine derivatives branching at the benzylamine to afford 1-phenylethan-1-amine (3.15c) afforded the most active compound (IC<sub>50</sub> = 2.93  $\mu$ M) with 11-fold selectivity towards TNBC cells over low tumorigenic HEK293 cells (IC<sub>50</sub> = 32.18  $\mu$ M) (Table 3.7). The 7-chlorobenzothiadiazine derivative (3.15e) is a third potent derivatives possessing an IC<sub>50</sub> = 7.14  $\mu$ M.

The position and type of halogen in DZX derivatives are critical for the activity; for example, 7-fluoro, 7- bromo and 7- chloro are shown to have higher inhibition properties. Switching the 7-halo to 6-halo series diminished the cytotoxicity inhibition. The 1-phenylethan-1-amine (3.15b) afforded IC<sub>50</sub> = 43.47  $\mu$ M which that lower activity more than the 3.15a and 3.15c. Also, the substitution of the benzyl group 4-CF<sub>3</sub> (3.16b, IC<sub>50</sub> = 25.05  $\mu$ M) and 4-OCF<sub>3</sub> (3.21b, IC<sub>50</sub> = 48.01  $\mu$ M) less active than the 3.16c and 3.21c. The diazoxide derivatives with a saturated ring have been shown inactive (>50  $\mu$ M) except with the 1-phenylethan-1-amine (3.15d) and 4-(trifluoromethoxy)benzylamine (3.21d) substitutions which they have IC<sub>50</sub> = 12.39  $\mu$ M and 19.58  $\mu$ M, respectively.

Compound	Mw	Mw cLogP	MDA-MB-468	HEK293	SIb
	IVIVV CI	CLOGI	IC <sub>50</sub> (μM) <sup>a</sup>	IC <sub>50</sub> (μΜ) <sup>a</sup>	Oi
5-Fluorouracil	130.08	-0.6	6.83 ±2.9	7.06 ±0.8	1.03
Diazoxide	230.67	1.0	434.31 ±26.2	547.40 ±34.1	1.26
AA5-16c	269.29	1.53	6.71 ±0.8	25.93 ±2.4	3.36
3.12a	305.33	1.66	57.98 ±4.2	N.D.°	N.D.
3.14a	333.38	2.37	57.85 ±3.1	181.01 ±7.3	3.12
3.15a	319.35	1.97	4.17 ±0.1	42.55 ±5.9	10.2
3.17a	335.35	1.58	15.71 ±1	47.63 ±2	3.03
3.27a	358.39	1.98	35.95 ±4.2	N.D.	N.D.
3.28a	353.80	2.70	46.38 ±1.9	N.D.	N.D.
3.29a	405.39	3.33	48.70 ±9.8	N.D.	N.D.
3.30a	349.38	1.91	37.54 ±1.0	122.80 ±21.4	3.27
3.32a	387.35	2.87	25.2 ±1.2	N.D.	N.D.
3.15b	376.86	1.85	43.47 ±11.0	118.20 ±22.3	2.72
3.16b	389.28	3.11	25.05 ±3.8	N.D.	N.D.
3.21b	405.78	3.36	48.01 ±14.3	77.16 ±5.2	1.6
3.27b	374.84	1.98	15.53 ±1.2	41.27 ±5.2	2.66

3.6c	346.24	2.38	20.38 ±0.5	35.66 ±1.6	1.75
3.7c	400.68	3.09	12.54 ±0.3	43.07 ±3.2	3.43
3.9c	380.26	2.71	18.60 ±0.8	63.05 ±1.8	3.40
3.11c	396.26	2.30	27.21 ±6.7	88.01 ±12.3	3.23
3.12c	366.23	2.38	30.80 ±5.3	N.D.	N.D.
3.14c	394.29	3.09	9.27 ±1.4	71.81 ±8.2	7.75
3.15c	380.26	2.69	2.93 ±0.07	32.18 ±1.5	11
3.16c	434.23	3.26	16.15 ±1.3	57.54 ±4.7	3.56
3.17c	396.26	2.30	13.61 ±0.9	54.36 ±4.2	4
3.21c	450.23	3.41	18.03 ±1.4	52.89 ±1.8	2.93
3.24c	398.25	2.85	20.08 ±2.5	48.67 ±12.0	2.42
3.15d	301.36	1.83	12.39 ±0.9	48.60 ±1.7	3.92
3.21d	371.33	2.54	19.58 ±2.4	N.D.	N.D.
3.15e	335.81	2.54	7.14 ±0.8	N.D.	N.D.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>Values are the mean ±SD of n=3 experiments at 72 hours.

**Table 3.7.** Cytotoxicity of selective diazoxide derivatives and the clinical chemotherapeutic 5-fluorouracil in TNBC MDA-MB-468 cells and low tumorigenic human endothelial kidney (HEK293) cells.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup>Selectivity Index.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup>Not Determined

Clearly the effects of these compounds to inhibit cell viability of TNBC does not correlate to CII inhibition. Exposure of human T leukemic Jurkat cells to 100 µM of DZX resulted in significant inhibition of proliferation; however, upon removal of the compound proliferation resumed.<sup>87</sup> The study demonstrated that while DZX exposure depolarized the mitochondrial membrane, this was insufficient to modulate cellular energy metabolism. It was found that exposure to DZX resulted in reduction of cellular Ca<sup>2+</sup> influx.<sup>87</sup> Diazoxide has further been reported to inhibit lung cancer cell proliferation by downregulating cyclin D1 transcription.<sup>88</sup>

Diazoxide has been investigated in one pilot clinical study in breast cancer patients at a dose of 200-300 mg per day. Treatment of nine patients resulted in a 33% response rate conferring stable disease for between 4-8 months either in combination with tamoxifen (two patients) or monotherapy (one patient). 208 The repurposing of DZX as a potential treatment for TNBC has been recently proposed based on a study employing a KinomeScan<sup>™</sup> assay of 438 kinases, the three most inhibited at 100 µM were TTK (15%). IRAK1 (9%) and DYRK1A (7%). Dysfunction of all three kinases are known to be associated with various cancers. In this study, as observed herein, the activity of DZX was highly dependent on the cell line employed; no activity was observed in MCF-7 breast cancer cells (IC<sub>50</sub> = 130  $\mu$ M) but in MDA-MB-468 TNBC cells an IC<sub>50</sub> = 0.87  $\mu$ M was reported for DZX.85 The potential of repurposing DZX in breast cancer has been advanced previously, with the authors suggesting combination treatment to manage the hyperglycemia 'side effect' of DZX in this context. 208 Our studies dispute the use of DZX for direct repurposing as in our hands, DZX is inactive in MDA-MB-468 TNBC cells as well as in a prostate cancer cell line. Through the SAR studies initiated herein, medicinal chemistry modulation of the parent compound has been shown to increase antineoplastic effect significantly and presents the possibility of tuning out the known pharmacophore of K<sub>ATP</sub> opening activity along with the associated hyperglycemic effect, potentially allowing access to novel treatments for cancer.

#### 3.3. Conclusions

In summary, I identify novel benzothiadiazine derivatives that possess enhanced activity to reduce the cell viability of 22Rv1 prostate cancer cells and potent derivatives that show significant and time-dependent inhibition of MDA-MB-468 triple-negative breast cancer cells suitable for further investigation. The reported derivatives showed higher selectivity to MDA-MB-468 cells over low tumorigenic HEK293 cells and possessed superior potency and selectivity than the clinical agent 5-fluorouracil with compounds 3.15a and 3.15c. We demonstrate that the CII inhibition activity of DZX derivatives is not responsible for the observed cytotoxicity in either cancer cell line. To understand the antineoplastic activity and further literature studies on DZX, I extended the research towards other molecular targets. One such mechanism involves targeting angiogenesis via inhibition of VEGF.<sup>209</sup>

### 3.4 Experimental Section

#### 3.4.1 Biology

#### 3.4.1.1 Cell Culture and Reagents

Cell lines (22Rv1 prostate cancer, LNCap prostate cancer, HEK293 human embryonic kidney cells and MDA-MB-468 triple-negative breast cancer cells) were purchased from the American Type Culture Collection (ATCC). 22Rv1 and LNCap cells were cultured in Roswell Park Memorial Institute-1640 medium (RPMI-1640) (ATCC® 30-2001™) cells and MDA-MB-468 cells in Dulbecco's Modified Eagle Medium (DMEM)

(Fisher Scientific) (Catalog No. 50-188-267FP), and HEK293 human embryonic kidney cells in Eagle's Minimum Essential Medium (ATCC® 30-2003™) with fetal bovine serum (ATCC 30-2020) to a final concentration of 10% and Corning™ Penicillin-Streptomycin Solution (Catalog No. MT30001CI) according to the supplier's recommended protocol. Atpenin A5 (AA5) (catalog no. 10189-198) was purchased from VWR. Alfa Aesar™ Diazoxide (Catalog No. AAJ66010ME) and 5-Fluorouracil, 99%, ACROS Organics™ (Catalog No. AC228440010) were purchased from Fisher Scientific. Stock solutions of AA5 were prepared in DMSO and were serially diluted for cell culture treatment maintaining the final DMSO concentration at less than 1%. CellTiter 96 AQueous One Solution Cell Proliferation Assay (3-(4,5-dimethylthiazol-2-yl)-5-(3-carboxymethoxy phenyl)-2-(4-sulfophenyl)-2H-tetrazolium) (MTS) assay (Catalog No. G3580) was purchased from Promega.

# 3.4.1.2 Cytotoxicity Assays

To determine the cell growth inhibition ability of the synthesized compounds the MTS assay used according to the manufacturer's recommended protocol. Stock solutions of the synthesized compounds were prepared in DMSO. Cells were seeded at a density of 1 x 10<sup>5</sup> cells in 96-well plates. After 24 hours for 22Rv1 and 72 hours for MDA-MB-468 cells, cells were treated at the indicated concentrations of test compounds, limiting the final DMSO concentration to less than 1%. After incubation at 37 °C in an environment of 5% CO<sub>2</sub> for 48-72 hours, 10 μL of MTS reagent (CellTiter 96® AQueous One Solution Reagent) was added to each well and incubated at the above-mentioned conditions for 2-4 hr. Absorbance was recorded at 570 nm on a BioTek Synergy Mx multimode plate reader and the viability of cells were plotted as percentage of controls. Also, MDA-MB-468 cells were seeded at a density of 1 x 10<sup>5</sup> cells/dish in 12-well plates. After incubation at 37 °C

in an environment of 5% CO<sub>2</sub> for 48-72 hours, the numbers of viable cells were counted using a hemocytometer. The relative cell viability was calculated by normalizing the cell number with drug treatment to that with DMSO.

### 3.4.1.3 Complex II inhibition assay

Mitochondria were isolated from mouse liver by differential centrifugation in sucrose-based buffer as previously described. Complex II enzymatic activity was determined spectrophotometrically as the rate of succinate-driven, co-enzyme Q2-linked reduction of dichlorophenolindophenol (DCPIP). Freeze-thawed mitochondria were incubated in phosphate buffer (pH 7.4) containing 40  $\mu$ M DCPIP, 1 mM KCN, 10  $\mu$ M rotenone, and 50  $\mu$ M co-enzyme Q2. The rate of reduction of DCPIP to DCPIPH2 was followed at 600 nm ( $\epsilon$  = 21,000 M<sup>-1</sup>). At the end of each run thenoyltrifluoroacetone (1 mM) was added and the residual TTFA-insensitive rate subtracted. Varying amounts of benzothiadiazine derivatives were used to determine an IC<sub>50</sub> value.

# 3.4.1.4 Statistical Analysis

Experiments were repeated at least thrice, and the statistical significance was calculated using the unpaired t test. A  $\rho$  value of <0.05 was considered statistically significant. IC<sub>50</sub> values were calculated by GraphPad prism software.

#### 3.4.2 Chemistry

#### General

All reactions were carried out in oven- or flame-dried glassware under positive nitrogen pressure unless otherwise noted. Reaction progress was monitored by thin-layer

chromatography (TLC) carried out on silica gel plates (2.5 cm x 7.5 cm, 200  $\mu$ m thick, 60 F254) and visualized by using UV (254 nm) or by potassium permanganate or phosphomolybdic acid stain as indicator. Flash column chromatography was performed with silica gel (40-63  $\mu$ m, 60 Å) or on a Teledyne Isco (CombiFlash R<sub>f</sub> 200 UV/Vis). Commercial grade solvents and reagents were purchased from Fisher Scientific (Houston, TX) or Sigma Aldrich (Milwaukee, WI) and were used without further purification except as indicated. Anhydrous solvents were purchased from Across Organics and stored under an atmosphere of dry nitrogen over molecular sieves.

¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded in the indicated solvent on a Bruker 400 MHz Advance III HD spectrometer at 400 and 100 MHz for ¹H and ¹³C, respectively, with solvent peak as an internal standard. Multiplicities are indicated by s (single), d (doublet), dd (doublet of doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet), m (multiplet), and br (broad). Chemical shifts (δ) are reported in parts per million (ppm), and coupling constants (*J*), in Hertz. High-resolution mass spectroscopy (HRMS) was performed on a TripleTOF 5600 (SCIEX) using an ESI source conducted at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Pharmacy in Dallas, TX. The spectral data was extracted from total ion chromatogram (TIC). High-pressure liquid chromatography (HPLC) was performed on a Gilson HPLC system with 321 pumps and 155 UV/Vis detector using trilution software v2.1 with an ACE Equivalence 3 (C18, 3 μM, 4.6 x 150 mm) column. All samples were determined to possess >95% purity.

7-Fluoro-3-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2*H*-1,2,4-benzothiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (3.2a).

A solution of chlorosulfonyl isocyanate (2.82 mL, 32.4 mmol) in nitromethane (30 mL) was mixed in a closed dried vessel under nitrogen pressure and cooled at -5 °C (ice and salt bath). To this mixture 4-fluoroaniline (3.1a, 2.6 mL, 27 mmol) was added slowly. The contents were vigorously stirred for 20 mins followed by the addition of anhydrous AlCl<sub>3</sub> (4.7 g, 35.1 mmol) and the mixture was refluxed for 1h. The hot solution was poured onto ice (200 g) and stirred for an additional 30 mins and the resulting precipitate was collected by filtration and washed with water. The crude solid was treated with an aqueous solution of sodium bicarbonate (5 g/100 mL) followed by heating until the solid precipitate was dissolved. The solution was treated with charcoal and was filtered, the filtrate solution was adjusted to pH 1 using 12N HCl. The resulting pure white precipitate was filtered, washed with water, and air dried (3.17 g, 54% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 7.30 (m, 1H), 7.55 (1H, t, *J*=8.7 Hz), 7.68 (1H, dd, *J*=7.5, 2.8 Hz), 11.40 ppm (s, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 109.27, 119.81, 121.88, 123.58, 132.18, 151.67, 156.58, 159.01 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_7H_5FN_2O_3S$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 238.9902, found: 238.9901.

### 6-Chloro-3-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2*H*-1,2,4-benzothiadiazine1,1-dioxide (3.2b).

The white compound was obtained from 3-chloroaniline (**3.1b**, 3.32 mL, 31.35 mmol) by following the experimental conditions described for **3.2a** (4.5 g, 62% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 7.26 (1H, d, J=2 Hz), 7.32 (1H, dd, J=8.5, 1.8 Hz), 7.80 (1H, d, J=8.5 Hz), 11.39 ppm (s, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 116.91, 121.73, 123.96, 124.65, 136.97, 138.54, 151.15 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_7H_5CIN_2O_3S$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 254.9607, found: 254.9606.

# 7-Bromo-3-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2*H*-1,2,4-benzothiadiazine1,1-dioxide (3.2c).

The white compound was obtained from 4-bromoaniline (**3.1c**, 3 g, 17.44 mmol) by following the experimental conditions described for **3.2a** with the slight modification that the crude material was dissolved in a 1:1 hydromethanolic solution of sodium bicarbonate instead of an aqueous solution of sodium bicarbonate ( 3.1 g, 64% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 7.19 (1H, d, *J*=8.7 Hz), 7.78 (1H, dd, *J*=8.7, 2.2 Hz), 7.91 (1H, d, *J*=2.2 Hz), 11.46 ppm (s, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 115.08, 119.83, 124.34, 124.79, 134.86, 137.00, 151.52 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_7H_5BrN_2O_3S$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 298.9101, found: 298.9096.

# 2*H*-benzo[*e*][1,2,4]thiadiazin-3(4*H*)-one 1,1-dioxide (3.2d).

The white compound was obtained from aniline (**3.1d**, 4.86 mL, 53.7 mmol) by following the experimental conditions described for **3.2a** (5.7 g, 53% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.63 (1H, t, *J*=7.2 Hz), 7.77 (1H, d, *J*=7.6 Hz), 11.27 ppm (s, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 117.47, 122.43, 122.97, 123.89, 134.40, 135.48, 151.08 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_7H_6N_2O_3S$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 220.9996, found: 220.9998.

# 7-Fluoro-3-thioxo-3,4-dihydro-2*H*-1,2,4-benzothiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (3.3a).

A mixture of 7-fluoro-3-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-1,2,4-benzothiadiazine1,1-dioxide (**3.2a**, 2.8 g, 12.95 mmol) and phosphorus pentasulfide (5.47 g, 12.95 mmol) was dissolved in anhydrous pyridine (50 mL) and refluxed under nitrogen pressure overnight. The reaction was allowed to cool, and the solvent removed in vacuo, the crude product was dissolved in an aqueous solution of sodium hydroxide (NaOH) (5 g/100 mL). This solution was treated with charcoal and was filtered. The filtrate was acidified to pH 1 using 12N HCl. The precipitated compound was collected by filtration, washed with water, and was allowed to air dry. The dried compound was suspended in an aqueous solution of sodium bicarbonate (NaHCO<sub>3</sub>) (10 g/200 mL) and heated until the solid was dissolved. This solution was treated with charcoal and filtered. The filtrate was adjusted to pH 1 using 12N

HCl, and the white precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with water, and air dried. (1.76 g, 58% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 7.29 (m, 1H), 7.56 (m, 1H), 7.68 (1H, dd, J=7.5, 2.8 Hz), 11.35 ppm (s, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 109.93, 121.01, 122.12, 123.31, 132.56, 158.33, 160.79 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_7H_5FN_2O_2S_2$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 254.9674, found: 254.9674.

# 6-Chloro-3-thioxo-3,4-dihydro-2*H*-1,2,4-benzothiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (3.3b).

The white compound was obtained from **3.2b** (4.5 g, 19.34 mmol) by following the experimental conditions described for **3.3a**. (2.7 g, 56% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 7.26 (1H, d, *J*=2 Hz), 7.34 (1H, dd, *J*=8.4, 2 Hz), 7.80 (1H, d, *J*=8.4 Hz), 11.33 ppm (s, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 117.76, 121.21, 126.03, 126.95, 137.55, 137.90, 144.72 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_7H_5CIN_2O_2S_2$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 270.9378, found: 270.9373.

# 7-Bromo-3-thioxo-3,4-dihydro-2*H*-1,2,4-benzothiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (3.3c).

The white compound was obtained from **3.2c** (2.4 g, 8.63 mmol) by following the experimental conditions described for **3.3a** with the slight modification that the crude material was dissolved in 1:1 hydromethanolic solution of sodium bicarbonate instead of an aqueous solution of sodium bicarbonate by heating the mixture until most of the insoluble material dissolved. Charcoal was added to the suspension and filtered. The filtrate was adjusted to pH 1 with 12 N HCl, and the white precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with water, and air dried (1.35 g, 53% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 5.08 (br, 1H), 7.32 (1H, d, J=8.8 Hz), 7.85 (1H, d, J=8.7 Hz), 7.95 (s, 1H), 11.45 ppm (br, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 118.22, 120.67, 123.82, 126.08, 135.15, 136.82, 157.57 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_7H_5BrN_2O_2S_2$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 314.8873, found: 314.8863.

### 2*H*-benzo[e][1,2,4]thiadiazine-3(4*H*)-thione 1,1-dioxide (3.3d).

The white compound was obtained from **3.2d** (4.9 g, 24.72 mmol) by following the experimental conditions described for **3.3a** yield (2.67 g, 50% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.70 (1H, t, *J*=7.8 Hz), 7.80 (1H, d, *J*=7.4 Hz), 12.12 ppm (br, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 115.52, 121.14, 125.21, 126.83, 136.59, 138.94, 144.16, 144.66 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_7H_6N_2O_2S_2$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 236.9768, found: 236.9765.

## 7-Fluoro-3-methylsulfanyl-4*H*-1,2,4-benzothiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (3.4a).

7-Fluoro-3-thioxo-3,4dihydro-2H-1,2,4-benzothiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (**3.3a**, 2.8 g, 12.06 mmol) was dissolved in a 1:1 hydromethanolic solution of sodium bicarbonate (5 g/ 200 mL). Methyl iodide was added (1.5 mL, 24.12 mmol) and the solution was stirred for 1h. The resulting suspension was adjusted to pH 5 using 6N HCl. The suspension was concentrated under reduced pressure, and the white precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with water, and air dried (1.67 g, 89% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 2.53 (s, 2H), 7.33 (m, 1H), 7.58 (1H, t, *J*=8.8 Hz), 7.55(1H, dd, *J*=7.5, 2.8 Hz), 12.61 ppm (br, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 13.85, 109.80, 120.06, 121.91, 122.83, 132.77, 157.84,161.61 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_8H_7FN_2O_2S_2$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 268.9831, found: 268.9832.

# 6-Chloro-3-methylsulfanyl-4*H*-1,2,4-benzothiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (3.4b).

The white compound was obtained from **3.3b** (2.5, 10.05 mmol) by following the experimental conditions described for **3.4a** (2.23 g, 84% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 2.52 (s, 2H), 7.26 (1H, d, *J*=2 Hz), 7.34 (1H, dd, *J*=8.5, 2 Hz), 7.80 (1H, d, *J*=8.5 Hz), 12.61 ppm (s, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 13.90, 116.83, 120.76, 126.12, 126.48, 137.20, 137.87,161.88 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_8H_7CIN_2O_2S_2$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 284.9535, found: 284.9527.

# 7-Bromo-3-methylsulfanyl-4*H*-1,2,4-benzothiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (3.4c).

The white compound was obtained from **3.3c** (3.73 g, 12.72 mmol) by following the experimental conditions described for **3.4a** (3.19 g, 81% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 2.52 (s, 2H), 7.24 (1H, d, *J*=8.8 Hz), 7.83 (1H, dd, *J*=8.7, 2.2 Hz), 7.93 (1H, d, *J*=2.1 Hz), 12.65 ppm (s, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 13.88, 117.22, 119.87, 123.43, 125.97, 135.26, 136.60, 161.75 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_8H_7BrN_2O_2S_2$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 328.9030, found: 328.9024.

# 3-(methylthio)-4H-benzo[e][1,2,4]thiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (3.4d).

The white compound was obtained from **3.3d** (1.92 g, 8.96 mmol) by following the experimental conditions described for **3.4a** (1.84 g, 90% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 2.52 (s, 2H), 7.28 (1H, d, *J*=8.7 Hz), 7.41 (1H, t, *J*=7.2 Hz), 7.67 (1H, d, *J*=8.7 Hz), 7.78 (1H, dd, *J*=7.9, 2 Hz), 12.51 ppm (s, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 13.98, 117.31, 122.08, 123.85, 126.41, 133.73, 135.99, 161.38 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_8H_8N_2O_2S_2$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 250.9924, found: 250.9920.

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**Method A:** A appropriate 3-methylsulfanyl-4*H*-1,2,4-benzothiadiazine1,1-dioxide (**3.4a-d**) (0.25 g) and an appropriate alkylamine (0.7 mL) were dissolved in 1,4-dioxane (8 mL) in a sealed vessel and heated for 24h at 130 °C. The solvent and the excess amine were removed in vacuo, and the residue was dissolved in an aqueous 2% w/v solution of NaOH (7 mL). This solution was treated with charcoal and was filtered. The filtrate was adjusted to pH 1 using 6N HCl. The precipitated compound was collected by filtration, washed with water and air dried. The dried compound was suspended in an aqueous solution of sodium bicarbonate NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (1 g/40 mL). The alkaline solution was treated with charcoal and filtered; the filtrate was adjusted to pH 4-5 with 6N HCl. The white precipitate was collected by filtration, washed twice with water, and air dried.

**Method B:** A solution of the appropriate 3-methylsulfanyl-4H-1,2,4-benzothiadiazine1,1-dioxide (**3.4a-d**) (0.25 g) and the appropriate amine (5 mL) was heated in a sealed vessel for 48 h at 120°C. The solvent and excess amine was removed in vacuo, and the residue was dissolved in an aqueous 2% w/v solution of sodium hydroxide (7 mL). This solution was treated with charcoal and was filtered. The filtrate was adjusted to pH 1 using 6N HCl. The precipitated compound was collected by filtration, washed with water and air dried. The dried compound was suspended in an aqueous solution of sodium bicarbonate NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (1 g/40 mL). The alkaline solution was treated with charcoal and filtered, and the filtrate was adjusted to pH 4-5 with 6N HCl. The white precipitate was collected by filtration, washed twice with water, and air dried.

**Method C:** A appropriate 3-methylsulfanyl-4H-1,2,4-benzothiadiazine1,1-dioxide (**3.4a-d**) (0.25 g) were dissolved in an appropriate alkylamine (0.7 mL) in a sealed vessel and heated for 96 h at 140 °C. The solvent and the excess amine were removed in vacuo, and the residue was dissolved in an aqueous 2% w/v solution of NaOH (7 mL). This solution was treated with charcoal and was filtered. The filtrate was adjusted to pH 1 using 6N HCl. The precipitated compound was collected by filtration, washed with water and air-dried. The dried compound was suspended in an aqueous solution of sodium bicarbonate NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (1 g/40 mL). The alkaline solution was treated with charcoal and filtered; the filtrate was adjusted to pH 4-5 with 6N HCl. The white precipitate was collected by filtration, washed twice with water, and air dried.

7-Fluoro-3-isopropylamino-4*H*-1,2,4-benzothiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (3.5a).

The white compound was obtained from **3.4a** by following the experimental conditions described for Method **A** (79% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 1.16 (6H, d, *J*=6.3 Hz), 3.91 (m, 1H), 7.09 (s,1H), 7.26 (q, 1H), 7.50 (m, 1H), 10.42 ppm (s, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 22.66, 43.27, 109.18, 119.50, 120.69, 132.79, 150.96, 156.77, 159.19 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{10}H_{12}FN_3O_2S$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 280.0532, found: 280.0541.

#### 6-Chloro-3-isopropylamino-4*H*-1,2,4-benzothiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (3.5b).

The white compound was obtained from **3.4b** by following the experimental conditions described for Method **A** (76% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 1.18 (6H, d, *J*=6.4 Hz), 3.93 (m, 1H), 7.09 (br, 1H), 7.27 (m, 1H), 7.47 (m, 1H), 10.40 ppm (s, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 22.67, 43.26, 109.18, 119.50, 120.68, 132.79, 150.96, 156.77,159.19 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{10}H_{12}CIN_3O_2S$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 296.0236, found: 296.0237.

#### 7-Bromo-3-isopropylamino-4*H*-1,2,4-benzothiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (3.5c).

The white compound was obtained from **3.4c** by following the experimental conditions described for Method **A** with the slight modification that the crude material was dissolved in a 1:1 hydromethanolic solution of sodium bicarbonate instead of an aqueous solution of sodium bicarbonate (81% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 1.16 (6H, d, *J*=6.5 Hz), 3.91 (m, 1H), 7.16 (2H, d, *J*=8.3 Hz), 7.70 (1H, dd, *J*=8.7, 2.1 Hz), 7.76 (1H, d, *J*=2.1 Hz), 10.48 ppm (s, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 22.62, 43.30, 114.97, 119.59, 124.61, 125.34, 135.42, 145.54,150.68 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{10}H_{12}BrN_3O_2S$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 339.9731, found: 339.9716.

#### 3-(Isopropylamino)-4H-benzo[e][1,2,4]thiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (3.5d).

The white compound was obtained from **3.4d** by following the experimental conditions described for Method **A** (76%):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 1.16 (6H, d, J=6.5 Hz), 3.93 (m, 1H), 6.97 (s,1H), 7.18 (1H, d, J=8.2 Hz), 7.24 (1H, t, J=7.8 Hz), 7.54 (1H, t, J=8.7 Hz), 7.65 (1H, dd, J=7.8, 2 Hz), 10.31 ppm (s, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 22.70, 43.13, 116.96, 123.12, 123.24, 124.10, 132.78, 136.10,150.82 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{10}H_{13}N_3O_2S$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 262.0626, found: 262.0629.

7-Fluoro-3-((3-methylbutan-2-yl)amino)-4*H*-benzo[e][1,2,4]thiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (3.6a).

The white compound was obtained from **3.4a** by following the experimental conditions described for Method **B** (67% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 0.87 (q, 6H), 1.09 (3H, d, *J*=6.6 Hz), 1.74 (m, 1H), 3.69 (m, 1H), 6.96 (br,1H), 7.24 (br, 1H), 7.49 (m, 2H), 10.32 ppm (s, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 17.47, 18.70, 18.97, 32.70, 52.08, 109.19, 119.39, 120.67, 132.70, 124.10, 151.42, 156.77, 159.19 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{12}H_{16}FN_3O_2S$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 308.0844, found: 308.0844.

6-Chloro-3-((3-methylbutan-2-yl)amino)-4*H*-benzo[e][1,2,4]thiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (3.6b).

The white compound was obtained from **3.4b** by following the experimental conditions described for Method **B** (64% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 0.90 (q, 6H), 1.08 (3H, d, *J*=6.6 Hz), 1.74 (m, 1H), 3.69 (m, 1H), 6.96 (br,1H), 7.24 (br, 1H), 7.50 (m, 2H), 10.31 ppm (s, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 17.48, 18.70, 18.97, 32.70, 52.08, 109.19, 119.39, 120.43, 132.71, 151.42, 156.77, 159.19 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{12}H_{16}CIN_3O_2S$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 324.0550, found: 324.0565.

7-Bromo-3-((3-methylbutan-2-yl)amino)-4*H*-benzo[e][1,2,4]thiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (3.6c).

