

Bis-(sulfonylamino)derivatives for use in therapy

Field of the Invention

The present invention relates to bis-(sulfonylamino) derivatives, processes for their
5 preparation, pharmaceutical compositions containing them and their use in therapy.

Background of the Invention

Modulation of prostaglandin metabolism is at the center of current anti-inflammatory
therapies. NSAIDs and COX-2 inhibitors block the activity of cyclooxygenases and their
10 ability to convert arachidonic acid into prostaglandin H₂ (PGH₂). PGH₂ can be
subsequently metabolized by terminal prostaglandin synthases to the corresponding
biologically active PGs, namely, PGI₂, thromboxane (Tx) A₂, PGD₂, PGF₂ α , and PGE₂.
A combination of pharmacological, genetic and neutralizing antibody approaches
demonstrates the importance of PGE₂ in inflammation. The conversion of PGH₂ to PGE₂
15 by prostaglandin E synthases (PGES) may therefore represent a pivotal step in the
propagation of inflammatory stimuli.

Microsomal prostaglandin E synthase-1 (mPGES-1) is an inducible PGES after exposure
to pro-inflammatory stimuli. mPGES-1 is induced in the periphery and in the CNS by
20 inflammation and represents therefore a target for acute and chronic inflammatory
disorders.

PGE₂ is a major prostanoid driving inflammatory processes. The Prostanoid is produced
from arachidonic acid liberated by Phospholipases (PLAs). Arachidonic acid is transformed
25 by the action of Prostaglandin H Synthase (PGH Synthase, cyclooxygenase) into PGH₂
which is a substrate for mPGES-1, that is the terminal enzyme transforming PGH₂ to the
pro-inflammatory PGE₂.

NSAIDs reduce PGE₂ by inhibiting cyclooxygenase, but at the same time reducing other
30 prostanoids, giving side effects such as ulcerations in the GI tract. mPGES-1 inhibition
gives a similar effect on PGE₂ production without affecting the formation of other
prostanoids, and hence a more favourable profile.

By blocking the formation of PGE₂ in animal models of inflammatory pain a reduced inflammation, pain and fever response has been demonstrated (see e.g. Kojima et. al, *The Journal of Immunology* 2008, 180, 8361-6, Xu et. al., *The Journal of Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics* 2008, 326, 754-63).

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In abdominal aortic aneurism, inflammation leads to connective tissue degradation and smooth muscle apoptosis ultimately leading to aortic dilation and rupture. In animals lacking mPGES-1 a slower disease progression and disease severity has been demonstrated (see e.g. Wang et.al. *Circulation*, 2008, 117, 1302-1309).

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Several lines of evidence indicate that PGE₂ is involved in malignant growth. PGE₂ facilitates tumour progression by stimulation of cellular proliferation and angiogenesis and by modulation of immunosuppression. In support of a role for PGE₂ in carcinogenesis genetic deletion of mPGES-1 in mice suppress the intestinal tumourogenesis (Nakanishi et.al. *Cancer Research* 2008, 68(9), 3251-9). In man, mPGES-1 is also upregulated in cancers such as clorectal cancer (see e.g. Schröder *Journal of Lipid Research* 2006, 47, 1071-80).

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Myositis is chronic muscle disorder characterized by muscle weakness and fatigue.

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Proinflammatory cytokines and prostanoids have been implicated in the development of myositis. In skeletal muscle tissue from patients suffering from myositis an increase in cyclooxygenases and mPGES-1 has been demonstrated, implicating mPGES-1 as a target for treating this condition (see e.g. Korotkova *Annals of the Rheumatic Diseases* 2008, 67, 1596-1602).

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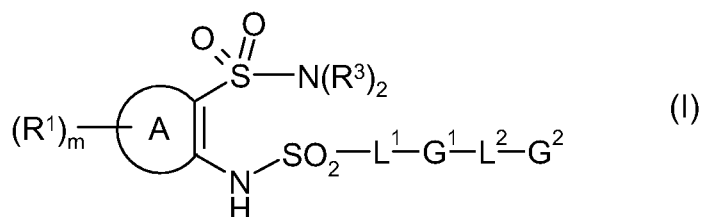
In atherosclerosis inflammation of the vasculature leads to atheroma formation that eventually may progress into infarction. In patients with carotid atherosclerosis an increase in mPGES-1 in plaque regions have been found (Gómez-Hernández *Atherosclerosis* 2006,187, 139-49). In an animal model of atherosclerosis, mice lacking the mPGES-1 receptor was found to show a retarded atherogenesis and a concomitant reduction in macrophage-derived foam cells together with an increase in vascular smooth muscle cells (see e.g. Wang *Proceedings of National Academy of Sciences* 2006, 103(39), 14507-12).

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The present invention is directed to novel compounds that are selective inhibitors of the microsomal prostaglandin E synthase-1 enzyme and would therefore be useful for the treatment of pain and inflammation in a variety of diseases or conditions.

5 Disclosure of the Invention

In one aspect we disclose a compound of formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof



10 wherein:

A is selected from phenyl or a 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl or a 5- or 6-membered heterocyclenyl moiety; said phenyl or 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl or 5- or 6-membered heterocyclenyl moiety in group A being optionally fused to a phenyl, a 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl, C_{5-6} carbocyclenyl or C_{5-6} heterocyclenyl ring;

each R^1 is independently selected from halogen, nitro, SF_5 , CN, NR^5R^6 , OH, CHO, $CO_2C_{1-4}alkyl$, $CONR^5R^6$, $C_{1-4}alkyl$, $C_{2-4}alkenyl$, $C_{2-4}alkynyl$, $C_{1-4}alkoxy$, G^3 , OG^3 or OCH_2G^3 ; said $C_{1-4}alkyl$, $C_{2-4}alkenyl$, $C_{2-4}alkynyl$ or $C_{1-4}alkoxy$ being optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from OH, NR^5R^6 , $C_{1-4}alkyl$ or F;

m represents an integer 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4;

each R^3 is independently selected from hydrogen, CN and $C_{1-4}alkyl$; said $C_{1-4}alkyl$ being optionally substituted with OH, CN, $C_{1-4}alkoxy$, NR^7R^8 , or one or more F atoms;

L^1 represents a direct bond, $C_{1-4}alkylene$, $C_{2-4}alkenylene$ or $C_{2-4}alkynylene$;

L^2 represents a direct bond, $-O-$, $-OCH_2-$, C_{1-2} alkylene, $-C\equiv C-$ or $-NHCONH-$;

G^1 represents phenyl, 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl, C_{3-10} carbocyclyl or C_{5-8} heterocyclyl;

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G^2 represents H, C_{1-6} alkyl, phenyl, 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl, C_{3-10} carbocyclyl or C_{5-8} heterocyclyl; said C_{1-6} alkyl being optionally further substituted by one or more groups selected from OH, C_{1-6} alkoxy and halogen;

10 the phenyl, heteroaryl, carbocyclyl or heterocyclyl moieties in G^1 and G^2 being optionally fused to one or two further rings independently selected from phenyl, a 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl, C_{5-6} carbocyclyl or C_{5-6} heterocyclyl ring;

any phenyl, heteroaryl, carbocyclyl or heterocyclyl moieties in G^1 and G^2 being optionally
15 substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from halogen, OH, CN, NO_2 , CO_2R^9 , C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} alkoxy, C_{1-4} thioalkoxy, $SO_2NR^{10}R^{11}$, $NR^{12}R^{13}$, $-NHCOC(OH)(CH_3)CF_3$ or $-CH_2OCH_2CF_2CHF_2$; said C_{1-6} alkyl or C_{1-6} alkoxy being optionally substituted by OH or by one or more F atoms;

20 R^9 represents C_{1-6} alkyl;

G^3 represents phenyl or 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl; and

each R^4 , R^5 , R^6 , R^7 , R^8 , R^{10} , R^{11} , R^{12} and R^{13} is independently selected from H or
25 C_{1-4} alkyl;

with the proviso that the following compounds are excluded:

3-[(phenylsulfonyl)amino]pyridine-2-sulfonamide;

2-amino-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide;

- 4-tert-butyl-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide;
3-amino-4-hydroxy-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide;
4-bromo-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide;
4-fluoro-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide;
5 4-methyl-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide;
4-nitro-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide;
2-nitro-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide;
4-amino-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide;
2-[(phenylsulfonyl)amino]-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonamide;
10 2-[(4-methylphenyl)sulfonyl]amino}-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonamide;
N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)quinoline-8-sulfonamide;
4-tert-butyl-N-(2-(N-ethylsulfamoyl)phenyl)-2,6-dimethylbenzenesulfonamide;
2,5-dibromo-N-(2-(N-ethylsulfamoyl)phenyl)benzenesulfonamide;
methyl 4-(5-fluoro-3-methylbenzo[b]thiophene-2-sulfonamido)-3-sulfamoylbenzoate;
15 2,3,4,5,6-pentafluoro-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide;
N-(2-(N,N-dimethylsulfamoyl)phenyl)-5,7-dimethyl-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidine-2-sulfonamide;
N-(2-(N-tert-butylsulfamoyl)phenyl)-5,7-dimethyl-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidine-2-sulfonamide;
20 N-(2-(N-methoxy-N-methylsulfamoyl)phenyl)-5,7-dimethyl-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidine-2-sulfonamide;
5,7-dimethyl-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-c]pyrimidine-2-sulfonamide;
6-methyl-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)thiazolo[3,2-b][1,2,4]triazole-2-sulfonamide;
6-chloro-N-(2-(N,N-dimethylsulfamoyl)phenyl)-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidine-2-sulfonamide;
25 6-chloro-N-(2-(N-ethyl-N-methylsulfamoyl)phenyl)-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidine-2-sulfonamide;
N-(2-(N,N-dimethylsulfamoyl)phenyl)-5-methyl-7,8-dihydro-6H-cyclopenta[e][1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidine-2-sulfonamide;
30 N-(2-(N,N-dimethylsulfamoyl)-5-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-5,7-dimethyl-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidine-2-sulfonamide;

N-(2-(N-ethyl-N-methylsulfamoyl)phenyl)-5,7-dimethyl-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidine-2-sulfonamide; and

N-(2-(N,N-dimethylsulfamoyl)phenyl)-5,7-dimethyl-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidine-2-sulfonamide.

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As used herein, a C₁-C₆ alkyl moiety is a linear or branched alkyl moiety containing from 1 to 6 carbon atoms, such as a C₁-C₄ or C₁-C₂ alkyl moiety. Examples of C₁-C₆ alkyl moieties include methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, i-propyl, n-butyl, s-butyl and t-butyl, pentyl and hexyl. For the avoidance of doubt, where two alkyl moieties are present in a substituent,

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As used herein, a C₁-C₄ alkylene or C₁-C₂ alkylene group is any divalent linear or branched C₁-C₄ or C₁-C₂ alkyl moiety. Linear C₁-C₄ alkylene groups are methylene, ethylene, n-propylene and n-butylene groups. Branched C₁-C₄ alkylene groups include -CH(CH₃)-, -CH(CH₃)-CH₂- and -CH₂-CH(CH₃)-.

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As used herein, a C₂-C₄ alkenyl moiety is a linear or branched alkyl moiety containing from 2 to 4 carbon atoms that includes a carbon-carbon double bond. As used herein, a C₂-C₄ alkenylene group is any divalent linear or branched C₂-C₄ alkylene moiety that includes a carbon-carbon double bond.

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As used herein, a C₂-C₄ alkynyl moiety is a linear or branched alkyl moiety containing from 2 to 4 carbon atoms that includes a carbon-carbon triple bond. As used herein, a C₂-C₄ alkynylene group is any divalent linear or branched C₂-C₄ alkylene moiety that includes a carbon-carbon triple bond.

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As used herein, a halogen is chlorine, fluorine, bromine or iodine. A halogen is typically fluorine, chlorine or bromine.

As used herein, a C₁-C₆ alkoxy moiety is a said C₁-C₆ alkyl moiety attached to an oxygen atom. Examples include methoxy and ethoxy.

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As used herein, a C₁-C₄ thioalkoxy moiety is a said C₁-C₄ alkyl moiety attached to a sulphur atom. Examples include methylthio and ethylthio.

As used herein, a 5- or 6- membered heteroaryl moiety is a monocyclic 5- or 6-membered aromatic ring, containing at least one heteroatom, for example 1, 2 or 3 heteroatoms, selected from O, S and N. Examples include imidazolyl, isoxazolyl, pyrrolyl, thienyl, thiazolyl, furanyl, pyridyl, pyrazinyl, pyrimidinyl, pyridazinyl, oxadiazolyl, oxazolyl, isoxazolyl, thiazolyl, isothiazolyl, thiadiazolyl, pyrazolyl and triazolyl moieties.

In one embodiment, a 5- or 6- membered heteroaryl moiety is pyrrolyl, thienyl, furanyl, pyridyl, pyrimidinyl, oxazolyl, thiazolyl or pyrazolyl moiety.

As used herein, a 5- to 8- membered heterocyclyl moiety is a monocyclic non-aromatic, saturated or unsaturated C₅-C₈ carbocyclic ring, in which at least one, for example, 1, 2 or 3, carbon atoms in the ring are replaced with a moiety selected independently from O, S, SO, SO₂ and N and optionally incorporating one or more carbonyl (C=O) groups. When such a ring contains a carbon-carbon double bond, it may alternatively be referred to as a heterocyclenyl moiety. Typically, a heterocyclyl moiety is a saturated C₅-C₈ ring such as a C₅-C₆ ring in which 1, 2 or 3 of the carbon atoms in the ring are replaced with a moiety selected from O, S, SO₂ and NH and optionally incorporating one or two CO moieties.

Examples include azetidiny, pyrazolidiny, piperidyl, piperidin-2,6-dionyl, piperidin-2-onyl, perhydroazepiny (hexamethylene iminy), piperazinyl, morpholinyl, thiomorpholinyl, S-oxothiomorpholinyl, S,S-dioxothiomorpholinyl, 1,3-dioxolanyl, 1,4-dioxanyl, pyrrolidinyl, imidazolidiny, imidazol-2-onyl, pyrrolidin-2-onyl, tetrahydrofuranyl, tetrahydrothienyl, S,S-dioxotetrahydrothienyl (tetramethylenesulfonyl), dithiolanyl, thiazolidiny, oxazolidiny, tetrahydropyranyl and pyrazoliny moieties.

In one embodiment, a 5- to 8- membered heterocyclyl moiety is morpholinyl, tetrahydrofuranyl or S,S-dioxotetrahydrothienyl.

For the avoidance of doubt, although the above definitions of heteroaryl and heterocyclyl groups refer to an "N" moiety which can be present in the ring, as will be evident to a skilled chemist the N atom will carry a hydrogen atom (or will carry a substituent as defined above) if it is attached to each of the adjacent ring atoms via a single bond.

As used herein, a C₃-C₁₀ carbocyclyl moiety is a monocyclic or polycyclic non-aromatic saturated or unsaturated hydrocarbon ring having from 3 to 10 carbon atoms.

In one embodiment, it is a saturated ring system (i.e. a cycloalkyl moiety) having from 3 to 7 carbon atoms. Examples include adamantyl, cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, cyclopentenyl, cyclohexyl and cycloheptyl and bicycloheptyl.

In one embodiment, a C₃-C₁₀ carbocyclyl moiety is adamantyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl or bicycloheptyl moiety.

In another embodiment, it is a C₅-C₆ cycloalkyl moiety.

Examples of bicyclic ring systems in which the two rings are fused together include naphthyl, indanyl, quinolyl, tetrahydroquinolyl, benzofuranyl, indolyl, isoindolyl, indolinyl, benzofuranyl, 2,3-dihydro-benzofuranyl, benzothienyl, indazolyl, benzimidazolyl, benzthiazolyl, benzmorpholinyl, isoquinolyl, chromanyl, indenyl, 2,3-dihydro-indenyl, quinazolyl, quinoxalyl, isochromanyl, tetrahydronaphthyl, pyrido-oxazolyl, pyridothiazolyl, dihydrobenzofuranyl, 1,3-benzodioxolyl, 2,3-dihydro-1,4-benzodioxinyl, 1,3-benzodioxinyl and 3,4-dihydro-isochromenyl.

In one embodiment, a bicyclic fused ring system is a naphthyl, indanyl, indolyl, benzofuranyl, benzothienyl, benzthiazolyl, benzmorpholinyl, pyrido-oxazolyl, pyridothiazolyl or dihydrobenzofuranyl moiety.

Examples of tricyclic ring systems in which the three rings are fused together include xanthenyl, carbazolyl, acridinyl, phenothiazinyl, phenoxazinyl, dibenzofuranyl, dibenzothienyl, S,S,-dioxodibenzothienyl, fluorenyl, phenanthrenyl and anthracenyl.

In one embodiment, a tricyclic fused ring system is a dibenzofuranyl or S,S,-dioxodibenzothienyl moiety.

For the avoidance of doubt, when the phenyl, heteroaryl, carbocyclyl or heterocyclyl moieties in G¹ and G² are fused to one or two further rings, said fused rings may be substituted at one or more ring positions with such substituents as described above.

In one embodiment, A is selected from phenyl, pyridyl or thienyl; said phenyl or pyridyl being optionally fused to a phenyl, a 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl, C₅₋₆carbocyclyl or

C₅₋₆heterocyclyl ring. Examples of fused ring systems for A include naphthyl, indanyl, quinolyl, tetrahydroquinolyl, benzofuranyl, indolyl, benzothienyl, indazolyl, benzimidazolyl, benzthiazolyl, indenyl, 2,3-dihydro-indenyl, tetrahydronaphthyl, pyridoxazolyl, pyridothiazolyl, dihydrobenzofuranyl, 1,3-benzodioxolyl and 2,3-dihydro-1,4-benzodioxinyl.

In one embodiment, A represents phenyl, pyridyl, thienyl or 2,3-dihydro-indenyl.

In another embodiment, A is phenyl or pyridyl.

In another embodiment, A is phenyl.

In another embodiment, A is pyridyl.

In another embodiment, A is thienyl.

In another embodiment, A is 2,3-dihydro-indenyl.

In one embodiment, R¹ is independently selected from halogen, nitro, SF₅, OH, CHO, C₁₋₄alkyl or C₁₋₄alkoxy; said C₁₋₄alkyl or C₁₋₄alkoxy being optionally substituted by OH or by one or more F atoms.

In one embodiment, R¹ is independently selected from halogen, CN, OH, CONR⁵R⁶, NR⁵R⁶, C₁₋₄alkyl, C₂₋₄alkynyl, C₁₋₄alkoxy, G³, OG³ or OCH₂G³; said C₁₋₄alkyl or C₂₋₄alkynyl being optionally substituted by OH or by one or more F atoms.

In one embodiment, R¹ is independently selected from halogen, CN, OH, CONR⁵R⁶, NR⁵R⁶, C₁₋₄alkyl, C₂₋₄alkynyl, C₁₋₄alkoxy, G³, OG³ or OCH₂G³; said C₁₋₄alkyl or C₂₋₄alkynyl being optionally substituted by OH.

In one embodiment, G³ is phenyl, pyridyl or 2-methyl-1,3,4-oxadiazole.

In one embodiment, R⁵ and R⁶ is hydrogen.

In another embodiment, R¹ is independently selected from halogen, C₁₋₄alkyl or C₁₋₄alkoxy; said C₁₋₄alkyl or C₁₋₄alkoxy being optionally substituted by OH or by one or more F atoms.

In one embodiment, m represents an integer 0, 1 or 2.

In one embodiment, m represents an integer 0 or 1. In another embodiment, m represents an integer 0.

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In one embodiment, each R^3 is independently selected from hydrogen, CN and C_{1-4} alkyl. In another embodiment, each R^3 represents hydrogen.

In one embodiment, L^1 represents a direct bond, C_{1-3} alkylene or C_{2-3} alkenylene.

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In one embodiment, L^1 represents a direct bond, C_{1-2} alkylene or C_2 alkenylene. In another embodiment, L^1 represents a direct bond.

In one embodiment, L^2 represents a direct bond, $-O-$, $-OCH_2-$, $-NHCONH-$ or $-C\equiv C-$.

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In one embodiment, L^2 represents a direct bond, $-O-$, $-OCH_2-$, C_{1-2} alkylene or $-C\equiv C-$. In another embodiment, L^2 represents a direct bond or $-C\equiv C-$. In another embodiment, L^2 represents a direct bond. In another embodiment, L^2 represents $-C\equiv C-$.

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In one embodiment, G^1 represents phenyl or 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl, said phenyl or 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl being optionally fused to one or two further rings independently selected from phenyl, C_{5-6} carbocyclyl or C_{5-6} heterocyclyl ring.

In one embodiment, G^1 represents phenyl or 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl; optionally fused to one further ring independently selected from phenyl and 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl.

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In another embodiment, G^1 represents phenyl; optionally fused to one further ring independently selected from phenyl and 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl. In another embodiment, G^1 represents phenyl.

In one embodiment, G^2 represents H, C_{1-6} alkyl, phenyl or 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl; said phenyl or 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl being optionally fused to one further ring independently selected from phenyl, a 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl, C_{5-6} carbocyclyl or C_{5-6} heterocyclyl ring.

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In one embodiment, G^1 represents phenyl, naphthyl, pyridyl, thienyl, 2,3-dihydro-indenyl tetrahydronaphthyl, 2,3-dihydro-1,4-benzodioxinyl or S,S,-dioxodibenzothienyl.

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In one embodiment, G^2 represents hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, tert-butyl, iso-propyl, phenyl, pyridyl, pyrimidyl, cyclopentyl, cyclopentenyl, cyclohexyl, furanyl, tetrahydrofuranyl, thienyl, thiazolyl, pyrazolyl, bensofuranyl, 2,3-dihydro-bensofuranyl, indolyl, tetrahydronaphthyl or dibenzofuranyl.

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In one embodiment, any phenyl, heteroaryl, carbocyclyl or heterocyclyl moieties in G^1 and G^2 are optionally substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from halogen, CN, NO_2 , C_{1-6} alkyl and C_{1-6} alkoxy; said C_{1-6} alkyl or C_{1-6} alkoxy being optionally substituted by OH or by one or more F atoms.

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In one embodiment, any phenyl, heteroaryl, carbocyclyl or heterocyclyl moieties in G^1 and G^2 are optionally substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from halogen, CN, OH, C_{1-4} alkyl, C_1 thioalkoxy, $NR^{12}R^{13}$, $-NHCOC(OH)(CH_3)CF_3$, $SO_2NR^{10}R^{11}$, and C_1 alkoxy; said C_{1-4} alkyl or C_1 alkoxy being optionally substituted by OH or by one or more F atoms.

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In one embodiment, R^{10} is hydrogen.

In one embodiment, R^{11} , R^{12} and R^{13} is methyl.

In another embodiment, any phenyl, heteroaryl, carbocyclyl or heterocyclyl moieties in G^1 and G^2 are optionally substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from halogen, C_{1-6} alkyl and C_{1-6} alkoxy; said C_{1-6} alkyl being optionally substituted by OH or by one or more F atoms.

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In one embodiment, A is phenyl, pyridyl, thienyl or 2,3-dihydro-indenyl;
 R^1 is independently selected from halogen, CN, OH, $CONR^5R^6$, NR^5R^6 , C_{1-4} alkyl, C_{2-4} alkynyl, C_{1-4} alkoxy, G^3 , OG^3 and OCH_2G^3 ; said C_{1-4} alkyl or C_{2-4} alkynyl being optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from OH and C_{1-4} alkyl;

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m represents an integer 0, 1 or 2;

G^3 is phenyl, pyridyl or 2-methyl-1,3,4-oxadiazole;

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R^3 , R^5 , R^6 and R^{10} represents hydrogen;

L^1 represents a direct bond, C_{1-3} alkylene or C_{2-3} alkenylene;

L^2 represents a direct bond, $-O-$, $-OCH_2-$, $-NHCONH-$ or $-C\equiv C-$;

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G^1 represents phenyl or 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl; said phenyl or 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl being optionally fused to one or two further rings independently selected from phenyl, C_{5-6} carbocyclyl or C_{5-6} heterocyclyl ring;

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G^2 represents H, C_{1-6} alkyl, phenyl, 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl, C_{3-10} carbocyclyl or C_{5-8} heterocyclyl;
said phenyl or 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl being optionally fused to one further ring independently selected from phenyl, 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl, C_{5-6} carbocyclyl and C_{5-6} heterocyclyl ring;

said C₁₋₆alkyl being optionally further substituted by one or more groups selected from OH, C₁₋₆alkoxy or halogen.

any phenyl, heteroaryl, carbocyclyl or heterocyclyl moieties in G¹ and G² being optionally substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from halogen, CN, OH, C₁₋₄alkyl, C₁thioalkoxy, NR¹²R¹³, -NHCOC(OH)(CH₃)CF₃, SO₂NR¹⁰R¹¹, and C₁alkoxy; said C₁₋₄alkyl or C₁alkoxy being optionally substituted by OH or by one or more F atoms; R¹¹ is methyl; R¹² and R¹³ is methyl.

In one embodiment, A is phenyl, pyridyl, thienyl or 2,3-dihydro-indenyl;

R¹ is independently selected from halogen, CN, OH, CONR⁵R⁶, NR⁵R⁶, C₁₋₄alkyl, C₂₋₄alkynyl, C₁₋₄alkoxy, G³, OG³ and OCH₂G³; said C₁₋₄alkyl or C₂₋₄alkynyl being optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from OH and C₁₋₄alkyl; m represents an integer 0, 1 or 2;

G³ is phenyl, pyridyl or 2-methyl-1,3,4-oxadiazole;

R³, R⁵, R⁶ and R¹⁰ represents hydrogen;

L¹ represents a direct bond, C₁₋₃alkylene or C₂₋₃alkenylene;

L² represents a direct bond, -O-, -OCH₂-, -NHCONH- or -C≡C-;

G¹ represents phenyl, naphthyl, pyridyl, thienyl, 2,3-dihydro-indenyl tetrahydronaphthyl, 2,3-dihydro-1,4-benzodioxinyl or S,S,-dioxodibenzothienyl;

G² represents hydrogen, C₁₋₄alkyl, phenyl, pyridyl, pyrimidyl, cyclopentyl, cyclopentenyl, cyclohexyl, furanyl, tetrahydrofuranyl, thienyl, thiazolyl, pyrazolyl, bensofuranyl, 2,3-dihydro-bensofuranyl, indolyl, tetrahydronaphthyl and dibenzofuranyl;

any phenyl, heteroaryl, carbocyclyl or heterocyclyl moieties in G¹ and G² are optionally substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from halogen, CN, OH,

C_{1-4} alkyl, C_1 thioalkoxy, $NR^{12}R^{13}$, $-NHCOC(OH)(CH_3)CF_3$, $SO_2NR^{10}R^{11}$, and C_1 alkoxy; said C_{1-4} alkyl or C_1 alkoxy being optionally substituted by OH or by one or more F atoms;

R^{11} , R^{12} and R^{13} is methyl.

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In one embodiment A is phenyl, pyridyl or thienyl or 2,3-dihydro-indenyl;

R^1 is independently selected from chloro, fluoro, bromo, CN, OH, $CONR^5R^6$, methyl, 1-butynyl, methoxy, G^3 , OG^3 or OCH_2G^3 ; said methyl and 1-butynyl being optionally substituted by OH or methyl;

10 m represents an integer 0, 1 or 2;

G^3 is phenyl, pyridyl or 2-methyl-1,3,4-oxadiazole;

R^3 , R^5 , R^6 and R^{10} represents hydrogen;

L^1 represents a direct bond, ethylene, 1-methylethylene, 2-methylethylene, ethenylene, $-C(CH_3)CH-$, $-CHC(CH_3)-$ or $-CH_2C(CH_2)-$;

15 L^2 represents a direct bond, $-O-$, $-OCH_2-$, $-NHCONH-$ or $-C\equiv C-$;

G^1 represents phenyl, naphthyl, pyridyl, thienyl, 2,3-dihydro-indenyl tetrahydronaphthyl, 2,3-dihydro-1,4-benzodioxinyl or S,S,-dioxodibenzothienyl;

20 G^2 represents hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, tert-butyl, iso-propyl phenyl, pyridyl, pyrimidyl, cyclopentyl, cyclopentenyl, cyclohexyl, furanyl, tetrahydrofuranyl, thienyl, thiazolyl, pyrazolyl, bensofuranyl, 2,3-dihydro-bensofuranyl, indolyl, tetrahydronaphthyl or dibenzofuranyl;25 any methyl, ethyl, tert-butyl, iso-propyl phenyl, pyridyl, pyrimidyl, cyclopentyl, cyclopentenyl, cyclohexyl, furanyl, tetrahydrofuranyl, thienyl, thiazolyl, pyrazolyl, bensofuranyl, 2,3-dihydro-bensofuranyl, indolyl, tetrahydronaphthyl or dibenzofuranyl in G^1 and G^2 are optionally substituted by one or more substituents independently selected

from bromo, chloro, fluoro, CN, OH, methyl, tert-butyl, methylthio, $\text{NR}^{12}\text{R}^{13}$, –
 $\text{NHCOC}(\text{OH})(\text{CH}_3)\text{CF}_3$, $\text{SO}_2\text{NR}^{10}\text{R}^{11}$, and methoxy; said methyl, tert-butyl or methoxy
being optionally substituted by OH or by one or more F atoms;

5 R^{11} , R^{12} and R^{13} is methyl.

In one embodiment, A is phenyl or pyridyl;

R^1 is independently selected from halogen, C_{1-4} alkyl or C_{1-4} alkoxy; said C_{1-4} alkyl or
 C_{1-4} alkoxy being optionally substituted by OH or by one or more F atoms; m represents an
10 integer 0 or 1;

each R^3 represents hydrogen;

L^1 represents a direct bond;

L^2 represents a direct bond;

G^1 represents phenyl; optionally fused to one further ring independently selected from
15 phenyl and 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl;

G^2 represents H, phenyl or 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl; optionally fused to one further
ring independently selected from phenyl, a 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl, C_{5-6} carbocyclyl
or C_{5-6} heterocyclyl ring; and any phenyl or heteroaryl moieties in G^1 and G^2 are optionally
substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from halogen, C_{1-6} alkyl and
20 C_{1-6} alkoxy; said C_{1-6} alkyl being optionally substituted by OH or by one or more F atoms.

In one embodiment, A is phenyl;

m represents an integer 0;

each R^3 represents hydrogen;

25 L^1 represents a direct bond;

L^2 represents a direct bond;

G^1 represents phenyl; optionally fused to one further ring independently selected from phenyl and 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl;

G^2 represents H, phenyl or 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl; optionally fused to one further ring independently selected from phenyl, a 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl, C_{5-6} carbocyclyl or C_{5-6} heterocyclyl ring; and any phenyl or heteroaryl moieties in G^1 and G^2 are optionally substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from halogen, C_{1-6} alkyl and C_{1-6} alkoxy; said C_{1-6} alkyl being optionally substituted by OH or by one or more F atoms.

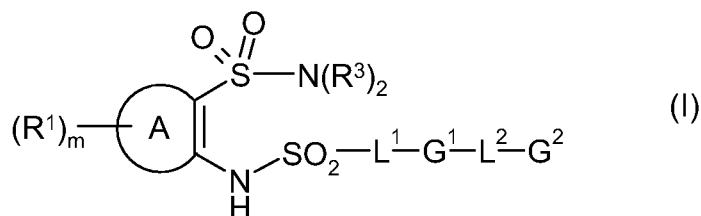
10 In one embodiment, A is phenyl;
m represents an integer 0;
each R^3 represents hydrogen;
 L^1 represents a direct bond;
 L^2 represents $-C\equiv C-$;

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G^1 represents phenyl; optionally fused to one further ring independently selected from phenyl and 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl;
 G^2 represents C_{1-6} alkyl optionally substituted by one or more groups selected from OH, C_{1-6} alkoxy and halogen; and any phenyl or heteroaryl moieties in G^1 is optionally substituted
20 by one or more substituents independently selected from halogen, C_{1-6} alkyl and C_{1-6} alkoxy;
said C_{1-6} alkyl being optionally substituted by OH or by one or more F atoms.

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In one aspect we disclose a compound of formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof



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wherein:

A is selected from phenyl or a 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl or a 5- or 6-membered heterocyclenyl moiety; said phenyl or 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl or 5- or 6-membered heterocyclenyl moiety in group A being optionally fused to a phenyl, a 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl, C₅₋₆carbocyclyl or C₅₋₆heterocyclyl ring;

each R¹ is independently selected from halogen, nitro, SF₅, CN, NR⁵R⁶, OH, CHO, CO₂C₁₋₄alkyl, CONR⁵R⁶, C₁₋₄alkyl, C₂₋₄alkenyl, C₂₋₄alkynyl, C₁₋₄alkoxy, G³, OG³ or OCH₂G³; said C₁₋₄alkyl, C₂₋₄alkenyl, C₂₋₄alkynyl or C₁₋₄alkoxy being optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from OH, NR⁵R⁶, C₁₋₄alkyl or F;

m represents an integer 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4;

each R³ is independently selected from hydrogen, CN and C₁₋₄alkyl; said C₁₋₄alkyl being optionally substituted with OH, CN, C₁₋₄alkoxy, NR⁷R⁸, or one or more F atoms;

L¹ represents a direct bond, C₁₋₄alkylene, C₂₋₄alkenylene or C₂₋₄alkynylene;

L² represents a direct bond, -O-, -OCH₂-, C₁₋₂alkylene, -C≡C- or -NHCONH-;

G^1 represents phenyl, 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl, C_{3-10} carbocyclyl or C_{5-8} heterocyclyl;

G^2 represents H, C_{1-6} alkyl, phenyl, 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl, C_{3-10} carbocyclyl or C_{5-8} heterocyclyl; said C_{1-6} alkyl being optionally further substituted by one or more groups selected from OH, C_{1-6} alkoxy and halogen;

the phenyl, heteroaryl, carbocyclyl or heterocyclyl moieties in G^1 and G^2 being optionally fused to one or two further rings independently selected from phenyl, a 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl, C_{5-6} carbocyclyl or C_{5-6} heterocyclyl ring;

any phenyl, heteroaryl, carbocyclyl or heterocyclyl moieties in G^1 and G^2 being optionally substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from halogen, OH, CN, NO_2 , CO_2R^9 , C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} alkoxy, C_{1-4} thioalkoxy, $SO_2NR^{10}R^{11}$, $NR^{12}R^{13}$, $-NHCOC(OH)(CH_3)CF_3$ or $-CH_2OCH_2CF_2CHF_2$; said C_{1-6} alkyl or C_{1-6} alkoxy being optionally substituted by OH or by one or more F atoms;

R^9 represents C_{1-6} alkyl;

G^3 represents phenyl or 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl; and

each R^4 , R^5 , R^6 , R^7 , R^8 , R^{10} , R^{11} , R^{12} and R^{13} is independently selected from H or C_{1-4} alkyl;

with the proviso that the following compounds are excluded:

3-[(phenylsulfonyl)amino]pyridine-2-sulfonamide;

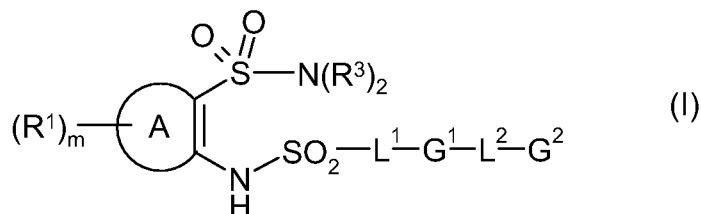
2-amino-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide;

4-tert-butyl-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide;

3-amino-4-hydroxy-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide;

- 4-bromo-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide;
 4-fluoro-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide;
 4-methyl-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide;
 4-nitro-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide;
 5 2-nitro-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide;
 4-amino-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide;
 2-methyl-4-[(2-sulfamoylphenyl)sulfamoyl]phenyl 2,2-dimethylpropanoate;
 2-[(phenylsulfonyl)amino]-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonamide;
 2-{[(4-methylphenyl)sulfonyl]amino}-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonamide; and
 10 N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)quinoline-8-sulfonamide.

In one aspect we disclose a compound of formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof



wherein:

- A is selected from phenyl or a 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl or a 5- or 6-membered
 20 heterocyclenyl moiety; said phenyl or 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl or 5- or 6-membered
 heterocyclenyl moiety in group A being optionally fused to a phenyl, a 5- or 6-membered
 heteroaryl, C₅₋₆carbocyclyl or C₅₋₆heterocyclyl ring;

- each R¹ is independently selected from halogen, nitro, SF₅, CN, NR⁵R⁶, OH, CHO,
 25 CO₂C₁₋₄alkyl, CONR⁵R⁶, C₁₋₄alkyl, C₂₋₄alkenyl, C₂₋₄alkynyl, C₁₋₄alkoxy, G³, OG³ or
 OCH₂G³; said C₁₋₄alkyl, C₂₋₄alkenyl, C₂₋₄alkynyl or C₁₋₄alkoxy being optionally
 substituted by one or more substituents selected from OH, NR⁵R⁶, C₁₋₄alkyl or F;

m represents an integer 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4;

each R^3 is independently selected from hydrogen, CN and C_{1-4} alkyl; said C_{1-4} alkyl being
5 optionally substituted with OH, CN, C_{1-4} alkoxy, NR^7R^8 , or one or more F atoms;

L^1 represents a direct bond, C_{1-4} alkylene, C_{2-4} alkenylene or C_{2-4} alkynylene;

L^2 represents a direct bond, $-O-$, $-OCH_2-$, C_{1-2} alkylene, $-C\equiv C-$ or $-NHCONH-$;

10 G^1 represents phenyl, 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl, C_{3-10} carbocyclyl or
 C_{5-8} heterocyclyl;

G^2 represents H, C_{1-6} alkyl, phenyl, 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl, C_{3-10} carbocyclyl or
 C_{5-8} heterocyclyl; said C_{1-6} alkyl being optionally further substituted by one or more groups
15 selected from OH, C_{1-6} alkoxy and halogen;

the phenyl, heteroaryl, carbocyclyl or heterocyclyl moieties in G^1 and G^2 being optionally
fused to one or two further rings independently selected from phenyl, a 5- or 6-membered
heteroaryl, C_{5-6} carbocyclyl or C_{5-6} heterocyclyl ring;

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any phenyl, heteroaryl, carbocyclyl or heterocyclyl moieties in G^1 and G^2 being optionally
substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from halogen, OH, CN,
 NO_2 , CO_2R^9 , C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} alkoxy, C_{1-4} thioalkoxy, $SO_2NR^{10}R^{11}$, $NR^{12}R^{13}$,
 $-NHCOC(OH)(CH_3)CF_3$ or $-CH_2OCH_2CF_2CHF_2$; said C_{1-6} alkyl or C_{1-6} alkoxy being
25 optionally substituted by OH or by one or more F atoms;

R^9 represents C_{1-6} alkyl;

G^3 represents phenyl or 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl; and

each R^4 , R^5 , R^6 , R^7 , R^8 , R^{10} , R^{11} , R^{12} and R^{13} is independently selected from H or C_{1-4} alkyl;

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with the proviso that the following compounds are excluded:

2-amino-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide;

methyl 4-(5-fluoro-3-methylbenzo[b]thiophene-2-sulfonamido)-3-sulfamoylbenzoate;

4-nitro-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide;

10 2-nitro-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide;

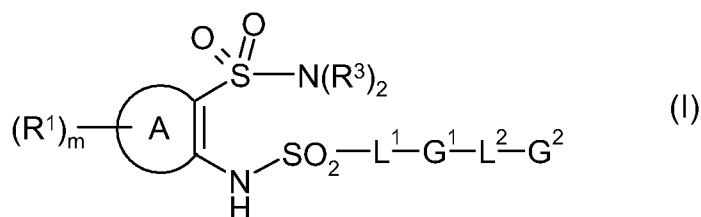
4-amino-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide;

N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)quinoline-8-sulfonamide;

for the use in therapy.

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In one aspect we disclose a compound of formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof



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wherein:

A is selected from phenyl or a 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl or a 5- or 6-membered

heterocyclenyl moiety; said phenyl or 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl or 5- or 6-membered

25 heterocyclenyl moiety in group A being optionally fused to a phenyl, a 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl, C_{5-6} carbocyclyl or C_{5-6} heterocyclyl ring;

each R^1 is independently selected from halogen, nitro, SF_5 , CN, NR^5R^6 , OH, CHO, $CO_2C_{1-4}alkyl$, $CONR^5R^6$, $C_{1-4}alkyl$, $C_{2-4}alkenyl$, $C_{2-4}alkynyl$, $C_{1-4}alkoxy$, G^3 , OG^3 or OCH_2G^3 ; said $C_{1-4}alkyl$, $C_{2-4}alkenyl$, $C_{2-4}alkynyl$ or $C_{1-4}alkoxy$ being optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from OH, NR^5R^6 , $C_{1-4}alkyl$ or F;

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m represents an integer 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4;

each R^3 is independently selected from hydrogen, CN and $C_{1-4}alkyl$; said $C_{1-4}alkyl$ being optionally substituted with OH, CN, $C_{1-4}alkoxy$, NR^7R^8 , or one or more F atoms;

10 L^1 represents a direct bond, $C_{1-4}alkylene$, $C_{2-4}alkenylene$ or $C_{2-4}alkynylene$;

L^2 represents a direct bond, $-O-$, $-OCH_2-$, $C_{1-2}alkylene$, $-C\equiv C-$ or $-NHCONH-$;

G^1 represents phenyl, 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl, $C_{3-10}carbocyclyl$ or

15 $C_{5-8}heterocyclyl$;

G^2 represents H, $C_{1-6}alkyl$, phenyl, 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl, $C_{3-10}carbocyclyl$ or $C_{5-8}heterocyclyl$; said $C_{1-6}alkyl$ being optionally further substituted by one or more groups selected from OH, $C_{1-6}alkoxy$ and halogen;

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the phenyl, heteroaryl, carbocyclyl or heterocyclyl moieties in G^1 and G^2 being optionally fused to one or two further rings independently selected from phenyl, a 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl, $C_{5-6}carbocyclyl$ or $C_{5-6}heterocyclyl$ ring;

25 any phenyl, heteroaryl, carbocyclyl or heterocyclyl moieties in G^1 and G^2 being optionally substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from halogen, OH, CN, NO_2 , CO_2R^9 , $C_{1-6}alkyl$, $C_{1-6}alkoxy$, $C_{1-4}thioalkoxy$, $SO_2NR^{10}R^{11}$, $NR^{12}R^{13}$,

–NHCOC(OH)(CH₃)CF₃ or –CH₂OCH₂CF₂CHF₂; said C₁₋₆alkyl or C₁₋₆alkoxy being optionally substituted by OH or by one or more F atoms;

R⁹ represents C₁₋₆alkyl;

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G³ represents phenyl or 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl; and

each R⁴, R⁵, R⁶, R⁷, R⁸, R¹⁰, R¹¹, R¹² and R¹³ is independently selected from H or C₁₋₄alkyl;

10 in the manufacture of a medicament for use in treating acute or chronic pain, nociceptive pain or neuropathic pain.

Examples of compounds of the invention include:

- 15 2-[2-(4-Benzofuran-2-ylphenyl)ethylsulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
2-[2-[4-(2,3-Dihydrobenzofuran-2-yl)phenyl]ethylsulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
2-[[(E)-2-(4-Benzofuran-2-ylphenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
2-[[(E)-2-(4-Benzofuran-2-ylphenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-5-fluoro-benzenesulfonamide;
2-[[(E)-2-(4-Benzofuran-2-ylphenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-4-fluoro-benzenesulfonamide;
20 2-[[(E)-2-(4-Benzofuran-2-ylphenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-6-fluoro-benzenesulfonamide;
2-[1-(4-Chlorophenyl)propan-2-ylsulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
2-(1-Phenylpropan-2-ylsulfonylamino)benzenesulfonamide;
2-[[(E)-1-(4-Chlorophenyl)prop-1-en-2-yl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
2-[1-(4-Chlorophenyl)propan-2-ylsulfonylamino]-4-fluoro-benzenesulfonamide;
25 2-[[(E)-1-(4-chlorophenyl)prop-1-en-2-yl]sulfonylamino]-4-fluoro-benzenesulfonamide;
2-[[(E)-1-(4-Chlorophenyl)prop-1-en-2-yl]sulfonylamino]-5-fluoro-benzenesulfonamide;
2-[[(E)-1-(4-Chlorophenyl)prop-1-en-2-yl]sulfonylamino]-6-fluoro-benzenesulfonamide;
2-[[(E)-1-(4-Chlorophenyl)prop-1-en-2-yl]sulfonylamino]-3-fluoro-benzenesulfonamide;
2-[[(E)-1-(4-Chlorophenyl)prop-1-en-2-yl]sulfonylamino]-5-methyl-benzenesulfonamide;
30 2-[2-[4-(2-Furyl)phenyl]ethylsulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
2-[2-[4-(Oxolan-2-yl)phenyl]ethylsulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;

- 2-[[(E)-2-[4-(2-Furyl)phenyl]ethenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
2-[2-[4-(Difluoromethoxy)phenyl]ethylsulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
2-[[(E)-2-[4-(Difluoromethoxy)phenyl]ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-benzenesulfonamide;
2-[2-(4-Chlorophenyl)ethylsulfonylamino]-5-fluoro-benzenesulfonamide;
5 2-[[(E)-2-(4-Chlorophenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-5-fluoro-benzenesulfonamide;
2-[[(E)-2-(3,4-Dichlorophenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-4-fluoro-benzenesulfonamide;
2-[[(E)-2-(3,4-Dichlorophenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-5-fluoro-benzenesulfonamide;
2-[[(E)-2-(3,4-Dichlorophenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-6-fluoro-benzenesulfonamide;
2-[[(E)-2-(5-Bromo-2-methoxy-phenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-4-fluoro-
10 benzenesulfonamide;
2-[[(E)-2-(5-Bromo-2-methoxy-phenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-5-fluoro-
benzenesulfonamide;
2-[[(E)-2-(5-Bromo-2-methoxy-phenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-6-fluoro-
benzenesulfonamide;
15 2-[[(E)-2-(5-Bromo-2-methoxy-phenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
2-[[(E)-2-(4-Cyanophenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-4-fluoro-benzenesulfonamide;
2-[[(E)-2-(4-Cyanophenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-5-fluoro-benzenesulfonamide;
2-[[(E)-2-(4-Cyanophenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-6-fluoro-benzenesulfonamide;
2-[[(E)-2-(4-Cyanophenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
20 4-Fluoro-2-[[(E)-2-[4-(2-furyl)phenyl]ethenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
5-Fluoro-2-[[(E)-2-[4-(2-furyl)phenyl]ethenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
2-Fluoro-6-[[(E)-2-[4-(2-furyl)phenyl]ethenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
4-Fluoro-2-[[(E)-2-(4-methylsulfanylphenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-benzenesulfonamide;
5-Fluoro-2-[[(E)-2-(4-methylsulfanylphenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-benzenesulfonamide;
25 2-Fluoro-6-[[(E)-2-(4-methylsulfanylphenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-benzenesulfonamide;
2-[[(E)-2-(4-Methylsulfanylphenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
2-[[(E)-2-[4-(Difluoromethoxy)phenyl]ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-4-fluoro-
benzenesulfonamide;
2-[[(E)-2-[4-(Difluoromethoxy)phenyl]ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-5-fluoro-
30 benzenesulfonamide;
2-[[(E)-2-[4-(Difluoromethoxy)phenyl]ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-6-fluoro-
benzenesulfonamide;

- 2-[2-(4-Chlorophenyl)ethylsulfonylamino]-5-(hydroxymethyl)-benzenesulfonamide;
2-[2-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-ethanesulfonylamino]-5-methylbenzenesulfonamide;
2-[2-(4-Chlorophenyl)ethylsulfonylamino]-5-(pyridin-2-ylmethoxy)benzenesulfonamide;
2-[2-(4-Chlorophenyl)ethylsulfonylamino]-5-[(5-methyl-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2-
5 yl)methoxy]benzenesulfonamide;
2-[2-(2-Chloro-phenyl)-ethenesulfonylamino]-benzenesulfonamide;
2-[2-(4-Chloro-2-methoxy-phenyl)-ethenesulfonylamino]-benzenesulfonamide;
2-Fluoro-6-[[(E)-2-(4-phenylphenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
2-[[(E)-2-(3-Chlorophenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-5-fluoro-benzenesulfonamide;
10 5-Fluoro-2-[[(E)-2-(4-phenylphenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
4-Fluoro-2-[[(E)-2-(4-phenylphenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
5-Fluoro-2-[[(E)-2-[3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-
benzenesulfonamide;
5-Fluoro-2-[[(E)-2-(2-methoxyphenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-benzenesulfonamide;
15 2-[[(E)-2-(3-Chlorophenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-6-fluoro-benzenesulfonamide;
2-Fluoro-6-[[(E)-2-(2-methoxyphenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-benzenesulfonamide;
4-Fluoro-2-[[(E)-2-(2-methoxyphenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-benzenesulfonamide;
3-Fluoro-2-[[(E)-2-(4-phenylphenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
3-Fluoro-2-[[(E)-2-(2-methoxyphenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-benzenesulfonamide;
20 4-Fluoro-2-[[(E)-2-[3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-
benzenesulfonamide;
2-Fluoro-6-[[(E)-2-(2-fluorophenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
2-[[(E)-2-(3-Chlorophenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-5-methyl-benzenesulfonamide;
2-[[(E)-2-(3-Chlorophenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-3-fluoro-benzenesulfonamide;
25 3-Fluoro-2-[[(E)-2-[3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-
benzenesulfonamide;
2-Fluoro-6-[[(E)-2-[3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-
benzenesulfonamide;
4-Fluoro-2-[[(E)-2-(2-fluorophenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
30 5-Methyl-2-[[(E)-2-[3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-
benzenesulfonamide;
2-[2-(4-Cyclopentylphenyl)ethylsulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;

- 2-[2-(4-Tert-butylphenyl)ethylsulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
4-Fluoro-2-[2-(4-tert-butylphenyl)ethylsulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
2-[2-(4-Chlorophenyl)ethylsulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
2-[[E)-2-(4-Chlorophenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
5 2-(Phenethylsulfonylamino)benzenesulfonamide;
2-[[E)-2-Phenylethenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
2-[2-(2-Chlorophenyl)ethylsulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
2-[[E)-2-(4-Methoxyphenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
2-[[E)-2-(4-Chlorophenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-4-fluoro-benzenesulfonamide;
10 2-(2-Phenylpropylsulfonylamino)benzenesulfonamide;
2-[[E)-2-(4-Chlorophenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-6-fluoro-benzenesulfonamide;
2-[[E)-2-(2,6-Dichlorophenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
2-[[E)-2-(4-Methylphenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
2-[[E)-2-(2-Methoxyphenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
15 2-[[E)-2-Naphthalen-2-ylethenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
2-[2-(4-Chlorophenyl)ethylsulfonylamino]-4-fluoro-benzenesulfonamide;
2-[[E)-2-(4-Chlorophenyl)prop-1-enyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
2-[2-(4-Chlorophenyl)prop-2-enylsulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
2-Fluoro-6-[[E)-2-naphthalen-2-ylethenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
20 2-Fluoro-6-[[E)-2-[2-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-
benzenesulfonamide;
2-Fluoro-6-[[E)-2-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-
benzenesulfonamide;
2-[[E)-2-(4-Bromophenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-6-fluoro-benzenesulfonamide;
25 4-Fluoro-2-[[E)-2-naphthalen-2-ylethenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
4-Fluoro-2-[[E)-2-[2-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-
benzenesulfonamide;
4-Fluoro-2-[[E)-2-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-
benzenesulfonamide;
30 2-[[E)-2-(4-Bromophenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-4-fluoro-benzenesulfonamide;
5-Methyl-2-[[E)-2-naphthalen-2-ylethenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;

- 5-Methyl-2-[[[(E)-2-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-benzenesulfonamide;
- 2-[[[(E)-2-(4-Bromophenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-5-methyl-benzenesulfonamide;
- 5-Fluoro-2-[[[(E)-2-naphthalen-2-ylethenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
- 5 5-Fluoro-2-[[[(E)-2-[2-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-benzenesulfonamide;
- 5-Fluoro-2-[[[(E)-2-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-benzenesulfonamide;
- 2-[[[(E)-2-(4-Bromophenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-5-fluoro-benzenesulfonamide;
- 10 2-[[[(E)-2-(2,6-Difluorophenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
- 2-[[[(E)-2-[2-(Trifluoromethyl)phenyl]ethenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
- 2-[[[(E)-2-[4-(Trifluoromethyl)phenyl]ethenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
- 2-[[[(E)-2-(4-Bromophenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
- 2-[(E)-2-(4-Bromophenyl) ethylsulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
- 15 2-[2-(4-Chlorophenyl)propylsulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
- 2-[2-(2-Methoxyphenyl)ethylsulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
- 2-(2-Naphthalen-2-ylethylsulfonylamino)benzenesulfonamide;
- 4-Fluoro-2-(2-naphthalen-2-ylethylsulfonylamino)benzenesulfonamide;
- 2-[(4-Chlorophenyl)methylsulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
- 20 2-[[3-(2,3-Dichlorophenyl)phenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
- 2-[[3-(3,5-difluorophenyl)phenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
- 3-(5-Chloro-2-methoxy-phenyl)-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide;
- 2-[[3-(3-Cyanophenyl)phenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
- 2-[[3-(4-Cyanophenyl)phenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
- 25 3-(2,4-Dimethoxypyrimidin-5-yl)-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide;
- 2-[[3-(3-Furyl)phenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
- 2-[[3-(1H-Indol-5-yl)phenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
- 2-[[3-[3-(Trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]phenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
- N-(2-Sulfamoylphenyl)-2,3-dihydro-1H-indene-5-sulfonamide;
- 30 7-Methyl-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)-10-oxa-7-azabicyclo[4.4.0]deca-1,3,5-triene-3-sulfonamide;
- 2-(3,4-Dichlorophenyl)-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide;

- 2-[[4-[3-Chloro-5-(trifluoromethyl)pyridin-2-yl]oxyphenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
- N-(2-Sulfamoylphenyl)tetralin-2-sulfonamide;
- 4-Phenylmethoxy-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide;
- 5 2-[(4-Cyclohexylphenyl)sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
- 3-Phenyl-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide;
- 5-(1-Methyl-5-trifluoromethyl-1H-pyrazol-3-yl)-thiophene-2-sulfonic acid (2-sulfamoylphenyl)-amide;
- N-(2-Sulfamoylphenyl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonamide;
- 10 2-[[3-(2,5-Dichlorophenyl)phenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
- 3-Dibenzofuran-4-yl-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide;
- 2-[[3-[4-(Trifluoromethyl)phenyl]phenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
- 3-(3-Methoxyphenyl)-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide;
- 3-Benzofuran-2-yl-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide;
- 15 2-[[3-(2,3-Dihydrobenzofuran-5-yl)phenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
- 3-(6-Methoxypyridin-3-yl)-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide;
- 2-[[3-(2,4-Dichlorophenyl)phenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
- 3-(1-Methylindol-2-yl)-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide;
- 2-[[3-[3-(Trifluoromethyl)phenyl]phenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
- 20 4-Benzofuran-2-yl-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide;
- 2-[[3-(2,4-Difluorophenyl)phenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
- 5-Bromo-2-[[3-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)phenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
- 2-[[3-(3,4-Dichlorophenyl)phenyl]sulfonylamino]-5-phenyl-benzenesulfonamide;
- 2,3-Difluoro-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide;
- 25 2,3-Difluoro-N-(4-fluoro-2-sulfamoyl-phenyl)benzenesulfonamide;
- 3-Chloro-2-fluoro-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide;
- 2,3-Dichloro-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide;
- 2-[[3-(3,4-Dichlorophenyl)phenyl]sulfonylamino]-5-methyl-benzenesulfonamide;
- 4-[[3-(3,4-Dichlorophenyl)phenyl]sulfonylamino]-3-sulfamoyl-benzamide;
- 30 5-Methyl-2-[[3-[3-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]phenyl]sulfonylamino]-benzenesulfonamide;
- 2-(2,3-Dichloro-benzenesulfonylamino)-5-hydroxymethyl-benzenesulfonamide;
- 2-(2,3-Dichloro-benzenesulfonylamino)-5-methyl-benzenesulfonamide;

- 2-[[3-(3,4-Dichlorophenyl)phenyl]sulfonylamino]-5-phenoxy-benzenesulfonamide;
5-Phenoxy-2-[[3-[3-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]phenyl]sulfonylamino]-
benzenesulfonamide;
2-(2,3-Dichloro-benzenesulfonylamino)-5-hydroxy-benzenesulfonamide;
5 (2R)-N-[2-Chloro-4-[(2-sulfamoylphenyl)sulfamoyl]phenyl]-3,3,3-trifluoro-2-hydroxy-2-
methyl-propanamide;
5-Chloro-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)thiophene-2-sulfonamide;
4,5-Dichloro-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)thiophene-2-sulfonamide;
3,4-Dichloro-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide;
10 3-(6-Methoxypyridin-2-yl)-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide;
2-[[4-[(2-Chloro-1,3-thiazol-5-yl)methoxy]phenyl]sulfonylamino]-benzenesulfonamide;
3-(5-Fluoro-6-methoxy-pyridin-3-yl)-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide;
3-(2-Methoxypyrimidin-5-yl)-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide;
3-(4-Methylpyridin-3-yl)-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide;
15 3-(2-Methoxypyridin-3-yl)-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide;
2-[[3-(5-Methylpyridin-3-yl)phenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
3-(5-Chloro-6-methoxy-pyridin-3-yl)-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide;
3-(6-Dimethylaminopyridin-3-yl)-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide;
2-[[3-[3-(Hydroxymethyl)phenyl]phenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
20 2-[[3-[4-(Hydroxymethyl)phenyl]phenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
2-[[4-(3,4-Dichlorophenyl)phenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
2-[[3-(3,4-Dichlorophenyl)phenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
2-[[4-(4-Chlorophenoxy)phenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
3-(4-Chlorophenyl)-1-[3-methyl-4-[(2-sulfamoylphenyl)sulfamoyl]phenyl]urea;
25 N-Methyl-N'-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)dibenzo[b,d]thiophene-2,8-disulfonamide 5,5-dioxide;
2,3-Dichloro-N-(4,5-difluoro-2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide;
(E)-2-(2-(3,4-Dichlorophenyl)vinylsulfonylamido)-5-(3-hydroxy-3-methylbut-1-
ynyl)benzenesulfonamide;
4-Cyano-2-(2-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)ethylsulfonylamido)benzenesulfonamide;
30 2-(2-(4-Chloro-2-methoxyphenyl)ethylsulfonylamido)-4-cyanobenzenesulfonamide;
2-(2-(4-Chloro-2-methoxyphenyl)ethylsulfonylamido)-5-cyanobenzenesulfonamide;
2-(2-(4-(3,3-dimethylbut-1-ynyl)phenyl)ethylsulfonylamido)benzenesulfonamide;

- 2-(2-(4-(3-Hydroxy-3-methylbut-1-ynyl)phenyl)ethylsulfonamido)benzenesulfonamide;
3-(3,3-Dimethylbut-1-ynyl)-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide;
2-(2-(4-Chloro-2-methoxyphenyl)ethylsulfonamido)benzenesulfonamide;
2-(2-(6-(3,3-Dimethylbut-1-ynyl)pyridin-3-yl)ethylsulfonamido)benzenesulfonamide;
5 2-(2-(6-(cyclohexylethynyl)pyridin-3-yl)ethylsulfonamido)benzenesulfonamide;
2-(2-(4-Bromophenyl)ethylsulfonamido)-5-methylbenzenesulfonamide;
(E)-2-(2-(4-Bromophenyl)vinylsulfonamido)-5-methylbenzenesulfonamide;
3-(2-Methylthiazol-4-yl)-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide;
(E)-2-(2-(3-(Trifluoromethyl)phenyl)vinylsulfonamido)benzenesulfonamide;
10 (E)-2-(2-(2-Fluorophenyl)vinylsulfonamido)benzenesulfonamide;
5-Chloro-2-(2-(4-chloro-2-methoxyphenyl)ethylsulfonamido)benzenesulfonamide;
2,3-Dichloro-N-(4-chloro-2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide;
2,3-Dichloro-N-(3,5-difluoro-2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide;
2-(2-(3,4-Dichlorophenyl)ethylsulfonamido)-4,6-difluorobenzenesulfonamide;
15 2-(2-(4-Chloro-2-methoxyphenyl)ethylsulfonamido)-4,6-difluorobenzenesulfonamide;
5-Cyano-2-(2-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)ethylsulfonamido)benzenesulfonamide;
(E)-2-(2-(3,4-Dichlorophenyl)vinylsulfonamido)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide;
2-(2-(4-Chloro-2-methoxyphenyl)ethylsulfonamido)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide;
5-Chloro-2-(2-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)ethylsulfonamido)benzenesulfonamide;
20 4-(3-(5-Chloro-6-methoxypyridin-3-yl)phenylsulfonamido)pyridine-3-sulfonamide;
4-(2-(4-(Benzofuran-2-yl)phenyl)ethylsulfonamido)pyridine-3-sulfonamide;
2-(2-(4-Chloro-2-methoxyphenyl)ethylsulfonamido)-5-methylbenzenesulfonamide;
4-(2-(4-Chloro-2-methoxyphenyl)ethylsulfonamido)pyridine-3-sulfonamide;
(E)-2-(2-(4-Cyclopentenylphenyl)vinylsulfonamido)benzenesulfonamide;
25 (E)-2-(2-(4-(3,3-Dimethylbut-1-ynyl)phenyl)vinylsulfonamido)benzenesulfonamide;
(E)-2-(2-(4-(3-Hydroxy-3-methylbut-1-ynyl)phenyl)vinylsulfonamido)-
benzenesulfonamide;
2-{2-[4-(3,3-Dimethyl-but-1-ynyl)-phenyl]-ethanesulfonylamino}-5-methyl-
benzenesulfonamide;
30 2-{2-[4-(3,3-Dimethyl-but-1-ynyl)-phenyl]-ethanesulfonylamino}-5-hydroxymethyl-
benzenesulfonamide;

2-[2-(4-Cyclopentylethynyl-phenyl)-ethanesulfonylamino]-5-hydroxymethyl-benzenesulfonamide;

2-[2-(4-Chloro-2-methoxy-phenyl)-ethanesulfonylamino]-5-hydroxymethyl-benzenesulfonamide;

5 3-{2-[4-(3,3-Dimethyl-but-1-ynyl)-phenyl]-ethanesulfonylamino}-thiophene-2-sulfonic acid amide;

3-[3-(5-Chloro-6-methoxy-pyridin-3-yl)-benzenesulfonylamino]-thiophene-2-sulfonic acid amide;

(E)-2-(2-(4-(1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethoxy)phenyl)vinylsulfonamido)benzenesulfonamide;

10 (E)-2-(2-(2-(difluoromethoxy)phenyl)vinylsulfonamido)benzenesulfonamide;

(E)-2-(2-(4'-(trifluoromethyl)biphenyl-4-yl)vinylsulfonamido)benzenesulfonamide;

(E)-2-(2-(2-isopropoxyphenyl)vinylsulfonamido)benzenesulfonamide;

(E)-2-(2-(2-(methylthio)phenyl)vinylsulfonamido)benzenesulfonamide;

(E)-2-(2-(2-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl)vinylsulfonamido)benzenesulfonamide;

15 (E)-2-(2-(2-ethoxyphenyl)vinylsulfonamido)benzenesulfonamide;

2-(2-(4-(1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethoxy)phenyl)ethylsulfonamido)benzenesulfonamide;

2-(2-(4'-(trifluoromethyl)biphenyl-4-yl)ethylsulfonamido)benzenesulfonamide;

2-[2-(2-Hydroxy-phenyl)-ethenesulfonylamino]-benzenesulfonamide;

4-Chloro-2-(2-(4-(difluoromethoxy)phenyl)ethylsulfonamido)benzenesulfonamide;

20 4-Chloro-2-(2-(2-methoxyphenyl)ethylsulfonamido)benzenesulfonamide;

4-Chloro-2-(2-(4-chloro-2-methoxyphenyl)ethylsulfonamido)benzenesulfonamide;

2-(2-(3,4-Dichlorophenyl)ethylsulfonamido)-3,5-difluorobenzenesulfonamide;

2,3-Dichloro-N-(4-fluoro-5-methoxy-2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide;

4-Chloro-2-(2-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)ethylsulfonamido)benzenesulfonamid;

25 5-Chloro-2-(2-(4-chlorophenyl)ethylsulfonamido)-4-fluorobenzenesulfonamide;

5-Chloro-2-(2-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)ethylsulfonamido)-4-fluorobenzenesulfonamide;

5-(2-(4-(Furan-2-yl)phenyl)ethylsulfonamido)-2,3-dihydro-1H-indene-4-sulfonamide;

6-(2-(4-(Furan-2-yl)phenyl)ethylsulfonamido)-2,3-dihydro-1H-indene-5-sulfonamid;

5-(2-(3,4-Dichlorophenyl)ethylsulfonamido)-2,3-dihydro-1H-indene-4-sulfonamide;

30 (E)-5-(2-(4-Chlorophenyl)vinylsulfonamido)-2,3-dihydro-1H-indene-4-sulfonamide;

(E)-6-(2-(4-Chlorophenyl)vinylsulfonamido)-2,3-dihydro-1H-indene-5-sulfonamide;

2-[[3-(3,4-Dichlorophenyl)phenyl]sulfonylamino]-N-methyl-benzenesulfonamide; and

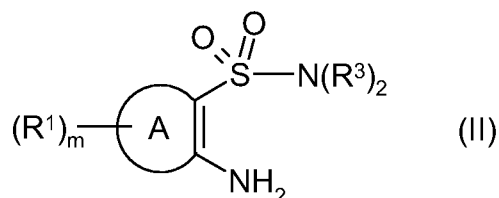
2-(2-(6-((4-(Trifluoromethyl)phenyl)ethynyl)pyridin-3-yl)ethylsulfonamido)-benzenesulfonamide

and pharmaceutically acceptable salts of any one thereof.

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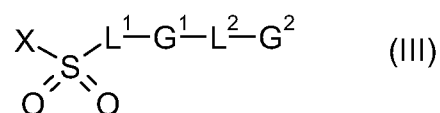
The present invention further provides a process for the preparation of a compound of formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof as defined above which comprises,

10 (a) reacting a compound of formula (II)



wherein R^1 , R^3 , A and m are as defined in formula (I),

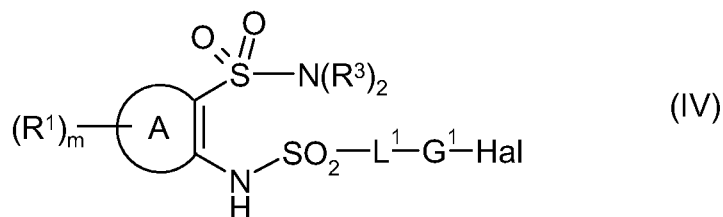
15 with a compound of formula (III)



wherein L^1 , L^2 , G^1 and G^2 are as defined in formula (I) and X represents a leaving group such as a halogen; or

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(b) when L^2 represents a direct bond and G^1 and G^2 are both aromatic moieties, reacting a compound of formula (IV)



wherein Hal represents a halogen atom and R^1 , R^3 , A, m and L^1 are as defined in formula (I),

with a nucleophile G^2-M wherein M represents an organo-tin or organo boronic acid group;

and optionally after (a) or (b) carrying out one or more of the following:

- converting the compound obtained to a further compound of the invention
- forming a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of the compound.

In process (a), the reaction may conveniently be carried out in an organic solvent such as acetonitrile, dichloromethane, N,N-dimethylformamide, pyridine or N-methylpyrrolidinone at a temperature, for example, in the range from -20 °C to the boiling point of the solvent. The leaving group is a halogen such as fluorine, chlorine, bromine or iodine, preferably chlorine. If necessary or desired, a base may be added. In one embodiment, the solvent is pyridine and the aniline is reacted with a sulfonyl chloride at room temperature.

In process (b), the reaction may conveniently be carried out by reaction with an appropriate aryl boronic acid or an aryl boronic ester. The reaction may be carried out using a suitable palladium catalyst such as $Pd(PPh_3)_4$, $Pd(dppf)Cl_2$, or $Pd(OAc)_2$ or $Pd_2(dba)_3$ together with a suitable ligand such as $P(tert-butyl)_3$, 2-(dicyclohexylphosphino)biphenyl, or 2-(2',6'-dimethoxybiphenyl)-dicyclohexylphosphine, or a nickel catalyst such as nickel on charcoal or $Ni(dppe)Cl_2$ together with zinc and sodium triphenylphosphinetrimetasulfonate. A suitable base such as an alkyl amine, e.g. triethylamine, or potassium carbonate, sodium carbonate, cesium carbonate, sodium hydroxide or cesium fluoride may be used in the reaction, which can be performed in the temperature range of +20 °C to +160 °C, using an oil bath or a microwave oven, in a suitable solvent or solvent mixture such as toluene, tetrahydrofuran, ethanol, dimethoxyethane/water, N,N-dimethylformamide or dioxane. The boronic acid or boronic ester may be formed in situ, by reaction of the corresponding aryl

halide (e.g., the aryl bromide) with an alkyllithium reagent such as butyllithium to form an intermediate aryl lithium species, which then is reacted with a suitable boron compound, e.g., trimethyl borate, tributyl borate or triisopropyl borate.

Alternatively, the reaction may be carried out by reaction with an appropriate alkyne. The reaction may be carried out using a suitable palladium catalyst such as $\text{Pd(PPh}_3)_4$, $\text{PdCl}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_2$, $[\text{PdCl}_2(\text{CH}_3\text{CN})_2]$ or $\text{Pd(PPh}_3)_2(\text{OAc})_2$. The reaction may be preformed in the presence of a suitable ligand such as Xphos. The reaction may also be preformed in the presence of a suitable copper catalyst such as copper(I) iodide. A suitable base such as triethylamine, buthylamine, diisopropylamine, N,N-diisopropylethylamine or cesium carbonate may be used in the reaction, which can be performed in the temperature range of +20 °C to +160 °C, using an oil bath or a microwave oven, in a suitable solvent or a mixture of solvents such as N,N-dimethylformamide, dimethyl sulfoxide, acetonitrile, toluene, tetrahydrofuran, dimethoxyethane/water or dioxane.

Specific processes for the preparation of compounds of Formula (I) are disclosed within the Examples section of the present specification. Such processes form an aspect of the present invention.

The necessary starting materials are either commercially available, are known in the literature or may be prepared using known techniques. Specific processes for the preparation of certain key starting materials are disclosed within the Examples section of the present specification and such processes form an aspect of the present invention.

Certain intermediates are novel. Such novel intermediates form another aspect of the invention.

Compounds of formula (I) can be converted into further compounds of formula (I) using standard procedures.

It will be appreciated by those skilled in the art that in the processes of the present invention certain functional groups such as hydroxyl or amino groups may need to be protected by protecting groups. Thus, the preparation of the compounds of formula (I)

may involve, at an appropriate stage, the addition and/or removal of one or more protecting groups.

The protection and deprotection of functional groups is described in 'Protective Groups in Organic Chemistry', edited by J.W.F. McOmie, Plenum Press (1973) and 'Protective
5 Groups in Organic Synthesis', 3rd edition, T.W. Greene and P.G.M. Wuts, Wiley-Interscience (1999).

As used herein, a pharmaceutically acceptable salt is a salt with a
10 pharmaceutically acceptable acid or base. Pharmaceutically acceptable acids include both inorganic acids such as hydrochloric, sulphuric, phosphoric, diphosphoric, hydrobromic or nitric acid and organic acids such as citric, fumaric, maleic, malic, ascorbic, succinic, tartaric, benzoic, acetic, methanesulphonic, ethanesulphonic, benzenesulphonic or *p*-toluenesulphonic acid. Pharmaceutically acceptable bases include alkali metal (e.g.
15 sodium or potassium) and alkali earth metal (e.g. calcium or magnesium) hydroxides and organic bases such as alkyl amines, aralkyl amines and heterocyclic amines.

Compounds of formula (I) are capable of existing in stereoisomeric forms. It will be understood that the invention encompasses the use of all geometric and optical isomers
20 (including atropisomers) of the compounds of formula (I) and mixtures thereof including racemates. The use of tautomers and mixtures thereof also form an aspect of the present invention. Enantiomerically pure forms are particularly desired.

The compounds of formula (I) and their pharmaceutically acceptable salts have activity as
25 pharmaceuticals, in particular as selective inhibitors of the microsomal prostaglandin E synthase-1 enzyme, and may therefore be beneficial in the treatment or prophylaxis of pain and of inflammatory diseases and conditions. Furthermore, by selectively inhibiting the pro-inflammatory PGE₂, it is believed the compounds of the invention would have a reduced potential for side effects associated with the inhibition of other prostaglandins by
30 conventional non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, such as gastrointestinal and renal toxicity.

More particularly, the compounds of formula (I) and their pharmaceutically acceptable salts may be used in the treatment of osteoarthritis, rheumatoid arthritis, acute or chronic pain, neuropathic pain, apneal/SID, wound healing, cancer, benign or malignant neoplasias, stroke, atherosclerosis and Alzheimer's disease.

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Even more particularly, the compounds of formula (I) and their pharmaceutically acceptable salts may be used in the treatment of osteoarthritis, rheumatoid arthritis, benign or malignant neoplasias or acute or chronic pain.

10 Thus, the present invention provides a compound of formula (I) or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof as hereinbefore defined for use in therapy.

In a further aspect, the present invention provides the use of a compound of formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof as hereinbefore defined in the manufacture of a
15 medicament for use in therapy.

In a further aspect, the present invention provides the use of a compound of formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof as hereinbefore defined in the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment of human diseases or conditions in which modulation of
20 microsomal prostaglandin E synthase-1 activity is beneficial.

In a further aspect, the present invention provides the use of a compound of formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof as hereinbefore defined in the manufacture of a medicament for use in the treatment of an inflammatory disease or condition.

25 In a further aspect, the present invention provides the use of a compound of formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof as hereinbefore defined in the manufacture of a medicament for use in treating osteoarthritis, rheumatoid arthritis, acute or chronic pain, neuropathic pain, apneal/SID, wound healing, cancer, benign or malignant neoplasias, stroke, atherosclerosis or Alzheimer's disease.

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In a further aspect, the present invention provides the use of a compound of formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof as hereinbefore defined in the manufacture of a

medicament for use in treating osteoarthritis, rheumatoid arthritis, benign or malignant neoplasias or acute or chronic pain.

In another aspect, the invention provides a compound of formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof as hereinbefore defined for use as a medicament.

In another aspect, the invention provides a compound of formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof as hereinbefore defined for the treatment of diseases or conditions in which modulation of microsomal prostaglandin E synthase-1 activity is beneficial.

In another aspect, the invention provides a compound of formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof as hereinbefore defined for the treatment of an inflammatory disease or condition.

In another aspect, the invention provides a compound of formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof as hereinbefore defined for the treatment of osteoarthritis, rheumatoid arthritis, acute or chronic pain, neuropathic pain, apnea/SID, wound healing, cancer, benign or malignant neoplasias, stroke, atherosclerosis or Alzheimer's disease.

In another aspect, the invention provides a compound of formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof as hereinbefore defined for the treatment of osteoarthritis, rheumatoid arthritis, benign or malignant neoplasias, apnea, sudden infant death (SID), atherosclerosis, cancer, aneurysm, hyperthermia, myositis, Alzheimer's disease or arthritis.

In another aspect, the invention provides a compound of formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof as hereinbefore defined for the treatment of osteoarthritis, rheumatoid arthritis, benign or malignant neoplasias or acute or chronic pain.

In the context of the present specification, the term "therapy" also includes "prophylaxis" unless there are specific indications to the contrary. The terms "therapeutic" and "therapeutically" should be construed accordingly.

Prophylaxis is expected to be particularly relevant to the treatment of persons who have suffered a previous episode of, or are otherwise considered to be at increased risk of, the

disease or condition in question. Persons at risk of developing a particular disease or condition generally include those having a family history of the disease or condition, or those who have been identified by genetic testing or screening to be particularly susceptible to developing the disease or condition.

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The invention also provides a method of treating, or reducing the risk of, a disease or condition in which modulation of microsomal prostaglandin E synthase-1 activity is beneficial which comprises administering to a patient in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof as hereinbefore defined.

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The invention still further provides a method of treating, or reducing the risk of, an inflammatory disease or condition which comprises administering to a patient in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof as hereinbefore defined.

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The invention still further provides a method of treating, or reducing the risk of, osteoarthritis, rheumatoid arthritis, acute or chronic pain, neuropathic pain, apneal/SID, wound healing, cancer, stroke, atherosclerosis or Alzheimer's disease which comprises administering to a patient in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof as hereinbefore defined.

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The invention still further provides a method of treating, or reducing the risk of, osteoarthritis, rheumatoid arthritis or acute or chronic pain which comprises administering to a patient in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof as hereinbefore defined.

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For the above-mentioned therapeutic uses the dosage administered will, of course, vary with the compound employed, the mode of administration, the treatment desired and the disorder indicated. The daily dosage of the compound of the invention may be in the range from 0.05 mg/kg to 100 mg/kg.

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The compounds of formula (I) and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof may be used on their own but will generally be administered in the form of a pharmaceutical composition in which the formula (I) compound/salt (active ingredient) is in association with a pharmaceutically acceptable adjuvant, diluent or carrier. Conventional procedures
5 for the selection and preparation of suitable pharmaceutical formulations are described in, for example, "Pharmaceuticals - The Science of Dosage Form Designs", M. E. Aulton, Churchill Livingstone, 1988.

Depending on the mode of administration, the pharmaceutical composition will preferably
10 comprise from 0.05 to 99 %w (per cent by weight), more preferably from 0.05 to 80 %w, still more preferably from 0.10 to 70 %w, and even more preferably from 0.10 to 50 %w, of active ingredient, all percentages by weight being based on total composition.

The present invention also provides a pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound
15 of formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof as hereinbefore defined, in association with a pharmaceutically acceptable adjuvant, diluent or carrier.

The invention further provides a process for the preparation of a pharmaceutical composition of the invention which comprises mixing a compound of formula (I) or a
20 pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof as hereinbefore defined with a pharmaceutically acceptable adjuvant, diluent or carrier.

The pharmaceutical compositions may be administered topically (e.g. to the skin) in the form, e.g., of creams, solutions or suspensions; or systemically, e.g. by oral administration in the form of tablets, capsules, syrups, powders or granules; or by parenteral
25 administration in the form of solutions or suspensions; or by subcutaneous administration; or by rectal administration in the form of suppositories; or transdermally.

For oral administration the compound of the invention may be admixed with an adjuvant or a carrier, for example, lactose, saccharose, sorbitol, mannitol; a starch, for example, potato
30 starch, corn starch or amylopectin; a cellulose derivative; a binder, for example, gelatine or polyvinylpyrrolidone; and/or a lubricant, for example, magnesium stearate, calcium stearate, polyethylene glycol, a wax, paraffin, and the like, and then compressed into

tablets. If coated tablets are required, the cores, prepared as described above, may be coated with a concentrated sugar solution which may contain, for example, gum arabic, gelatine, talcum and titanium dioxide. Alternatively, the tablet may be coated with a suitable polymer dissolved in a readily volatile organic solvent.

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For the preparation of soft gelatine capsules, the compound of the invention may be admixed with, for example, a vegetable oil or polyethylene glycol. Hard gelatine capsules may contain granules of the compound using either the above-mentioned excipients for tablets. Also liquid or semisolid formulations of the compound of the invention may be filled into hard gelatine capsules.

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Liquid preparations for oral application may be in the form of syrups or suspensions, for example, solutions containing the compound of the invention, the balance being sugar and a mixture of ethanol, water, glycerol and propylene glycol. Optionally such liquid preparations may contain colouring agents, flavouring agents, saccharine and/or carboxymethylcellulose as a thickening agent or other excipients known to those skilled in art.

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The compounds of the invention may also be administered in conjunction with other compounds used for the treatment of the above conditions.

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Thus, the invention further relates to combination therapies wherein a compound of formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, or a pharmaceutical composition or formulation comprising a compound of formula (I) is administered concurrently, simultaneously, sequentially or separately with another pharmaceutically active compound or compounds selected from the following:

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(i) neuropathic pain therapies including for example gabapentin, lidoderm, pregablin and equivalents and pharmaceutically active isomer(s) and metabolite(s) thereof.

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(ii) nociceptive pain therapies such as celecoxib, etoricoxib, lumiracoxib, rofecoxib, valdecoxib, diclofenac, loxoprofen, naproxen, paracetamol and equivalents and pharmaceutically active isomer(s) and metabolite(s) thereof.

(iii) migraine therapies including for example almotriptan, amantadine, bromocriptine, butalbital, cabergoline, dichloralphenazone, eletriptan, frovatriptan, lisuride, naratriptan, pergolide, pramipexole, rizatriptan, ropinirole, sumatriptan, zolmitriptan, zomitriptan, and
5 equivalents and pharmaceutically active isomer(s) and metabolite(s) thereof.

Such combination products employ the compounds of this invention within the dosage range described herein and the other pharmaceutically active compound or compounds within approved dosage ranges and/or the dosage described in their respective publication
10 reference(s).

The present invention will now be further explained by reference to the following illustrative examples.

General Methods

All solvents used were analytical grade and commercially available anhydrous solvents were routinely used for reactions. Reactions were typically run under an inert atmosphere of nitrogen or argon.

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^1H , ^{19}F and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian Unity+ 400 NMR Spectrometer equipped with a 5mm BBO probehead with Z-gradients, or a Varian Gemini 300 NMR spectrometer equipped with a 5mm BBI probehead, or a Bruker Avance 400 NMR spectrometer equipped with a 60 μl dual inverse flow probehead with Z-gradients, or a
10 Varian Mercury Plus 400 NMR Spectrometer equipped with a Varian 400 ATB PFG probe, or a Bruker DPX400 NMR spectrometer equipped with a 4-nucleus probehead equipped with Z-gradients, or a Bruker Avance 600 NMR spectrometer equipped with a 5mm BBI probehead with Z-gradients, or a Bruker av400 NMR spectrometer operating at 400 MHz ^1H and 100 MHz for ^{13}C equipped with a 3mm flow injection SEI $^1\text{H}/\text{D}-^{13}\text{C}$
15 probehead with Z-gradients, using a BEST 215 liquid handler for sample injection, or a Bruker DRX600 NMR spectrometer, operating at 600 MHz for ^1H , 150 MHz for ^{13}C , and 60 MHz for ^{15}N equipped with a 5mm TXI probehead with Z-gradients, or equipped with a 5mm BBO probehead with Z-gradients, or equipped with a 2.5mm BBI probehead with Z-gradients, or a Bruker 500MHz Avance III NMR spectrometer, operating at 500 MHz for
20 ^1H , 125 MHz for ^{13}C , and 50 MHz for ^{15}N equipped with a 5mm TXI probehead with Z-gradients or equipped with a 5mm TCI cryogenically cooled probehead with Z-gradients.. Unless specifically noted in the examples, spectra were recorded at 400 MHz for proton, 376 MHz for fluorine-19 and 100 MHz for carbon-13.

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The following reference signals were used: the middle line of DMSO- d_6 δ 2.50 (1H), δ 39.51 (13C); the middle line of CD_3OD δ 3.31 (1H) or δ 49.15 (13C); CDCl_3 δ 7.26 (1H) and the middle line of CDCl_3 δ 77.16 (13C) (unless otherwise indicated). NMR spectra are either reported from high to low field or from low to high field.

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Mass spectra were recorded on a Waters LCMS consisting of an Alliance 2795 (LC), Waters PDA 2996 and a ZQ single quadrupole mass spectrometer. The mass spectrometer was equipped with an electrospray ion source (ESI) operated in a positive or negative ion
mode. The capillary voltage was 3 kV and cone voltage was 30 V. The mass spectrometer was scanned between m/z 100-700 with a scan time of 0.3s. Separations were performed on

either Waters X-Terra MS C8 (3.5 μ m, 50 or 100 mm x 2.1 mm i.d.) or an ACE 3 AQ (100 mm x 2.1 mm i.d.) obtained from ScantecLab. Flow rates were regulated to 1.0 or 0.3 mL/min, respectively. The column temperature was set to 40 °C. A linear gradient was applied using a neutral or acidic mobile phase system, starting at 100% A (A: 95:5 10 mM NH₄OAc:MeCN, or 95:5 8 mM HCOOH:MeCN) ending at 100% B (MeCN).

Alternatively, mass spectra were recorded on a Waters LCMS consisting of an Alliance 2690 Separations Module, Waters 2487 Dual 1 Absorbance Detector (220 and 254 nm) and a Waters ZQ single quadrupole mass spectrometer. The mass spectrometer was equipped with an electrospray ion source (ESI) operated in a positive or negative ion mode. The capillary voltage was 3 kV and cone voltage was 30 V. The mass spectrometer was scanned between m/z 97-800 with a scan time of 0.3 or 0.8 s. Separations were performed on a Chromolith Performance RP-18e (100 x 4.6 mm). A linear gradient was applied starting at 95% A (A: 0.1% HCOOH (aq.)) ending at 100% B (MeCN) in 5 minutes. Flow rate: 2.0 mL/min.

Alternatively, LC-MS analyses were performed on a LC-MS system consisting of a Waters 5 Alliance 2795 HPLC, a Waters PDA 2996 diode array detector, a Sedex 85 ELS detector and a ZQ single quadrupole mass spectrometer. The mass spectrometer was equipped with an electrospray ion source (ES) operated in positive and negative ion mode. The capillary voltage was set to 3.3 kV and the cone voltage to 28 V, respectively. The mass spectrometer scanned between m/z 100-800 with a scan time of 0.3 s. The diode array detector scanned from 200-400 nm. The temperature of the ELS detector was adjusted to 40 °C and the pressure was set to 1.9 bar. Separation was performed on an Gemini C18, 3.0 mm x 50 mm, 3 μ m, (Phenomenex) run at a flow rate of 1 mL/min. A linear gradient was applied starting at 100% A (A: 10 mM NH₄OAc in 5% CH₃CN) ending at 100% B (B: CH₃CN) in 4.0 min followed by 100 % B until 5.5 min. The column oven temperature was set to 40 °C.

Alternatively, LC-MS analyses were performed on a LC-MS consisting of a Waters sample manager 2777C, a Waters 1525 μ binary pump, a Waters 1500 column oven, a Waters ZQ single quadrupole mass spectrometer, a Waters PDA2996 diode array detector and a Sedex 85 ELS detector. The mass spectrometer was configured with an atmospheric pressure chemical ionisation (APCI) ion source which was further equipped with

atmospheric pressure photo ionisation (APPI) device. The mass spectrometer scanned in the positive mode, switching between APCI and APPI mode. The mass range was set to m/z 100-800 using a scan time of 0.1 s. The APPI repeller and the APCI corona were set to 0.58 kV and 0.70 μ A, respectively. In addition, the desolvation temperature (350 °C),
5 desolvation gas 25 (450 L/Hr) and cone gas (0 L/Hr) were constant for both APCI and APPI mode. Separation was performed using a Gemini column C18, 3.0 mm x 50 mm, 3 μ m, (Phenomenex) and run at a flow rate of 0.8 mL/min. A linear gradient was used starting at 100 % A (A: 10 mM NH_4OAc in 5% MeOH) and ending at 100% B (MeOH) in 4.0 min followed by 100 % B until 5.5 min. The column oven temperature was set to 55
10 °C.

Microwave irradiation was performed in a CreatorTM, InitiatorTM or Smith SynthesizerTM Single-mode microwave cavity producing continuous irradiation at 2450 MHz.

HPLC analyses were performed on an Agilent HP1000 system consisting of G1379A
15 Micro Vacuum Degasser, G1312A Binary Pump, G1367A Well plate auto-sampler, G1316A Thermostatted Column Compartment and G1315B Diode Array Detector. Column: X-Terra MS, Waters, 3.0 x 100 mm, 3.5 μ m. The column temperature was set to 40 °C and the flow rate to 1.0 ml/min. The Diode Array Detector was scanned from 210-300 nm, step and peak width were set to 2 nm and 0.05 min, respectively. A linear gradient
20 was applied, starting at 100 % A (A: 95:5 10 mM NH_4OAc :MeCN) and ending at 100% B (B: MeCN), in 4 min.

Alternatively, HPLC analyses were performed on a Gynkotek P580 HPG consisting of gradient pump with a Gynkotek UVD 170S UV-vis.-detector equipped with a Chromolith Performance RP column (C18, 100 mm x 4.6 mm). The column temperature was set to 25
25 °C. A linear gradient was applied using MeCN/0.1 trifluoroacetic acid in MilliQ water, run from 10% to 100% MeCN in 5 minutes. Flow rate: 3 ml/min.

Thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on Merck TLC-plates (Silica gel 60 F₂₅₄) and UV visualized the spots. Column chromatography was performed on a Combi Flash[®]
30 CompanionTM using RediSepTM normal-phase columns or using Merck Silica gel 60 (0.040-0.063 mm). Typical solvents used for column chromatography were mixtures of chloroform/methanol, dichloromethane/methanol, heptane/ethyl acetate,

chloroform/methanol/ammonia (aq.) and dichloromethane/methanol/ NH₃ (aq.). SCX ion exchange columns were performed on Isolute[®] columns. Chromatography through ion exchange columns were typically performed in solvents such a methanol.

Preparative chromatography was run on a Waters autopurification HPLC with a diode
5 array detector. Column: XTerra MS C8, 19 x 300 mm, 10 µm. Narrow gradients with MeCN/(95:5 0.1M NH₄OAc:MeCN) were used at a flow rate of 20 ml/min. Alternatively, purification was achieved on a semi preparative Shimadzu LC-8A HPLC with a Shimadzu SPD-10A UV-vis.-detector equipped with a Waters Symmetry[®] column (C18, 5 µm, 100 mm x 19 mm). Narrow gradients with MeCN/0.1% trifluoroacetic acid in MilliQ Water
10 were used at a flow rate of 10 ml/min.

Alternatively, preparative chromatography was run on a Waters FractionLynx system with a Autosampler combined Automated Fraction Collector (Waters 2767), Gradient Pump (Waters 2525), Column Switch (Waters CFO) and PDA (Waters 2996). Column; XTerra[®] Prep MS C8 10 µm OBD[™] 19 x 300 mm, with guard column; XTerra
15 [®] Prep MS C8 10 µm 19 x 10 mm Cartridge. A gradient from 100% A (95% 0.1M NH₄OAc in MilliQ water and 5% MeCN) to 100% B (100% MeCN) was applied for LC-separation at flow rate 20 mL/min. The PDA was scanned from 210-350 nm. UV triggering determined the fraction collection.

Alternatively, preparative chromatography was run on a Waters FractionLynx system with
20 a Autosampler combined Automated Fraction Collector (Waters 2767), Gradient Pump (Waters 2425), Make Up Pump (Waters 515), Waters Passive Splitter, Column Switch (Waters SFO), PDA (Waters 2996) and Waters ZQ mass spectrometer. Column; XBridge[™] Prep C8 5 µm OBD[™] 19 x 250 mm, with guard column; XTerra [®] Prep MS C8 10 µm 19 x 10 mm Cartridge. A gradient from within 100% A (95% 0.1 M NH₄OAc in
25 MilliQ water and 5% MeCN) to 100% B (100% MeCN) was applied for LC-separation at flow rate 20 mL/min. The PDA was scanned from 210-350 nm. The ZQ mass spectrometer was run with ESI in positive or negative mode. The Capillary Voltage was 3kV and the Cone Voltage was 30V. Mixed triggering, UV and MS signal, determined the fraction collection.

H-cube (<http://thalesnano.com/H-Cube>) is a system for hydrogenation under continuous flow conditions (typical settings used were full hydrogen, flow 1ml/min, ethyl acetate/methanol 1:1 as eluent, 50 °C).

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Abbreviations:

DCM dichloromethane

DMAP 4-(dimethylamino)pyridine

10 DMF *N,N*-dimethylformamide

DMSO dimethyl sulfoxide

TFA trifluoroacetic acid

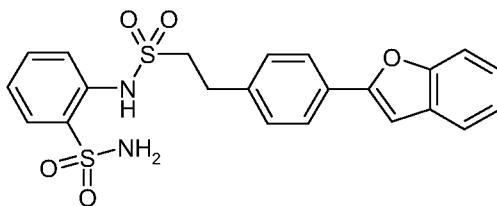
THF tetrahydrofuran

RT room temperature

15 Rf retention time

Example 1

2-[2-(4-Benzofuran-2-ylphenyl)ethylsulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide



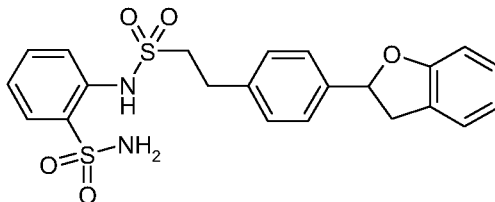
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2-[[*(E)*-2-(4-Benzofuran-2-ylphenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide (Example 3, 43 mg, 95 µmol) was dissolved in ethyl acetate (5 ml) and subjected to the H-cube (1 ml/min, full hydrogen. 10 % Pd/C). The material obtained was purified by preparative HPLC (XTerra MS C8 column, acetonitrile / ammonium acetate buffer) to give the title

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compound (12 mg, 28%) as a white solid. The compound of Example 2 was also obtained. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD) δ ppm 7.94 (dd, 1H), 7.75 - 7.82 (m, 3H), 7.53 - 7.60 (m, 2H), 7.49 (d, 1H), 7.29 (d, 2H), 7.18 - 7.29 (m, 3H), 7.13 (s, 1H), 3.50 - 3.58 (m, 2H), 3.09 - 3.17 (m, 2H);

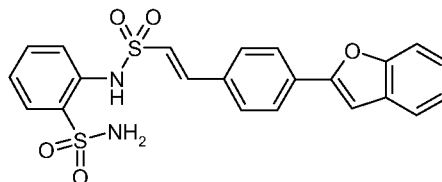
ESMS: *m/z* [M+1] 457.0, [M-1] 455.0.

Example 2**2-[2-[4-(2,3-Dihydrobenzofuran-2-yl)phenyl]ethylsulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide**

The title compound was obtained from the synthesis of Example 1 as a white solid (12 mg, 28%).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CD_3OD) δ ppm 7.93 (dd, 1H), 7.76 (dd, 1H), 7.55 (td, 1H), 7.28 (d, 2H), 7.24 (t, 1H), 7.14 - 7.20 (m, 3H), 7.11 (t, 1H), 6.84 (t, 1H), 6.77 (d, 1H), 5.68 (dd, 1H), 3.60 (dd, 1H), 3.46 - 3.53 (m, 2H), 3.03 - 3.12 (m, 3H);

ESMS: m/z $[\text{M}+1]$ 458.9, $[\text{M}-1]$ 456.9.

Example 3**2-[[*(E)*-2-(4-Benzofuran-2-ylphenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide**

2-Aminobenzenesulfonamide (38 mg, 0.22 mmol) was dissolved in pyridine (2 ml), (*E*)-2-(4-benzofuran-2-ylphenyl)ethenesulfonyl chloride (70 mg, 0.22 mmol) was added and the mixture stirred for 2h. The solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the residue was purified by preparative HPLC (XTerra MS C8 column, acetonitrile / ammonium acetate buffer) to give the title compound (46 mg, 46%).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CD_3OD) δ ppm 7.87 - 7.93 (m, 3H), 7.75 (d, 1H), 7.63 (d, 2H), 7.61 (d, 1H), 7.50 - 7.58 (m, 3H), 7.31 (td, 1H), 7.29 (s, 1H), 7.21 - 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.18 (d, 1H); ESMS: m/z $[\text{M}+1]$ 454.7, $[\text{M}-1]$ 452.8.

a) (*E*)-2-(4-Benzofuran-2-ylphenyl)ethenesulfonyl chloride

Sulfonylchloride (0.21 mL, 2.6 mmol) was added to a solution of triphenylphosphine (0.68 g, 2.5 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (10 mL) at 0 °C. The ice-bath was then removed and (*E*)-2-(4-

benzofuran-2-ylphenyl)ethenesulfonic acid (0.38 g, 1.18 mmol) was added and the resulting mixture was stirred for 6h at RT. A catalytic amount of tetrabutyl ammonium iodide was added and the reaction was stirred for an additional 12h. The mixture was then filtered and the filtrate was concentrated in vacuo and the product was purified by column chromatography eluting with 20% EtOAc/hexanes to give the product as a yellow solid (0.27 g, 73%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm 7.95 - 8.01 (m, 2H), 7.78 (d, 1H), 7.63 - 7.70 (m, 3H), 7.56 - 7.59 (m, 1H), 7.37 (ddd, 1H), 7.30 (d, 1H), 7.27 - 7.30 (m, 1H), 7.21 (d, 1H).

b) (E)-2-(4-Benzofuran-2-ylphenyl)ethenesulfonic acid

1-Bromo-4-[(E)-2-ethoxysulfonylphenyl]benzene (1.0 g, 3.4 mmol) and benzofuran-2-boronic acid (0.61 g, 3.7 mmol) were dissolved in DMF (20 mL). Sodium carbonate (2M, 10 mL) and tetrakis(triphenylphosphine) palladium(0) (200 mg, 0.17 mmol) were added and the resulting mixture was stirred under argon at 90 °C for 12h. Water was added to the mixture and the resulting precipitate was collected, washed with water and dried to give the product as a sodium salt which was used in the next step without further purification (0.38 g, 35%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ ppm 7.89 (d, 2H), 7.59 - 7.69 (m, 4H), 7.48 (s, 1H), 7.33 (td, 1H), 7.27 (td, 1H), 6.95 (s, 2H);

ESMS: *m/z* [M-1] 298.9.

c) 1-Bromo-4-[(E)-2-ethoxysulfonylphenyl]benzene

n-Butyllithium (59.0 mL, 1.6M solution in hexanes) was added dropwise during 25 min to a solution of ethylmethanesulfonate (9.1 mL, 86 mmol) in THF (200 mL) at -78 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred for 15 min then diethyl chlorophosphate (7.2 mL, 50 mmol) was added dropwise. The solution was stirred at -78 °C for 30 min, allowed to warm to 0 °C and then cooled to -78 °C again. 4-Bromobenzaldehyde (9.2 g, 50 mmol) in THF (50 mL) was then added dropwise during 15 minutes and the resulting mixture was then allowed to slowly reach RT and stirred overnight. Water (20 mL) was added to the mixture and the reaction was concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was extracted with diethyl ether and the combined organic extracts were washed with aqueous saturated sodium chloride,

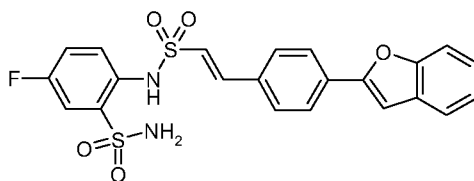
dried over magnesium sulfate, filtered and the solvent was evaporated *in vacuo*.

Purification by column chromatography, using 15% ethyl acetate/hexanes as the eluent, afforded the title compound (9.3 g, 64%).

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm 7.58 (d, 2H), 7.55 (d, 1H), 7.39 (d, 2H), 6.75 (d, 1H),
4.25 (q, 2H), 1.42 (t, 3H).

Example 4

2-[[*(E)*-2-(4-Benzofuran-2-ylphenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-5-fluorobenzenesulfonamide



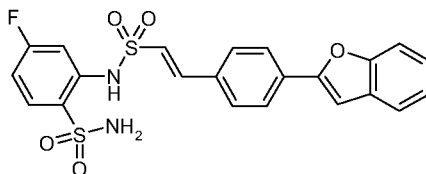
The compound was synthesized using an analogous procedure to that described for Example 3 to give 23 mg, 44%.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD) δ ppm 7.91 (d, 2H), 7.76 (dd, 1H), 7.58 - 7.66 (m, 4H), 7.52 (d, 1H), 7.48 (d, 1H), 7.27 - 7.36 (m, 3H), 7.24 (t, 1H), 7.16 (d, 1H);

ESMS: *m/z* [M-1] 470.6.

Example 5

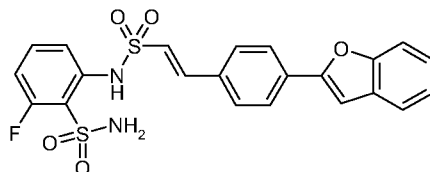
2-[[*(E)*-2-(4-Benzofuran-2-ylphenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-4-fluorobenzenesulfonamide



The compound was synthesized using an analogous procedure to that described for Example 3 to give 31 mg, 16%.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD) δ ppm 7.88 - 7.96 (m, 3H), 7.67 (d, 2H), 7.62 (d, 1H), 7.61 (d, 1H), 7.53 (d, 1H), 7.48 (dd, 1H), 7.29 - 7.34 (m, 2H), 7.21 - 7.27 (m, 1H), 7.21 (d, 1H),
6.88 - 6.99 (m, 1H);

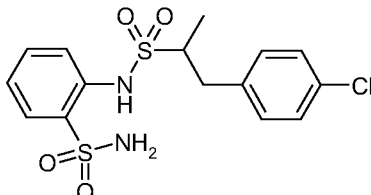
ESMS: *m/z* [M-1] 471.1.

Example 6**2-[[*(E)*-2-(4-Benzofuran-2-ylphenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-6-fluorobenzenesulfonamide**

5 The compound was synthesized using an analogous procedure to that described for Example 3 to give 39 mg, 19%.

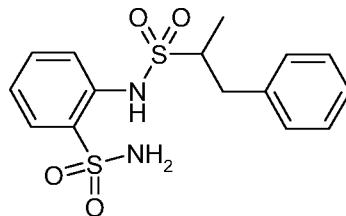
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD) δ ppm 7.92 (d, 2H), 7.67 (d, 2H), 7.62 (d, 1H), 7.60 (d, 1H), 7.49 - 7.56 (m, 3H), 7.32 (td, 1H), 7.29 (s, 1H), 7.24 (td, 1H), 7.15 (d, 1H), 6.94 - 7.04 (m, 1H);

10 ESMS: *m/z* [M+1] 473.0, [M-1] 471.0.

Example 7**2-[1-(4-Chlorophenyl)propan-2-ylsulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide**

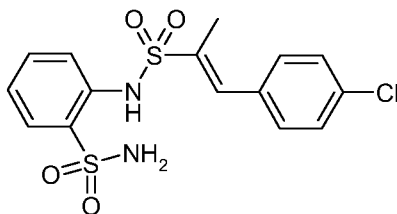
15 2-[[*(E)*-1-(4-Chlorophenyl)prop-1-en-2-yl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide (100 mg, 0.26 mmol) was dissolved in ethyl acetate (3 ml) and subjected to the H-cube (1 ml/min, full hydrogen, 10 % Pd/C, 3 runs). The material obtained was purified by preparative HPLC (XTerra MS C8 column, acetonitrile / ammonium acetate buffer) to give the title compound (38 mg, 38%). The compound of Example 8 was also obtained.

20 ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD) δ ppm 7.94 (dd, 1H), 7.83 (dd, 1H), 7.56 (ddd, 1H), 7.19 - 7.30 (m, 3H), 7.14 (d, 2H), 3.50 - 3.63 (m, 1H), 3.38 (dd, 1H), 2.72 (dd, 1H), 1.24 (d, 3H); ESMS: *m/z* [M-1] 385.1, 387.0.

Example 8**2-(1-Phenylpropan-2-ylsulfonylamino)benzenesulfonamide**

The title compound (12 mg, 12%) was obtained from the synthesis of Example 7.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD) δ ppm 7.94 (dd, 1H), 7.84 (dd, 1H), 7.55 (ddd, 1H), 7.16 - 7.30 (m, 4H), 7.13 (d, 2H), 3.49 - 3.61 (m, 1H), 3.42 (dd, 1H), 2.68 (dd, 1H), 1.23 (d, 3H); ESMS: *m/z* [M-1] 353.

Example 9**2-[[*(E)*-1-(4-Chlorophenyl)prop-1-en-2-yl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide**

2-Aminobenzenesulfonamide (61 mg, 0.35 mmol) was dissolved in pyridine (2 ml) and (*E*)-2-(4-benzofuran-2-ylphenyl)ethenesulfonyl chloride (70 mg, 0.22 mmol) was added and the reaction stirred for 2h. The solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the residue was purified by preparative HPLC (XTerra MS C8 column, acetonitrile / ammonium acetate buffer) to give the title compound (46 mg, 46%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ ppm 9.14 (s, 1H), 7.88 (s, 2H), 7.85 (d, 1H), 7.54 - 7.63 (m, 3H), 7.49 (s, 4H), 7.21 - 7.31 (m, 1H), 2.13 (d, 3H); ESMS: *m/z* [M+1] 386.9, 388.9, [M-1] 385.0, 387.0.

a) (*E*)-1-(4-Chlorophenyl)prop-1-ene-2-sulfonyl chloride

Tetrabutylammonium iodide (7.0 g, 19.0 mmol) was added to a solution of 1-chloro-4-[(*E*)-2-ethoxysulfonylprop-1-enyl]benzene (4.5 g, 17.3 mmol) in acetone (40 mL) at RT. The mixture was heated to reflux and stirred overnight, then cooled to RT and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was taken up in DCM then washed with water, dried over

magnesium sulfate, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo* to give the title compound as the tetrabutylammonium salt which was used in the next step without further purification. Sulfuryl chloride (3.1 mL, 38.0 mmol) was added to a solution of triphenylphosphine (9.73 g, 37.2 mmol) in DCM (100 mL) at 0 °C. The ice-bath was then removed and the reaction was stirred for 15 min. The crude (E)-1-(4-chlorophenyl)prop-1-ene-2-sulfonic acid salt (17.3 mmol) dissolved in DCM (40 mL) was then added during 15 min and the resulting mixture was stirred for 2h at RT. The reaction was concentrated *in vacuo* and the product was purified by column chromatography using 10% EtOAc/hexanes as the eluent to give the product (3.3 g, 77%) as a yellow solid.

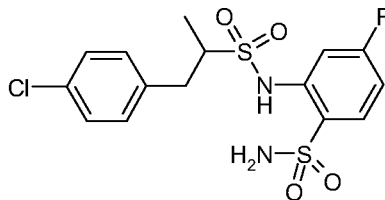
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm 7.71 (br. s., 1H), 7.45 - 7.49 (m, 2H), 7.38 - 7.43 (m, 2H), 2.48 (d, 3H).

b) 1-Chloro-4-[(E)-2-ethoxysulfonylprop-1-enyl]benzene

n-Butyllithium (35.0 mL, 1.6M solution in hexanes) was added dropwise during 25 min to a solution of ethyl ethanesulfonate (6.9 g, 50 mmol) (Synth. Comm. 1985, 15, 1057) in THF (100 mL) at -78 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred for 15 min then diethyl chlorophosphate (4.35 ml, 30 mmol) was added dropwise. The solution was stirred at -78 °C for 30 min, allowed to warm to 0 °C and then cooled to -78 °C again. 4-

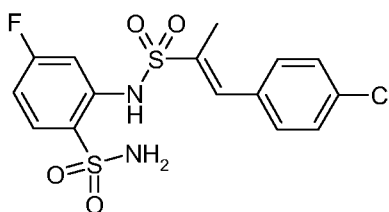
Chlorobenzaldehyde (4.2 g, 30 mmol) in THF (30 mL) was then added dropwise during 20 minutes and the resulting mixture was stirred for 1h at -78 °C and then allowed to slowly reach RT. Water (10 mL) was added to the mixture and the mixture was concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was extracted with diethyl ether and the combined organic extracts were washed with aqueous saturated sodium chloride, dried over magnesium sulfate, filtered and the solvent was evaporated *in vacuo*. Purification by column chromatography, using a gradient of 10% ethyl acetate/hexanes to 15% ethyl acetate/hexanes as eluent, afforded the title compound (4.5 g, 58%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm 7.56 (br. s., 1H), 7.40 - 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.32 - 7.38 (m, 2H), 4.21 (q, 2H), 2.27 (d, 3H), 1.41 (t, 3H).

Example 10**2-[1-(4-Chlorophenyl)propan-2-ylsulfonylamino]-4-fluoro-benzenesulfonamide**

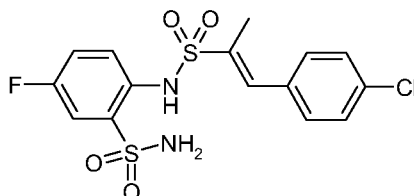
2-[[*(E)*-1-(4-Chlorophenyl)prop-1-en-2-yl]sulfonylamino]-4-fluoro-benzenesulfonamide
(60 mg, 0.15 mmol) was dissolved in ethyl acetate (3 mL) and mixture was subjected to
reduction using the H-cube instrument. The reaction mixture was eluted through the Pd / C
(10%) cartridge using full hydrogen (1 atm) at 1 ml / min. The mixture was subjected to
the H-cube once again using the same conditions. The crude product was purified by
preparative HPLC (XTerra MS C8 column, acetonitrile / ammonium acetate buffer) to give
the title compound (25 mg, 38%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD) δ ppm 7.87 (dd, 1H), 7.52 (dd, 1H), 7.26 (d, 2H), 7.17 (dd,
2H), 6.74 (ddd, 1H), 3.37 - 3.48 (m, 2H), 2.70 (dd, 1H), 1.22 (d, 3H);
ESMS: *m/z* [M-1] 470.0, 472.1.

Example 11**2-[[*(E)*-1-(4-chlorophenyl)prop-1-en-2-yl]sulfonylamino]-4-fluoro-
benzenesulfonamide**

The compound was synthesized using an analogous procedure to that described for
Example 9 to give 78 mg, 55%.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD) δ ppm 7.95 (dd, 1H), 7.63 (s, 1H), 7.35 - 7.49 (m, 5H), 6.97
(t, 1H), 2.19 (d, 3H);
ESMS: *m/z* [M-1] 402.9, 404.8.

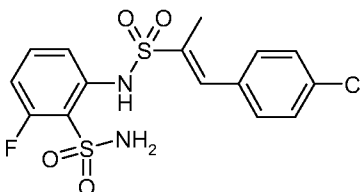
Example 12**2-[[*(E)*-1-(4-Chlorophenyl)prop-1-en-2-yl]sulfonylamino]-5-fluorobenzenesulfonamide**

5 The compound was synthesized using an analogous procedure to that described for Example 9 to give 35 mg, 71%.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CD_3OD) δ ppm 7.74 (dd, 1H), 7.65 (dd, 1H), 7.54 (br. s., 1H), 7.39 - 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.35 - 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.32 (ddd, 1H), 2.19 (d, 3H);

ESMS: m/z [M-1] 402.9, 404.8.

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Example 13**2-[[*(E)*-1-(4-Chlorophenyl)prop-1-en-2-yl]sulfonylamino]-6-fluorobenzenesulfonamide**

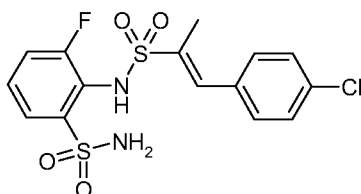
15 The compound was synthesized using an analogous procedure to that described for Example 9 to give 33 mg, 69%.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CD_3OD) δ ppm 7.56 (br s, 1H), 7.47 - 7.54 (m, 2H), 7.38 - 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.31 - 7.37 (m, 2H), 6.95 - 7.04 (m, 1H), 2.18 (d, 3H);

ESMS: m/z [M+1] 404.9, 406.9, [M-1] 402.9, 404.8.

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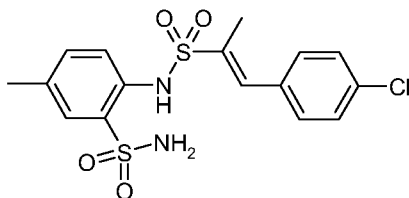
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Example 14**2-[[*(E)*-1-(4-Chlorophenyl)prop-1-en-2-yl]sulfonylamino]-3-fluorobenzenesulfonamide**

5 The compound was synthesized using an analogous procedure to that described for Example 9 to give 10 mg, 20%.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CD_3OD) δ ppm 7.74 - 7.87 (m, 1H), 7.34 - 7.49 (m, 7H), 2.37 (d, 3H); ESMS: m/z [M-1] 402.5, 404.7.

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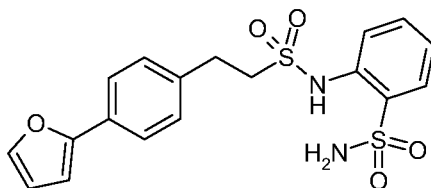
Example 15**2-[[*(E)*-1-(4-Chlorophenyl)prop-1-en-2-yl]sulfonylamino]-5-methylbenzenesulfonamide**

The compound was synthesized using an analogous procedure to that described for

15 Example 9 to give 35 mg, 73%.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CD_3OD) δ ppm 7.72 (d, 1H), 7.59 (d, 1H), 7.53 (s, 1H), 7.37 - 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.31 - 7.37 (m, 3H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 2.17 (d, 3H); ESMS: m/z [M+1] 398.8, 400.8, [M-1] 400.9, 402.8.

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Example 16**2-[2-[4-(2-Furyl)phenyl]ethylsulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide**

2-[[*(E)*-2-[4-(2-Furyl)phenyl]ethenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide (Example 18) (140 mg, 0.35 mmol) was dissolved in ethyl acetate (1.5 mL) and methanol (1.5 mL) and the mixture was subjected to reduction using the H-cube instrument. The reaction mixture was eluted through the Pd/C (10%) cartridge using full hydrogen (1 atm) at 0.5 ml / min.

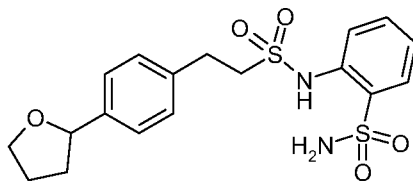
The solvent was then removed and the crude material was purified on semi-preparative HPLC using an X-Terra column to give the title compound (18 mg, 13%) as a white solid. The compound of Example 17 was also obtained.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD) δ ppm 7.95 (dd, 1H), 7.78 (dd, 1H), 7.53 - 7.61 (m, 3H), 7.51 (dd, 1H), 7.27 (t, 1H), 7.20 (d, 2H), 6.69 (d, 1H), 6.48 (dd, 1H), 3.46 - 3.56 (m, 2H), 3.03 - 3.12 (m, 2H);

ESMS: *m/z* [M-1] 404.8.

Example 17

2-[2-[4-(Oxolan-2-yl)phenyl]ethylsulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide



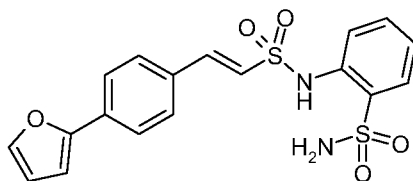
The title compound was obtained from the synthesis of Example 17 as a white solid (7 mg, 5%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD) δ ppm 7.93 (dd, 1H), 7.75 (dd, 1H), 7.55 (td, 1H), 7.18 - 7.27 (m, 3H), 7.13 (d, 2H), 4.80 (t, 1H), 4.05 (dt, 1H), 3.85 - 3.92 (m, 1H), 3.44 - 3.51 (m, 2H), 3.03 - 3.09 (m, 2H), 2.24 - 2.33 (m, 1H), 1.96 - 2.05 (m, 2H), 1.62 - 1.80 (m, 1H);

ESMS: *m/z* [M-1] 409.0.

Example 18

2-[[*(E)*-2-[4-(2-Furyl)phenyl]ethenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide

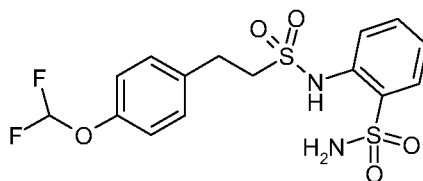


2-Aminobenzenesulfonamide (61 mg, 0.35 mmol) was dissolved in pyridine (2.5 mL) and (E)-2-[4-(2-furyl)phenyl]ethenesulfonyl chloride (see General procedure for synthesis of styrenyl sulfonyl chlorides) (95 mg, 0.35 mmol) was added. The reaction was stirred at RT overnight. The solvent was removed, the residue was partitioned between water and ethyl acetate, made acidic (HCl) and the mixture was extracted twice with ethyl acetate. The combined organic phases were washed with water, treated with brine, dried (MgSO₄), and evaporated to give the title compound (140 mg, 98%).

MS *m/z* M-H 403, M+H 405; R_f 3.12 min (System: Gemini column 3 μ C18, 50 x 3.0 mm, 10 mM ammonium acetate with 5% acetonitrile / acetonitrile 0 – 100% during 6 min, 1 mL / min).

Example 19

2-[2-[4-(Difluoromethoxy)phenyl]ethylsulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide



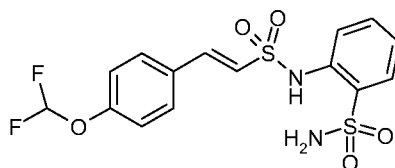
The title compound (57 mg, 42%) was synthesized by a method analogous to that described for the preparation of Example 16.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD) δ ppm 7.95 (dd, 1H), 7.77 (dd, 1H), 7.57 (dd, 1H), 7.24 - 7.32 (m, 1H), 7.20 (d, 2H), 7.02 (d, 2H), 6.74 (t, 1H), 3.46 - 3.55 (m, 2H), 3.02 - 3.12 (m, 2H);

ESMS: *m/z* [M-1] 404.8.

Example 20

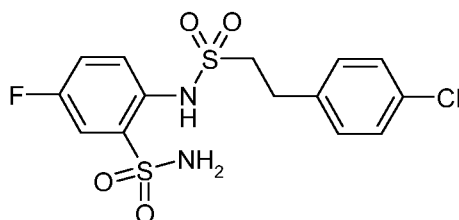
2-[(E)-2-[4-(Difluoromethoxy)phenyl]ethenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide



The title compound (135 mg, 94%) was synthesized by a method analogous to that described for the preparation of Example 18.

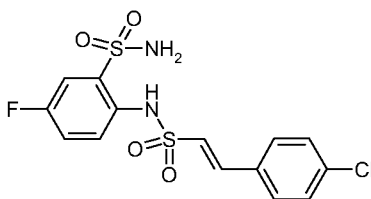
MS m/z M-H 403, M+H 405; Rf 3.12 min (System: Gemini column 3 μ C18, 50 x 3.0 mm, 10 mM ammonium acetate with 5% acetonitrile / acetonitrile 0 – 100% during 6 min, 1 mL / min).

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Example 21**2-[2-(4-Chlorophenyl)ethylsulfonylamino]-5-fluoro-benzenesulfonamide**

The title compound (74 mg, 36%) was synthesized by a method analogous to that described for the preparation of Example 16.