The white compound was obtained from **3.4c** by following the experimental conditions described for Method **B** with the slight modification that the crude material was dissolved in a 1:1 hydromethanolic solution of sodium bicarbonate instead of an aqueous solution of sodium bicarbonate (71% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 0.89 (q, 6H), 1.08 (3H, d, *J*=6.6 Hz), 1.76 (m, 1H), 3.71 (m, 1H), 6.99 (br,1H), 7.16 (1H, d, *J*=8.7 Hz), 7,72 (1H, dd, *J*=8.7, 1.9 Hz), 7.75 (1H, d, *J*=1.9 Hz), 10.37 ppm (s, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 17.45, 18.71, 18.97, 32.68, 52.11, 114.95, 119.57, 124.68, 125.35, 135.36, 135.52, 151.16 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{12}H_{16}BrN_3O_2S$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 368.0044, found: 368.0040.

## 3-((3-Methylbutan-2-yl)amino)-4*H*-benzo[e][1,2,4]thiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (3.6d).

The white compound was obtained from **3.4d** by following the experimental conditions described for Method **B** (73% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 0.90 (q, 6H), 1.10 (3H, d, *J*=6.6 Hz), 1.75 (m, 1H), 3.72 (m, 1H), 6.88 (br,1H), 7.16 (1H, d, *J*=7.4 Hz), 7.24 (1H, t, *J*=8.1 Hz), 7.54 (1H, t, *J*=8.2 Hz), 7.66 (1H, dd, *J*=7.8, 2 Hz), 10.23 ppm (s, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 17.47, 18.69, 18.97, 32.68, 51.89, 116.93, 123.17, 123.25, 124.09, 132.78, 136.04, 151.27 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{12}H_{17}N_3O_2S$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 290.0939, found: 290.0947.

## 3-((4-Chlorobenzyl)amino)-7-fluoro-4H-benzo[e][1,2,4]thiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (3.7a).

The white compound was obtained from **3.4a** by following the experimental conditions described for Method **A** (73% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 4.46 (s, 2H), 7.28 (q, 1H), 7.36 (2H, d, *J*=8.5 Hz), 7.41-7.52 (m, 4H), 7.70 (br, 1H), 10.89 ppm (s, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 43.67, 109.48, 119.62, 120.80, 123.77, 127.64, 128.78, 129.50, 132.07, 132.94, 138.15, 151.82, 156.83, 159.25 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{14}H_{11}CIFN_3O_2S$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 362.0142, found: 362.0137.

6-Chloro-3-((4-chlorobenzyl)amino)-4*H*-benzo[*e*][1,2,4]thiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (3.7b).

The white compound was obtained from **3.4b** by following the experimental conditions described for Method **A** (76% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 4.47 (2H, d, *J*=5.8 Hz), 7.29 (q, 2H), 7.37 (2H, d, *J*=8.5 Hz), 7.41(2H, d, *J*=8.5 Hz), 7.68 (1H, d, *J*=8.5 Hz), 7.70 (br, 1H) 10.84 ppm (br, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 43.67, 116.64, 121.84, 124.34, 125.45, 128.80, 129.54, 131.31, 132.11, 137.01, 137.53, 138.00, 151.47 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{14}H_{11}Cl_2N_3O_2S$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 377.9846, found: 377.9839.

7-Bromo-3-((4-chlorobenzyl)amino)-4*H*-benzo[*e*][1,2,4]thiadiazine 1,1-dioxide dioxide (3.7c).

The white compound was obtained from **3.4c** by following the experimental conditions described for Method **A** (68% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 4.46 (2H, d, *J*=5.8 Hz), 7.19 (1H, d, *J*=8.7 Hz), 7.36 (2H, d, *J*=8.7 Hz), 7.40 (2H, d, *J*=8.7 Hz), 7.78 (m, 3H), 7.70 (s, 1H), 11.01 ppm (s, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 43.68, 115.14, 119.63, 124.53, 125.41, 128.80, 129.52, 132.11, 135.45, 135.66, 138.01, 151.52 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** *m/z* calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>11</sub>ClBrN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S [*M*+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 421.9341, found: 421.9324.

#### 3-((4-Chlorobenzyl)amino)-4*H*-benzo[e][1,2,4]thiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (3.7d).

The white compound was obtained from **3.4d** by following the experimental conditions described for Method **A** (67% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 4.47 (2H, d, *J*=5.8 Hz), 7.21 (1H, d, *J*=8.5 Hz), 7.26 (1H, t, *J*=7.8 Hz), 7.37 (2H, d, *J*=8.5 Hz), 7.41 (2H, d, *J*=8.5 Hz), 7.56 (1H, t, *J*=8.3 Hz), 7.61 (br, 1H), 7.65 (1H, dd, *J*=7.8, 2 Hz), 10.85 ppm (s, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 43.57, 117.02, 119.63, 123.05, 123.30, 124.26, 128.79, 129.51, 132.05, 132.89, 136.13, 138.22, 151.62 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{14}H_{11}CIN_3O_2S$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 344.0236, found: 344.0236.

#### 7-Fluoro-3-((4-fluorobenzyl)amino)-4H-benzo[e][1,2,4]thiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (3.8a).

The white compound was obtained from **3.4a** by following the experimental conditions described for Method **A** (81% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 4.46 (s, 2H), 7.16 (2H, t, *J*=8.8 Hz), 7.27 (q, 1H), 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.45 (1H, t, *J*=8.8 Hz), 7.52 (1H, dd, *J*=7.5, 2.8 Hz), 7.68 (br, 1H), 10.68 ppm (br, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 43.66, 109.23, 115.48, 119.60, 120.77, 123.80, 129.77, 132.92, 135.20, 151.80, 156.84, 159.26, 160.58, 163.00 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{14}H_{11}F_2N3O_2S$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 346.0437, found: 346.0428.

#### 6-Chloro-3-((4-fluorobenzyl)amino)-4H-benzo[e][1,2,4]thiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (3.8b).

The white compound was obtained from **3.4b** by following the experimental conditions described for Method **A** (77% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 4.47 (s, 2H), 7.18 (2H, t, *J*=8.8 Hz), 7.28 (q,1H), 7.39 (q, 2H), 7.46 (1H, t, *J*=8.8 Hz), 7.53 (1H, dd, *J*=7.5, 2.8 Hz), 7.67 (br, 1H), 10.83 ppm (br, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 43.65, 109.50, 115.69, 119.50, 120.79, 123.86, 129.76, 132.84, 135.19, 151.75, 156.85, 159.27, 160.58, 163.00 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** *m/z* calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>11</sub>CIFN3O<sub>2</sub>S [*M*+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 362.0142, found: 362.0160.

## 7-Bromo-3-((4-fluorobenzyl)amino)-4H-benzo[e][1,2,4]thiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (3.8c).

The white compound was obtained from **3.4c** by following the experimental conditions described for Method **A** (63% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 4.45 (2H, d, *J*=5.8 Hz), 7.18 (3H, d, *J*=8.8 Hz), 7.38 (q, 2H), 7.72 (2H, dd, *J*=8.7, 2.2 Hz), 7.78 (1H, d, *J*=2.2 Hz), 10.94 ppm (s, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 43.66, 115.12, 115.50, 115.71, 119.63, 124.56, 125.40, 129.77, 135.11, 135.46, 135.65, 151.49, 160.59, 163.00 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** *m*/*z* calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>11</sub>BrFN3O<sub>2</sub>S [*M*+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 405.9637, found: 405.9602.

#### 3-((4-Fluorobenzyl)amino)-4H-benzo[e][1,2,4]thiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (3.8d).

The white compound was obtained from **3.4d** by following the experimental conditions described for Method **A** (66% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 4.45 (2H, d, *J*=5.8 Hz), 7.18 (3H, t, *J*=8.8 Hz), 7.26 (2H, d, *J*=7.4 Hz), 7.39 (q, 2H), 7.55 (2H, t, *J*=7.2 Hz), 7.69 (1H, d, *J*=7.8 Hz), 10.77 ppm (s, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 43.56, 115.49, 115.70, 117.02, 123.07, 123.70, 124.24, 129.77, 132.87, 135.30, 136.13, 151.59, 160.58, 162.99 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{14}H_{12}FN3O_2S$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 328.0531, found: 328.0530.

## 7-Fluoro-3-(phenethylamino)-4*H*-benzo[e][1,2,4]thiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (3.9a).

The white compound was obtained from **3.4a** by following the experimental conditions described for Method **A** (76% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 2.86 (2H, t, *J*=7.2 Hz), 3.48 (q, 2H), 7.20- 7.34 (m,7H), 7.45 (1H, t, *J*=7.3 Hz), 7.52 (1H, dd, *J*=7.5, 2.8 Hz), 10.55 ppm (s, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 35.08, 43.42, 109.23, 119.47, 120.49, 120.72, 123.79, 126.74, 128.90, 129.15, 132.85, 139.32,151.69, 156.76, 159.21 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>14</sub>FN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 342.0688, found: 342.0687.

#### 6-Chloro-3-(phenethylamino)-4*H*-benzo[e][1,2,4]thiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (3.9b).

The white compound was obtained from **3.4b** by following the experimental conditions described for Method **A** (73% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 2.86 (2H, t, *J*=7.2 Hz), 3.47 (q, 2H), 7.20- 7.34 (m, 8H), 7.68 (1H, dd, *J*=8.4 Hz), 10.71 ppm (br, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 35.00, 42.43, 116.52, 121.86, 124.22, 125.43, 126.74, 128.89, 129.15, 132.85, 136.94, 137.52, 139.29, 151.39 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{15}H_{14}CIN_3O_2S$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 358.0392, found: 358.0388.

#### 7-Bromo-3-(phenethylamino)-4*H*-benzo[e][1,2,4]thiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (3.9c).

The white compound was obtained from **3.4c** by following the experimental conditions described for Method **A** (65% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 2.86 (2H, t, *J*=7.3 Hz), 3.48 (q, 2H), 7.15- 7.34 (m,7H), 7.70 (1H, dd, *J*=8.7, 2.2 Hz), 7.77 (1H, d, *J*=2.2 Hz), 10.79 ppm (br, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 35.03, 42.42, 115.01, 119.51, 124.52, 125.39, 126.75, 128.90, 129.14, 135.44, 135.58, 139.27,151.43 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{15}H_{14}BrN_3O_2S$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 401.9887, found: 401.9857.

3-(Ethylamino)-7-fluoro-4H-benzo[e][1,2,4]thiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (3.10a).

The white compound was obtained from **3.4a** by following the experimental conditions described for Method **A** (71% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 1.12 (3H, t, *J*=7.1 Hz), 3.26 (m, 2H), 7.18 (br,1H), 7.26 (m, 1H), 7.42(m,1H), 7.49 (1H, dd, *J*=7.5, 2.8 Hz), 10.66 ppm (s, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 14.99, 36.03, 109.42, 119.44, 123.82, 132.89, 151.59, 156.78, 159.71 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>10</sub>FN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 266.0375, found: 266.0385.

#### 6-Chloro-3-(ethylamino)-4*H*-benzo[e][1,2,4]thiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (3.10b).

The white compound was obtained from **3.4b** by following the experimental conditions described for Method **A** (79% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 1.12 (3H, t, *J*=7.1 Hz), 3.25 (m, 2H), 7.19 (br,1H), 7.27 (m, 1H), 7.42- 7.50 (m, 2H), 10.66 ppm (s, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 15.00, 36.03, 109.43, 119.44, 120.45, 132.88, 151.58, 156.75, 159.17 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>10</sub>CIN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 282.0079, found: 282.0110.

#### 7-Bromo-3-(ethylamino)-4H-benzo[e][1,2,4]thiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (3.10c).

The white compound was obtained from **3.4c** by following the experimental conditions described for Method **A** with the slight modification that the crude material was dissolved in a 1:1 hydromethanolic solution of sodium bicarbonate instead of an aqueous solution of sodium bicarbonate (69% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 1.12 (3H, t, *J*=7.1 Hz), 3.25 (m, 2H), 7.19 (1H, d, *J*=8.5 Hz), 7.23 (br, 1H), 7.71 (1H, dd, *J*=8.7, 2.2 Hz), 7.75 (1H, d, *J*=2.2 Hz), 10.72 ppm (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 14.96, 36.05, 114.92, 119.54, 124.60, 125.35, 135.54, 151.33 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>10</sub>BrN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 325.9574, found: 325.9550.

#### 3-(Ethylamino)-4*H*-benzo[*e*][1,2,4]thiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (3.10d).

The white compound was obtained from **3.4d** by following the experimental conditions described for Method **A** (74% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 1.12 (3H, t, *J*=7.1 Hz), 3.25 (m, 2H), 7.07 (br,1H), 7.19 (1H, d, *J*=8 Hz), 7.24 (1H, t, *J*=8 Hz), 7.53 (1H, t, *J*=8.7 Hz), 7.64 (1H, dd, *J*=7.8, 2 Hz), 10.56 ppm (s, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 15.03, 35.93, 116.90, 123.09, 123.25, 124.06, 132.76, 136.21, 151.45 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_9H_{11}N_3O_2S$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 248.0469, found: 248.0466.

7-Fluoro-3-((4-methoxybenzyl)amino)-4*H*-benzo[e][1,2,4]thiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (3.11a).

The white compound was obtained from **3.4a** by following the experimental conditions described for Method **A** (82% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 3.73 (s, 3H), 4.40 (s, 2H), 6.92 (2H, d, *J*=8.5 Hz), 7.27 (m, 3H), 7.45 (2H, t, *J*=8.7 Hz), 7.51 (1H, dd, *J*=7.5, 2.8 Hz), 7.60 ppm (br, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 43.85, 55.51, 109.21, 114.25, 119.54, 120.48, 120.72, 123.81, 129.14, 130.83, 133.06, 151.80, 156.77, 158.90, 159.19 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>14</sub>FN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 358.0637, found: 358.0616.

6-Chloro-3-((4-methoxybenzyl)amino)-4*H*-benzo[e][1,2,4]thiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (3.11b).

The white compound was obtained from **3.4b** by following the experimental conditions described for Method **A** (77% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 3.73 (s, 3H), 4.40 (s, 2H), 6.92 (2H, d, *J*=8.5 Hz), 7.28 (m, 4H), 7.69 (1H, d, *J*=8.7 Hz), 7.74 ppm (br, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 43.87, 55.51, 114.25, 116.63, 121.87,124.23, 125.41, 129.19, 130.65, 130.90, 137.01, 137.60, 151.40, 158.93 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{15}H_{14}CIN_3O_3S$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 374.0342, found: 374.0332.

7-Bromo-3-((4-methoxybenzyl)amino)-4*H*-benzo[e][1,2,4]thiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (3.11c).

The white compound was obtained from **3.4c** by following the experimental conditions described for Method **A** (75% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 3.73 (s, 3H), 4.39 (2H, d, *J*=5.8 Hz), 6.92 (m, 2H), 7.19 (1H, d, *J*=8.7 Hz), 7.26 (2H, d, *J*=8.7 Hz), 7.65 (br, 1H), 7.71 (1H, dd, *J*=8.7, 2.2 Hz), 7.78 (1H, d, *J*=2.2 Hz), 10.85 ppm (s, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 43.86, 55.54, 114.28, 115.05, 119.59, 124.59, 125.39, 129.17, 130.66, 135.47, 135.61, 151.53, 158.94 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>14</sub>BrN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 417.9836, found: 417.9811.

3-((4-Methoxybenzyl)amino)-4H-benzo[e][1,2,4]thiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (3.11d).

The white compound was obtained from **3.4d** by following the experimental conditions described for Method **A** (69% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 3.73 (s, 3H), 4.39 (2H, d, *J*=5.8 Hz), 6.93 (1H, d, *J*=8.7 Hz), 7.18 (1H, d, *J*=8.2 Hz), 7.37 (m, 3H), 7.49 (br, 1H), 7.55 (2H, t, *J*=8.3 Hz), 7.66 (1H, dd, *J*=7.8, 2 Hz), 10.68 ppm (s, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 43.75, 55.53, 114.27, 116.98, 123.10, 123.30, 124.18, 129.16, 130.85, 132.84, 136.15, 151.53, 158.91 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{15}H_{15}N_3O_3S$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 340.0731, found: 340.0722.

#### 3-(Benzylamino)-7-fluoro-4*H*-benzo[e][1,2,4]thiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (3.12a).

The white compound was obtained from **3.4a** by following the experimental conditions described for Method **A** (61% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 4.48 (2H, d, J=5.8 Hz), 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.34 (m, 4H), 7.51 (m, 2H), 7.65 (br, 1H), 10.70 ppm (br, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 44.35, 109.25, 109.49, 119.45, 120.54, 123.87, 127.84, 129.07, 132.94, 138.97, 151.86, 156.83, 159.25 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{14}H_{12}FN_3O_2S$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 328.0531, found: 328.0523.

#### 3-(Benzylamino)-6-chloro-4H-benzo[e][1,2,4]thiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (3.12b).

The white compound was obtained from **3.4b** by following the experimental conditions described for Method **A** (56% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 4.48 (s, 2H), 7.29 (m, 3H), 7.34 (m, 4H) 7.69 (1H, d, J=8.8 Hz), 7.82 (br, 1H), 10.46 ppm (br, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 44.34, 116.69, 121.88, 124.23, 125.42, 127.58, 127.68, 128.87, 136.99, 137.69, 138.86, 151.57 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{14}H_{12}CIN_3O_2S$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 344.0236, found: 344.0235.

#### 3-(Benzylamino)-7-bromo-4*H*-benzo[e][1,2,4]thiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (3.12c).

The white compound was obtained from **3.4c** by following the experimental conditions described for Method **A** (70%, yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 4.48 (2H, d, *J*=5.8 Hz), 7.21 (1H, d, *J*=8.7 Hz), 7.27 (m, 1H), 7.34 (m, 4H), 7.72 (2H, dd, *J*=8.7, 2.2 Hz), 7.78 (1H, d, *J*=2.2 Hz), 10.87 ppm (s, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 44.33, 115.08, 119.63, 124.57, 125.39, 127.59, 127.67, 128.87, 135.50, 135.64, 138.84, 151.57 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{14}H_{12}BrN_3O_2S$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 387.9731, found: 387.9710.

### 3-(Benzylamino)-4H-benzo[e][1,2,4]thiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (3.12d).

The white compound was obtained from **3.4d** by following the experimental conditions described for Method **A** (67% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 4.49 (2H, d, *J*=5.8 Hz), 7.22 (1H, d, *J*=8.2 Hz), 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.34 (4H, d, *J*=4.5 Hz), 7.55 (2H, t, *J*=8.3 Hz), 7.70 (1H, d, *J*=7.8 Hz), 10.74 ppm (s, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 44.26, 117.03, 123.10, 123.31, 124.22, 127.56, 127.67, 128.87, 136.16, 139.03, 151.65 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{14}H_{13}N_3O_2S$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 310.0626, found: 310.0621.

#### 7-Fluoro-3-(methylsulfinyl)-4H-benzo[e][1,2,4]thiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (3.4aa).

The 7-fluoro-3-methylsulfanyl-4H-1,2,4-benzothiadiazine1,1-dioxide (**3.4a**, 0.5 g, 2.03 mmol) was suspended in an aqueous solution of sodium carbonate (2.2 g/25 ml) and the aqueous solution 2N NaOH was added until the mixture was completely dissolved. At room temperature, bromine (0.2 mL, 2.03 mmol) was added under vigorous stirring for 30

mins, the resulting suspension was adjusted to pH 2-3 by adding 6N HCI. The insoluble compound was collected by filtration, washed twice with water, and suspended under stirring in methanol (10 mL). The resultant white precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with water and methanol, and air dried (0.443 g, 83% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 3.45 (s, 3H), 7.66 (m, 1H), 7.76-7-81 ppm (m, 2H).

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_8H_7FN_2O_3S_2$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 284.9780, found: 284.9831.

#### 6-Chloro-3-(methylsulfinyl)-4*H*-benzo[e][1,2,4]thiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (3.4ba).

The white compound was obtained from **3.4b** (1 g, 3.81 mmol) by following the experimental conditions described for **3.4aa** (0.965 g, 91% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 3.44 (s, 3H), 7.66 (m, 1H), 7.74-7-80 ppm (m,2H).

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_8H_7CIN_2O_3S_2$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 300.9484, found: 300.9526.

#### 7-Bromo-3-(methylsulfinyl)-4H-benzo[e][1,2,4]thiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (3.4ca).

The white compound was obtained from **3.4c** (1 g, 3.26 mmol) by following the experimental conditions described for **3.4aa** (0.725 g, 75% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 3.45 (s, 3H), 7.66 (m, 1H), 7.76-7.81 ppm (m,1H).

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_8H_7BrN_2O_2S_2$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 328.9030, found: 328.9018.

#### 7-Fluoro-3-(cyclopentylamino)-4*H*-benzo[e][1,2,4]thiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (3.13a).

A mixture of 7-fluoro-3-methylsulfinyl4H-1,2,4-benzothiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (**3.4aa**) (0.25 g, 0.953 mmol) and cyclopentylamine (0.3 mL, 2.89 mmol) was dissolved in 1,4-dioxane (5 mL) and heated in a sealed vessel overnight at 160 °C. The solvent and excess amine was removed in vacuo, and the residue was dissolved in a hydromethanolic (1:1) 2% w/v solution of NaOH (10mL). The alkaline solution was treated with charcoal and was filtered, and the filtrate was adjusted to pH 4-5 with 6N HCl. The precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with water, and air dried. The dried compound was suspended in an aqueous solution of sodium bicarbonate NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (1 g/40 mL). The alkaline solution was treated with charcoal and filtered, and the filtrate was adjusted to pH 4-5 with 6 N HCl. The white precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with water, and air dried. The white compound was recrystallized from methanol/water (0.185 g, 68% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 1.46 -1.66 (m, 6H), 1.90 (m, 2H), 4.07 (m,1H), 7.27 (s, 2H), 7.45 (m, 2H), 10.35 ppm (s, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 23.72, 32.71, 52.82, 109.42, 119.46, 120.66, 132.74, 151.31, 156.78, 159.20 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{12}H_{14}FN_3O_2S$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 306.0688, found: 306.0675.

#### 6-Chloro-3-(cyclopentylamino)-4H-benzo[e][1,2,4]thiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (3.13b).

The white compound was obtained from **3.4ba** (0.25 g, 0.897 mmol) by following the experimental conditions described for **3.4a** (0.166 g, 61% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 1.48- 1.67 (m, 6H), 1.91 (m, 2H), 4.06 (m,1H), 7.29 (2H, dd, J=8.5, 2 Hz), 7.39 (br, 1H),7.69(1H, d, J=8.7 Hz), 10.32 ppm (s, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 22.65, 32.66, 52.85, 116.63, 121.98, 124.23, 125.38, 136.91, 137.44, 150.99 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI)**: m/z calcd for  $C_{12}H_{14}CIN_3O_2S$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 322.0392, found: 322.0407.

#### 7-Bromo-3- (cyclopentylamino)-4*H*-benzo[e][1,2,4]thiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (3.13c).

The white compound was obtained from **3.4ca** (0.25 g, 0.77 mmol) by following the experimental conditions described for **3.4a** with the slight modification that the crude material was dissolved in a 1:1 hydromethanolic solution of sodium bicarbonate instead of an aqueous solution of sodium bicarbonate (0.132 g, 49% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 1.48 -1.67 (m, 6H), 1.91 (m, 2H), 4.06 (m,1H), 7.19 (br, 2H), 7.28 (br, 1H), 7.76 (m, 1H), 10.40 ppm (s, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 23.64, 32.69, 52.84, 114,99, 119.63, 124.65, 125.34, 135.40, 135.54, 151.05 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{12}H_{14}BrN_3O_2S$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 365.9887, found: 365.9879.

7-Fluoro-3-((3-phenylpropyl)amino)-4*H*-benzo[e][1,2,4]thiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (3.14a).

The white compound was obtained from **3.4a** by following the experimental conditions described for Method **A** (76% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 1.83 (m, 2H), 2.63 (2H, t, *J*=7.8 Hz), 3.24 (q, 2H) 7.16-7.30 (m, 7H), 7.42-7.51 (m, 2H), 10.68 ppm (br, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 31.01, 32.78, 109.20, 109.45, 119.40, 120.47, 120.70, 123.90, 126.28, 128.79, 132.87, 141.86, 151.75, 156.78, 159.19 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>16</sub>FN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 356.0844, found: 356.0811.

6-Chloro-3-((3-phenylpropyl)amino)-4*H*-benzo[e][1,2,4]thiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (3.14b).

The white compound was obtained from **3.4b** by following the experimental conditions described for Method **A** (65% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 1.83 (m, 2H), 2.63 (2H, t, *J*=7.8 Hz), 3.23 (q, 2H), 7.17-7.37 (m, 8H), 7.67 (1H, d, *J*=8.5 Hz), 10.66 ppm (s, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 30.93, 31.16, 32.79, 116.59, 121.92, 124.18, 125.40, 126.29, 128.75, 128.80, 136.90, 137.60, 141.86, 151.44 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{16}H_{16}CIN_3O_2S$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 372.0549, found: 372.0544.

7-Bromo-3-((3-phenylpropyl)amino)-4*H*-benzo[e][1,2,4]thiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (3.14c).

The white compound was obtained from **3.4c** by following the experimental conditions described for Method **A** with the slight modification that the crude material was dissolved in a 1:1 hydromethanolic solution of sodium bicarbonate instead of an aqueous solution of sodium bicarbonate (74% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 1.83 (m, 2H), 2.63 (2H, t, *J*=7.8 Hz), 3.26 (q, 2H), 7.16-7.31 (m, 7H), 7.71 (1H, dd, *J*=8.7, 2.2 Hz), 7.76 (1H, d, *J*=2.2 Hz), 10.73 ppm (br, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 30.95, 32.78, 114.97, 119.56, 124.61, 125.36, 126.28, 128.74, 128.79, 135.50, 135.55, 141.85, 151.49 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>16</sub>BrN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 416.0044, found: 416.0036.

#### 3-((3-phenylpropyl)amino)-4H-benzo[e][1,2,4]thiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (3.14d).

The white compound was obtained from **3.4d** by following the experimental conditions described for Method **A** (61% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 1.83 (m, 2H), 2.64 (2H, t, *J*=7.5 Hz), 3.24 (q, 2H), 7.17-7.31 (m, 8H), 7.54 (1H, t, *J*=8.3 Hz), 7.65 (1H, d, *J*=7.8 Hz), 10.59 ppm (s, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 31.04, 32.80, 116.94, 123.10, 123.27, 124.09, 126.28, 128.75, 128.80, 132.78, 136.19, 141.89, 151.61 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{16}H_{17}N_3O_2S$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 338.0939, found: 338.0938.

#### 7-Fluoro-3-((1-phenylethyl)amino)-4*H*-benzo[e][1,2,4]thiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (3.15a).

The white compound was obtained from **3.4a** by following the experimental conditions described for Method **B** (76% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 1.48 (3H, d, J=7.0 Hz), 5.02 (m, 1H), 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.39 (m, 4H), 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.70 (br, 1H), 10.52 ppm (s, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 32.91, 50.47, 109.48, 119.67, 120.54, 122.89, 126.41, 127.55, 128.91, 132.66, 143.84, 150.95, 156.85, 159.27 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>14</sub>FN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 342.0688, found: 342.0676.

6-Chloro-3-((1-phenylethyl)amino)-4*H*-benzo[e][1,2,4]thiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (3.15b).

The white compound was obtained from **3.4b** by following the experimental conditions described for Method **B** (59% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 1.48 (3H, d, *J*=7 Hz), 5.02 (m, 1H), 7.28 (m, 3H), 7.38 (m, 4H), 7.66 (1H, d, *J*=8.3 Hz), 7.84 (s, 1H), 10.58 ppm (s, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 22.87, 50.48, 116.64, 120.80, 121.88, 124.34, 125.47, 126.43, 127.57, 128.92, 137.00, 137.63, 143.74, 150.68 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{15}H_{14}CIN_3O_2S$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 358.0392, found: 358.0385.

#### 7-Bromo-3-((1-phenylethyl)amino)-4*H*-benzo[e][1,2,4]thiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (3.15c).

The white compound was obtained from **3.4c** by following the experimental conditions described for Method **B** with the slight modification that the crude material was dissolved in a 1:1 hydromethanolic solution of sodium bicarbonate instead of an aqueous solution of sodium bicarbonate (46% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 1.49 (3H, d, *J*=7 Hz), 5.02 (m, 1H), 7.19 (1H, d, *J*=8.7 Hz), 7.26 (m, 1H), 7.38 (m, 4H), 7.71 (2H, dd, *J*=8.7, 2.2 Hz), 7.76 (1H, d, *J*=2.2 Hz), 10.57 ppm (s, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 22.84, 50.50, 115.12, 119.69, 124.58, 125.38, 126.43, 127.14, 127.57, 128.91, 129.23, 135.31, 135.61, 143.73, 150.71 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{15}H_{14}BrN_3O_2S$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 401.9887, found: 401.9885.

#### 3-((1-Phenylethyl)amino)-4*H*-benzo[e][1,2,4]thiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (3.15d).

The white compound was obtained from **3.4d** by following the experimental conditions described for Method **B** (52% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 1.47 (3H, d, *J*=6.9 Hz), 5.03 (m, 1H), 7.19 (1H, d, *J*=8.2 Hz), 7.25 (m, 2H), 7.39 (m, 4H), 7.54 (2H, t, *J*=8.3 Hz), 7.58 (br, 1H), 7.67 (1H, d, *J*=7.6 Hz), 10.42 ppm (s, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 22.96, 50.36, 117.06, 123.08, 123.28, 124.26, 126.41, 127.54, 128.92, 132.86, 135.98, 143.91, 150.82 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{15}H_{15}N_3O_2S$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 324.0782, found: 324.0782.

#### 7-Chloro-3-((1-phenylethyl)amino)-4*H*-benzo[e][1,2,4]thiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (3.15e).