10 ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CD_3OD) δ ppm 7.77 (dd, 1H), 7.69 (dd, 1H), 7.35 (ddd, 1H), 7.21 - 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.15 - 7.22 (m, 2H), 3.45 - 3.54 (m, 2H), 3.00 - 3.10 (m, 2H);
ESMS: m/z [M-1] 391.1, 393.1

Example 22**2-[[*(E)*-2-(4-Chlorophenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-5-fluoro-benzenesulfonamide**

The title compound (210 mg, 90%) was synthesized by a method analogous to that described for the preparation of Example 18.

10 ^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}-d_3$) δ ppm 7.66 (dd, 1H), 7.58 (dd, 1H), 7.51 - 7.55 (m, 2H),
20 7.51 (d, 1H), 7.40 - 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.31 (ddd, 1H), 7.04 (d, 1H);
ESMS: m/z [M-1] 389.0.

General procedure for Examples 23 – 43:

Stock solutions:

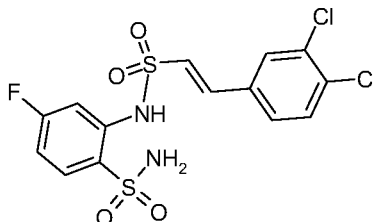
The anilines (800 μ mol) were dissolved in pyridine (2 ml).

- 5 The sulfonyl chlorides (prepared according to the General procedure for synthesis of styrenyl sulfonyl chlorides) (1.2 mmol) were dissolved in pyridine (6 ml).

Reaction: (24 reactions)

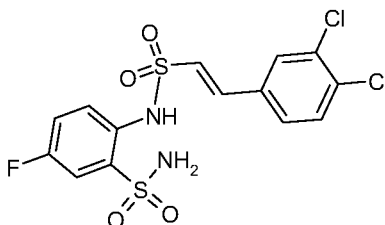
10 The stock solution of the anilines (500 μ l, 200 μ mol) were mixed with the stock solutions of the sulfonyl chlorides (1.0 ml, 200 μ l) in 24 wells and the reaction was put on a shaker overnight. The solvent was removed (centrifuge) and preparative chromatography was run on a Waters FractionLynx system with a Autosampler combined Automated Fraction Collector (Waters 2767), Gradient Pump (Waters 2525), Regeneration Pump (Waters 600), Make Up Pump (Waters 515), Waters Active Splitter, Column Switch (Waters CFO), PDA
15 (Waters 2996) and Waters ZQ mass spectrometer. Column; XBridgeTM Prep C8 5 μ m OBDTM 19 x 100mm, with guard column; XTerra[®] Prep MS C8 10 μ m 19 x 10mm Cartridge. A gradient from 100% A (95% 0.1M NH₄OAc in MilliQ water and 5% MeCN) to 100% B (100% MeCN) was applied for LC-separation at flow rate 25ml/min. The PDA was scanned from 210-350nm. The ZQ mass spectrometer was run with ESI in positive
20 mode. The Capillary Voltage was 3kV and the Cone Voltage was 30V. Mixed triggering, UV and MS signal, determined the fraction collection.

Purity analysis was run on a Water Acquity system with PDA (Waters 2996) and Waters ZQ mass spectrometer. Column; Acquity UPLCTM BEH C₈ 1.7 μ m 2.1 x 50mm. The column temperature was set to 65°C. A linear 2 min 15sec gradient from 100% A (A: 95%
25 0.01M NH₄OAc in MilliQ water and 5% MeCN) to 100% B (5% 0.01M NH₄OAc in MilliQ water and 95% MeCN) was applied for LC-separation at flow rate 1.0ml/min. The PDA was scanned from 210-350nm and 254nm was extracted for purity determination. The ZQ mass spectrometer was run with ESI in pos/neg switching mode. The Capillary Voltage was 3kV and the Cone Voltage was 30V.

Example 23**2-[[*(E)*-2-(3,4-Dichlorophenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-4-fluoro-benzenesulfonamide**

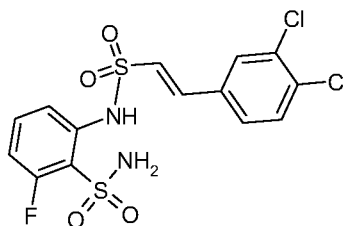
11 mg, 13%. ESMS: m/z [M+1] 424.8, 426.8, Rf 1.00 min.

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Example 24**2-[[*(E)*-2-(3,4-Dichlorophenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-5-fluoro-benzenesulfonamide**

27 mg, 32%. ESMS: m/z [M+1] 424.8, 426.8, Rf 1.01 min.

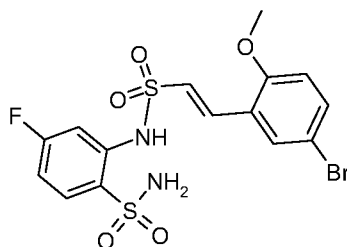
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Example 25**2-[[*(E)*-2-(3,4-Dichlorophenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-6-fluoro-benzenesulfonamide**

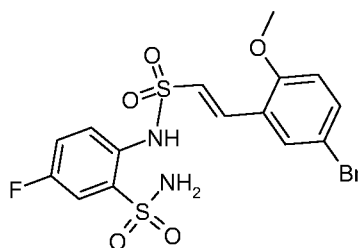
32 mg, 37%. ESMS: m/z [M+1] 424.8, 426.8, Rf 1.03 min.

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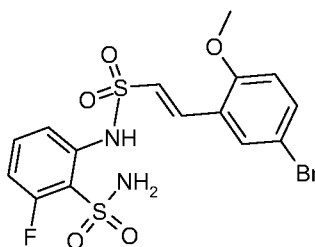
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Example 26**2-[[*(E)*-2-(5-Bromo-2-methoxy-phenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-4-fluoro-benzenesulfonamide**

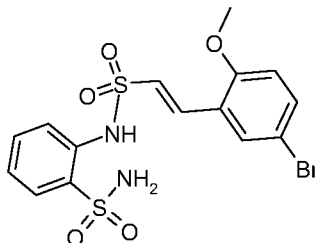
18 mg, 19%. ESMS: m/z [M+1] 464.8, 466.8, Rf 0.95 min.

Example 27**2-[[*(E)*-2-(5-Bromo-2-methoxy-phenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-5-fluoro-benzenesulfonamide**

23 mg, 24%. ESMS: m/z [M+1] 464.8, 466.8, Rf 1.00 min.

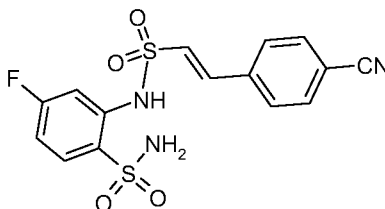
Example 28**2-[[*(E)*-2-(5-Bromo-2-methoxy-phenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-6-fluoro-benzenesulfonamide**

25 mg, 27%. ESMS: m/z [M+1] 464.8, 466.8, Rf 1.03 min

Example 29**2-[[*(E)*-2-(5-Bromo-2-methoxy-phenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide**

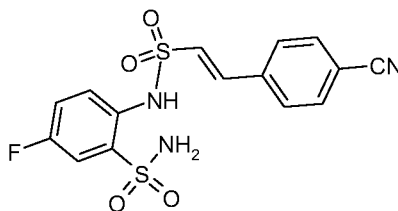
32 mg, 36%. ESMS: m/z [M+1] 446.8, 448.8, Rf 0.99 min.

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Example 30**2-[[*(E)*-2-(4-Cyanophenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-4-fluorobenzenesulfonamide**

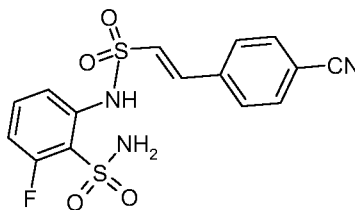
22 mg, 29%. ESMS: m/z [M+1] 399.0 (ammonia adduct), Rf 0.77 min.

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Example 31**2-[[*(E)*-2-(4-Cyanophenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-5-fluorobenzenesulfonamide**

32 mg, 42%. ESMS: m/z [M+1] 398.9 (ammonia adduct), Rf 0.77 min.

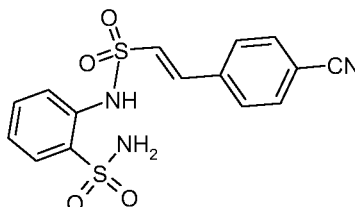
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Example 32**2-[[*(E)*-2-(4-Cyanophenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-6-fluorobenzenesulfonamide**

32 mg, 42%. ESMS: m/z [M+1] 398.9 (ammonia adduct), Rf 0.77 min.

Example 33

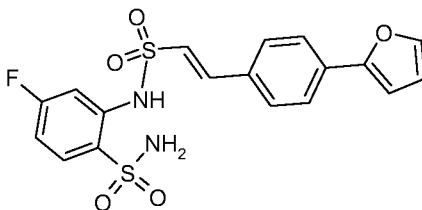
2-[[*(E)*-2-(4-Cyanophenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide



27 mg, 37%. ESMS: m/z [M+1] 363.9, Rf 0.74 min.

Example 34

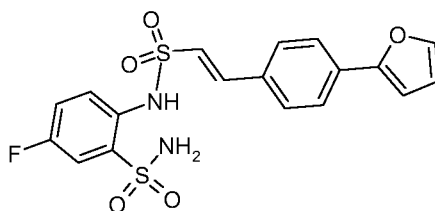
4-Fluoro-2-[[*(E)*-2-[4-(2-furyl)phenyl]ethenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide



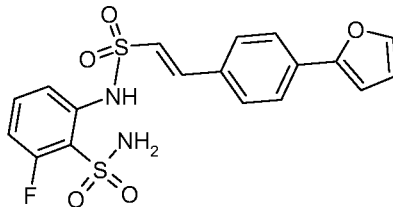
14 mg, 17%. ESMS: m/z [M+1] 422.9, Rf 0.96 min.

Example 35

5-Fluoro-2-[[*(E)*-2-[4-(2-furyl)phenyl]ethenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide

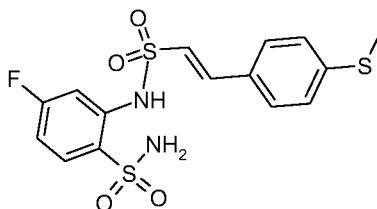


19 mg, 22%. ESMS: m/z [M+1] 422.9, Rf 1.01 min.

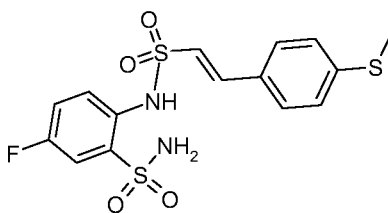
Example 36**2-Fluoro-6-[[*(E)*-2-[4-(2-furyl)phenyl]ethenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide**

25 mg, 30%. ESMS: m/z [M+1] 422.9, Rf 1.04 min.

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Example 37**4-Fluoro-2-[[*(E)*-2-(4-methylsulfanylphenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-benzenesulfonamide**

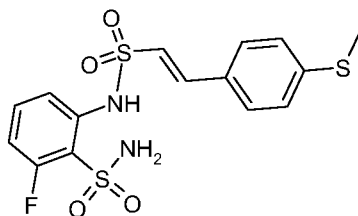
10 17 mg, 21%. ESMS: m/z [M+1] 402.9, Rf 0.90 min.

Example 38**5-Fluoro-2-[[*(E)*-2-(4-methylsulfanylphenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-benzenesulfonamide**

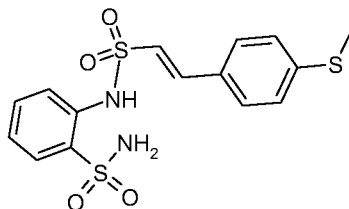
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23 mg, 28%. ESMS: m/z [M+1] 402.9, Rf 0.95 min.

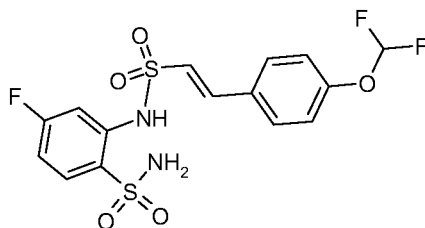
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Example 39**2-Fluoro-6-[[*(E)*-2-(4-methylsulfonylphenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-benzenesulfonamide**

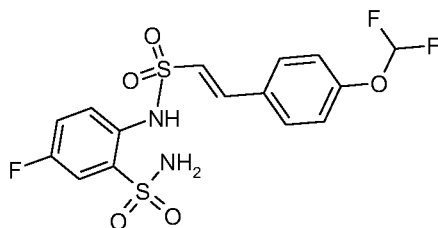
28 mg, 34%. ESMS: m/z [M+1] 402.9, Rf 0.99 min.

Example 40**2-[[*(E)*-2-(4-Methylsulfonylphenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide**

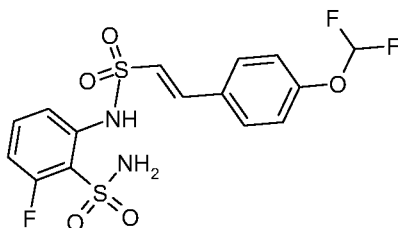
20 mg, 26%. ESMS: m/z [M+1] 384.9, Rf 0.94 min.

Example 41**2-[[*(E)*-2-[4-(Difluoromethoxy)phenyl]ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-4-fluoro-benzenesulfonamide**

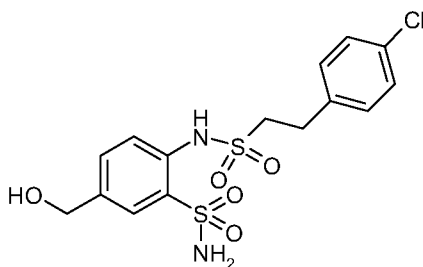
20 mg, 23%. ESMS: m/z [M+1] 422.9, Rf 0.90 min.

Example 42**2-[[*(E)*-2-[4-(Difluoromethoxy)phenyl]ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-5-fluorobenzenesulfonamide**

20 mg, 23%. ESMS: m/z [M+1] 422.9, Rf 0.93 min.

Example 43**2-[[*(E)*-2-[4-(Difluoromethoxy)phenyl]ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-6-fluorobenzenesulfonamide**

28 mg, 33%. ESMS: m/z [M+1] 422.8, Rf 0.96 min.

Example 44**2-[2-(4-Chlorophenyl)ethylsulfonylamino]-5-(hydroxymethyl)benzenesulfonamide**

To a solution of 4-[2-(4-chloro-phenyl)-ethanesulfonylamino]-3-sulfamoyl-benzoic acid (190 mg, 0.45 mmol) in dry THF (15 mL) was added LiAlH₄ (1M in THF, 2 mL, 2 mmol). The reaction mixture was heated at 45 °C overnight, then cooled to 0 °C and quenched by addition of water, followed by 1N HCl. The product was extracted with ethyl acetate, the combined organic phases were washed with water and brine, and dried over sodium

sulfate. Volatiles were removed under reduced pressure and the crude product was purified by preparative HPLC to title compound as a white solid (51 mg, 28%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, acetone-*d*₆): δ ppm 8.78 (br. s., 1H), 7.97 (d, 1H), 7.75 (d, 1H), 7.58 (dd, 1H), 7.21 - 7.35 (m, 4H), 7.15 (br. s., 2H), 4.66 (s, 2H), 3.49 - 3.66 (m, 2H), 3.03 - 3.16 (m, 2H);

ESMS: *m/z* [M-1] 402.93 and 404.82 (Cl isotopes).

a) 4-[2-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-ethanesulfonylamino]-3-sulfamoyl-benzoic acid

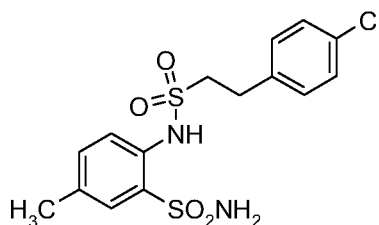
A mixture of 2-[2-(4-chloro-phenyl)-ethanesulfonylamino]-5-methylbenzenesulfonamide (Example 45) (2.0 g, 5.14 mmol), 2.5N NaOH (27 mL, 6.75 mmol), water (100 mL) and KMnO₄ (3.35 g, 21.19 mmol) was stirred at 50 °C overnight. The reaction mixture was then filtered through Celite and the filtrate was acidified using 2N HCl. The product was extracted with ethyl acetate and the organic phase was concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography using a gradient of 5 to 10% MeOH in DCM to afford the title compound (490 mg, 23%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD): δ ppm 8.59 (s, 1H), 8.16 (d, J=8.61 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (d, J=8.61 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (m, 2H), 7.17 (m, 2H), 4.87 (br. S, 4H), 3.66-3.54 (m, 2H), 3.10 (d, J=8.22 Hz, 2H);

ESMS: *m/z* [M-1] 416.92.

Example 45

2-[2-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-ethanesulfonylamino]-5-methylbenzenesulfonamide



A mixture of 2-amino-5-methyl-benzenesulfonamide (5.0 g, 26.84 mmol), 2-(4-chloro-phenyl)-ethanesulfonyl chloride (8.0 g, 33.56 mmol) and pyridine (100 mL) was stirred at RT overnight. The reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was partitioned between ethyl acetate and 1N HCl. The organic phase was

concentrated *in vacuo* and the crude product was purified by flash column chromatography to afford the title compound (8.0 g, 51%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 8.13 (br. s, 1H), 7.79 (br. s, 1H), 7.56-7.44 (m, 1H), 7.40 (d, 1H), 7.32-7.19 (m, 3H), 7.15 (d, 2H), 5.26 (br., s, 2H), 3.56-3.43 (m, 2H), 3.19 (dd, 2H), 2.40 (br. s, 3H);

ESMS: [M-1] 386.86 and 388.82 (Cl isotopes).

a) 2-Amino-5-methyl-benzenesulfonamide

A mixture of 7-methyl-1,1-dioxo-1,4-dihydro-2-H-benzo [1,2,4] thiadiazin-3-one (7.20 g, 36.36 mmol) in aqueous H₂SO₄ (50% v/v, 200 mL) was heated at 105 °C for 16h. The clear solution was then cooled to 0 °C and neutralized using 5N NaOH. The product was extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined extracts were washed with water and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography using ethyl acetate/hexane (1:1) to afford 4.5 g (85%) of the title compound.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ ppm 7.33 (s, 1H), 7.16 (s, 2H), 7.05 (d, 1H), 6.70 (d, 1H), 5.65 (s, 2H), 2.19 (s, 3H).

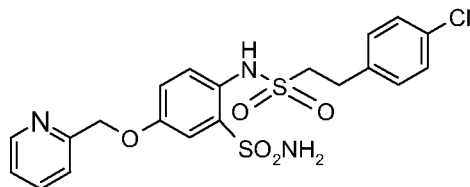
b) 7-Methyl-1,1-dioxo-1,4-dihydro-2-H-benzo [1,2,4] thiadiazin-3-one

p-Toluidine (11.00 g, 102.65 mmol) dissolved in nitromethane (50 mL) was added slowly over 20 minutes to a solution of chlorosulfonyl isocyanate (16.89 g, 119.40 mmol) in nitromethane (160 mL) at -5 °C. The suspension was stirred at -5 °C for an additional 15 minutes and AlCl₃ (17.00 g, 129.00 mmol) was added portionwise. The reaction mixture was then heated at 105 °C for 30 minutes. The hot solution was poured onto ice (1L) and the resulting precipitate was filtered off and washed with water (300 mL). The solid was then dissolved in a hot aqueous sodium bicarbonate solution (10 g/200 mL), treated with charcoal, and filtered. The cooled solution was neutralized using 6N HCl and the resulting white precipitate was filtered off, washed with water and dried to afford the title compound (14 g, 64%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ ppm 11.19 (s, 1H), 7.60 (s, 1H), 7.42 (d, 1H), 7.09 (d, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H).

Example 46

2-[2-(4-Chlorophenyl)ethylsulfonylamino]-5-(pyridin-2-ylmethoxy)benzenesulfonamide



5 To a solution of NaH (57%, 56 mg, 1.33 mmol) in dry DMSO (10 mL) was added *N*-Boc-2-[2-(4-chloro-phenyl)-ethanesulfonylamino]-5-hydroxy-benzenesulfonamide (Example 46b) (220 mg, 0.44 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at RT for 2h (solution turned brown). Toluene-4-sulfonic acid pyridine-2-ylmethyl ester (141 mg, 0.53 mmol) was then added and stirring was continued for 4h at RT. The reaction mixture was quenched by

10 addition of saturated NH₄Cl and the product was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 30 mL). The combined extracts were dried over anhydrous MgSO₄ and concentrated *in vacuo* to give a yellow oil (182 mg) which was then dissolved in DCM (2 mL). The resulting solution was cooled to 0 °C, TFA (1 mL) was added and the reaction mixture was allowed to warm to RT over 3h. Volatiles were removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified

15 by preparative HPLC to give the title compound as a white solid (TFA salt, 90 mg, 60%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD): δ ppm 8.63 (d, 1H), 8.09 (t, 1H), 7.76 (d, 1H), 7.70 (d, 1H), 7.63 (d, 1H), 7.57 (t, 1H), 7.29 (m, 1H), 7.24 (d, 2H), 7.18 (d, 2H), 5.30 (s, 2H), 3.47 (m, 2H), 3.05 (m, 2H); ¹⁹F NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) -77.57; ESMS: *m/z* [M⁺+1] 481.89.

20 **a) Toluene-4-sulfonic acid pyridine-2-ylmethyl ester**

Powdered KOH (1.74 g, 30.65 mmol) was added to a vigorously stirred solution of pyridin-2-yl-methanol (2 mL, 20.72 mmol) in THF (100 mL) at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred for 15 minutes and tosyl chloride (5.13 g, 26.90 mmol) was then added. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to RT and stirring was continued overnight. The

25 reaction mixture was quenched with saturated NaHCO₃ and the product was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 50 mL). The combined extracts were dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated *in*

vacuo to give a yellow oil. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography using EtOAc: hexane (1:4) to yield the title compound (4.6 g, 85%) as a yellowish solid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 8.53 (m, 1H), 7.85 (d, 2H), 7.73 (t, 1H), 7.44 (d, 1H), 7.35(d, 2H), 7.25 (m, 1H), 5.14 (s, 2H), 2.44 (s, 3H);

5 ESMS: *m/z* [M⁺+1] 263.31.

b) N-Boc-2-[2-(4-chloro-phenyl)-ethanesulfonylamino]-5-hydroxy-benzenesulfonamide

To a solution of 2-[2-(4-chloro-phenyl)-ethanesulfonylamino]-5-hydroxy-

10 benzenesulfonamide (2.50 g, 6.41 mmol) in DCM (150 mL) at 0 °C was added Et₃N (4.46 mL, 14.07 mmol) followed by Boc₂O (3.07 g, 14.07 mmol). The resulting mixture was stirred for 15 minutes at 0 °C and then DMAP (0.78 g, 6.41 mmol) was added in one portion (reaction became exothermic). The reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for another hour, allowed to warm to RT and stirred overnight. The organic phase was washed with 2N
15 HCl (3 x 50 mL), water (3 x 30 mL) and dried over MgSO₄. Removal of solvent under reduced pressure afforded 3.5 g (94%) of the di-Boc intermediate which was used in the next step without purification. In the ¹H NMR spectrum, two singlets were observed at 1.42 ppm and 1.34 ppm, which correspond to O-Boc and N-Boc groups respectively.

To a solution of the di-Boc intermediate (1.20 g, 2.03 mmol) in EtOH (150 mL) was added
20 LiOH (10% aqueous solution, 40 mL) at RT. The reaction mixture was stirred at 55 °C for 14h. The progress of the reaction was monitored by ¹H NMR. The singlet at 1.42 ppm for the O-Boc group was not observed upon completion of the reaction. The reaction mixture was concentrated to approximately half volume and acidified by the addition of 5N HCl to a pH of 4-5. The product was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 50 mL) and the combined extracts
25 were dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography using 1% MeOH/DCM to afford the product as a yellow solid (747 mg, 75%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD): δ ppm 7.64 (d, 1H), 7.37 (s, 1H), 7.26(d, 2H), 7.18 (d, 2H), 7.09 (m, 1H), 3.44 (m, 2H), 3.05(m, 2H), 1.34 (s, 9H);

30 ESMS: *m/z* [M-1] 489.25.

c) 2-[2-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-ethanesulfonylamino]-5-hydroxy-benzenesulfonamide

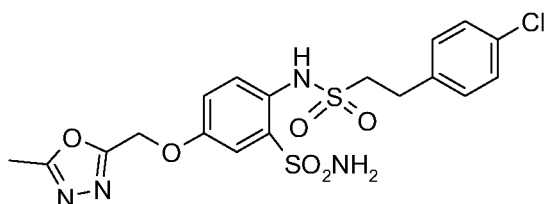
To a solution of 2-[2-(4-chloro-phenyl)-ethanesulfonylamino]-5-methoxy-benzenesulfonamide (4.0 g, 9.90 mmol) in DCM (250 mL) at -78°C , BBr_3 (1M in DCM, 70 mL, 70 mmol) was added dropwise over 20 minutes. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to RT and the stirring was continued overnight. The reaction mixture was then cooled to -78°C , quenched by addition of methanol (20 mL) and water (50 mL), and the product was extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic extracts were washed with water, dried over sodium sulfate and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was recrystallized from methanol to the title compound (3.45 g, 92%).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ ppm 10.04 (s, 1H), 8.66 (s, 1H), 7.65 (s, 2H), 7.45 (d, 1H), 7.35 (m, 3H), 7.27 (d, 2H), 6.99 (dd, 1H), 3.53 (m, 2H), 2.97 (m, 2H); ESMS: m/z [M-1] 389.

d) 2-[2-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-ethanesulfonylamino]-5-methoxy-benzenesulfonamide

To a solution of 2-amino-5-methoxy-benzenesulfonamide (4.0 g, 19.80 mmol) in pyridine (60 mL), 2-(4-chloro-phenyl)-ethanesulfonyl chloride (4.73 g, 19.79 mmol) was added slowly at 0°C . The reaction mixture was stirred at RT for 16h and then concentrated under reduced pressure at 35°C . The residue was then partitioned between ethyl acetate and 1N HCl. The organic layer was separated, dried over sodium sulfate and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography using ethyl acetate/hexane (1:1) to give the title compound (7.1 g, 88%).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CD_3OD) δ ppm 7.65 (d, 1H), 7.49 (d, 1H), 7.21 - 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.15 - 7.19 (m, 2H), 7.12 - 7.15 (m, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.42 - 3.47 (m, 2H), 3.02 (dd, 2H).

Example 47**2-[2-(4-Chlorophenyl)ethylsulfonylamino]-5-[(5-methyl-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2-yl)methoxy]benzenesulfonamide**

Following the general procedure as described in Example 46, sodium phenolate generated from *N*-Boc-2-[2-(4-chloro-phenyl)-ethanesulfonylamino]-5-hydroxy-benzenesulfonamide (210 mg, 0.43 mmol) was reacted with toluene-4-sulfonic acid 5-methyl-[1,3,4]oxadiazol-2-ylmethyl ester to afford 178 mg of the crude alkylation product. After deprotection of the sulfonamide group, the crude product was purified by preparative HPLC to give the title compound as a white solid (TFA salt, 95 mg, 65%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD) δ ppm 7.71 (d, 1H), 7.61 (d, 1H), 7.30(m, 1H), 7.25 (d, 2H), 7.18(d, 2H), 5.35(s, 2H), 3.48 (m, 2H), 3.05 (m, 2H), 2.54 (s, 3H);
ESMS: *m/z* [M-1] 484.85.

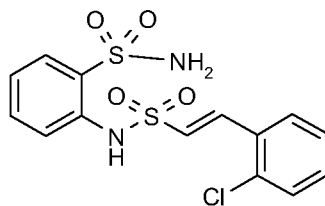
a) Toluene-4-sulfonic acid 5-methyl-[1,3,4]oxadiazol-2-ylmethyl ester

Following the general procedure as described in Example 46a, the title compound was prepared from commercially available 5-methyl-[1,3,4]oxadiazol-2-yl)-methanol (1.0 g, 80%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD): δ ppm 7.80 (d, 2H), 7.41 (d, 2H), 5.30 (s, 2H), 2.50 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H);
ESMS: *m/z* [M⁺+1] 268.89.

Example 48

2-[2-(2-Chloro-phenyl)-ethenesulfonylamino]-benzenesulfonamide



2-Aminobenzene sulfonamide (153 mg, 0.89 mmol) was added in one portion to a solution of 2-(2-chloro-phenyl)-ethenesulfonyl chloride (150 mg, 0.63 mmol) in pyridine (2 mL) at RT. After 30 minutes of stirring, no more starting material was detected by tlc. The reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was taken up in ethyl acetate and a small amount of methanol. The organic phase was washed with 1N HCl, saturated sodium bicarbonate, dried over MgSO₄, and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification by preparative tlc afforded the target compound, which was then

recrystallized from ethyl acetate / pentane / diethyl ether to afford the title compound (85 mg, 36%) as a white solid.

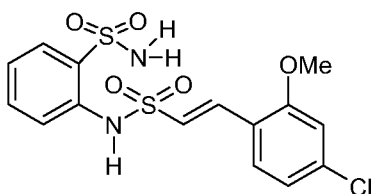
^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ ppm 9.19 (s, 1H), 7.89-7.83 (m, 2H), 7.81 (d, 1H), 7.71 (d, 1H), 7.66-7.59 (m, 2H), 7.57-7.50 (m, 1H), 7.50-7.43 (m, 1H), 7.43-7.36 (m, 1H), 7.35-7.27 (m, 1H);

ESMS: m/z [M-1] 371.09;

CHN for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{13}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}_2$. Calc.: C, 45.10; H, 3.51; N, 7.51. Found: C, 44.89; H, 3.71; N, 7.54.

Example 49

2-[2-(4-Chloro-2-methoxy-phenyl)-ethenesulfonylamino]-benzenesulfonamide



2-Aminobenzene sulfonamide (194 mg, 1.13 mmol) was added in one portion to a solution of 2-(4-chloro-2-methoxyphenyl)-ethenesulfonyl chloride (300 mg, 1.13 mmol) in pyridine (3 mL) at RT. After 1h stirring, no more starting material was detected by tlc. The reaction mixture was concentrated and the residue was taken up in ethyl acetate with a small amount of methanol. The organic phase was washed with 1N HCl, saturated sodium bicarbonate, dried over MgSO_4 and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified on silica gel using DCM / methanol, 99 : 1 to afford material which was further purified by recrystallization from methanol to give the title compound (184 mg, 41%) as a white solid.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ ppm 9.05 (s, 1H), 7.86-7.78 (m, 3H), 7.66-7.55 (m, 4H), 7.40 (d, 1H), 7.31-7.23 (m, 1H), 7.18 (d, 1H), 7.05 (dd, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H);

ESMS: m/z [M-1] 401.12;

CHN for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{15}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_5\text{S}_2$, 0.6MeOH. Calc.: C, 44.39; H, 4.15; N, 6.64. Found: C, 44.42; H, 4.29; N, 6.72.

a) 2-(4-Chloro-2-methoxy-phenyl)-ethenesulfonyl chloride

Thionyl chloride (8.1 mL, 111.19 mmol) was added dropwise at 0 °C to a solution of 2-(4-chloro-2-methoxy-phenyl)-ethenesulfonic acid (5.53 g, 22.24 mmol) in DMF (10 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at RT for 3h and then was poured onto crushed ice. Ethyl acetate (50 mL) was added to the mixture. The organic phase was separated, washed with brine (3 x 20 mL), dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The oily residue was purified on silica gel using hexane / ethyl acetate, 4: 1 to give the target compound which was then recrystallized from pentane/diethyl ether to afford the title compound (2.30 g, 61% over 3 steps) as a white solid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 7.78 (d, 1H), 7.52 (d, 1H), 7.38 (d, 1H), 7.04 (dd, 1H), 6.99 (d, 1H), 3.97 (s, 3H);

ESMS: *m/z* [M-1] 247.05 (corresponding sulfonic acid M=248);

CHN for C₉H₈Cl₂O₃S. Calc.: C, 40.47; H, 3.02. Found: C, 40.67; H, 3.11.

b) 2-(4-Chloro-2-methoxy-phenyl)-ethenesulfonic acid

Tetrabutyl-ammonium iodide (6.25 g, 16.91 mmol) was added to a solution of 2-(4-chloro-2-methoxy-phenyl)-ethenesulfonic acid ethyl ester (3.90 g, 14.09 mmol) in acetone (300 mL). The reaction mixture was heated at reflux overnight, then was cooled to RT and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified on silica gel using hexane / ethyl acetate, 1 : 1 to elute the impurities, then DCM / methanol, 95 : 5 to afford crude material which contained tetrabutyl-ammonium iodide. The oily residue was triturated with diethyl ether to afford a beige solid (9.15 g) which was used in the next step without further purification.

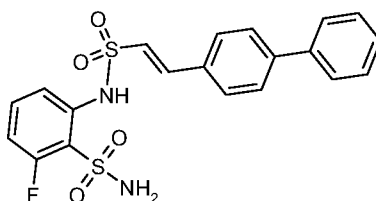
To a stirred solution of the solid (9.15 g crude from preceding step) in water (100 mL) and methanol (20 mL) was added dropwise 3N HCl until the pH of the solution was approximately 1. The reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure to afford an oily residue which was purified on silica gel using DCM / methanol, 95 : 5 to 90 : 10 to afford the title compound (5.53 g) contaminated with some tetrabutyl-ammonium chloride and which was used in the next step without further purification.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 7.52 (d, 1H), 7.13-7.08 (m, 2H), 6.97 (dd, 1H), 6.83 (d, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H).

c) 2-(4-Chloro-2-methoxy-phenyl)-ethenesulfonic acid ethyl ester

A 2.5M solution of *n*-butyllithium in hexanes (6.15 mL, 15.37 mmol) was added dropwise to a stirred solution of (diethoxy-phosphoryl)-methanesulfonic acid ethyl ester (4.0 g, 15.37 mmol) in THF (200 mL) at -78 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at -78 °C for 15 minutes. A solution of 4-chloro-2-methoxy-benzaldehyde (2.41 g, 14.10 mmol) in THF (20 mL) was then added dropwise. After the addition was complete the reaction mixture was warmed to RT, stirred for 1h and quenched with brine. The reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and DCM (200 mL) was added. The organic layer was separated, washed with brine (3 x 100 mL) and dried over MgSO₄. Removal of solvent under reduced pressure, followed by purification on silica gel using hexane / ethyl acetate, 4 : 1 to 2 : 1 afforded the title compound (3.90 g, quantitative) as a white solid.

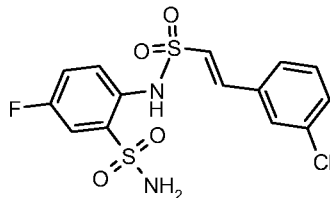
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ ppm 7.70 (d, 1H), 7.36 (d, 1H), 6.99 (d, 1H), 6.97-6.92 (m, 2H), 4.22 (q, 2H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 1.40 (t, 3H); ESMS: *m/z* [M⁺+1] 277.04.

Example 50**2-Fluoro-6-[[*(E)*-2-(4-phenylphenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide**

2-Amino-6-fluoro-benzenesulfonamide (38 mg, 200 μmol) and (*E*)-2-(4-phenylphenyl)ethenesulfonyl chloride (56 mg, 200 μmol) were dissolved in pyridine (1.5 mL) and the reaction mixture was shaken for 12h. The solvent was removed in vacuum and the residues were purified by HPLC to give the product (16.6 mg, 19%).

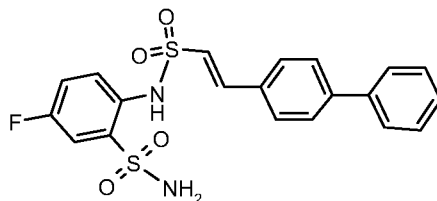
MS *m/z* M-H 431, R_f 1.1 min (see above system in General procedure for Examples 23 to 43).

The compounds of Examples 51 to 68 were prepared using the general procedure described for Example 50.

Example 51**2-[[*(E)*-2-(3-Chlorophenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-5-fluoro-benzenesulfonamide**

35 mg, 45%.

5 ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ ppm 9.06 (br. s., 1H), 7.90 (br. s., 2H), 7.80 (br. s., 1H), 7.56 - 7.72 (m, 3H), 7.38 - 7.56 (m, 5H); MS m/z M-H 389.

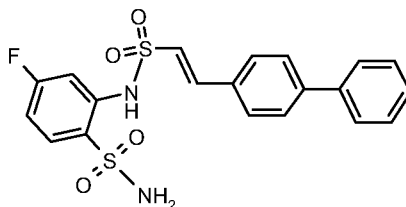
Example 52**5-Fluoro-2-[[*(E)*-2-(4-phenylphenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide**

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30 mg, 35%.

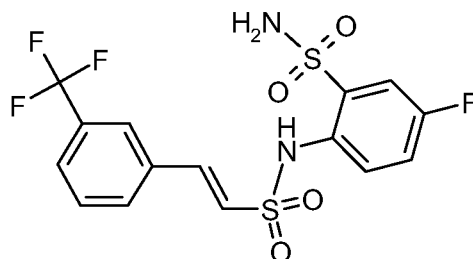
^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ ppm 9.03 (br. s., 1H), 7.92 (br. s., 2H), 7.44 - 7.76 (m, 12H), 7.35 - 7.44 (m, 2H); MS m/z M-H 431.

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Example 53**4-Fluoro-2-[[*(E)*-2-(4-phenylphenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide**

10 mg, 12%.

20 ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ ppm 9.23 (br. s., 1H), 7.64 - 7.95 (m, 10H), 7.35 - 7.57 (m, 5H), 7.14 (br. s., 1H); MS m/z M-H 431.

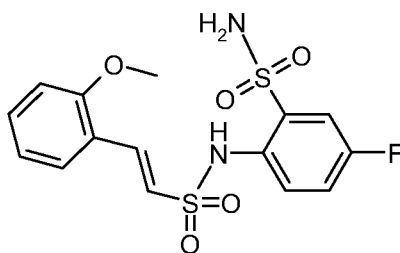
Example 54**5-Fluoro-2-[[*(E)*-2-[3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-benzenesulfonamide**

5 10 mg, 11%.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ ppm 9.09 (br. s., 1H), 8.09 (s, 1H), 7.97 (d, 1H), 7.89 (br. s., 2H), 7.78 (d, 1H), 7.44 - 7.71 (m, 6H); MS m/z M-H 423.

Example 55

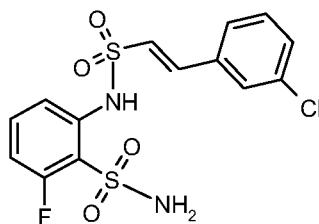
10 **5-Fluoro-2-[[*(E)*-2-(2-methoxyphenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide**



13 mg, 16%.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ ppm 8.95 (s, 1H), 7.91 (br. s., 2H), 7.55 - 7.68 (m, 4H), 7.47 - 7.55 (m, 1H), 7.43 (t, 1H), 7.32 (d, 1H), 7.08 (d, 1H), 6.97 (t, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H);

15 MS m/z M-H 385.

Example 56**2-[[*(E)*-2-(3-Chlorophenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-6-fluoro-benzenesulfonamide**

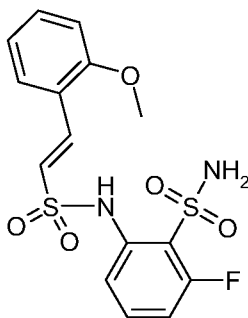
25 mg, 32%.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ ppm 9.86 (s, 1H), 8.15 (br. s., 2H), 7.88 (br. s., 1H), 7.34 - 7.77 (m, 7H), 7.12 (t, 1H); MS m/z $M+H$ 391, $M-H$ 389.

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Example 57

2-Fluoro-6-[[*(E)*-2-(2-methoxyphenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide



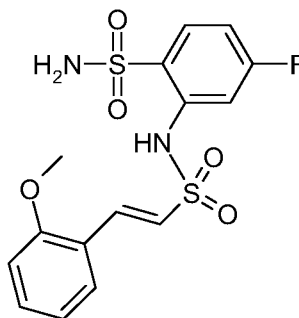
11 mg, 14%.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ ppm 9.78 (s, 1H), 8.15 (s, 2H), 7.75 (d, 1H), 7.66 (d, 1H), 7.56 - 7.64 (m, 1H), 7.42 - 7.49 (m, 1H), 7.31 - 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.05 - 7.16 (m, 2H), 6.98 (t, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H); MS m/z $M+H$ 387, $M-H$ 385.

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Example 58

4-Fluoro-2-[[*(E)*-2-(2-methoxyphenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide

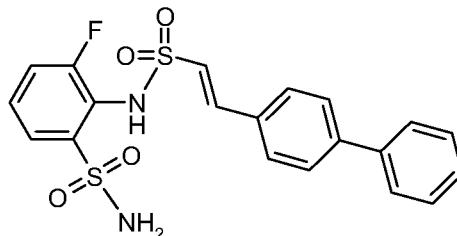


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12 mg, 16%.

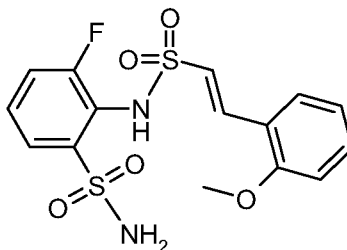
^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ ppm 9.15 (br. s., 1H), 6.91 - 7.96 (m, 11H), 3.86 (s, 3H); MS m/z $M+H$ 387, $M-H$ 385.

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Example 59**3-Fluoro-2-[[*(E)*-2-(4-phenylphenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide**

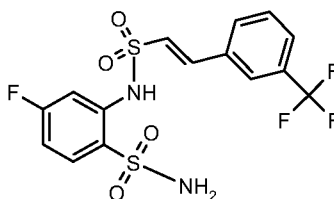
22 mg, 25%.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ ppm 9.25 (br. s., 1H), 7.67 - 7.82 (m, 7H), 7.34 - 7.63 (m, 9H); MS *m/z* M-H 431.

Example 60**3-Fluoro-2-[[*(E)*-2-(2-methoxyphenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide**

31 mg, 40%.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ ppm 9.17 (br. s., 1H), 7.74 (d, 1H), 7.63 (d, 1H), 7.41 - 7.61 (m, 6H), 7.37 (d, 1H), 7.11 (d, 1H), 7.02 (t, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H); MS *m/z* M+H 387, M-H 385.

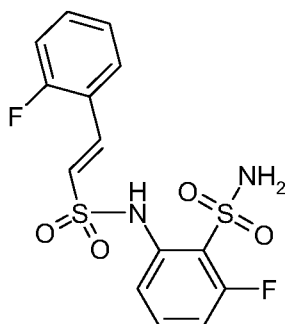
Example 61**4-Fluoro-2-[[*(E)*-2-[3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]ethenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide**

9 mg, 10%.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ ppm 9.28 (br. s., 1H), 8.14 (br. s., 1H), 8.01 (d, 1H), 7.61 - 7.93 (m, 7H), 7.39 (d, 1H), 7.15 (br. s., 1 H); MS m/z M-H 423.

Example 62

5 2-Fluoro-6-[[*(E)*-2-(2-fluorophenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide

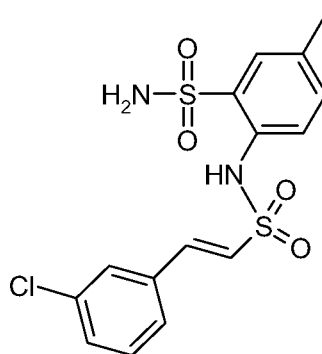


36 mg, 48%.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ ppm 9.83 (s, 1H), 8.14 (br. s., 2H), 7.83 (t, 1H), 7.57 - 7.68 (m, 2H), 7.44 - 7.57 (m, 2H), 7.39 (d, 1H), 7.23 - 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.14 (t, 1H); MS m/z
10 M+H 375, M-H 373.

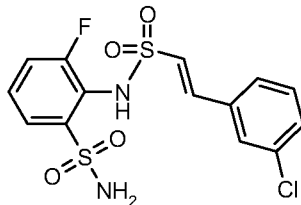
Example 63

2-[[*(E)*-2-(3-Chlorophenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-5-methyl-benzenesulfonamide

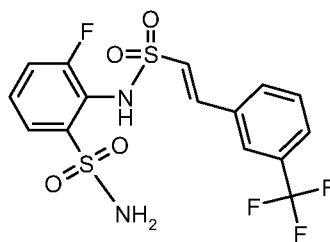


15 31 mg, 41%.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ ppm 9.04 (s, 1H), 7.80 (br. s., 1H), 7.74 (br. s., 2H), 7.59 - 7.66 (m, 2H), 7.37 - 7.55 (m, 6H), 2.29 (s, 3H); MS m/z M+H 387, M-H 385.

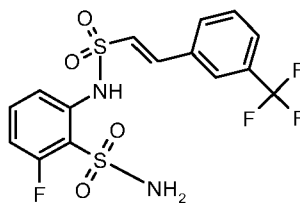
Example 64**2-[[*(E)*-2-(3-Chlorophenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-3-fluoro-benzenesulfonamide**

40 mg, 51%. MS m/z M+H 391, M-H 389, Rf 0.8 min (see above system in General
5 procedure for Examples 23 – 43).

Example 65**3-Fluoro-2-[[*(E)*-2-[3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-
10 benzenesulfonamide**

14 mg, 16%.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ ppm 9.32 (br. s., 1H), 8.09 (s, 1H), 8.00 (d, 1H), 7.79 (d,
1H), 7.74 (d, 1H), 7.68 (t, 1H), 7.45 - 7.63 (m, 6H); MS m/z M+H 425, M-H 423.

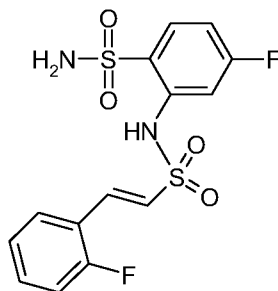
Example 66**2-Fluoro-6-[[*(E)*-2-[3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-
20 benzenesulfonamide**

9 mg, 10%.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ ppm 9.87 (s, 1H), 8.11 - 8.21 (m, 3H), 8.03 (d, 1H), 7.55 - 7.84 (m, 5H), 7.41 (d, 1H), 7.12 (t, 1H); MS m/z M+H 425, M-H 423.

Example 67

5 **4-Fluoro-2-[[*(E)*-2-(2-fluorophenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide**

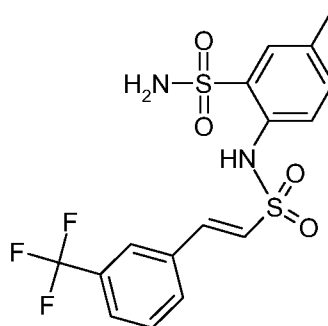


27 mg, 37%. MS m/z M+H 375, M-H 373, 0.8 min (see above system in General procedure for Examples 23 – 43).

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Example 68

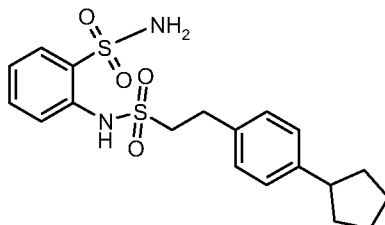
5-Methyl-2-[[*(E)*-2-[3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-benzenesulfonamide



9 mg, 10%.

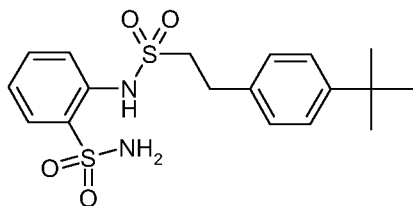
15 ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ ppm 9.06 (s, 1H), 8.09 (s, 1H), 7.96 (d, 1H), 7.71 - 7.82 (m, 3H), 7.49 - 7.69 (m, 5H), 7.40 (d, 1H), 2.29 (s, 3 H); MS m/z M-H 419.

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Example 69**2-[2-(4-Cyclopentylphenyl)ethylsulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide**

(E)-2-(2-(4-Cyclopentylphenyl)vinylsulfonylamino)benzenesulfonamide (25.00 mg, 0.06 mmol) was dissolved in EtOAc (1.6 mL) and MeOH (1.6 mL) and hydrogenated under continuous flow hydrogenation conditions (full hydrogen, flow 1ml/min, ethyl acetate/methanol 1:1 as eluent) at 50 °C using an H-Cube system. The solvent was removed in vacuo and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica using heptane/ethyl acetate gradient mixtures as eluent (0 - 100% ethyl acetate) to give the product as a solid (14 mg, 55%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ ppm 8.93 (s, 1H), 7.81 - 7.91 (m, 3H), 7.68 (d, 1H), 7.61 (t, 1H), 7.33 (t, 1H), 7.06 - 7.16 (m, 4H), 3.51 - 3.60 (m, 2H), 2.83 - 2.99 (m, 3H), 1.90 - 2.00 (m, 2H), 1.67 - 1.79 (m, 2H), 1.55 - 1.68 (m, 2H), 1.39 - 1.52 (m, 2H); MS m/z M-H 407.

Example 70**2-[2-(4-Tert-butylphenyl)ethylsulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide**

2-Aminobenzenesulfonamide (0.057 g, 0.33 mmol) was dissolved in pyridine (2.5 mL) followed by addition of (E)-2-(4-tert-butylphenyl)ethenesulfonyl chloride (0.078 g, 0.30 mmol) and the reaction was stirred at RT overnight. The solvent was then removed under reduced pressure and the pale yellow oily residue was used in the next step without further purification. The crude material (0.118 g, 0.3 mmol) was dissolved in MeOH (5 mL) with a few drops of EtOAc and was subjected to reduction using the H-cube instrument. The reaction mixture was eluted through the Pd/C (10%) cartridge using full hydrogen (1 atm)

at 1 ml / min. The mixture was subjected to the H-cube once again using the same conditions for full conversion of the starting material and purified by preparative HPLC (XTerra MS C8 column, acetonitrile / ammonium acetate buffer) to give the title compound (56 mg, 47%) as a white solid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm 7.97 (dd, 1H), 7.56 - 7.66 (m, 2H), 7.27 - 7.35 (m, 3H), 7.13 (d, 2H), 3.52 - 3.58 (m, 2H), 3.17 - 3.23 (m, 2H), 1.30 (s, 9H). MS m/z M-H 395.

a) (E)-2-(4-tert-Butylphenyl)ethenesulfonyl chloride

The title compound (0.65 g, 16%) was synthesized by an analogous method to that described for the preparation of Example 9a.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm 7.73 (d, 1H), 7.50 (s, 4H), 7.21 (d, 1H), 1.35 (s, 9H); (GC)MS m/z M+H 259.

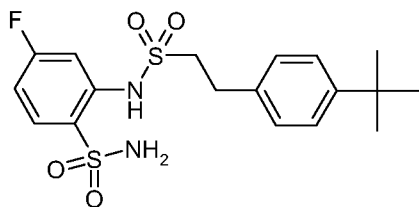
b) 1-[(E)-2-Ethoxysulfonylphenyl]-4-tert-butyl-benzene

The title compound (4.12 g, 62%) was synthesized by an analogous method to that described for the preparation of Example 9b.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm 7.60 (d, 1H), 7.46 (s, 4H), 6.71 (d, 1H), 4.22 (q, 2H), 1.40 (t, 3H), 1.34 (s, 9H). (GC)MS m/z M+H 269.

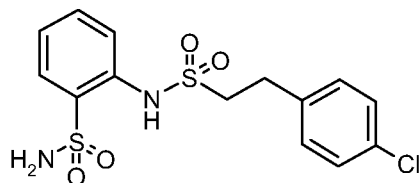
Example 71

4-Fluoro-2-[2-(4-tert-butylphenyl)ethylsulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide



The title compound (31 mg, 25%) was synthesized by the analogous method to that described for Example 70.

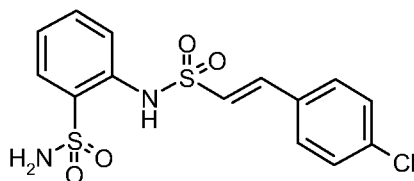
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm 8.42 (s, 1H), 7.97 (dd, 1H), 7.41 (dd, 1H), 7.30 - 7.36 (m, 2H), 7.11 - 7.16 (m, 2H), 6.93 - 6.99 (m, 1H), 5.07 (s, 2H), 3.49 - 3.58 (m, 2H), 3.15 - 3.22 (m, 2H), 1.30 (s, 9H). MS m/z M-H 413.

Example 72**2-[2-(4-Chlorophenyl)ethylsulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide**

2-Aminobenzenesulfonamide (0.52 g, 3 mmol) was dissolved in pyridine (20 mL)
5 followed by addition of 2-(4-chlorophenyl)ethanesulfonyl chloride (0.80 g, 3.3 mmol) and
the reaction was stirred at RT overnight. The solvent was then removed under reduced
pressure and the crude material was purified by preparative HPLC (XTerra MS C8 column,
acetonitrile / ammonium acetate buffer) to give the title compound (87 mg, 8%) as a white
solid.

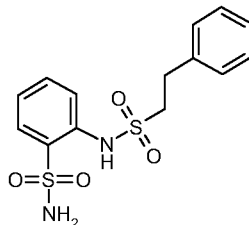
10 ^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ ppm 8.95 (br. s., 1H), 7.81 - 7.90 (m, 3H), 7.67 (d, 1H),
7.60 (t, 1H), 7.28 - 7.35 (m, 3H), 7.21 - 7.27 (m, 2H), 3.55 - 3.63 (m, 2H), 2.95 - 3.02 (m,
2H); MS m/z M-H 373.

The compounds of Examples 73, 75 to 78, 80 to 84 and 88 to 106 were prepared using the
15 general method described for Example 72.

Example 73**2-[[*(E)*-2-(4-Chlorophenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide**

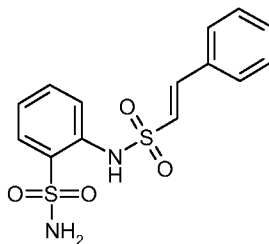
20 283 mg, 76%.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ ppm 9.13 (s, 1H), 7.84 (s, 2H), 7.79 - 7.85 (m, 1H), 7.70
(d, 2H), 7.54 - 7.64 (m, 3H), 7.49 (d, 2H), 7.46 (d, 1H), 7.28 (t, 1H). MS m/z M-H 372.

Example 74**2-(Phenethylsulfonylamino)benzenesulfonamide**

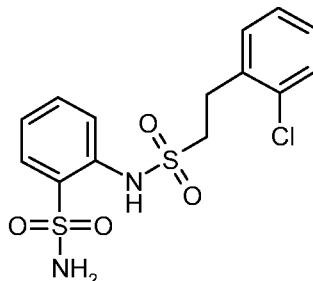
2-[[*(E)*-2-Phenylethenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide (0.052 g, 0.15 mmol) was dissolved in MeOH (5 mL) followed by the addition of 10% Pd/C (30 mg). The solution was subjected to hydrogen overnight at 40 °C. After filtration, the crude product was purified by preparative HPLC (XTerra MS C8 column, acetonitrile / ammonium acetate buffer) to give the title compound (4 mg, 8%) as a white solid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm 8.26 (br. s, 1H), 7.98 (dd, 1H), 7.56 - 7.68 (m, 2H), 7.24 - 7.35 (m, 4H), 7.16 - 7.24 (m, 2H), 5.14 (br. s., 2H), 3.52 - 3.60 (m, 2H), 3.19 - 3.27 (m, 2H). MS m/z M-H 339.

Example 75**2-[[*(E)*-2-Phenylethenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide**

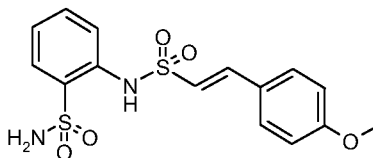
90 mg, 42%.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ ppm 9.12 (s, 1H), 7.85 (s, 2H), 7.82 (d, 1H), 7.52 - 7.70 (m, 5H), 7.36 - 7.47 (m, 4H), 7.26 (t, 1H). LC-MS, m/z, M-H 337, M+H, 339, R_f 2.99 min.

Example 76**2-[2-(2-Chlorophenyl)ethylsulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide**

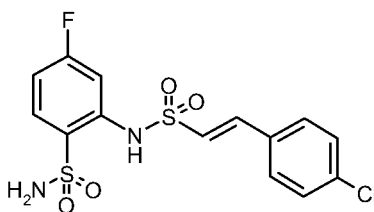
104 mg, 23%.

5 ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CD_3CN) δ ppm 7.89 (dd, 1H), 7.69 – 7.73 (m, 1H), 7.56 – 7.61 (m, 1H), 7.29 – 7.37 (m, 2H), 7.19 – 7.28 (m, 3H), 3.49 – 3.56 (m, 2H), 3.17 – 3.24 (m, 2H). MS m/z $M+H$ 375.

Example 77**2-[(E)-2-(4-Methoxyphenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide**

19 mg, 30%.

10 ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ ppm 8.35 (s, 1H), 7.89 - 8.02 (m, 1H), 7.52 - 7.69 (m, 3H), 7.41 - 7.52 (m, 2H), 6.89 - 6.98 (m, 2H), 6.73 - 6.86 (m, 2H), 5.10 (s, 2H), 3.79 - 3.94 (m, 3H). MS m/z $M-H$ 367.

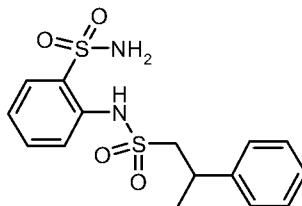
Example 78**2-[(E)-2-(4-Chlorophenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-4-fluoro-benzenesulfonamide**

20 164 mg, 45%.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃CN) δ ppm 7.79 (dd, 1H), 7.52 - 7.56 (m, 2H), 7.49 (d, 1H), 7.37 - 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.32 (dd, 1H), 7.03 (d, 1H), 6.70 (ddd, 1H). MS m/z M-H 389.

Example 79

2-(2-Phenylpropylsulfonylamino)benzenesulfonamide

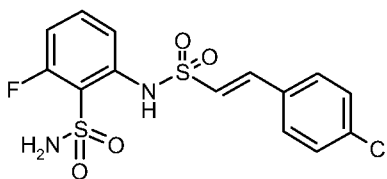


A mixture of 2-[[*(E)*-2-(4-chlorophenyl)prop-1-enyl]sulfonylamino] benzenesulfonamide and 2-[2-(4-chlorophenyl)prop-2-enylsulfonylamino] benzenesulfonamide (40 mg, 0.11 mmol) was dissolved in methanol (3 ml) and subjected to the H-cube (1 ml/min, full hydrogen, 10 % Pd/C, 2 runs). The product obtained was purified by preparative HPLC (XTerra MS C8 column, acetonitrile / ammonium acetate buffer) to give the title compound (13 mg, 32%) as a white solid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm 7.93 (ddd, 1H), 7.51 - 7.60 (m, 2H), 7.18 - 7.34 (m, 6H), 3.58 - 3.68 (m, 1H), 3.45 - 3.57 (m, 2H), 1.51 (d, 3H). MS m/z M-H 353.