The white compound was obtained from **3.4e** by following the experimental conditions described for Method **B** (59% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 1.49 (3H, d, J=7.0 Hz), 5.02 (m, 1H), 7.25 (m, 2H), 7.38 (m, 4H), 7.60 (1H, dd, J=8.7, 2.4 Hz), 7.65 (1H, d, J=2.4 Hz), 7.76 (br, 1H), 10.62 ppm (s, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 22.88, 50.49, 119.42, 122.59, 124.23, 126.42, 127.58, 127.69, 128.92, 132.89, 134.95, 143.75, 150.79 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{15}H_{14}CIN_3O_2S$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 358.0392, found: 358.0361.

## 7-Fluoro-3-((4-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl)amino)-4*H*-benzo[e][1,2,4]thiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (3.16a).

The white compound was obtained from **3.4a** by following the experimental conditions described for Method **A** (53% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 4.58 (2H, d, *J*=5.9 Hz), 7.30 (m, 1H), 7.45- 7.56 (m, 4H), 7.71 (2H, d, *J*=8.2 Hz), 7.76 (br, 1H), 11.00 ppm (br, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 43.94, 109.27, 119.52, 120.62, 123.41, 123.82, 125.69, 126.11, 128.18, 132.81, 144.05, 151.82, 156.88, 159.30 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{15}H_{11}F_4N_3O_2S$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 396.0405, found: 396.0388.

## 6-Chloro-3-((4-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl)amino)-4*H*-benzo[*e*][1,2,4]thiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (3.16b).

The white compound was obtained from **3.4b** by following the experimental conditions described for Method **A** (48% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 4.50 (2H, d, *J*=5.8 Hz), 7.30 (s, 1H), 7.32 (1H, d, *J*=2 Hz), 7.37 (2H, d, *J*=8.5 Hz), 7.45 (2H, d, *J*=8.7 Hz), 7.70 (1H, d, *J*=8.7 Hz), 7.86 (s, 1H), 10.90 ppm (s, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 43.66, 116.65, 119.26, 121.50, 121.81, 121.87, 124.35, 125.45, 129.55, 137.01, 137.53, 138.48, 147.83, 151.48 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>11</sub>ClF<sub>3</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 412.0110, found: 412.1504.

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# 7-Bromo-3-((4-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl)amino)-4*H*-benzo[e][1,2,4]thiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (3.16c).

The white compound was obtained from **3.4c** by following the experimental conditions described for Method **A** (39% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 4.58 (2H, d, J=5.2 Hz), 7.22 (1H, d, J=8.7 Hz), 7.55 (2H, d, J=8.1 Hz), 7.73 (m, 3H), 7.78 (1H, d, J=2.2 Hz), 7.83 (br, 1H), 11.04 ppm (s, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 43.94, 115.16, 119.28, 123.41, 124.50, 125.41, 125.71, 126.11, 127.99, 128.21, 128.30, 135.51, 135.69, 143.97, 151.61 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{15}H_{11}BrF_3N_3O_2S$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 455.9605, found: 455.9591.

7-Fluoro-3-((2-methoxybenzyl)amino)-4*H*-benzo[e][1,2,4]thiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (3.17a).

The white compound was obtained from **3.4a** by following the experimental conditions described for Method **A** (71% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 3.48 (s, 3H), 4.43 (2H, d, J=5.7 Hz), 6.93 (1H, t, J=7.3 Hz), 7.02 (1H, d, J=8.1 Hz), 7.28 (m, 3H), 7.46 (2H, t, J=8.7 Hz), 7.52 (1H, dd, J=7.5, 2.8 Hz), 10.78 ppm (s, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 55.83, 109.51, 111.03, 119.47, 120.68, 123.79, 126.14, 128.38, 129.05, 132.78, 151.84, 156.83, 157.21, 159.25 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>14</sub>FN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 358.0637, found: 358.0608.

6-Chloro-3-((2-methoxybenzyl)amino)-4*H*-benzo[*e*][1,2,4]thiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (3.17b).

The white compound was obtained from **3.4b** by following the experimental conditions described for Method **A** (67% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 3.48 (s, 3H), 4.43 (2H, d, *J*=5.7 Hz), 6.93 (1H, t, *J*=7.3 Hz), 7.03 (1H, d, *J*=8.2 Hz), 7.28 (m, 4H), 7.66 (br, 1H), 7.68 (1H, d, *J*=8.3 Hz), 10.47 ppm (br, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 55.86, 111.08, 116.57, 120.68, 121.84, 124.25, 125.43, 126.04, 128.44, 129.08, 136.99, 137.53, 151.55, 157.23 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{15}H_{14}CIN_3O_3S$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 374.0342, found: 374.0336.

7-Bromo-3-((2-methoxybenzyl)amino)-4*H*-benzo[e][1,2,4]thiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (3.17c).

The white compound was obtained from **3.4c** by following the experimental conditions described for Method **A** (56% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  = 3.84 (s, 3H), 4.42 (2H, d, *J*=5.3 Hz), 6.93 (1H, t, *J*=7.3 Hz), 7.03 (1H, d, *J*=8.2 Hz), 7.18 (1H, d, *J*=8.5 Hz), 7.22 (1H, d, *J*=7.2 Hz), 7.28 (1H, t, *J*=7.7 Hz), 7.46 (br, 1H), 7.72 (1H, dd, *J*=8.7, 2 Hz), 7.77 (1H, d, *J*=2 Hz), 10.69 ppm (br, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 55.86, 111.08, 115.00, 119.60, 120.69, 124.51, 125.40, 126.06, 128.42, 129.08, 135.61, 151.61, 157.22 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{15}H_{14}BrN_3O_3S$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 417.9836, found: 417.9816.

7-Fluoro-3-((4-methylbenzyl)amino)-4*H*-benzo[e][1,2,4]thiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (3.18a).

The white compound was obtained from **3.4a** by following the experimental conditions described for Method **A** (74% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 2.28 (s, 3H), 4.44 (2H, d, *J*=5.7 Hz), 7.16 (2H, d, *J*=7.8 Hz), 7.22 (2H, d, *J*=7.8 Hz), 7.28 (m, 1H), 7.46 (m, 1H), 7.52 (1H, dd, *J*=7.5, 2.8 Hz), 7.64 (br, 1H), 10.81 ppm (s, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 21.13, 44.10, 109.49, 119.54, 120.53, 120.77, 123.89, 127.66, 129.40, 132.84, 135.86, 136.68, 151.75, 156.83, 157.21, 159.25 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>14</sub>FN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 342.0688, found: 342.0672.

6-Chloro-3-((4-methylbenzyl)amino)-4*H*-benzo[e][1,2,4]thiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (3.18b).

The white compound was obtained from **3.4b** by following the experimental conditions described for Method **A** (78% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 2.28 (s, 3H), 4.41 (2H, d, *J*=4.2 Hz), 7.17 (2H, d, *J*=7.9 Hz), 7.22 (2H, d, *J*=7.9 Hz), 7.28 (s, 1H), 7.30 (s, 1H), 7.68 (1H, d, *J*=8.3 Hz), 7.76 (br, 1H), 10.64 ppm (br, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 21.14, 44.10, 116.66, 121.89, 124.23, 125.42, 127.70, 129.40, 135.76, 136.70, 136.96, 137.65, 151.49 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{15}H_{14}CIN_3O_2S$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 358.0392, found: 358.0388.

7-Bromo-3-((4-methylbenzyl)amino)-4*H*-benzo[e][1,2,4]thiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (3.18c).

The white compound was obtained from **3.4c** by following the experimental conditions described for Method **A** (61% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 2.28 (s, 3H), 4.43 (2H, d, *J*=4.6 Hz), 7.15- 7.23 (m, 5H), 7.67 (br, 1H), 7.72 (1H, dd, *J*=8.7, 2.2 Hz), 7.77 (1H, d, *J*=2.2 Hz), 10.83 ppm (s, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 21.48, 44.10, 116.67, 121.90, 124.23, 125.42, 127.70, 129.40, 135.77, 136.70, 136.95, 137.65, 151.48 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{15}H_{14}BrN_3O_2S$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 401.9887, found: 401.9885.

6-Chloro-3-((3-methoxybenzyl)amino)-4*H*-benzo[e][1,2,4]thiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (3.19b).

The white compound was obtained from **3.4b** by following the experimental conditions described for Method **A** (81% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 3.74 (s, 3H), 4.46 (2H, d, *J*=5.3 Hz), 6.85 (1H, dd, *J*=8, 2 Hz), 6.94 (m, 2H), 7.27 (1H, d, *J*=7.8 Hz), 7.29 (2H, d, *J*=7 Hz), 7.70 (1H, d, *J*=8.8 Hz), 7.79 (br, 1H), 10.79 ppm (s, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 44.29, 55.45, 112.99, 113.38, 116.66,119.81, 121.78, 124.30, 125.43, 129.95, 137.03, 137.54, 140.42, 151.47, 159.81 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{15}H_{14}CIN_3O_3S$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 374.0342, found: 374.0335.

7-Bromo-3-((3-methoxybenzyl)amino)-4*H*-benzo[e][1,2,4]thiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (3.19c).

The white compound was obtained from **3.4c** by following the experimental conditions described for Method **A** with the slight modification that the crude material was dissolved in a 1:1 hydromethanolic solution of sodium bicarbonate instead of an aqueous solution of sodium bicarbonate (74% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 3.74 (s, 3H), 4.44 (s, 2H), 6.85 (1H, d, *J*=7.9 Hz), 6.92 (2H, d, *J*=10.5 Hz), 7.20 (1H, d, *J*=8.6 Hz), 7.26 (1H, t, *J*=7.8 Hz), 7.72 (2H, dd, *J*=8.7, 2 Hz), 7.77 (1H, d, *J*=2 Hz), 10.79 ppm (br, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 44.28, 55.47, 113.01, 113.36, 115.05,119.68, 119.79, 124.57, 125.39, 129.95, 135.62, 140.45, 151.59, 159.81 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>14</sub>BrN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 417.9836, found: 417.9819.

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6-Chloro-3-((2,4-difluorobenzyl)amino)-4*H*-benzo[e][1,2,4]thiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (3.20b).

The white compound was obtained from **3.4b** by following the experimental conditions described for Method **A** (69% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 4.47 (2H, d, J=5.6 Hz), 7.10 (1H, t, J=8.5 Hz), 7.24-7.32 (m, 3H), 7.45 (q, 1H), 7.69 (1H, d, J=8.5 Hz), 7.79 (br, 1H), 10.84 ppm (s, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 38.08, 104.26, 111.77, 116.67, 121.78,124.40, 125.47, 131.23, 137.04, 137.44, 151.38, 159.34, 160,77, 161.68, 163.33 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{15}H_{10}CIF_2N_3O_2S$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 380.0048, found: 380.0051.

7-Bromo-3-((2,4-difluorobenzyl)amino)-4*H*-benzo[e][1,2,4]thiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (3.20c).

The white compound was obtained from **3.4c** by following the experimental conditions described for Method **A** (73% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 4.48 (2H, d, *J*=5.5 Hz), 7.10 (1H, t, *J*=8.5 Hz), 7.20 (1H, d, *J*=8.7 Hz), 7.27 (m, 1H), 7.45 (q, 1H), 7.70 (br, 1H), 7.73 (1H, dd, *J*=8.7, 2.2 Hz), 7.78 (1H, d, *J*=2.2 Hz), 10.93 ppm (s, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 38.09, 104.27, 111.99, 115.20, 119.66,122.06, 124.45, 125.42, 131.20, 135.39, 135.69, 151.43, 159.20, 160,76, 161.79, 163.32 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{15}H_{10}BrF_2N_3O_2S$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 423.9542, found: 423.9538.

7-Fluoro-3-((4-(trifluoromethoxy)benzyl)amino)-4*H*-benzo[e][1,2,4]thiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (3.21a).

The white compound was obtained from **3.4a** by following the experimental conditions described for Method **C** (59% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 4.51 (2H, d, *J*=5.7 Hz), 7.29 (q, 1H), 7.37 (2H, d, *J*=8.2 Hz), 7.44- 7.52 (m, 4H), 7.73 (br, 1H), 10.91 ppm (s, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 43.64, 109.51, 119.26, 119.59, 120.60, 121.51, 123.85, 129.50, 132.80, 138.63, 147.80, 151.77, 156.87, 159.29 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{15}H_{11}F_4N_3O_3S$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 412.0354, found: 412.0304.

## 6-Chloro-3-((4-(trifluoromethoxy)benzyl)amino)-4*H*-benzo[e][1,2,4]thiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (3.21b).

The white compound was obtained from **3.4b** by following the experimental conditions described for Method **C** (64% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 4.51 (2H, d, *J*=5.7 Hz), 7.30 (2H, d, *J*=7.8 Hz), 7.37 (2H, d, *J*=8.6 Hz), 7.45 (2H, d, *J*=8.6 Hz), 7.69 (1H, d, *J*=8.6 Hz), 7.85 (br, 1H), 10.90 ppm (s, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 43.65, 116.66, 119.26, 121.51, 121.81, 121.85, 124.35, 125.45, 129.54, 137.03, 137.52, 138.49, 147.84, 151.47 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>11</sub>ClF<sub>3</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 428.0059, found: 428.0062.

# 7-Bromo-3-((4-(trifluoromethoxy)benzyl)amino)-4*H*-benzo[e][1,2,4]thiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (3.21c).

The white compound was obtained from **3.4c** by following the experimental conditions described for Method **C** (68% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 4.50 (2H, d, *J*=5 Hz), 7.21 (1H, d, *J*=8.7 Hz), 7.36 (2H, d, *J*=8.2 Hz), 7.45 (2H, d, *J*=8.5 Hz), 7.74 (1H, d, *J*=8.6, 2 Hz), 7.78 (2H, d, *J*=2 Hz), 10.84 ppm (s, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 43.65, 115.10, 116.72, 119.26, 119.68, 121.49, 121.81, 124.54, 125.40, 129.53, 135.55, 135.64, 138,52, 147.82, 151.58 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{15}H_{11}BrF_3N_3O_3S$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 471.9554, found: 471.9540.

3-((4-(Trifluoromethoxy)benzyl)amino)-4*H*-benzo[e][1,2,4]thiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (3.21d).

The white compound was obtained from **3.4d** by following the experimental conditions described for Method **C** (72% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 4.52 (2H, d, J=5.8 Hz), 7.22 (1H, d, J=8.2 Hz), 7.26 (1H, t, J=7.6 Hz), 7.37 (2H, d, J=8.2 Hz), 7.46 (2H, d, J=8.6 Hz), 7.56 (1H, t, J=8.2 Hz), 7.61 (br, 1H), 7.67 (1H, d, J=7.2 Hz), 10.83 ppm (s, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 43.55, 117.04, 119.27, 121.50, 121.81, 123.05, 123.30, 124.27, 129.50, 132.89, 136.12, 138.71, 147.79, 151.62 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{15}H_{12}F_3N_3O_3S$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 394.0449, found: 394.0439.

3-((4-Aminobenzyl)amino)-7-bromo-4*H*-benzo[e][1,2,4]thiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (3.22c).

The white compound was obtained from **3.4c** by following the experimental conditions described for Method **B** (48% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 4.26 (s, 2H), 5.03 (s, 2H) 6.52 (s, 2H), 7.00 (s, 2H), 7.16 (s, 1H), 7.46 (s, 1H), 7.76 (d, 2H), 10.15 ppm (s, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 44.28, 114.02, 114.17, 114.73, 119.76, 124.63, 125.35, 128.93, 130.36, 135.49, 135.89, 148.39, 151.56 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{14}H_{13}BrN_4O_2S$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 402.9840, found: 402.9819.

### 3-(Allylamino)-7-fluoro-4H-benzo[e][1,2,4]thiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (3.23a).

The white compound was obtained from **3.4a** by following the experimental conditions described for Method **C** (81% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 3.88 (m, 3H), 5.12- 5.23 (m, 2H), 5.88 (m, 1H), 7.28 (q, 1H), 7.36 (br, 1H), 7.43- 7.57 (m, 2H), 10.75 ppm (s, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 43.15, 109.47, 116.23, 119.52, 120.75, 123.86, 132.80, 134.92, 151.65, 156.82, 159.24 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{10}H_{10}FN_3O_2S$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 278.0375, found: 278.0351.

### 3-(allylamino)-6-chloro-4H-benzo[e][1,2,4]thiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (3.23b).

The white compound was obtained from **3.4b** by following the experimental conditions described for Method **C** (76% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 3.88 (m, 3H), 5.15 (m, 1H), 5.29 (m, 1H), 5.88 (m, 1H), 7.29 (s, 1H), 7.31 (1H, d, J=8.7 Hz), 7.50 (br, 1H), 7.68 (d, 1H), 10.74 ppm (br, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 43.16, 116.32, 116.61, 121.85, 124.28, 125.42, 134.81, 136.69, 137.53, 151.33 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** *m/z* calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>10</sub>ClN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S [*M*+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 294.0079, found: 294.0068.

### 3-(allylamino)-4*H*-benzo[e][1,2,4]thiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (3.23d).

The white compound was obtained from **3.4d** by following the experimental conditions described for Method **C** (88% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 3.88 (m, 3H), 5.12- 5.23 (m, 2H), 5.88 (q, 1H), 7.21 (1H, d, J=8.2 Hz), 7.25 (2H, t, J=8.3 Hz), 7.55 (1H, t, J=8.3 Hz), 7.65 (1H, dd, J=7.8, 2 Hz), 10.64 ppm (s, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 43.05, 116.19, 116.98, 123.05, 123.28, 124.19, 132.82, 135.01, 136.13, 151.49 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{10}H_{11}N_3O_2S$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 260.0469, found: 260.0338.

7-Bromo-3-((4-fluorophenethyl)amino)-4*H*-benzo[e][1,2,4]thiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (3.24c).

The white compound was obtained from **3.4c** by following the experimental conditions described for Method **A** (73% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 2.84 (2H, t, *J*=7.2 Hz), 3.47 (q, 2H), 7.14 (m, 4H), 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.73 (1H, dd, *J*=8.7, 2.2 Hz), 7.77 (1H, d, *J*=2.2 Hz), 10.78 ppm (br, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 34.15, 42.41, 115.01, 115.46, 115.66, 119.51, 124.53, 125.39, 130.91, 130.99, 135.44, 135.58, 151.46, 160.19, 162.59 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{15}H_{13}BrFN_3O_2S$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 419.9793, found: 419.9792.

7-Bromo-3-((4-methoxyphenethyl)amino)-4*H*-benzo[e][1,2,4]thiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (3.25c).

The white compound was obtained from **3.4c** by following the experimental conditions described for Method **A** (67% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 2.78 (2H, t, *J*=7.2 Hz), 3.43 (q, 2H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 6.89 (2H, d, *J*=8.6 Hz), 7.14 (br, 1H), 7.16 (3H, d, *J*=8.6 Hz), 7.71 (1H, dd, *J*=8.7, 2.2 Hz), 7.77 (1H, d, *J*=2.2 Hz), 10.75 ppm (br, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 34.13, 42.66, 55.45, 114.42, 115.00, 119.52, 124.53, 125.38, 130.12, 130.06, 135.44, 135.58, 151.42, 158.27 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{16}H_{16}BrN_3O_3S$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 431.9993, found: 431.9996.

# 7-Bromo-3-((2-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl)amino)-4*H*-benzo[e][1,2,4]thiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (3.26c).

The white compound was obtained from **3.4c** by following the experimental conditions described for Method **A** (42% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 4.67 (2H, d, *J*=5.4 Hz), 7.22 (1H, d, *J*=8.7 Hz), 7.54 (m, 1H), 7.67- 7.79 (m, 5H), 11.09 ppm (br, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 41.12, 114.22, 119.71, 123.53, 124.44, 125.45, 126.37, 128.15, 128.85, 133.72, 135.45, 135.73, 137.07, 151.61 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{15}H_{12}BrF_3N_3O_2S$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 455.9605, found: 455.9588.

3-((2-(1*H*-indol-3-yl)ethyl)amino)-7-fluoro-4*H*-benzo[e][1,2,4]thiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (3.27a).

A mixture of 7-fluoro-3-methylsulfanyl-4*H*-1,2,4-benzothiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (**3.4a**, 0.25 g, 1.02 mmol) and tryptamine (0.19 g, 1.21 mmol) was dissolved in 1,4-dioxane (10 mL) and refluxed for 72 h. The reaction was allowed to cool, and the solvent and excess amine removed in vacuo and the resulting residue dissolved in an aqueous 2% w/v solution of sodium hydroxide (7 mL). This solution was treated with charcoal and was filtered. The filtrate was adjusted to pH 3-4 using 6N HCl. The precipitated compound was collected by filtration, washed with water twice and air dried. The dried compound was suspended in an aqueous solution of sodium bicarbonate (NaHCO<sub>3</sub>) (1 g/40 mL). The alkaline solution was treated with charcoal and filtered, and the filtrate was adjusted to pH 4-5 with 6N HCl. The white precipitate was collected by filtration, washed twice with water, and air dried (0.197 g, 53% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 2.97 (2H, t, *J*=7.2 Hz), 3.56 (q, 2H), 6.99 (1H, t, *J*=7.7 Hz), 7.09 (2H, t, *J*=7.8 Hz), 7.22 (m, 2H), 7.35 (1H, d, *J*=8.1 Hz), 7.45 (1H, t, *J*=8.7 Hz), 7.53 (1H, dd, *J*=7.5, 2.8 Hz), 7.59 (1H, d, *J*=7.8 Hz), 10.72 (br, 1H), 10.90 ppm (br, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 25.21, 41.70, 109.50, 111.53, 111.87, 118.78, 119.37, 120.73, 121.49, 123.37, 123.84, 127.59, 132.85, 136.74, 151.73, 156.77, 159.18 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{17}H_{15}FN_4O_2S$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 381.0797, found: 381.0749.

3-((2-(1H-indol-3-yl)ethyl)amino)-6-chloro-4*H*-benzo[*e*][1,2,4]thiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (3.27b).

The white compound was obtained from **3.4b** by following the experimental conditions described for **36a** (62% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 2.97 (2H, t, *J*=7.2 Hz), 3.55 (q, 2H), 6.99 (1H, t, *J*=7.9 Hz), 7.08 (1H, t, *J*=7.9 Hz), 7.22 (1H, d, *J*=2.5 Hz), 7.23 (br, 1H), 7.30 (2H, dd, *J*=8.4, 2.0 Hz), 7.34 (1H, d, *J*=8.1 Hz), 7.61 (1H, d, *J*=7.8 Hz), 7.68 (1H, d, *J*=8.4 Hz), 10.71 (br, 1H), 10.90 ppm (br, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 25.15, 41.71, 111.51, 111.87, 116.47, 118.78, 121.49, 123.38, 124.18, 125.44, 126.53, 127.59, 136.74, 136.93, 137.55, 151.43, 161.92 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{17}H_{15}CIN_4O_2S$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 397.0501, found: 397.0498.

3-((4-Chlorophenethyl)amino)-7-fluoro-4*H*-benzo[e][1,2,4]thiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (3.28a).

The white compound was obtained from **3.4a** by following the experimental conditions described for Method **A** (81% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 2.85 (2H, t, *J*=7.1 Hz), 3.47 (q, 2H), 7.14 (br, 1H), 7.24 (m, 1H), 7.30 (1H, d, *J*=8.3 Hz), 7.36 (2H, d, *J*=8.3 Hz), 7.45 (1H, t, *J*=8.7 Hz), 7.51 (1H, dd, *J*=7.5, 2.8 Hz), 10.70 ppm (s, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 34.32, 42.18, 109.48, 119.45, 120.74, 128.79, 131.08, 131.39, 131.60, 132.78, 138.36, 151.67, 159.22, 166.91 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{15}H_{13}CIFN_3O_2S$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 376.0298, found: 376.0270.

# 7-Fluoro-3-((4-((trifluoromethyl)thio)benzyl)amino)-4*H*-benzo[e][1,2,4]thiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (3.29a).

The white compound was obtained from **3.4a** by following the experimental conditions described for Method **A** (72% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 4.57 (2H, d, J=5.9 Hz), 7.30 (m, 1H), 7.44- 7.53 (m, 4H), 7.7 (2H, d, J=8.1 Hz), 7.77 (br, 1H), 11.05 ppm (s, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 43.87, 109.51, 119.50, 120.84, 121.77, 123.83, 128.54, 129.00, 131.60, 132.82, 136.79, 143.08, 151.86, 156.88, 159.30 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{15}H_{11}F_4N_3O_2S_2$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 428.0126, found: 428.0131.

7-Fluoro-3-((4-methoxyphenethyl)amino)-4*H*-benzo[e][1,2,4]thiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (3.30a).

The white compound was obtained from **3.4a** by following the experimental conditions described for Method **A** (63% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 2.79 (2H, t, *J*=7.2 Hz), 3.44 (q, 2H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 6.88 (2H, d, *J*=8.6 Hz), 7.10 (br, 1H), 7.16 (2H, d, *J*=8.5 Hz), 7.24 (br, 1H), 7.44 (1H, t, *J*=8.7 Hz), 7.52 (1H, dd, *J*=7.5, 2.8 Hz) 10.73 ppm (br, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 34.20, 42.66, 55.42, 109.47, 114.30, 119.40, 120.47, 120.71, 123.75, 130.12, 131.09, 132.82, 151.70, 156.78, 158.26, 159.20 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>16</sub>FN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 372.0794, found: 372.0720.

6-Chloro-3-((3-methoxyphenethyl)amino)-4*H*-benzo[e][1,2,4]thiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (3.31b).

The white compound was obtained from **3.4b** by following the experimental conditions described for Method **A** (77% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 2.83 (2H, t, *J*=7.1 Hz), 3.48 (q, 2H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 6.80 (1H, d, *J*=8.2 Hz), 6.87 (m, 2H), 7.23 (m, 3H), 7.29 (1H, dd, *J*=8.4, 2 Hz), 7.68 (1H, d, *J*=8.4 Hz), 10.67 ppm (br, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 34.98, 42.29, 55.36, 112.19, 114.78, 116.53, 121.37, 121.86, 124.23, 125.42, 129.91, 136.94,137.51, 140.86, 151.38, 159.79 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>16</sub>CIN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 388.0498, found: 388.0542.

## 7-Fluoro-3-((3-(trifluoromethyl)phenethyl)amino)-4*H*-benzo[e][1,2,4]thiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (3.32a).

The white compound was obtained from **3.4a** by following the experimental conditions described for Method **A** (75% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 2.97 (2H, t, *J*=7 Hz), 3.52 (q, 2H), 7.25 (br, 2H), 7.45 (1H, t, *J*=8.7 Hz), 7.50 (1H, dd, *J*=7.5, 2.8 Hz), 7.57 (q, 3H), 7.63 (s, 1H), 10.71 ppm (br, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 34.69, 42.06, 109.45, 119.45, 120.48, 120.72, 123.51, 123.83, 125.72, 129.84, 132.78, 133.40, 140.81, 151.74, 156.87, 159.24 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{16}H_{13}F_4N_3O_2S$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 410.0562, found: 410.0497.

### 7-Fluoro-4-methyl-3-(methylthio)-4*H*-benzo[e][1,2,4]thiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (3.33a).

To a solution of 7-fluoro-3-methylsulfanyl-4*H*-1,2,4-benzothiadiazine1,1-dioxide (**3.4a**,1 g, 3.8 mmol) in acetonitrile/DMF, 4:1 (15 mL) at room temperature was added K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (0.48 g, 3.45 mmol) and methyl iodide (1 mL, 6.9 mmol). The mixture was stirred for 10 h and

the solvent was removed in vacuo. The solid residue was taken up in water (20 mL). The resulting aqueous suspension was adjusted to pH 2 by means of formic acid, and the precipitate was collected by filtration and washed with water. The crude compound was recrystallized in methanol/water to provide the title compound as a white powder (0.93 g, 89% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 2.55 (s, 3H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 7.68 (m, 2H), 7.73 (m, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 16.09, 36.41, 110.29, 120.66, 121.48, 125.01, 135.26, 158.17, 160.63, 166.35 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>9</sub>FN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 282.9987, found: 282.9954.

### 4-Methyl-3-(methylthio)-4H-benzo[e][1,2,4]thiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (3.33d).

The white compound was obtained from **3.4d** by following the experimental conditions described for **42a** (76% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 2.54 (s, 3H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 7.60 (m, 2H), 7,79 (1H, t, J=8.6 Hz), 7.86 ppm (1H, dd, J=7.8, 2.0 Hz).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 15.98, 36.13, 117.45, 123.96, 126.74, 133.82, 138.43, 166.09 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_9H_{10}N_2O_2S_2$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 265.0081, found: 264.992.

### 3-(Isopropylamino)-4-methyl-4H-benzo[e][1,2,4]thiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (3.34d).

To a soluton of 4-methyl-3-methylsulfanyl-4*H*-1,2,4-benzothiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (**3.33d**, 0.2 g, 0.79 mmol) in 1,4-dioxane (3 mL) in a sealed vessel was added isopropylamine (0.2 mL, 3.16 mmol) and the mixture heated for 24 h at 130 °C. The excess solvent and amine were removed by distillation under reduced pressure, and the residue was suspended in water (15 mL). The mixture was stirred for 1 h at room temperature, the resultant precipitate was collected by filtration, washed twice with water, and recrystallized from methanol/water to yield the title compound as a white powder (0.11 g, 55% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 1.21 (6H, d, *J*=6.5 Hz), 3.46 (s, 3H), 4.05 (q, 1H), 7.36 (1H, t, *J*=7.5 Hz), 7.45 (2H, d, *J*=8.3 Hz), 7.65 (1H, t, *J*=8.5 Hz), 7.70 ppm (1H, dd, *J*=7.8, 2.0 Hz).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 22.53, 35.09, 44.80, 66.80, 117.22, 122.76, 124.42, 126.45, 132.77, 139.26, 153.37 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{11}H_{15}N_3O_2S$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 276.0552, found: 276.0782.