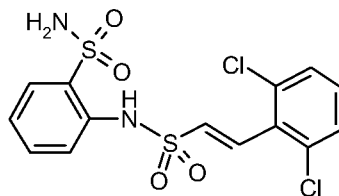
Example 80

2-[[*(E)*-2-(4-Chlorophenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-6-fluoro-benzenesulfonamide



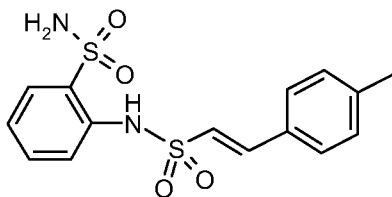
147 mg, 89%.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃CN) δ ppm 7.53 - 7.59 (m, 3H), 7.48 - 7.52 (m, 1H), 7.44 - 7.47 (m, 1H), 7.40 - 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.04 (d, 1H), 6.91 - 6.98 (m, 1H). MS m/z M-H 389.

Example 81**2-[[*(E)*-2-(2,6-Dichlorophenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide**

140 mg, 69%.

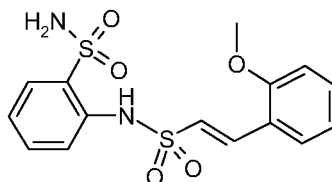
5 ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃CN) δ ppm 7.88 (dd, 1H), 7.74 (dd, 1H), 7.64 (d, 1H), 7.60 (ddd, 1H), 7.40 - 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.32 (ddd, 1H), 7.27 (ddd, 1H), 7.11 (d, 1H).). MS m/z M-H 405.

Example 82**2-[[*(E)*-2-(4-Methylphenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide**

143 mg, 81%.

10 ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃CN) δ ppm 7.85 (dd, 1H), 7.67 (dd, 1H), 7.58 (d, 1H), 7.56 (ddd, 1H), 7.41 - 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.18 - 7.26 (m, 3H), 7.00 (d, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H). MS m/z M-H 351.

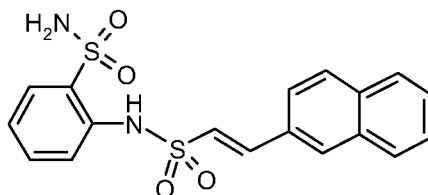
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Example 83**2-[[*(E)*-2-(2-Methoxyphenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide**

158 mg, 86%.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃CN) δ ppm 7.86 (dd, 1H), 7.73 (d, 1H), 7.68 (dd, 1H), 7.57 (ddd, 1H), 7.48 (dd, 1H), 7.42 (ddd, 1H), 7.23 (ddd, 1H), 7.21 (d, 1H), 7.03 (d, 1H), 6.97 (td, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H). MS m/z M-H 367.

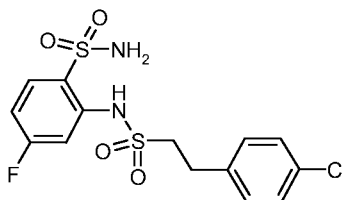
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Example 84**2-[[*(E)*-2-Naphthalen-2-ylethenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide**

111 mg, 57%.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃CN) δ ppm 8.05 - 8.09 (m, 1H), 7.87 - 7.93 (m, 3H), 7.86 (dd, 1H), 7.77 (d, 1H), 7.72 (dd, 1H), 7.66 (dd, 1H), 7.53 - 7.61 (m, 3H), 7.22 (ddd, 1H), 7.18 (d, 1H). MS m/z M-H 387.

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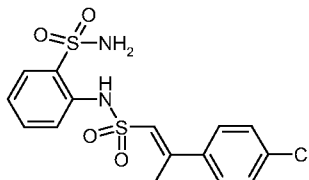
Example 85**2-[2-(4-Chlorophenyl)ethylsulfonylamino]-4-fluoro-benzenesulfonamide**

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2-[[*(E)*-2-(4-Chlorophenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-4-fluoro-benzenesulfonamide (120 mg, 0.31 mmol) was dissolved in ethyl acetate (5 ml) and subjected to the H-cube (1 ml/min, full hydrogen. 10 % Pd/C). The product obtained was purified by preparative HPLC (XTerra MS C8 column, acetonitrile / ammonium acetate buffer) to give the title compound (60 mg, 49%) as a white solid.

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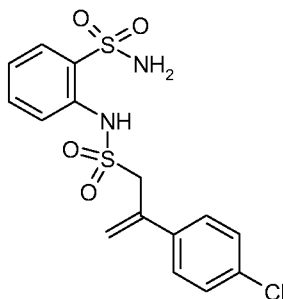
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃CN) δ ppm 7.92 (dd, 1H), 7.44 (dd, 1H), 7.25 - 7.31 (m, 2H), 7.16 - 7.24 (m, 2H), 6.98 (ddd, 1H), 3.54 - 3.61 (m, 2H), 3.07 - 3.13 (m, 2H). MS m/z M-H 391.

Example 86**2-[[*(E)*-2-(4-Chlorophenyl)prop-1-enyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide**

Sulfonyl chloride (60 mmol) was added dropwise to stirred anhydrous DMF (4.6 mL)
5 cooled to 0 °C under nitrogen. After the addition was completed, the mixture was warmed
to RT and stirred further for 0.5h. 4-Chloro- α -methylstyrene (0.25 mol) was then slowly
added and the reaction mixture was run overnight at 45 °C. The reaction mixture was
cooled and then poured onto crushed ice and then extracted with Et₂O, washed with brine
and dried over Na₂SO₄. After solvent removal, the residue was purified by chromatography
10 (silica gel, eluents: ethyl acetate/heptane) to furnish a mixture of 2-(4-chlorophenyl)prop-
2-ene-1-sulfonyl chloride and 2-(4-chlorophenyl)prop-1-ene-1-sulfonyl chloride (2.17 g,
29%) as a white solid.

The title compound (72 mg, 14%) and the compound of Example 87 were then prepared
using the general method described for Example 72.

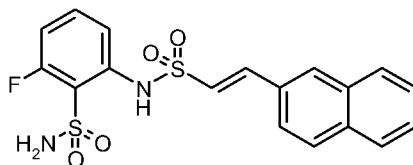
15 ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃CN) δ ppm 7.87 (ddd, 1H), 7.65 (ddd, 1H), 7.56 (ddd, 1H), 7.36
- 7.45 (m, 4H), 7.23 (ddd, 1H), 6.73 (q, 1H), 2.45 (d, 3H). MS m/z M-H 385.

Example 87**2-[2-(4-Chlorophenyl)prop-2-enylsulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide**

20 The title compound (26 mg, 5%) was obtained from the synthesis in Example 86.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃CN) δ ppm 7.84 (ddd, 1H), 7.66 (dd, 1H), 7.58 (ddd, 1H), 7.39 - 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.27 - 7.31 (m, 2H), 7.24 (ddd, 1H), 5.70 (s, 1H), 5.39 (s, 1H), 4.50 (d, 2H). MS m/z M-H 385.

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Example 88**2-Fluoro-6-[[*(E)*-2-naphthalen-2-ylethenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide**

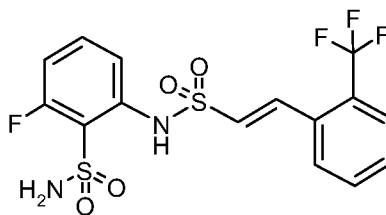
31 mg, 38%.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ ppm 9.88 (s, 1H), 8.27 (s, 1H), 8.16 (s, 2H), 7.90 - 7.98 (m, 3H), 7.6 (d, 1H), 7.81 (d, 1H), 7.53 - 7.65 (m, 4H), 7.44 (d, 1H), 7.10 (t, 1H). MS m/z M-H 405.

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Example 89**2-Fluoro-6-[[*(E)*-2-[2-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-benzenesulfonamide**

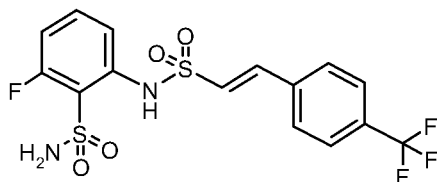
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35 mg, 41%.

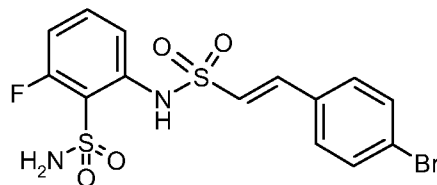
¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ ppm 9.85 (br. s., 1H), 8.14 (br. s., 2H), 7.95 (d, 1H), 7.82 (d, 1H), 7.53 - 7.77 (m, 5H), 7.37 (d, 1H), 7.16 (t, 1H). MS m/z M-H 423.

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Example 90**2-Fluoro-6-[[*(E)*-2-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-benzenesulfonamide**

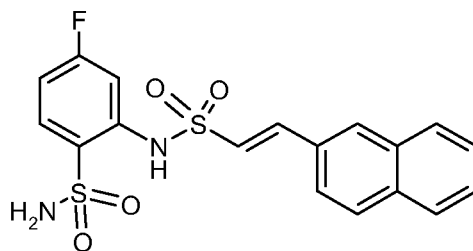
34 mg, 40%.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ ppm 9.85 (br. s., 1H), 8.15 (s, 2H), 7.95 (d, 2H), 7.79 (d, 2H), 7.76 (d, 1H), 7.52 - 7.69 (m, 2H), 7.41 (d, 1H), 7.13 (t, 1H). MS m/z M-H 423.

Example 91**2-[[*(E)*-2-(4-Bromophenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-6-fluoro-benzenesulfonamide**

31 mg, 36%.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ ppm 9.83 (s, 1H), 8.15 (s, 2H), 7.55 - 7.71 (m, 6H), 7.51 (d, 1H), 7.39 (d, 1H), 7.11 (t, 1H). MS m/z M-H 433/435.

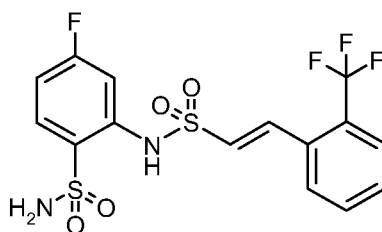
Example 92**4-Fluoro-2-[[*(E)*-2-naphthalen-2-ylethenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide**

30 mg, 37%.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ ppm 9.26 (br. s., 1H), 8.25 (s, 1H), 7.75 - 8.00 (m, 8H), 7.52 - 7.67 (m, 3H), 7.42 (dd, 1H), 7.02 - 7.20 (m, 1H). MS m/z M-H 405.

Example 93

4-Fluoro-2-[[*(E)*-2-[2-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-benzenesulfonamide

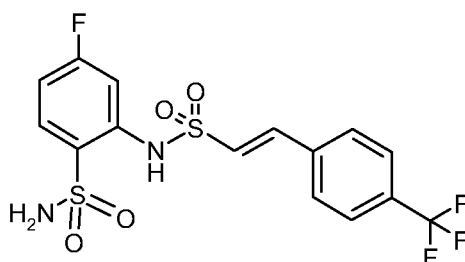


16 mg, 19%.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ ppm 9.33 (br. s., 1H), 7.93 (d, 1H), 7.82 - 7.92 (m, 1H), 7.81 (d, 2H), 7.62 - 7.77 (m, 4H), 7.49 - 7.59 (m, 1H), 7.34 (d, 1H), 7.10 - 7.22 (m, 1H). MS m/z M-H 423.

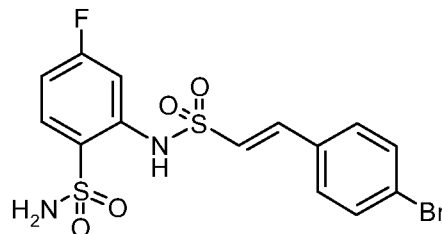
Example 94

4-Fluoro-2-[[*(E)*-2-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-benzenesulfonamide



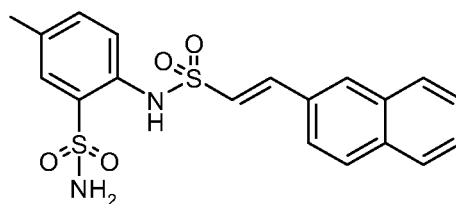
23 mg, 27%.

ESMS: m/z [M-1] 423, [M+1] 425, R_f 0.96 min according to the general MS procedure described for Examples 23 - 43.

Example 95**2-[[*(E)*-2-(4-Bromophenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-4-fluorobenzenesulfonamide**

26 mg, 30%.

5 ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ ppm 9.23 (br. s., 1H), 7.77 - 7.94 (m, 3H), 7.59 - 7.73 (m, 5H), 7.52 (d, 1H), 7.37 (d, 1H), 7.01 - 7.22 (m, 1H). MS m/z M-H 433/435.

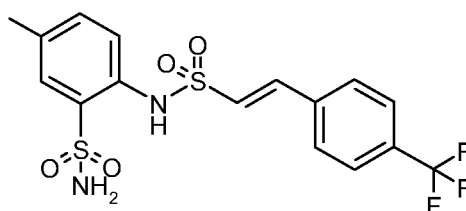
Example 96**5-Methyl-2-[[*(E)*-2-naphthalen-2-ylethenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide**

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40 mg, 49%.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ ppm 9.04 (s, 1H), 8.19 (s, 1H), 7.89 - 7.96 (m, 3H), 7.77 (d, 1H), 7.76 (s, 2H), 7.67 (d, 1H), 7.63 (s, 1H), 7.53 - 7.61 (m, 3H), 7.48 (d, 1H), 7.40 (d, 1H), 2.27 (s, 3H). MS m/z M-H 401.

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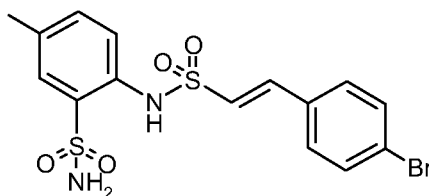
Example 97**5-Methyl-2-[[*(E)*-2-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]ethenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide**

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42 mg, 50%.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ ppm 9.06 (s, 1H), 7.87 (d, 2H), 7.77 (d, 2H), 7.73 (s, 2H), 7.65 (s, 1H), 7.60 (d, 1H), 7.48 - 7.56 (m, 2H), 7.40 (d, 1H), 2.28 (s, 3H). MS m/z M-H 419.

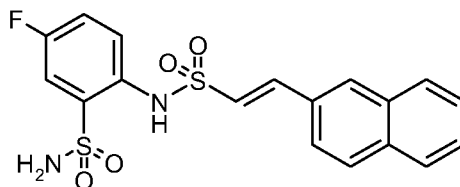
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Example 98**2-[[*(E)*-2-(4-Bromophenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-5-methyl-benzenesulfonamide**

40 mg, 46%.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ ppm 9.01 (s, 1H), 7.74 (s, 2H), 7.64 (s, 1H), 7.57 - 7.63 (m, 4H), 7.51 (d, 1H), 7.50 (d, 1H), 7.39 (d, 1H), 7.40 (d, 1H), 2.29 (s, 3H). MS m/z M-H 429/431.

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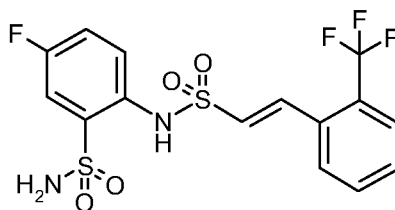
Example 99**5-Fluoro-2-[[*(E)*-2-naphthalen-2-ylethenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide**

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34 mg, 41%.

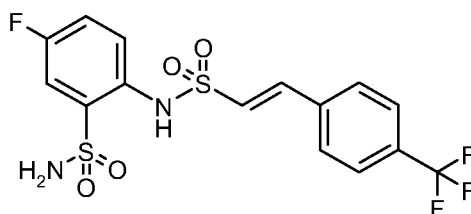
^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ ppm 9.06 (s, 1H), 8.19 (s, 1H), 7.88 - 7.99 (m, 5H), 7.78 (d, 1H), 7.43 - 7.72 (m, 7H). MS m/z M-H 405.

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Example 100**5-Fluoro-2-[[*(E)*-2-[2-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-benzenesulfonamide**

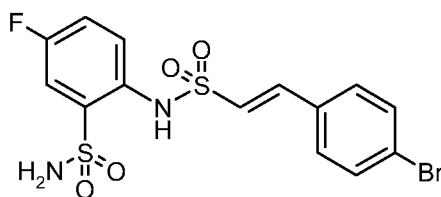
31 mg, 36%.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$) δ ppm 9.15 (br. s., 1H), 7.90 (d, 1H), 7.86 (br. s., 2H), 7.80 (d, 1H), 7.73 (t, 1H), 7.58 - 7.68 (m, 3H), 7.49 - 7.57 (m, 2H), 7.42 (d, 1H). MS m/z M-H 423.

Example 101**5-Fluoro-2-[[*(E)*-2-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-benzenesulfonamide**

31 mg, 37%.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$) δ ppm 9.11 (br. s., 1H), 7.83 - 7.95 (m, 4H), 7.74 - 7.81 (m, 2H), 7.45 - 7.69 (m, 5H). MS m/z M-H 423.

Example 102**2-[[*(E)*-2-(4-Bromophenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-5-fluoro-benzenesulfonamide**

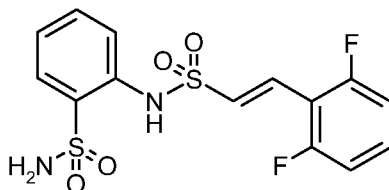
32 mg, 36%.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$) δ ppm 9.04 (s, 1H), 7.89 (br. s., 2H), 7.58 - 7.68 (m, 6H), 7.48 (d, 1H), 7.44 - 7.53 (m, 1H), 7.40 (d, 1H). MS m/z M-H 433/435.

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Example 103

2-[[*(E)*-2-(2,6-Difluorophenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide



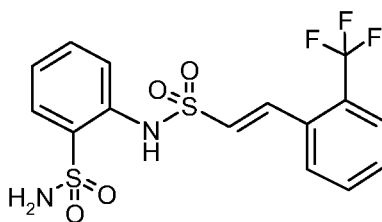
18 mg, 24%.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$) δ ppm 9.11 (s, 1H), 7.84 (d, 1H), 7.78 (br. s., 2H), 7.59 - 7.64 (m, 2H), 7.51 - 7.59 (m, 1H), 7.42 (d, 1H), 7.39 (d, 1H), 7.28 - 7.35 (m, 1H), 7.18 - 7.26 (m, 2H). MS m/z M-H 373.

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Example 104

2-[[*(E)*-2-[2-(Trifluoromethyl)phenyl]ethenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide

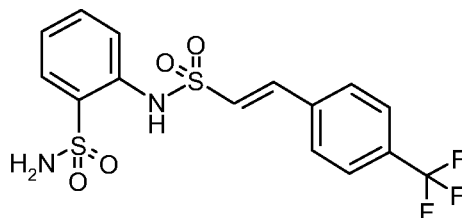


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31 mg, 38%.

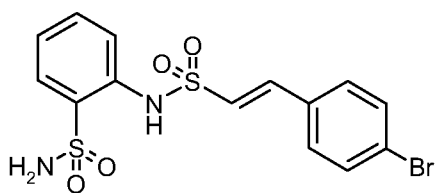
^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$) δ ppm 9.19 (br. s., 1H), 7.89 (d, 1H), 7.83 (d, 1H), 7.76 - 7.82 (m, 3H), 7.73 (t, 1H), 7.56 - 7.67 (m, 4H), 7.49 (d, 1H), 7.28 - 7.35 (m, 1H). MS m/z M-H 405.

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Example 105**2-[[*(E)*-2-[4-(Trifluoromethyl)phenyl]ethenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide**

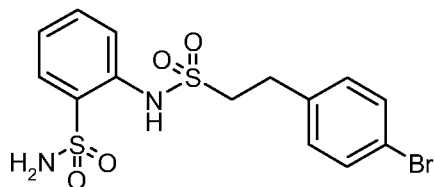
35 mg, 43%.

ESMS: m/z [M-1] 405, [M+1] 407, R_f 1.00 min. according to the general MS procedure for Examples 23 – 43.

Example 106**2-[[*(E)*-2-(4-Bromophenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide**

36 mg, 43%.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ ppm 9.12 (s, 1H), 7.83 (d, 1H), 7.81 (s, 2H), , 7.53 - 7.64 (m, 7H), 7.45 (d, 1H), 7.27 (t, 1H). MS m/z M-H 415/417.

Example 107**2-[[*(E)*-2-(4-Bromophenyl) ethylsulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide**

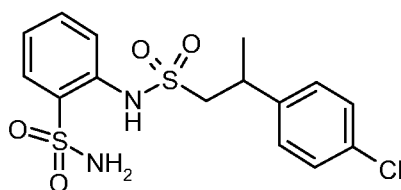
To a solution of (*E*)-2-(2-(4-bromophenyl)vinylsulfonylamido)benzenesulfonamide (0.063 g, 0.15 mmol) in THF (10 mL) were added 4-methylbenzenesulfonylhydrazide (1.676 g, 9.00 mmol) and sodium acetate (0.738 g, 9.00 mmol). (J. Org. Chem. 2006, 5870). The mixture was heated at reflux under argon overnight, quenched with water (5 mL), and extracted

three times with ethyl acetate. The combined organic phases were extracted with 1M HCl, washed with water, brine and followed by organic solvent removal. The brine phase was then extracted three times with ethyl acetate. The combined organic solvent was then removed under reduced pressure and the crude product was purified by preparative HPLC (XTerra MS C8 column, acetonitrile / ammonium acetate buffer) to give the title compound (25 mg, 40%) as a white solid.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ ppm 8.94 (s, 1H), 7.79 - 7.94 (m, 3H), 7.56 - 7.72 (m, 2H), 7.39 - 7.50 (m, 2H), 7.26 - 7.38 (m, 1H), 7.15 - 7.24 (m, 2H), 3.53 - 3.67 (m, 2H), 2.90 - 3.02 (m, 2 H). MS m/z M-H 417/419.

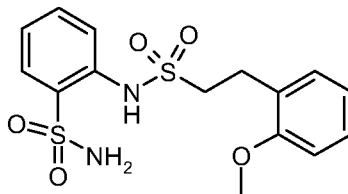
Example 108

2-[2-(4-Chlorophenyl)propylsulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide



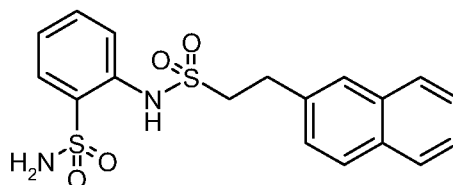
A mixture of (E)-2-(2-(4-chlorophenyl)prop-1-enylsulfonylamido)benzenesulfonamide and 2-[2-(4-chlorophenyl)prop-2-enylsulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide (100 mg, 0.26 mmol) was dissolved in EtOAc in a 5 mL syringe. The solution was filtered and injected into the H-cube (1 ml/min, full hydrogen, 10 % Pd/C). The solvent was then removed under reduced pressure and the crude material was purified by preparative HPLC (XTerra MS C8 column, acetonitrile / ammonium acetate buffer) to give the title compound (56 mg, 56%).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ ppm 8.20 (s, 1H), 7.94 (dd, 1H), 7.48 - 7.62 (m, 2H), 7.21 - 7.32 (m, 3H), 7.08 - 7.18 (m, 2H), 5.07 (s, 2H), 3.53 - 3.64 (m, 1H), 3.42 - 3.54 (m, 2H), 1.48 (d, 3H). MS m/z M-H 387.

Example 109**2-[2-(2-Methoxyphenyl)ethylsulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide**

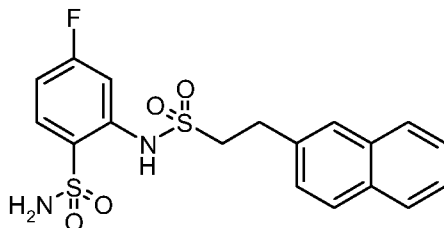
(E)-2-(2-(2-Methoxyphenyl)vinylsulfonylamido) benzenesulfonamide (94 mg, 0.26 mmol) was dissolved in methanol (5 mL) in a 5 mL syringe. The solution was injected to the H-cube (1 ml/min, full hydrogen; 10 % Pd/C). The solvent was then removed under reduced pressure and the crude material was purified by preparative HPLC (XTerra MS C8 column, acetonitrile / ammonium acetate buffer) to give the title compound (69 mg, 73%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm 8.28 (s, 1H), 7.98 (dd, 1H), 7.66 (dd, 1H), 7.56 - 7.62 (m, 1H), 7.27 - 7.32 (m, 1H), 7.21 - 7.27 (m, 1H), 7.16 (dd, 1H), 6.90 (td, 1H), 6.84 (dd, 1H), 5.23 (s, 2H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.53 - 3.63 (m, 2H), 3.15 - 3.25 (m, 2H). MS m/z M-H 369.

Example 110**2-(2-Naphthalen-2-ylethylsulfonylamino)benzenesulfonamide**

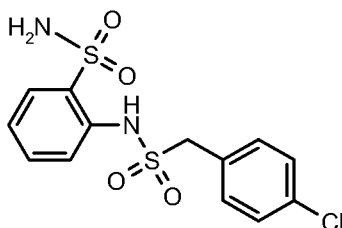
The title compound (45 mg, 50%) was synthesized using the general method described for Example 108.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃CN) δ ppm 7.85 (dd, 1H), 7.66 - 7.76 (m, 4H), 7.63 (s, 1H), 7.50 (ddd, 1H), 7.30 - 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.28 (dd, 1H), 7.17 (ddd, 1H), 3.54 - 3.64 (m, 2H), 3.12 - 3.23 (m, 2H). MS m/z M-H 389.

Example 111**4-Fluoro-2-(2-naphthalen-2-ylethylsulfonylamino)benzenesulfonamide**

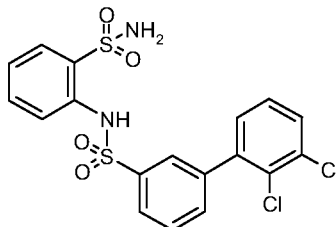
The title compound (13 mg, 27%) was synthesized using the general method described for
5 Example 70.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CD_3CN) δ ppm 7.89 (dd, 1H), 7.67 - 7.77 (m, 3H), 7.66 (s, 1H), 7.48 (dd, 1H), 7.27 - 7.40 (m, 3H), 6.92 (ddd, 1H), 3.64 - 3.73 (m, 2H), 3.14 - 3.27 (m, 2H). MS m/z M-H 407.

Example 112**2-[(4-Chlorophenyl)methylsulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide**

The title compound (89 mg, 49%) was synthesized using the general procedure described
15 for Example 72.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CD_3CN) δ ppm 7.86 - 7.90 (m, 1H), 7.51 - 7.56 (m, 2H), 7.29 - 7.36 (m, 4H), 7.24 - 7.28 (m, 1H), 4.57 (s, 2H). MS m/z M-H 359.

Example 113**2-[[3-(2,3-Dichlorophenyl)phenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide**

Tetrakis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(0) (14 mg, 0.012 mmol), was added to a solution of
5 2,3-dichlorophenylboronic acid (57 mg, 0.30 mmol) and 2-[(3-bromophenyl)-
sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide (97 mg, 0.25 mmol) in DMF (1 mL). The reaction
mixture was stirred at RT under argon for 15 minutes before addition of 2M Na₂CO₃ (0.5
mL). The reaction was stirred overnight at 90 °C, filtered and purified by preparative
HPLC (XTerra MS C8 column, acetonitrile / ammonium acetate buffer) to give the title
10 compound (61 mg, 53%) as a white solid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, Acetone-d₆) δ ppm 7.97 - 8.01 (m, 2H), 7.80-7.89 (m, 1H), 7.60 -
7.74 (m, 4H), 7.47-7.52 (m, 2H), 7.42 (d, 1H), 7.15 (t, 1H). MS m/z M-H 455/457/459.

a) 2-[(3-Bromophenyl)sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide

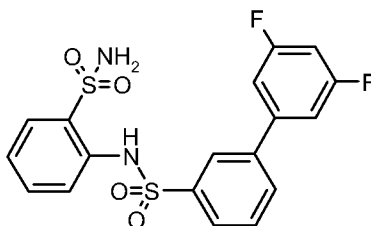
15 3-Bromo-benzenesulfonyl chloride (8.34 mL, 57.9 mmol) was added to a solution of 2-
amino-benzenesulfonamide (9.965 g, 57.9 mmol) dissolved in pyridine (90 mL). The
reaction was stirred for 4h followed by solvent removal under vacuo. The reaction mixture
was added to water and the product was extracted three times with EtOAc. The combined
organic extracts were washed with brine, dried (MgSO₄), filtered and evaporated to furnish
20 a dark yellow oil. The oil was dissolved in EtOAc and precipitated by addition of heptane.
The solid was finally recrystallized from EtOH to give the title compound (10.784 g, 48%)
as a white solid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ ppm 9.39 (br. s., 1H), 8.04 (t, 1H), 7.84 - 7.91 (m, 2H),
7.80 (dd, 1H), 7.76 (s, 2H), 7.51 - 7.58 (m, 2H), 7.49 (dd, 1H), 7.27 (t, 1H). MS m/z M-H
25 389/391.

The compounds of Examples 114 to 121 were prepared using the general method described for Example 113.

Example 114

2-[[3-(3,5-difluorophenyl)phenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide

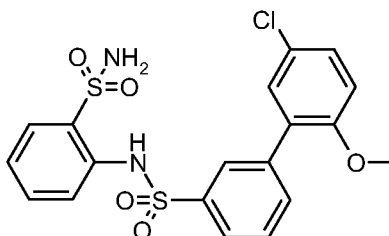


33 mg, 31%.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃CN) δ ppm 8.07 - 8.11 (m, 1H), 7.82 - 7.89 (m, 2H), 7.73 (dd, 1H), 7.65 - 7.68 (m, 1H), 7.55 - 7.61 (m, 3H), 7.48 - 7.53 (m, 1H), 7.40 - 7.46 (m, 3H), 7.22 - 7.28 (m, 1H), 7.04 - 7.11 (m, 1H). MS m/z M-H 423.

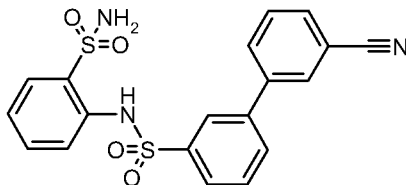
Example 115

3-(5-Chloro-2-methoxy-phenyl)-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide



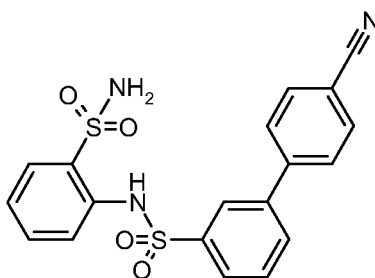
36 mg, 32%.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃CN) δ ppm 7.96 - 8.00 (m, 1H), 7.81 (ddd, 1H), 7.74 (dd, 1H), 7.68 (ddd, 1H), 7.65 (dd, 1H), 7.51 (dt, 1H), 7.45 (ddd, 1H), 7.28 (dd, 1H), 7.20 (d, 1H), 7.06 - 7.12 (m, 1H), 7.04 (d, 1H), 1.85 (s, 3H). MS m/z M-H 451.

Example 116**2-[[3-(3-Cyanophenyl)phenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide**

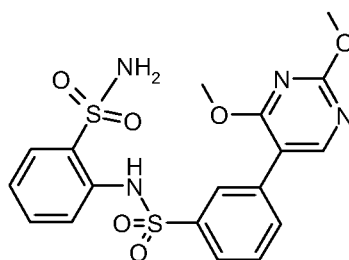
48 mg, 46%.

5 ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Acetone-d₆) δ ppm 8.25 (t, 1H), 8.07 - 8.09 (m, 1H), 8.03 (ddd, 1H), 7.97 - 8.01 (m, 2H), 7.80 - 7.85 (m, 2H), 7.77 (dd, 1H), 7.65 - 7.74 (m, 2H), 7.53 (ddd, 1H), 7.16 (ddd, 1H). MS m/z M-H 412.

Example 117**2-[[3-(4-Cyanophenyl)phenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide**

43 mg, 42%.

10 ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Acetone-d₆) δ ppm 8.24 - 8.25 (m, 1H), 7.96 - 8.03 (m, 2H), 7.86 - 7.92 (m, 4H), 7.83 (dd, 1H), 7.77 (dd, 1H), 7.70 (t, 1H), 7.53 (ddd, 1H), 7.13 - 7.20 (m, 1H). MS m/z M-H 412.

Example 118**3-(2,4-Dimethoxypyrimidin-5-yl)-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide**

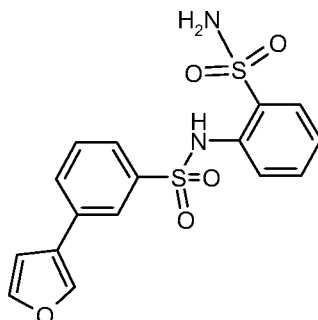
16 mg, 17%.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CD_3OD) δ ppm 8.25 (s, 1H), 8.02 (s, 1H), 7.85 (d, 1H), 7.82 (d, 1H), 7.68 - 7.77 (m, 2H), 7.55 (t, 1H), 7.49 (t, 1H), 7.18 (t, 1H), 4.04 (s, 3H), 4.03 (s, 3H). MS m/z M-H 449.

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Example 119

2-[[3-(3-Furyl)phenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide



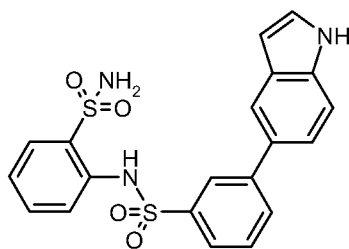
68 mg, 72%.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, Acetone- d_6) δ ppm 8.09 - 8.17 (m, 2H), 7.78 - 7.89 (m, 3H), 7.72 (dd, 1H), 7.67 (t, 1H), 7.57 (dt, 1H), 7.52 (ddd, 1H), 7.16 (ddd, 1H), 6.94 (dd, 1H). MS m/z M-H 377.

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Example 120

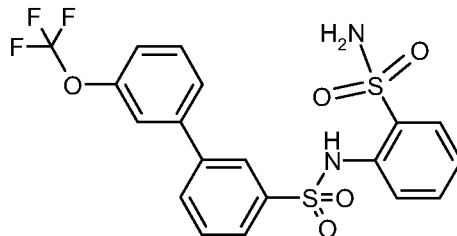
2-[[3-(1H-Indol-5-yl)phenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide



78 mg, 73%.

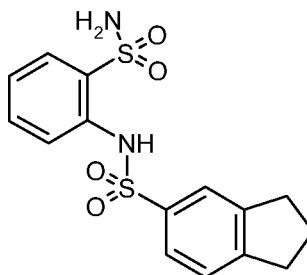
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CD_3OD) δ ppm 8.10 (t, 1H), 7.77 - 7.88 (m, 3H), 7.76 (d, 1H), 7.71 (d, 1H), 7.53 (t, 1H), 7.47 (d, 1H), 7.45 (d, 1H), 7.33 (dd, 1H), 7.27 (d, 1H), 7.14 (t, 1H), 6.52 (dd, 1H). MS m/z M-H 426.

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Example 121**2-[[3-[3-(Trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]phenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide**

65 mg, 55%.

5 ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CD_3OD) δ ppm 8.06 (t, 1H), 7.89 (dd, 1H), 7.79 - 7.85 (m, 2H), 7.74 (d, 1H), 7.42 - 7.62 (m, 5H), 7.31 (d, 1H), 7.15 (t, 1H). MS m/z M-H 471.

Example 122**N-(2-Sulfamoylphenyl)-2,3-dihydro-1H-indene-5-sulfonamide**

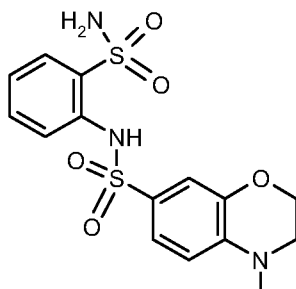
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Indan-5-sulfonyl chloride (43 mg, 0.2 mmol) was added to a pyridine stock solution of 1.34M 2-amino-benzenesulfonamide (0.150 mL, 0.2 mmol). The reaction mixture was shaken overnight followed by solvent removal under vacuo. The crude mixture was dissolved in DMSO and purified by preparative HPLC (XTerra MS C8 column, acetonitrile / ammonium acetate buffer) to give the title compound (22 mg, 32%) as a white solid. MS m/z M-H 351. Rf 0.91 min (see above system in General procedure for Examples 23 – 43).

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The compounds of Examples 123 to 131 were prepared using the general method described for Example 122.

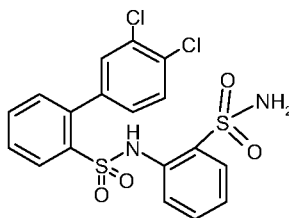
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Example 123**7-Methyl-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)-10-oxa-7-azabicyclo[4.4.0]deca-1,3,5-triene-3-sulfonamide**

5 31 mg, 41%.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ ppm 9.14 (s, 1H), 7.82 (s, 2H), 7.77 (d, 1H), 7.45 - 7.56 (m, 2H), 7.18 (ddd, 1H), 7.14 (dd, 1H), 7.10 (d, 1H), 6.77 (d, 1H), 4.20 - 4.28 (m, 4H), 2.82 (s, 3H). MS m/z M-H 382.

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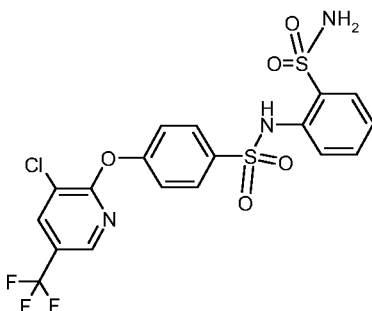
Example 124**2-(3,4-Dichlorophenyl)-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide**

27 mg, 30%.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ ppm 9.40 (br. s., 1H), 7.90 - 8.05 (m, 5H), 7.76 - 7.86 (m, 3H), 7.74 (s, 2H), 7.54 (br. s., 2H), 7.16 - 7.28 (m, 1H). MS m/z M-H 455.

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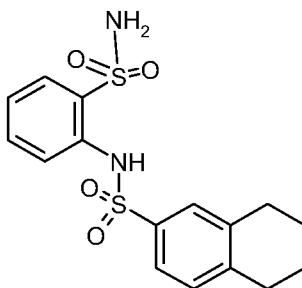
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Example 125**2-[[4-[3-Chloro-5-(trifluoromethyl)pyridin-2-yl]oxyphenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide**

5 67 mg, 66%.

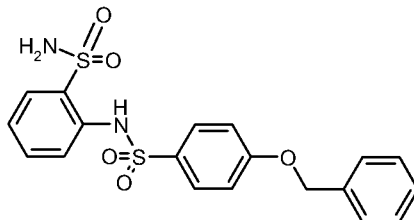
^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ ppm 9.40 (br. s., 1H), 8.62 (d, 1H), 8.53 - 8.55 (m, 1H), 8.02 (d, 2H), 7.83 (br. s., 3H), 7.53 - 7.60 (m, 2H), 7.48 (d, 2H), 7.22 - 7.32 (m, 1H). MS m/z M-H 506.

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Example 126**N-(2-Sulfamoylphenyl)tetralin-2-sulfonamide**

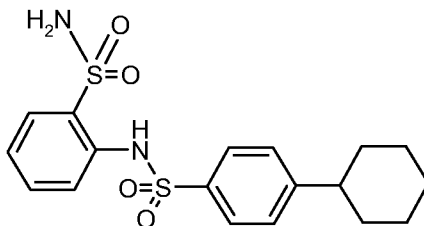
48 mg, 65%.

15 ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ ppm 9.28 (s, 1H), 7.82 (s, 2H), 7.77 (d, 1H), 7.65 (s, 1H), 7.60 (dd, 1H), 7.47 - 7.52 (m, 2H), 7.24 (d, 1H), 7.16 - 7.22 (m, 1H), 2.72 - 2.77 (m, 4H), 1.68 - 1.73 (m, 4H). MS m/z M-H 365.

Example 127**4-Phenylmethoxy-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide**

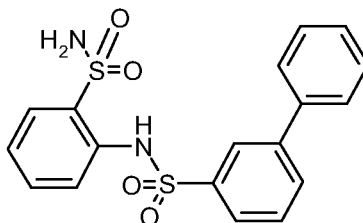
45 mg, 54%.

5 MS m/z M-H 417. Rf 1.1 min (see above system in General procedure for Examples 23 to 43).

Example 128**2-[(4-Cyclohexylphenyl)sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide**

45 mg, 57%.

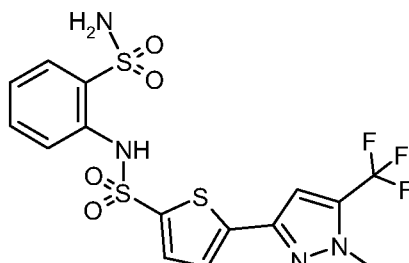
10 MS m/z M-H 393. RF 1.12 min (see above system in General procedure for Examples 23 to 43).

Example 129**3-Phenyl-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide**

35 mg, 46%.

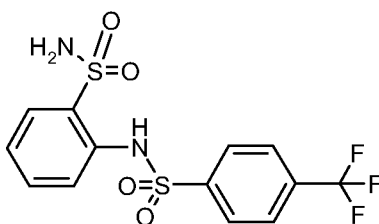
15 ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ ppm 9.36 (br. s., 1H), 8.12 (s, 1H), 7.95 (d, 1H), 7.89 (d, 1H), 7.81 (br. s., 2H), 7.78 (d, 1H), 7.63 - 7.70 (m, 3H), 7.47 - 7.60 (m, 4H), 7.39 - 7.45 (m, 1H), 7.19 - 7.27 (m, 1H). MS m/z M-H 387.

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Example 130**5-(1-Methyl-5-trifluoromethyl-1H-pyrazol-3-yl)-thiophene-2-sulfonic acid (2-sulfamoyl-phenyl)-amide**

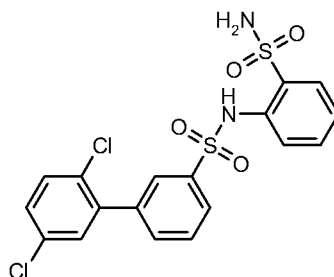
5 50 mg, 53%.

MS m/z M-H 465. Rf 0.41 min (see above system in General procedure for Examples 23 to 43).

Example 131**N-(2-Sulfamoylphenyl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonamide**

16 mg, 22%.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ ppm 9.48 (br. s., 1H), 8.07 (d, 2H), 7.92 - 8.02 (m, 2H), 7.67 - 7.85 (m, 3H), 7.47 - 7.60 (m, 2H), 7.22 - 7.35 (m, 1H). MS m/z M-H 379.

Example 132**2-[[3-(2,5-Dichlorophenyl)phenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide**

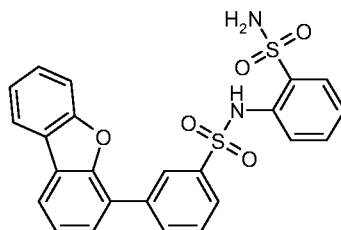
Tetrakis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(0) (14 mg, 0.012 mmol) was added to 2,5-dichlorophenylboronic acid (57 mg, 0.30 mmol) in DMF (0.25 mL) and a DMF stock solution of 0.5M 2-[(3-bromophenyl)sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide (0.5 mL, 0.25 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at RT under argon for 15 minutes before addition
5 of 2M Na₂CO₃ (0.5 mL). The reaction was stirred overnight at 90 °C, filtered and purified by preparative HPLC (XTerra MS C8 column, acetonitrile / ammonium acetate buffer) to give the title compound (15 mg, 13%) as a white solid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ ppm 9.37 (br. s., 1H), 7.95 (d, 1H), 7.91 (s, 1H), 7.65 - 7.86 (m, 5H), 7.62 (d, 1H), 7.50 - 7.59 (m, 3H), 7.48 (d, 1H), 7.25 (t, 1H). MS m/z M-H
10 455.

The compounds of Examples 133 to 143 were prepared using the general method described for Example 132.

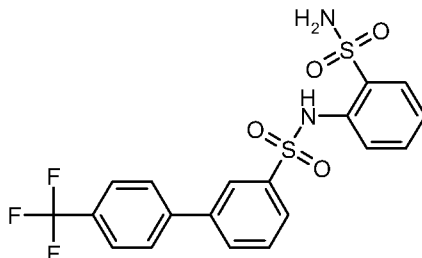
Example 133

3-Dibenzofuran-4-yl-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide



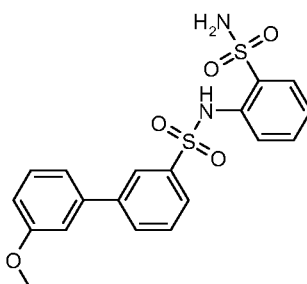
38 mg, 32%.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ ppm 9.45 (br. s., 1H), 8.43 (s, 1H), 8.20 - 8.27 (m, 3H),
20 8.00 (d, 1H), 7.76 - 7.87(m, 4H), 7.70 - 7.75 (m, 2H), 7.64 (d, 1H), 7.52 - 7.60 (m, 3H),
7.46 (t, 1H), 7.24 (t, 1H) MS m/z M-H 477.

Example 134**2-[[3-[4-(Trifluoromethyl)phenyl]phenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide**

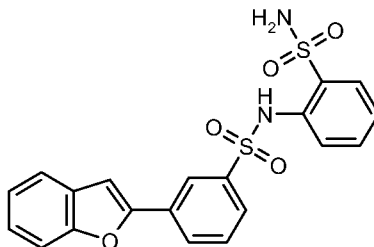
36 mg, 32%.

5 ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ ppm 9.37 (br. s., 1H), 8.20 (s, 1H), 8.03 (d, 1H), 7.95 (d, 1H), 7.90 (d, 2H), 7.85 (d, 2H), 7.75 - 7.82 (m, 3H), 7.71 (t, 1H), 7.50 - 7.62 (m, 2H), 7.24 (t, 1H). MS m/z M-H 455.

Example 135**3-(3-Methoxyphenyl)-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide**

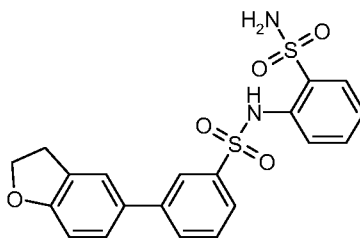
36 mg, 34%.

15 ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ ppm 9.35 (s, 1H), 8.12 (s, 1H), 7.96 (d, 1H), 7.89 (d, 1H), 7.81 (s, 2H), 7.78 (d, 1H), 7.51 - 7.69 (m, 3H), 7.40 (t, 1H), 7.16 - 7.26 (m, 3H), 6.99 (dd, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H). MS m/z M-H 417.

Example 136**3-Benzofuran-2-yl-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide**

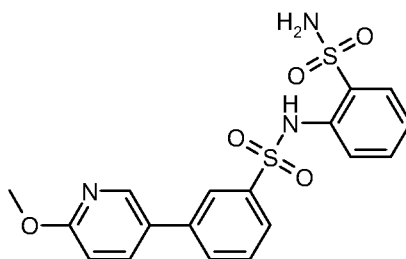
25 mg, 24%.

5 ^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ ppm 9.42 (br. s., 1H), 8.38 (s, 1H), 8.19 (d, 1H), 7.89 (d, 1H), 7.75 - 7.84 (m, 3H), 7.65 - 7.74 (m, 3H), 7.51 - 7.65 (m, 3H), 7.37 (t, 1H), 7.29 (t, 1H), 7.20 - 7.27 (m, 1H). MS m/z M-H 427.

Example 137**2-[[3-(2,3-Dihydrobenzofuran-5-yl)phenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide**

42 mg, 39%.

10 ^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ ppm 9.35 (s, 1H), 8.06 (s, 1H), 7.87 (d, 1H), 7.81 (br. s., 2H), 7.78 (d, 1H), 7.52 - 7.66 (m, 5H), 7.39 (dd, 1H), 7.23 (t, 1H), 6.86 (d, 1H), 4.58 (t, 2H), 3.23 (t, 2H). MS m/z M-H 429.

Example 138**3-(6-Methoxypyridin-3-yl)-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide**

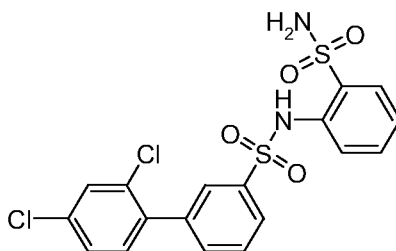
32 mg, 30%.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ ppm 9.35 (br. s., 1H), 8.48 (d, 1H), 8.13 (br. s., 1H), 8.01 (dd, 1H), 7.95 (d, 1H), 7.88 (d, 1H), 7.82 (br. s., 2H), 7.77 (d, 1H), 7.66 (t, 1H), 7.50 - 7.61 (m, 2H), 7.23 (t, 1H), 6.94 (d, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H). MS m/z M-H 418.

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Example 139

2-[[3-(2,4-Dichlorophenyl)phenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide

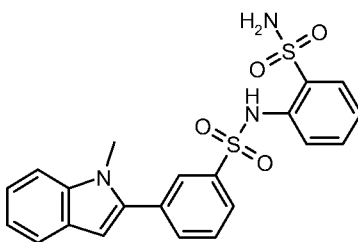


22 mg, 19%.

10 MS m/z M-H 455. Rf 0.55 min (see above system in General procedure for Examples 23 to 43).

Example 140

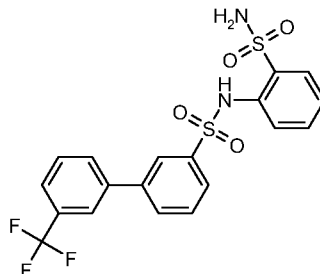
3-(1-Methylindol-2-yl)-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide



18 mg, 16%.

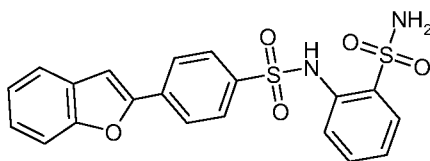
15 ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ ppm 9.38 (br. s., 1H), 7.99 (s, 1H), 7.92 (d, 1H), 7.88 (d, 1H), 7.77 - 7.83 (m, 3H), 7.71 (t, 1H), 7.58 (d, 1H), 7.54 - 7.65 (m, 2H), 7.50 (d, 1H), 7.26 (t, 1H), 7.21 (t, 1H), 7.08 (t, 1H), 6.62 (s, 1H), 3.64 (s, 3H). MS m/z M-H 440.

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Example 141**2-[[3-[3-(Trifluoromethyl)phenyl]phenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide**

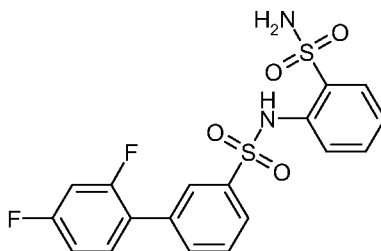
40 mg, 36%.

5 ^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ ppm 9.35 (br. s., 1H), 8.19 (s, 1H), 8.04 (d, 1H), 7.90 - 8.00 (m, 3H), 7.65 - 7.83 (m, 6H), 7.57 - 7.63 (m, 1H), 7.53 (t, 1H), 7.23 (t, 1H). MS m/z M-H 455.

Example 142**4-Benzofuran-2-yl-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide**

13 mg, 12%.

10 ^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ ppm 9.39 (br. s., 1H), 8.09 (d, 2H), 8.00 (d, 2H), 7.75 - 7.84 (m, 3 H), 7.71 (d, 1H), 7.62 - 7.67 (m, 2H), 7.55 (br. s., 2H), 7.37 (t, 1H), 7.29 (t, 1H),
15 7.21 - 7.26 (m, 1H). MS m/z M-H 427.

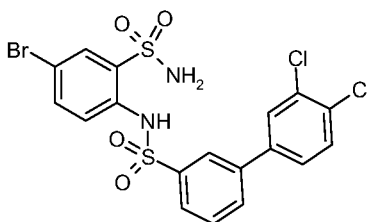
Example 143**2-[[3-(2,4-Difluorophenyl)phenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide**

20 12 mg, 11%.

MS m/z M-H 423. Rf 0.59 min (see above system in General procedure for Examples 23 to 43).

Example 144

5-Bromo-2-[[3-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)phenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide

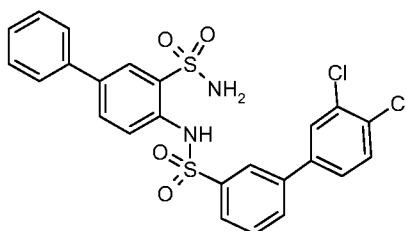


2-Amino-5-bromobenzenesulfonamide (0.60 g, 2.39 mmol) was dissolved in pyridine (6 ml) and 3-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-phenylsulfonyl chloride (0.82 g, 2.51 mmol) was added and the reaction stirred overnight. The solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the residue was purified by preparative HPLC (XTerra MS C8 column, acetonitrile / ammonium acetate buffer) to give the title compound (0.70 g, 55% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ ppm 9.35 (br. s., 1H), 8.19 (t, 1H), 8.03 (d, 1H), 7.97 (d, 1H), 7.92 (s, 2H), 7.85 - 7.91 (m, 2H), 7.77 (d, 1H), 7.65 - 7.76 (m, 3H), 7.54 (d, 1H); MS m/z M-H 533, 535, 537.

Example 145

2-[[3-(3,4-Dichlorophenyl)phenyl]sulfonylamino]-5-phenyl-benzenesulfonamide



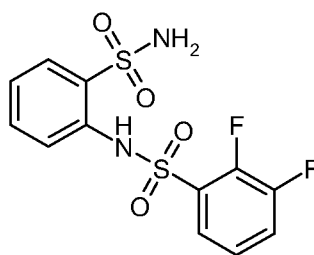
5-Bromo-2-[[3-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)phenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide (70 mg, 0.13 mmol) was dissolved in DMF (700 μl), then phenylboronic acid (20 mg, 0.16 mmol) was added followed by the addition of 2M sodium carbonate solution (260 μl). The mixture was subjected to vacuum / argon (x 3), tetrakis(triphenylphosphine)palladium (8 mg, 0.05 mol %) was added and the reaction was allowed to stir at 80 °C overnight.

The cooled reaction mixture was filtered and was then purified by preparative HPLC (XTerra MS C8 column, acetonitrile / ammonium acetate buffer) to give the title compound (23 mg, 32%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD) δ ppm 8.07 (d, 1H), 8.04 (t, 1H), 7.91 (ddd, 1H), 7.85 (d, 1H), 7.81 (ddd, 1H), 7.76 - 7.79 (m, 1H), 7.72 (d, 1H), 7.59 (d, 1H), 7.53 - 7.58 (m, 3H), 7.48 (dd, 1H), 7.38 - 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.31 - 7.36 (m, 1 H); MS m/z M-H 531, 533.

Example 146

2,3-Difluoro-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide

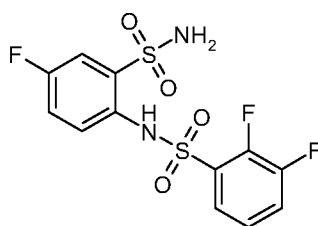


2-Aminobenzenesulfonamide (26 mg, 0.15 mmol) was dissolved in pyridine (1 ml) and 2,3-difluorophenylsulfonyl chloride (19 µl, 0.15 mmol) was added and the reaction stirred overnight. The solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the residue was purified by preparative HPLC (XTerra MS C8 column, acetonitrile / ammonium acetate buffer) to give the title compound (30 mg, 58%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD) δ ppm 6.77 - 6.85 (m, 1H) 7.12 - 7.27 (m, 2H) 7.31 - 7.45 (m, 2H) 7.64 - 7.78 (m, 2H); MS m/z M-H 347.

Example 147

2,3-Difluoro-N-(4-fluoro-2-sulfamoyl-phenyl)benzenesulfonamide



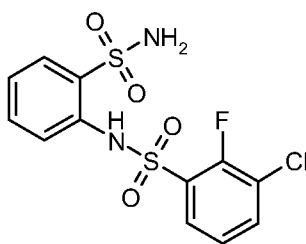
2-Amino-5-fluorobenzenesulfonamide (29 mg, 0.15 mmol) was dissolved in pyridine (1 ml) and 2,3-difluorophenylsulfonyl chloride (19 µl, 0.15 mmol) was added and the reaction

stirred overnight. The solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the residue was purified by preparative HPLC (XTerra MS C8 column, acetonitrile / ammonium acetate buffer) to give the title compound (25 mg, 46%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD) δ ppm 6.98 - 7.07 (m, 1H) 7.12 - 7.22 (m, 1H) 7.30 - 7.41 (m, 1H) 7.42 - 7.49 (m, 2H) 7.63 - 7.71 (m, 1H); MS m/z M-H 364.

Example 148

3-Chloro-2-fluoro-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide

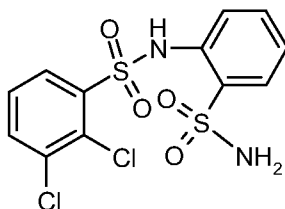


2-Aminobenzenesulfonamide (54 mg, 0.31 mmol) and 3-chloro-2-fluoro-benzenesulfonyl chloride (47 mg, 0.21 mmol) were dissolved in pyridine (1 ml) and the reaction mixture was stirred for 12h. The solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the residue was purified by HPLC to give the product (15 mg, 19%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ ppm 9.72 (br. s., 1H), 7.90 (t, 1H), 7.78 - 7.86 (m, 2H), 7.73 (br. s., 2H), 7.51 - 7.58 (m, 1H), 7.46 - 7.51 (m, 1H), 7.39 (t, 1H), 7.26 - 7.34 (m, 1H); MS m/z M-H 363.

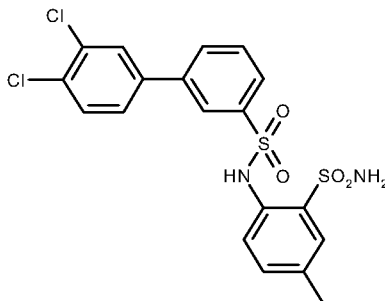
Example 149

2,3-Dichloro-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide



The title compound (56%) was synthesized using the general method described for Example 148.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ ppm 9.88 (br. s., 1H), 8.19 (d, 1H), 7.99 (d, 1H), 7.80 - 7.92 (m, 3H), 7.63 (t, 1H), 7.48 (t, 1H), 7.31 (d, 1H), 7.24 (t, 1H); MS m/z M-H 379, 381.