### Chapter 4. Discovery of Halogenated Benzothiadiazine Derivatives as Novel VEGF Inhibitors

#### 4.1. Introduction

Angiogenesis is a physiological process which is tightly regulated by the balance between angiogenic and antiangiogenic factors in normal tissues.<sup>210</sup> Vascular permeability factor (VPF) or vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF), is one of the best characterized angiogenic factors. It plays a critical role in the vascular system in both pathological angiogenesis, such as cancer and normal physiological functions including bone formation, hematopoiesis, wound healing, and development.<sup>104, 211, 212</sup> The main function of VEGF is to modulate vessel permeability, remodeling, endothelial cell survival, proliferation and migration.<sup>213, 214</sup> In tumor cells, VEGF is highly overexpressed which induces other proangiogenic factors and leads to the formation of new blood vessels.<sup>215</sup> Vascular endothelial growth factor and its receptors are dysregulated by activation, overexpression, or mutation that leads to tumorigenesis and metastasis by initiating downstream signaling transduction pathways resulting in angiogenesis, vascular permeability enhancement, and tumor development.<sup>101</sup>

The narrow therapeutic index is one of the major drawbacks of using the traditional chemotherapeutic agents to treat cancer in addition to the lack of specificity, severe side effects, and development of drug resistance. Therefore, anti-angiogenesis as a new therapy strategy was developed to target tumors and assist in overcoming the side effects of the chemotherapeutic agents. Currently, the antiangiogenic drugs against VEGF have been shown to normalize tumor vasculature and, as a result, offer an improvement in chemotherapeutic delivery. Therefore, anti-VEGF drugs are most effective in clinical practice when combined with other chemotherapeutic anticancer agents.<sup>216</sup> Anti-VEGF treatments are designed to target both the pro-angiogenic activity and the antiapoptotic

functions of VEGF.<sup>215</sup> Thus, vascular endothelial growth factor is a focus of interest concerning vascular research and oncology.

The target of action of the diazoxide derivatives were envisioned as VEGF inhibitors because diazoxide has been shown to inhibit VEGF mediated angiogenesis in in vivo Matrigel plug assay in mice. 209 Moreover, the structural similarity between our compounds with many known VEGF inhibitors, such as pazopanib, indicated a possible role as VEGF inhibitors. These compounds share the quanidine template, which is the active unit in many VEGF inhibitors.<sup>217</sup> The guanidine unit is set deeply into the hydrophilic site of the hydrophobic pocket and forms a strong hydrogen bond with amino acid Asp331.<sup>218</sup> A similar structural unit is also common in VEGF inhibitor drugs such as sorafenib, sunitinib, regorafenib, in which they usually have urea moiety in their chemical structures.<sup>219</sup> The urea unit is a bioisostere of the quanidine group, which contributes to the biological activity of these drugs.<sup>220</sup> According to a recent study, the sulfonylurea unit was important for VEGF inhibitors in place of urea scaffolds, and the resulting derivatives showed great activity for VEGF inhibition.<sup>219</sup> Moreover, the functional sulfonamide unit has been extensively studied for VEGF inhibition. The aromatic sulfonamide derivatives are known to have many biological activities, including antimicrobial, 221 antiinflammatory, 222 and anticancer activity. 223 I speculated that novel anti-angiogenesis agents might be found among cyclic sulfonamide derivatives. Hence, the current chapter involves synthesis of new derivatives based on cyclic sulfonamide template that could be explored for VEGF inhibition. The electron withdrawing groups such as halogen atoms as a substitution in the compounds seem to be beneficial for stability and activity of the VEGF inhibitors. 224 These attributes guide us to envision the synthesis of novel derivatives of cyclic sulfonamides and evaluate these compounds as antiangiogenic agents for cancer therapy.

The discovery of tumor blood vessel formation and the subsequent concept of suppressing angiogenesis was a significant breakthrough in antineoplastic treatment and improved our knowledge of the biology of cancer. In order to identify new angiogenesis inhibitors; herein, I report the synthesis of a library of novel benzothiadiazine derivatives to understand structural effect on VEGF inhibition activity and their biological activities against triple negative breast cancer MDA-MB-468, and HEK293 human embryonic kidney cell lines. Selective DZX derivatives were screened for the activity on the VEGF induced proliferation on human umbilical vein endothelial cells (HUVECs). A promising result was achieved in this research wherein several of these novel derivatives 3.9b, 3.11-3.14b, 3.20-3.21b, 4.5-4.7b, and 4.7-4.17e could suppress the major signaling pathways in tumor angiogenesis VEGF, which showed moderate cytotoxicity against cancer cell lines and no effect on the low tumorigenic cells up to 50 µM. Understanding signaling mechanisms in tumor angiogenesis will improve the development of novel therapies and lead to the discovery of more efficient angiogenesis treatments in cancers.

**Figure 4.1.** Structure similarity between diazoxide derivative **3.21b** and FDA-approved VEGF inhibitors.

#### 4.2. Results and Discussion

### 4.2.1. Chemistry

The parent compound diazoxide can be accessed by a number of reported syntheses, our adopted route blends elements of several.<sup>194, 197-200</sup> Additionally, a number of derivatives of DZX with various side chains have been synthesized as K<sub>ATP</sub> channel activators that are selective to pancreatic β-cells, although no determination of antineoplastic effects of these compounds have been reported.<sup>197</sup> I sought to modify the side chain through a different amine to form a guanidine template which is important in many known VEGF inhibitors. Furthermore, I also envisioned adding different halogen substituents in the phenyl ring of the diazoxide structure in different positions of those derivatives which were described in the chapter 3. The synthesis of the new diazoxide derivatives was carried out according to **Schemes 3.1-3.3** in chapter 3 (**Table 4.1-4.3**).<sup>201</sup>

I also attempted the synthesis of benzothiadiazine derivatives with cyanide groups as substitution on the aromatic ring of the DZX derivative. Based on the literature, introduction of cyano group tend to improve the inhibition of VEGF.<sup>225, 226</sup> Unfortunately, the synthesis of these derivatives did not result in the formation of the product leading to the formation of an undesired product (product is not characterized). On the other hand, a few CN-benzothiadiazine derivatives are known, synthesized by the reflux of the halogen benzothiadiazine with copper cyanide. Due to the time constraints, this method was not employed to synthesize the CN-benzothiadiazine derivatives. Future synthetic studies will involve the synthesis of CN-benzothiadiazine derivatives based on the above-described procedure.<sup>227</sup>

#### 4.2.2. VEGF Inhibition Assay

As described in the previous chapter, the CII derivative DZX is also linked to VEGF, wherein halogen substitution on the benzothiadiazine ring provided slightly increased CII

inhibition activity over saturated counterparts. To further evaluate if DZX derivatives which have been synthesized in chapter 3 show anti-angiogenesis properties, they have been evaluated for VEGF inhibition activity. The VEGF inhibition activity was assessed by our collaborators at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center following a literature reported method using HUVEC cells treated with VEGF as previously described. The VEGF treated cells were employed as a positive control with dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO) as a negative control. To assess the antiangiogenic activity of the synthesized DZX derivatives *in vitro*, our collaborators at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center examined the effect of DZX derivatives on VEGF-induced proliferation in HUVECs using MTT assay. Several compounds were found to inhibit VEGF-induced HUVEC proliferation with high statistical significance compared to VEGF treated cells and the DMSO control. Toxicity to low tumorigenic cells was confirmed in the human embryonic kidney cell lines (HEK293), wherein most of the potent diazoxide derivatives did not affect cell viability.

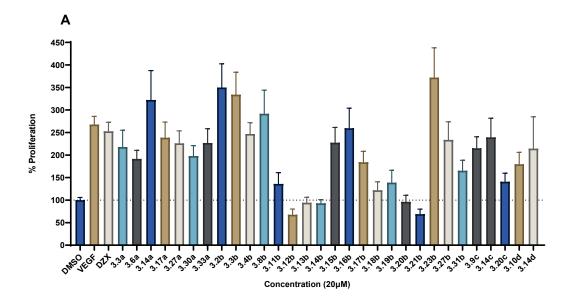
Several of the synthesized diazoxide derivatives were initially screened at 20 µM concentration. The 7-fluorobenzothiadiazine substituted derivatives provided lower activity of VEGF inhibition (Figure 4.2). When the 7-fluoro substituent on the benzothiadiazine ring was interchanged with 7-bromo substitution, the inhibitory activity of the derivatives notably increased, as shown with 3.9c, 3.14c and 3.20c. The 6-chlorobenzothiadiazine derivatives showed the most potent activity to reduce HUVEC-VEGF treated cell proliferation over 7-fluorobenzothiadiazine and 7-bromobenzothiadiazine. homologation series of benzylamine derivatives without substitution (3.12b), phenethyl (3.9b), and phenyl propyl (3.14b) were found to be highly active for inhibition of proliferation in the VEGF treated cells with 118%-200%. The derivatives 3.12b with benzylamine as a substitution has 4-fold cells inhibition to VEGF treated cells. The 6chlorobenzothiadiazine substituted in benzothiadiazine ring is very important for the

activity of phenyl propyl (3.14b) which suppression of VEGF-mediated cells growth by 178% in contrast to the inactive 7-fluorobenzothiadiazine 3.14a (0% cells inhibition) and 7-bromobenzothiadiazine derivatives 3.14c (24% cells inhibition). We therefore chose to focus our efforts to design VEGF inhibitors on chlorine substituted derivatives. Electrondonating substitution with a methoxy group increases the VEGF inhibitory activity dependent on position; 4-OMe (3.11b) >3-OMe (3.19b) >2-OMe (3.17b). Adding electrondonating methyl substitution to the benzylamine ring increases the VEGF inhibitory activity as shown with 4.5b, 4.6b, and 3.18b. The electron-withdrawing groups on the benzylamine ring have high activity as shown in 4-OCF<sub>3</sub> (3.21b) and 2-OCF<sub>3</sub> (4.7b). Moreover, the cyclopentylamine (3.13b) have 3-fold activity to inhibit the cell proliferation of HUVEC-VEGF treated cells by 174% at 20 µM concentration.

Most of the 7-chlorobenzothiadiazine series showed potency to reduce percentage proliferation of the VEGF treated cells. The benzyl amine derivative (4.8e) showed highly active to suppresses VEGF-mediated cells growth (124% cells inhibition) than phenethylamine (4.6e) (82%), phenylpropylamine (4.11e) (92%), and phenylbutylamine (4.16e) (116%) slightly similar the activity as 6-chlorobenzothiadiazine 3.12b, 3.9b, and 3.14b. These results suggest that increased lipophilicity in DZX derivatives had similar VEGF activity. The electron-withdrawing groups on the benzylamine ring such as 2,4-difluorobenzylamine increase the activity to inhibit VEGF by 3.5-fold (133%) as shown in 7-chloro derivative 4.14e and 2.5-fold (167%) with 6-chloro derivative 3.20b. The 7-chlorobenzothiadiazine substituted cyclopentylamine (4.10e) side chain derivative possessed high activity similar to the activity of 6-chloro substituted 3.13b DZX derivatives. Adding electron-donating methyl substitution on the benzylamine ring increases the VEGF inhibitory activity by 3 to 4-fold as shown with 2-Me 4.9e >4-Me 4.12e >3-Me 4.15e derivatives compared to 6-chlorobenzothiadiazine derivatives 3-Me (4.5b)

>2-Me (**4.6b**) >4-Me (**3.18b**). Increase in the polarity of the compound side chain by adding picolylamine (**4.17e**) diminished the activity to inhibit VEGF-mediated cells growth by 67% (**Figure 4.2**).

Some of the lead compounds were analyzed for phosphorylated VEGFR2 using Western blot in HUVEC cells. Cells were treated with test compounds (20 µM) along with VEGF (10 ng/mL) for 5 min. The DMSO was used as a negative control, whereas DMSO + VEGF was used as a positive control. Cells were lysed using RIPA buffer (10 mmol/L Tris-HCl, 1 mmol/L EDTA, 0.5 mmol/L EGTA, 1% Triton X-100, 0.1% sodium deoxycholate, 0.1% SDS and 140 mmol/L NaCl), supplemented with protease and phosphatase inhibitors (Halt Protease and Phosphatase Inhibitor). Cell lysates were centrifuged, and the supernatants were mixed with appropriate amount of 5X SDS loading buffer proteins were resolved on polyacrylamide gel and transferred onto nitrocellulose/PVDF membrane and treated with pVEGFR2 antibody. The membrane was developed using chemiluminescence, and the bands were analyzed using densitometry. From figure 4.3, phosphorylation of VEGFR2 was highly upregulated in the presence of VEGF, whereas the treatment with DZX derivatives resulted in attenuation of the expression of pVEGFR2. Diazoxide derivative 3.13b did not affect the expression of pVEGFR2, while other DZX derivatives 3.12b, 3.20b, 4.7b, 4.9e showed 46-59% attenuation in phosphorylated pVEGFR2 expression compared to VEGF treated control. Compounds 3.21b, 4.10e, 4.13e, and DZX were found to be most potent towards attenuation of pVEGFR2 expression (75-97% downregulation). These results signify that DZX derivatives have the potential to further explore them as VEGF inhibitors.



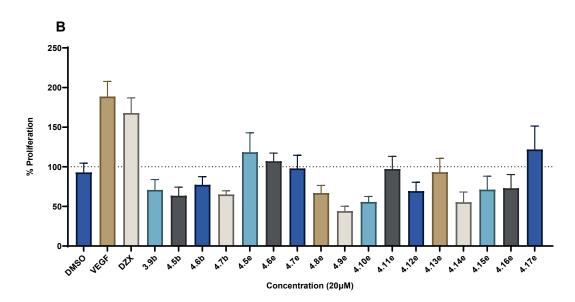
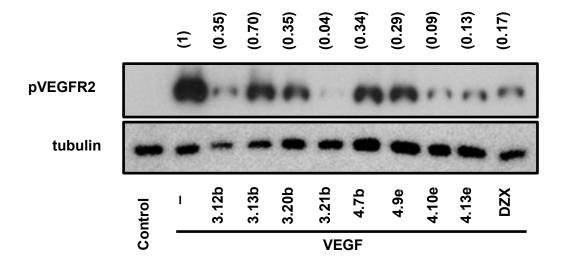
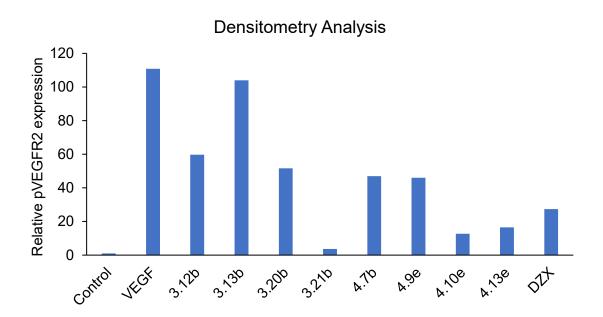


Figure 4.2. Cytotoxic effect of diazoxide derivatives at 20  $\mu$ M concentration in HUVEC cells in the presence of VEGF (10 ng/mL). A) Cell proliferation inhibition of VEGF (10 ng/mL) treated HUVEC cells by diazoxide derivatives previously synthesized in chapter 3. B) Cell proliferation inhibition of VEGF (10 ng/mL) treated HUVEC cells by diazoxide derivatives newly synthesized in this chapter. Values represent the mean  $\pm$ SEM of n = 3 experiments.





**Figure 4.3.** Western blotting demonstrating the effect of selective DZX derivatives on the expression of phosphorylation of vascular endothelial growth factor receptor-2 (VEGFR-2) in HUVEC cells with the addition of VEGF (10 ng/mL) and DZX derivatives concentration (20  $\mu$ M).

Compound	Structure	Mw	cLogPª	PSA⁵	% Cells Inhibition <sup>c</sup>
DZX	CI NH	230.67	1.0	58.53	15 ±20
3.3a	F NH S	232.25	0.76	58.20	50 ±35
3.6a	F S S S	285.34	1.66	70.56	76 ±18
3.14a	F S S S	333.38	2.37	70.56	0
3.17a	F S S O	335.35	1.58	79.79	29 ±33
3.27a	F N N NH	358.39	1.98	82.59	41 ±26
3.30a	F S O O	349.38	1.91	79.79	70 ±22

3.33a	F S N	290.30	1.84	49.74	41 ±30
3.9c	Br S O	380.26	2.71	70.56	47 ±24
3.14c	Br O'S O	394.29	3.09	70.56	24 ±41
3.20c	Br S O O	402.21	2.67	70.56	127 ±18
3.10d	H H H	225.27	0.28	70.56	81 ±25
3.14d	S N	315.39	2.22	70.56	39 ±68

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Calculated by ChemDraw Professional 16.0.

**Table 4.1**. Structure, molecular weight, calculated logP, polar surface area, and % of proliferation inhibition relative to VEGF treated cells of diazoxide derivatives with 7-fluoro, 7-bromo substitution and a non-halogenated ring.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup> Polar surface area (pH 7.4), calculated by ChemDraw Professional 16.0.

 $<sup>^{\</sup>circ}$  Percentage of suppression VEGF-mediated cells growth. Values represent the mean  $\pm$ SEM of n = 3 experiments.

Compound	Structure	Mw	cLogP <sup>a</sup>	PSA <sup>b</sup>	% Cells Inhibition <sup>c</sup>
3.2b	CI NHO NH	232.64	1.52	75.27	0
3.3b	CI N S NH	248.7	1.33	58.2	0
3.4b	CI N S	262.73	1.54	58.53	21 ±23
3.8b	CI N H N F	339.77	2.37	70.56	0
3.9b	CI H H N	335.81	2.56	70.56	118 ±12
3.11b	CI H H H O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O	351.81	2.15	79.79	132 ±24
3.12b	CI N H H	321.78	2.23	70.56	200 ±12
3.13b	CI N N N	299.77	1.93	70.56	174 ± 12
3.14b	CI H H H	349.83	2.94	70.56	178 ±8

3.15b	CI H H H N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N	335.81	2.54	70.56	38 ±33
3.16b	CI H H H CF3	389.28	3.11	70.56	1 ±43
3.17b	CI H H O	351.81	2.15	79.79	79 ±23
3.18b	CI H H H	335.81	2.73	70.56	146 ±18
3.19b	CI H H H O	351.81	2.15	79.79	126 ±26
3.20b	CI H H F F	357.76	2.52	70.56	167 ±14
3.21b	CI H H O CF3	405.78	3.26	79.79	196 ±11
3.23b	CI H H N	271.72	1.24	70.56	0
3.27b	CI N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N	374.84	2.55	82.59	24 ±38
3.31b	CI H H	365.83	2.48	79.79	99 ±22

4.5b	CI H H H S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S	335.81	2.73	70.56	125 ±10
4.6b	CI H H H	335.81	2.68	70.56	111 ±9
4.7b	CI H H O CF3	405.78	3.26	79.79	124 ±4

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Calculated by ChemDraw Professional 16.0.

**Table 4.2**. Structure, molecular weight, calculated logP, polar surface area, and % of proliferation inhibition relative to VEGF treated cells of diazoxide derivatives with 6-chloro substitution.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup> Polar surface area (pH 7.4), calculated by ChemDraw Professional 16.0.

 $<sup>^{\</sup>circ}$  Percentage of suppression VEGF-mediated cells growth. Values represent the mean  $\pm$ SEM of n = 3 experiments.

Compound	Structure	Mw	cLogP <sup>a</sup>	PSA <sup>b</sup>	% Cells Inhibition <sup>c</sup>
4.5e	CI S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S	339.77	2.37	70.56	70 ±23
4.6e	CI S O	335.81	2.56	70.56	82 ±10
4.7e	CI S O	351.81	2.15	79.79	91 ±15
4.8e	CI S O	321.78	2.23	70.56	122 ±9
4.9e	CI S N	335.81	2.73	70.56	145 ±6
4.10e		299.77	1.93	70.56	133 ±6
4.11e	CI S S S	349.83	2.94	70.56	92 ±15
4.12e	CI S O	335.81	2.73	70.56	119 ±10

4.13e	CI S O	351.81	2.15	79.79	96 ±16
4.14e	CI SO F	357.76	2.52	70.56	133 ±12
4.15e	CI S N	335.81	2.68	70.56	117 ±15
4.16e	CI S N	363.86	3.47	70.56	116 ±16
4.17e	H H N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N	322.77	0.73	82.92	67 ±27

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Calculated by ChemDraw Professional 16.0.

**Table 4.3**. Structure, molecular weight, calculated logP, and polar surface area of diazoxide derivatives with 7-chloro substitution.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup> Polar surface area (pH 7.4), calculated by ChemDraw Professional 16.0.

 $<sup>^{\</sup>circ}$  Percentage of suppression VEGF-mediated cells growth. Values represent the mean  $\pm$ SEM of n = 3 experiments.

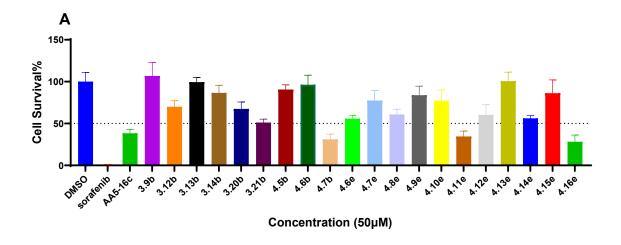
#### 4.2.3 Cytotoxicity Assay

Taking AA5 derivative **16c** as a reference compound, clinical chemotherapeutic sorafenib as positive control and DMSO as negative control, the most active diazoxide derivatives were evaluated to determine their cell growth inhibition ability against different cell lines including human embryonic kidney cells (HEK293), and triple-negative breast cancer cells (MDA-MB-468) by MTS cell proliferation assay which was performed according to the manufacturer's recommended protocol.<sup>205</sup>

Initially, the cytotoxicity of the DZX derivatives which have an excellent activity to inhibit HUVEC-VEGF treated cells have been evaluated by using the low tumorigenic HEK293 cells at 50 μM concentration. These results showed that most of these compounds (18 compounds) were unable to inhibit the proliferation of the HEK293 cells by more than 50% at 50 μM concentration. Three diazoxide derivatives inhibited the proliferation of HEK293 cells more than 50% with the range of inhibition between 65-72% (Figure 4.4 A). However, the inhibition of these three compounds is lower than the clinical VEGF inhibitor sorafenib, which inhibits proliferation of HEK293 cells by 99% at 50 μΜ. 6-Chloro-3-((2-(trifluoro-methoxy)benzyl)amino)-4*H*-benzo[e][1,2,4]thiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (4.7b) is the most toxic derivative for 6-chloro substitution with an IC<sub>50</sub> value of 30.48 μΜ. The diazoxide derivatives with 7-chloro substitution, 4.11e and 4.16e, also exhibited toxicity with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 30.85 μM and 23.41 μM, respectively (Table 4.4). Six diazoxide derivatives did not show inhibition of the HEK293 cell proliferation more than 10%. In general, the percentage inhibition of the other potent VEGF inhibitors compounds on HEK293 cells are in the range between 0-49% (Figure 4.4 A).

The potent VEFG inhibitor compounds showed modest activity at 50  $\mu$ M against the most aggressive triple negative breast cancer cells (MDA-MB-468), The IC<sub>50</sub> values for the most potent compound **4.7b** was 14.93  $\mu$ M. Moreover, compound **4.7b** showed

good activity and moderate selectivity against MDA-MB-468 cancer cell lines over low tumorigenic HEK293 cells (IC<sub>50</sub> = 30.48  $\mu$ M). The 7-chlorobenzothiadiazine derivative **4.12e** showed the second most potent activity to reduce MDA-MB-468 cell viability with an IC<sub>50</sub> value of 43.10  $\mu$ M. The 7-chlorobenzothiadiazine derivative (2,4-difluorophenyl) methanamine (**4.14e**) afforded IC<sub>50</sub> = 45.49  $\mu$ M which had lower IC<sub>50</sub> value than the 6-chlorobenzothiadiazine derivative (**3.20b**) with IC<sub>50</sub> = 84.63  $\mu$ M. 6-Chloro-3-((4-(trifluoromethoxy)benzyl)amino)-4*H*-benzo[e][1,2,4] thiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (**3.21b**) possessed an IC<sub>50</sub> value of 48.01  $\mu$ M in MDA-MB-468 and IC<sub>50</sub> = 77.16  $\mu$ M in low tumorigenic HEK293 cells (**Table 4.4**). The other diazoxide derivatives were found to be inactive in inhibiting MDA-MB-468 cell proliferation (>50  $\mu$ M) (**Figure 4.4 B**).



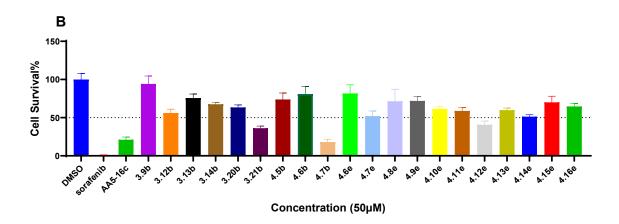


Figure 4.4. Cytotoxic effect of potent diazoxide derivatives (50  $\mu$ M, 72-hour treatment): A) Cytotoxic effect of diazoxide derivatives on human embryonic kidney (HEK293) cells. B) Cytotoxic effect of diazoxide derivatives on triple negative breast cancer (MDA-MB-468) cells. Values represent the mean  $\pm$ SD of n= 3 experiments.

Commound	Churchina	MDA-MB-468	HEK293	
Compound	Structure	IC <sub>50</sub> (μΜ) <sup>a</sup>	IC <sub>50</sub> (μΜ) <sup>a</sup>	
Sorafenib	CI CF <sub>3</sub>	7.31 ±1.9	2.95 ±0.1	
AA5-16c	OH O MeO N OH	6.71 ±0.8	25.93 ±2.4	
3.12b	CI H H	64.16 ±14.2	101.90 ±16.1	
3.13b	CI H H H	147.80 ±26.3	N.D. <sup>b</sup>	
3.14b	CI H H H	91.91 ±16.8	110.81 ±7.4	
3.20b	CI H H H F F	84.63 ±9.6	129.40 ±12.2	
3.21b	CI H H H O CF3	48.01 ±14.3	77.16 ±5.2	
4.7b	CI N N O CF3	14.93 ±2.5	30.48 ±4.1	
4.7e		62.90 ±4.2	N.D.	

4.11e	CI S O	N.D.	30.85 ±3.9
4.12e	CI S O	43.10 ±7.5	N.D.
4.14e	CI S O F	45.49 ±9.1	58.94 ±13.7
4.16e	CI S N	N.D.	23.41 ±3.2

 $<sup>^{</sup>a}$ Values are the mean  $\pm$ SD of n = 3 experiments at 72 hours.

### <sup>b</sup>Not Determined

**Table 4.4**. Cytotoxicity of the potent VEGF inhibitors of diazoxide derivatives and the clinical chemotherapeutic sorafenib in triple negative breast cancer MDA-MB-468 cells and low tumorigenic human endothelial kidney (HEK293) cells.

#### 4.3. Conclusions

In summary, the development and use of antiangiogenic agents, especially those targeting the common growth factor VEGF, has become an integral component of antineoplastic regimens for many cancer types. A novel benzothiadiazine derivatives **3.9b**, **3.11b-3.14b**, **3.20b**, **3.21b**, **4.5b-4.7b**, and **4.7e-4.17e** were identified possess enhanced activity to inhibit the HUVEC-VEGF treated cells. Also, DZX derivatives **3.21b**, **4.10e**, **4.13e**, and the parent compound **DZX** were found to be most potent towards attenuation of pVEGFR2 expression. These potent derivatives reduced the cell viability of triple negative breast cancer MDA-MB-468 cells and low toxicity for the low tumorigenic HEK293 cells. The current SAR of the DZX derivative as VEGF inhibitors can be summarized as shown in **Figure 4.5**. These novel structural analogues of angiogenesis inhibitors that were discovered might be useful to improve the suppression of the tumor especially in combination treatment with the chemotherapeutic agent. Future studies involve IC<sub>50</sub> determination of potent VEGF inhibitors and improve the SAR based on the activity.

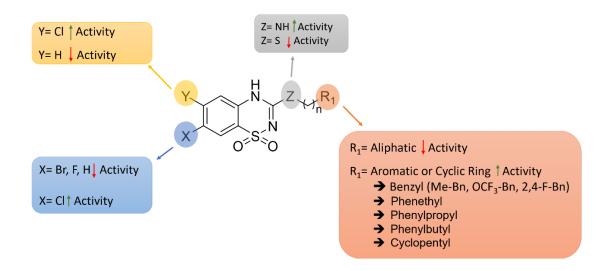


Figure 4.5. Structure activity relationship of the DZX derivative as VEGF inhibitors.

#### 4.4. Experimental Section

# 4.4.1. Biology

### 4.4.1.1. Cell Culture and Reagents

Cells were maintained at 37 °C with 5% CO2 in a humidified environment. Cell lines Primary Human Umbilical Vein Endothelial Cells (HUVEC), human embryonic kidney cells (HEK293), and triple-negative breast cancer cells (MDA-MB-468) were purchased from the American Type culture Collection (ATCC). The HUVEC cells were routinely cultured in M199 medium (Corning, Cat# MT10060CV), supplemented with 15% Fetal Bovine Serum (FBS, GIBCO<sup>™</sup>, Cat# 10438026), 150 µg/mL Endothelial Cell Growth Supplement (ECGS), 5 U/mL heparin sodium and 1X Antibiotic-Antimycotic solution (GIBCO™, Cat# 15240-062). MDA-MB-468 cells were cultured in Dulbecco's Modified Eagle Medium (DMEM, Fisher Scientific, Cat# 50-188-267FP) and HEK293 cells in Eagle's Minimum Essential Medium (ATCC<sup>®</sup>, Cat# 30-2003™), supplemented with FBS (ATCC<sup>®</sup>, Cat# 30-2020) to a final concentration of 10% and Penicillin-Streptomycin Solution (Corning<sup>TM</sup>. Cat# MT30001CI) according to the supplier's recommended protocol. Vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF, Cat# SRP3182) were purchased from Sigma. Diazoxide (Alfa Aesar™, Cat# AAJ66010ME) and Sorafenib ™ (Tocris Bioscience™, Cat# 68-141-0) were purchased from Fisher Scientific. Stock solutions of all compounds were prepared in DMSO and were serially diluted for cell culture treatment maintaining the final DMSO concentration at less than 1%. Cell Titer 96 AQueous one solution cell proliferation assay (3-(4,5-dimethylthiazol-2-yl)-5-(3-carboxymethoxyphenyl)-2-(4-sulfophenyl)-2Htetrazolium) (MTS) assay was purchased from Promega (Cat# G3580).