Example 150**2-[[3-(3,4-Dichlorophenyl)phenyl]sulfonylamino]-5-methyl-benzenesulfonamide**

To a solution of 2-(3-bromobenzenesulfonylamino)-5-methyl-benzenesulfonamide (1.50 g, 3.70 mmol), 3,4-dichlorobenzeneboronic acid (0.84 g, 4.44 mmol), tricyclohexyl phosphine (0.45 g, 1.60 mmol) and potassium phosphate (3 g, 14.15 mmol) in DMF (10 mL), was added Pd(OAc)₂ (0.17 g, 0.74 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 10h, diluted with 1N HCl and the product was extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic phase was separated, dried over sodium sulfate and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography using ethyl acetate /hexane (1:3) to afford the title compound (0.9 g, 51%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ ppm 9.23 (s, 1H), 8.15 (s, 1H), 8.02 (d, 1H), 7.95 (d, 1H), 7.89 (d, 1H), 7.78-7.72 (m, 3H), 7.70-7.65 (m, 2H), 7.60 (d, 1H), 7.50 (d, 1H), 7.36 (d, 1H), 2.22 (s, 3H);

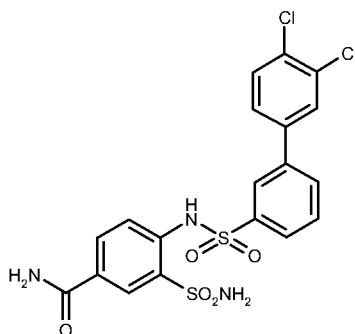
ESMS: *m/z* [M-1] 468.91 and 470.86 (Cl isotopes).

a) 2-(3-Bromobenzenesulfonylamino)-5-methyl-benzenesulfonamide

To a solution of 2-amino-5-methyl-benzenesulfonamide (Example 45a) (6.0 g, 32.3 mmol) in pyridine (20 mL), 3-bromobenzenesulphonyl chloride (8.24 g, 32.3 mmol) was added portionwise at 0 °C. The reaction was stirred at RT for 10h. The pyridine was removed in *vacuo* at 35 °C and the residue was dissolved in ethyl acetate. The organic phase was washed with aqueous 1N HCl, water and brine, dried over sodium sulfate, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography using ethyl acetate/hexane (1:1) as eluent to give the title compound (8 g, 63%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ ppm 9.31 (s, 1H), 8.01 (s, 1H), 7.89-7.81 (m, 2H), 7.70 (s, 2H), 7.61 (s, 1H), 7.58-7.50 (m, 1H), 7.41-7.34 (m, 2H), 2.22(s, 3H);
ESMS: *m/z* [M-1] 402.93 and 404.95 (Br isotopes).

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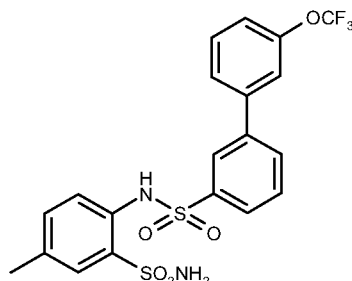
Example 151**4-[[3-(3,4-Dichlorophenyl)phenyl]sulfonylamino]-3-sulfamoyl-benzamide**

2-[[3-(3,4-Dichlorophenyl)phenyl]sulfonylamino]-5-methylbenzene sulfonamide (Example 150) (0.5 g, 1.06 mmol) was dissolved in 1N NaOH (50 mL). KMnO₄ (1 g, 6.33 mmol) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 4h, cooled to RT and filtered through Celite. The filtrate was treated with sodium bisulphite (3 g) until a colourless solution was obtained. The reaction mixture was then acidified to pH 3 by addition of 3N HCl. The resulting white precipitate was filtered off and washed with water to give a crude product which was used in the next step without further purification.

To a solution of 4-[[3-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)phenyl]sulfonylamino]-3-sulfamoylbenzoic acid (0.20 g, 0.39 mmol) in DMF (5 mL) was added carbonyldiimidazole (0.06 g, 0.39 mmol). The reaction mixture was heated at 80 °C for 2h, then aqueous ammonia solution (30%, 2 mL) was added and the resulting solution was stirred at RT for 2h. The pH of the reaction mixture was then adjusted to pH 5 using 6N HCl and the resulting white precipitate was collected by filtration. The crude product was purified by preparative HPLC to afford the title compound (13 mg, 7%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, acetone-D₆): δ ppm 9.47 (br, 1H), 8.38 (d, 1H), 8.27 (s, 1H), 8.08-8.00 (m, 3H), 7.93 (s, 1H), 7.82 (d, 1H), 7.74-7.70 (m, 3H), 7.65 (s, 1H), 7.26 (s, 2H), 6.79 (s, 1H);

ESMS: *m/z* [M-1] 499.72.

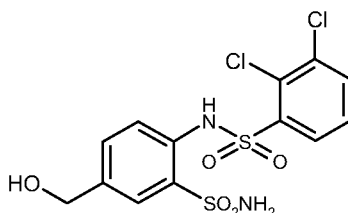
Example 152**5-Methyl-2-[[3-[3-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]phenyl]sulfonylamino]-benzenesulfonamide**

Pd(OAc)₂ (44 mg, 0.19 mmol) was added to a solution of 2-(3-bromobenzenesulfonylamino)-5-methyl-benzenesulfonamide (Example 150 a) (0.40 g, 0.98 mmol), 3-(trifluoromethoxy)benzeneboronic acid (0.61 g, 2.96 mmol), tricyclohexyl phosphine (82 mg, 0.29 mmol) and potassium phosphate (0.42 g, 1.19 mmol) in toluene (10 mL). A few drops of water were added and the reaction mixture was stirred at 110 °C overnight. The reaction mixture was then diluted with 1N HCl and the product was extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic phase was separated, dried over sodium sulfate and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography using ethyl acetate /hexane (1:3) to afford the title compound (140 mg, 30%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ ppm 9.25 (s, 1H), 8.10 (s, 1H), 7.98 (d, 1H), 7.87 (d, 1H), 7.54 - 7.81 (m, 7H), 7.49 (d, 1H) 7.42 (d, 1H), 7.34 (d, 1H), 2.23 (s, 3H);

¹⁹F NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ ppm -57.12;

ESMS: *m/z* 484.79 [M-1].

Example 153**2-(2,3-Dichloro-benzenesulfonylamino)-5-hydroxymethyl-benzenesulfonamide**

Lithium aluminum hydride (1M in THF, 6.6 mL, 6.6 mmol) was added slowly to a stirred solution of 4-(2,3-dichloro-benzenesulfonylamino)-3-sulfamoyl-benzoic acid ethyl ester

(600 mg, 1.32 mmol) in dry THF (15 mL) at -10°C . The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to RT and stirring was continued for 4h. The reaction mixture was then cooled to 0°C and quenched by addition of water, followed by 1N HCl. The product was extracted with ethyl acetate, the combined organic phases were washed with water and brine, and dried over sodium sulfate. Volatiles were removed under reduced pressure and the crude product was purified by preparative HPLC to afford the title compound (60 mg, 11%).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- D_6): δ ppm 9.86 (br. s., 1H), 8.10 - 8.30 (m, 1H), 7.99 (d, 1H), 7.84 (m, 3H), 7.62 (dd, 1H), 7.39 (d, 1H), 7.28 (d, 1H), 4.44 (s, 2H), 1.84 - 2.22 (m, 1H);

ESMS: m/z [M-1] 408.79 and 410.75 (Cl isotopes).

a) 4-(2,3-Dichloro-benzenesulfonylamino)-3-sulfamoyl-benzoic acid ethyl ester

A solution of 4-(2,3-dichloro-benzenesulfonylamino)-3-sulfamoyl-benzoic acid (1.3 g, 3.05 mmol) in ethanol (20 mL) was stirred at RT and a few drops of thionyl chloride were added. The reaction mixture was heated at reflux for 7h, cooled to RT and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography using ethyl acetate/hexane (1:1) as eluent to afford the title compound (1.4 g, 100%).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ ppm 8.41 (d, 1H), 8.19 - 8.31 (m, 1H), 8.00 - 8.17 (m, 4H), 7.66 (dd, 1H), 7.48 (d, 1H), 4.30 (q, 2H), 1.29 (t, 3H).

b) 4-(2,3-Dichloro-benzenesulfonylamino)-3-sulfamoyl-benzoic acid

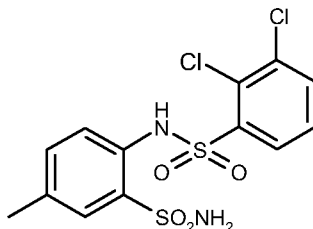
2-(2,3-Dichloro-benzenesulfonylamino)-5-methyl-benzenesulfonamide (Example 154) (186.1 mg, 0.47 mmol) was dissolved in 1N NaOH (2 mL) and water (10 mL). KMnO_4 (0.24 g, 1.52 mmol) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred at 70°C for 3h, cooled to RT and filtered through Celite. The filtrate was treated with sodium bisulphite until a colourless solution was obtained and the mixture was then acidified to pH 3 by addition of 3N HCl. The product was extracted with ethyl acetate and the organic phase was concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by preparative HPLC to afford the title compound (124 mg, 62%).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- D_6): δ ppm 8.41 (d, 1H), 8.24 (d, 1H), 7.93 - 8.11 (m, 4H), 7.66 (dd, 1H), 7.45 (d, 1H);

ESMS: m/z [M-1]: 422.72 and 424.67.

Example 154

2-(2,3-Dichloro-benzenesulfonylamino)-5-methyl-benzenesulfonamide



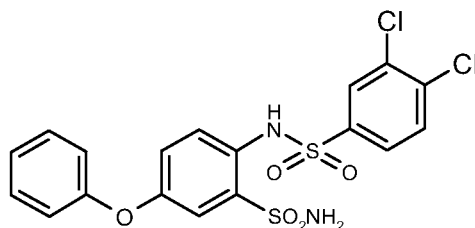
To a solution of 2-amino-5-methyl-benzenesulfonamide (1.86 g, 1 mmol) in pyridine (20 mL), 2,3-dichlorobenzenesulphonyl chloride (3.0 g, 1.25 mmol) was added at 0 °C. The reaction was stirred at RT for 17h. The pyridine was removed *in vacuo* and the residue was dissolved in ethyl acetate. The organic phase was washed with aqueous 1N HCl, water and brine, dried over sodium sulfate, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography using ethyl acetate/hexane (1:1) as eluent to give the title compound (2.4 g, 60%).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- D_6): δ ppm 9.77 (br. s., 1H), 8.02 - 8.25 (m, 1H), 7.95 (dd, 1H), 7.77 (s, 2H), 7.47 - 7.73 (m, 2H), 7.04 - 7.36 (m, 2H), 2.23 (s, 3H);

ESMS: m/z [M-1]: 392.85 and 394.67 (Cl isotopes).

Example 155

2-[[3-(3,4-Dichlorophenyl)phenyl]sulfonylamino]-5-phenoxy-benzenesulfonamide



To a solution of 2-(3-bromophenylsulfonamido)-5-phenoxybenzenesulfonamide (241.5 mg, 0.5 mmol), 3,4-dichlorobenzeneboronic acid (190.8 mg, 1.0 mmol), tricyclohexyl phosphine (50 mg, 0.18 mmol) and potassium phosphate (340 mg, 1.6 mmol) in DMF (10 mL), was added $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$ (20 mg, 0.09 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 7h, diluted with 1N HCl and the product was extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic

phase was separated, dried over sodium sulfate and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography using ethyl acetate /hexane (1:1) to afford the title compound (42 mg, 15%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ ppm 9.26 (s, 1H), 8.14 (s, 1H), 8.02 (s, 1H), 7.97 (d, 1H), 7.88 (d, 1H), 7.73 - 7.81 (m, 3H), 7.64 - 7.73 (m, 2H), 7.56 (d, 1H), 7.39 (dd, 2H), 7.34 (d, 1H), 7.13 - 7.26 (m, 2H), 6.99 (d, 2H);
ESMS: *m/z* [M-1] 546.80 and 548.69 (Cl isotopes).

a) 2-(3-Bromophenylsulfonamido)-5-phenoxybenzenesulfonamide

To a solution of 2-amino-5-phenoxybenzenesulfonamide (528 mg, 2 mmol) in pyridine (15 mL), 3-bromobenzenesulphonyl chloride (669.3 mg, 2.3 mmol) was added portionwise at 0 °C. The reaction was stirred at RT overnight. The pyridine was removed in *vacuo* and the residue was dissolved in ethyl acetate. The organic phase was washed with aqueous 1N HCl, water and brine, dried over sodium sulfate, and concentrated under reduced pressure.

The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography using ethyl acetate/hexane (1:3) as eluent to give the title compound (700 mg, 72%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ (ppm 9.30 (br s, 1H), 7.94 (s, 1H), 7.76 - 7.91 (m, 2H), 7.71 (s, 2H), 7.52 (dd, 1H), 7.48 (d, 1H), 7.41 (dd, 2H), 7.35 (d, 1H), 7.13 - 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.01 (d, 2H); ESMS: *m/z* [M-1] 480.88 and 482.83 (Br isotopes).

b) 2-Amino-5-phenoxybenzenesulfonamide

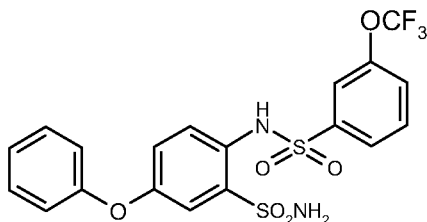
A mixture of 7-phenoxy-1,1-dioxo-1,4-dihydro-2-H-benzo [1,2,4] thiadiazin-3-one (18.0 g, 61.8 mmol) in aqueous H₂SO₄ (50% v/v, 1 L) was heated at 105 °C for 7h. The clear solution was then cooled to 0 °C and neutralized using 5N NaOH. The product was extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined extracts were washed with water and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography using ethyl acetate/hexane (1:1) to afford the title compound (4.0 g, 24%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ ppm 7.27 - 7.41 (m, 4H), 7.21 (d, 1H), 7.07 (m, 2H), 6.91 (d, 2H), 6.85 (d, 1H), 5.76 (s, 2H).

c) 7-Phenoxy-1,1-dioxo-1,4-dihydro-2-H-benzo [1,2,4] thiadiazin-3-one

4-Phenoxybenzenamine (18.4 g, 101.1 mmol) dissolved in nitromethane (30 mL) was added slowly over 25 minutes to a solution of chlorosulfonyl isocyanate (16.4 g, 115.8 mmol) in nitromethane (100 mL) at -5°C . The suspension was stirred at -5°C for an additional 15 minutes and AlCl_3 (16.8 g, 125.9 mmol) was added portionwise. The reaction mixture was then heated at 105°C for 30 minutes. The hot solution was poured onto ice (1L) and the resulting precipitate was filtered off and washed with water (300 mL). The solid was then dissolved in hot aqueous sodium bicarbonate solution (10 g/200 mL), treated with charcoal, and filtered. The cooled solution was neutralized using 6N HCl and the resulting white precipitate was filtered off, washed with water and dried to afford the title compound (18 g, 62%).

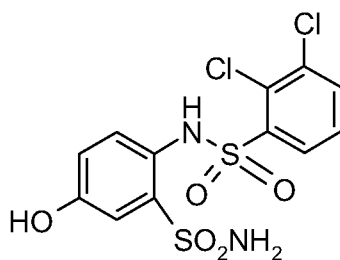
^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ ppm 11.21 (s, 1H), 7.40 - 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.38 (dd, 1H), 7.26 - 7.31 (m, 2H), 7.17 - 7.25 (m, 2H), 7.07 (d, 2H).

Example 156**5-Phenoxy-2-[[3-[3-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]phenyl]sulfonylamino]-benzenesulfonamide**

To a solution of 2-(3-bromophenylsulfonamido)-5-phenoxybenzenesulfonamide (Example 155a) (150.0 mg, 0.31 mmol), 3-(trifluoromethoxy)benzeneboronic acid (192 mg, 0.93 mmol), tricyclohexyl phosphine (25 mg, 0.09 mmol) and potassium phosphate (131 mg, 0.62 mmol) in DMF (10 mL), was added $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$ (14 mg, 0.06 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at 80°C overnight, diluted with 1N HCl and the product was extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic phase was separated, dried over sodium sulfate and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography using methanol/DCM (1: 99) to afford the title compound (92 mg, 53%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD) δ ppm 8.00 (s, 1H), 7.82 - 7.88 (m, 2H), 7.75 (d, 1H), 7.52 - 7.64 (m, 3H), 7.49 (s, 1H), 7.41 (d, 1H), 7.33 (dd, 3H), 7.09 - 7.18 (m, 2H), 6.93 (d, 2H);
¹⁹F NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD) δ ppm -59.72; ESMS: *m/z* [M-1] 562.92.

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Example 157**2-(2,3-Dichloro-benzenesulfonylamino)-5-hydroxy-benzenesulfonamide**

To a solution of 2-(2,3-dichloro-benzenesulfonylamino)-5-methoxy-benzenesulfonamide (4.8 g, 11.68 mmol) in DCM (200 mL) at -20 °C, BBr₃ (1M in DCM, 60 mL, 60 mmol) was added dropwise over 30 minutes. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to RT and the stirring was continued overnight. The reaction mixture was then cooled to -20 °C, quenched by addition of methanol (20 mL) and volatiles were removed under reduced pressure. The residue was partitioned between water (50 mL) and ethyl acetate (100 mL). The organic phase was washed with water, dried over sodium sulfate and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was recrystallized from methanol to afford the title compound (4.6 g, 65%).

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¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ ppm 10.04 (s, 1H), 9.52 (s, 1H), 7.86 - 8.12 (m, 2H), 7.41 - 7.70 (m, 3H), 7.25 (d, 1H), 7.08 (d, 1H), 6.88 (dd, 1 H);
ESMS: *m/z* [M-1] 394.80 and 396.76 (Cl isotopes).

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a) 2-(2,3-Dichloro-benzenesulfonylamino)-5-methoxy-benzenesulfonamide

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To a solution of 2-amino-5-methoxy-benzenesulfonamide (2.73 g, 13.43 mmol) in pyridine (25 mL), 2,3-dichlorobenzenesulfonyl chloride (3.68 g, 15.0 mmol) was added slowly at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at RT overnight and then concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was then partitioned between ethyl acetate and 1N HCl. The organic layer was separated, dried over sodium sulfate and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude

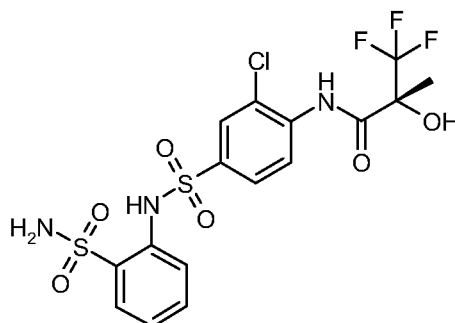
product was purified by flash column chromatography using ethyl acetate/hexane (1:1) to afford the title compound (4.8 g, 87%).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ ppm 9.64 (br. s., 1H), 8.03 (d, 1H), 7.94 (d, 1H), 7.71 (s, 2H) 7.55 (dd, 1H), 7.35 (d, 1H), 7.21 (d, 1H), 7.01 - 7.17 (m, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H).

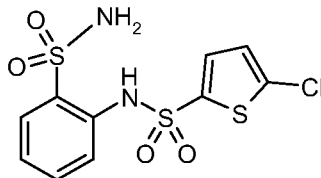
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Example 158

(2R)-N-[2-Chloro-4-[(2-sulfamoylphenyl)sulfamoyl]phenyl]-3,3,3-trifluoro-2-hydroxy-2-methyl-propanamide

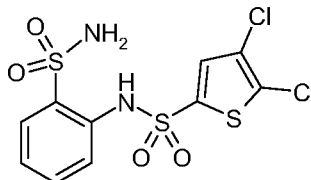


- 10 To a solution of 3-chloro-4-[[(2R)-3,3,3-trifluoro-2-hydroxy-2-methyl-
propanoyl]amino]benzenesulfonyl chloride (110 mg, 0.3 mmol) in DCM (5 ml) and
pyridine (30 μl , 0.33 mmol) was added DMAP (~2 mg) followed by
2-aminobenzenesulfonamide (52 mg, 0.3 mmol). The resulting mixture was stirred at RT
for 18h. The solution was concentrated and partitioned between ethyl acetate (6 ml) and
15 1M HCl (5 ml). The organic layer was separated, washed with saturated NaHCO_3 , dried
(MgSO_4) and evaporated to give a gum which was dissolved in a small amount of ethyl
acetate and then iso-hexane was added to precipitate the title compound as a solid.
LCMS 502.2 (M+H), Rf 7.64 min. [Column: HYPERSIL ODS; Flow Rate: 1.5 ml /min;
Detector Wavelength: 254 nm; Solvent A: 0.1% Formic Acid in Water; Solvent B: 0.1%
20 Formic Acid in Acetonitrile; Gradient: 5 -95% B]

Example 159**5-Chloro-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)thiophene-2-sulfonamide**

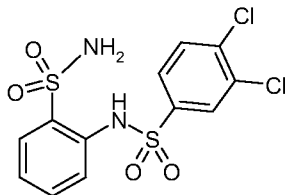
To a solution of 2-aminobenzenesulfonamide (172 mg) in pyridine (3 ml) was added 5-chlorothiophene-2-sulfonyl chloride (217 mg) and the resulting mixture was heated at 60 °C for 18h. The mixture was concentrated and then partitioned between DCM (20 ml) and 2N HCl (10 ml). The organics were separated, dried (MgSO₄) and evaporated to a gum which was purified by silica chromatography eluting with a gradient of ethyl acetate / hexane to give the title compound as a solid (201 mg).

LCMS 351, 353 (M-H, Cl pattern); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 7.35 (d, 1H), 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.6 (m, 2H), 7.75 (s, 2H), 7.85 (d, 1H), 9.5 (bs, 1H).

Example 160**4,5-Dichloro-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)thiophene-2-sulfonamide**

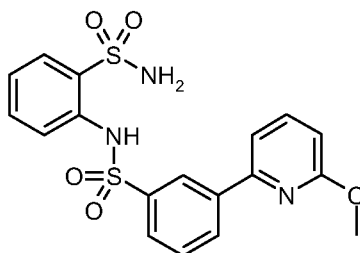
The title compound was prepared using the general method described in Example 159 but using 4,5-dichlorothiophene-2-sulfonyl chloride.

LCMS 386, 388, 390 (M-H, Cl₂ pattern); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 7.35 (m, 1H), 7.55-7.9 (m, 6H), 9.6 (bs, 1H).

Example 161**3,4-Dichloro-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide**

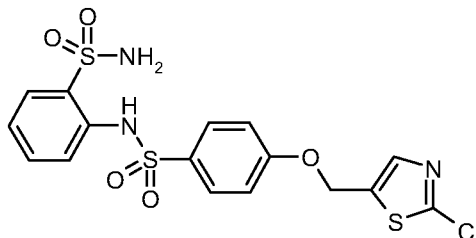
The title compound was prepared using the general method described in Example 159 but
5 using 3,4-dichlorophenylsulfonyl chloride.

LCMS 380, 382, 384 (M-H, Cl₂ pattern); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 7.3 (t, 1H),
7.55 (m, 2H), 7.70 (s, 2H), 7.82 (m, 3H), 8.09 (s, 1H), 9.5 (bs, 1H).

Example 162**3-(6-Methoxypyridin-2-yl)-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide**

1,1'-Bis(diphenylphosphino)ferrocene palladium dichloride methylene chloride adduct (14
mg, 0.02 mmol) was added to a solution of 6-methoxy pyridine-2-boronic acid pinacol
ester (135 mg, 0.57 mmol), 2-[(3-bromophenyl)sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide (150
15 mg, 0.38 mmol) (see Example 113a) and Na₂CO₃ (0.18 mg, 1.72 mmol) in THF:water,
10:1 (4 mL). The reaction mixture was heated in a microwave reactor at 120 °C for 20 min.
Some DCM was added followed by brine and the aqueous layer was extracted twice with
DCM. The combined organic layers were dried with Na₂SO₄ and after filtration and
evaporation the crude was purified by preparative HPLC (XTerra MS C8 column,
20 acetonitrile / ammonium acetate buffer) to give the title compound (30 mg, 19%) as a
yellow oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD) δ ppm 8.57 (t, 1H), 8.22 (ddd, 1H), 7.92 (ddd, 1H), 7.79
(dd, 1H), 7.69 (dd, 1H), 7.67 (dd, 1H), 7.56 (t, 1H), 7.43 (dd, 1H), 7.40 (ddd, 1H), 7.00 -
7.10 (m, 1H), 6.73 (d, 1H), 4.95 (br. s., 2H), 1.94 (s, 3H). MS m/z M+H 420, M-H 418.

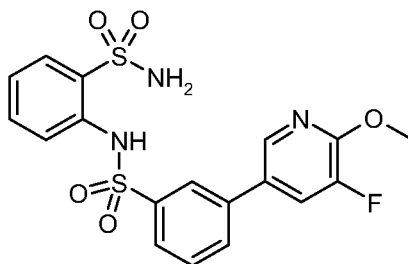
Example 163**2-[[4-[(2-Chloro-1,3-thiazol-5-yl)methoxy]phenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide**

To 2-aminobenzenesulfonamide (53 mg, 0.308 mmol) in pyridine (1 mL) was added 4-(2-Chloro-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy)-benzenesulfonyl chloride (100 mg, 0.308 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for 40h. Some conversion was observed but much solid was formed. More 2-aminobenzenesulfonamide (53 mg, 0.308 mmol) and DCM (1 mL) were added. The reaction mixture was stirred overnight. After removal of the pyridine by blowing with nitrogen gas, the residue was purified by preparative HPLC (XTerra MS C8 column, acetonitrile / ammonium acetate buffer) to give the title compound (30 mg, 21%) as an off-white solid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD) δ ppm 7.81 - 7.87 (m, 2H), 7.80 (dd, 1H), 7.60 - 7.67 (m, 2H), 7.43 (ddd, 1H), 7.12 (t, 1H), 7.05 - 7.09 (m, 2H), 5.30 (s, 2H).

MS m/z M+H 460/462, M-H 458/460.

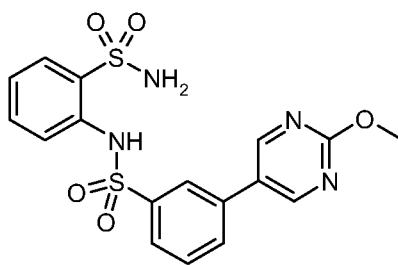
The compounds of Examples 164 to 172 were prepared using the general method described for Example 113.

Example 164**3-(5-Fluoro-6-methoxy-pyridin-3-yl)-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide**

33 mg, 31%.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD) δ ppm 8.15 (d, 1H), 8.04 (t, 1H), 7.85 (ddd, 1H), 7.79 - 7.83 (m, 2H), 7.76 (d, 1H), 7.75 (dd, 1H), 7.57 (t, 1H), 7.46 - 7.53 (m, 1H), 7.18 (t, 1H), 4.04 (s, 3H). MS m/z M+H 438, M-H 436.

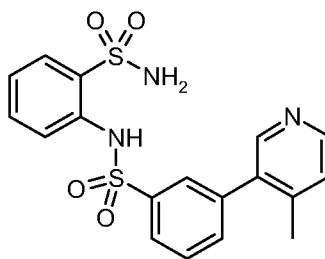
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Example 165**3-(2-Methoxypyrimidin-5-yl)-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide**

35.1 mg, 83%.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ ppm 9.37 (br s, 1H), 8.93 (s, 2H), 8.23 (br s, 1H), 7.45 - 8.08 (m, 8H), 7.23 (br s, 1H), 3.98 (s, 3H). MS m/z M+H 421, M-H 419.

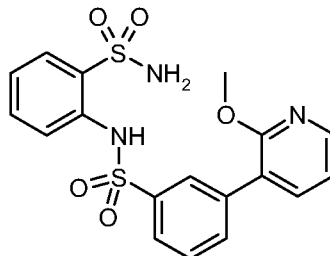
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Example 166**3-(4-Methylpyridin-3-yl)-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide**

15 32.8 mg, 43%.

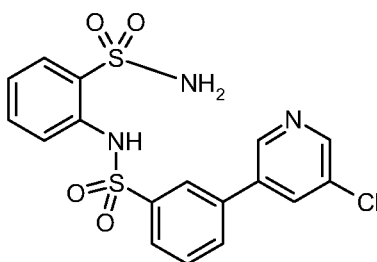
¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ ppm 9.40 (br s, 1H), 8.50 (br s, 1H), 8.35 (br s, 1H), 7.92 (ddd, 1H), 7.72 - 7.83 (m, 4H), 7.65 - 7.71 (m, 2H), 7.59 (dd, 1H), 7.53 (ddd, 1H), 7.35 (d, 1H), 7.23 (t, 1H), 2.10 (s, 3H). MS m/z M+H 404, M-H 402.

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Example 167**3-(2-Methoxypyridin-3-yl)-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide**

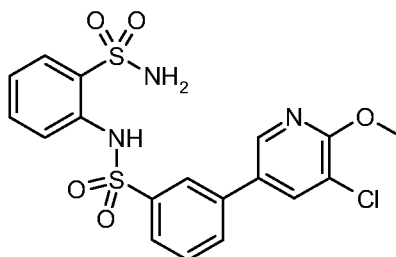
7 mg, 9%.

5 ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CD_3OD) δ ppm 8.15 (dd, 1H), 8.06 (t, 1H), 7.85 (ddd, 1H), 7.83 (dd, 1H), 7.77 (ddd, 1H), 7.66 - 7.73 (m, 2H), 7.54 (t, 1H), 7.48 (ddd, 1H), 7.13 - 7.19 (m, 1H), 7.05 (dd, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H). MS m/z $M+H$ 420, $M-H$ 418.

Example 168**2-[[3-(5-Chloropyridin-3-yl)phenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide**

30 mg, 37%.

10 ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CD_3OD) δ ppm 8.70 (s, 1H), 8.57 (s, 1H), 8.06 - 8.16 (m, 2H), 7.93 (d, 1H), 7.86 (d, 1H), 7.80 (dd, 1H), 7.73 (d, 1H), 7.60 (t, 1H), 7.46 (dt, 1H), 7.12 (t, 1H).
15 MS m/z $M+H$ 423/425, $M-H$ 421/423.

Example 169**3-(5-Chloro-6-methoxy-pyridin-3-yl)-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide**

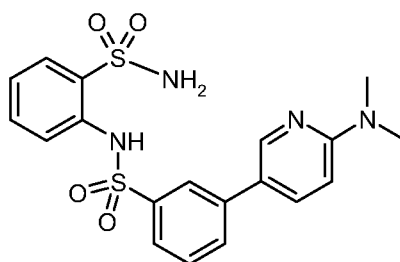
39 mg, 45%.

^1H NMR (600 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$) δ ppm 9.35 (br. s., 1H), 8.46 (d, 1H), 8.25 (d, 1H), 8.19 (br. s., 1H), 7.99 (dd, 1H), 7.91 (d, 1H), 7.83 (br. s., 2H), 7.77 (d, 1H), 7.66 (t, 1H), 7.57 - 7.60 (m, 1H), 7.51 - 7.56 (m, 1H), 7.15 - 7.28 (m, 1H), 3.98 (s, 3H).

5 MS m/z M+H 454/456, M-H 452/454.

Example 170

3-(6-Dimethylaminopyridin-3-yl)-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide



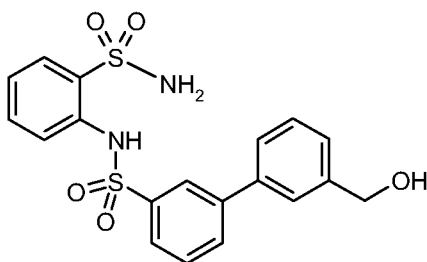
10 33 mg, 40%.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$) δ ppm 9.35 (br. s., 1H), 8.42 (d, 1H), 8.06 (s, 1H), 7.87 (d, 1H), 7.82 (dd, 1H), 7.72 - 7.82 (m, 4H), 7.46 - 7.63 (m, 3H), 7.09 - 7.28 (m, 1H), 6.73 (d, 1H), 3.07 (s, 6H). MS m/z M+H 433, M-H 431.

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Example 171

2-[[3-[3-(Hydroxymethyl)phenyl]phenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide

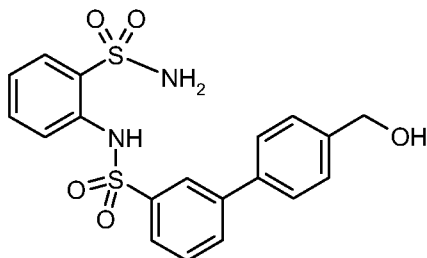


35 mg, 44%.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CD_3OD) δ ppm 8.09 (t, 1H), 7.86 (d, 1H), 7.78 - 7.83 (m, 2H), 7.71 (d, 1H), 7.51 - 7.58 (m, 2H), 7.35 - 7.50 (m, 4H), 7.12 (t, 1H), 4.67 (s, 2H).

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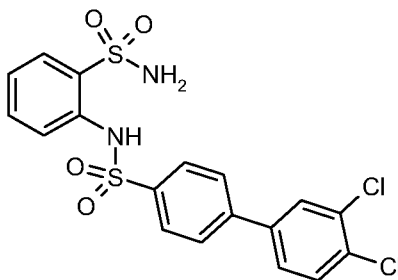
MS m/z M-H 417.

Example 172**2-[[3-[4-(Hydroxymethyl)phenyl]phenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide**

28 mg, 35%.

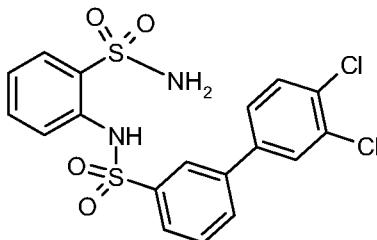
5 ^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$) δ ppm 9.38 (br. s, 1H), 8.13 (br. s., 1H), 7.96 (d, 1H), 7.89 (d, 1H), 7.83 (br. s., 2H), 7.79 (d, 1H), 7.63 (d, 2H), 7.51 - 7.69 (m, 3H), 7.44 (d, 2H), 7.24 (t, 1H), 5.27 (t, 1H), 4.56 (d, 2H). MS m/z M-H 417.

The compounds of Examples 173 to 176 were prepared using the general method described
10 for Example 163.

Example 173**2-[[4-(3,4-Dichlorophenyl)phenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide**

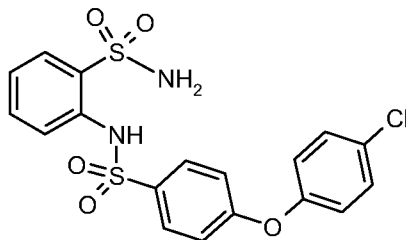
15 117 mg, 64%.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$) δ ppm 9.41 (s, 1H), 7.97 - 8.05 (m, 3H), 7.91 - 7.97 (m, 2H), 7.75 - 7.86 (m, 3H), 7.74 (s, 2H), 7.48 - 7.59 (m, 2H), 7.18 - 7.28 (m, 1H). MS m/z M-H 455/457/459.

Example 174**2-[[3-(3,4-Dichlorophenyl)phenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide**

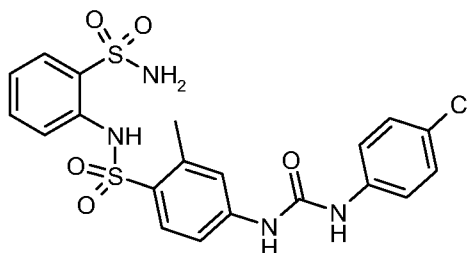
135 mg, 74%.

5 ^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ ppm 9.35 (s, 1H), 8.19 (t, 1H), 8.01 (d, 1H), 7.96 (d, 1H), 7.93 (d, 1H), 7.81 (s, 2H), 7.77 (d, 1H), 7.76 (d, 1H), 7.64 - 7.70 (m, 2H), 7.50 - 7.60 (m, 2H), 7.24 (t, 1H). MS m/z M-H 455/457/459.

Example 175**2-[[4-(4-Chlorophenoxy)phenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide**

154 mg, 88%.

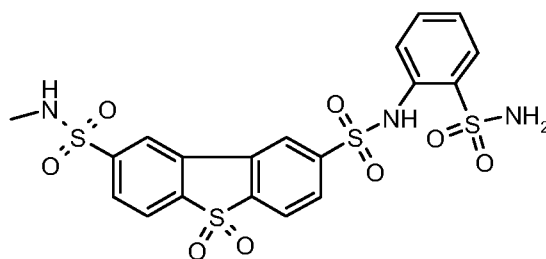
10 ^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ ppm 9.29 (s, 1H), 7.90 (d, 2H), 7.80 (s, 2H), 7.79 (d, 1H), 7.45 - 7.57 (m, 4H), 7.24 (ddd, 1H), 7.13 - 7.19 (m, 2H), 7.10 (d, 2H). M-H 437/439.

Example 176**3-(4-Chlorophenyl)-1-[3-methyl-4-[(2-sulfamoylphenyl)sulfamoyl]phenyl]urea**

131 mg, 66%.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ ppm 9.44 (s, 1H), 9.12 (s, 1H), 8.96 (s, 1H), 7.96 (d, 1H), 7.90 (s, 2H), 7.80 (dd, 1H), 7.52 (dd, 1H), 7.44 - 7.50 (m, 3H), 7.37 - 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.30 - 7.36 (m, 2H), 7.17 (ddd, 1H), 2.55 (s, 3 H). M+H 495/497 M-H 493/495.

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Example 177**N-Methyl-N'-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)dibenzo[b,d]thiophene-2,8-disulfonamide 5,5-dioxide**

Hydrogen peroxide (35%, 1.2 ml) was added to a suspension of N-methyl-N'-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)dibenzo[b,d]thiophene-2,8-disulfonamide (160 mg) in acetic acid (1.8 ml) and the mixture was heated at 100 °C for 1h. The mixture was diluted with water (5 ml), the solid was recovered by filtration, washed with water and dried to give the title compound (86 mg, 51%).

^1H NMR (400 MHz), DMSO- d_6) δ 2.47 (s, 3H), 7.27 (brs, 1H), 7.53 (m, 2H), 7.73 (m, 4H), 8.03 (d, 1H), 8.12 (d, 1H), 8.29 (m, 2H), 8.7 (s, 1H), 8.93 (s, 1H), 9.5 (brs, 1H).
Mass spectrum : EI 542.8.

a) N-Methyl-N'-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)dibenzo[b,d]thiophene-2,8-disulfonamide

8-(Methylsulfamoyl)dibenzo[b,d]thiophene-2-sulfonyl chloride (200 mg) was added to a solution of 2-aminobenzenesulfonamide (191 mg) in sulfolane (2 ml). The mixture was stirred at RT for 20h then diluted with 1N hydrochloric acid. The solid was recovered, washed with 1N hydrochloric acid and dried to give the title compound (196 mg, 72%).
Mass spectrum : EI 511.1.

b) 8-(Methylsulfamoyl)dibenzo[b,d]thiophene-2-sulfonyl chloride

N-Methyldibenzo[b,d]thiophene-2-sulfonamide (1.56 g) was added to chlorosulfonic acid (3.27 g) and the mixture was stirred at RT for 5h. The mixture was then treated with ice

cold water, the precipitate was filtered off, washed with cold water and dried to give the title compound (1.6 g, 76%).

¹HNMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 2.49 (s, 3H), 7.53 (brs, 1H), 7.84 (d, 1H), 7.9 (d, 2H), 8.1 (d, 1H), 8.3 (d, 1H), 8.59 (s, 1H), 8.77 (s, 1H).

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c) N-Methyldibenzo[b,d]thiophene-2-sulfonamide

A large excess of aqueous methylamine was added to a suspension of dibenzo[b,d]thiophene-2-sulfonyl chloride (2.83 g) in sulfolane (15 ml) and the mixture was stirred at RT for 3h. The reaction mixture was diluted with water, and the precipitate was recovered, washed with water, dried and purified by silica gel chromatography eluting with a gradient of ethyl acetate : DCM of 0:100 to 10:90 to give the title compound (1.79 g, 64%).

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¹HNMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 2.48 (s, 3H), 7.52 (brs, 1H), 7.61 (m, 2H), 7.89 (d, 1H), 8.13 (d, 1H), 8.31 (d, 1H), 8.52 (d, 1H), 8.75 (s, 1H).

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d) Dibenzo[b,d]thiophene-2-sulfonyl chloride

BuLi (2.5M, 10 ml) was added dropwise to a suspension of 2-bromodibenzo[b,d]thiophene (6.31 g) (N.M. Cullinane, J. Chem. Soc. 1936, 1435) in dry ether (80 ml) under argon at –5 °C, and the mixture was stirred at this temperature for 15 minutes. This solution was added to a stirred solution of sulfur dioxide (80 ml) in ether (80 ml) at –50 °C over 5 minutes, the mixture was stirred for 15 minutes at –50 °C and the temperature of the reaction mixture was then allowed to reach RT over 1h. The solvent was evaporated and the residue was dried under vacuum overnight. The lithium salt was suspended in ether (150 ml), sulfonyl chloride (3.24 g) was added at 0 °C and the mixture was stirred at RT for 1h. The mixture was concentrated to dryness to give the title compound (6.8 g, 100%).

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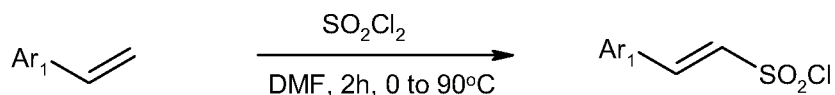
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¹HNMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) 7.53 (m, 2H), 7.78 (m, 1H), 8.0 (d, 1H), 8.04 (m, 1H), 8.36 (m, 1H), 8.52 (s, 1H).

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General procedure for synthesis of styrenyl sulfonyl chlorides

Method A

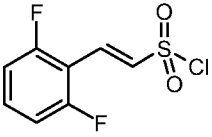
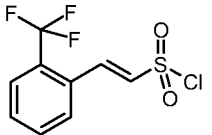
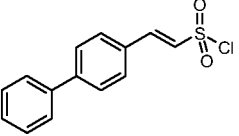
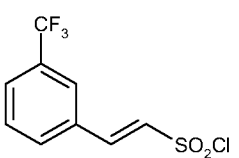
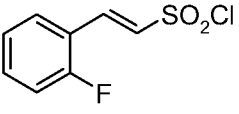


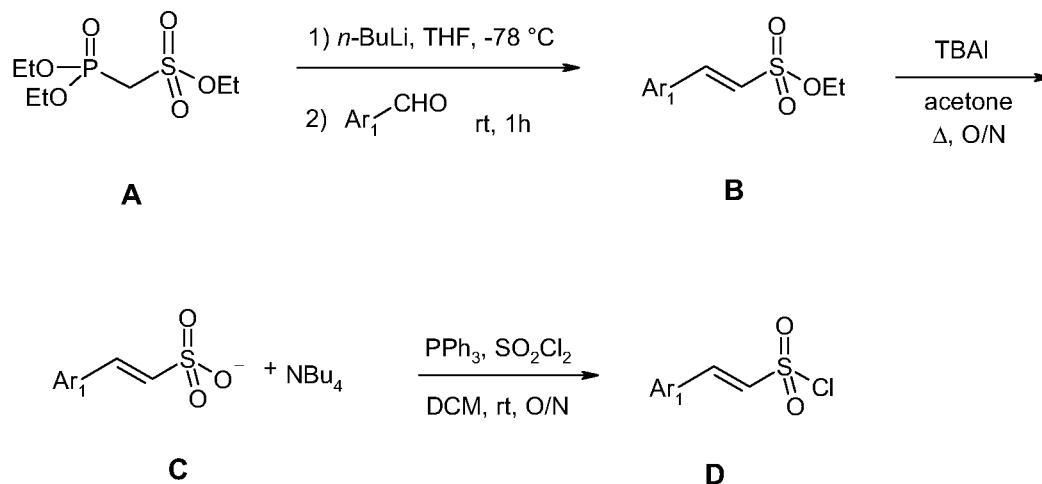
Sulfuryl chloride (360 mmol) was added dropwise to vigorously stirred anhydrous DMF (30 mL) at 0 °C while maintaining the temperature below 10 °C. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to RT and stirring was continued for 30 minutes. The appropriate styrene derivative (36 mmol) was then added in one portion and the resulting solution was heated at 90 °C for 2h. The reaction mixture was cooled, poured onto crushed ice and the product was extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic phase was washed with cold water, dried over sodium sulfate and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography using 2% ethyl acetate/hexane as eluent, followed by recrystallization from ether/pentane to afford the pure sample.

The compounds listed in Table 1 were synthesized following this method.

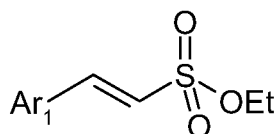
Table 1

Structure	Yield	Analytical data
	5%	¹ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl ₃) δ ppm 7.88 (d, 1H), 7.56 (d, 1H), 7.52-7.45 (m, 2H), 7.05-6.98 (m, 2H), 3.98 (s, 3H). ESMS <i>m/z</i> [M-1] 213 for corresponding sulfonic acid (M = 214). CHN for C ₉ H ₉ ClO ₃ S Calc.: C, 46.46; H, 3.90. Found: C, 46.91; H, 4.01.
	17%	¹ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl ₃) δ ppm 8.05 (s, 1H), 7.95-7.85 (m, 4H), 7.66-7.57 (m, 3H), 7.37 (d, 1H). ESMS <i>m/z</i> [M-1] 233 for corresponding sulfonic acid (M = 234). CHN for C ₁₂ H ₉ ClO ₂ S Calc.: C, 57.03; H, 3.59. Found: C, 57.20; H, 3.64.

	40%	¹ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl ₃) δ ppm 7.90 (d, 1H), 7.59 (d, 1H), 7.55-7.48 (m, 1H), 7.06-7.01 (m, 2H). ESMS <i>m/z</i> [M-1] 219 for corresponding sulfonic acid (M = 220). CHN for C ₈ H ₅ ClF ₂ O ₂ S Calc.: C, 40.26; H, 2.11. Found: C, 40.27; H, 2.28.
	39%	¹ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl ₃) δ ppm 8.13 (d, 1H), 8.10 (m, 1H), 7.82-7.62 (m, 3H), 7.23 (d, 1H). ESMS <i>m/z</i> [M-1] 251 for corresponding sulfonic acid (M = 252). CHN for C ₉ H ₆ ClF ₃ O ₂ S Calc.: C, 39.94; H, 2.23. Found: C, 40.30; H, 2.44.
	15%	¹ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl ₃) δ ppm 7.78 (d, 1H), 7.72 (m, 2H), 7.62 (m, 4H), 7.55-7.42 (m, 3H), 7.27 (d, 1H). ESMS <i>m/z</i> [M-1] 259 for corresponding sulfonic acid (M = 260). CHN for C ₁₄ H ₁₁ ClO ₂ S Calc.: C, 60.32; H, 3.98. Found: C, 60.79; H, 3.60.
	54%	¹ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl ₃) δ ppm 7.85 - 7.72 (m, 4H) 7.64 (t, <i>J</i> =7.83 Hz, 1H) 7.32 (d, <i>J</i> =15.26 Hz, 1H). ESMS <i>m/z</i> [M-1] 250 for corresponding sulfonic acid, (M=252.21) CHN for C ₉ H ₆ ClF ₃ O ₂ S, Calc: C, 39.94; H, 2.23; Found: C, 40.12; H, 2.39;
	7%	¹ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl ₃) δ ppm 7.78 (d, <i>J</i> =15.26 Hz, 1H) 7.57 - 7.47 (m, 2H) 7.41 (d, <i>J</i> =15.26 Hz, 1H) 7.26 (d, 1H) 7.23 - 7.15 (m, 1H). ESMS <i>m/z</i> [M-1] 200.89 for corresponding sulfonic acid, (M=202.20) CHN for C ₈ H ₆ ClFO ₂ S, Calc: C, 43.55; H, 2.74; Found: C, 43.72; H, 2.82;

Method B

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Method B.1**Synthesis of arylethenesulfonic acid ethyl esters**

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A 2.5M solution of *n*-butyllithium in hexanes (15.40 mmol) was added dropwise to a stirred solution of (diethoxyphosphoryl)methanesulfonic acid ethyl ester **A** (15.40 mmol) in THF (160 mL) at -78 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at -78 °C for 15 minutes, then a solution of the appropriate aldehyde (14.10 mmol) in THF (5 mL) was added dropwise. After the addition was complete, the reaction mixture was warmed to RT, stirred for 1h, and quenched with brine. Most of the THF was then removed *in vacuo* and DCM (200 mL) was added. The organic layer was separated, washed with brine (3 x 100 mL), dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified on silica gel using hexane / ethyl acetate (2 : 1) to afford the ester **B**.

The compounds listed in Table 2 were synthesized following this procedure.

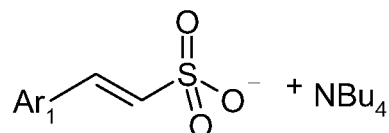
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Table 2

Structure	Yield	Analytical data
	99%	¹ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl ₃) δ ppm 7.71 (d, 1H), 7.58-7.48 (m, 2H), 6.95 (d, 1H), 6.82 (d, 1H), 4.21 (q, 2H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 1.40 (t, 3H). ESMS <i>m/z</i> [M+1] 320 and 322 (Br isotopes).
	91%	¹ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl ₃) δ ppm 7.54 (d, <i>J</i> =15.60 Hz, 1H) 7.42 (d, <i>J</i> =8.58 Hz, 2H) 7.24 (s, 2H) 6.68 (d, <i>J</i> =15.60 Hz, 1H) 4.22 (q, <i>J</i> =7.15 Hz, 2H) 2.51 (s, 3H) 1.40 (t, <i>J</i> =7.22 Hz, 3H).
	77%	¹ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl ₃) δ ppm 7.74 (d, <i>J</i> =8.19 Hz, 2H) 7.66 - 7.56 (m, 3H) 6.87 (d, <i>J</i> =15.60 Hz, 1H) 4.28 (q, <i>J</i> =7.02 Hz, 2H) 1.43 (t, <i>J</i> =7.22 Hz, 3H).
	99%	¹ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl ₃) δ ppm 7.620 - 7.50 (m, 3H) 7.18 (d, <i>J</i> =8.22 Hz, 2H) 6.77 - 6.63 (m, 1H) 6.57 (t, 1H) 4.24 (q, <i>J</i> =7.04 Hz, 2H) 1.41 (t, <i>J</i> =7.24 Hz, 3H).
	81%	¹ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl ₃) δ ppm 7.72 (d, <i>J</i> =8.61 Hz, 2H) 7.59 (d, <i>J</i> =15.65 Hz, 1H) 7.53 (d, <i>J</i> =8.61 Hz, 3H) 6.77 (d, <i>J</i> =3.52 Hz, 1H) 6.73 (d, <i>J</i> =15.26 Hz, 1H) 6.52 (dd, <i>J</i> =3.52, 1.96 Hz, 1H) 4.24 (q, <i>J</i> =7.04 Hz, 2H) 1.41 (t, <i>J</i> =7.04 Hz, 3H).

5 Method B.2 Synthesis of arylenesulfonfyl chloride D

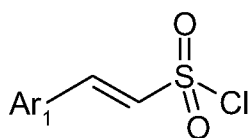
Step i) Arylenesulfonatetetrabutyl-ammonium C



- 10 Tetrabutyl-ammonium iodide (18.10 mmol) was added to a solution of arylenesulfonic acid ethyl ester **B** (15.08 mmol) in acetone (500 mL) and the reaction mixture was heated

at reflux overnight. The reaction mixture was then cooled to RT and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified on silica gel using DCM / methanol (95 : 5) to afford a mixture of **C** and tetrabutyl-ammonium iodide. The oily residue was then triturated with diethyl ether to afford **C** (contaminated with tetrabutylammonium iodide) which was used in the next step without further purification.

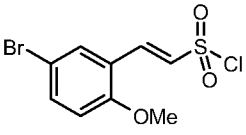
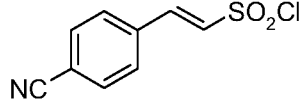
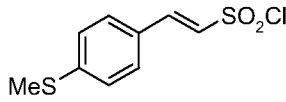
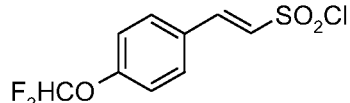
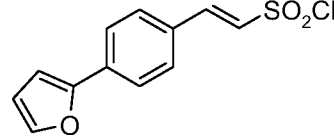
*Step ii) Arylethenesulfonyl chloride **D***



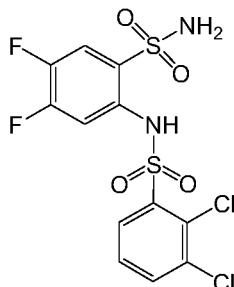
Sulfonyl chloride (1.72 g, 12.7 mmol) was added to a solution of triphenylphosphine (3.09 g, 11.8 mmol) in dry DCM (50 mL) at 0 °C. The mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 15 minutes and the crude ammonium salt (5.8 mmol, prepared as described in step i) dissolved in DCM (20 mL) was added. The resulting solution was allowed to warm to RT and stirring was continued overnight. The reaction mixture was then concentrated under reduced pressure and the crude product was purified by flash column chromatography using 1-5% ethyl acetate/hexane to give sulfonyl chloride **D**.

The compounds listed in Table 3 were synthesized following this method.

Table 3

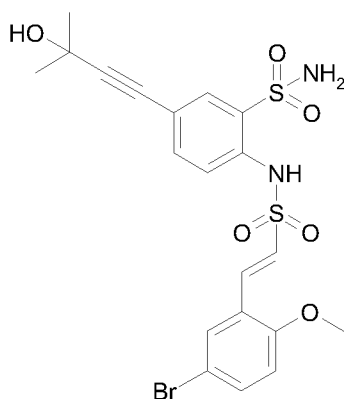
Structure	Yield ^{a)}	Analytical data
	44%	¹ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl ₃) δ ppm 7.78 (d, 1H), 7.58-7.54 (m, 3H), 7.51 (d, 1H), 6.88 (d, 1H), 3.95 (s, 3H). ESMS <i>m/z</i> [M-1] 290 and 292 (Br isotopes) for corresponding sulfonic acid (M = 293). CHN for C ₉ H ₈ BrClO ₃ S Calc.: C, 34.69; H, 2.59. Found: C, 34.39; H, 2.70.
	56%	¹ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl ₃) δ ppm 7.77 (t, <i>J</i> =8.22 Hz, 2H) 7.74 - 7.63 (m, 3H) 7.33 (d, <i>J</i> =14.87 Hz, 1H). ESMS <i>m/z</i> [M-1] 207.88 for corresponding sulfonic acid, (M=209.22). CHN for C ₉ H ₆ ClNO ₂ S, Calc: C, 47.48; H, 2.66; N, 6.15 Found: C, 47.48; H, 2.76; N, 6.20
	34%	¹ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl ₃) δ ppm 7.68 (d, <i>J</i> =15.26 Hz, 1H) 7.45 (d, <i>J</i> =8.22 Hz, 2H) 7.30 - 7.24 (m, 2H) 7.17 (d, <i>J</i> =15.26 Hz, 1H) 2.53 (s, 3H). ESMS <i>m/z</i> [M-1] 228.93 for corresponding sulfonic acid, (M=230.30). CHN for C ₉ H ₉ ClO ₂ S ₂ , Calc: C, 43.46; H, 3.65; Found: C, 43.71; H, 3.96.
	49.5%	¹ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl ₃) δ ppm 7.71 (d, <i>J</i> =14.87 Hz, 1H) 7.58 (d, <i>J</i> =8.61 Hz, 2H) 7.28 - 7.14 (m, 3H) 6.80 - 6.39 (m, 1H). ESMS <i>m/z</i> [M-1] 248.98 for corresponding sulfonic acid, (M=250.22). CHN for C ₉ H ₇ ClF ₂ O ₃ S, Calc: C, 40.23; H, 2.63; Found: C, 40.60; H, 2.79.
	33%	¹ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl ₃) δ ppm 7.80 - 7.60 (m, 3H) 7.61 - 7.51 (m, 3H) 7.22 (d, <i>J</i> =15.26 Hz, 1H) 6.81 (d, <i>J</i> =3.52 Hz, 1H) 6.53 (d, <i>J</i> =1.56 Hz, 1H). ESMS <i>m/z</i> [M-1] 248.91 for corresponding sulfonic acid, (M=250.27). CHN for C ₉ H ₇ ClF ₂ O ₃ S, Calc: C, 53.64; H, 3.38; Found: C, 53.58; H, 3.49.

a) yield calculated over 2 steps

Example 178**2,3-Dichloro-N-(4,5-difluoro-2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide**

2-Amino-4,5-difluorobenzenesulfonamide (99 mg, 0.48 mmol) and dichlorobenzenesulfonyl chloride (152 mg, 0.62 mmol) were dissolved in anhydrous pyridine (2 mL). The mixture was stirred at ambient temperature under an atmosphere of argon for 24 h. The solvent was evaporated *in vacuo*, water was added and the product was extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic phases were washed with brine, dried over magnesium sulfate and concentrated. Purification by preparative HPLC gave 107 mg (54% yield) of the title compound.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{CO}$) δ ppm 8.30 (dd, 1 H) 7.88 (dd, 1 H) 7.76 (dd, 1 H) 7.62 (t, 1 H) 7.42 (dd, 6.95 Hz, 1 H); MS (ESI) m/z 415, 417 $[\text{M}-1]^-$.

Example 179**(E)-2-(2-(3,4-Dichlorophenyl)vinylsulfonamido)-5-(3-hydroxy-3-methylbut-1-ynyl)benzenesulfonamide**

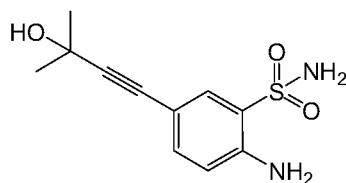
The title compound was synthesized as described for Example 178 in 16% yield, starting from 2-amino-5-(3-hydroxy-3-methylbut-1-ynyl)benzenesulfonamide and (E)-2-(5-bromo-

2-methoxyphenyl)ethenesulfonyl chloride (93 mg, 0.30 mmol). Purification by preparative HPLC.

MS (ESI) m/z 527,529 [M-1].

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a) 2-amino-5-(3-hydroxy-3-methylbut-1-ynyl)benzenesulfonamide



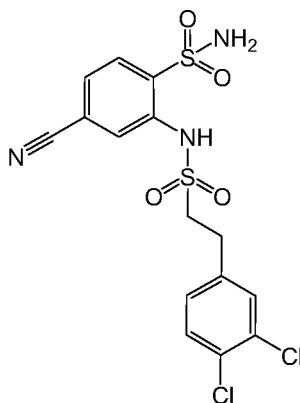
2-Amino-5-bromobenzenesulfonamide (2 g, 7.96 mmol), copper(I) iodide (0.076 g, 0.40 mmol) and bis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(II) chloride (0.280 g, 0.40 mmol) were slurried in anhydrous N,N-dimethylformamide (6 mL) in a microwave vial. 2-Methyl-3-butyn-2-ol (2.316 mL, 23.89 mmol) followed by diisopropylamine (3.37 mL, 23.89 mmol) were added, the vial was capped, purged with argon and the mixture was heated in a microwave at 100 °C for 30 min. The mixture was filtered and the solvent was evaporated *in vacuo*. Purification by column chromatography, using a gradient of 60-70% ethyl acetate in heptane as the eluent, gave 0.92 g (46% yield) of the title compound.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ ppm 7.55 (d, 1 H) 7.30 (s, 2 H) 7.20 (dd, 1 H) 6.74 (d, 1 H) 6.13 (s, 2 H) 5.33 (s, 1 H) 1.43 (s, 6 H); MS (ESI) m/z 253 [M-1].