#### 4.4.1.2 Cytotoxicity Assays

To determine the cell growth inhibition ability of the synthesized compounds, MTS assay used according to the manufacturer's recommended protocol. Stock solutions of the synthesized compounds were prepared in DMSO. Cells were seeded at a density of 1 x 10<sup>5</sup> cells in 96-well plates. After 24 hours, cells were treated at the indicated concentrations of test compounds, limiting the final DMSO concentration to less than 1%. After incubation at 37 °C in an environment of 5% CO<sub>2</sub> for 48-72 hours, 10 μL of MTS reagent (CellTiter 96® AQueous One Solution Reagent) was added to each well and incubated at the above-mentioned conditions for 2-4 h. Absorbance was recorded at 570 nm on a BioTek Synergy Mx multimode plate reader and the viability of cells were plotted as percentage of controls.

# **4.4.1.3 VEGF Assay**

Cell proliferation of HUVECs was evaluated through the MTT (3-[4, 5-dimethylthiazol-2-yl]-2, 5-dimethyltetrazolium bromide) colorimetric assay, as previously described.<sup>229</sup> The HUVECs were seeded at a density of 10,000 cells/well in 24 well plates in serum-containing medium and cultured overnight. Cells were starved with 300 μL of assay media (0.1% BSA+0.1% FBS in basal medium) for 24 h. Then, cells were treated with 500 μL of assay medium (control group), VEGF (10ng/mL, positive control group) or VEGF along with compounds (20 μM). After 48 h of culture, 50 μL of MTT stock (5 mg/mL in PBS) was added to each well and incubated for 2 h at 37 °C to allow the formation of dark blue formazan crystals in the metabolically active cells. The medium was removed, the cells were washed with PBS (pH 7.4), and 100 μL of acidified isopropanol (0.33 mL HCl in 100 mL isopropanol) was added to each well and incubated for 5 min with thorough agitation to solubilize the formazan crystals. An equal volume of the solution was

transferred to a 96-well plate and the absorbance was immediately measured using a microplate reader at a wavelength of 570 nm. Results were confirmed by direct measurement of the cells using a standard hemocytometer.

#### 4.4.1.4 Statistical Analysis

Experiments were repeated at least thrice, and the statistical significance was calculated using the unpaired t test. A p value of <0.05 was considered statistically significant. IC<sub>50</sub> values were calculated by GraphPad prism software.

### 4.4.2 Chemistry

#### General

All reactions were carried out in oven- or flame-dried glassware under positive nitrogen pressure unless otherwise noted. Reaction progress was monitored by thin-layer chromatography (TLC) carried out on silica gel plates (2.5 cm x 7.5 cm, 200 µm thick, 60 F254) and visualized by using UV (254 nm) or by potassium permanganate or phosphomolybdic acid stain as indictor. Commercial grade solvents and reagents were purchased from Fisher Scientific (Houston, TX) or Millipore-Sigma (Milwaukee, WI) and were used without further purification except as indicated. Anhydrous solvents were purchased from Across Organics and stored under an atmosphere of dry nitrogen over molecular sieves.

<sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded in the indicated solvent on a Bruker 400 MHz Advance III HD spectrometer at 400 and 100 MHz for <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C respectively with solvent peak as an internal standard. Multiplicities are indicated by s (single), d (doublet), d (doublet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet), m (multiplet), and br (broad). Chemical shifts

(δ) are reported in parts per million (ppm), and coupling constants (*J*), in Hertz. High-resolution mass spectroscopy (HRMS) was performed on a TripleTOF 5600 (SCIEX) using an ESI source conducted at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Pharmacy in Dallas, TX for all the synthesized compounds in chapter 3. Also, the high-resolution mass spectroscopy (HRMS) was performed on 6230 LC/TOF (Agilent). The spectral data was extracted from total ion chromatogram (TIC).

#### 7-Chloro-3-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2*H*-1,2,4-benzothiadiazine1,1-dioxide (4.2e).

A solution of chlorosulfonyl isocyanate (3.3 mL, 37.6 mmol) in nitromethane (50 mL) was mixed in a closed dried vessel under nitrogen pressure and cooled to – (5-10) °C (ice and salt bath). The 4-chloroaniline (**4.1e**. 4 g, 31.4 mmol) was added dropwise. The contents were vigorously stirred for 15 mins followed by the addition of anhydrous aluminium chloride (5.44 g, 40.8 mmol) and the mixture was refluxed for 1h. The hot solution was poured onto ice (200 g) and stirred for an additional 30 mins until all ice is melted and the resulting precipitate was collected by filtration and washed with water. The crude solid was treated with an aqueous solution of sodium bicarbonate (5 g/100 mL) followed by heating until the solid precipitate was dissolved. The solution was treated with charcoal and was filtered, the filtrate solution was adjusted to pH 1 using 12N HCl. The resulting pure white precipitate was filtered, washed with water, and air dried (5.8 g, 80% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 7.29 (1H, d, *J*=7.3 Hz), 7.7 (1H, d, *J*=7.7), 7.83 (s, 1H), 11.45 ppm (s, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 119.62, 122.09, 124.05, 127.69, 134.27, 134.53, 151.57 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_7H_5CIN_2O_3S$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 254.9607, found: 254.9648.

# 7-Chloro-3-thioxo-3,4-dihydro-2*H*-1,2,4-benzothiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (4.3e).

A suspension of 7-chloro-3-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-1,2,4-benzothiadiazine1,1-dioxide (**4.2e**, 4.5 g, 19.34 mmol) and phosphorus pentasulfide (8.4 g, 19.34 mmol) was dissolved in anhydrous pyridine (50 mL) and refluxed under nitrogen pressure overnight. The reaction was allowed to cool, and the solvent removed in vacuo, the crude product was dissolved in an aqueous solution of sodium hydroxide (NaOH) (5 g/100 mL). This solution was treated with charcoal and was filtered. The filtrate was acidified to pH 1 using 12N HCl. The precipitated compound was collected by filtration, washed with water, and was allowed to air dry. The dried compound was suspended in an aqueous solution of sodium bicarbonate (NaHCO<sub>3</sub>) (10 g/200 mL) and heated until the solid was dissolved. This solution was treated with charcoal and filtered. The filtrate was adjusted to pH 1 using 12N HCl, and the white precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with water, and air dried. (4.08 g, 81% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 7.25 (1H, d, J=7.2 ), 7.49 (1H, dd, J=7.5, 2.8 Hz), 7.55 (s, 1H), 11.35 ppm (br, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 109.88, 121.31, 122.43, 124.51, 132.66, 158.16, 160.83 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_7H_5CIN_2O_2S_2$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 270.9379, found: 270.9318.

# 7-Chloro-3-methylsulfanyl-4*H*-1,2,4-benzothiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (4.4e).

7-Chloro-3-thioxo-3,4dihydro-2H-1,2,4-benzothiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (**4.3e**, 4.0 g, 15.22 mmol) was suspended in a 1:1 hydromethanolic solution of sodium bicarbonate (5 g/ 200 mL). Methyl iodide was added (2 mL, 30.44 mmol) and the solution was stirred for 1h. The resulting suspension was adjusted to pH 5 using 6N HCl. The suspension was concentrated under reduced pressure, and the white precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with water, and air dried (93% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 2.53 (s, 2H), 7.31 (1H, dd, J=8.8, 2.2 Hz), 7.72 (1H, dd, J=8.8, 2.3 Hz), 7.84 (1H, d, J=2.3 Hz), 12.66 ppm (s, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 13.87, 119.72, 123.16, 123.20, 129.68, 133.88, 133.94, 161.79 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_8H_7CIN_2O_2S_2$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 284.9535, found: 284.9486.

7-Chloro-3-((4-fluorobenzyl)amino)-4*H*-benzo[e][1,2,4]thiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (4.5e).

7-Chloro-3-methylsulfanyl-4H-1,2,4-benzothiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (**4.4e**, 0.25 g, 1 mmol) and 4-fluorobenzylamine (0.23 mL, 1.9 mmol) were dissolved in 1,4-dioxane (8 mL) in a sealed vessel and heated for 24h at 140 °C. The solvent and the excess amine were removed in vacuo, and the residue was dissolved in an aqueous 2% w/v solution of NaOH (6 mL). This solution was treated with charcoal and was filtered. The filtrate was adjusted to pH 1 using 6N HCl. The precipitated compound was collected by filtration, washed with water and air dried. The dried compound was suspended in an aqueous solution of sodium bicarbonate NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (1 g/40 mL). The alkaline solution was treated with charcoal and filtered; the filtrate was adjusted to pH 4-5 with 6N HCl. The white precipitate was collected by filtration, washed twice with water, and air dried (79% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 4.46 (s, 2H), 7.18 (2H, t, *J*=8.8 Hz), 7.26 (1H, d, *J*=8.8 Hz), 7.39 (q, 2H), 7.59 (1H, dd, *J*=8.7, 2.2 Hz), 7.67 (1H, d, *J*=2.2 Hz), 7.76 (br, 1H), 10.94 ppm (br, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 43.64, 115.49, 115.70, 119.42, 122.60, 124.21, 127.54, 129.71, 129.79, 132.87, 135.17, 151.73, 160.59, 163.01 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** *m/z* calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>11</sub>CIFN3O<sub>2</sub>S [*M*+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 362.0142, found: 362.0160.

# 7-Chloro-3-(phenethylamino)-4*H*-benzo[e][1,2,4]thiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (4.6e).

The white compound was obtained from **4.4e** by following the experimental conditions described for **4.5e** (77% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 2.85 (2H, t, *J*=7.2 Hz), 3.48 (s, 2H), 7.20- 7.34 (m, 7H), 7.56 (1H, dd, *J*=8.7Hz), 7.67 (s 1H), 10.91 ppm (br, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 35.05, 42.43, 119.30, 121.61, 124.19, 125.83, 126.82, 127.56, 128.90, 129.12,129.15, 132.84, 135.15, 139.28, 151.52 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{15}H_{14}CIN_3O_2S$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 358.0392, found: 358.0379.

7-Chloro-3-((4-methoxybenzyl)amino)-4*H*-benzo[e][1,2,4]thiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (4.7e).

The white compound was obtained from **4.4e** by following the experimental conditions described for **4.5e** (77% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 3.73 (s, 3H), 4.40 (2H, d, *J*=5.6 Hz), 6.92 (2H, d, *J*=8.6 Hz), 7.26 (m, 3H), 7.62 (2H, dd, *J*=8.7, 2.4 Hz), 7.62 (1H, d, *J*=2.4 Hz), 10.75 ppm (br, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 43.87, 55.55, 114.29, 119.40, 122.61,124.26, 127.59, 129.17, 130.70, 130.90, 132.87, 135.19, 151.51, 158.94 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{15}H_{14}CIN_3O_3S$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 374.03421, found: 374.0338.

# 3-(Benzylamino)-7-chloro-4H-benzo[e][1,2,4]thiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (4.8e).

The white compound was obtained from **4.4e** by following the experimental conditions described for **4.5e** (76% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 4.47 (s, 2H), 7.25 (m, 2H), 7.34 (m, 4H), 7.69 (1H, d, J=8.7 Hz), 7.66 (s, 2H), 10.69 ppm (br, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 44.34, 119.51, 122.59, 124.25, 127.51, 127.57, 127.67, 127.77, 128.86, 132.84, 135.39, 135.42, 138.92, 151.47, 151.75 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{14}H_{12}CIN_3O_2S$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 344.0236, found: 344.0308.

# 7-Chloro-3-((3-methylbenzyl)amino)-4*H*-benzo[e][1,2,4]thiadiazine1,1-dioxide (4.9e).

The white compound was obtained from **4.4e** by following the experimental conditions described for **4.5e** (65% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 2.30 (s, 3H), 4.45 (2H, d, *J*=5.6 Hz), 7.35 (m, 3H), 7.24 (2H, t, *J*=7.8 Hz), 7.61 (1H, dd, *J*=8.7, 2.3 Hz), 7.68 (1H, d, *J*=2.4 Hz),10.78 ppm (br, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 21.49, 44.32, 119.41, 122.61, 124.25, 124.76, 127.63, 128.23, 128.26, 128.80, 132.89, 135.15, 137.98, 138.673, 151.58 ppm. **HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{15}H_{14}CIN_3O_2S$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 358.0392, found: 358.0387.

# 7-Chloro-3-(cyclopentylamino)-4H-benzo[e][1,2,4]thiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (4.10e).

The white compound was obtained from **4.4e** by following the experimental conditions described for **4.5e** ( 51% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 1.44 -1.66 (m, 6H), 1.90 (m, 2H), 4.06 (m,1H), 7.24 (2H, d, J=7.8 Hz), 7.58 (2H, dd, J=8.7, 2.3 Hz), 7.65 (2H, d, J=2.3 Hz), 10.39 ppm (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 23.64, 32.69, 52.85, 119.38, 122.55, 124.33, 127.55, 132.79, 135.04, 151.11 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{12}H_{14}CIN_3O_2S$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 322.0392, found: 322.0351.

# 7-Chloro-3-((3-phenylpropyl)amino)-4*H*-benzo[e][1,2,4]thiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (4.11e).

The white compound was obtained from **4.4e** by following the experimental conditions described for **4.5e** (53% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 1.83 (m, 2H), 2.64 (2H, t, J=8 Hz), 3.26 (q, 2H), 7.17-7.31 (m, 7H), 7.55 (1H, dd, J=8.7, 2.4 Hz), 7.66 (1H, d, J=2.4 ), 10.71 ppm (s, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 30.96, 32.79, 119.33, 122.58, 124.27, 124.30, 126.29, 127.53, 128.74, 128.80, 128.91, 132.82, 135.16, 141.86, 151.55 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>16</sub>ClN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 372.0549, found: 372.0546.

7-Chloro-3-((4-methylbenzyl)amino)-4*H*-benzo[e][1,2,4]thiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (4.12e).

The white compound was obtained from **4.4e** by following the experimental conditions described for **4.5e** (78% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 2.29 (s, 3H), 4.43 (2H, d, *J*=5.7 Hz), 7.17 (2H, d, *J*=8.2 Hz), 7.22 (2H, d, *J*=8.2 Hz), 7.26 (s, 1H), 7.30 (s, 1H), 7.66 (1H, dd, *J*=8.7, 2.4 Hz), 7.68 (2H, d, *J*=2.4), 10.82 ppm (br, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 21.14, 44.12, 119.38, 122.61, 124.25, 127.63, 127.69, 129.41, 132.89, 135.13, 135.76, 136.71, 151.55 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{15}H_{14}CIN_3O_2S$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 358.0392, found: 358.0389.

7-Chloro-3-((3-methoxybenzyl)amino)-4*H*-benzo[*e*][1,2,4]thiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (4.13e).

The white compound was obtained from **4.4e** by following the experimental conditions described for **4.5e** (76% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 3.74 (s, 3H), 4.45 (2H, d, *J*=5.7 Hz), 6.86 (1H, d, *J*=7.2 Hz), 6.92 (2H, d, *J*=8.7 HZ), 7.27 (1H, t, *J*=8.4 Hz), 7.61 (1H, d, *J*=8.7 Hz), 7.67 (s, 2H), 10.84 ppm (br, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 44.29, 55.48, 113.02, 113.37, 119.41,119.80, 122.62, 124.24, 127.67, 129.97, 132.91, 135.31, 140.45, 151.58, 159.82 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{15}H_{14}CIN_3O_3S$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 374.0342, found: 374.0338.

7-Chloro-3-((2,4-difluorobenzyl)amino)-4*H*-benzo[e][1,2,4]thiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (4.14e).

The white compound was obtained from **4.4e** by following the experimental conditions described for **4.5e** (69% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 4.48 (2H, d, *J*=5.7 Hz), 7.09 (1H, t, *J*=8.7 Hz), 7.24(m, 2H), 7.44 (q, 1H), 7.67 (m, 3H), 10.84 ppm (br, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 38.10, 104.26, 104.57, 111.74, 111.95, 119.43, 122.07, 122.65, 124.14, 127.76, 131.18, 132.94, 135.06, 151.52 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{15}H_{10}CIF_2N_3O_2S$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 380.0048, found: 380.0041.

# 7-Chloro-3-((4-methylbenzyl)amino)-4*H*-benzo[e][1,2,4]thiadiazine1,1-dioxide (4.15e).

The white compound was obtained from **4.4e** by following the experimental conditions described for **4.5e** (78% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 2.26 (s, 3H), 4.48 (2H, d, *J*=4.8 Hz), 7.20 (m, 3H), 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.40 (2H, dd, *J*=8.8, 2.4 Hz), 7.67 (s, 1H), 10.71 ppm (br, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 19.09, 42.45, 119.44, 122.62, 124.22, 126.35, 127.60, 127.65, 130.76, 132.88, 135.18, 136.03, 136.48, 151.60 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{15}H_{14}CIN_3O_2S$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 358.0392, found: 358.0399.

# 7-Chloro-3-((4-phenylbutyl)amino)-4*H*-benzo[*e*][1,2,4]thiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (4.16e).

The white compound was obtained from **4.4e** by following the experimental conditions described for **4.5e** (78% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 1.53 (m, 4H), 2.61(2H, t, *J*=7.7 Hz), 3.26 (2H, t, *J*=6.8 Hz), 7.22 (m, 6H), 7.61 (1H, d, *J*=8.8 Hz), 7.66 (s, 1H), 10.67 ppm (br,1H).

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{17}H_{18}CIN_3O_2S$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 386.8486, found: 386.8473.

7-Chloro-3-((pyridin-4-ylmethyl)amino)-4*H*-benzo[e][1,2,4]thiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (4.17e).

The white compound was obtained from **4.4e** by following the experimental conditions described for **4.5e** (56% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 4.50 (2H, d, *J*=5.7 Hz), 7.29 (1H, d, *J*=8.8 Hz), 7.32 (1H, d, *J*=8.8 Hz), 7.62 (1H, dd, *J*=8.7, 2.0 Hz), 7.68 (1H, d, *J*=2.0 Hz), 7.77 (br, 1H), 8.53 (2H, d, *J*=4.6 Hz), 11.09 ppm (br, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 40.40, 119.44, 122.40, 122.64, 124.15, 127.78, 132.97, 135.10, 148.12, 150.04, 151.71 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>11</sub>ClN<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 345.7571, found: 345.7448.

6-Chloro-3-((3-methylbenzyl)amino)-4*H*-benzo[e][1,2,4]thiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (4.5b).

The white compound was obtained from **3.4b** by following the experimental conditions described for **4.5e** (78% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 2.29 (s, 3H), 4.44 (2H, d, *J*=5 Hz), 7.05- 7.15 (m, 3H), 7.24 (1H, t, *J*=7.5 Hz), 7.29 (2H, *J*= 9.0 Hz), 7.70 (1H, d, *J*=7.5 Hz), 7.70 (1H, d, *J*=8.2 Hz), 7.75 (br, 1H), 10.60 ppm (br, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 21.48, 44.32, 116.68, 121.91, 124.26, 123.78, 125.43, 128.23, 128.28, 128.80, 136.97, 137.62, 137.97, 138.72, 151.49 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{15}H_{14}CIN_3O_2S$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 358.0392, found: 358.0339.

6-Chloro-3-((2-methylbenzyl)amino)-4*H*-benzo[e][1,2,4]thiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (4.6b).

The white compound was obtained from **3.4b** by following the experimental conditions described for **4.5e** (93% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 2.32 (s, 3H), 4.41 (s, 2H), 7.19 (s, 3H), 7.28 (3H, t, *J*= 9 Hz), 7.64 (br, 1H), 7.67 (1H, d, *J*=8.2 Hz),10.33 ppm (br, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 19.09, 42.53, 116.73, 121.90, 124.24, 125.43, 126.34, 127.65, 127.72, 130.52, 136.04, 136.48, 136.97, 151.56 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{15}H_{14}CIN_3O_2S$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 358.0392, found: 358.0287.

6-Chloro-3-((2-(trifluoromethoxy)benzyl)amino)-4*H*-benzo[e][1,2,4]thiadiazine 1,1-dioxide (4.7b).

The white compound was obtained from **3.4b** by following the experimental conditions described for **4.5e** (64% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 4.55 (2H, d, *J*=5.8 Hz), 7.30 (2H, d, *J*=7.8 Hz), 7.32 (2H, d, *J*=8.6 Hz), 7.47 (2H, d, *J*=8.6 Hz), 7.75 (br, 1H), 7.84 (1H, d, *J*=8.6 Hz), 10.93 ppm (s, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 113.89, 116.66, 120.82, 121.07, 124.43, 125.50, 126.16, 126.52, 128.01, 129.63, 131.20, 137.25, 157.85, 151.52, 161.90 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{15}H_{11}CIF_3N_3O_3S$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 428.0059, found: 428.0021.

# Chapter 5. Design, Synthesis, and Evaluation of Novel Carbonic Anhydrase Inhibitors as Anticancer Agents

#### 5.1. Introduction

The carbonic anhydrases (CA) are a family of ubiquitous zinc enzymes which play a catalytic role in the reversible hydration of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) and water (H<sub>2</sub>O) to bicarbonate (HCO<sub>3</sub>) and proton. <sup>120</sup> In humans, the carbonic anhydrases enzymes have 16 isoforms that vary by localization and catalytic activity include: the cytosolic CA's are CA I, CA III, CA III, CA VII, CA XIII; also, the membrane-bound CAs are CA IV, CA IX, CA XII, CA XIV, CA XV; but the CA Va and CA Vb are mitochondrial, and CA VI is secreted in saliva and colostrum. Besides, there are three catalytically inactive forms of CA (CA VIII, CA X, and CA XI) referred to as CA related proteins. <sup>123</sup> Carbonic anhydrase IX and CA XII are highly overexpression genes in response to hypoxia in a variety of human solid tumors and play a critical role in regulating tumor acidification, proliferation, and progression. <sup>138</sup>

The overexpression of CA IX and CA XII leads to induced cancer cell growth, activation of the metastatic cascade, and reduced response to chemotherapy. 125 Targeting both CA IX and CA XII in cancers that overexpress these biomarkers and suppress their activity will be therapeutically beneficial in the treatment of tumors. There are several CA inhibitors that have shown potent anticancer activity. The classic CA inhibitors are sulfonamide derivatives which have been determined as potent CA IX and XII inhibitors with high activity to attenuate cancer cell growth both *in vitro* and *in vivo* (**Table 5.1**). 120 Recently, non-classic CA inhibitor coumarin-based small molecules were reported with high efficacy and selectively for inhibiting the enzymatic activity of the physiologically dominant tumor-associated isoenzyme human CA IX and CA XII. 230 Carbonic anhydrase inhibitors with sulfonamides containing a coumarin moiety have been reported to possess high efficacy for inhibiting the enzymatic activity of the physiologically dominant tumor-

associated isoenzyme human CA IX. Moreover, sulfonamides containing coumarin moieties have potent anticancer activity. 166

Here, the synthesis of a series of CA inhibitors have been reported based around the coumarin scaffold with substituted sulfonamide moieties to have the benefit of both sulfonamides and coumarin to inhibit the CA enzymes. I envisioned that these derivatives would potentially possess high selectivity and potency for inhibiting the tumor-associated CA IX and CA XII. Several of the synthesized compounds have anticancer activity against the aggressive cancer cells triple negative breast cancer MDA-MB-468 cells with IC<sub>50</sub> values in the range between 25.74- 39.32 μM. By collaborating with Dr. Claudiu T Supuran's lab in Università degli Studi di Firenze, Florence, Italy, our lab will continue further studies to identify the potent compounds and completing the structure-activity relationship study. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic efforts to evaluate the CA inhibition activity and SAR of these compounds has been impacted.

Compound	Structure	K <sub>i</sub> (μM)		
Compound		CA II	CA IX	CA XII
Acetazolamide	$ \begin{array}{c c} O & N-N & O \\ \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow \\ N & S & J \\ H & O \end{array} $	0.012	0.026	0.006
U-104	F O NH <sub>2</sub>	9.6	0.045	0.004
Dichlorphenamide	H <sub>2</sub> N O O NH <sub>2</sub> O CI	0.038	0.05	0.05
Dorzolamide	NH S S S S S O' O	0.009	0.052	0.004
GC-204	HO, OH OHO	>100	0.009	0.043
GC-205	HOOH	>100	0.2	0.18
1.4	HO O O H	>100	0.2	0.2
1.2	HOOHOO	94.3	0.61	7.7

**Table 5.1**. Structures, and inhibition value of CA II, IX, and XII for several carbonic anhydrase inhibitors. 120, 161, 163, 165, 231

#### 5.2. Results and Discussion

#### 5.2.1. Chemistry

Although several substituted coumarins have been described in the literature, little information is known about the importance of these coumarin structures as a CA inhibitor. The coumarin derivatives (2H-chromen-2-one derivatives) can be accessed by a number of reported syntheses.<sup>232-234</sup> Herein, coumarin ethyl ester was synthesized according to the protocol outlined in **Scheme 5.1**. Initially, the ethyl 7-hydroxy-2-oxo-2H-chromene-3carboxylate (5.2a) was prepared starting from a reaction of the commercially available 2,4dihydroxybenzaldehyde (5.1a) with diethyl malonate in the presence of piperidine. The synthesis of sulfonamide derivatives with the chloroacetamide linker were synthesized as summarized as **Scheme 5.1**. 235, 236 Starting with various of appropriate commercially available sulfonamide derivatives (5.3a-d) were reacted in tetrahydrofuran with 2chloroacetyl chloride at 0 °C in the presence of anhydrous potassium carbonate and a catalytic amount of potassium iodide to give corresponding chloroacetamide derivatives (5.4a-d) in good yields.<sup>237</sup> After that, the mixture of ethyl 7-hydroxy-2-oxo-2H-chromene-3-carboxylate (5.2a) and sulfonamide derivatives (5.4a-d) in DMF were reacted in the presence of potassium carbonate along with potassium iodide led to the formation of coumarin sulfonamides (5.5a-d) in moderate yields (Table 5.2).<sup>234</sup> Finally, hydrolysis of the ethyl ester group by using NaOH in hydroethanolic solution yielded 2-oxo-7-(2-oxo-2-((4-sulfamoylphenyl)amino)ethoxy)-2H-chromene-3-carboxylic acid (5.6a) and 2-oxo-7-(2-oxo-2-((4-(N-(pyridin-2-yl) sulfamoyl)phenyl) amino)ethoxy)-2H-chromene-3-carboxylic acid (5.6d) in good yield (Table 5.2).

Scheme 5.1. Synthesis carbonic anhydrase inhibitors 5.5a-d and 5.6a, 5.6d. Reagents and Conditions: a) Diethyl malonate, piperidine, 60 °C, 3 h, 87%; b) Chloroacetyl chloride, K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, KI, THF, 2 h, 0 °C, 76-93%; c) Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, DMF, 155 °C, 12 h, 49-61%; d) NaOH, ethanol, 1 h, RT, 87%

Several coumarin derivatives (**5.2a-g**) were achieved by following the synthesis of **5.2a** in **scheme 5.1**. The ethyl ester group was hydrolyzed to obtain the compound **5.7a-g** in high yield. Thionyl chloride was refluxed with compounds **5.7a-g** to obtain coumarin acid chloride. Finally, amide coupling reaction was used by adding appropriate sulfonamide derivatives to coumarin acid chloride in the presence of pyridine or triethylamine resulted in compound **5.9a-g**.<sup>232</sup> On the other hand, alternate amide coupling was used for some compounds to achieve an excellent yield by using 1-ethyl-3-(3-dimethylaminopropyl) carbodiimide hydrochloride (EDC) and 1-hydroxybenzotriazole hydrate (HOBt•H<sub>2</sub>O) with triethylamine (TEA) (**Scheme 5.2**) (**Table 5.3**).<sup>238-240</sup>

**Scheme 5.2.** Synthesis carbonic anhydrase inhibitors **5.9a-g.** Reagents and Conditions: **a)** Diethyl malonate, piperidine, 3 h, 60 °C, 70-92%; **b)** NaOH, methanol, RT, 84-99%; **c)** SOCl<sub>2</sub>, 75 °C, 5 h, 71-96%; **d)** Appropriate sulfonamide amines, pyridine, DMF, 12 h, 80 °C, 49-96%; **e)** Appropriate sulfonamide amines, EDC, HOBt•H<sub>2</sub>O, Et<sub>3</sub>N, DMF, RT, 5 h, 73%.

Another derivative was designed with different linkers between the coumarin acids and the sulfonamide derivatives, as described in **schemes 5.3** and **5.4**. 6-Chloro-2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carboxylic acid (**5.7b**) was reacted with glycine methyl ester hydrochloride in the presence of triethylamine and thionyl to yield compound **5.19**. The methyl ester was hydrolyzed by using NaOH in hydroethanolic solution to allow access to (6-chloro-2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carbonyl)glycine (**5.20**). Finally, amide coupling was used by adding appropriate sulfonamide derivatives to **5.20** by using EDC and HOBt•H<sub>2</sub>O with triethylamine to obtained 6-chloro-2-oxo-*N*-(2-oxo-2-((4-sulfamoylphenyl) amino) ethyl)-2*H*-chromene-3-carboxamide (**5.21**) (**Scheme 5.3**).<sup>238, 241</sup>

The ester linker was synthesized to combine the coumarin acids and the sulfonamide derivatives. This derivative was synthesized based on higher rate of hydrolysis and potentially releasing subunits of sulfonamide and coumarin with the interaction of CA which in turn could individually inhibit the activity of CA separately. 2-Oxo-2-((4-sulfamoylphenyl)amino)ethyl7-(diethylamino)-2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carboxylate (5.22) was obtained by reaction of 7-(diethylamino)-2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carboxylic acid (5.7g) with 2-chloro-*N*-(4-sulfamoylphenyl) acetamide (5.4a) in the presence of anhydrous potassium carbonate and a catalytic amount of potassium iodide to afford a moderate yield of 5.22 (Scheme 5.4).<sup>234</sup>

Scheme 5.3. Synthesis of carbonic anhydrase inhibitors 5.21. Reagents and Conditions: a) Glycine methyl ester hydrochloride, SOCl<sub>2</sub>, Et<sub>3</sub>N, DCM, RT, 20 mins, 91%; b) NaOH, methanol, 1 h, RT, 89%; c) Appropriate sulfonamide amines, EDC, HOBt•H<sub>2</sub>O, Et<sub>3</sub>N, DMF, 5 h, RT, 67%.

Scheme 5.4. Synthesis of carbonic anhydrase inhibitors 5.22. Reagents and Conditions: a) K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, KI, DMF, 155 °C, 12 h, 54%

Compound	Structure	Mw	cLogPa	PSA <sup>b</sup>
5.5a	$H_2N-\frac{6}{6}$	446.43	1.37	151.09
5.5b		584.56	3.17	180.28
5.5c	N-8-0-H	488.47	0.97	154.17
5.5d		523.10	2.78	149.46
5.6a	$H_2N-\frac{S}{O}$ $O$	418.38	0.64	162.09
5.6d	О Н О Н О Н О О О О О О О О О О О О О О	495.46	2.05	160.46

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>Calculated by ChemDraw Professional 16.0.

**Table 5.2**. Structure, molecular weight, calculated cLogP and polar surface area of synthesized carbonic anhydrase inhibitors in scheme 5.1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup>Polar surface area (pH 7.4), calculated by ChemDraw Professional 16.0.

Compound	Structure	Mw	cLogPª	PSA <sup>b</sup>
5.9a	HO O O NH <sub>2</sub>	360.34	0.44	135.79
5.10a	HO N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N	466.47	2.11	146.52
5.11a	HO O O H N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N	468.44	1.57	155.75
5.9b	CI NH2	378.78	1.64	115.56
5.10b	CI N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N	484.91	3.31	126.29
5.11b	CI NH N N	486.88	2.77	135.52
5.12b	CI N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N	455.87	3.05	113.93

5.13b	CI N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N	476.91	2.63	126.29
5.14b	CI NH N O	516.91	4.19	144.75
5.15b	CI NH	420.82	1.32	118.64
5.16b	O=\$=O	378.78	1.64	115.56
5.9c	Br NH <sub>2</sub>	423.24	1.79	115.56
5.10c	Br N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N	529.37	3.46	126.29
5.11c	Br N N N	531.34	2.92	135.52

5.12c	Br N N N	500.32	3.20	113.93
5.13c	Br N S N S	521.36	2.78	126.29
5.14c	Br N N O	561.36	4.34	144.75
5.15c	Br N H	465.27	1.47	118.64
5.16c	Br NH <sub>2</sub> O=\$=O	423.24	1.79	115.56
5.9d	CI NH2	413.23	2.35	115.56
5.11d	CI NH N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N	521.33	3.48	135.52

5.12d	CI NH N N	490.31	3.76	113.93
5.12e		421.43	2.32	113.93
5.14e		482.47	3.47	144.75
5.15e		386.38	0.60	118.64
5.16e	NH <sub>2</sub> O=\$=O	344.34	0.92	115.56
5.17e		482.47	2.72	144.75
5.9f	O NH <sub>2</sub>	374.37	0.89	179.24

5.10f	ON ON THE PROPERTY OF THE PROP	480.50	2.56	135.52
5.11f	ON NO N	482.47	2.02	144.75
5.12f	NH N	451.45	2.30	123.16
5.15f		416.40	0.58	127.87
5.16f	NH <sub>2</sub> O=\$=O	3.74.37	0.89	124.79
5.18f	O N S-NH <sub>2</sub> O N S-NH <sub>2</sub> O N NH <sub>2</sub>	521.44	-0.30	184.95
5.9g	O NH <sub>2</sub>	415.46	2.20	118.80

<sup>a</sup>Calculated by ChemDraw Professional 16.0.

<sup>b</sup>Polar surface area (pH 7.4), calculated by ChemDraw Professional 16.0.

**Table 5.3**. Structure, molecular weight, calculated logP and polar surface area of synthesized carbonic anhydrase inhibitors in schemes 5.2-5.4.

# 5.2.2. Prediction of the activity of synthesized carbonic anhydrase inhibitor

Many reports showed sulfonamide or coumarin-based molecules are able to inhibit the carbonic anhydrase enzymes IX and XII and effect tumor pH, leading to inhibition of growth in both primary tumors and metastases. 123, 138, 242 Several sulfonamide or coumarin compounds that inhibit CA IX are in clinical development or in use (**Figures 1.6** and **1.7**). 120 A recent report discovered that the carbonic anhydrase inhibitors with sulfonamide containing coumarin moiety have nanomolar potency to inhibit the enzymatic activity of the physiologically dominant tumor-associated isoenzyme human CA IX (**Table 5.4**). 166 Therefore, I envisioned to synthesize a series of sulfonamide containing coumarin conjugates that could inhibit tumor associated human carbonic anhydrases IX and XII. The compounds which have coumarin's containing sulfonamide moieties could have the potential to be novel and potent antitumor agents.

Compound	Structure	IC <sub>50</sub> (μM)		
Compound	Guadara	CA II	CA IX	MCF-7
5.23	CI N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N	0.023	0.124	0.020
5.24	CI OS H N	0.173	0.090	0.008
5.25	CI NH2	0.103	0.074	0.018
5.26	CI N N N N	0.063	0.024	0.032
5.27	CI N N N N	0.061	0.048	0.061

**Table 5.4**. Carbonic anhydrase inhibitors sulfonamides containing coumarin moieties, Anticancer activities ( $IC_{50}$ ) on human breast cancer cell line (MCF-7).<sup>166</sup>

#### 5.2.3. Cytotoxicity Assay

Recently, carbonic anhydrase IX has been shown to be overexpressed in aggressive breast cancers. Carbonic anhydrase IX plays a major role that drives the growth, migration, and metastasis of the cancer cells. Therefore, it has received more attention as a potential target for triple negative breast cancer. <sup>243, 244</sup> The cytotoxicity of some coumarins and sulfonamide derivatives have been shown to inhibit the proliferation of many aggressive cancer cells including triple-negative breast cancer cell lines with moderate inhibition. <sup>243, 245</sup> Based on the inhibitory capabilities of sulfonamides and coumarins in TNBC, I explored the cytotoxic effect of the synthesized compounds in the TNBC MDA-MB-468 cell line. All the synthesized compounds were initially screened for cytotoxic effect at 50  $\mu$ M over 72 hours (**Figure 5.2**). Cytotoxicity studies were performed using MTS assay. The derivatives that reduced cell viability by 50% or more at 50  $\mu$ M concentration were further evaluated for IC<sub>50</sub> (**Table 3.3**). The clinical agent 5-fluorouracil is employed as a positive control with dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO) as a negative control.

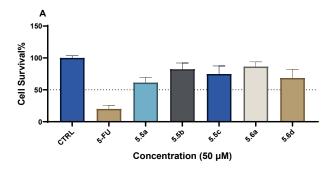
When the sulfonamide derivatives were conjugated to the 7-hydroxyl in the coumarin, the inhibition in TNBC cell viability was diminished. Ethyl 2-oxo-7-(2-oxo-2-((4-sulfamoylphenyl)amino)ethoxy)-2*H*-chromene-3-carboxylate (**5.5a**) which afforded a 39% reduction in cell viability was most active of this class. However, converting the coumarin ester to carboxylic acid (**5.6a**) afforded just 14% reduction of MDA-MB-468 cell viability. On the other hand, replacing the sulfanilamide in **5.5a** to sulfadoxine (**5.5b**) or sulfacetamide (**5.5c**) reduces cell survival of TNBC cells by approximately 18% and 26%, respectively (**Figure 5.2A**).

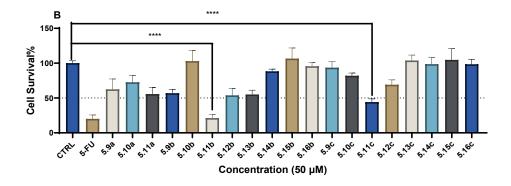
The synthesized compounds with the amide coupling between the coumarin carboxylic acid and sulfonamide derivatives displayed higher inhibition in compounds that depend on the substitution on coumarin. 7-Hydroxyl coumarin compounds with three

different sulfonamide derivatives include sulfanilamide (5.9a), sulfamethazine (5.10a), and sulfamethoxypyridazine (5.11a) have cell viability inhibition between 28-45% at 50 μΜ concentration. The chlorine in position 6 is very important in the derivatives as shown in 6-chloro-N-(4-(N-(6-methoxypyridazin-3-yl) sulfamoyl) phenyl) -2-oxo-2H-chromene-3carboxamide (5.11b), where this compound reduced cell survival of TNBC cells by 79% and possessed an IC<sub>50</sub> value of 26.48 µM with 4-fold selectivity towards TNBC cells over low tumorigenic HEK293 cells (IC<sub>50</sub> = 106.71  $\mu$ M) (**Table 5.3**). Compound **5.12b**, the sulfapyridine, and 5.13b, the sulfamethizole reduced cell survival of MDA-MB-468 cells by 46% and 45%, respectively, while the sulfanilamide (5.9b) and 3-aminobenzenesulfonamide (5.16b) derivatives resulted in 43% and 4% cell viability, respectively. Replacing the 6-chloro to 6-bromo reduced the activity as shown in 6-bromo-N-(4-(N-(6methoxypyridazin-3-yl)sulfamoyl) phenyl)-2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carboxamide (**5.11c**) that possessed an  $IC_{50}$  value of 36.64  $\mu$ M, lower than **5.11b**, but has higher selectivity towards TNBC cells over low tumorigenic HEK293 cells (IC<sub>50</sub> = >200  $\mu$ M). Also, the 6bromo derivatives with sulfapyridine (5.12c), and sulfanilamide (5.9c), as a substitution, reduced cell survival of MDA-MB-468 by 31% and 6%, respectively.

The sulfanilamide derivative with 6,8-dichloro coumarin (**5.9d**, IC<sub>50</sub> = 27.10  $\mu$ M) is more active than derivatives with 6-chloro or 6-bromo coumarins with higher selectivity towards MDA-MB-468 cells over HEK293 cells (IC<sub>50</sub> = >200  $\mu$ M). Replacing the sulfanilamide (**5.9d**) with sulfamethoxypyridazine (**5.11d**) reduced the activity with an IC<sub>50</sub> value of 39.32  $\mu$ M, while the sulfapyridine derivative with 6,8-dichloro coumarin (**5.12d**) afforded the most active compound (IC<sub>50</sub> = 25.74  $\mu$ M) with more than 3-fold selectivity towards TNBC cells over HEK293 cells (IC<sub>50</sub> = 92.52  $\mu$ M) (**Table 5.3**). Most synthesized compounds with a saturated ring in coumarin or with 6-methoxy were found to be inactive (IC<sub>50</sub> >50  $\mu$ M). The coumarin derivatives with a saturated ring 2-oxo-*N*-(4-(*N*-(pyridin-2-yl))

sulfamoyl) phenyl) -2*H*-chromene-3-carboxamide (**5.12e**) inhibited cell survival of MDA-MB-468 cells by 33%, but the 6-methoxy derivative showed 23% cell viability inhibition. Adding amide or ester linker between the coumarin acid and the sulfonamide derivatives increased the polarity of the compounds, but this change did not improve the cytotoxicity of these derivatives. The 6-chloro-2-oxo-*N*-(2-oxo-2-((4-sulfamoylphenyl)amino)ethyl)-2*H*-chromene-3-carboxamide (**5.21**) afforded 29% cell viability inhibition while 2-oxo-2-((4-sulfamoyl phenyl)amino) ethyl 7-(diethylamino)-2-oxo-2*H*-chromene -3-carboxylate (**5.22**) showed 27% cell viability inhibition.





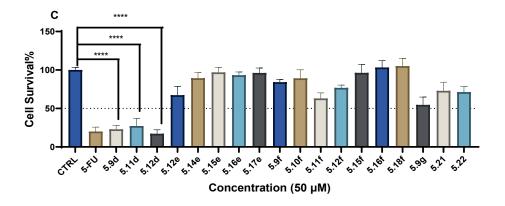


Figure 5.1. Cytotoxic effect of synthesized carbonic anhydrase inhibitors at 50  $\mu$ M for 72-hour treatment in triple negative breast cancer MDA-MB-468 cells. A) Cytotoxic effect of carbonic anhydrase inhibitors 5.5a-c, 5.6a and 5.6d. B) & C) Cytotoxic effect of synthesized carbonic anhydrase inhibitors 5.9a-5.18f, 5.21, and 5.22. Values represent the mean  $\pm$ SD of n = 4 experiments. Unpaired t test; \*\*\*\*p < 0.0001.

Compound	Structure	MDA-MB-468	HEK293
		IC <sub>50</sub> (μΜ) <sup>a</sup>	IC <sub>50</sub> (μM) <sup>a</sup>
5-Fluorouracil	HN F O NO	6.83 ±2.9	7.06 ±0.8
5.9d	CI NH <sub>2</sub>	27.10 ±3.7	>200
5.11b	CI N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N	26.48 ±2.2	106.71 ±6.1
5.11c	Br N N N	36.64 ±7.0	>200
5.11d	CI ON H N N	39.32 ±7.4	137.64 ±3.3
5.12d	CI C	25.74 ±4.3	92.52 ±9.0

 $^{a}$ Values are the mean  $\pm$ SD of n = 3 experiments at 72-hour.

**Table 5.5**. Cytotoxicity of selective synthesized carbonic anhydrase inhibitors and the clinical chemotherapeutic 5-fluorouracil in TNBC MDA-MB-468 cells and low tumorigenic human endothelial kidney (HEK293) cells.

#### 5.3. Conclusions

In summary, a library of novel carbonic anhydrase inhibitors have been synthesized that possess activity to reduce the cell viability of MDA-MB-468 triple-negative breast cancer cells with the IC $_{50}$  between 25.74  $\mu$ M to 39.32  $\mu$ M. Five of the reported derivatives **5.9d**, **5.11b-d**, and **5.12d** showed higher selectivity to MDA-MB-468 cells over low tumorigenic HEK293 cells with better selectivity than the clinical agent 5-fluorouracil but low potency. Currently, the structure active relationship of the synthesized carbonic anhydrase inhibitors can be summarized according to the cytotoxicity on MDA-MB-468 cancer cell line as shown in **Figure 5.2**. We are working with our collaborator in Università degli Studi di Firenze, Florence, Italy to evaluate and confirm the carbonic anhydrase inhibition of the synthesized compounds. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic efforts to evaluate the CA inhibition activity and SAR of these compounds has been impacted. These compounds may be promising towards future studies as anticancer agent. Therefore, our lab will continue studying these compounds to complete the structure activity relationship as carbonic anhydrase inhibitors.

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add linker  $\Rightarrow \downarrow$  activity

$$R_2=CH_2CH_3 \Rightarrow \uparrow \text{ Activity}$$

$$R_2=\uparrow \text{ Activity with:}$$

$$R_1=\uparrow \text{ Activity: 6, 8-Cl > 6-Cl > 6-Br > N(CH_2CH_3)_2 > 7-OH}$$

$$\downarrow \text{ Activity: H, OMe}$$

Figure 5.2. Structure activity relationship of the synthesized carbonic anhydrase inhibitors according to the cytotoxicity on MDA-MB-468 cancer cell line. A) SAR of synthesized carbonic anhydrase inhibitors as in scheme 5.1. B) SAR of synthesized carbonic anhydrase inhibitors as in schemes 5.2-5.4.

#### 5.4. Experimental Section

#### **5.4.1. Biology**

#### 5.4.1.1. Cell Culture and Reagents

Cells were maintained at 37 °C with 5% CO₂ in a humidified environment. Triple-negative breast cancer cells (MDA-MB-468) and human embryonic kidney cells (HEK293) were purchased from American Type Culture Collection (ATCC). The cells were cultured in Dulbecco's Modified Eagle Medium (DMEM) (Fisher Scientific, Catalog No. 50-188-267FP) for MDA-MB-468 cells and in Eagle's Minimum Essential Medium (ATCC®, Catalog No. 30-2003™) for HEK293 cells, supplemented with fetal bovine serum (ATCC®, Catalog No. 30-2020) to a final concentration of 10% and Penicillin-Streptomycin Solution (Corning™, Catalog No. MT30001CI) according to the supplier's recommended protocol. 5-Fluorouracil 99%, ACROS Organics™ (Catalog No. AC228440010) was purchased from Fisher Scientific. Stock solutions of all compounds were prepared in DMSO and were serially diluted for cell culture treatment maintaining the final DMSO concentration at less than 1%. CellTiter 96 aQueous one solution cell proliferation assay (3-(4,5-dimethyl thiazol-2-yl)-5-(3-carboxymethoxyphenyl)-2-(4-sulfophenyl)- 2*H*-tetrazolium) (MTS) assay kit (Catalog No. G3580) was purchased from Promega.

#### **5.4.1.2. Cytotoxicity Assays**

To determine the cell growth inhibition ability of the synthesized compounds, MTS assay was used according to the manufacturer's recommended protocol. Stock solutions of the synthesized compounds were prepared in DMSO. Cells were seeded at a density of 1 x  $10^5$  cells in 96-well plates. After 24 hours, cells were treated at the indicated concentrations of test compounds, limiting the final DMSO concentration to less than 1%.

After incubation at 37 °C in an environment of 5% CO<sub>2</sub> for 48-72 hours, 10 µL of MTS reagent (CellTiter 96® AQueous One Solution Reagent) was added to each well and incubated at the above-mentioned conditions for 2-4 h. Absorbance was recorded at 570 nm on a BioTek Synergy Mx multimode plate reader and the viability of cells was plotted as percentage of controls.

# 5.4.1.4. Statistical Analysis

Experiments were repeated at least thrice, and the statistical significance was calculated using one-way ANOVA. A p value of <0.0001 was considered statistically significant. IC<sub>50</sub> values were calculated by GraphPad prism software.

### 5.4.2. Chemistry

# General

All reactions were carried out in oven- or flame-dried glassware under positive nitrogen pressure unless otherwise noted. Reaction progress was monitored by thin-layer chromatography (TLC) carried out on silica gel plates (2.5 cm x 7.5 cm, 200 μm thick, 60 F254) and visualized by using UV (254 nm) or by potassium permanganate or phosphomolybdic acid stain as indicator. Flash column chromatography was performed with silica gel (40-63 μm, 60 Å) or on a Biotage® (Biotage® Selekt). Commercial grade solvents and reagents were purchased from Fisher Scientific (Houston, TX) or Sigma Aldrich (Milwaukee, WI) and were used without further purification except as indicated. Anhydrous solvents were purchased from Acros Organics and stored under an atmosphere of dry nitrogen over molecular sieves.

<sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded in the indicated deuterated solvent on a Bruker 400 MHz Advance III HD spectrometer at 400 and 100 MHz for <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C respectively with solvent peak as an internal standard. Multiplicities are indicated by s (single), d (doublet), dd (doublet of doublets), t (triplet), q (quartet), m (multiplet), and br (broad). Chemical shifts (δ) are reported in parts per million (ppm) and coupling constants (*J*) in Hertz. High-resolution mass spectroscopy (HRMS) was performed on a 6230 LC/TOF (Agilent) using an ESI source conducted. The spectral data was extracted from total ion chromatogram (TIC).

# Ethyl 7-hydroxy-2-oxo-2H-chromene-3-carboxylate (5.2a).

To a mixture of 2,4-dihydroxybenzaldehyde (**5.1a**, 2 g, 14.48 mmol) in ethanol (5 mL) at room temperature, the diethyl malonate (5.81 g, 2.43 mL, 15.23 mmol) was added along with piperidine (0.29 mL, 2.9 mmol). The mixture was stirred and heated to 60 °C for 2 h. Then, it was cooled to room temperature and filtered off washed with water and ethanol and air dried to yield a yellow solid (2.954 g, 87% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 1.30 (3H, t, *J*=7.1 Hz), 4.27 (q, 2H), 6.73 (s, 1H), 6.86 (1H, d, *J*=8.5 Hz), 7.77 (1H, d, *J*=8.5 Hz), 8.67 (s, 1H), 11.06 ppm (s, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 14.60, 61.27, 102.25, 110.89, 112.57, 114.45, 132.56, 149.87, 156.84, 157.56, 163.40, 164.50 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{12}H_{10}O_5$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 257.1939, found: 257.1907.

#### Ethyl 6-chloro-2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carboxylate (5.2b).

The white compound was obtained from 5-chlorosalicylaldehyde (**5.1b**, 2 g, 12.77 mmol) by following the experimental conditions described for **5.2a** (2.97 g, 92% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 1.31 (3H, t, J=7.1 Hz), 4.30 (q, 2H), 7.50 (1H, d, J=8.8 Hz), 7.76 (1H, dd, J=8.9. 2.5 Hz), 8.06 (1H, d, J=3.5 Hz), 8.72 ppm (s, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 14.50, 61.86, 118.64, 119.27, 119.62, 128.92, 129.53, 134.29, 147.82, 153.61, 155.99, 164.80 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** *m/z* calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>9</sub>CIO<sub>4</sub> [*M*+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 275.6391, found: 275.6358.

# Ethyl 6-bromo-2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carboxylate (5.2c).

The white compound was obtained from 5-bromosalicylaldehyde (**5.1c**, 2 g, 9.95 mmol) by following the experimental conditions described for **5.2a** (2.38 g, 81% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 1.32 (3H, t, *J*=7.1 Hz), 4.30 (q, 2H), 7.42 (1H, d, *J*=8.8 Hz), 7.86 (1H, dd, *J*=8.8, 2.5 Hz), 8.17 (1H, d, *J*=2.5 Hz), 8.70 ppm (s, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 14.52, 60.99, 118.61, 119.81, 120.01, 128.86, 129.43, 134.07, 147.45, 153.56, 156.55, 164.18 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{12}H_9BrO_4$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 320.0902, found: 320.0872.

#### Ethyl 6,8-dichloro-2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carboxylate (5.2d).

The white compound was obtained from 5,3-dichlorosalicylaldehyde (**5.1d**, 2 g, 10.47 mmol) by following the experimental conditions described for **5.2a** (2.12 g, 70% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 1.32 (3H, t, *J*=8.7 Hz), 4.20 (q, 2H), 8.04 (1H, d, *J*=2.9 Hz), 8.07 (1H, d, *J*=2.9 Hz), 8.66 ppm (s,1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 116.75, 118.44, 120.02, 129.09, 129.66, 133.93, 148.56, 153.48, 156.88, 164.04 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{12}H_9Cl_2O_4$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 311.0923, found: 311.0902.

#### Ethyl 2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carboxylate (5.2e).

The white compound was obtained from salicylaldehyde (**5.1e**, 2 g, 16.38 mmol) by following the experimental conditions described for **5.2a** (3.07 g, 86% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 1.31 (3H, t, *J*=8.7 Hz), 4.29 (q, 2H), 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.73 (1H, t, *J*=8.3 Hz), 7.90 (1H, d, *J*=7.7 Hz), 8.74 ppm (s, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 14.52, 61.69, 116.60, 118.26, 125.29, 130.72, 134.92, 149.09, 154.98, 156.42, 163.04 ppm

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{12}H_{10}O_4$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 241.1946, found: 241.1933.

# Ethyl 6-methoxy-2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carboxylate (5.2f).

The yellow compound was obtained from 5-methoxysalicylaldehyde (**5.1f**, 2 g, 13.15 mmol) by following the experimental conditions described for **5.2a** (2.89 g, 89% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 1.31 (3H, t, *J*=7.1 Hz), 3.81 (s, 3H), 4.3 (q, 2H), 7.32 (1H, dd, *J*=9, 2.7 Hz), 7.35 (1H, d, *J*=9 Hz), 7.46 (1H, d, *J*=2.7 Hz), 8.67 ppm (s, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 14.51, 56.23, 61.67, 112.29, 117.70, 118.28, 118.61, 122.72, 148.89, 149.45, 156.14, 156.55, 163.05 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{13}H_{12}O_5$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 271.2204, found: 271.2201.

#### Ethyl 7-(diethylamino)-2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carboxylate (5.2g).

The brown compound was obtained from 4-(diethylamino)salicylaldehyde (**5.1g**, 2 g, 10.35 mmol) by following the experimental conditions described for **5.2a** (2.13 g, 71% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 1.13 (6H, t, *J*=7.1 Hz), 1.26 (3H, t, *J*=7.1 Hz), 3.48 (q, 4H), 4.23 (q, 2H), 6.52 (1H, d, *J*=2.3 Hz), 6.75 (1H, dd, *J*= 9, 2.3 Hz), 7.60 (1H, d, *J*=9 Hz), 8.53 ppm (s, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 12.78, 14.68, 44.80, 60.76, 96.26, 107.43, 107.86, 110.20, 132.17, 149.62, 153.24, 157.44, 158.48, 163.01 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO<sub>4</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 312.3155, found: 312.3150.

# Ethyl 7,8-dihydroxy-2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carboxylate (5.2h).

The brown compound was obtained from 2,3,4-trihydroxybenzaldehyde (**5.1h**, 2 g, 12.98 mmol) by following the experimental conditions described for **5.2a** (2.88 g, 89% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 1.29 (3H, t, *J*=7.1 Hz), 4.27 (q, 2H), 6.87 (1H, d, *J*=8.6 Hz), 7.28 (1H, d, *J*=8.5 Hz), 8.62 (s, 1H), 9.55 (s, 1H), 10.63 ppm (s, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 14.61, 61.26, 102.25, 110.89, 112.57, 114.41, 132.79, 149.89, 155.14, 157.53, 163.32, 164.34 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{12}H_{10}O_6$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 273.1931, found: 273.1930.

$$O \longrightarrow H_2N \longrightarrow O$$

# 2-Chloro-*N*-(4-sulfamoylphenyl)acetamide (5.4a).

Potassium carbonate ( $K_2CO_3$ ) (1.2 g, 8.72 mmol) was added to a solution of sulfanilamide (**5.3a**, 1 g, 5.81 mmol) in THF (20 mL). Chloroacetyl chloride (0.56 mL, 6.97 mmol) was added to the above solution dropwise and under  $N_2$  atmosphere at 0 °C with stirring. After that, the reaction mixture was stirred for 2 h and then the water was added to quench the reaction. The reaction mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate, the organic layer washed

with brine and dried over sodium sulfate, the solvent was removed in vacuo and purified by recrystallization in hexane:MeOH to yield a white solid (1.349 g, 93% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 4.30 (s, 2H), 7.27 (s, 2H), 7.78 (q, 4H), 10.61 ppm (s, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 44.01, 119.44, 127.26, 139.40, 141.79, 165.63 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>9</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 271.6736, found: 271.6683.

#### 2-Chloro-N-(4-(N-(5,6-dimethoxypyrimidin-4-yl)sulfamoyl)phenyl)acetamide (5.4b).

The white compound was obtained from sulfadoxine (**5.3b**, 1 g, 3.22 mmol) by following the experimental conditions described for **5.4a** (0.983 g, 79% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 4.29 (s, 2H), 7.78 (2H, d, *J*=8.7 Hz), 7.96 (2H, d, *J*=8.7 Hz), 8.11 (s, 1H), 10.67 (s, 1H), 11.04 ppm (br, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 43.99, 54.50, 60.69, 119.22, 127.70, 129.31, 135.55, 142.80, 150.78, 162.06, 165.76 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{14}H_{15}CIN_4O_5S$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 409.7968, found: 409.7937.

N-(4-(N-Acetylsulfamoyl)phenyl)-2-chloroacetamide (5.4c).

The white compound was obtained from sulfacetamide (**5.3c**, 1 g, 4.67 mmol) by following the experimental conditions described for **5.4a** (1.076 g, 80% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 3.32 (s, 3H), 4.31 (s, 2H), 7.78 (2H, d, *J*=8.7 Hz), 7.89 (2H, d, *J*=8.7 Hz), 10.72 (s, 1H), 11.99 ppm (s, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 23.65, 44.00, 119.38, 129.43, 134.08, 143.41, 165.84, 169.14 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{10}H_{11}CIN_2O_4S$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 313.7102, found: 313.7082.

# 2-Chloro-N-(4-(N-(pyridin-2 yl)sulfamoyl)phenyl) acetamide (5.4d).

The white compound was obtained from sulfapyridine (**5.3d**, 1 g, 4.01 mmol) by following the experimental conditions described for **5.4a** (0.992 g, 76% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 4.27 (s, 2H), 6.86 (1H, t, *J*=7.5 Hz), 7.14 (1H, d, *J*=8.8 Hz), 7.72 (2H, d, *J*=8.7 Hz), 7.83 (2H, d, *J*=8.7 Hz), 8.00 (2H, d, *J*=8.6 Hz),10.62 (s, 1H), 11.03 ppm (br, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 44.39, 119.34, 126.23, 126.77, 130.79, 132.64, 140.22, 144.23, 148.45, 150.56, 165.85 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{13}H_{12}CIN_3O_3S$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 348.7574, found: 348.7552.

# 2-Chloro-*N*-(4-(*N*-(4,6-dimethylpyrimidin-2-yl)sulfamoyl)phenyl)acetamide (5.4e).

The white compound was obtained from sulfamethazine (**5.3e**, 1 g, 3.6 mmol) by following the experimental conditions described for **5.4a** (1.11 g, 87% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 2.24 (s, 6H), 4.28 (s, 2H), 6.74 (s, 1H), 7.74 (2H, d, J=8.7 Hz), 7.97 (2H, d, J=8.7 Hz), 10.62 (s, 1H), 11.66 ppm (br, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 23.28, 44.00, 113.89, 118.83, 129.82, 135.71, 142.48, 156.62, 165.68, 167.81 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>15</sub>ClN<sub>4</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 377.7982, found: 377.7981.

#### 2-Chloro-N-(4-(N-(6-methoxypyridazin-3-yl)sulfamoyl)phenyl)acetamide (5.4f).

The white compound was obtained from sulfamethoxypyridazine (**5.3f**, 1 g, 3.57 mmol) by following the experimental conditions described for **5.4a** (1.01 g, 79% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 3.84 (s, 3H), 4.28 (s, 2H), 7.37 (s, 1H), 7.73 (2H, d, J=8.6 Hz), 7.82 (2H, d, J=8.6 Hz), 10.60 (s, 1H), 13.68 ppm (br, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 43.99, 54.95, 119.29, 119.42, 127.84, 137.85, 142.02, 153.36, 158.70, 165.63 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{13}H_{13}CIN_4O_4S$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 379.7712, found: 379.7709.