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Example 180

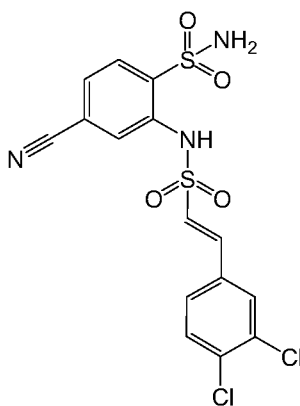
4-Cyano-2-(2-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)ethylsulfonamido)benzenesulfonamide



(E)-4-Cyano-2-(2-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)vinylsulfonamido)benzenesulfonamide (123 mg, 0.28 mmol), sodium acetate (93 mg, 1.14 mmol) and para-toluenesulfonylhydrazide (212 mg, 1.14 mmol) were dissolved in anhydrous tetrahydrofuran (3 mL) in a microwave vial. The vial was capped and evacuated two times with argon. The mixture was heated in a microwave at 180 °C for 15 min. The mixture was filtered and the solvent was evaporated *in vacuo*. Purification twice by preparative HPLC gave 4.8 mg (4% yield) of the title compound.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD) δ ppm 8.02 - 8.06 (m, 2 H) 7.54 (d, 1 H) 7.42 (d, 1 H) 7.39 (d, 1 H) 7.17 (dd, 1 H) 3.56 - 3.62 (m, 2 H) 3.07 - 3.13 (m, 2 H); MS (ESI) *m/z* 432, 434 [M-1]⁻.

a) (E)-4-cyano-2-(2-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)vinylsulfonamido)benzenesulfonamide



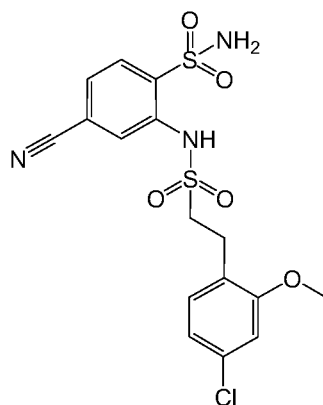
The title compound was synthesized as described for Example 178 in 57% yield, starting from 2-amino-4-cyanobenzenesulfonamide and (E)-2-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)ethenesulfonyl chloride.

MS (ESI) *m/z* 430, 432 [M-1]⁻.

Example 181

2-(2-(4-Chloro-2-methoxyphenyl)ethylsulfonamido)-4-cyanobenzenesulfonamide

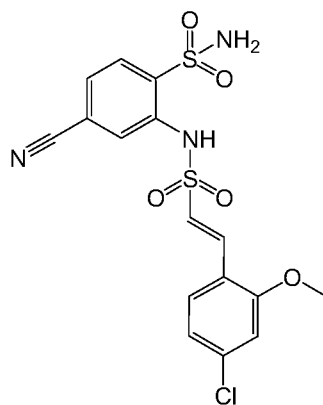
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The title compound was synthesized as described for Example 180 in 6% yield, starting from (E)-2-(2-(4-chloro-2-methoxyphenyl)vinylsulfonyl)-4-cyanobenzenesulfonamide.

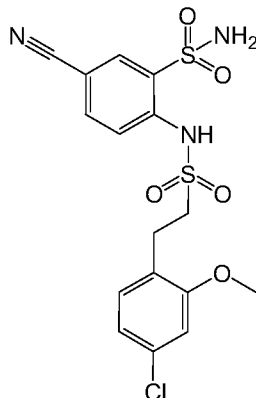
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ ppm 8.05 (d, 1 H) 7.86 (d, 1 H) 7.49 (dd, 1 H) 7.09 (d, 1 H) 6.88 (dd, 1 H) 6.82 (d, 1 H) 3.78 (s, 3 H) 3.53 - 3.58 (m, 2 H) 3.12 - 3.18 (m, 2 H); MS (ESI) m/z 428, 430 $[\text{M}-1]^-$.

a) (E)-2-(2-(4-Chloro-2-methoxyphenyl)vinylsulfonyl)-4-cyanobenzenesulfonamide



The title compound was synthesized as described for Example 178 in 36% yield, starting from 2-amino-4-cyanobenzenesulfonamide and 2-(4-chloro-2-methoxyphenyl)-ethenesulfonyl chloride.

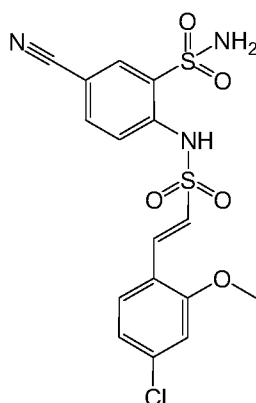
MS (ESI) m/z 426, 428 $[\text{M}-1]^-$.

Example 182**2-(2-(4-Chloro-2-methoxyphenyl)ethylsulfonamido)-5-cyanobenzenesulfonamide**

5 The title compound was synthesized as described for Example 180 in 88% yield, starting from (E)-2-(2-(4-chloro-2-methoxyphenyl)vinylsulfonamido)-5-cyanobenzenesulfonamide (26 mg, 0.06 mmol). The reaction was run at 120 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ ppm 7.80 (d, 1 H) 7.51 (dd, 1 H) 7.44 (d, 1 H) 7.15 (d, 1 H) 6.98 (d, 1 H) 6.89 (dd, 1 H) 3.76 (s, 3 H) 2.97 - 3.03 (m, 2 H) 2.90 - 2.96 (m, 2 H); MS
10 (ESI) *m/z* 428, 430 [M-1]⁻.

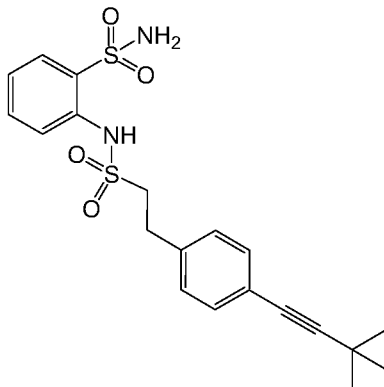
a) (E)-2-(2-(4-Chloro-2-methoxyphenyl)vinylsulfonamido)-5-cyanobenzenesulfonamide



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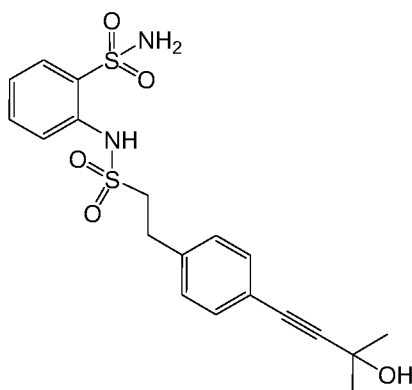
The title compound was synthesized as described for Example 178 in 27% yield, starting from 2-amino-5-cyanobenzenesulfonamide and 2-(4-chloro-2-methoxy-phenyl)-ethenesulfonyl chloride.

MS (ESI) *m/z* 426, 428 [M-1]⁻.

Example 183**2-(2-(4-(3,3-dimethylbut-1-ynyl)phenyl)ethylsulfonamido)benzenesulfonamide**

5 The title compound was synthesized as described for Example 179 a) in 16% yield, starting from 2-(2-(4-bromophenyl)ethylsulfonamido)benzenesulfonamide and 3,3-dimethyl-1-butyne.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ ppm 8.94 (s, 1 H) 7.80 - 7.91 (m, 3 H) 7.65 - 7.71 (m, 1 H) 7.61 (t, 1 H) 7.33 (t, 1 H) 7.20 - 7.27 (m, 2 H) 7.14 - 7.20 (m, 2 H) 3.54 - 3.63 (m, 2 H)
10 2.95 - 3.03 (m, 2 H) 1.27 (s, 9 H); MS (ESI) *m/z* 419 [M-1]⁻.

Example 184**2-(2-(4-(3-Hydroxy-3-methylbut-1-ynyl)phenyl)ethylsulfonamido)benzenesulfonamide**

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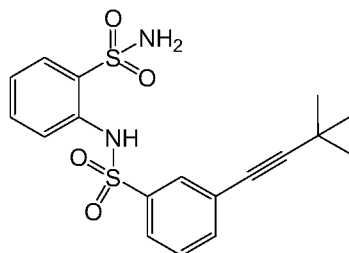
The title compound was synthesized as described for Example 179 a) in 42% yield, starting from 2-[2-(4-bromophenyl)ethylsulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide and 2-methyl-3-butyne-2-ol.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ ppm 8.94 (s, 1 H) 7.81 - 7.90 (m, 3 H) 7.66 - 7.71 (m, 1

H) 7.61 (t, 1 H) 7.33 (t, 1 H) 7.25 - 7.30 (m, 2 H) 7.18 - 7.23 (m, 2 H) 5.43 (s, 1 H) 3.57 - 3.64 (m, 2 H) 2.97 - 3.04 (m, 2 H) 1.44 (s, 6 H); MS (ESI) m/z 421 $[M-1]^+$.

Example 185

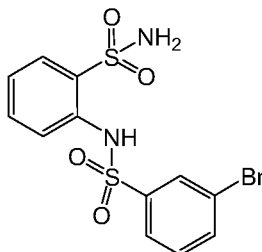
5 **3-(3,3-Dimethylbut-1-ynyl)-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide**



The title compound was synthesized as described for Example 179 a) in 27% yield, starting from 3-bromo-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide and 3,3-dimethyl-1-butyne.

10 ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ ppm 9.37 (br. s., 1 H) 7.75 - 7.86 (m, 5 H) 7.61 (d, 1 H) 7.54 (t, 2 H) 7.45 (d, 1 H) 7.22 - 7.30 (m, 1 H) 1.29 (s, 9 H); MS (ESI) m/z 391 $[M-1]^+$

a) **3-Bromo-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide**

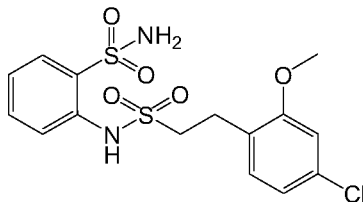


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The title compound was synthesized as described for Example 178 in 48% yield, starting from 2-aminobenzenesulfonamide and 3-bromobenzenesulfonyl chloride. The product solidified after the extractive work up. Diethyl ether (25 mL) was added and the crystals were crushed with a glass stick. The mixture was filtered and the solid was rinsed with diethyl ether and dried *in vacuo* at ambient temperature.

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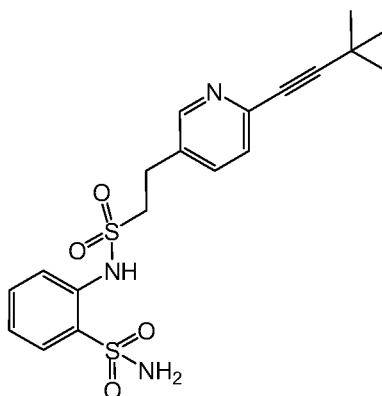
MS (ESI) m/z 389, 391 $[M-1]^+$.

Example 186**2-(2-(4-Chloro-2-methoxyphenyl)ethylsulfonamido)benzenesulfonamide**

5 The title compound was synthesized as described for Example 180 in 47% yield, starting from 2-[2-(4-chloro-2-methoxy-phenyl)-ethanesulfonylamino]-benzenesulfonamide. The starting material was divided into two microwave vials and the reactions were run at 130°C. The reaction mixtures were pooled and then filtered. The solvent was evaporated *in vacuo*, water was added and the product was extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic
10 phase was washed with brine, dried over magnesium sulfate and concentrated. Purification by recrystallization in methanol.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ ppm 8.95 (s, 1 H) 7.88 (dd, 1 H) 7.83 (s, 2 H) 7.59 - 7.68 (m, 2 H) 7.30 - 7.36 (m, 1 H) 7.17 (d, 1 H) 6.98 (d, 1 H) 6.90 (dd, 1 H) 3.66 (s, 3 H) 3.45 - 3.52 (m, 2 H) 2.90 - 2.97 (m, 2 H); MS (ESI) *m/z* 403, 405 [M-1].

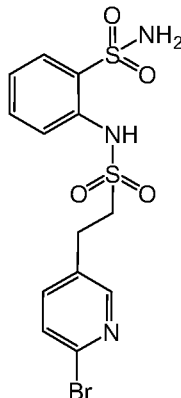
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Example 187**2-(2-(6-(3,3-Dimethylbut-1-ynyl)pyridin-3-yl)ethylsulfonamido)benzenesulfonamide**

20 The title compound was synthesized as described for Example 179 a) in 34% yield, starting from 2-(2-(6-bromopyridin-3-yl)ethylsulfonamido)benzenesulfonamide and 3,3-dimethyl-1-butyne. Purification by column chromatography, using 10 to 60% ethyl acetate in heptane as the eluent.

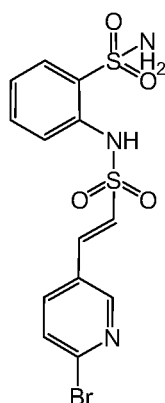
^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ ppm 8.96 (s, 1 H) 8.36 (d, 1 H) 7.78 - 7.92 (m, 3 H) 7.57 - 7.70 (m, 3 H) 7.29 - 7.38 (m, 2 H) 3.59 - 3.71 (m, 2 H) 2.99 - 3.07 (m, 2 H) 1.29 (s, 9 H); MS (ESI) m/z 420 $[\text{M}-1]^-$

5 **a) 2-(2-(6-Bromopyridin-3-yl)ethylsulfonamido)benzenesulfonamide**



The title compound was synthesized as described for Example 180 in 62% yield, starting from (E)-2-(2-(6-bromopyridin-3-yl)vinylsulfonamido)benzenesulfonamide. The reaction was run at 110 °C for 30 min. Purification by column chromatography using 5% methanol in chloroform as the eluent.

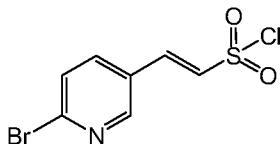
b) (E)-2-(2-(6-Bromopyridin-3-yl)vinylsulfonamido)benzenesulfonamide



The title compound was synthesized as described for Example 178 in 69% yield, starting from 2-aminobenzenesulfonamide and (E)-2-(6-bromopyridin-3-yl)ethenesulfonyl chloride. Purification by column chromatography, using ammonium hydroxide/methanol/chloroform (1:10:89) as the eluent.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ ppm 8.60 (d, 1 H) 8.12 (dd, 1 H) 7.57 (d, 1 H) 7.50 (d, 1 H) 7.40 (d, 1 H) 6.98 - 7.33 (m, 6 H) 6.67 (br. s., 1 H).

c) (E)-2-(6-Bromopyridin-3-yl)ethenesulfonyl chloride



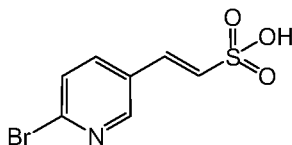
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Triphenylphosphine (2.74 g, 10.44 mmol) was dissolved in anhydrous dichloromethane (30 mL) under an atmosphere of argon and the mixture was cooled to 0 °C with an ice bath. Sulfuryl chloride (0.87 mL, 10.68 mmol) was added dropwise and the cooling bath was removed. The solution was stirred at ambient temperature for 15 min. A solution of (E)-2-(6-bromopyridin-3-yl)ethenesulfonic acid tetrabutylammonium (2.46 g, 4.86 mmol) in anhydrous dichloromethane (10 mL) was added dropwise over 10 min. The reaction was stirred at ambient temperature for 1.5 h and the mixture was concentrated. Purification by column chromatography, using a gradient of 5-30 % ethyl acetate in heptane as the eluent, gave 0.51 g of the title compound.

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^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ ppm 8.54 (d, 1 H) 8.07 (dd, 1 H) 7.47 (d, 1 H) 7.09 (d, 1 H) 6.92 (d, 1 H).

d) (E)-2-(6-Bromopyridin-3-yl)ethenesulfonic acid tetrabutylammonium



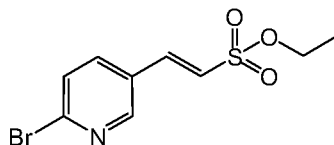
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(E)-Ethyl 2-(6-bromopyridin-3-yl)ethenesulfonate (1.42 g, 4.86 mmol) and tetrabutylammonium iodide (1.98 g, 5.35 mmol) were dissolved in anhydrous acetone and the mixture was heated at 85 °C over night. The mixture was filtered and the solvent was evaporated to give 2.99 g of the title compound.

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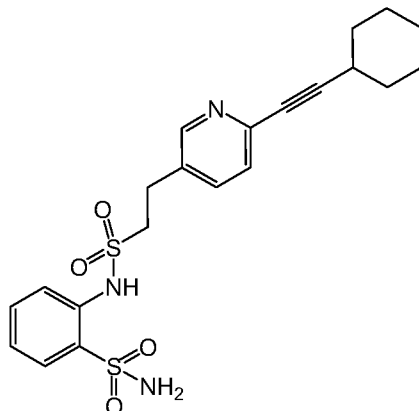
MS (ESI) m/z 262, 264 $[\text{M}-1]^-$.

e) (E)-Ethyl 2-(6-bromopyridin-3-yl)ethenesulfonate



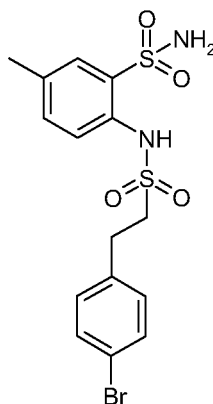
Ethyl methanesulfonate (1.00 mL, 9.34 mmol) was dissolved in anhydrous tetrahydrofuran (20 mL) in an oven dried round bottle under an atmosphere of argon. The solution was cooled to -78°C and 2.5 M n-butyllithium in hexane (4.09 mL, 10.23 mmol) was added dropwise over 15 min. The mixture was stirred at -78°C for 15 min and diethyl chlorophosphate (0.78 mL, 5.38 mmol) was added dropwise. The reaction was stirred at -78°C for 1 h and then the temperature was allowed to reach 0°C before recooling to -78°C . A solution of 2-bromo-5-formylpyridine (1.0 g, 5.38 mmol) in anhydrous tetrahydrofuran (5 mL) was added dropwise over 15 min and the resulting mixture was stirred for 15 min and then allowed to reach ambient temperature. Water (3 mL) was added and the solvent was evaporated *in vacuo*. The residue was partitioned between diethyl ether and water. The aqueous phase was extracted with diethyl ether and the formed precipitate was filtered off and rinsed with diethyl ether. This was pure product which was pooled with the rest of the material after purification. The aqueous phase was extracted once more with diethyl ether and the combined organic phases were dried over magnesium sulfate and concentrated. Purification by column chromatography, using a gradient of 10-60% ethyl acetate in heptane as the eluent, gave 0.77 g pooled with the material from the extractive work up to give 1.42 g (90% yield) of the title compound.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ ppm 8.77 (d, 1 H) 8.19 (dd, 1 H) 7.79 (d, 1 H) 7.67 (d, 2 H) 4.22 (q, 2 H) 1.30 (t, 3 H); MS (ESI) m/z 262, 264 $[\text{M}-1]^-$ (M-ethyl).

Example 188**2-(2-(6-(cyclohexylethynyl)pyridin-3-yl)ethylsulfonamido)benzenesulfonamide**

5 The title compound was synthesized as described for Example 179 a) in 25% yield, starting from 2-(2-(6-bromopyridin-3-yl)ethylsulfonamido)benzenesulfonamide and cyclohexylacetylene. Purification by column chromatography using a gradient of 10-60% ethyl acetate in heptane as the eluent.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ ppm 8.96 (s, 1 H) 8.37 (d, 1 H) 7.78 - 7.92 (m, 3 H) 7.57
10 - 7.70 (m, 3 H) 7.29 - 7.39 (m, 2 H) 3.65 (t, 2 H) 2.98 - 3.07 (m, 2 H) 2.60 - 2.70 (m, 1 H) 1.77 - 1.87 (m, 2 H) 1.61 - 1.73 (m, 2 H) 1.41 - 1.55 (m, 3 H) 1.29 - 1.40 (m, 3 H); MS (ESI) *m/z* 446 [M-1]⁻.

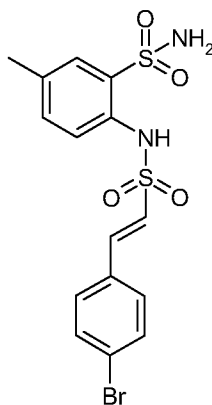
Example 189**2-(2-(4-Bromophenyl)ethylsulfonamido)-5-methylbenzenesulfonamide**

The title compound was synthesized as described for Example 180 in 62% yield, starting from (E)-2-(2-(4-bromophenyl)vinylsulfonamido)-5-methylbenzenesulfonamide. The reaction was run at 120 °C for 30 min. Purification by column chromatography using 10 to 50% ethyl acetate in heptane as the eluent.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ ppm 8.84 (br. s., 1 H) 7.76 (br. s., 2 H) 7.69 (br. s., 1 H) 7.55 (d, 1 H) 7.39 - 7.48 (m, 3 H) 7.15 - 7.21 (m, 2 H) 3.50 - 3.58 (m, 2 H) 2.92 - 2.99 (m, 2 H) 2.33 (s, 3 H); MS (ESI) *m/z* 431, 433 [M-1]⁺.

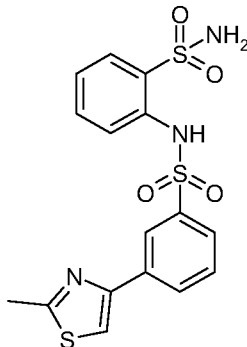
Example 190

(E)-2-(2-(4-Bromophenyl)vinylsulfonamido)-5-methylbenzenesulfonamide



The title compound was synthesized as described for Example 178 in 96% yield, starting from 2-amino-5-methylbenzenesulfonamide and (E)-2-(4-bromophenyl)ethenesulfonyl chloride (US20040186134 A1). Purification by column chromatography using a gradient of 10-50% ethyl acetate in heptane as the eluent.

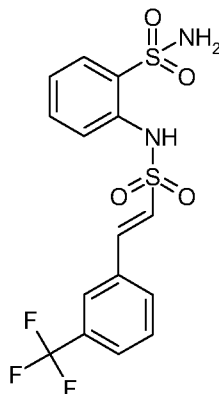
MS (ESI) *m/z* 429, 431 [M-1]⁺.

Example 191**3-(2-Methylthiazol-4-yl)-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide**

- 5 The title compound was synthesized as described for Example 178 in 5% yield, starting from 2-aminobenzenesulfonamide and 3-(2-methylthiazol-4-yl)benzene-1-sulfonyl chloride.

^1H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ ppm 9.40 (s, 1 H) 8.47 (s, 1 H) 8.20 (d, 1 H) 8.11 (s, 1 H) 7.74 - 7.87 (m, 4 H) 7.64 (t, 1 H) 7.52 (br. s., 2 H) 7.19 - 7.26 (m, 1 H) 2.73 (s, 3 H);

10 MS (ESI) m/z 408 $[\text{M}-1]^-$.

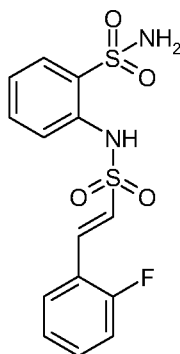
Example 192**(E)-2-(2-(3-(Trifluoromethyl)phenyl)vinylsulfonamido)benzenesulfonamide**

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The title compound was synthesized as described for Example 178 in 37% yield, starting from 2-aminobenzenesulfonamide and (E)-2-(3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)ethenesulfonyl chloride.

^1H NMR (600 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ ppm 9.17 (s, 1 H) 8.12 (s, 1 H) 7.99 (d, 1 H) 7.81 - 7.85 (m, 3 H) 7.79 (d, 1 H) 7.61 - 7.73 (m, 4 H) 7.59 (t, 1 H) 7.28 (t, 1 H); MS (ESI) m/z 405 $[\text{M}-1]^-$.

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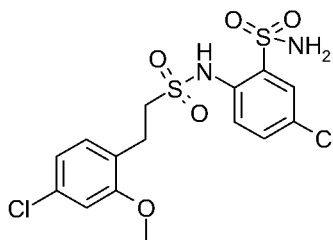
Example 193**(E)-2-(2-(2-Fluorophenyl)vinylsulfonamido)benzenesulfonamide**

The title compound was synthesized as described for Example 178 in 31% yield, starting from 2-aminobenzenesulfonamide and (E)-2-(2-fluorophenyl)ethenesulfonyl chloride.

^1H NMR (600 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ ppm 9.12 (s, 1 H) 7.79 - 7.87 (m, 3 H) 7.77 (t, 1 H) 7.41 - 7.65 (m, 5 H) 7.23 - 7.33 (m, 3 H); MS (ESI) m/z 355 $[\text{M}-1]^-$.

Example 194

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5-Chloro-2-(2-(4-chloro-2-methoxyphenyl)ethylsulfonamido)benzenesulfonamide

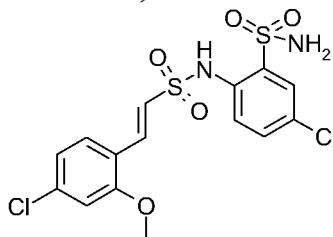
Sodium acetate (64 mg, 0.78 mmol) and para-toluenesulfonylhydrazide (145 mg, 0.78 mmol) was added to a solution of (E)-5-chloro-2-(2-(4-chloro-2-methoxyphenyl)vinylsulfonamido)benzenesulfonamide (85 mg, 0.19 mmol) in tetrahydrofuran (3 mL). The reaction mixture was heated at 180 °C for 15 min in a microwave reactor. The solids were removed by filtration, washed with tetrahydrofuran

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and the combined filtrates were evaporated. Purification by preparative HPLC gave 0.037 g (43% yield) of the title compound.

¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆) δ ppm 8.99 (br s, 1 H) 8.15-7.75 (m, 3H) 7.62 (br s, 2 H) 7.17 (d, 1 H) 7.00 (d, 1 H) 6.91 (dd, 1 H) 3.70 (s, 3 H) 3.46 (br s., 2 H) 2.88 - 3.03 (m, 2 H); MS (ESI) *m/z* 437 [M-1]⁻.

a) (E)-5-Chloro-2-(2-(4-chloro-2-methoxyphenyl)vinylsulfonamido)benzenesulfonamide

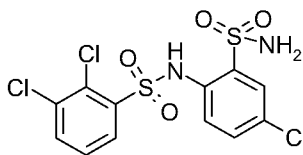


A solution of 2-amino-5-chlorobenzenesulfonamide (0.041 g, 0.20 mmol) and (E)-2-(4-chloro-2-methoxyphenyl)ethenesulfonyl chloride (0.053 g, 0.20 mmol) in pyridine (2 mL) was stirred at room temperature over night. The reaction mixture was concentrated, 1 M hydrochloric acid was added and the mixture was extracted with dichloromethane. The organic phase was dried over magnesium sulfate and the solvent was evaporated to give 0.087 g (99% yield) of the title compound.

MS (ESI) *m/z* 435 [M-1]⁻.

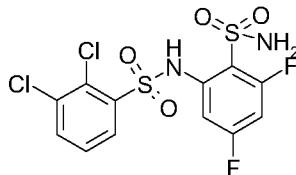
Example 195

2,3-Dichloro-N-(4-chloro-2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide



The title compound was synthesized as described for Example 194 a) in 21% yield, using 2,3-dichlorobenzene-1-sulfonyl chloride (1.5 equiv.). Purification by preparative HPLC.

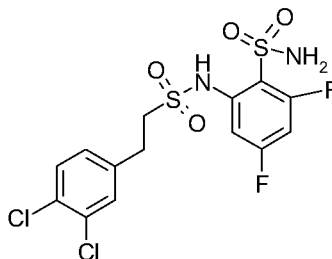
¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆) δ ppm 8.15 (dd, 1 H) 7.88 - 8.07 (m, 3 H) 7.84 (d, 1 H) 7.54 - 7.67 (m, 2 H) 7.36 (d, 1H); MS (ESI) *m/z* 413, 415 [M-1]⁻.

Example 196**2,3-Dichloro-N-(3,5-difluoro-2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide**

5 The title compound was synthesized as described for Example 194 a) in 7% yield, starting from 2-amino-4,6-difluorobenzenesulfonamide and 2,3-dichlorobenzene-1-sulfonyl chloride (1.5 equiv.). Purification by preparative HPLC.

¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆) δ ppm 8.27 (d, 2 H) 8.03 (d, 1 H) 7.65 (t, 1 H) 6.96 (d, 1 H); MS (ESI) *m/z* 415, 417 [M-1]⁻.

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Example 197**2-(2-(3,4-Dichlorophenyl)ethylsulfonamido)-4,6-difluorobenzenesulfonamide**

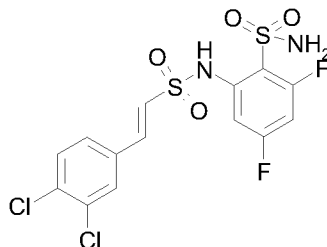
15 The title compound was synthesized as described for Example 194 in 28% yield, starting from (E)-2-(2-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)vinylsulfonamido)-4,6-difluorobenzenesulfonamide. The reaction was run at 140 °C. Purification by preparative HPLC.

¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆) δ ppm 9.60 (br s, 1 H) 8.05 (br s, 2 H) 7.43 (d, 1 H) 7.36 (d, 1 H) 7.02 - 7.18 (m, 3 H) 3.67 (t, 2 H) 2.80 - 2.94 (m, 2 H); MS (ESI) *m/z* 443, 445 [M-1]⁻.

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a) (E)-2-(2-(3,4-Dichlorophenyl)vinylsulfonamido)-4,6-difluorobenzenesulfonamide

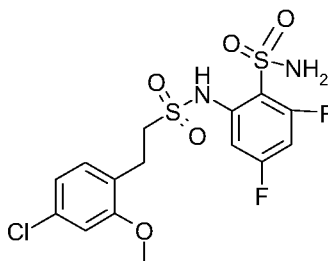


The title compound was synthesized as described for Example 194 a) in 49% yield, starting from 2-amino-4,6-difluorobenzenesulfonamide and (E)-2-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)ethenesulfonyl chloride (1.5 equiv.). Purification by column chromatography, using chloroform/methanol (95:5) as the eluent.

¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆) δ ppm 10.01 (br s, 1 H) 8.25 (br s., 2 H) 8.14 (s, 1 H) 7.66 - 7.83 (m, 4 H) 7.12 - 7.39 (m, 2 H); MS (ESI) *m/z* 441, 443 [M-1]⁺.

Example 198

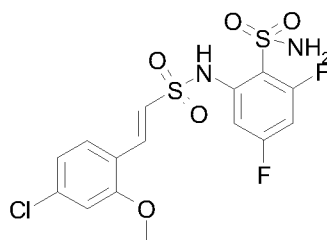
2-(2-(4-Chloro-2-methoxyphenyl)ethylsulfonamido)-4,6-difluorobenzenesulfonamide



The title compound was synthesized as described for Example 197 in 44% yield, starting from (E)-2-(2-(4-chloro-2-methoxyphenyl)vinylsulfonamido)-4,6-difluorobenzenesulfonamide. Purification by preparative HPLC.

¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆) δ ppm 9.82 (br s, 1 H) 8.24 (s, 2 H) 7.19 - 7.35 (m, 3 H) 7.00 (d, 1 H) 6.92 (dd, 1 H) 3.58 - 3.74 (m, 5 H) 2.92 - 3.01 (m, 2 H); MS (ESI) *m/z* 439 [M-1]⁺.

a) **(E)-2-(2-(4-Chloro-2-methoxyphenyl)vinylsulfonamido)-4,6-difluorobenzenesulfonamide**



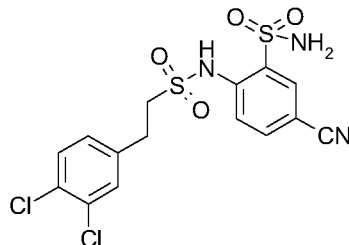
5 The title compound was synthesized as described for Example 197 a) in 48% yield, using (E)-2-(4-chloro-2-methoxyphenyl)ethenesulfonyl chloride (1.5 equiv.). Purification by column chromatography, using chloroform/methanol (95:5) as the eluent.

¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆) δ ppm 9.95 (br s, 1 H) 8.24 (br s, 2 H) 7.68 - 7.80 (m, 2 H) 7.51 (d, 1 H) 7.04 - 7.34 (m, 4 H) 3.91 (s, 3 H); MS (ESI) *m/z* 437 [M-1].

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Example 199

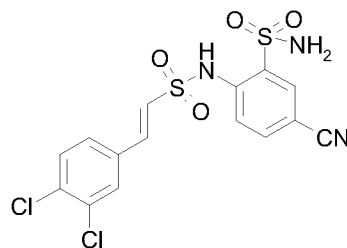
5-Cyano-2-(2-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)ethylsulfonamido)benzenesulfonamide



15 The title compound was synthesized as described for Example 194 in 26% yield, starting from (E)-5-cyano-2-(2-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)vinylsulfonamido)benzenesulfonamide. The reaction was run at 120 °C. Purification by preparative HPLC.

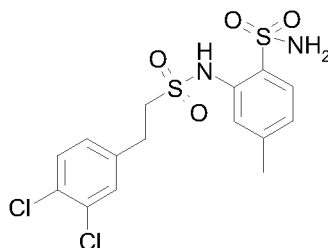
¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆) δ ppm 9.00 (br s, 1 H) 7.99 (br s, 1 H) 7.74 - 7.93 (m, 3 H) 7.58 (d, 1 H) 7.29 - 7.40 (m, 2 H) 7.06 (dd, 1 H) 3.62 (br s, 2 H) 2.82 - 2.91 (m, 2 H); MS (ESI) *m/z* 432, 434 [M-1].

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a) (E)-5-Cyano-2-(2-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)vinylsulfonamido)benzenesulfonamide

The title compound was synthesized as described for Example 194 a), starting from 2-amino-5-cyanobenzenesulfonamide and (E)-2-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)ethenesulfonyl chloride (1.5 equiv.). Purification by column chromatography, using chloroform/methanol (95:5–9:1) as the eluent.

MS (ESI) m/z 430, 432 $[M-1]^-$.

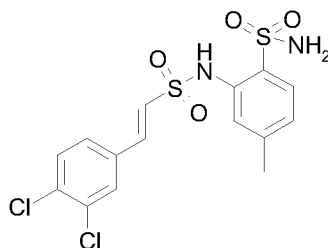
Example 200**(E)-2-(2-(3,4-Dichlorophenyl)vinylsulfonamido)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide**

The title compound was synthesized as described for Example 197 in 32% yield, starting from (E)-2-(2-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)vinylsulfonamido)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide.

Purification by preparative HPLC.

^1H NMR ($\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ ppm 8.81 (s, 1 H) 7.58 - 7.75 (m, 3 H) 7.40 - 7.49 (m, 2 H) 7.34 (s, 1 H) 7.14 (dd, 1 H) 7.04 (d, 1 H) 3.48 - 3.65 (m, 2 H) 2.87 - 3.00 (m, 2 H) 2.27 (s, 3 H);

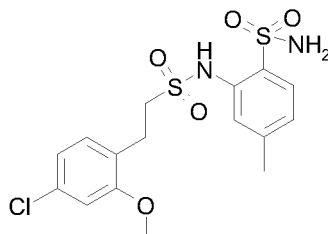
MS (ESI) m/z 421, 423 $[M-1]^-$.

a) (E)-2-(2-(3,4-Dichlorophenyl)vinylsulfonamido)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide

The title compound was synthesized as described for Example 194 a) in 54% yield, starting from 2-amino-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide and (E)-2-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)ethenesulfonyl chloride (1.5 equiv.). Purification by column chromatography, using chloroform/methanol (95:5) as the eluent.

^1H NMR (DMSO- d_6) δ ppm 9.13 (s, 1 H) 8.06 (s, 1 H) 7.76 (s, 2 H) 7.67 - 7.74 (m, 3 H) 7.52 - 7.66 (m, 2 H) 7.41 (s, 1 H) 7.11 (d, 1 H) 2.35 (s, 3 H); MS (ESI) m/z 419, 421 [$\text{M}-1$]

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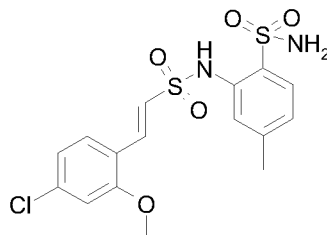
Example 201**2-(2-(4-Chloro-2-methoxyphenyl)ethylsulfonamido)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide**

The title compound was synthesized as described for Example 197 in 66% yield, starting from (E)-2-(2-(4-chloro-2-methoxyphenyl)vinylsulfonamido)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide. Purification by preparative HPLC.

^1H NMR (DMSO- d_6) δ ppm 8.91 (s, 1 H) 7.72 - 7.82 (m, 3 H) 7.44 (d, 1 H) 7.10 - 7.21 (m, 2 H) 7.00 (d, 1 H) 6.91 (dd, 1 H) 3.68 (s, 3 H) 3.45 - 3.55 (m, 2 H) 2.91 - 2.99 (m, 2 H) 2.37 (s, 3 H); MS (ESI) m/z 417 [$\text{M}-1$].

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a) **(E)-2-(2-(4-Chloro-2-methoxyphenyl)vinylsulfonamido)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide**

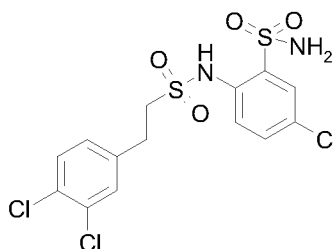


The title compound was synthesized as described for Example 194 a) in 69% yield, starting from 2-amino-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide and (E)-2-(4-chloro-2-methoxyphenyl)ethenesulfonyl chloride (1.5 equiv.). Purification by column chromatography, using chloroform/methanol (95:5) as the eluent.

¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆) δ ppm 9.03 (s, 1 H) 7.75 (s, 2 H) 7.59 - 7.73 (m, 3 H) 7.35 - 7.46 (m, 2 H) 7.20 (d, 1 H) 7.08 (td, 2 H) 3.89 (s, 3 H) 2.34 (s, 3 H); MS (ESI) *m/z* 415 [M-1]⁻.

Example 202

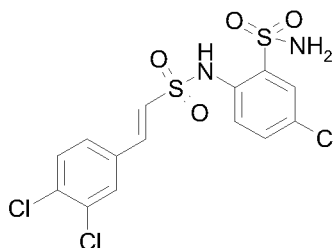
5-Chloro-2-(2-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)ethylsulfonamido)benzenesulfonamide



The title compound was synthesized as described for Example 197 in 59% yield, starting from (E)-5-chloro-2-(2-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)vinylsulfonamido)benzenesulfonamide. Purification by preparative HPLC.

¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆) δ ppm 8.97 (s, 1 H) 7.96 (br s, 2 H) 7.86 (s, 1 H) 7.64 - 7.74 (m, 2 H) 7.49 - 7.59 (m, 2 H) 7.25 (dd, 1 H) 3.62 - 3.74 (m, 2 H) 2.97 - 3.09 (m, 2 H); MS (ESI) *m/z* 441, 443 [M-1]⁻.

a) (E)-5-Chloro-2-(2-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)vinylsulfonamido)benzenesulfonamide



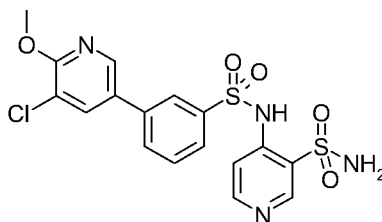
The title compound was synthesized as described for Example 194 a) in 49% yield, starting from 2-amino-5-chlorobenzenesulfonamide and (E)-2-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)ethenesulfonyl chloride (1.5 equiv.). Purification by column chromatography, using chloroform/methanol (95:5) as the eluent.

^1H NMR (DMSO- d_6) δ ppm 9.18 (br s, 1 H) 8.06 (d, 1 H) 7.96 (br s, 2 H) 7.83 (s, 1 H) 7.51 - 7.77 (m, 6 H); MS (ESI) m/z 439, 441 $[\text{M}-1]^-$.

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Example 203

4-(3-(5-Chloro-6-methoxypyridin-3-yl)phenylsulfonamido)pyridine-3-sulfonamide

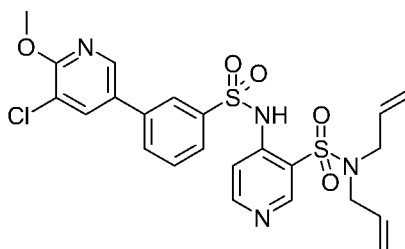


A solution of N,N-diallyl-4-(3-(5-chloro-6-methoxypyridin-3-yl)phenylsulfonamido)pyridine-3-sulfonamide (0.19 g, 0.36 mmol) in dichloromethane (5 mL) was added to tetrakis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(0) (0.021 g, 0.022 mmol) and 1,3-dimethylbarbituric acid (0.336 g, 2.15 mmol) under an atmosphere of argon. The reaction was heated at 100 °C for 15 min in a microwave reactor and the reaction mixture was concentrated. Purification by column chromatography, using chloroform/methanol (95:5-9:1) as the eluent, gave the title compound in 49% yield.

^1H NMR (DMSO- d_6) δ ppm 13.01 (br s, 1 H) 8.39 (dd, 2 H) 8.18 (d, 1 H) 8.09 (t, 1 H) 7.94 (dd, 1 H) 7.73 - 7.79 (m, 2 H) 7.48 (t, 1 H) 7.33 (d, 1 H) 6.89 (s, 2 H) 3.88 (s, 3 H); MS (ESI) m/z 453 $[\text{M}-1]^-$.

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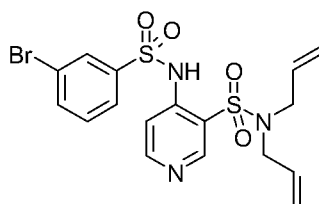
a) N,N-Diallyl-4-(3-(5-chloro-6-methoxypyridin-3-yl)phenylsulfonamido)pyridine-3-sulfonamide



A mixture of N,N-diallyl-4-(3-bromophenylsulfonamido)pyridine-3-sulfonamide (0.29 g, 0.62 mmol), 5-chloro-6-methoxypyridin-3-ylboronic acid (0.15 g, 0.81 mmol), (1,1'-bis(diphenylphosphino)ferrocene)-dichloropalladium(II) (0.026 g, 0.030 mmol), cesium carbonate (0.30 g, 0.93 mmol), 1,2-dimethoxyethane (4.5 mL) and water (0.5 mL) under an atmosphere of argon was heated at 100 °C for 15 min in a microwave reactor. The reaction mixture was partitioned between ethyl acetate and diluted hydrochloric acid, the organic phase was dried over magnesium sulfate and the solvent was evaporated. Purification by column chromatography, using chloroform/methanol (98:2) as the eluent, gave the title compound in 58% yield.

MS (ESI) m/z 533 $[M-1]^-$.

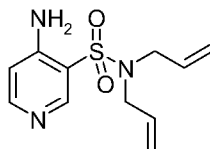
b) N,N-Diallyl-4-(3-bromophenylsulfonamido)pyridine-3-sulfonamide



A mixture of N,N-diallyl-4-aminopyridine-3-sulfonamide (0.25 g, 1.0 mmol) and cesium carbonate (0.82 g, 2.5 mmol) in tetrahydrofuran (10 mL) was stirred for 5 min, 3-bromobenzenesulfonyl chloride (0.17 mL, 1.2 mmol) was added and the reaction was stirred at room temperature over night. Diluted hydrochloric acid was added and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic phase was dried over magnesium sulfate and the solvent was evaporated. Purification by column chromatography, using chloroform/methanol (95:5) as the eluent, gave the title compound in 72% yield.

^1H NMR ($\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ ppm 13.19 (br s, 1 H) 8.54 (d, 1 H) 8.07 (dd, 1 H) 7.95 (t, 1 H) 7.82 - 7.88 (m, 1 H) 7.79 (ddd, 1 H) 7.52 (t, 1 H) 7.44 (d, 1 H) 5.47 - 5.60 (m, 2 H) 5.02 - 5.11 (m, 4 H) 3.74 (d, 4 H); MS (ESI) m/z 470, 472 $[\text{M}-1]^+$.

5 **c) N,N-Diallyl-4-aminopyridine-3-sulfonamide**

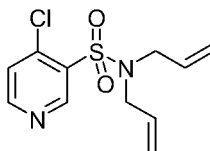


A mixture of N,N-diallyl-4-chloropyridine-3-sulfonamide (1.5 g, 5.5 mmol), lithium iodide (0.74 g, 5.5 mmol) and ammonia (7 M in methanol, 14 mL, 5.5 mmol) under an atmosphere
10 of argon was heated at 120 °C for 2 h in a microwave reactor. Silica was added and the solvent was evaporated. Purification by column chromatography, using chloroform/methanol (95:5) as the eluent, gave the title compound in 59% yield.

^1H NMR ($\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ ppm 8.43 (s, 1 H) 8.12 (d, 1 H) 6.67 - 6.97 (m, 3 H) 5.57 - 5.69 (m, 2 H) 5.12 - 5.23 (m, 4 H) 3.80 (d, 4 H); MS (ESI) m/z 254 $[\text{M}-1]^+$.

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d) N,N-Diallyl-4-chloropyridine-3-sulfonamide

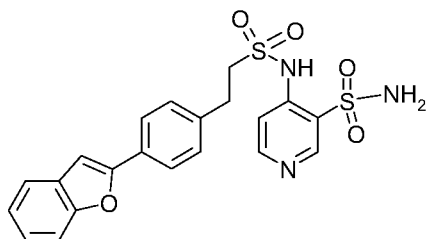


4-Chloropyridine-3-sulfonamide (1.93 g, 10.0 mmol) was added in portions to a solution of
20 sodium hydride (60% in mineral oil, 0.88 g, 22.0 mmol) in N,N-dimethylformamide (50 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 h, cooled to 0 °C and allyl bromide (1.90 mL, 22.0 mmol) was added. After 3 h at room temperature methanol was added and the reaction was partitioned between chloroform and water, the organic phase was dried over magnesium sulfate and the solvent was evaporated. Purification by column
25 chromatography, using chloroform/methanol (99:1) as the eluent, gave the title compound in 87% yield.

^1H NMR ($\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ ppm 9.06 (s, 1 H) 8.79 (d, 1 H) 7.83 (d, 1 H) 5.59 - 5.73 (m, 2 H) 5.12 - 5.24 (m, 4 H) 3.93 (d, 4 H).

Example 204

4-(2-(4-(Benzofuran-2-yl)phenyl)ethylsulfonamido)pyridine-3-sulfonamide

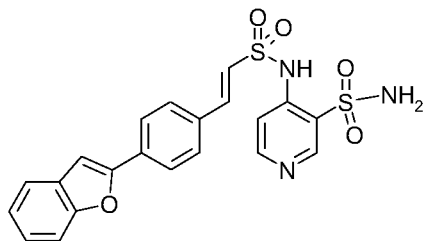


The title compound was synthesized as described for Example 197 in 36% yield, starting from (E)-4-(2-(4-(benzofuran-2-yl)phenyl)vinylsulfonamido)pyridine-3-sulfonamide.

Purification by preparative HPLC.

^1H NMR ($\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ ppm 12.82 (br s, 1 H) 8.48 (s, 1 H) 8.02 (d, 1 H) 7.84 - 7.90 (m, 2 H) 7.59 - 7.68 (m, 2 H) 7.37 - 7.48 (m, 4 H) 7.23 - 7.35 (m, 2 H) 6.99 (br s, 2 H) 3.42 - 3.50 (m, 2 H) 3.07 - 3.20 (m, 2 H); MS (ESI) m/z 456 $[\text{M}-1]^-$.

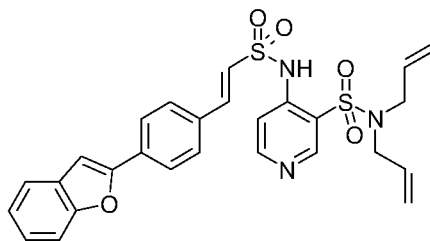
a) (E)-4-(2-(4-(Benzofuran-2-yl)phenyl)vinylsulfonamido)pyridine-3-sulfonamide



The title compound was synthesized as described for Example 203 in 12% yield, starting from (E)-N,N-diallyl-4-(2-(4-(benzofuran-2-yl)phenyl)vinylsulfonamido)pyridine-3-sulfonamide and heated at 120 °C for 1 h 15 min. Purification by column chromatography, using chloroform/methanol (97:3-9:1) as the eluent.

^1H NMR ($\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ ppm 13.01 (br s, 1 H) 8.51 (s, 1 H) 8.09 (d, 1 H) 7.96 (d, 2 H) 7.80 (d, 2 H) 7.67 (ddd, 2 H) 7.55 (d, 1 H) 7.43 (dd, 2 H) 7.23 - 7.40 (m, 3 H) 6.98 (br s, 2 H); MS (ESI) m/z 454 $[\text{M}-1]^-$.

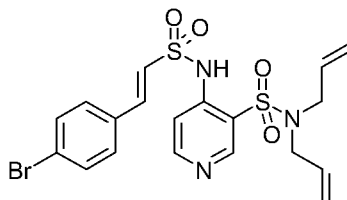
b) (E)-N,N-Diallyl-4-(2-(4-(benzofuran-2-yl)phenyl)vinylsulfonamido)pyridine-3-sulfonamide



A mixture of (E)-N,N-diallyl-4-(2-(4-bromophenyl)vinylsulfonamido)pyridine-3-sulfonamide (0.47 g, 0.94 mmol), 2-benzofuranboronic acid (0.20 g, 1.23 mmol), (1,1'-bis(diphenylphosphino)ferrocene)-dichloropalladium(II) (0.039 g, 0.050 mmol), cesium carbonate (0.46 g, 1.41 mmol), 1,2-dimethoxyethane (9 mL) and water (1 mL) under an atmosphere of argon was heated at 120 °C for 15 min in a microwave. The reaction mixture was partitioned between ethyl acetate and diluted hydrochloric acid, the organic phase was dried over magnesium sulfate and the solvent was evaporated. Purification by column chromatography, using chloroform/methanol (98:2) as the eluent, gave the title compound in 38% yield.

¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆) δ ppm 13.03 (br s, 1 H) 8.52 (d, 1 H) 8.04 (dd, 1 H) 7.96 (d, 2 H) 7.83 (d, 2 H) 7.67 (ddd, 2 H) 7.57 (d, 1 H) 7.43 - 7.51 (m, 2 H) 7.25 - 7.41 (m, 3 H) 5.60 - 5.73 (m, 2 H) 5.00 - 5.15 (m, 4 H) 3.87 - 3.96 (m, 4 H); MS (ESI) *m/z* 534 [M-1].

c) (E)-N,N-Diallyl-4-(2-(4-bromophenyl)vinylsulfonamido)pyridine-3-sulfonamide



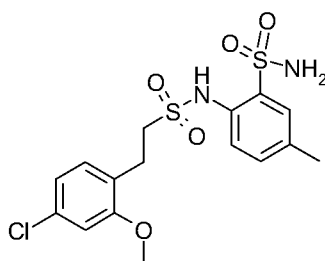
Triethylamine (0.440 mL, 3.16 mmol) added was to a solution of N,N-diallyl-4-aminopyridine-3-sulfonamide (0.40 g, 1.58 mmol) in pyridine (10 mL), the mixture was stirred for 5 min and (E)-2-(4-bromophenyl)ethenesulfonyl chloride (0.53 g, 1.89 mmol) was added. After stirring over night the pyridine was evaporated, diluted hydrochloric acid was added and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic phase was dried

over magnesium sulfate and the solvent was evaporated. Purification by column chromatography, using chloroform/methanol (97:3) as the eluent, gave the title compound in 60% yield.

¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆) δ ppm 13.03 (br s, 1 H) 8.52 (d, 1 H) 8.03 (dd, 1 H) 7.58 - 7.72 (m, 4 H) 7.30 - 7.47 (m, 3 H) 5.57 - 5.74 (m, 2 H) 4.99 - 5.15 (m, 4 H) 3.89 (d, 4 H).

Example 205

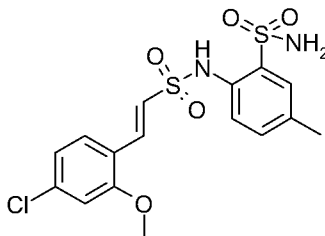
2-(2-(4-Chloro-2-methoxyphenyl)ethylsulfonamido)-5-methylbenzenesulfonamide



The title compound was synthesized as described for Example 194 in 37% yield, starting from (E)-2-(2-(4-chloro-2-methoxyphenyl)vinylsulfonamido)-5-methylbenzenesulfonamide. The reaction was run at 180 °C Purification by preparative HPLC.

¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆) δ ppm 8.85 (s, 1 H) 7.75 (s, 2 H) 7.69 (d, 1 H) 7.54 (d, 1 H) 7.44 (dd, 1 H) 7.16 (d, 1 H) 6.99 (d, 1 H) 6.90 (dd, 1 H) 3.68 (s, 3 H) 3.39 - 3.47 (m, 2 H) 2.88 - 2.96 (m, 2 H) 2.33 (s, 3 H); MS (ESI) *m/z* 417 [M-1].

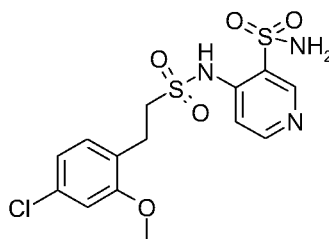
a) E)-2-(2-(4-Chloro-2-methoxyphenyl)vinylsulfonamido)-5-methylbenzenesulfonamide



The title compound was synthesized as described for Example 194 a) in 81% yield, starting from 2-amino-5-methylbenzenesulfonamide and (E)-2-(4-chloro-2-methoxyphenyl)ethenesulfonyl chloride (1 equiv.).

¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆) δ ppm 8.95 (s, 1 H) 7.76 (s, 2 H) 7.60 - 7.66 (m, 2 H) 7.48 - 7.59 (m, 2 H) 7.34 - 7.44 (m, 2 H) 7.19 (d, 1 H) 7.06 (dd, 1 H) 3.88 (s, 3 H) 2.29 (s, 3 H); MS (ESI) *m/z* 415 [M-1]⁻.

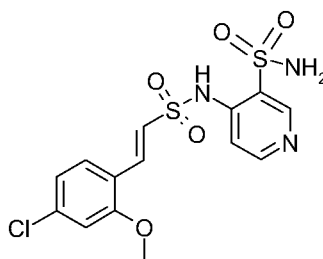
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Example 206**4-(2-(4-Chloro-2-methoxyphenyl)ethylsulfonamido)pyridine-3-sulfonamide**

The title compound was synthesized as described for Example 194 in 38% yield, starting from (E)-4-(2-(4-chloro-2-methoxyphenyl)vinylsulfonamido)pyridine-3-sulfonamide. The reaction was run at 180 °C. Purification by preparative HPLC.

¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆) δ ppm 12.83 (br s, 1 H) 8.48 (s, 1 H) 8.01 (d, 1 H) 7.36 (d, 1 H) 7.22 (d, 1 H) 7.04 (d, 1 H) 6.87 - 7.01 (m, 3 H) 3.82 (s, 3 H) 3.23 - 3.30 (m, 2 H) 2.94 - 3.04 (m, 2 H); MS (ESI) *m/z* 404 [M-1]⁻.

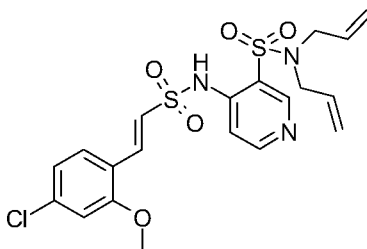
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a) (E)-4-(2-(4-Chloro-2-methoxyphenyl)vinylsulfonamido)pyridine-3-sulfonamide

The title compound was synthesized as described for Example 203 in 65% yield, starting from (E)-N,N-diallyl-4-(2-(4-chloro-2-methoxyphenyl)vinylsulfonamido)pyridine-3-sulfonamide and heating at 100 °C for 1 h. The reaction mixture was evaporated and subsequent purification by column chromatography, using chloroform/methanol (98:2-9:1) as the eluent.

^1H NMR ($\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ ppm 13.04 (br s, 1 H) 8.52 (s, 1 H) 8.09 (d, 1 H) 7.68 (d, 1 H) 7.51 - 7.59 (m, 1 H) 7.37 - 7.47 (m, 2 H) 7.19 (d, 1 H) 7.06 (dd, 1 H) 6.96 (br s, 2 H) 3.90 (s, 3 H); MS (ESI) m/z 402 $[\text{M}-1]^-$.

5 **b) (E)-N,N-Diallyl-4-(2-(4-chloro-2-methoxyphenyl)vinylsulfonamido)pyridine-3-sulfonamide**

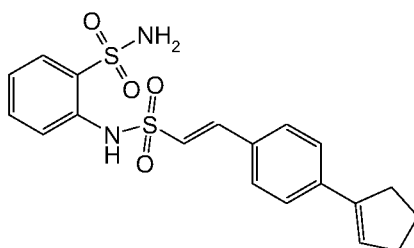


The title compound was synthesized as described for Example 204 c) in 50% yield, starting
10 from N,N-diallyl-4-aminopyridine-3-sulfonamide and (E)-2-(4-chloro-2-methoxyphenyl)ethenesulfonyl chloride. Purification by column chromatography, using chloroform/methanol (98:2) as the eluent.

^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ ppm 9.27 (br s, 1 H) 8.88 (s, 1 H) 8.56 (d, 1 H) 7.82 (d, 1 H) 7.54 (d, 1 H) 7.37 (d, 1 H) 7.10 (d, 1 H) 7.01 (dd, 1 H) 6.96 (d, 1 H) 5.59 - 5.73 (m, 2 H) 5.18 - 5.29
15 (m, 4 H) 3.88 - 3.97 (m, 7 H); MS (ESI) m/z 482 $[\text{M}-1]^-$.

Example 207

(E)-2-(2-(4-Cyclopentenylphenyl)vinylsulfonamido)benzenesulfonamide



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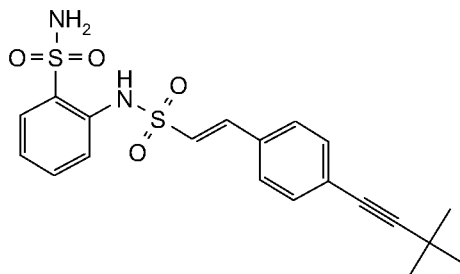
2-[[(E)-2-(4-Bromophenyl)ethenylsulfonamido]benzenesulfonamide (75 mg, 0.18 mmol), cyclopenten-1-ylboronic acid (40.2 mg, 0.36 mmol), (1,1'-bis(diphenylphosphino)ferrocene)-dichloropalladium(II) (14.79 mg, 0.02 mmol) and sodium carbonate (38.1 mg, 0.36 mmol) were suspended in N,N-dimethylformamide (2
25 mL) and the reaction mixture was stirred under an atmosphere of argon at 90 °C for 16

hours. The reaction mixture was diluted with tetrahydrofuran and filtered through Celite. The solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the residue was purified by preparative HPLC. The residue was purified a second time by column chromatography, using gradient mixtures of ethyl acetate/heptane as eluent (0% - 100% ethyl acetate) to give 50 mg (69% yield) of the title compound.

^1H NMR ($\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ ppm 7.84 (m, 3H), 7.62 (m, 2H), 7.56 (m, 2H), 7.49 (m, 2H), 7.39 (m, 1H), 7.25 (m, 1H), 2.65 (m, 2H), 2.49 (m, 2H), 1.49 (m, 2H); MS (ESI) m/z 403 $[\text{M}-1]^-$.