# 2-Chloro-N-(4-(N-(5-methyl-1,3,4-thiadiazol-2-yl)sulfamoyl)phenyl)acetamide (5.4g).

The white compound was obtained from sulfamethizole (**5.3g**, 1 g, 3.7 mmol) by following the experimental conditions described for **5.4a** (0.988 g, 77% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 2.42 (s, 3H), 4.26 (s, 2H), 7.76 (s, 4H), 10.64 (s, 1H), 13.92 ppm (s, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 16.52, 44.00, 119.56, 127.47, 137.00, 142.37, 154.92, 165.66, 168.29ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>11</sub>ClN<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 353.7991, found: 353.7914.

# 2-Chloro-*N*-(4-(*N*-(2,6-dimethoxypyrimidin-4-yl)sulfamoyl)phenyl)acetamide (5.4h).

The white compound was obtained from sulfadimethoxine (**5.3h**, 1 g, 3.22 mmol) by following the experimental conditions described for **5.4a** (0.895 g, 71% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 4.29 (s, 2H), 5.96 (s, 1H), 7.81 (1H, d, *J*=8.8 Hz), 7.92 (2H, d, *J*=8.8 Hz), 10.70 (s, 1H), 11.52 ppm (br, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 43.98, 54.21, 54.95, 85.06, 119.51, 129.03, 134.74, 143.11, 160.31, 165.79, 172.12 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{14}H_{15}CIN_4O_5S$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 409.7968, found: 409.7917.

#### 2-Chloro-N-(3-sulfamoylphenyl)acetamide (5.4i).

The white compound was obtained from 3-aminobenzenesulfonamide (**5.3i**, 1 g, 5.81 mmol) by following the experimental conditions described for **5.4a** (1.12 g, 78% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 4.29 (s, 2H), 7.38 (s, 2H), 7.56 (m, 2H), 7.73 (m, 1H), 8.61 ppm (s, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 43.96, 116.85, 121.39, 122.72, 130.08, 139.29, 145.17, 165.53 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>9</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 271.6736, found: 271.6713.

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# Ethyl 2-oxo-7-(2-oxo-2- ((4-sulfamoylphenyl)amino)ethoxy)-2*H*- chromene-3-carboxylate (5.5a).

To a solution of ethyl 7-hydroxy-2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carboxylate (**5.2a** 0.2 g, 0.85 mmol) in dry N,N-dimethylformamide (15 mL), anhydrous  $K_2CO_3$  (0.18 g, 1.28 mmol) was added. The solution was stirred for 15 mins at 70-80 °C and 2-chloro-N-(4-sulfamoylphenyl) acetamide (**5.4a**, 0.23 g, 0.94 mmol) was added, followed by a pinch of potassium iodide (KI) and heated overnight. After that, the water (10 mL) was added to the reaction mixture, followed by 1 mL 6N HCI. The resulting solid was filtered, washed

with water, and air dried and purification by flash column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc 20:1) afforded the title compound as a brown powder (0.21 g, 55% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 1.30 (3H, t, *J*=7.1 Hz), 3.70 (s, 3H), 4.90 (s, 3H), 4.29 (q, 2H), 4.95 (s, 2H), 7.09 (m, 2H), 7.27 (s, 2H), 7.79 (s, 4H), 7.87 (1H, d, *J*=8.5 Hz), 8.73 (s, 1H), 10.52 ppm (s, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 14.58, 61.44, 67.73, 101.61, 112.41, 113.99, 114.25, 119.67, 127.18, 132.16, 139.35, 141.65, 149.50, 156.64, 157.13, 163.23, 163.64, 166.65 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI)**: m/z calcd for  $C_{20}H_{18}N_2O_8S$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 469.4179, found: 469.4098.

Ethyl 7-(2-((4-(*N*-(5,6-dimethoxypyrimidin-4-yl) sulfamoyl)phenyl) amino)-2-oxo ethoxy)-2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carboxylate (5.5b).

The yellow compound was obtained from 2-chloro-*N*-(4-(*N*-(5,6-dimethoxypyrimidin-4-yl)sulfamoyl)phenyl)acetamide (**5.4b**) by following the experimental conditions described for **5.5a** (0.197 g, 61% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 1.31 (3H, t, *J*=7.0 Hz), 4.27 (q, 2H), 4.95 (s, 2H), 7.07 (m, 2H), 7.81 (2H, d, *J*=8.8 Hz), 7.87 (1H, d, *J*=8.5 Hz), 7.95 (2H, d, *J*=8.8 Hz), 8.11 (s, 1H), 8.73 (s, 1H), 10.56 (s, 1H), 11.04 ppm (br, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 14.58, 54.50, 60.71, 61.44, 67.70, 101.67, 112.42, 113.96, 114.26, 119.43, 127.69, 129.30, 132.16, 135.45, 149.50, 150.80, 151.07, 157.13, 162.07, 163.24, 163.62, 166.79 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{26}H_{24}N_4O_{10}S$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 607.5418, found: 607.5406.

Ethyl 7-(2-((4-(*N*-acetylsulfamoyl)phenyl)amino)-2-oxoethoxy)-2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carboxylate (5.5c).

The yellow compound was obtained from N-(4-(N-acetylsulfamoyl) phenyl)-2-chloroacetamide (**5.4c**) by following the experimental conditions described for **5.5a** (0.22 g, 58% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 1.31 (3H, t, *J*=7.0 Hz), 1.91 (s, 1H), 4.29 (q, 2H), 4.96 (s, 2H), 7.08 (2H, d, *J*=9.9 Hz), 7.87 (m, 5H), 8.73 (s, 1H), 10.63 (s, 1H), 11.98 ppm (s, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 14.58, 23.65, 61.44, 67.69, 101.68, 112.43, 113.95, 114.27, 119.58, 119.65, 129.38, 132.16, 133.99, 149.50, 156.63, 157.13, 163.24, 163.62, 166.88, 169.13 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{22}H_{20}N_2O_9S$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 511.4545, found: 511.4518.

Ethyl 2-oxo-7-(2-oxo-2-((4-(*N*-(pyridin-2-yl) sulfamoyl) phenyl)amino) ethoxy)-2*H* chromene-3-carboxylate (5.5d).

The yellow compound was obtained from 2-chloro-*N*-(4-(*N*-(pyridin-2 yl)sulfamoyl)phenyl) acetamide (**5.4d**) by following the experimental conditions described for **5.5a** (0.87 g, 49% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 1.30 (3H, t, *J*=6.7 Hz), 4.23 (q, 2H), 4.80 (s, 2H), 6.75 (1H, t, *J*= 6.5 Hz), 7.19 (2H, d, *J*= 8.7 Hz), 7.51 (2H, d, *J*=8.7 Hz), 7.70 (m, 5H), 8.02 (2H, d, *J*=6.5 Hz), 8.49 (br, 1H), 10.28 ppm (s, 1H).

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{25}H_{21}N_3O_8S$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 546.5023, found: 546.5003.

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2-Oxo-7-(2-oxo-2-((4-sulfamoylphenyl) amino) ethoxy) -2*H*-chromene-3-carboxylic acid (5.6a).

To a solution of ethyl 2-oxo-7-(2-oxo-2-((4-sulfamoylphenyl)amino)ethoxy) -2*H*-chromene-3-carboxylate (**5.5a**, 0.1 g, 0.22 mmol) in methanol (5 mL) and water (2 mL) was added NaOH (0.02 g, 0.44 mmol). The solution was heated to reflux for 16 h, then cooled and concentrated in vacuo. The crude product was diluted with water (10 mL) and acidified

with an aqueous solution of 6N HCl. The resulting solid was filtered, washed with water, and air-dried to provide to the product as a white solid. (0.08 g, 86% yield).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 4.92 (s, 3H), 4.31 (q, 2H), 4.97 (s, 2H), 7.09 (m, 2H), 7.27 (s, 2H), 7.77 (s, 4H), 7.84 (1H, d, *J*=8.5 Hz), 8.71 (s, 1H), 10.52 (s, 1H), 11.64 ppm (br, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 67.72, 101.61, 112.43, 114.08, 114.56, 119.67, 127.11, 132.16, 139.43, 141.65, 149.53, 156.61, 157.27, 163.23, 163.64, 166.64 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>8</sub>S [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 441.3651, found: 441.3490.

2-Oxo-7-(2-oxo-2-((4-(*N*- (pyridin-2-yl) sulfamoyl) phenyl) amino)ethoxy)-2*H*-chromene-3-carboxylic acid (5.6d).

The white compound was obtained from ethyl 2-oxo-7-(2-oxo-2-((4-(*N*-(pyridin-2-yl) sulfamoyl)phenyl) amino)ethoxy)-2*H* chromene-3-carboxylate (**5.5d**, 0.1 g, 0.19 mmol) by following the experimental conditions described for **5.6a** (0.084 g, 87% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 4.80 (s, 2H), 6.75 (1H, t, J= 6.5 Hz), 7.19 (2H, d, J=8.7 Hz), 7.51 (2H, d, J=8.7 Hz), 7.70 (m, 5H), 8.02 (2H, d, J=6.5 Hz), 8.49 (br, 1H), 10.28 ppm (s, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 57.24, 110.59, 117.12, 118.33, 118.45, 1126.29 132.79, 139.30, 114.88, 141.85, 142.28, 142.58, 153.90, 159.40, 165.29 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>S [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 518.4490, found: 518.4149.

# 7-Hydroxy-2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carboxylic acid (5.7a).

To a solution of ethyl 7-hydroxy-2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carboxylate (**5.2a**, 2 g, 8.54 mmol) in MeOH (15 mL) and water (12 mL) was added 2N NaOH solution (40 mL). The solution was heated to reflux for 12 h, then cooled and concentrated in vacuo. The crude product was diluted with water (10 mL) and acidified with an aqueous solution of 6N HCI. The resulting solid was filtered, washed with water, and air-dried to provide to the product as a yellow solid. (1.71 g, 97% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 6.73 (s, 1H), 6.85 (1H, dd, *J*=8.6,2.1 Hz), 7.72 (1H, d, *J*=8.6 Hz), 8.66 (s, 1H), 11.10 (br, 1H), 12.93 ppm (br, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 103.16, 111.03, 113.01, 114.53, 132.48, 149.75, 157.40, 158.32, 164.14, 164.57ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{10}H_6O_5$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 229.1406, found: 229.1401.

# 6-Chloro-2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carboxylic acid (5.7b).

The white compound was obtained from ethyl 6-chloro-2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carboxylate (**5.2b**, 2 g, 7.92 mmol) by following the experimental conditions described for **5.7a** (1.725 g, 97% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 7.49 (1H, d, J=8.8 Hz), 7.75 (1H, dd, J=8.8, 2.5 Hz), 8.04 (1H, d, J=2.5 Hz), 8.69 (s, 1H), 13.38 ppm (br, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 118.63, 119.82, 120.03, 128.88, 129.44, 134.07, 147.44, 153.57, 156.56, 164.18 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>5</sub>ClO<sub>4</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 247.5861, found: 247.5859.

#### 6-Bromo-2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carboxylic acid (5.7c).

The white compound was obtained from ethyl 6-bromo-2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carboxylate (**5.2c**, 2 g, 6.73 mmol) by following the experimental conditions described for **5.7a** (1.8 g, 99% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 7.42 (1H, d, J=8.8 Hz), 7.86 (1H, dd, J=8.8, 2.5 Hz), 8.17 (1H, d, J=2.5 Hz), 8.69 (s, 1H), 13.37 ppm (br, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 118.69, 119.84, 120.18, 128.92, 129.39, 134.09, 148.01, 153.12, 156.38, 164.66 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{10}H_5BrO_4$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 292.037, found: 292.036.

# 6,8-Dichloro-2-oxo-2H-chromene-3-carboxylic acid (5.7d).

The white compound was obtained from ethyl 6,8-dichloro-2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carboxylate (**5.2d**, 2 g, 6.97 mmol) by following the experimental conditions described for **5.7a** (1.65 g, 91% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 8.04 (1H, d, J=2.5 Hz), 8.06 (1H, d, J= 2.5 Hz), 8.71 (s,1H), 13.51 ppm (br, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 116.75, 118.44, 120.02, 129.09, 129.66, 133.93, 148.56, 153.48, 156.88, 164.04 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{10}H_4Cl_2O_4$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 282.0308, found: 282.0301.

# 2-Oxo-2H-chromene-3-carboxylic acid (5.7e).

The white compound was obtained from ethyl 2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carboxylate (**5.2e**, 2 g, 9.17 mmol) by following the experimental conditions described for **5.7a** (1.7 g, 98% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.73 (1H, t, *J*=7.6 Hz), 7.91 (1H, d, *J*=7.6 Hz), 8.74 (s,1H), 13.24 ppm (br, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 116.54, 118.40, 118.75, 125.32, 130.61, 134.69, 148.79, 154.89, 157.14, 164.39 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{10}H_6O_4$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 213.1414, found: 213.1410.

# 6-Methoxy-2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carboxylic acid (5.7f):

The yellow compound was obtained from ethyl 6-methoxy-2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carboxylate (**5.2f**, 2 g, 8.06 mmol) by following the experimental conditions described for **5.7a** (1.71 g, 96% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 3.80 (s, 3H), 4.74 (br, 1H), 7.31 (1H, dd, *J*=9, 3 Hz), 7.35 (1H, d, *J*=9 Hz), 7.44 (1H, d, *J*=3 Hz), 8.66 ppm (s,1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 56.28, 112.30, 117.71, 118.84,118.99, 122.51, 148.57, 149.37, 156.18, 157.46, 164.46 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{11}H_8O_5$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 243.1673, found: 243.1673.

7-(Diethylamino)-2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carboxylic acid (5.7g).

The brown compound was obtained from ethyl 7-(diethylamino)-2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carboxylate (**5.2g**, 2 g, 6.91 mmol) by following the experimental conditions described for **5.7a** (1.531 g, 84% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 1.14 (6H, t, *J*=7.0 Hz), 3.47 (q, 4H), 6.56 (1H, d, *J*=2.0 Hz), 6.81 (1H, dd, *J*=9.0, 2.0 Hz), 7.63 (1H, d, *J*=9.0 Hz), 8.58 (s, 1H), 12.49 ppm (s,1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 12.78, 44.85, 96.38, 107.60, 107.83, 110.51, 132.30, 149.90, 153.36, 158.35, 159.98, 164.94 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{14}H_{15}NO_4$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 284.2621, found: 284.2619.

# 7-Hydroxy-2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carbonyl chloride (5.8a).

A mixture of 7-hydroxy-2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carboxylic acid (**5.7a**, 0.2 g 0.97 mmol) and thionyl chloride (5 mL) was heated at 80 °C for 9 h. The excess of thionyl chloride was then removed in vacuo. To the residue, the toluene (10 mL) was added twice and removed in vacuo to provide the product as a yellow solid which was used for the next step without further purification (0.19 g, 87% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 6.75 (s, 1H), 6.86 (1H, dd, *J*=8.6,2.1 Hz), 7.76 (1H, d, *J*=8.6 Hz), 8.68 (s, 1H), 11.08 ppm (br, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 102.26, 111.05, 112.91, 114.49, 132.47, 149.86, 157.44, 158.02, 164.43, 164.66 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{10}H_5CIO_4$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 247.5861, found: 247.5860.

#### 6-Chloro-2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carbonyl chloride (5.8b).

The brown compound was obtained from 6-chloro-2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carboxylic acid (**5.7b**, 0.2 g, 0.89 mmol) by following the experimental conditions described for **5.8a** (0.149 g, 84% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 7.49 (1H, d, *J*=8.8 Hz), 7.77 (1H, dd, *J*=8.8, 2.4 Hz), 8.05 (1H, d, *J*=2.4 Hz), 8.70 ppm (s, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 118.63, 119.82, 120.03, 128.88, 129.44, 134.08, 147.45, 153.57, 156.56, 164.19 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI)**: m/z calcd for  $C_{10}H_4Cl_2O_3$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 266.0314, found: 266.0311.

# 6-Bromo-2-oxo-2H-chromene-3-carbonyl chloride (5.8c).

The brown compound was obtained from 6-bromo-2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carboxylic acid (**5.7c**, 0.2 g, 0.74 mmol) by following the experimental conditions described for **5.8a** (0.188 g, 87% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 7.42 (1H, d, *J*=8.2 Hz), 7.86 (1H, dd, *J*=8.2, 2.0 Hz), 8.17 (1H, d, *J*=2.0 Hz), 8.69 ppm (s, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 118.16, 119.90, 121.76, 128.92, 129.39, 134.09, 148.01, 153.72, 156.11, 164.64 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>4</sub>BrClO<sub>3</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 310.4825, found: 310.4824.

# 6,8-Dichloro-2-oxo-2H-chromene-3-carbonyl chloride (5.8d).

The white compound was obtained from 6,8-dichloro-2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carboxylic acid (**5.7d**, 0.2 g, 0.77 mmol) by following the experimental conditions described for **5.8a** (0.153 g, 71% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 8.04 (1H, d, J=2.4 Hz), 8.07 (1H, d, J=2.4 Hz), 8.71 ppm (s,1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 116.73, 118.43, 120.02, 129.11, 129.66, 133.89, 148.57, 153.53, 156.88, 164.04 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{10}H_3Cl_3O_3$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 300.4768, found: 300.4746.

# 2-Oxo-2H-chromene-3-carbonyl chloride (5.8e).

The white compound was obtained from 6,8-dichloro-2-oxo-2H-chromene-3-carboxylic acid (**5.7e**, 0.2 g, 1.05 mmol) by following the experimental conditions described for **5.8a** (0.2 g, 91% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.75 (1H, t, J=7.6 Hz), 7.91 (1H, d, J=7.6 Hz), 8.72 ppm (s,1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 116.62, 118.43, 118.75, 125.35, 130.61, 134.69, 148.76, 154.89, 157.14, 164.41 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>5</sub>ClO<sub>3</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 231.5869, found: 231.5838.

#### 6-Methoxy-2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carbonyl chloride (5.8f).

The white compound was obtained from 6-methoxy-2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carboxylic acid (**5.7f**, 0.2 g, 0.90 mmol) by following the experimental conditions described for **5.8a** (0.208 g, 96% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 3.82 (s, 3H), 7.34 (1H, dd, J=8.7, 2.5 Hz), 7.38 (1H, d, J=8.7Hz), 7.47 (1H, d, J=3 Hz), 8.69 ppm (s,1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 56.31, 112.36, 117.74, 118.87, 119.06, 122.52, 148.57, 149.40, 156.20, 157.44, 164.47 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{11}H_7CIO_4$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 261.6126, found: 261.6109.

7-Hydroxy-2-oxo-*N*-(4-sulfamoylphenyl)-2*H*-chromene-3-carboxamide (5.9a).

A solution of 7-hydroxy-2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carbonyl chloride (**5.8a**, 0.2 g. 0.89 mmol) and sulfanilamide (**5.3a**, 0.17 g, 0.98 mmol) in the presence pyridine or triethylamine (1 mL) in DMF (5 mL) was stirred under reflex 12 h. The solution was cooled, and 5 mL of 6N HCl was added and the resulting solid was filtered off and washed with water (10 mL) and air dried to yield a white powder (0.211 g, 66% yield).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 6.84 (1H, d, *J*=2.4 Hz), 6.92 (1H, dd, *J*=8.6, 2.4 Hz), 7.30 (s, 2H), 7.89 (m, 5H), 8.87 (1H, d, *J*=8.6 Hz), 10.89 ppm (s,1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 102.42, 106.48, 111.51, 113.90, 115.28, 120.02, 127.33, 132.73, 139.58, 141.36, 149.14, 157.03, 161.20, 161.77, 165.09 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub>S [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 383.3285, found: 383.3193.

#### 6-Chloro-2-oxo-*N*-(4-sulfamoylphenyl)-2*H*-chromene-3-carboxamide (5.9b).

The white compound was obtained from 6-chloro-2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carbonyl chloride (**5.8b**, 0.2 g, 0.82 mmol) by following the experimental conditions described for **5.9a** (0.287 g, 92% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 7.32 (s, 2H), 7.61 (1H, d, *J*=8.9 Hz), 7.83 (m, 3H), 7.89 (2H, d, *J*=8.9 Hz), 8.16 (1H, d, *J*=2.6 Hz), 8.78 (s, 1H), 10.86 ppm (s,1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 118.81, 120.18, 120.23, 121.66, 127.35, 129.47, 129.61, 134.27, 139.92, 141.14, 146.73, 153.00, 160.20, 160.66 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>11</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>S [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 401.7737, found: 401.7717.

# 6-Bromo-2-oxo-*N*-(4-sulfamoylphenyl)-2*H*-chromene-3-carboxamide (5.9c).

The white compound was obtained from 6-bromo-2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carbonyl chloride (**5.8c**, 0.2 g, 0.70 mmol) by following the experimental conditions described for **5.9a** (0.243 g, 83% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 7.32 (s, 2H), 7.55 (1H, d, *J*=8.8 Hz), 7.85 (1H, d, *J*=8.8 Hz), 7.89 (m, 3H), 8.29 (1H, d, *J*=2.5 Hz), 8.86 (s, 1H), 10.85 ppm (s,1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 117.29, 119.05, 120.18, 120.72, 121.62, 127.34, 132.63, 137.02, 139.93, 141.14, 146.65, 153.42, 160.15, 160.66 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>11</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>S [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 446.2247, found: 446.2236.

# 6,8-Dichloro-2-oxo-*N*-(4-sulfamoylphenyl)-2*H*-chromene-3-carboxamide (5.9d).

The white compound was obtained from 6,8-dichloro-2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carbonyl chloride (**5.8d**, 0.2 g, 0.72 mmol) by following the experimental conditions described for **5.9a** (0.214 g, 72% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 7.33 (s, 2H), 7.86 (2H, d, *J*=8.8 Hz), 7.89 (2H, d, *J*=8.8 Hz), 8.14 (s, 2H), 8.84 (s, 1H), 10.78 ppm (s,1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 120.21, 121.25, 121.42, 122.71, 127.35, 128.71, 129.35, 133.51, 140.03, 141.06, 148.77, 159.16, 160.42, 162.75 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>10</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>S [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 436.2178, found: 436.2176.

# 6-Methoxy-2-oxo-*N*-(4-sulfamoylphenyl)-2*H*-chromene-3-carboxamide (5.9f).

The white compound was obtained from 2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carbonyl chloride (**5.8f**, 0.2 g, 0.84 mmol) by following the experimental conditions described for **5.9a** (0.298 g, 95% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 3.84 (s, 1H), 7.32 (s, 2H), 7.39 (1H, d, *J*=8.2 Hz), 7.49 (1H, d, *J*=8.9 Hz), 7.59 (1H, d, *J*=2.2 Hz), 7.85 (2H, d, *J*=8.6 Hz), 7.90 (2H, d, *J*=8.6 Hz), 8.89 (s, 1H), 10.95 ppm (s,1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 56.34, 112.36, 117.90, 119.36, 120.12, 120.20, 122.68, 127.35, 139.85, 141.19, 148.14, 148.93, 156.54, 160.83, 160.96 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{17}H_{14}N_2O_6S$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 397.3553, found: 397.3518.

# 7-(Diethylamino)-2-oxo-*N*-(4-sulfamoylphenyl)-2*H*-chromene-3-carboxamide (5.9g).

To a solution of 7-(diethylamino)-2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carboxylic acid (**5.7g**, 0.2 g, 0.77 mmol), 1-ethyl-3-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)carbodiimide hydrochloride (EDC) (0.14 g, 0.92 mmol), 1-hydroxybenzotriazole hydrate (HOBt•H2O) (0.124 g, 0.92 mmol) and triethylamine (TEA) (0.5 mL) in DMF (7 mL) was added sulfanilamide (**5.3a**, 0.132 g, 0.77 mmol). The solution was stirred at room temperature for 12 h. The water (5 mL) was added to the solution with few drops of 6N HCl and the resulting solid was filtered off and washed with water and air-dried to yield a yellow powder (0.233 g, 73% yield).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 1.15 (6H, t, *J*=7.1 Hz), 3.52 (q, 4H), 6.68 (1H, d, *J*=2.1 Hz), 6.86 (1H, dd, *J*=8.9, 2.1 Hz), 7.29 (s, 2H), 7.73 (1H, d, *J*=9 Hz), 7.82 (2H, d, *J*=8.6 Hz), 7.88 (2H, d, *J*=8.6 Hz), 8.77 (s, 1H), 10.98 ppm (s,1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 12.80, 44.92, 96.44, 108.41, 109.10, 111.00, 119.82, 127.31, 132.46, 139.30, 141.57, 148.95, 153.44, 157.96, 161.65, 162.64 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{20}H_{21}N_3O_5S$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 438.4500, found: 438.4418.

*N*-(4-(*N*-(4,6-dimethylpyrimidin-2-yl) sulfamoyl)phenyl) -7-hydroxy -2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carboxamide (5.10a).

The white compound was obtained from 7-hydroxy-2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carbonyl chloride (**5.8a**, 0.2 g, 0.84 mmol) and sulfamethazine (**5.3e**, 0.233 g, 0.84 mmol) by following the experimental conditions described for **5.9a** (0.21 g, 54% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 2.26 (s, 6H), 6.76 (s, 1H), 6.85 (1H, d, J=2.1 Hz), 6.92 (1H, dd, J=8.6, 2.1 Hz), 7.89 (m, 3H), 7.98 (2H, d, J=8.7 Hz), 8.86 (s, 1H), 10.89 (s, 1H), 11.18 (s, 1H), 11.66 ppm (s,1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 23.32, 102.40, 111.63, 114.30, 115.08, 119.41, 129.86, 132.75, 135.97, 141.99, 149.15, 156.67, 156.94, 161.19, 161.60, 164.63 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{22}H_{18}N_4O_6S$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 489.4538, found: 489.4497.

6-Chloro-*N*- (4-(*N*-(4,6-dimethylpyrimidin-2-yl) sulfamoyl)phenyl) -2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carboxamide (5.10b).

The white compound was obtained from 6-chloro-2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carbonyl chloride (**5.8b**, 0.2 g, 0.82 mmol) and sulfamethazine (**5.3e**, 0.228 g, 0.82 mmol) by following the experimental conditions described for **5.9a** (0.254 g, 63% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 2.26 (s, 6H), 6.75 (s, 1H), 7.60 (1H, d, J=8.8 Hz), 7.79 (1H, dd, J=8.6, 2.5 Hz), 7.89 (2H, d, J=8.8 Hz), 8.00 (2H, d, J=8.8 Hz), 8.14 (1H, d, J=2.5 Hz), 8.84 (s, 1H), 10.85 (s, 1H),11.81 ppm (s,1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 23.31, 112.52, 118.79, 119.45, 119.84, 120.19, 121.64, 129.46, 129.61, 129,87, 130.39, 134.25, 136.31, 141.77, 146.70, 150.28, 152.98, 156.61, 160.14, 160.66 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{22}H_{17}CIN_4O_5S$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 507.8985, found: 507.8975.

6-Bromo-*N*- (4-(*N*-(4,6-dimethylpyrimidin-2-yl) sulfamoyl)phenyl) -2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carboxamide (5.10c).

The white compound was obtained from 6-bromo-2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carbonyl chloride (**5.8c**, 0.2 g, 0.70 mmol) and sulfamethazine (**5.3e**, 0.194 g, 0.70 mmol) by following the experimental conditions described for **5.9a** (0.269 g, 72% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 2.26 (s, 6H), 6.76 (s, 1H), 7.54 (1H, d, *J*=8.8 Hz), 7.89 (2H, d, *J*=8.8 Hz), 7.94 (1H, dd, *J*=8.8, 2.3 Hz), 8.00 (2H, d, *J*=8.8 Hz), 8.27 (1H, d, *J*=2.3 Hz), 8.84 (s, 1H), 10.85 (s, 1H),11.68 ppm (s,1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 23.32, 112.52, 117.28, 119.04, 119.54, 120.69, 121.65, 129.88, 129.90, 132.62, 137.01, 141.78, 146.60, 153.40, 156.62, 160.09, 160.68 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** *m/z* calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>17</sub>BrN<sub>4</sub>O<sub>5</sub>S [*M*+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 552.3499, found: 552.3443.

*N*-(4-(*N*- (4,6-dimethylpyrimidin-2-yl) sulfamoyl)phenyl) -6-methoxy-2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carboxamide (5.10f).

The white compound was obtained from 6-methoxy-2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carbonyl chloride (**5.8f**, 0.2 g, 0.84 mmol) and sulfamethazine (**5.3e**, 0.234 g, 0.84 mmol) by following the experimental conditions described for **5.9a** (0.367 g, 91% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 2.27 (s, 6H), 3.83 (s, 1H), 6.76 (s, 1H), 7.39 (1H, dd, J=9.0, 2.9 Hz), 7.49 (1H, d, J=9.0 Hz), 7.57 (1H, d, J=2.9 Hz), 7.90 (2H, d, J=8.8 Hz), 8.80 (2H, d, J=8.8 Hz), 8.87 (s, 1H), 10.95 (s, 1H), 11.72 ppm (s,1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 23.31, 56.30, 112.32, 113.84, 117.87, 119.31, 119.49, 120.16, 122.86, 123.42, 136.20, 141.83, 148.08, 148.90, 156.52, 160.80, 160.92 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{23}H_{20}N_4O_6S$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 503.4807, found: 503.4782.

7-Hydroxy-*N*- (4-(*N*-(6-methoxypyridazin-3-yl) sulfamoyl)phenyl) -2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carboxamide (5.11a).

The white compound was obtained from 7-hydroxy-2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carbonyl chloride (**5.8a**, 0.2 g, 0.84 mmol) and sulfamethoxypyridazine (**5.3f**, 0.235 g, 0.84 mmol) by following the experimental conditions described for **5.9a** (0.237 g, 60% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 3.84 (s, 3H), 6.85 (1H, d, J=2.0 Hz), 6.91 (1H, dd, J=8.6, 2.0 Hz), 7.38 (1H, d, J=8.5 Hz), 7.76 (br, 1H), 7.85 (m, 6H), 8.87 (s, 1H), 10.87 (s, 1H), 11.22 ppm (br,1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 54.96, 102.39, 111.16, 111.62, 114.25, 115.09, 120.23, 127.90, 132.74, 141.56, 149.17, 153.63, 156.94, 161.14, 161.61, 164.71 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI)**: m/z calcd for  $C_{21}H_{16}N_4O_7S$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 491.4265, found: 491.4241.

6-Chloro-*N*-(4-(*N*-(6-methoxypyridazin-3-yl)sulfamoyl)phenyl)-2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carboxamide (5.11b).

The white compound was obtained from 6-chloro-2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carbonyl chloride (**5.8b**, 0.2 g, 0.82 mmol) and sulfamethoxypyridazine (**5.3f**, 0.228 g, 0.82 mmol) by following the experimental conditions described for **5.9a** (0.326 g, 82% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 3.84 (s, 3H), 7.39 (br, 1H), 7.62 (1H, d, *J*=8.7 Hz), 7.86 (m, 5H), 8.15 (1H, d, *J*=2.2 Hz), 8.85 (s, 1H), 10.84 (s, 1H), 13.84 ppm (br,1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 54.98,118.80, 120.21, 120.72, 121.69, 127.87, 129.45, 129.75, 134.25, 141.42, 146.17, 146.72, 153.00, 160.12, 160.66 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{21}H_{15}CIN_4O_6S$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 509.8711, found: 509.8709.

## 6-Bromo-*N*-(4-(*N*-(6-methoxypyridazin-3-yl)sulfamoyl)phenyl)-2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carboxamide (5.11c).

The white compound was obtained from 6-bromo-2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carbonyl chloride (**5.8c**, 0.2 g, 0.70 mmol) and sulfamethoxypyridazine (**5.3f**, 0.196 g, 0.70 mmol) by following the experimental conditions described for **5.9a** (0.309 g, 83% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 3.84 (s, 3H), 7.40 (br, 1H), 7.55 (1H, d, J=8.8 Hz), 7.86 (m, 4H), 7.92 (2H, dd, J=8.8, 2.4 Hz), 8.28 (1H, d, J=2.4 Hz), 8.84(s, 1H), 10.84 (s, 1H), 13.81 ppm (br,1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 54.98,117.28, 119.04, 120.22, 120.70, 121.65, 127.88, 132.61, 137.01, 141.37, 146.61, 153.41, 160.08, 160.66 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{21}H_{15}BrN_4O_6S$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 554.3226, found: 554.3213.

6,8-Dichloro-*N*- (4-(*N*-(6-methoxypyridazin-3-yl) sulfamoyl)phenyl) -2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carboxamide (5.11d).

The white compound was obtained from 6,8-dichloro-2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carbonyl chloride (**5.8d**, 0.2 g, 0.72 mmol) and sulfamethoxypyridazine (**5.3f**, 0.202 g, 0.72 mmol) by following the experimental conditions described for **5.9a** (0.263 g, 70% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 3.85 (s, 3H), 7.40 (br, 1H), 7.87 (m, 5H), 8.13 (s, 2H), 7.82 (s, 1H), 10.77 (s, 1H),13.83 ppm (br,1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ 54.98, 120.25, 121.24, 121.42, 122.77, 127.94, 128.26, 128.68, 129.34, 133.49, 141.33, 146.13, 148.76, 151.44, 153.93, 159.09, 160.44 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{21}H_{14}Cl_2N_4O_6S$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 544.3155, found: 544.3148.

6-Methoxy-*N*- (4-(*N*-(6-methoxypyridazin-3-yl) sulfamoyl)phenyl) -2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carboxamide (5.11f).

The white compound was obtained from 6-methoxy-2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carbonyl chloride (**5.8f**, 0.2 g, 0.84 mmol) and sulfamethoxypyridazine (**5.3f**, 0.235 g, 0.84 mmol) by following the experimental conditions described for **5.9a** (0.328 g, 81% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 3.83 (6H, d, J=4.0 Hz), 7.37 (m, 2H), 7.47 (1H, d, J=8.8 Hz), 7.56 (1H, d, J=4.0 Hz), 7.76 (m, 2H), 7.89 (s, 4H), 8.86 (s,1H) 10.93 ppm (s, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 54.97, 56.31, 107.28, 112.34, 117.87, 119.33, 120.18, 122.84, 127.91, 129.83, 130.19, 135.64, 141.41, 148.09, 148.91, 156.52, 160.89 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{22}H_{18}N_4O_7S$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 505.4531, found: 505.4522.

6-Chloro-2-oxo-*N*- (4-(*N*-(pyridin-2-yl) sulfamoyl)phenyl) -2*H*-chromene-3-carboxamide (5.12b).

The white compound was obtained from 6-chloro-2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carbonyl chloride (**5.8b**, 0.2 g, 0.82 mmol) and sulfapyridine (**5.3d**, 0.204 g, 0.82 mmol) by following the experimental conditions described for **5.9a** (0.298 g, 80% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 6.88 (1H, t, *J*=7.5 Hz), 7.17 (1H, d, *J*=8.6 Hz), 7.61 (1H, d, *J*=8.6 Hz), 7.72 (1H, t, *J*=8.5 Hz), 7.87 (m, 6H), 8.02 (br, 1H), 8.15 (s, 1H), 8.84 (s, 1H), 10.84 ppm (s,1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 101.98, 113.19, 119.02 119.79, 120.41, 120.88, 121.64, 128.29, 132.60, 137.71, 141.29, 149.67, 153.42, 160.18, 160.95 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI)**: m/z calcd for  $C_{21}H_{14}CIN_3O_5S$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 478.8573, found: 478.8459.

6-Bromo-2-oxo-*N*- (4-(*N*-(pyridin-2-yl)sulfamoyl) phenyl) -2*H*-chromene-3-carboxamide (5.12c).

The white compound was obtained from 6-bromo-2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carbonyl chloride (**5.8c**, 0.2 g, 0.70 mmol) and sulfapyridine (**5.3d**, 0.18 g, 0.70 mmol) by following the experimental conditions described for **5.9a** (0.288 g, 82% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 6.88 (1H, t, J=7.5 Hz), 7.17 (1H, d, J=8.6 Hz), 7.54 (1H, d, J=8.6 Hz), 7.72 (1H, t, J=7.5 Hz), 7.88 (m, 6H), 8.02 (br, 1H), 8.28 (1H, d, J=2.4 Hz), 8.84 (s, 1H),10.3 ppm (s,1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 101.65, 112.88, 117.27, 119.04, 120.11, 120.70, 121.69, 128.39, 132.61, 137.00, 141.52, 146.57, 153.41, 160.05, 160.69 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{21}H_{14}BrN_3O_5S$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 523.3089, found: 523.3059.

# 6,8-Dichloro-2-oxo-*N*-(4-(*N*-(pyridin-2-yl)sulfamoyl) phenyl) -2*H*-chromene-3-carboxamide (5.12d).

The white compound was obtained from 6,8-dichloro-2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carbonyl chloride (**5.8d**, 0.2 g, 0.72 mmol) and sulfapyridine (**5.3d**, 0.18 g, 0.72 mmol) by following the experimental conditions described for **5.9a** (0.210 g, 59% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 6.88 (1H, t, *J*=6.6 Hz), 7.17 (1H, d, *J*=8.4 Hz), 7.73 (1H, t, *J*=7.1 Hz), 7.89 (m, 5H), 8.02 (br, 1H), 8.13 (s, 2H), 8.81 (s, 1H),10.76 ppm (s,1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 114.17, 120.15, 121.24,121.41, 122.78, 128.39, 128.68, 129.33, 133.49, 137.60, 140.99, 141.44, 146.11, 148.76, 153.57, 159.07, 160.46 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{21}H_{13}Cl_2N_3O_5S$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 513.3020, found: 513.3007.

### 2-Oxo-*N*-(4-(*N*-(pyridin-2-yl)sulfamoyl)phenyl)-2*H*-chromene-3-carboxamide (5.12e).

The white compound was obtained from 2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carbonyl chloride (**5.8e**, 0.2 g, 0.96 mmol) and sulfapyridine (**5.3d**, 0.24 g, 0.96 mmol) by following the experimental conditions described for **5.9a** (0.389 g, 96% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 6.87 (1H, t, J=6.2 Hz), 7.17 (1H, d, J=8.6 Hz), 7.47 (1H, t, J=7.4 Hz), 7.56 (1H, d, J=8.4 Hz), 7.78 (m, 2H), 7.88 (q, 4H), 8.02 (2H, d, J=7.0 Hz), 8.90 (s, 1H), 10.88 (s, 1H),11.94 ppm (br,1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 114.17, 116.07, 116.74, 118.85, 120.07, 120.36, 120.40, 125.79, 128.39, 130.82, 134,90, 137.39, 140.75, 141.61, 148.08, 154.40, 160.63, 160.93 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{21}H_{15}N_3O_5S$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 444.4133, found: 444.4093.

#### 2-Oxo-N-(4-(N-(pyridin-2-yl)sulfamoyl)phenyl)-2H-chromene-3-carboxamide (5.12f).

The white compound was obtained from 6-methoxy-2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carbonyl chloride (**5.8f**, 0.2 g, 0.84 mmol) and sulfapyridine (**5.3d**, 0.21 g, 0.84 mmol) by following the experimental conditions described for **5.9a** (0.249 g, 66% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 3.84 (s, 3H), 6.88 (1H, t, *J*=6.1 Hz), 7.18 (1H, d, *J*=8.6 Hz), 7.38 (1H, d, *J*=7.4 Hz), 7.50 (s,1H), 7.59 (s, 1H), 7.73 (m, 2H), 7.89 (q, 4H), 8.02 (2H, d, *J*=7.0 Hz), 8.87 (s, 1H), 10.93 ppm (s, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 56.33, 112.37, 114.16, 117.89, 119.34, 120.16, 120.27, 122.84, 128.47, 140.81, 141.56, 148.06, 148.92, 156.52, 160.89 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{22}H_{17}N_3O_6S$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 474.4393, found: 474.4329.

6-Chloro-*N*- (4-(*N*-(5-methyl-1,3,4-thiadiazol-2-yl) sulfamoyl)phenyl) -2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carboxamide (5.13b).

The white compound was obtained from 6-chloro-2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carbonyl chloride (**5.8b**, 0.2 g, 0.82 mmol) and sulfamethizole (**5.3g**, 0.222 g, 0.82 mmol) by following the experimental conditions described for **5.9a** (0.288 g, 74% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 2.47 (s, 3H), 7.62 (1H, d, *J*=8.8 Hz), 7.80 (m, 3H), 7.88 (2H, d, *J*=8.8 Hz), 8.15 (s, 1H), 8.85 (s, 1H), 10.87 (s, 1H), 13.94 ppm (br,1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):δ= 16.53, 118.80, 120.02, 120.30, 121.66, 127.54, 129.46, 129.61, 134.26, 137.53, 141.69, 146.71, 153.00, 155.10, 160.13, 160.69, 168.35 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI)**: m/z calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>13</sub>CIN<sub>4</sub>O<sub>5</sub>S<sub>2</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 499.8982, found: 499.8806.

6-Bromo-*N*- (4-(*N*-(5-methyl-1,3,4-thiadiazol-2-yl) sulfamoyl)phenyl) -2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carboxamide (5.13c).

The white compound was obtained from 6-bromo-2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carbonyl chloride (**5.8c**, 0.2 g, 0.70 mmol) and sulfamethizole (**5.3g**, 0.189 g, 0.70 mmol) by following the experimental conditions described for **5.9a** (0.277 g, 76% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 2.47 (s, 3H), 7.55 (1H, d, *J*=8.8 Hz), 7.82 (2H, d, *J*=8.8 Hz), 7.90 (m, 3H), 8.28 (2H, d, *J*=2.4 Hz), 8.84 (s, 1H), 10.86 (s, 1H), 13.93 ppm (br,1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 16.53, 117.29, 119.04, 120.30, 120.70, 121.64, 127.55, 132.62, 137.02, 137.53, 141.70, 146.63, 153.41, 155.00, 160.08, 160.69, 168.34 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>13</sub>BrN<sub>4</sub>O<sub>5</sub>S<sub>2</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 544.3507, found: 544.3498.

6-Chloro-*N*-(4-(*N*-(2,6-dimethoxypyrimidin-4-yl) sulfamoyl)phenyl) -2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carboxamide (5.14b).

The white compound was obtained from 6-chloro-2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carbonyl chloride (**5.8b**, 0.2 g, 0.82 mmol) and sulfadimethoxine (**5.3h**, 0.254 g, 0.82 mmol) by following the experimental conditions described for **5.9a** (0.312 g, 73% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.80 (s,3H), 5.96 (s, 1H), 7.61 (1H, d, J=8.8 Hz), 7.81 (1H, dd, J=8.8, 2.4 Hz), 7.95 (m, 4H), 8.14 (1H, d, J= 2.4 Hz), 8.85 (s, 1H), 10.90 (s, 1H), 11.59 ppm (br,1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 54.29, 55.02, 85.07, 118.81, 120.18, 120.27, 121.66, 129.10, 129.26, 129.62, 134.29, 135.27, 142.44, 146.75, 153.01, 160.06, 160.31, 160.84, 164.66, 172.14 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** *m*/*z* calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>17</sub>ClN<sub>4</sub>O<sub>7</sub>S [*M*+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 539.8971, found: 539.8857.

6-Bromo-*N*- (4-(*N*-(2,6-dimethoxypyrimidin-4-yl) sulfamoyl)phenyl) -2-oxo-2*H*-chromene -3-carboxamide (5.14c).

The white compound was obtained from 6-bromo-2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carbonyl chloride (**5.8c**, 0.2 g, 0.70 mmol) and sulfadimethoxine (**5.3h**, 0.217 g, 0.70 mmol) by following the experimental conditions described for **5.9a** (0.322 g, 82% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.80 (s,3H), 5.96 (s, 1H), 7.54 (1H, d, J=8.8 Hz), 7.95 (m, 5H), 8.15 (1H, d, J=2.4 Hz), 8.84 (s, 1H), 10.90 (s, 1H), 11.56 ppm (br,1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 54.29, 55.03, 85.07, 117.29, 119.04, 120.27, 120.67, 121.60, 129.10, 132.63, 137,04, 142.44, 146.69, 153.42, 160.01, 160.31, 160.82, 162.75, 172.15 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** *m/z* calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>17</sub>BrN<sub>4</sub>O<sub>7</sub>S [*M*+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 584.3486, found: 584.3497.

# *N*-(4-(*N*-(2,6-dimethoxypyrimidin-4-yl)sulfamoyl)phenyl)-2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carboxamide (5.14e).

The white compound was obtained from 2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carbonyl chloride (**5.8e**, 0.2 g, 0.96 mmol) and sulfadimethoxine (**5.3h**, 0.298 g, 0.96 mmol) by following the experimental conditions described for **5.9a** (0.377 g, 81% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.80 (s,3H), 5.96 (s, 1H), 7.47 (1H, t, *J*=7.6 Hz), 7.56 (1H, d, *J*=8.4 Hz), 7.56 (1H, t, *J*=8.6 Hz), 7.95 (m, 5H), 8.90 (s, 1H), 10.94 (s, 1H), 11.57 ppm (br,1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 54.28, 55.02, 85.06, 116.74, 118.82, 120.21, 120.28, 125.79, 129.08, 130.83, 134,94, 135.16, 142.52, 148.18, 154.40, 160.31, 160.59, 151.06, 164.69, 172.13 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{22}H_{18}N_4O_7S$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 505.4531, found: 505.4489.

## *N*-(4-(*N*-acetylsulfamoyl)phenyl)-6-chloro-2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carboxamide (5.15b).

The white compound was obtained from 6-chloro-2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carbonyl chloride (**5.8b**, 0.2 g, 0.82 mmol) and sulfacetamide (**5.3c**, 0.176 g, 0.82 mmol) by following the experimental conditions described for **5.9a** (0.302 g, 88% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 1.93 (s, 3H), 7.61 (1H, d, J=8.8 Hz), 7.81 (1H, dd, J=8.8, 2.5 Hz), 7.93 (m, 4H), 8.14 (1H, d, J=2.5 Hz), 8.86 (s, 1H), 10.93 (s, 1H), 12.04 ppm (br,1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 23.68, 116.61, 118.83, 120.14, 120.68, 121.74, 129.50, 134.30, 134.62, 139.04, 142.76, 146.75, 153.03, 160.05, 160.62, 169.20 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{18}H_{13}CIN_2O_6S$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 443.8101, found: 443.8025.

## *N*-(4-(*N*-acetylsulfamoyl)phenyl)-6-bromo-2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carboxamide (5.15c).

The white compound was obtained from 6-bromo-2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carbonyl chloride (**5.8c**, 0.2 g, 0.70 mmol) and sulfacetamide (**5.3c**, 0.15 g, 0.70 mmol) by following the experimental conditions described for **5.9a** (0.285 g, 87% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 1.93 (s, 3H), 7.54 (1H, d, *J*=8.8 Hz), 7.93 (m, 5H), 8.28 (1H, d, *J*=2.4 Hz), 8.85 (s, 1H), 10.93 (s, 1H), 12.05 ppm (s,1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 23.68, 117.29, 119.05, 120.13, 120.68, 121.63, 129.49, 132.64, 134.61, 137.06, 142.74, 146.73, 153.43, 160.03, 160.87, 169.18 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** *m*/*z* calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>13</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub>S [*M*+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 488.2614, found: 488.2591.

#### *N*-(4-(*N*-acetylsulfamoyl)phenyl)-2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carboxamide (5.15e).

The white compound was obtained from 2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carbonyl chloride (**5.8e**, 0.2 g, 0.96 mmol) and sulfacetamide (**5.3c**, 0.21 g, 0.96 mmol) by following the experimental conditions described for **5.9a** (0.329 g, 89% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 1.93 (s, 3H), 7.49 (1H, t, *J*=7.9 Hz), 7.58 (1H, d, *J*=8.8 Hz), 7.80 (1H, t, *J*=8.8 Hz), 7.94 (m, 4H), 8.02 (1H, d, *J*=8.9 Hz), 8.93 (s, 1H), 10.97 (s, 1H), 12.05 ppm (br,1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 23.71, 116.74, 118.85, 120.08, 120.39, 125.81, 129.48, 130.85, 134.60, 134.96, 142.82, 148.20, 154.43, 160.59, 161.15, 169.25 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{18}H_{14}N_2O_6S$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 409.366, found: 409.3641.

### *N*-(4-(*N*-acetylsulfamoyl)phenyl)-6-methoxy-2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carboxamide (5.15f).

The white compound was obtained from 6-methoxy-2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carbonyl chloride (**5.8f**, 0.2 g, 0.84 mmol) and sulfacetamide (**5.3c**, 0.18 g, 0.84 mmol) by following the experimental conditions described for **5.9a** (0.297 g, 85% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 1.93 (s, 3H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 7.40 (1H, dd, J=9.0, 2.8 Hz), 7.50 (1H, d, J=9.0 Hz), 7.59 (1H, dd, J=2.8 Hz), 7.94 (m, 4H), 8.89 (s, 1H), 11.01 (s, 1H), 12.05 ppm (br,1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 23.70, 56.34, 112.40, 117.92, 119.33, 120.09, 120.32, 122.89, 129.49, 134.56, 142.80, 148.16, 148.96, 156.54, 160.81, 161.11, 169.21 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{19}H_{16}N_2O_7S$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 439.3920, found: 439.3902.

#### 6-Chloro-2-oxo-*N*-(3-sulfamoylphenyl)-2*H*-chromene-3-carboxamide (5.16b).

The white compound was obtained from 6-chloro-2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carbonyl chloride (**5.8b**, 0.2 g, 0.82 mmol) and 3-aminobenzenesulfonamide (**5.3i**, 0.141 g, 0.84 mmol) by following the experimental conditions described for **5.9a** (0.273 g, 85% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 7.43 (s, 2H), 7.61(m, 3H), 7.82 (1H, dd, J=8.8, 2.5 Hz), 7.87 (m, 1H), 8.16 (1H, d, J=2.5 Hz), 8.28 (s, 1H), 8.85 (s, 1H), 10.83 ppm (s,1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 117.42, 118.81, 120.24, 121.86, 123.37, 129.44, 129.59, 130.24, 134.20, 138.70, 145.35, 146.48, 153.00, 160.12, 160.61, 162.76 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI)**: m/z calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>11</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>S [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 401.7737, found: 401.7703.

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#### 6-Bromo-2-oxo-*N*-(3-sulfamoylphenyl) -2*H*-chromene-3-carboxamide (5.16c).

The white compound was obtained from 6-bromo-2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carbonyl chloride (**5.8c**, 0.2 g, 0.70 mmol) and 3-aminobenzenesulfonamide (**5.3i**, 0.121 g, 0.70 mmol) by following the experimental conditions described for **5.9a** (0.267 g, 90% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 7.43 (s, 2H), 7.60 (m, 3H), 7.92 (m, 2H), 8.29 (s, 2H), 8.84 (s, 1H), 10.82 ppm (s,1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 117.27, 117.42, 119.04, 120.72, 121.85, 123.36, 130.23, 132.60, 136.60, 138.69, 145.35, 146.43, 153.00, 160.08, 160.59, 162.75 ppm. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>11</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>S [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 446.2247, found: 446.2251.

### 2-Oxo-*N*-(3-sulfamoylphenyl)-2*H*-chromene-3-carboxamide (5.16e).

The white compound was obtained from 2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carbonyl chloride (**5.8e**, 0.2 g, 0.96 mmol) and 3-aminobenzenesulfonamide (**5.3i**, 0.17 g, 0.96 mmol) by following the experimental conditions described for **5.9a** (0.248 g, 75% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 7.43 (m, 3H), 7.60 (m, 3H), 7.80 (1H, t, J= 8.3 Hz), 7.90 (1H, d, J=6.7 Hz), 8.03 (1H, d, J=7.7 Hz), 8.29 (s, 1H), 8.91 (s, 1H), 10.87 ppm (s,1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 116.76, 117.38, 118.88, 120.51, 121.76, 123.33, 125.79, 130.22, 130.79, 134.85, 138.78, 145.34, 147.91, 154.39, 160.65, 160.85 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{16}H_{12}N_2O_5S$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 367.3292, found: 367.3224.

6-Methoxy-2-oxo-*N*-(3-sulfamoylphenyl) -2*H*-chromene-3-carboxamide (5.16f).

The white compound was obtained from 2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carbonyl chloride (**5.8f**, 0.2 g, 0.84 mmol) and 3-aminobenzenesulfonamide (**5.3i**, 0.145 g, 0.96 mmol) by following the experimental conditions described for **5.9a** (0.211 g, 69% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 3.85 (s, 3H), 7.43 (m, 3H), 7.50 (1H, t, *J*=8.9 Hz), 7.60 (m, 3H), 7.89 (1H, t, *J*=8.7 Hz), 8.30 (s, 1H), 8.88 (s, 1H), 10.91 ppm (s,1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 56.35, 112.35, 117.36, 117.91, 119.36, 120.49, 121.76, 122.80, 123.34, 130.22, 138.76, 145.34, 147.87, 148.92, 156.54, 160.87 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{17}H_{14}N_2O_6S$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 397.3553, found: 397.3492.

*N*-(4-(*N*-(5,6-dimethoxypyrimidin-4-yl) sulfamoyl)phenyl) -2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carboxamide (5.17e).

The white compound was obtained from 2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carbonyl chloride (**5.8e**, 0.2 g, 0.96 mmol) and sulfadoxin (**5.3b**, 0.298 g, 0.96 mmol) by following the experimental conditions described for **5.9a** (0.299 g, 64% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 7.49 (1H, t, J=7.4 Hz), 7.57 (1H, d, J=8.4 Hz), 7.79 (1H, t, J=7.7 Hz), 7.93 (2H, d, J=8.7 Hz), 8.01 (3H, d, J=8.7 Hz), 8.13 (s, 1H), 8.91 (s, 1H), 10.93 (s, 1H), 11.11 ppm (s,1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 54.52, 60.70, 116.75, 118.85, 119.91, 120.37, 125.80, 127.75, 129.37, 130,83, 134.93, 136.02, 142.24, 148.13, 150.78, 151.07, 154.41, 160.60, 161.05, 162.09 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>7</sub>S [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 505.4531, found: 505.4510.

# *N*-(2,4-disulfamoyl-5-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-6-methoxy-2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carboxamide (5.18f).

The yellow compound was obtained from 2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carbonyl chloride (**5.8f**, 0.2 g, 0.84 mmol) and 4-amino-6-(trifluoromethyl)benzene-1,3-disulfonamide (**5.3j**, 0.268 g, 0.96 mmol) by following the experimental conditions described for **5.9a** (0.217 g, 49% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 3.85 (s, 3H), 7.43 (1H, dd, J=8.9, 2.6 Hz), 7.55 (1H, d, J=9.0 Hz), 7.64 (1H, d, J=2.6 Hz), 7.89 (m, 4H), 8.66 (s, 1H), 8.86 (s, 1H), 9.06 (s, 1H) 11.54 ppm (s,1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 56.34, 117.11, 118.71, 119.28, 120.47, 121.63, 123.12, 125.96, 130.75, 131.19, 135.07, 139.89, 143.42, 147.16, 156.39, 160.25, 160.89 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{18}H_{14}F_3N_3O_8S_2$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 544.4306, found: 544.4283.

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Methyl (6-chloro-2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carbonyl)glycinate (5.19).

6-Chloro-2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carboxylic acid (**5.7b**, 0.2 g, 0.89 mmol) was added to a solution of glycine methyl ester hydrochloride (0.123 g, 0.95 mmol) and TEA in dichloromethane. The reaction was stirred for 10 min and SOCl<sub>2</sub> (0.07 mL, 0.89 mmol) was added at room temperature and the mixture was stirred for 20 minutes. The reaction solution was extracted with dichloromethane, the organic layer washed with brine and dried over sodium sulfate, the solvent was removed in vacuo to the title compound as a yellow powder (0.239 g, 91% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 3.67 (s, 3H), 4.15 (1H, d, *J*=5.6 Hz), 7.57 (1H, d, *J*=8.8 Hz), 7.81 (1H, dd, *J*=8.8, 2.2 Hz), 8.16 (1H, d, *J*=2.2 Hz), 8.88 (s, 1H), 9.07 ppm (1H, t, *J*=7.1 Hz).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 41.88, 52.34, 118.68, 119.79, 120.26, 129.28, 129.71, 134.17, 147.45, 143.11, 160.32, 161.62, 170.33 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{13}H_{10}CINO_5$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 318.6637, found: 318.6619.

#### (6-chloro-2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carbonyl) glycine (5.20).

The white compound was obtained from methyl (6-chloro-2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carbonyl) glycinate (**5.19**) by following the experimental conditions described for **5.7a** (0.217 g, 89% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 4.15 (1H, d, *J*=5.6 Hz), 7.56 (1H, dd, *J*=8.8, 2 Hz), 7.77 (1H, dd, *J*=8.8, 2 Hz), 8.14 (1H, d, *J*=2.5 Hz), 8.88 (s, 1H), 9.01 (s, 1H), 12.82 ppm (br, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 41.88, 52.34, 118.68, 119.79, 120.26, 129.28, 129.71, 134.17, 147.45, 143.11, 160.32, 161.62, 170.33 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{12}H_8CINO_5$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 304.6369, found: 304.6388.

# 6-Chloro-2-oxo-*N*-(2-oxo-2-((4-sulfamoylphenyl)amino)ethyl)-2*H*-chromene-3-carboxamide (5.21).

To a solution of (6-chloro-2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carbonyl) glycine (**5.20**, 0.2 g, 0.71 mmol), EDC (0.132 g, 0.85 mmol), HOBt•H $_2$ O (0.115 g, 0.0.85 mmol) and triethylamine (0.5 mL) in DMF (7 mL) was added sulfanilamide (**5.3a**, 0.122 g, 0.71 mmol). The solution was stirred at room temperature for 12 h. Water (5 mL) was added to the solution with few drops of 6N HCl and the resulting solid was filtered off and washed with water and air dried to yield a white powder (0.208 g, 67% yield).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 3.85 (s, 2H), 7.48 (s, 2H), 7.61 (1H, d, *J*=8.8 Hz), 7.78 (m, 4H), 7.89 (2H, d, *J*=8.8 Hz), 8.14 (1H, d, *J*=2.5 Hz), 8.82 (s, 1H), 10.86 ppm (s,1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 44.20, 117.55, 119.69, 120.45, 121.79, 126.53, 128.46, 130.21, 135.77, 139.81, 141.15, 146.63, 153.89, 160.11, 165.12 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{18}H_{14}CIN_3O_6S$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 458.8246, found: 458.8233.

## 2-Oxo-2-((4-sulfamoylphenyl)amino)ethyl-7-(diethylamino)-2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carboxylate (5.22).

To a solution of ethyl 7-(diethylamino)-2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carboxylate (**5.2g**, 0.2 g, 0.77 mmol) in dry DMF (15 mL), anhydrous  $K_2CO_3$  (0.18 g, 1.28 mmol) was added. The mixture was stirred for 15 mins at 70-80 °C and 2-chloro-*N*-(4-sulfamoylphenyl) acetamide (**5.4a**, 0.21 g, 0.85 mmol) was added, followed by a pinch of KI, and heated overnight. Water (10 mL) was added to the reaction mixture, followed by 1 mL 6N HCI. The resulting solid was filtered, washed with water and air dried, and purification by flash column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc 20:1) afforded the title compound as a yellow powder (0.198 g, 54% yield):

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ = 1.15 (3H, t, *J*=6.8 Hz), 3.50 (q, 4H), 4.88 (s, 2H), 6.58 (s, 1H), 6.82 (1H, d, *J*=8.3 Hz), 7.27 (s, 1H), 7.70 (1H, d, *J*=9.0 Hz), 7.79 (s, 4H), 8.19 (br, 1H), 8.68 (s, 1H), 10.53 ppm (s,1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ= 12.81, 44.89, 63.26, 96.34, 106.62, 107.58, 110.54, 119.25, 127.28, 132.50, 139.21, 141.83, 146.88, 153.65, 157.85, 162.86, 163.46, 165.61 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calcd for  $C_{22}H_{23}N_3O_7S$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 496.4863, found: 496.4745.

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