Example 208

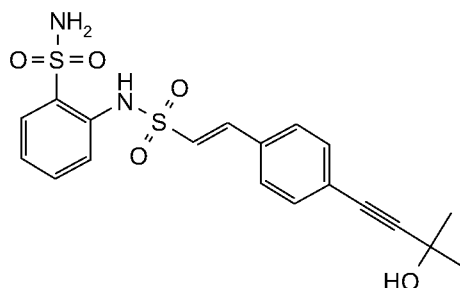
(E)-2-(2-(4-(3,3-Dimethylbut-1-ynyl)phenyl)vinylsulfonamido)benzenesulfonamide



2-[[*(E)*-2-(4-Bromophenyl)ethenylsulfonamido]benzenesulfonamide (79 mg, 0.19 mmol), (2-*tert*-butyl-1-ethynyl)diisopropoxyborane (80 mg, 0.38 mmol), (1,1'-bis(diphenylphosphino)ferrocene)-dichloropalladium(II) (7.79 mg, 9.47 μmol) and sodium carbonate (40.1 mg, 0.38 mmol) were suspended in *N,N*-dimethylformamide (2.5 mL) and water (0.2 mL) and the reaction mixture was stirred vigorously under an atmosphere of argon at 90 °C for 3 hours. The mixture was filtered through a pad of Celite, the solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the residue was purified by preparative HPLC to give 10 mg (23% yield) of the title compound.

^1H NMR (CD_3OD) δ ppm 7.88 (m, 1H), 7.72 (m, 1H), 7.50 (m, 4H), 7.33 (m, 2H), 7.20 (br.s., 1H), 7.10 (m, 1H), 1.30 (s, 9H); MS (ESI) m/z 417 $[\text{M}-1]^-$.

Example 209
(E)-2-(2-(4-(3-Hydroxy-3-methylbut-1-ynyl)phenyl)vinylsulfonylamino)benzenesulfonamide



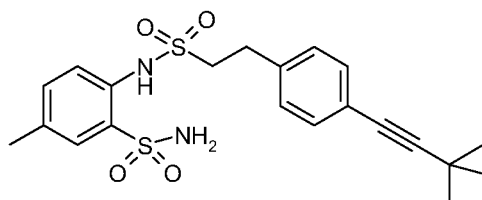
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2-[[*(E)*-2-(4-Bromophenyl)ethenylsulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide (79 mg, 0.19 mmol), 2-methyl-3-butyn-2-ol (18 μ L, 0.19 mmol), copper(I) iodide (9.00 mg, 0.05 mmol), tetrakis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(0) (30.0 mg, 0.03 mmol) and triethylamine (79 μ L, 0.57 mmol) were dissolved in tetrahydrofuran (2 mL), the reaction mixture was stirred at 50 $^{\circ}$ C under an atmosphere of argon for 4 hours and subsequently stirred at room temperature for 10 hours. The reaction mixture was filtered, the solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the residue was purified by preparative HPLC to give 4 mg (5% yield) of the title compound.

^1H NMR (CD_3OD) δ ppm 7.78 (m, 1H), 7.73 (m, 1H), 7.5 (m, 4H), 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.23 (m, 1H), 7.15 (m, 1H), 1.54 (s, 6H); MS (ESI) m/z 419 [$\text{M}-1$].

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Example 210
2-{2-[4-(3,3-Dimethyl-but-1-ynyl)-phenyl]-ethanesulfonylamino}-5-methyl-benzenesulfonamide



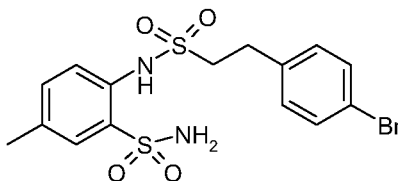
A mixture of 2-[2-(4-bromo-phenyl)-ethanesulfonylamino]-5-methyl-benzenesulfonamide (0.08 g, 0.18 mmol), *N,N*-diisopropylethylamine (0.1 mL, 0.55 mmol), and copper(I) iodide (7 mg, 0.04 mmol) in anhydrous *N,N*-dimethylformamide (2 mL) was degassed

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with nitrogen for 30 min. (1,1'-Bis(diphenylphosphino)ferrocene)-dichloropalladium(II) (14 mg, 0.02 mmol) and 3,3-dimethyl-1-butyne (0.045 mL, 0.37 mmol) were added and the reaction mixture was heated in a sealed tube at 80 °C overnight. The reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate (20 mL), washed with water and brine, dried over sodium sulfate and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by preparative TLC, using 5% methanol in dichloromethane as the eluent, to give 20 mg (25% yield) of the title compound.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD) δ ppm 7.77 (s, 1 H), 7.65 (d, 1 H), 7.40 (d, 1 H), 7.22 (d, 2 H), 7.20 (d, 2 H), 3.48 (m, 2 H), 3.45 (m, 2 H), 2.37 (m, 3 H), 1.28 (s, 9 H); MS (ESI) *m/z* 433 [M-1]⁺.

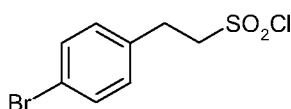
a) 2-[2-(4-Bromo-phenyl)-ethanesulfonylamino]-5-methyl-benzenesulfonamide



A mixture of 2-amino-5-methyl-benzenesulfonamide (0.1 g, 0.53 mmol) and 2-(4-bromophenyl)-ethanesulfonyl chloride (0.14 g, 0.49 mmol) in anhydrous pyridine (4 mL) was stirred at room temperature overnight. The reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate (20 mL) and the organic phase was washed with aqueous hydrochloric acid (1 M, 20 mL), saturated sodium bicarbonate (20 mL) and brine, dried over magnesium sulfate and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by preparative TLC, using 5% methanol in dichloromethane as the eluent, to give 80 mg (38% yield) of title compound.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD) δ ppm 7.77 (s, 1 H), 7.64 (d, 1 H), 7.40-7.37 (m, 3 H), 7.11 (d, 2 H), 3.49-3.45 (m, 2 H), 3.04-3.02 (m, 2 H), 2.37 (s, 3 H)

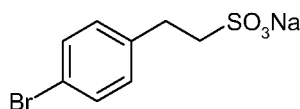
b) 2-(4-Bromo-phenyl)-ethanesulfonyl chloride



Thionyl chloride (1.51 mL, 20.8 mmol) was added dropwise at 0 °C to a suspension of sodium 2-(4-bromo-phenyl)-ethanesulfonate (4.33 g, 15.08 mmol) in a mixture of anhydrous benzene (50 mL) and N,N-dimethylformamide (1 mL). The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and was then heated at 80 °C for 18 hours. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and filtered through a pad of Celite. The solids were washed with benzene and the combined filtrates were concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was taken up in hexane (30 mL) and the resulting suspension was heated at 50 °C for 30 min. After cooling to room temperature, the formed precipitate was collected by filtration to give 4.06 g (95% yield) of the title compound.

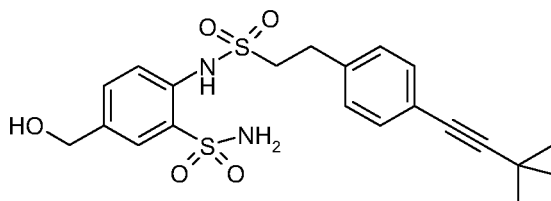
¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ ppm 7.42 (d, 2 H), 7.17 (d, 2 H), 2.89 – 2.79 (m, 2 H), 2.80 - 2.68 (m, 2 H); MS (ESI) *m/z* 263 [M-1]⁺ (corresponding sulfonic acid MW=265)

c) Sodium 2-(4-bromo-phenyl)-ethanesulfonate



Sodium sulfite (4.75 g, 37.68 mmol) was added to a suspension of 1-bromo-4-(2-bromo-ethyl)-benzene (5.00 g, 18.94 mmol) in water (60 mL). The reaction mixture was heated at 105-107 °C for 18 hours and then cooled to -5 °C. The formed precipitate was removed by filtration, washed with water (50 mL) and dried under vacuum to give 4.33 g (86% yield) of the title compound.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ ppm 7.44 (d, 2 H), 7.18 (d, 2 H), 2.88-2.80 (m, 2 H), 2.68 - 2.61 (m, 2 H); MS (ESI) *m/z* 263 [M-1]⁺ (corresponding sulfonic acid, MW=265).

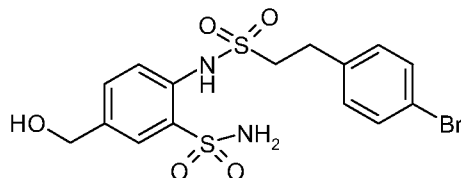
Example 211**2-{2-[4-(3,3-Dimethyl-but-1-ynyl)-phenyl]-ethanesulfonylamino}-5-hydroxymethyl-benzenesulfonamide**

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The title compound was synthesized as described for Example 210 in 5% yield, starting from 2-[2-(4-bromo-phenyl)-ethanesulfonylamino]-5-hydroxymethyl-benzenesulfonamide and 3,3-dimethyl-1-butyne. Purification by preparative HPLC.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD) δ ppm 7.97 (s, 1 H), 7.74 (d, 1 H), 7.54 (d, 1 H), 7.20 (d, 2 H), 7.09 (d, 2 H), 4.60 (s, 2 H), 3.46 (m, 2 H), 3.02 (m, 2 H), 1.28 (s, 9 H); MS (ESI) *m/z* 449 [M-1]⁻.

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a) 2-[2-(4-Bromo-phenyl)-ethanesulfonylamino]-5-hydroxymethyl-benzenesulfonamide (3)

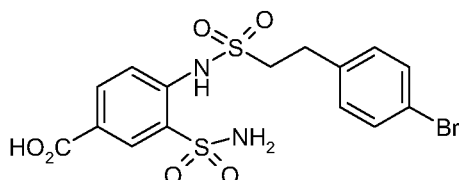
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Lithium aluminum hydride (1 M in tetrahydrofuran, 1.9 mL, 1.9 mmol) was added dropwise to a solution of 4-[2-(4-bromo-phenyl)-ethanesulfonylamino]-3-sulfamoylbenzoic acid (0.22 g, 0.47 mmol) in anhydrous tetrahydrofuran (20 mL) at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 5 hours, cooled to 0 °C and quenched by addition of saturated sodium sulfate solution (20 mL). The precipitate was removed by filtration and the filtrate was extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic phase was washed with brine, dried over sodium sulfate and concentrated under reduced pressure to give 0.15 g (71% yield) of the title compound.

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^1H NMR (400 MHz, CD_3OD) δ ppm 7.82 (s, 1 H), 7.49 (d, 2H), 7.39 (d, 1 H), 7.28 (d, 1 H), 7.13 (d, 2 H), 4.56 (s, 2 H), 3.45 (m, 2 H), 3.06 (m, 2 H); MS (ESI) m/z 447, 449 $[\text{M}-1]^-$.

5 **b) 4-[2-(4-Bromo-phenyl)-ethanesulfonylamino]-3-sulfamoyl-benzoic acid**



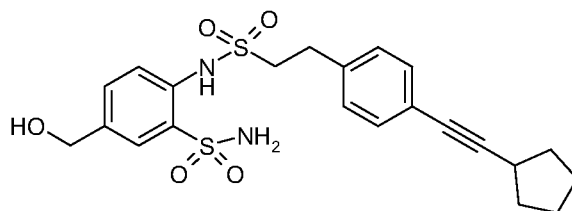
To a suspension of 2-[2-(4-bromo-phenyl)-ethanesulfonylamino]-5-methyl-
 10 benzenesulfonamide (0.3 g, 0.69 mmol) in water (12 mL) was added 2.5 M sodium hydroxide until a clear solution was obtained (~12 mL). Potassium permanganate (0.55 g, 3.46 mmol) was added and the resulting reaction mixture was heated at 70 °C for 3 hours. The hot solution was filtered through a pad of Celite and the solids were washed with water. Solid sodium bisulfite was added to the filtrate until the pink color disappeared. The
 15 aqueous solution was treated with charcoal, filtered, and the pH was adjusted to pH ~ 1 using 6 M hydrochloric acid. The formed precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with water, and dried to give 0.22 g (69% yield) of the title compound.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CD_3OD) δ ppm 8.58 (s, 1 H), 8.18 (d, 1 H), 7.85 (d, 1 H), 7.39 (d, 2 H), 7.13 (d, 2 H), 3.63-3.59 (m, 2 H), 3.10-3.06 (m, 2 H); MS (ESI) m/z 461, 463 $[\text{M}-1]^-$.

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Example 212

2-[2-(4-Cyclopentylethynyl-phenyl)-ethanesulfonylamino]-5-hydroxymethyl-benzenesulfonamide



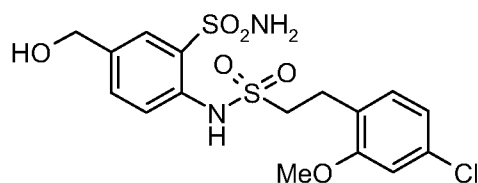
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The title compound was synthesized as described for Example 210 in 11% yield, starting from 2-[2-(4-bromo-phenyl)-ethanesulfonylamino]-5-hydroxymethyl-benzenesulfonamide and ethynyl-cyclopentane. Purification by preparative HPLC.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD) δ ppm 7.96 (s, 1 H), 7.75 (d, 1 H), 7.55 (d, 1 H), 7.21 (d, 2 H), 7.09 (d, 2 H), 4.62 (s, 2 H), 3.40 - 3.53 (m, 2 H), 2.98 - 3.10 (m, 2 H), 2.68 - 2.85 (m, 1 H), 1.89 - 2.06 (m, 2 H), 1.54 - 1.83 (m, 6 H); MS (ESI) *m/z* 461 [M-1].

Example 213

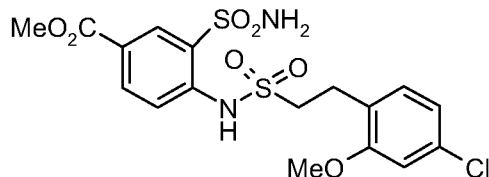
2-[2-(4-Chloro-2-methoxy-phenyl)-ethanesulfonylamino]-5-hydroxymethyl-benzenesulfonamide



To a solution of methyl ester 4-[2-(4-chloro-2-methoxy-phenyl)-ethanesulfonylamino]-3-sulfamoyl-benzoic acid methyl ester (0.18 g, 0.39 mmol) in anhydrous tetrahydrofuran (30 mL) lithium aluminum hydride (0.20 g, 5.27 mmol) was added in small portions at -10 °C. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred for 14 hours. The mixture was cooled to -10 °C, quenched by the addition of saturated aqueous sodium sulfate, acidified using 2 M hydrochloric acid and extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined extracts were washed with water and brine, dried over sodium sulfate and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification by preparative HPLC gave 12.8 mg (7.5% yield) of the title compound.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, (CD₃)₂O) δ ppm 8.84 (s, 1 H), 7.98 (s, 1 H), 7.74 (d, 1 H), 7.56 - 7.64 (m, 1 H), 7.10 - 7.22 (m, 3 H), 6.83 - 6.96 (m, 3 H), 4.67 (s, 2 H), 4.67 (s, 3 H), 3.47 - 3.56 (m, 2 H), 3.02 - 3.09 (m, 2 H); MS (ESI) *m/z* 433, 435 [M-1].

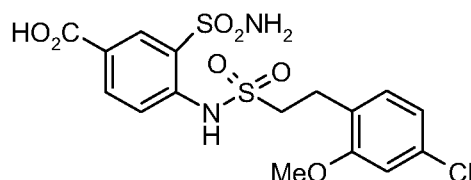
a) **4-[2-(4-Chloro-2-methoxy-phenyl)-ethanesulfonylamino]-3-sulfamoyl-benzoic acid methyl ester**



To a solution of 4-[2-(4-chloro-2-methoxy-phenyl)-ethanesulfonylamino]-3-sulfamoyl-benzoic acid (0.18 g, 0.40 mmol) in anhydrous methanol (15 mL), thionyl chloride (1 mL) was added and the mixture was heated at reflux for 18 hours. The volatiles were removed under reduced pressure to give 0.18 g (97% yield) of the title compound.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD) δ ppm 8.56 (br. s., 1 H), 8.15 (m, 1 H), 7.82 (m, 1 H), 7.06 - 7.12 (m, 1 H), 6.86 (dd, 1 H), 6.82 (dd, 1 H), 3.92 (s, 3 H), 3.67 (s, 3 H), 3.38 - 3.46 (m, 2 H), 3.00 - 3.10 (m, 2 H); MS (ESI) *m/z* 461, 463 [M-1].

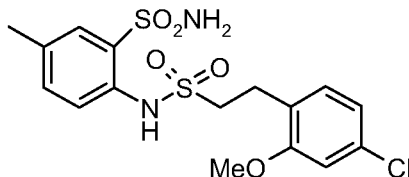
b) **4-[2-(4-Chloro-2-methoxy-phenyl)-ethanesulfonylamino]-3-sulfamoyl-benzoic acid**



The title compound was synthesized as described for Example 211 b) in 34% yield, starting from 2-[2-(4-chloro-2-methoxy-phenyl)-ethanesulfonylamino]-5-methyl-benzenesulfonamide.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ ppm 9.16 (br s., 1 H), 8.82 (s., 1 H), 8.43 (d, 1 H), 8.12 (dd, 1 H), 8.08 (br s., 2 H), 7.17 (d, 2 H), 6.98 (dd, 1 H), 6.90 (dd, 1 H), 3.67 (s, 3 H), 3.47 - 3.41 (m, 2 H), 3.00 - 2.85 (m, 2 H); MS (ESI) *m/z* 447, 449 [M-1].

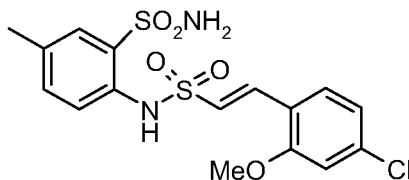
c) **2-[2-(4-Chloro-2-methoxy-phenyl)-ethanesulfonylamino]-5-methyl-benzenesulfonamide**



Palladium on carbon (5 wt. %, 0.4 g) was added to a solution of 2-[2-(4-chloro-2-methoxy-phenyl)-ethanesulfonylamino]-5-methyl-benzenesulfonamide (0.55 g, 1.32 mmol) in ethyl acetate (20 mL) and the reaction mixture was shaken under a hydrogen atmosphere (30 psi) for 4 hours. The solution was filtered through a pad of Celite and concentrated under reduced pressure to give 0.31 g (57% yield) of the title compound.

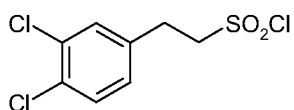
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD) δ ppm 7.77 (d, 1 H), 7.63 (d, 1 H), 7.41 (d, 1 H), 7.08 (d, 1 H), 6.88 (d, 1 H), 6.83 (dd, 1 H), 3.64 (s, 3 H), 3.36 - 3.46 (m, 2 H), 2.92 - 3.05 (m, 2 H), 2.37 (s, 3 H); MS (ESI) *m/z* 417, 419 [M-1].

d) **2-[2-(4-Chloro-2-methoxy-phenyl)-ethenesulfonylamino]-5-methyl-benzenesulfonamide (2):**



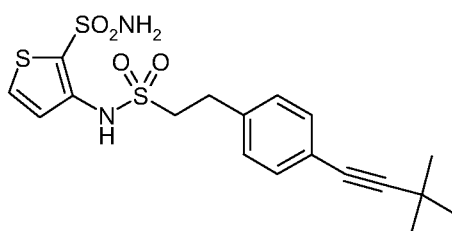
2-(4-Chloro-2-methoxy-phenyl)-ethenesulfonyl chloride (0.50 g, 1.87 mmol) was added slowly to a solution of 2-amino-5-methyl-benzenesulfonamide (0.38 g, 2.05 mmol) in anhydrous pyridine (10 mL) and the reaction mixture was stirred for 18 hours at room temperature. The solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the residue was dissolved in ethyl acetate (30 mL). The organic phase was washed with 1 M hydrochloric acid and brine, dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification by column chromatography gave 0.42 g (54% yield) of the title compound.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD) δ ppm 7.70 (s, 1 H), 7.52 - 7.61 (m, 2 H), 7.42 (d, 1 H), 7.36 (d, 1 H), 7.14 (d, 1 H), 7.06 (s, 1 H), 6.94 (d, 1 H), 3.72 (s, 3 H).

g) 2-(3,4-Dichloro-phenyl)-ethanesulfonyl chloride

Thionyl chloride (1.15 mL, 15.83 mmol) was added dropwise to a suspension of sodium 2-(3,4-dichloro-phenyl)-ethanesulfonate (3.17 g, 11.47 mmol) in a mixture of anhydrous benzene (50 mL) and anhydrous N,N-dimethylformamide (1 mL) at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm slowly to room temperature and was then heated at 80 °C for 18 hours. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and filtered through a pad of Celite. The solids were washed with benzene and the combined filtrates were concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was taken up in hexane and the resulting suspension was heated at 50 °C for 30 min. After cooling to room temperature, a solid was collected by filtration to give 2.20 g (70% yield) of the title compound.

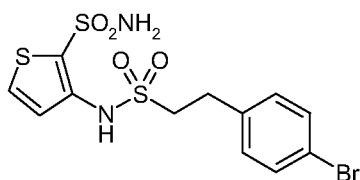
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm 7.44 (d, 1 H), 7.36 (d, 1 H), 7.10 (d, 1 H), 3.84 - 3.93 (m, 2 H), 3.27 - 3.34 (m, 2 H); MS (ESI) *m/z* 253 [M-1]⁺ (corresponding sulfonic acid Mw=255).

Example 214**3-{2-[4-(3,3-Dimethyl-but-1-ynyl)-phenyl]-ethanesulfonylamino}-thiophene-2-sulfonic acid amide**

The title compound was synthesized as described for Example 210 in 18% yield, starting from 3-[2-(4-bromo-phenyl)-ethanesulfonylamino]-thiophene-2-sulfonic acid amide and 3,3-dimethyl-1-butyne. Purification by column chromatography, using 50% ethyl acetate in hexanes as the eluent, followed by purification by preparative HPLC.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CD_3OD) δ ppm 7.66 (d, 1 H), 7.30 (d, 1 H), 7.22 (d, 2 H), 7.12 (d, 2 H), 3.40 (m, 2 H), 3.04 (m, 2 H), 1.29 (s, 9 H); MS (ESI) m/z 425 $[\text{M}-1]^+$.

a) 3-[2-(4-Bromo-phenyl)-ethanesulfonylamino]-thiophene-2-sulfonic acid amide



A mixture of 3-amino-thiophene-2-sulfonamide (0.10 g, 0.56 mmol) and 2-(4-bromophenyl)-ethanesulfonyl chloride (0.18 g, 0.62 mmol) in anhydrous pyridine (3 mL) was stirred at room temperature overnight. The reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate (25 mL) and the organic phase was washed with 1 M hydrochloric acid (25 mL), saturated sodium bicarbonate (25 mL) and brine, dried over magnesium sulfate and concentrated under reduced pressure to give 0.16 g (67% yield) of the title compound.

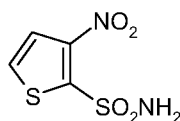
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CD_3OD) δ ppm 7.65 (d, 1 H), 7.41 (d, 2 H), 7.32 (d, 1 H), 7.12 (d, 2 H), 3.43 (m, 2 H), 3.04 (m, 2 H)

b) 3-Amino-thiophene-2-sulfonamide

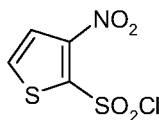


A 57% aqueous solution of hydriodic acid (15 mL) was added to neat 3-nitro-thiophene-2-sulfonamide (1.02 g, 4.90 mmol) at room temperature. The reaction mixture was heated at 90 °C for 1 hour, cooled to room temperature and diluted with ethyl acetate (50 mL). The mixture was washed with a solution of sodium thiosulfate and the pH was adjusted to pH~8 with sodium bicarbonate. The mixture was extracted with 10% methanol in ethyl acetate and the organic phase was dried over magnesium sulfate and concentrated *in vacuo*. Purification by column chromatography, using a gradient of 30-70% ethyl acetate in hexanes as the eluent, gave 65% yield of the title compound.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ ppm 7.54 (d, 1 H), 7.29 (s, 2 H), 6.62 (d, 1 H), 5.85 (s, 2 H); MS (ESI) m/z 179 $[\text{M}+1]^+$.

c) 3-Nitro-thiophene-2-sulfonamide

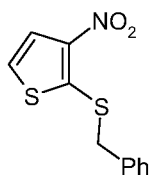
Ammonium hydroxide (28% aqueous, 2.4 mL, 17.57 mmol) was added to a stirred solution of 3-nitro-thiophene-2-sulfonyl chloride (1.00 g, 4.39 mmol) in tetrahydrofuran (50 mL) at room temperature. After 15 min the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was triturated in methanol and dichloromethane. The solid was collected by filtration and dried to give 1.02 g (quantitative yield) of the title compound. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ ppm 7.93 (d, 1 H) 7.74 (d, 1 H) 7.58 (br. s., 2 H); MS (ESI) *m/z* 207 [M-1]⁻.

d) 3-Nitro-thiophene-2-sulfonyl chloride

Water (35 mL) and formic acid (35 mL) were added to a solution of 2-benzylsulfanyl-3-nitro-thiophene (1.00 g, 3.98 mmol) in dichloromethane (70 mL). The reaction mixture was cooled to -5 °C and chlorine gas was bubbled through the heterogeneous mixture with vigorous stirring for 15 min. The reaction mixture was warmed to room temperature and stirred for 30 min under a nitrogen flow to remove excess chlorine gas. Dichloromethane (50 mL) was added and the phases were separated. The organic phase was washed with brine, dried over magnesium sulfate and concentrated *in vacuo*. Purification by column chromatography, using a gradient of 15- 30% ethyl acetate in hexanes as the eluent, gave 59% yield of the title compound.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm 7.78 (q, 2 H); MS (ESI) *m/z* 208 [M-1]⁻ (corresponding sulfonic acid, MW=209)

e) 2-Benzylsulfanyl-3-nitro-thiophene

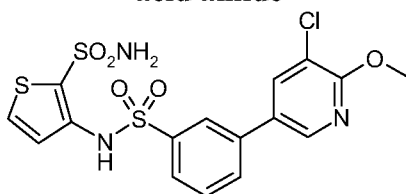


A mixture of 2-chloro-3-nitrothiophene (1.00 g, 6.11 mmol), N,N-diisopropylethylamine (2.1 mL, 12.22 mmol) and benzyl mercaptan (0.8 mL, 6.72 mmol) in dimethyl sulfoxide (5 mL) was placed in a sealed tube. The reaction mixture was heated at 80 °C for 1 hour, cooled to room temperature and water (10 mL) was added. The mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate (50 mL) and the organic phase was washed with brine, dried over magnesium sulfate, concentrated *in vacuo* and dried *in vacuo* to give 97% yield of the title compound.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm 7.61 (d, 1 H), 7.40 - 7.48 (m, 2 H), 7.29 - 7.41 (m, 5 H), 7.07 (d, 1 H), 4.27 (s, 2 H); MS (ESI) *m/z* 252 [M+1]⁺.

Example 215

3-[3-(5-Chloro-6-methoxy-pyridin-3-yl)-benzenesulfonylamino]-thiophene-2-sulfonic acid amide



Bis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(II) chloride (4.65 mg, 6.62 μmol) was added to a degassed mixture of 3-chloro-2-methoxy-pyridine-5-boronic acid (62.02 mg, 0.33 mmol), sulfonamide 3-(3-bromo-benzenesulfonylamino)-thiophene-2-sulfonic acid amide (146.10 mg, 0.37 mmol), triethylamine (0.10 mL, 0.73 mmol) in anhydrous ethanol (5 mL). The resulting mixture was heated in a microwave reactor at 140 °C for 10 min, cooled to room temperature, diluted with ethyl acetate (10 mL), filtered through a pad of Celite and concentrated *in vacuo*. Purification by preparative HPLC, using 0.1% aqueous trifluoroacetic acid/acetonitrile as the eluent, gave 83.3 mg (55% yield) of the title compound.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CD_3OD) δ ppm 8.31 (d, 1 H), 7.96 - 8.06 (m, 2 H), 7.79 - 7.86 (m, 2 H), 7.56 - 7.64 (m, 2 H), 7.33 (d, 1 H), 4.04 (s, 3 H); MS (ESI) m/z 460, 462 $[\text{M}+1]^+$.

a) 3-(3-Bromo-benzenesulfonylamino)-thiophene-2-sulfonic acid amide



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A mixture of 3-amino-thiophene-2-sulfonic acid amide (100 mg, 0.56 mmol) and 3-bromo-benzenesulfonyl chloride (97 μL , 0.67 mmol) in anhydrous pyridine (3 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 17 hours. The solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the residue was taken up in dichloromethane (25 mL). The organic phase was washed with 1 M hydrochloric acid, saturated sodium bicarbonate and brine, dried over sodium sulfate and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification by column chromatography, using 4-6% methanol in dichloromethane as the eluent, gave 147.6 mg (66% yield) of the title compound.

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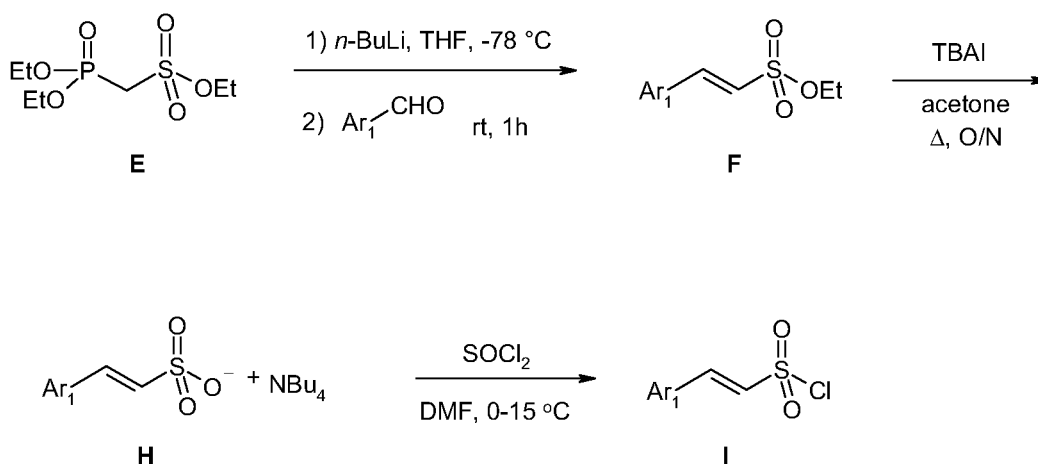
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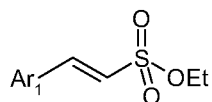
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CD_3OD) δ ppm 7.87 (d, 1 H), 7.68 (m, 2 H), 7.53 (d, 1 H), 7.34 (t, 1 H), 7.16 (d, 1 H); MS (ESI) m/z 395, 397 $[\text{M}-1]^-$ (corresponding sulfonic acid Mw = 397).

General procedure for synthesis of styrenyl sulfonyl chlorides

Method C

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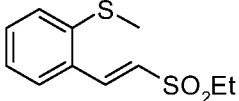
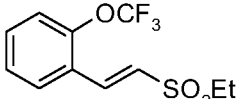
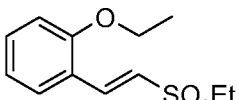
Method C.1 Synthesis of arylenesulfonic acid ethyl esters (F)

n-Butyllithium (11 mmol, 2.5 M solution in hexanes) was added dropwise to a stirred
 5 solution of diethoxy(phosphoryl) methanesulfonic acid ethyl ester **E** (11 mmol) in 150 mL of
 tetrahydrofuran at -78 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at -78 °C for 15 min and a
 solution of the corresponding aldehyde (10 mmol) in 5 mL tetrahydrofuran was added
 dropwise. After the addition was complete the reaction mixture was warmed to room
 temperature, stirred for 1 hour and quenched with brine. Most of the tetrahydrofuran was
 10 removed *in vacuo* and dichloromethane (200 mL) was added. The organic phase was
 separated, washed with brine, dried over magnesium sulfate and the solvent was evaporated.
 Purification by column chromatography, using hexane/ethyl acetate (2 : 1) as the eluent,
 gave ester **F**.

15 Compounds listed in Table 4 were synthesized following this procedure.

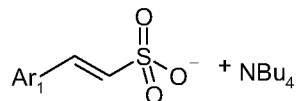
Table 4:

Structure	Yield	Analytical data
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	90%	¹ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl ₃) δ ppm 7.79 (dd, 1 H), 7.40 - 7.48 (m, 1 H), 7.35 (d, 1 H), 7.24 - 7.31 (m, 1 H), 7.16 (d, 1 H), 6.56 (t, 1 H), 6.48 (d, 1 H), 4.15 (q, 2 H), 1.25 (t, 3 H)
	90%	¹ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl ₃) δ ppm 7.77 (d, 1 H), 7.34 - 7.46 (m, 2 H), 6.91 - 7.01 (m, 3 H), 4.67 (m, 1 H), 4.22 (q, 2 H), 1.37 - 1.46 (m, 9 H)
	90%	¹ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl ₃) δ ppm 7.61 - 7.73 (m, 9 H), 6.81 (d, 1 H), 4.26 (q, 2 H), 1.42 (t, 3 H)

	65%	¹ H NMR not available
	71%	¹ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl ₃) δ ppm 7.81 (d, 1 H), 7.62 (d, 1 H), 7.45 - 7.56 (m, 1 H), 7.32 - 7.43 (m, 2 H), 6.85 (d, 1 H), 4.25 (q, 2 H), 1.42 (t, 3 H)
	79%	¹ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl ₃) □ ppm 7.77 (d, 1 H), 7.33 - 7.46 (m, 2 H), 6.88 - 7.07 (m, 3 H), 4.19 - 4.30 (m, 2 H), 4.06 - 4.19 (m, 2 H), 1.45 - 1.55 (m, 3 H), 1.32 - 1.44 (m, 3 H)

Method C.2 Synthesis of arylenesulfonyl chlorides (I)

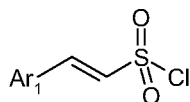
5 a) Arylenesulfonate tetrabutyl-ammonium (H)



Tetrabutyl-ammonium iodide (12 mmol) was added to a solution of arylenesulfonic acid ethyl ester **F** in acetone (500 mL) and the reaction mixture was heated at reflux overnight.

10 The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification by column chromatography, using dichloromethane/methanol (95: 5) as the eluent. The residue was triturated with diethyl ether to afford **H** (contaminated with tetrabutylammonium iodide) used in the next step without further purification.

15 b) Arylenesulfonyl chlorides (I)



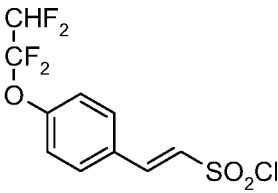
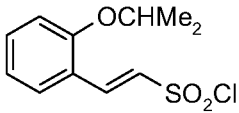
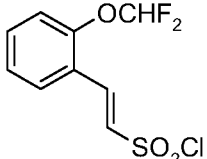
Thionyl chloride (45 mmol) was added dropwise at 0 °C to a solution of **H** (15 mmol) in N,N-dimethylformamide (30 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at 10-15°C for 15-45
20 min, poured onto crushed ice and ethyl acetate (100 mL) was added. The organic phase

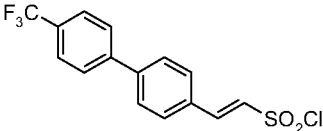
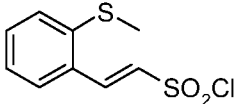
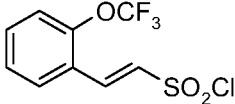
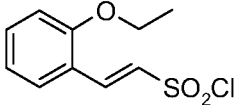
was separated, washed with brine, dried over magnesium sulfate, and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification by column chromatography, using 10% ethyl acetate in hexanes as the eluent, followed by recrystallization from pentane/diethyl ether gave the desired sulfonyl chloride **I**.

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Compounds listed in Table 5 were synthesized following this method.

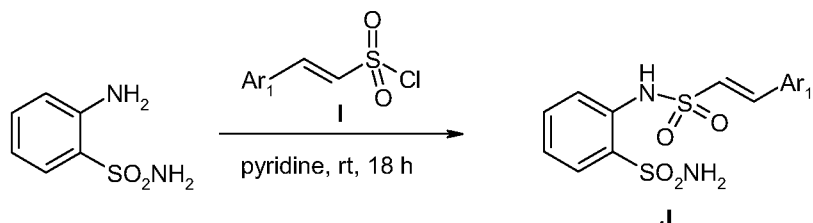
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Structure	Yield (over two steps)	Analytical data
	19%	¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm 7.72 (d, 1 H), 7.61 (m, 2 H), 7.34 (m, 2 H), 7.22 (d, 1 H), 5.94 (t, 1 H) MS (ESI) <i>m/z</i> 299 [M-1]⁻ (corresponding sulfonic acid MW=300) CHN Calc.: C, 38.25; H, 2.39. Found: C, 38.18; H, 2.59 (1/22 hexane)
	43%	¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm 7.86 (d, 1 H), 7.54 (d, 1 H), 7.38 - 7.49 (m, 2 H), 6.93 - 7.05 (m, 2 H), 4.63 - 4.78 (m, 1 H), 1.44 (d, 6 H). MS (ESI) <i>m/z</i> 241 [M-1]⁻ (corresponding sulfonic acid MW=242). CHN Calc.: C, 50.67; H, 5.03. Found: C, 50.84; H, 4.43.
	53%	¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm 7.93 (d, 1 H), 7.49 - 7.64 (m, 2 H), 7.27 - 7.43 (m, 2 H), 7.24 (s, 1H), 6.64 (t, 1 H). MS (ESI) <i>m/z</i> 249 [M-1]⁻ (corresponding sulfonic acid

		MW=250). CHN Calc.: C, 40.23; H, 2.63. Found: C, 40.55; H, 2.82.
	57%	¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm 7.65 - 7.82 (m, 9 H), 7.29 (d, 1 H) MS (ESI) <i>m/z</i> 327 [M-1]⁻ (corresponding sulfonic acid MW=328). CHN Calc.: C, 51.96; H, 2.91. Found: C, 51.99; H, 3.02.
	68%	¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm 8.26 (d, 1 H), 7.52 (d, 1 H), 7.38 - 7.49 (m, 2 H) 7.22 - 7.29 (m, 2 H), 2.53 (s, 3 H) MS (ESI) <i>m/z</i> 229 [M-1]⁻ (corresponding sulfonic acid MW=230). CHN Calc.: C, 43.46; H, 3.65. Found: C, 43.44; H, 4.04
	31%	¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm 7.93 (d, 1 H), 7.64 (dd, 1 H), 7.54 - 7.61 (m, 1 H), 7.37 - 7.45 (m, 2 H), 7.34 (d, 1 H) MS (ESI) <i>m/z</i> 267 [M-1]⁻ (corresponding sulfonic acid MW=268) CHN Calc.: C, 37.71; H, 2.11. Found: C, 37.78; H, 2.21
	24%	¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm 7.86 (d, 1 H), 7.57 (d, 1 H), 7.40 - 7.52 (m, 2 H), 6.91 - 7.11 (m, 2 H), 4.19 (q, 2 H), 1.42 - 1.63 (m, 4 H) MS (ESI) <i>m/z</i> 227 [M-1]⁻ (corresponding sulfonic acid MW=228). CHN Calc.: C, 48.68; H, 4.49. Found: C, 48.84; H, 4.63

General method for synthesis of styrenyl sulfonamides

Method D

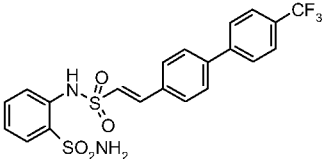
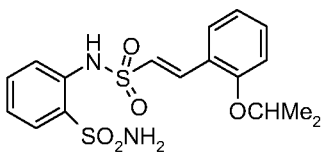
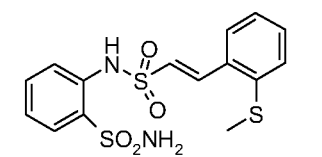
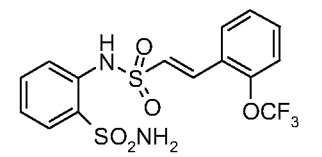
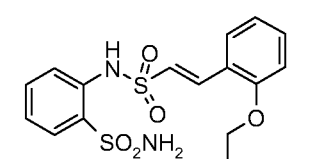


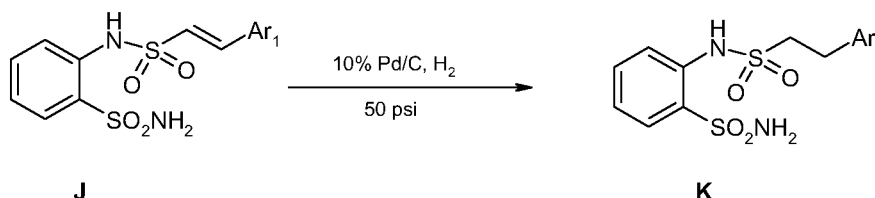
- 5 A solution of 2-amino-benzenesulfonamide (1 mmol) and styrenyl sulfonyl chloride **J** (1 mmol) in anhydrous pyridine (2 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 18 hours. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was dissolved in dichloromethane. The organic phase was washed with 1 M hydrochloric acid, saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate and brine, dried over sodium sulfate and concentrated *in vacuo*. Purification by column chromatography, using 5% methanol in dichloromethane as the eluent, or by preparative HPLC gave the title compound **J**.

Compounds listed in Table 6 were synthesized following this procedure.

15 **Table 6:**

Example	Structure	Yield	Analytical data
216		77%	¹ H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- <i>d</i> ₆) δ ppm 9.12 (s, 1H), 7.72 - 7.89 (m, 5 H), 7.52 - 7.66 (m, 3 H), 7.39 - 7.48 (m, 1 H), 7.31 (d, 2 H), 7.26 (t, 1 H), 6.80 (t, 1H) MS (ESI) <i>m/z</i> 455 [M+1] ⁺
217		55%	¹ H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- <i>d</i> ₆) δ ppm 9.12 (s, 1 H), 7.75 - 7.85 (m, 4 H), 7.38 - 7.67 (m, 6 H), 7.24 - 7.31 (m, 3 H) MS (ESI) <i>m/z</i> 403 [M-1] ⁻

218		25%	¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- <i>d</i> ₆) δ ppm 9.15 (s, 1 H), 7.94 (d, 2 H), 7.78 - 7.88 (m, 9 H), 7.56 - 7.69 (m, 3 H), 7.51 (d, 1 H), 7.28 (t, 1 H) MS (ESI) <i>m/z</i> 481 [M-1] ⁻
219		42%	¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl ₃) δ ppm 8.43 (s, 1 H), 7.91 - 7.97 (m, 1 H), 7.78 (m, 1 H), 7.68 (d, 1 H), 7.50 - 7.57 (m, 1 H), 7.32 - 7.42 (m, 2 H), 7.14 - 7.25 (m, 2 H), 6.89 - 6.97 (m, 2 H), 5.26 (s, 2 H), 4.64 (m, 1 H), 1.37 (d, 6 H) MS (ESI) <i>m/z</i> 395 [M-1] ⁻
220		30%	MS (ESI) <i>m/z</i> 383 [M-1] ⁻ CHN Calc.: C, 48.86; H, 4.19. Found: C, 47.02; H, 4.21
221		25%	¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD ₃ OD) δ ppm 7.90 (dd, 1 H), 7.69 - 7.76 (m, 2 H), 7.63 (d, 1 H), 7.48 - 7.57 (m, 2 H), 7.32 - 7.41 (m, 2 H), 7.18 - 7.28 (m, 2 H) MS (ESI) <i>m/z</i> 421 [M-1] ⁻
222		64%	¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD ₃ OD) δ ppm 7.85 - 7.95 (m, 1 H), 7.63 - 7.77 (m, 2 H), 7.48 - 7.59 (m, 1 H), 7.44 (dd, 1 H), 7.29 - 7.40 (m, 1 H), 7.17 - 7.26 (m, 2 H), 6.99 (d, 1 H), 6.92 (t, 1 H), 4.09 (q, 2 H), 1.41 (t, 3 H) MS (ESI) <i>m/z</i> 381 [M-1] ⁻

General method for synthesis of (aryl-ethanesulfonyl-amino)-benzenesulfonamides**Method E**

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Palladium on carbon (10 wt. %) was added to a solution of styrenyl sulfonamides **J** (0.2 mmol) in absolute alcohol (10 mL) or in a mixture of absolute alcohol (10 mL) and ethyl acetate (5 mL) and the resulting mixture was shaken on a Parr Shaker under a hydrogen atmosphere (50 psi) for 4 to 16 hours. The reaction mixture was filtered through a pad of Celite and the filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification by preparative HPLC gave title compound **K**.

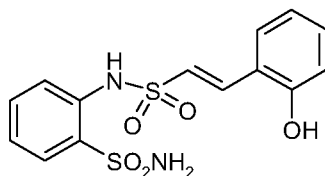
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Compounds listed in Table 7 were synthesized following this procedure.

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Table 7:

Example	Structure	Yield	Analytical data
223		27%	¹H NMR (400 MHz, (CD ₃) ₂ O) δ ppm 7.97 (dd, 1H), 7.81 (d, 1 H), 7.63 (m, 1 H), 7.34 - 7.40 (m, 2 H), 7.31 (t, 1 H), 7.19 (d, 2 H), 6.47 (m, 1 H), 3.59 - 3.70 (m, 2 H), 3.09 - 3.23 (m, 2 H) ESMS <i>m/z</i> [M-1] 455
224		26%	¹H NMR (400 MHz, (CD ₃) ₂ O) δ ppm 7.97 (d, 1 H), 7.75 - 7.89 (m, 4 H), 7.61 - 7.68 (m, 4 H), 7.40 (d, 2 H), 7.30 (t, 1 H), 3.63 - 3.73 (m, 2 H), 3.15 - 3.24 (m, 2 H) ESMS <i>m/z</i> [M-1] 483

Example 225**2-[2-(2-Hydroxy-phenyl)-ethenesulfonylamino]-benzenesulfonamide**

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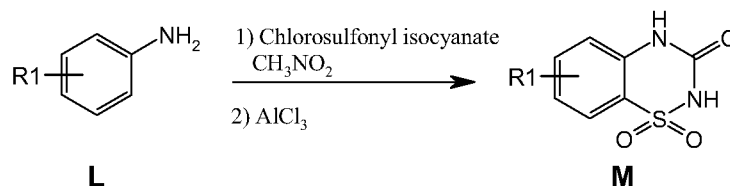
Boron tribromide (1 M in dichloromethane, 5.4 mL, 5.44 mmol) was added dropwise over 5 min to a suspension of 2-[2-(2-ethoxy-phenyl)-ethenesulfonylamino]-

benzenesulfonamide (example 222) (0.21 g, 0.54 mmol) in dichloromethane (10 mL) at -78 °C. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred

overnight. Cooled to -20 °C and methanol (5 mL) was added slowly. The resulting solution was warmed up to room temperature and heated at 50 °C for 1 hour. The volatiles were removed under reduced pressure and the residue was taken up in methanol (5 mL). The mixture was concentrated *in vacuo* and the process was repeated once more. The residue was taken up in water (5 mL) and ethyl acetate (15 mL). The organic phase was separated, dried over magnesium sulfate and concentrated *in vacuo*. Purification by preparative HPLC gave 31 mg (16% yield) of the title compound.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD) δ ppm 7.87 (dd, 1 H) 7.65 - 7.71 (m, 2 H) 7.46 - 7.54 (m, 1 H) 7.37 (d, 1 H) 7.09 - 7.24 (m, 3 H) 6.79 - 6.85 (m, 2 H); MS (ESI) *m/z* 355 [M+1]⁺.

General method for the synthesis of amino sulfonamide building blocks

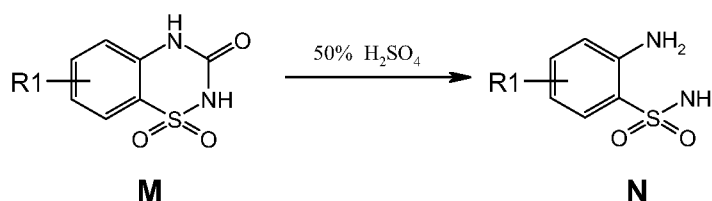
Method F**a) General method for synthesis of 1,2,4-benzothiadiazine derivatives**

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A solution of aniline **L** (50 mmol) in anhydrous nitromethane (50 mL) was added slowly to a vigorously stirred mixture of chlorosulfonyl isocyanate (58 mmol) in anhydrous

nitromethane (150 mL) at -5 °C. Anhydrous aluminium chloride (62.5 mmol) was added in small portions to the resulting suspension and the mixture was heated at reflux for 30 min. The hot solution was poured onto ice (800 g) and stirred for 30 min. The precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with water (75 mL) and suspended in aqueous sodium bicarbonate (10 g/200 mL of water). The suspension was heated until most of the precipitate dissolved, treated with charcoal and filtered. The pH of the filtrate was adjusted to pH~1 using 6 M hydrochloric acid and the solid was collected by filtration, washed with water, air-dried and used in the next step without further purification.

b) General procedure for the synthesis of amino sulfonamide building blocks



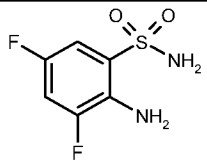
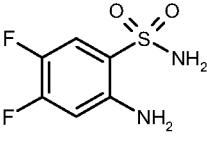
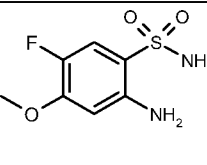
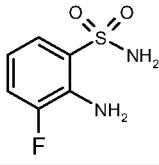
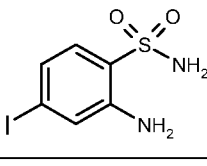
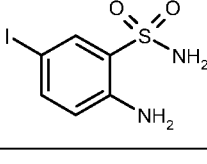
A suspension of 1,2,4-benzothiadiazine derivative **M** (20.64 mmol) in aqueous sulfuric acid (50% w/v) was heated at reflux for 17 – 24 hours until a clear solution was obtained.

The reaction mixture was then cooled to 0 °C and the pH was adjusted to pH~7 using aqueous sodium hydroxide (30% w/v). The crude product was collected by filtration, washed with water, air-dried and purified by column chromatography, using 20-50% ethyl acetate in hexanes as the eluent, or by preparative HPLC.

Compounds listed in Table 8 were synthesized following this method.

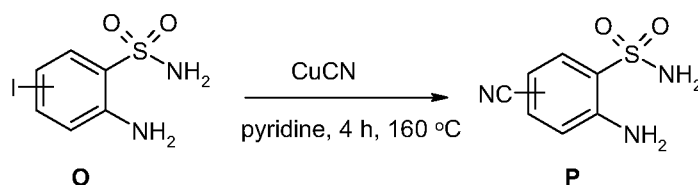
Table 8:

Structure	Yield	Spectral data
	19%	¹ H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d ₆) δ ppm 7.60 (br. s., 2 H), 6.64 (br. s., 2 H), 6.34 - 6.44 (m, 2 H) MS (ESI) m/z 207 [M-1] ⁻

	21%	¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d ₆) δ ppm 7.61 (br. s., 2 H), 7.42 (ddd, 1 H), 7.17 - 7.26 (m, 1 H), 5.69 (br. s., 2 H) MS (ESI) <i>m/z</i> 209 [M+1] ⁺
	29%	¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d ₆) δ ppm 7.49 (dd, 1 H), 7.40 (br. s., 2 H), 6.77 (dd, 1 H), 5.97 (br. s., 2 H) MS (ESI) <i>m/z</i> 209 [M+1] ⁺
	34%	¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d ₆) δ ppm 7.26 (d, 1 H), 7.19 (br.s., 2 H), 6.51 (d, 1 H), 5.76 (br.s., 2 H), 3.80 (s, 3 H) MS (ESI) <i>m/z</i> 221 [M+1] ⁺
	23%	¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d ₆) δ ppm 7.45 (s, 2 H), 7.40 (d, 1 H), 7.19 - 7.30 (m, 1 H), 6.62 (m, 1 H), 5.79 (s, 2 H) MS (ESI) <i>m/z</i> 198 [M-1] ⁻
	27%	¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD ₃ OD) δ ppm 7.34 (d, 1 H), 7.24 (d, 1 H), 6.99 (dd, 1 H) MS (ESI) <i>m/z</i> 299 [M+1] ⁺
	22%	¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d ₆) δ ppm 7.79 (d, 1 H), 7.48 (dd, 1 H), 7.34 (br. s., 2 H), 6.64 (d, 1 H), 6.02 (br. s., 2 H) MS (ESI) <i>m/z</i> 299 [M+1] ⁺

General method for the synthesis cyano-benzenesulfonamides:

Method G



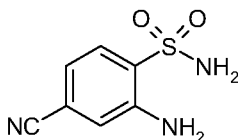
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Copper(I) cyanide (10 mmol) was added to a solution of iodo-benzenesulfonamide **O** (5 mmol) in anhydrous pyridine (15 mL) at room temperature and the resulting mixture was heated in a sealed tube at 160 °C for 4 hours. Most of the pyridine was removed *in vacuo* and the residue was taken up in ethyl acetate (100 mL). The organic phase was washed with water and brine, dried over sodium sulfate and concentrated under reduced pressure.

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Purification by column chromatography, using 50% ethyl acetate in pentane as the eluent, gave the title compound **P**.

a) 2-Amino-4-cyanobenzenesulfonamide



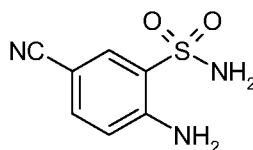
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The title compound was synthesized as described for **method G** in 31% yield, starting from 2-amino-4-iodo-benzenesulfonamide.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, (CD₃)₂O) δ ppm 7.80 (d, 1 H), 7.26 (d, 1 H), 7.03 (dd, 1 H), 6.77 (br. s., 2 H), 6.01 (br. s., 2 H); MS (ESI) *m/z* 196 [M-1]⁻.

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b) 2-Amino-5-cyanobenzenesulfonamide



The title compound was synthesized as described for **method G** in 42% yield, starting from 2-amino-5-iodo-benzenesulfonamide.

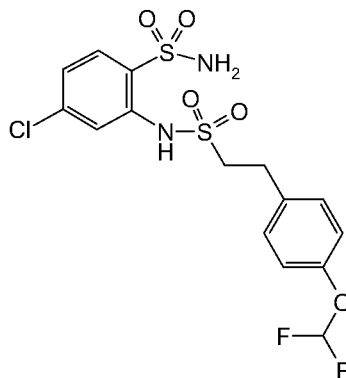
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¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD) δ ppm 7.96 (d, 1 H), 7.50 (dd, 1 H), 6.88 (d, 1 H); MS (ESI) *m/z* 196 [M-1]⁻

Example 226

4-Chloro-2-(2-(4-(difluoromethoxy)phenyl)ethylsulfonamido)benzenesulfonamide

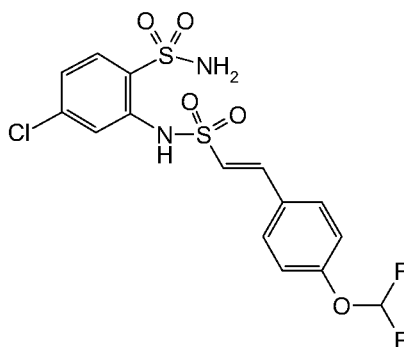
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(E)-4-Chloro-2-(2-(4-(difluoromethoxy)phenyl)vinylsulfonamido)benzenesulfonamide (0.426 g, 0.97 mmol) was dissolved in anhydrous tetrahydrofuran (2 mL). Sodium acetate (0.318 g, 3.88 mmol) and p-toluenesulfonic acid hydrazide (0.723 g, 3.88 mmol) were added and the reaction was heated in a microwave at 180 °C for 60 min. The mixture was filtered and the solvent was evaporated under vacuum. Purification by preparative HPLC, gave 41 mg (10% yield) of the title compound.

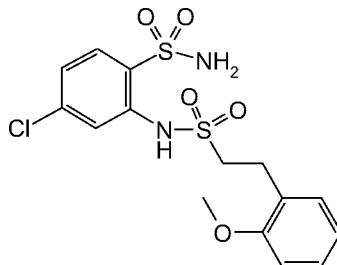
¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆) δ ppm 9.03 (br. s., 1 H) 7.93 (br. s., 2 H) 7.86 (d, 1 H) 7.67 (d, 1 H) 7.41 (d, 1 H) 7.33 - 7.26 (m, 2 H) 7.07 (d, 2 H) 3.73 - 3.60 (m, 2 H) 3.07 - 2.91 (m, 2 H); MS (ESI) *m/z* 439 [M-1]⁻

a) (E)-4-Chloro-2-(2-(4-(difluoromethoxy)phenyl)vinylsulfonamido)benzenesulfonamide



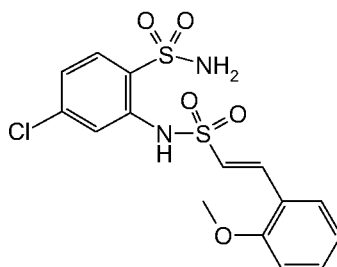
2-Amino-4-chlorobenzenesulfonamide (200 mg, 0.97 mmol) and (E)-2-(4-(difluoromethoxy)phenyl)ethenesulfonyl chloride (260 mg, 0.97 mmol) were dissolved in anhydrous dichloromethane (5 mL) and flushed with argon. Anhydrous pyridine (0.391 mL, 4.84 mmol) was added and the reaction was stirred at room temperature under an inert atmosphere over night. The reaction was quenched using 2 M hydrochloric acid (20 mL) and extracted with dichloromethane. The combined organic phase was washed with water, dried over magnesium sulfate and concentrated under vacuum to give 426 mg (100% yield) of the title compound.

MS (ESI) *m/z* 437 [M-1]⁻

Example 227**4-Chloro-2-(2-(2-methoxyphenyl)ethylsulfonamido)benzenesulfonamide**

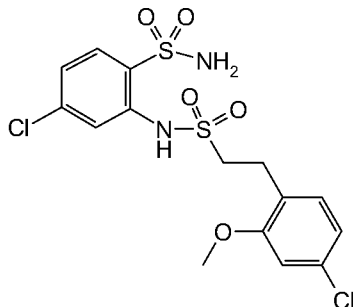
- 5 The title compound was synthesized as described for Example 226 in 21% yield, starting from (E)-4-chloro-2-(2-(2-methoxyphenyl)vinylsulfonamido)benzenesulfonamide.
- ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆) δ ppm 9.03 (s, 1 H) 7.94 (br. s., 2 H) 7.88 (d, 1 H) 7.66 (d, 1 H) 7.42 (d, 1 H) 7.23 - 7.13 (m, 2 H) 6.92 (d, 1 H) 6.84 (t, 1 H) 3.59 - 3.52 (m, 2 H) 3.66 (s, 3 H) 3.00 - 2.93 (m, 2 H); MS (ESI) *m/z* 403 [M-1]⁻

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a) (E)-4-chloro-2-(2-(2-methoxyphenyl)vinylsulfonamido)benzenesulfonamide

- The title compound was synthesized as described for Example 226 a) starting from 2-amino-4-chlorobenzenesulfonamide and (E)-2-(2-methoxyphenyl)ethenesulfonyl chloride.
- 15 MS (ESI) *m/z* 401 [M-1]⁻

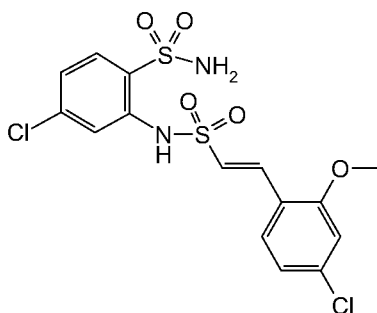
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Example 228**4-Chloro-2-(2-(4-chloro-2-methoxyphenyl)ethylsulfonamido)benzenesulfonamide**

The title compound was synthesized as described for Example 226 in 41% yield, starting from (E)-4-chloro-2-(2-(4-chloro-2-methoxyphenyl)vinylsulfonamido)benzenesulfonamide.

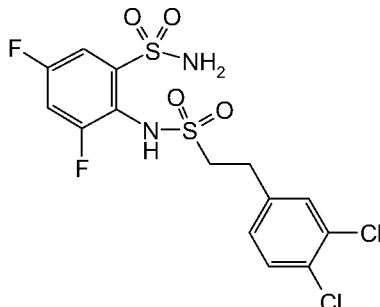
¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆) δ ppm 9.03 (br. s., 1 H) 7.92 (br. s., 2 H) 7.86 (d, 1 H) 7.63 (d, 1 H) 7.41 (d, 1 H) 7.19 (d, 1 H) 6.99 (d, 1 H) 6.90 (dd, 1 H) 3.68 (s, 3 H) 3.60 - 3.51 (m, 2 H) 2.98 - 2.90 (m, 2 H); MS (ESI) *m/z* 437 [M-1]⁻

a) (E)-4-Chloro-2-(2-(4-chloro-2-methoxyphenyl)vinylsulfonamido)benzenesulfonamide



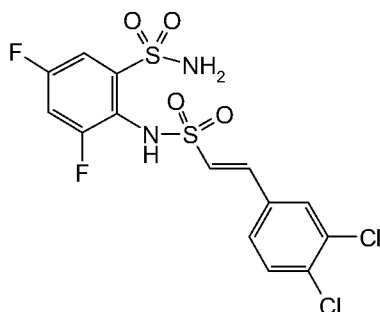
The title compound was synthesized as described for Example 226 a) in 100% yield, starting from 2-amino-4-chlorobenzenesulfonamide and (E)-2-(4-chloro-2-methoxyphenyl)ethenesulfonyl chloride.

MS (ESI) *m/z* 435 [M-1]⁻

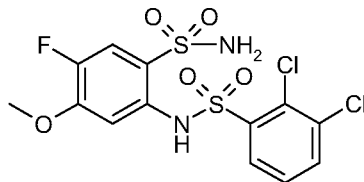
Example 229**2-(2-(3,4-Dichlorophenyl)ethylsulfonamido)-3,5-difluorobenzenesulfonamide**

- 5 The title compound was synthesized as described for Example 226 in 3% yield, starting from (E)-2-(2-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)vinylsulfonamido)-3,5-difluorobenzenesulfonamide. ^1H NMR ($\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ ppm 9.28 (br. s., 1 H) 7.81 - 7.67 (m, 3 H) 7.64 - 7.49 (m, 3 H) 7.32 (dd, 1 H) 3.62 - 3.52 (m, 2 H) 3.20 - 3.07 (m, 2 H); MS (ESI) m/z 443 $[\text{M}-1]^+$

- 10 **a) (E)-2-(2-(3,4-Dichlorophenyl)vinylsulfonamido)-3,5-difluorobenzenesulfonamide**

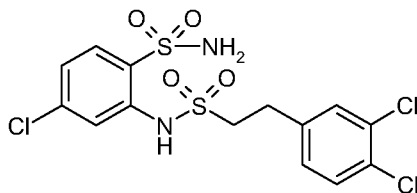


- The title compound was synthesized as described for Example 226 a) in 100% yield,
15 starting from 2-amino-4-chlorobenzenesulfonamide and (E)-2-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)ethenesulfonyl chloride.
MS (ESI) m/z 442 $[\text{M}-1]^+$

Example 230**2,3-Dichloro-N-(4-fluoro-5-methoxy-2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide**

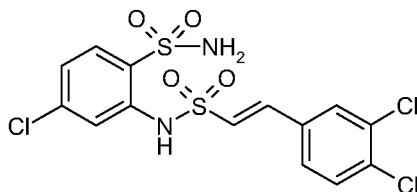
2-Amino-5-fluoro-4-methoxybenzenesulfonamide (200 mg, 0.91 mmol) and 2,3-dichlorobenzene-1-sulfonyl chloride (290 mg, 1.18 mmol) were dissolved in anhydrous dichloromethane (5 mL). Anhydrous triethylamine (0.290 mL, 2.09 mmol) was added and the reaction was stirred at room temperature for 48 hours under an inert atmosphere. The reaction was quenched using 2 M hydrochloric acid (20 mL) and was extracted with dichloromethane. The combined organic phase were washed with water, dried over magnesium sulfate and concentrated under vacuum. Purification by preparative HPLC gave 23 mg (6% yield) of the title compound.

^1H NMR (CD_3OD) δ ppm 8.05 (dd, 1 H) 7.53 (dd, 1 H) 7.35 - 7.21 (m, 2 H) 6.95 (d, 1 H) 3.61 (s, 3 H); MS (ESI) m/z 427 [$\text{M}-1$]

Example 231**4-Chloro-2-(2-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)ethylsulfonamido)benzenesulfonamide**

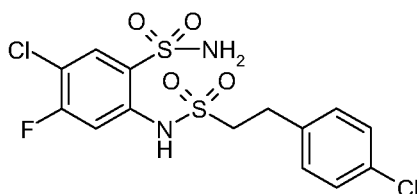
The title compound was synthesized as described for Example 226 in 3% yield, starting from (E)-4-chloro-2-(2-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)vinylsulfonamido)benzenesulfonamide.

^1H NMR (CD_3OD) δ ppm 7.80 (d, 1 H) 7.65 (d, 1 H) 7.32 - 7.27 (m, 2 H) 7.16 (dd, 1 H) 7.05 (dd, 1 H) 3.51 - 3.42 (m, 2 H) 3.02 - 2.95 (m, 2 H); MS (ESI) m/z 443 [$\text{M}-1$]

a) (E)-4-Chloro-2-(2-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)vinylsulfonamido)benzenesulfonamide

2-Amino-4-chlorobenzenesulfonamide (100 mg, 0.48 mmol) and (E)-2-(3,4-
5 dichlorophenyl)ethenesulfonyl chloride (171 mg, 0.63 mmol) were dissolved in anhydrous
dichloromethane (5 mL) and were flushed with argon. Anhydrous triethylamine (0.155
mL, 1.11 mmol) was added and the reaction was stirred at room temperature under an inert
atmosphere over night. The reaction was quenched using 2 M hydrochloric acid (20 mL)
and extracted with dichloromethane. The combined organic phases were washed with
10 water, dried over magnesium sulfate and concentrated under vacuum to give 194 mg (91%
yield) of the title compound.

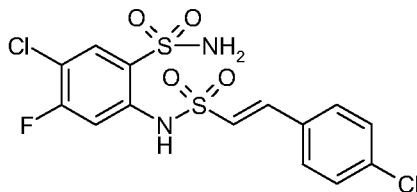
MS (ESI) m/z 441 [M-1]⁻

Example 232**5-Chloro-2-(2-(4-chlorophenyl)ethylsulfonamido)-4-fluorobenzenesulfonamide**

The title compound was synthesized as described for Example 226 in 24% yield, starting
from (E)-5-chloro-2-(2-(4-chlorophenyl)vinylsulfonamido)-4-fluorobenzenesulfonamide.

20 ¹H NMR (CD₃OD) δ ppm 7.92 (d, 1 H) 7.54 (d, 1 H) 7.16 - 7.04 (m, 4 H) 3.51 - 3.42 (m, 2
H) 3.03 - 2.90 (m, 2 H); MS (ESI) m/z 425 [M-1]⁻

a) (E)-5-Chloro-2-(2-(4-chlorophenyl)vinylsulfonamido)-4-fluorobenzene sulfonamide



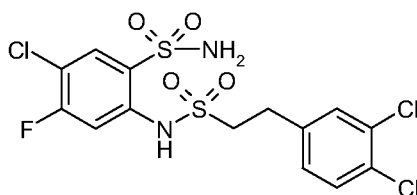
5 The title compound was synthesized as described for 226 a) in 61% yield, starting from 2-amino-5-chloro-4-fluorobenzenesulfonamide and (E)-2-(4-chlorophenyl)ethenesulfonyl chloride.

MS (ESI) m/z 423 $[M-1]^-$

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Example 233

5-Chloro-2-(2-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)ethylsulfonamido)-4-fluorobenzenesulfonamide



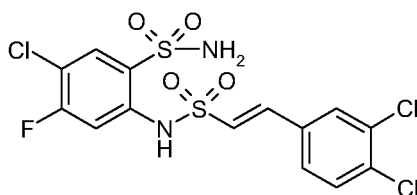
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The title compound was synthesized as described for Example 226 in 15% yield, starting from (E)-5-chloro-2-(2-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)vinylsulfonamido)-4-fluorobenzenesulfonamide.

^1H NMR (CD_3OD) δ ppm 7.90 (d, 1 H) 7.52 (d, 1 H) 7.33 - 7.26 (m, 2 H) 7.06 (dd, 1 H) 3.51 - 3.44 (m, 2 H) 3.02 - 2.96 (m, 2 H); MS (ESI) m/z 461 $[M-1]^-$

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a) (E)-5-Chloro-2-(2-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)vinylsulfonamido)-4-fluorobenzenesulfonamide



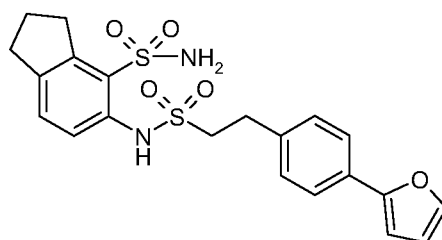
The title compound was synthesized as described for Example 226 a) in 40% yield, starting from 2-amino-5-chloro-4-fluorobenzenesulfonamide and (E)-2-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)ethenesulfonyl chloride.

MS (ESI) m/z 459 [M-1]⁻

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Example 234

5-(2-(4-(Furan-2-yl)phenyl)ethylsulfonamido)-2,3-dihydro-1H-indene-4-sulfonamide

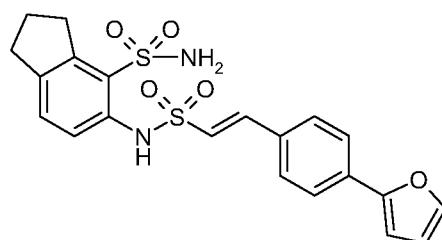


10 The title compound was synthesized as described for Example 226 in 40% yield, starting from (E)-5-(2-(4-(Furan-2-yl)phenyl)vinylsulfonamido)-2,3-dihydro-1H-indene-4-sulfonamide.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ ppm 7.61 (d, 2 H) 7.46 (dd, 1 H) 7.42 (d, 2 H) 7.22 (d, 2 H) 6.63 (dd, 1 H) 6.47 (dd, , 1 H) 3.53 - 3.47 (m, 2 H) 3.31 - 3.19 (m, 4 H) 2.94 (t, 2 H) 2.19 - 2.09 (m, 2 H); MS (ESI) m/z 445 [M-1]⁻

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a) (E)-6-(2-(4-(furan-2-yl)phenyl)vinylsulfonamido)-2,3-dihydro-1H-indene-5-sulfonamide



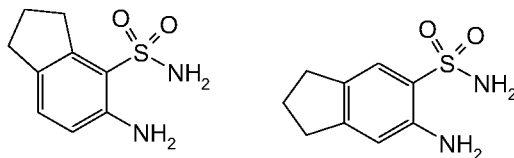
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The title compound was synthesized as described for Example 226 a) in 18% yield, starting from a mixture of 5-amino-2,3-dihydro-1H-indene-4-sulfonamide compound and 6-amino-2,3-dihydro-1H-indene-5-sulfonamide (1:1). The two isomers were separated by preparative HPLC.

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MS (ESI) m/z 443 [M-1]⁻

b) 5-Amino-2,3-dihydro-1H-indene-4-sulfonamide compound with 6-amino-2,3-dihydro-1H-indene-5-sulfonamide (1:1)



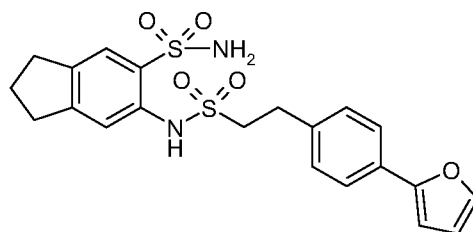
5 Sulfurisocyanatidic chloride (0.752 mL, 8.63 mmol) and anhydrous nitroethane (10 mL) were mixed, cooled to -5°C (ice/salt-bath) and a solution of 2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-5-amine (1 g, 7.51 mmol) in anhydrous nitroethane (10 mL) was added dropwise under vigorous stirring. When the addition was completed, anhydrous aluminum chloride (1.251 g, 9.39 mmol) was added and the suspension was heated at 110 °C for 60 min. The solution was
 10 cooled to room temperature and diluted with water (50 mL) and ethyl acetate (50 mL). The mixture was filtered and the layers were separated. The organic phase was dried over magnesium sulfate and concentrated under vacuum. The residue was dissolved in sulfuric acid and water (1:1 30 mL) and heated at 140 °C for 90 min before it was allowed to reach room temperature and stirred over night. The mixture was neutralized using 15% sodium
 15 hydroxide and extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic phases were dried over magnesium sulfate and concentrated under vacuum to give 0.664 g (21% yield) of the title mixture.

MS (ESI) m/z 211 [M-1]⁻

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Example 235

6-(2-(4-(Furan-2-yl)phenyl)ethylsulfonamido)-2,3-dihydro-1H-indene-5-sulfonamid

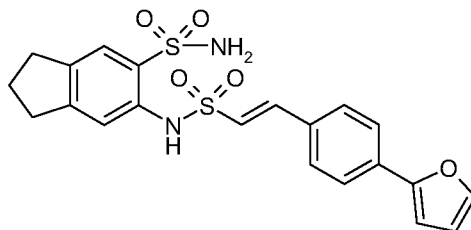


The title compound was synthesized as described for Example 226 in 47% yield, starting
 25 from (E)-6-(2-(4-(furan-2-yl)phenyl)vinylsulfonamido)-2,3-dihydro-1H-indene-5-

sulfonamide. Heated in a microwave at 180 °C for 15 min. The mixture was filtered and the solvent was evaporated under vacuum.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ ppm 7.80 (s, 1 H) 7.61 (d, 2 H) 7.49 - 7.43 (m, 2 H) 7.23 (d, 2 H) 6.63 (dd, 1 H) 6.47 (dd, 1 H) 3.61 - 3.47 (m, 2 H) 3.27 - 3.18 (m, 2 H) 3.02 - 2.89 (m, 4 H) 2.23 - 2.04 (m, 2 H); MS (ESI) *m/z* 445 [M-1]⁺

a) (E)-6-(2-(4-(furan-2-yl)phenyl)vinylsulfonamido)-2,3-dihydro-1H-indene-5-sulfonamide

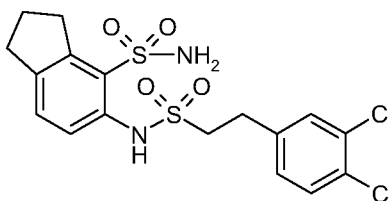


The title compound was synthesized as described for Example 226 a) in 18% yield, starting from a mixture of 5-amino-2,3-dihydro-1H-indene-4-sulfonamide compound and 6-amino-2,3-dihydro-1H-indene-5-sulfonamide (1:1). The two isomers were separated by preparative HPLC.

MS (ESI) *m/z* 443 [M-1]⁺

Example 236

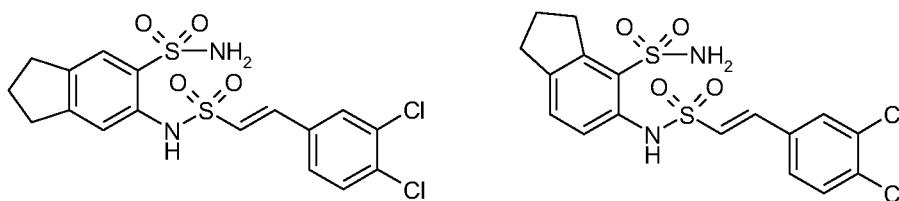
5-(2-(3,4-Dichlorophenyl)ethylsulfonamido)-2,3-dihydro-1H-indene-4-sulfonamide



The title compound was synthesized as described for Example 226 in 20% yield, starting from a mixture of (E)-5-(2-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)vinylsulfonamido)-2,3-dihydro-1H-indene-4-sulfonamide compound and (E)-6-(2-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)vinylsulfonamido)-2,3-dihydro-1H-indene-5-sulfonamide (1:1). Purification by preparative HPLC.

^1H NMR (CD_3OD) δ ppm 7.50 (d, 1 H) 7.39 - 7.29 (m, 3 H) 7.08 (dd, 1 H) 3.51 - 3.42 (m, 2 H) 3.30 - 3.21 (m, 2 H) 3.05 - 2.99 (m, 2 H) 2.90 (t, 2 H) 2.02 - 2.16 (m, 2 H); MS (ESI) m/z 447 $[\text{M}-1]^+$

- 5 **a) (E)-5-(2-(3,4-Dichlorophenyl)vinylsulfonamido)-2,3-dihydro-1H-indene-4-sulfonamide compound and (E)-6-(2-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)vinylsulfonamido)-2,3-dihydro-1H-indene-5-sulfonamide (1:1)**



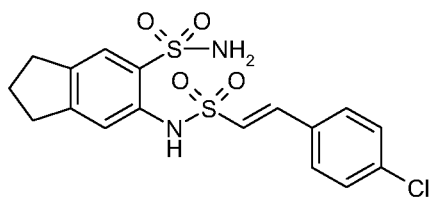
- 10 The title compound was synthesized as described for Example 226 a) in 38% yield, starting from a mixture of 5-amino-2,3-dihydro-1H-indene-4-sulfonamide compound and 6-amino-2,3-dihydro-1H-indene-5-sulfonamide (1:1).

MS (ESI) m/z 445 $[\text{M}-1]^+$

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Example 237

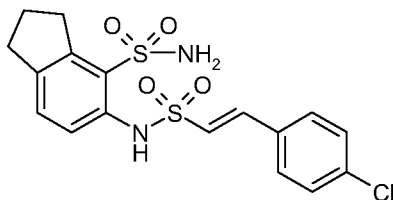
(E)-5-(2-(4-Chlorophenyl)vinylsulfonamido)-2,3-dihydro-1H-indene-4-sulfonamide



- 20 The title compound was synthesized as described for Example 226 a) in 41% yield, starting from a mixture of 5-amino-2,3-dihydro-1H-indene-4-sulfonamide compound with 6-amino-2,3-dihydro-1H-indene-5-sulfonamide (1:1). Purification by preparative HPLC.

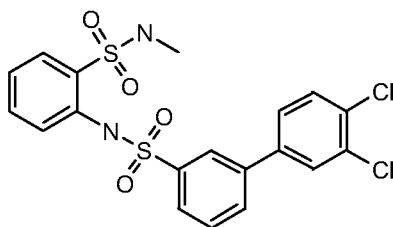
^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ ppm 7.79 (s, 1 H) 7.55 (d, 1 H) 7.48 (s, 1 H) 7.46 - 7.37 (m, 3 H) 6.94 (d, 1 H) 5.05 (s, 1 H) 2.94 (ddd, 4 H) 2.22 - 2.07 (m, 2 H); MS (ESI) m/z 411 $[\text{M}-1]^+$

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Example 238**(E)-6-(2-(4-Chlorophenyl)vinylsulfonamido)-2,3-dihydro-1H-indene-5-sulfonamide**

- 5 The title compound was synthesized as described for Example 226 a) in 60% yield, starting from a mixture of 5-amino-2,3-dihydro-1H-indene-4-sulfonamide compound with 6-amino-2,3-dihydro-1H-indene-5-sulfonamide (1:1). Purification by preparative HPLC. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ ppm 8.72 (s, 1 H) 7.43 (d, 1 H) 7.37 - 7.27 (m, 4 H) 6.82 (d, 1 H) 5.00 (s, 1 H) 3.19 (t, 2 H) 2.84 (t, 2 H) 2.09 - 2.00 (m, 2 H); MS (ESI) *m/z* 411 [M-1]⁻

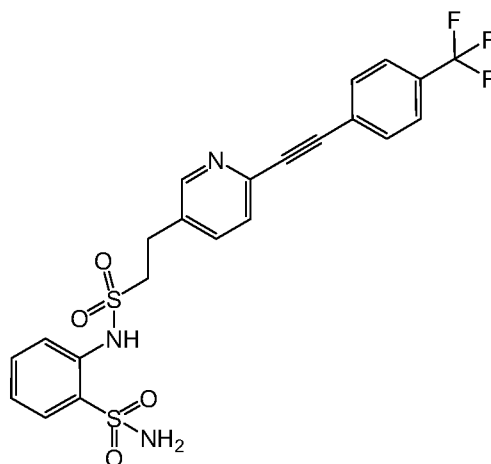
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Example 239**2-[[3-(3,4-Dichlorophenyl)phenyl]sulfonylamino]-N-methyl-benzenesulfonamide**

- 15 The title compound was synthesized by the analogous preparation of Example 148 in 47% yield, starting from 3-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)benzenesulfonyl chloride. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ ppm 9.30 (br. s., 1 H), 8.19 (br. s., 1 H), 8.03 (d, 1 H), 7.90 - 7.98 (m, 3 H), 7.77 (d, 1 H), 7.66 - 7.74 (m, 3 H), 7.58 - 7.66 (m, 2 H), 7.29 (t, 1 H), 2.30 (d, 3 H); MS *m/z* 469, 471 [M-1]⁻

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Example 240**2-(2-(6-((4-(Trifluoromethyl)phenyl)ethynyl)pyridin-3-yl)ethylsulfonamido)benzenesulfonamide**

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The title compound was synthesized as described for Example 179 a) in 28% yield, starting from 2-(2-(6-bromopyridin-3-yl)ethylsulfonamido)benzenesulfonamide and 4-ethynyl- α,α,α -trifluorotoluene. Purification by preparative HPLC.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ ppm 8.98 (s, 1 H) 8.51 (d, 1 H) 7.89 (dd, 1 H) 7.81 - 7.86 (m, 6 H) 7.77 (dd, 1 H) 7.59 - 7.69 (m, 3 H) 7.32 - 7.37 (m, 1 H) 3.67 - 3.74 (m, 2 H) 3.06 - 3.12 (m, 2 H); MS (ESI) m/z 508 $[\text{M}-1]^-$.

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Assays for Determining Biological Activity

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Inhibition of prostaglandin E synthase activity

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Compounds were tested as inhibitors of microsomal prostaglandin E synthase activity in microsomal prostaglandin E synthase assays and whole cell assays. These assays measure prostaglandin E₂ (PGE₂) synthesis which is taken as a measure of prostaglandin E synthase activity. Microsomal prostaglandin E synthase biochemical assays used microsomal prostaglandin E synthase-1 in microsomal preparations. The source of the microsomes can be for example interleukin-1 β -stimulated human A549 cells (which express human mPGES-1) or Sf9 cells transfected with plasmids encoding human mPGES-1 cDNA.

The whole blood assay [described by Patrignani, P. et al, Journal of Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics, 1994, vol. 271, pp 1705-1712] was used as the whole cell assay for testing the compounds. Whole blood provides a protein and cell rich milieu for the study of biochemical efficacy of anti-inflammatory compounds such as prostaglandin synthase inhibitors. To study the inhibitory activities of these compounds, human blood was stimulated with lipopolysaccharide (LPS) for typically 16 hours to induce mPGES-1 expression, after which the concentration of produced PGE₂ was measured by competitive-immuno assay (homogeneous time-resolved fluorescence, HTRF) as read out for effectiveness against mPGES-1-dependent PGE₂ production.

Microsomal prostaglandin E synthase biochemical assay

A solution of test compound was added to a diluted microsome preparation containing human mPGES-1 and pre-incubated for 15 minutes in potassium phosphate buffer pH 6.8 with cofactor glutathione (GSH). Corresponding solutions without test compound were used as positive controls, and corresponding solutions without test compound and without microsomes were used as negative controls. The enzymatic reaction was then started by addition of the substrate PGH₂ in an organic solution (dry acetonitrile).

The typical reaction conditions of the enzymatic reaction were thus: Test compound: ranging from 60 μ M to 0.002 μ M, or zero in positive and negative controls; potassium phosphate buffer pH 6.8: 50 mM; GSH: 2.5 mM; mPGES-1-containing microsomes: 2 μ g/mL (sample and positive controls) or 0 μ g/mL (negative control); PGH₂: 10.8 μ M; Acetonitrile: 7.7 % (v/v); DMSO: 0.6% (v/v). The reaction was stopped after one minute by adding an acidic solution (pH 1.9) of ferric chloride and citrate (final concentrations 7 mM and 47 mM respectively), by which the PGH₂ was sequestered (the PGH₂ is reduced to mainly 12-hydroxy heptadecatrienoic acid (12-HHT) which is not detected by the subsequent PGE₂ detection step). The resulting solution was then pH neutralized by addition of potassium phosphate buffer, prior to diluting an aliquot of the resulting solution in a weak potassium phosphate buffer (50 mM, pH 6.8) containing 0.2% BSA (w/v).

[Adapted from Jacobsson et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA, 1999, vol. 96, pp. 7220–7225]

The PGE₂ formed was quantified by use of a commercial HTRF based kit (catalogue #62PG2PEC or #62P2APEC from Cisbio International). 100% activity was defined as the

PGE2 production in positive controls subtracted by the PGE2 production in the negative controls. IC₅₀ values were then determined using standard procedures.

Data from this assay for representative compounds is shown in the Table below.

The potency is expressed as IC₅₀ and the value indicated is an average of at least n=2. The

5 data indicate that the compounds of the invention are expected to possess useful therapeutic properties.

Example No.	IC ₅₀ (μM)	Example No.	IC ₅₀ (μM)
1	0.13	121	0.22
2	0.27	122	6.7
3	0.14	123	9.3
4	0.079	124	1.3
5	0.04	125	7.2
6	0.074	126	1.2
7	0.28	127	5.1
8	2.2	128	1.7
9	0.61	129	2.5
10	0.45	130	5.2
11	0.59	131	6.6
12	1	132	4.5
13	0.52	133	2.2
14	3.1	134	3.7
15	7.6	135	8.3
16	0.19	136	3.8
17	5.3	137	2.1
18	0.044	138	0.57
19	1.4	139	1.8
20	0.7	140	2.9
21	0.32	141	3.1
22	0.43	142	4.9
23	0.27	143	1.1

Example No.	IC ₅₀ (μM)	Example No.	IC ₅₀ (μM)
24	0.3	144	1.1
25	0.077	145	4.1
26	0.42	146	4.7
27	0.27	147	3.9
28	0.29	148	0.38
29	0.28	149	0.65
30	5.9	150	4.2
31	5.7	151	3.7
32	5.1	152	3.9
33	1.1	153	3.2
34	0.12	154	9.3
35	0.17	155	9.8
36	0.057	156	5.4
37	0.16	157	1.1
38	0.22	158	8.7
39	1.4	159	3.5
40	1.2	160	1.2
41	1.1	161	1.3
42	1.6	162	5.7
43	0.11	163	0.46
44	0.75	164	0.19
45	1.3	165	2.3
46	1.1	166	4.8
47	1.6	167	3.8
48	0.59	168	0.63
49	0.036	169	0.022
50	0.13	170	0.29
51	4.9	171	1.7
52	0.084	172	7.3
53	0.16	173	1.5

Example No.	IC ₅₀ (μM)	Example No.	IC ₅₀ (μM)
54	0.27	174	0.22
55	0.36	175	3.7
56	0.53	176	0.9
57	0.62	177	2.2
58	0.3	178	2.7
59	2.3	179	6.2
60	2.4	180	1.4
61	2.4	181	0.37
62	2.5	182	0.52
63	3	183	0.081
64	3.1	184	9.6
65	3.8	185	2.5
66	6.2	186	0.25
67	6.4	187	0.68
68	9.1	188	0.27
69	0.27	189	1.4
70	0.22	190	0.68
71	0.3	191	8.3
72	0.49	192	3.2
73	0.29	193	7.9
74	9.8	194	1
75	2.6	195	5.5
76	1.2	196	1.9
77	3.1	197	0.64
78	0.35	198	0.29
79	9.9	199	2.5
80	0.57	200	1.4
81	2.9	201	0.72
82	7.3	202	2.9
83	0.43	203	2.1

Example No.	IC ₅₀ (μM)	Example No.	IC ₅₀ (μM)
84	0.19	204	0.62
85	0.8	205	0.56
86	0.7	206	9.1
87	2.4	207	0.097
88	1.3	208	0.055
89	2.8	209	0.22
90	0.87	210	0.36
91	0.31	211	0.075
92	0.091	212	0.041
93	0.65	213	0.33
94	0.65	214	1.4
95	0.31	215	0.74
96	4.8	216	0.13
97	3.4	217	0.11
98	0.68	218	0.18
99	0.29	219	0.95
100	4	220	0.27
101	1.6	221	0.42
102	0.85	222	0.38
103	9.2	223	0.42
104	4.6	224	0.1
105	0.67	225	6.3
106	0.074	226	1.3
107	0.14	227	1.9
108	4.9	228	0.13
109	6.1	229	5.5
110	0.49	230	6.1
111	0.76	231	0.13
112	6.1	232	0.87
113	0.48	233	0.15

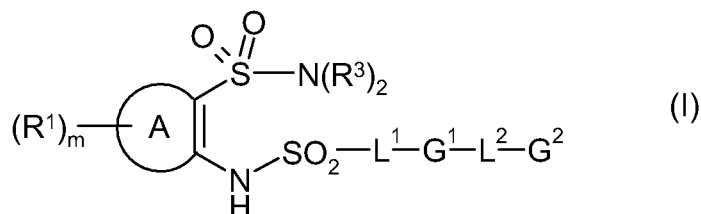
Example No.	IC ₅₀ (μM)	Example No.	IC ₅₀ (μM)
114	0.83	234	6.2
115	2.6	235	6.2
116	1.7	236	4.6
117	1.3	237	8.9
118	4.7	238	2.1
119	4.5	239	6.06
120	3.3	240	0.031

Whole blood assay

Human blood collected from human volunteers in heparinized tubes was incubated with 100 μM acetyl salicylic acid, in order to inhibit the constitutively expressed cyclooxygenase (COX)-1/COX-2 enzymes, and then stimulated with 0.1 μg/ml LPS to induce the expression of enzymes along the COX-2 pathway, e.g. COX-2 and mPGES-1. 100 μL of this blood was added to the wells of a 384-well plate containing 1 μL DMSO solutions of compounds typically in the final concentration range 316 μM to 0.01 μM. Naproxen was used as reference compound. The mix was incubated at 37°C for 16 hours. Plasma was harvested by centrifugation and stored at -70°C until further analysis of PGE2 levels. For the calculations, the 0%-activity value was represented by blood treated with acetyl salicylic acid, LPS and the reference compound (1 mM Naproxen). The 100%-activity value was represented by blood treated with aspirin, LPS and DMSO. [Reference: Patrignani, P. et al, Journal of Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics, 1994, vol. 271, pp 1705-1712]. The PGE2 formed was quantified, after dilution in a weak potassium phosphate buffer (50 mM, pH 6.8) containing 0.2% BSA (w/v), by use of a commercial HTRF based kit (catalogue #62PG2PEC or #62P2APEC from Cisbio International). IC50 values were then determined using standard procedures.

Claims

1. A compound of formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof



wherein:

A is selected from phenyl or a 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl or a 5- or 6-membered heterocyclenyl moiety; said phenyl or 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl or 5- or 6-membered heterocyclenyl moiety in group A being optionally fused to a phenyl, a 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl, C₅₋₆carbocyclyl or C₅₋₆heterocyclyl ring;

each R¹ is independently selected from halogen, nitro, SF₅, CN, NR⁵R⁶, OH, CHO, CO₂C₁₋₄alkyl, CONR⁵R⁶, C₁₋₄alkyl, C₂₋₄alkenyl, C₂₋₄alkynyl, C₁₋₄alkoxy, G³, OG³ or OCH₂G³; said C₁₋₄alkyl, C₂₋₄alkenyl, C₂₋₄alkynyl or C₁₋₄alkoxy being optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from OH, NR⁵R⁶, C₁₋₄alkyl or F;

m represents an integer 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4;

each R³ is independently selected from hydrogen, CN and C₁₋₄alkyl; said C₁₋₄alkyl being optionally substituted with OH, CN, C₁₋₄alkoxy, NR⁷R⁸, or one or more F atoms;

L¹ represents a direct bond, C₁₋₄alkylene, C₂₋₄alkenylene or C₂₋₄alkynylene;

L² represents a direct bond, -O-, -OCH₂-, C₁₋₂alkylene, -C≡C- or -NHCONH-;

G^1 represents phenyl, 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl, C_{3-10} carbocyclyl or C_{5-8} heterocyclyl;

5 G^2 represents H, C_{1-6} alkyl, phenyl, 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl, C_{3-10} carbocyclyl or C_{5-8} heterocyclyl; said C_{1-6} alkyl being optionally further substituted by one or more groups selected from OH, C_{1-6} alkoxy and halogen;

the phenyl, heteroaryl, carbocyclyl or heterocyclyl moieties in G^1 and G^2 being optionally
10 fused to one or two further rings independently selected from phenyl, a 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl, C_{5-6} carbocyclyl or C_{5-6} heterocyclyl ring;

any phenyl, heteroaryl, carbocyclyl or heterocyclyl moieties in G^1 and G^2 being optionally substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from halogen, OH, CN,
15 NO_2 , CO_2R^9 , C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} alkoxy, C_{1-4} thioalkoxy, $SO_2NR^{10}R^{11}$, $NR^{12}R^{13}$,
–NHCOC(OH)(CH₃)CF₃ or –CH₂OCH₂CF₂CHF₂; said C_{1-6} alkyl or C_{1-6} alkoxy being optionally substituted by OH or by one or more F atoms;

R^9 represents C_{1-6} alkyl;

20 G^3 represents phenyl or 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl; and
each R^4 , R^5 , R^6 , R^7 , R^8 , R^{10} , R^{11} , R^{12} and R^{13} is independently selected from H or C_{1-4} alkyl;

with the proviso that the following compounds are excluded:

3-[(phenylsulfonyl)amino]pyridine-2-sulfonamide;
25 2-amino-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide;
4-tert-butyl-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide;
3-amino-4-hydroxy-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide;
4-bromo-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide;
4-fluoro-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide;

- 4-methyl-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide;
4-nitro-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide;
2-nitro-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide;
4-amino-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide;
5 2-[(phenylsulfonyl)amino]-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonamide;
2-[[[(4-methylphenyl)sulfonyl]amino]-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonamide; N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)quinoline-8-sulfonamide;
4-tert-butyl-N-(2-(N-ethylsulfamoyl)phenyl)-2,6-dimethylbenzenesulfonamide;
2,5-dibromo-N-(2-(N-ethylsulfamoyl)phenyl)benzenesulfonamide;
10 methyl 4-(5-fluoro-3-methylbenzo[b]thiophene-2-sulfonamido)-3-sulfamoylbenzoate;
2,3,4,5,6-pentafluoro-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide;
N-(2-(N,N-dimethylsulfamoyl)phenyl)-5,7-dimethyl-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidine-2-sulfonamide;
N-(2-(N-tert-butylsulfamoyl)phenyl)-5,7-dimethyl-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidine-2-sulfonamide;
15 N-(2-(N-methoxy-N-methylsulfamoyl)phenyl)-5,7-dimethyl-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidine-2-sulfonamide;
5,7-dimethyl-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-c]pyrimidine-2-sulfonamide;
6-methyl-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)thiazolo[3,2-b][1,2,4]triazole-2-sulfonamide;
20 6-chloro-N-(2-(N,N-dimethylsulfamoyl)phenyl)-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidine-2-sulfonamide;
6-chloro-N-(2-(N-ethyl-N-methylsulfamoyl)phenyl)-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidine-2-sulfonamide;
N-(2-(N,N-dimethylsulfamoyl)phenyl)-5-methyl-7,8-dihydro-6H-cyclopenta[e][1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidine-2-sulfonamide;
25 N-(2-(N,N-dimethylsulfamoyl)-5-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-5,7-dimethyl-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidine-2-sulfonamide;
N-(2-(N-ethyl-N-methylsulfamoyl)phenyl)-5,7-dimethyl-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidine-2-sulfonamide; and
30 N-(2-(N,N-dimethylsulfamoyl)phenyl)-5,7-dimethyl-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidine-2-sulfonamide.

2. A compound according to claim 1 wherein each R^3 represents hydrogen.
3. A compound according to claim 1 or claim 2 wherein A represents phenyl, pyridyl, thienyl or 2,3-dihydro-indenyl.
- 5 4. A compound according to any one of claims 1 - 3 wherein m represents an integer 0, 1 or 2.
- 10 5. A compound according to any one of claims 1 - 4 wherein L^1 represents a direct bond, C_{1-3} alkylene or C_{2-3} alkenylene.
6. A compound according to any one of claims 1-5 wherein L^2 represents a direct bond, $-O-$, $-OCH_2-$, $-NHCONH-$ or $-C\equiv C-$.
- 15 7. A compound according to any one of claims 1-6 wherein G^1 represents phenyl or 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl, said phenyl or 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl being optionally fused to one or two further rings independently selected from phenyl, C_{5-6} carbocyclyl or C_{5-6} heterocyclyl ring.
- 20 8. A compound according to claim 7 wherein G^1 represents phenyl, naphthyl, pyridyl, thienyl, 2,3-dihydro-indenyl tetrahydronaphthyl, 2,3-dihydro-1,4-benzodioxinyl or S,S,-dioxodibenzothienyl.
9. A compound according to any one of claims 1-8 wherein G^2 represents H,
25 C_{1-6} alkyl, phenyl, 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl, C_{3-10} carbocyclyl or C_{5-8} heterocyclyl;
said phenyl or 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl being optionally fused to one further ring
independently selected from phenyl, a 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl, C_{5-6} carbocyclyl and
 C_{5-6} heterocyclyl ring;
said C_{1-6} alkyl being optionally further substituted by one or more groups selected from
30 OH, C_{1-6} alkoxy and halogen.

10. A compound according to any claim 9 wherein G^2 represents hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, tert-butyl, iso-propyl, phenyl, pyridyl, pyrimidyl, cyclopentyl, cyclopentenyl, cyclohexyl, furanyl, tetrahydrofuranyl, thienyl, thiazolyl, pyrazolyl, bensofuranyl, 2,3-dihydro-bensofuranyl, indolyl, tetrahydronaphtyl or dibenzofuranyl.

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11. A compound according to any one of claims 1-10 wherein R^5 and R^6 is hydrogen.

12. A compound according to any one of claims 1-11 wherein R^{10} is hydrogen.

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13. A compound according to any one of claims 1-12 wherein R^{11} , R^{12} and R^{13} is methyl.

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14. A compound according to any one of claims 1-13 wherein R^1 is independently selected from halogen, CN, OH, $CONR^5R^6$, NR^5R^6 , C_{1-4} alkyl, C_{2-4} alkynyl, C_{1-4} alkoxy, G^3 , OG^3 and OCH_2G^3 ; said C_{1-4} alkyl or C_{2-4} alkynyl being optionally substituted by OH.

15. A compound according to any one of claims 1-14 wherein G^3 is phenyl, pyridyl or 2-methyl-1,3,4-oxadiazole.

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16. A compound according to any one of claims 1-15 wherein any phenyl, heteroaryl, carbocyclyl or heterocyclyl moieties in G^1 and G^2 are optionally substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from halogen, CN, OH, C_{1-4} alkyl, C_1 thioalkoxy, $NR^{12}R^{13}$, $-NHCOC(OH)(CH_3)CF_3$, $SO_2NR^{10}R^{11}$, and C_1 alkoxy; said C_{1-4} alkyl or C_1 alkoxy being optionally substituted by OH or by one or more F atoms.

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17. A compound according to claim 1 whererin A is phenyl, pyridyl, thienyl or 2,3-dihydro-indenyl;

R^1 is independently selected from halogen, CN, OH, $CONR^5R^6$, NR^5R^6 , C_{1-4} alkyl, C_{2-4} alkynyl, C_{1-4} alkoxy, G^3 , OG^3 and OCH_2G^3 ; said C_{1-4} alkyl or C_{2-4} alkynyl being optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from OH and C_{1-4} alkyl; m represents an integer 0, 1 or 2;

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G^3 is phenyl, pyridyl or 2-methyl-1,3,4-oxadiazole;

R^3 , R^5 , R^6 and R^{10} represents hydrogen;

10 L^1 represents a direct bond, C_{1-3} alkylene or C_{2-3} alkenylene;

L^2 represents a direct bond, $-O-$, $-OCH_2-$, $-NHCONH-$ or $-C\equiv C-$;

15 G^1 represents phenyl or 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl; said phenyl or 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl being optionally fused to one or two further rings independently selected from phenyl, C_{5-6} carbocyclyl or C_{5-6} heterocyclyl ring;

20 G^2 represents H, C_{1-6} alkyl, phenyl, 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl, C_{3-10} carbocyclyl or C_{5-8} heterocyclyl; said phenyl or 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl being optionally fused to one further ring independently selected from phenyl, a 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl, C_{5-6} carbocyclyl or C_{5-6} heterocyclyl ring; said C_{1-6} alkyl being optionally further substituted by one or more groups selected from OH, C_{1-6} alkoxy and halogen;

25 any phenyl, heteroaryl, carbocyclyl or heterocyclyl moieties in G^1 and G^2 being optionally substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from halogen, CN, OH, C_{1-4} alkyl, C_1 thioalkoxy, $NR^{12}R^{13}$, $-NHCOC(OH)(CH_3)CF_3$, $SO_2NR^{10}R^{11}$, and C_1 alkoxy; said C_{1-4} alkyl or C_1 alkoxy being optionally substituted by OH or by one or more F atoms;

R^{11} , R^{12} and R^{13} is methyl.

18. A compound according to claim 1 wherein A is phenyl, pyridyl, thienyl or 2,3-dihydro-indenyl;

5 R^1 is independently selected from chloro, fluoro, bromo, CN, OH, $CONR^5R^6$, methyl, 1-butynyl, methoxy, G^3 , OG^3 or OCH_2G^3 ; said methyl and 1-butynyl being optionally substituted by OH or methyl;

m represents an integer 0, 1 or 2;

10 G^3 is phenyl, pyridyl or 2-methyl-1,3,4-oxadiazole;

R^3 , R^5 , R^6 and R^{10} represents hydrogen;

15 L^1 represents a direct bond, ethylene, 1-methylethylene, 2-methylethylene, ethenylene, $-C(CH_3)CH-$, $-CHC(CH_3)-$ or $-CH_2C(CH_2)-$;

L^2 represents a direct bond, $-O-$, $-OCH_2-$, $-NHCONH-$ or $-C\equiv C-$;

20 G^1 represents phenyl, naphthyl, pyridyl, thienyl, 2,3-dihydro-indenyl tetrahydronaphthyl, 2,3-dihydro-1,4-benzodioxinyl or S,S,-dioxodibenzothienyl;

25 G^2 represents hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, tert-butyl, iso-propyl phenyl, pyridyl, pyrimidyl, cyclopentyl, cyclopentenyl, cyclohexyl, furanyl, tetrahydrofuranlyl, thienyl, thiazolyl, pyrazolyl, bensofuranlyl, 2,3-dihydro-bensofuranlyl, indolyl, tetrahydronaphthyl or dibenzofuranlyl;

any methyl, ethyl, tert-butyl, iso-propyl phenyl, pyridyl, pyrimidyl, cyclopentyl, cyclopentenyl, cyclohexyl, furanyl, tetrahydrofuranlyl, thienyl, thiazolyl, pyrazolyl, bensofuranlyl, 2,3-dihydro-bensofuranlyl, indolyl, tetrahydronaphthyl or dibenzofuranlyl in

G^1 and G^2 being optionally substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from bromo, chloro, fluoro, CN, OH, methyl, tert-butyl, methylthio, $NR^{12}R^{13}$, $-NHCOC(OH)(CH_3)CF_3$, $SO_2NR^{10}R^{11}$, and methoxy; said methyl, tert-butyl or methoxy being optionally substituted by OH or by one or more F atoms;

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R^{11} , R^{12} and R^{13} is methyl.

19. A compound according to any one of claims 1-18 being an entity selected from:

- 10 2-[2-(4-Benzofuran-2-ylphenyl)ethylsulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
 2-[2-[4-(2,3-Dihydrobenzofuran-2-yl)phenyl]ethylsulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
 2-[[E]-2-(4-Benzofuran-2-ylphenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
 2-[[E]-2-(4-Benzofuran-2-ylphenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-5-fluoro-benzenesulfonamide;
 2-[[E]-2-(4-Benzofuran-2-ylphenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-4-fluoro-benzenesulfonamide;
 15 2-[[E]-2-(4-Benzofuran-2-ylphenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-6-fluoro-benzenesulfonamide;
 2-[1-(4-Chlorophenyl)propan-2-ylsulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
 2-(1-Phenylpropan-2-ylsulfonylamino)benzenesulfonamide;
 2-[[E]-1-(4-Chlorophenyl)prop-1-en-2-yl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
 2-[1-(4-Chlorophenyl)propan-2-ylsulfonylamino]-4-fluoro-benzenesulfonamide;
 20 2-[[E]-1-(4-chlorophenyl)prop-1-en-2-yl]sulfonylamino]-4-fluoro-benzenesulfonamide;
 2-[[E]-1-(4-Chlorophenyl)prop-1-en-2-yl]sulfonylamino]-5-fluoro-benzenesulfonamide;
 2-[[E]-1-(4-Chlorophenyl)prop-1-en-2-yl]sulfonylamino]-6-fluoro-benzenesulfonamide;
 2-[[E]-1-(4-Chlorophenyl)prop-1-en-2-yl]sulfonylamino]-3-fluoro-benzenesulfonamide;
 2-[[E]-1-(4-Chlorophenyl)prop-1-en-2-yl]sulfonylamino]-5-methyl-benzenesulfonamide;
 25 2-[2-[4-(2-Furyl)phenyl]ethylsulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
 2-[2-[4-(Oxolan-2-yl)phenyl]ethylsulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
 2-[[E]-2-[4-(2-Furyl)phenyl]ethenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
 2-[2-[4-(Difluoromethoxy)phenyl]ethylsulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
 2-[[E]-2-[4-(Difluoromethoxy)phenyl]ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-benzenesulfonamide;
 30 2-[2-(4-Chlorophenyl)ethylsulfonylamino]-5-fluoro-benzenesulfonamide;
 2-[[E]-2-(4-Chlorophenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-5-fluoro-benzenesulfonamide;

- 2-[[(E)-2-(3,4-Dichlorophenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-4-fluoro-benzenesulfonamide;
2-[[(E)-2-(3,4-Dichlorophenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-5-fluoro-benzenesulfonamide;
2-[[(E)-2-(3,4-Dichlorophenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-6-fluoro-benzenesulfonamide;
2-[[(E)-2-(5-Bromo-2-methoxy-phenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-4-fluoro-
5 benzenesulfonamide;
2-[[(E)-2-(5-Bromo-2-methoxy-phenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-5-fluoro-
benzenesulfonamide;
2-[[(E)-2-(5-Bromo-2-methoxy-phenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-6-fluoro-
benzenesulfonamide;
10 2-[[(E)-2-(5-Bromo-2-methoxy-phenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
2-[[(E)-2-(4-Cyanophenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-4-fluoro-benzenesulfonamide;
2-[[(E)-2-(4-Cyanophenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-5-fluoro-benzenesulfonamide;
2-[[(E)-2-(4-Cyanophenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-6-fluoro-benzenesulfonamide;
2-[[(E)-2-(4-Cyanophenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
15 4-Fluoro-2-[[(E)-2-[4-(2-furyl)phenyl]ethenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
5-Fluoro-2-[[(E)-2-[4-(2-furyl)phenyl]ethenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
2-Fluoro-6-[[(E)-2-[4-(2-furyl)phenyl]ethenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
4-Fluoro-2-[[(E)-2-(4-methylsulfonylphenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-benzenesulfonamide;
5-Fluoro-2-[[(E)-2-(4-methylsulfonylphenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-benzenesulfonamide;
20 2-Fluoro-6-[[(E)-2-(4-methylsulfonylphenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-benzenesulfonamide;
2-[[(E)-2-(4-Methylsulfonylphenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
2-[[(E)-2-[4-(Difluoromethoxy)phenyl]ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-4-fluoro-
benzenesulfonamide;
2-[[(E)-2-[4-(Difluoromethoxy)phenyl]ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-5-fluoro-
25 benzenesulfonamide;
2-[[(E)-2-[4-(Difluoromethoxy)phenyl]ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-6-fluoro-
benzenesulfonamide;
2-[2-(4-Chlorophenyl)ethylsulfonylamino]-5-(hydroxymethyl)-benzenesulfonamide;
2-[2-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-ethanesulfonylamino]-5-methylbenzenesulfonamide;
30 2-[2-(4-Chlorophenyl)ethylsulfonylamino]-5-(pyridin-2-ylmethoxy)benzenesulfonamide;
2-[2-(4-Chlorophenyl)ethylsulfonylamino]-5-[(5-methyl-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2-
yl)methoxy]benzenesulfonamide;

- 2-[2-(2-Chloro-phenyl)-ethenesulfonylamino]-benzenesulfonamide;
2-[2-(4-Chloro-2-methoxy-phenyl)-ethenesulfonylamino]-benzenesulfonamide;
2-Fluoro-6-[[E)-2-(4-phenylphenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
2-[[E)-2-(3-Chlorophenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-5-fluoro-benzenesulfonamide;
5 5-Fluoro-2-[[E)-2-(4-phenylphenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
4-Fluoro-2-[[E)-2-(4-phenylphenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
5-Fluoro-2-[[E)-2-[3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-
benzenesulfonamide;
5-Fluoro-2-[[E)-2-(2-methoxyphenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-benzenesulfonamide;
10 2-[[E)-2-(3-Chlorophenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-6-fluoro-benzenesulfonamide;
2-Fluoro-6-[[E)-2-(2-methoxyphenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-benzenesulfonamide;
4-Fluoro-2-[[E)-2-(2-methoxyphenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-benzenesulfonamide;
3-Fluoro-2-[[E)-2-(4-phenylphenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
3-Fluoro-2-[[E)-2-(2-methoxyphenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-benzenesulfonamide;
15 4-Fluoro-2-[[E)-2-[3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-
benzenesulfonamide;
2-Fluoro-6-[[E)-2-(2-fluorophenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
2-[[E)-2-(3-Chlorophenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-5-methyl-benzenesulfonamide;
2-[[E)-2-(3-Chlorophenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-3-fluoro-benzenesulfonamide;
20 3-Fluoro-2-[[E)-2-[3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-
benzenesulfonamide;
2-Fluoro-6-[[E)-2-[3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-
benzenesulfonamide;
4-Fluoro-2-[[E)-2-(2-fluorophenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
25 5-Methyl-2-[[E)-2-[3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-
benzenesulfonamide;
2-[2-(4-Cyclopentylphenyl)ethylsulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
2-[2-(4-Tert-butylphenyl)ethylsulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
4-Fluoro-2-[2-(4-tert-butylphenyl)ethylsulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
30 2-[2-(4-Chlorophenyl)ethylsulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
2-[[E)-2-(4-Chlorophenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
2-(Phenethylsulfonylamino)benzenesulfonamide;

- 2-[[E)-2-Phenylethenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
2-[2-(2-Chlorophenyl)ethylsulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
2-[[E)-2-(4-Methoxyphenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
2-[[E)-2-(4-Chlorophenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-4-fluoro-benzenesulfonamide;
5 2-(2-Phenylpropylsulfonylamino)benzenesulfonamide;
2-[[E)-2-(4-Chlorophenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-6-fluoro-benzenesulfonamide;
2-[[E)-2-(2,6-Dichlorophenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
2-[[E)-2-(4-Methylphenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
2-[[E)-2-(2-Methoxyphenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
10 2-[[E)-2-Naphthalen-2-ylethenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
2-[2-(4-Chlorophenyl)ethylsulfonylamino]-4-fluoro-benzenesulfonamide;
2-[[E)-2-(4-Chlorophenyl)prop-1-enyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
2-[2-(4-Chlorophenyl)prop-2-enylsulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
2-Fluoro-6-[[E)-2-naphthalen-2-ylethenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
15 2-Fluoro-6-[[E)-2-[2-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-
benzenesulfonamide;
2-Fluoro-6-[[E)-2-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-
benzenesulfonamide;
2-[[E)-2-(4-Bromophenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-6-fluoro-benzenesulfonamide;
20 4-Fluoro-2-[[E)-2-naphthalen-2-ylethenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
4-Fluoro-2-[[E)-2-[2-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-
benzenesulfonamide;
4-Fluoro-2-[[E)-2-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-
benzenesulfonamide;
25 2-[[E)-2-(4-Bromophenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-4-fluoro-benzenesulfonamide;
5-Methyl-2-[[E)-2-naphthalen-2-ylethenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
5-Methyl-2-[[E)-2-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-
benzenesulfonamide;
2-[[E)-2-(4-Bromophenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-5-methyl-benzenesulfonamide;
30 5-Fluoro-2-[[E)-2-naphthalen-2-ylethenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
5-Fluoro-2-[[E)-2-[2-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-
benzenesulfonamide;

- 5-Fluoro-2-[[*(E)*-2-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-benzenesulfonamide;
- 2-[[*(E)*-2-(4-Bromophenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]-5-fluoro-benzenesulfonamide;
- 2-[[*(E)*-2-(2,6-Difluorophenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
- 5 2-[[*(E)*-2-[2-(Trifluoromethyl)phenyl]ethenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
- 2-[[*(E)*-2-[4-(Trifluoromethyl)phenyl]ethenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
- 2-[[*(E)*-2-(4-Bromophenyl)ethenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
- 2-[[*(E)*-2-(4-Bromophenyl) ethylsulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
- 2-[2-(4-Chlorophenyl)propylsulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
- 10 2-[2-(2-Methoxyphenyl)ethylsulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
- 2-(2-Naphthalen-2-ylethylsulfonylamino)benzenesulfonamide;
- 4-Fluoro-2-(2-naphthalen-2-ylethylsulfonylamino)benzenesulfonamide;
- 2-[(4-Chlorophenyl)methylsulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
- 2-[[3-(2,3-Dichlorophenyl)phenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
- 15 2-[[3-(3,5-difluorophenyl)phenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
- 3-(5-Chloro-2-methoxy-phenyl)-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide;
- 2-[[3-(3-Cyanophenyl)phenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
- 2-[[3-(4-Cyanophenyl)phenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
- 3-(2,4-Dimethoxypyrimidin-5-yl)-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide;
- 20 2-[[3-(3-Furyl)phenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
- 2-[[3-(1H-Indol-5-yl)phenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
- 2-[[3-[3-(Trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]phenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
- N-(2-Sulfamoylphenyl)-2,3-dihydro-1H-indene-5-sulfonamide;
- 7-Methyl-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)-10-oxa-7-azabicyclo[4.4.0]deca-1,3,5-triene-3-
- 25 sulfonamide;
- 2-(3,4-Dichlorophenyl)-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide;
- 2-[[4-[3-Chloro-5-(trifluoromethyl)pyridin-2-yl]oxyphenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
- N-(2-Sulfamoylphenyl)tetralin-2-sulfonamide;
- 30 4-Phenylmethoxy-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide;
- 2-[(4-Cyclohexylphenyl)sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
- 3-Phenyl-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide;

- 5-(1-Methyl-5-trifluoromethyl-1H-pyrazol-3-yl)-thiophene-2-sulfonic acid (2-sulfamoyl-phenyl)-amide;
N-(2-Sulfamoylphenyl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonamide;
2-[[3-(2,5-Dichlorophenyl)phenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
5 3-Dibenzofuran-4-yl-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide;
2-[[3-[4-(Trifluoromethyl)phenyl]phenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
3-(3-Methoxyphenyl)-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide;
3-Benzofuran-2-yl-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide;
2-[[3-(2,3-Dihydrobenzofuran-5-yl)phenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
10 3-(6-Methoxypyridin-3-yl)-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide;
2-[[3-(2,4-Dichlorophenyl)phenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
3-(1-Methylindol-2-yl)-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide;
2-[[3-[3-(Trifluoromethyl)phenyl]phenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
4-Benzofuran-2-yl-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide;
15 2-[[3-(2,4-Difluorophenyl)phenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
5-Bromo-2-[[3-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)phenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
2-[[3-(3,4-Dichlorophenyl)phenyl]sulfonylamino]-5-phenyl-benzenesulfonamide;
2,3-Difluoro-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide;
2,3-Difluoro-N-(4-fluoro-2-sulfamoyl-phenyl)benzenesulfonamide;
20 3-Chloro-2-fluoro-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide;
2,3-Dichloro-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide;
2-[[3-(3,4-Dichlorophenyl)phenyl]sulfonylamino]-5-methyl-benzenesulfonamide;
4-[[3-(3,4-Dichlorophenyl)phenyl]sulfonylamino]-3-sulfamoyl-benzamide;
5-Methyl-2-[[3-[3-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]phenyl]sulfonylamino]-benzenesulfonamide;
25 2-(2,3-Dichloro-benzenesulfonylamino)-5-hydroxymethyl-benzenesulfonamide;
2-(2,3-Dichloro-benzenesulfonylamino)-5-methyl-benzenesulfonamide;
2-[[3-(3,4-Dichlorophenyl)phenyl]sulfonylamino]-5-phenoxy-benzenesulfonamide;
5-Phenoxy-2-[[3-[3-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]phenyl]sulfonylamino]-
benzenesulfonamide;
30 2-(2,3-Dichloro-benzenesulfonylamino)-5-hydroxy-benzenesulfonamide;
(2R)-N-[2-Chloro-4-[(2-sulfamoylphenyl)sulfamoyl]phenyl]-3,3,3-trifluoro-2-hydroxy-2-methyl-propanamide;

- 5-Chloro-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)thiophene-2-sulfonamide;
4,5-Dichloro-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)thiophene-2-sulfonamide;
3,4-Dichloro-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide;
3-(6-Methoxypyridin-2-yl)-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide;
5 2-[[4-[(2-Chloro 1,3-thiazol-5-yl)methoxy]phenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
3-(5-Fluoro-6-methoxy-pyridin-3-yl)-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide;
3-(2-Methoxypyrimidin-5-yl)-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide;
3-(4-Methylpyridin-3-yl)-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide;
3-(2-Methoxypyridin-3-yl)-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide;
10 2-[[3-(5-Mchloropyridin-3-yl)phenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
3-(5-Chloro-6-methoxy-pyridin-3-yl)-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide;
3-(6-Dimethylaminopyridin-3-yl)-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide;
2-[[3-[3-(Hydroxymethyl)phenyl]phenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
2-[[3-[4-(Hydroxymethyl)phenyl]phenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
15 2-[[4-(3,4-Dichlorophenyl)phenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
2-[[3-(3,4-Dichlorophenyl)phenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
2-[[4-(4-Chlorophenoxy)phenyl]sulfonylamino]benzenesulfonamide;
3-(4-Chlorophenyl)-1-[3-methyl-4-[(2-sulfamoylphenyl)sulfamoyl]phenyl]urea;
N-Methyl-N'-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)dibenzo[b,d]thiophene-2,8-disulfonamide 5,5-dioxide;
20 2,3-Dichloro-N-(4,5-difluoro-2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide;
(E)-2-(2-(3,4-Dichlorophenyl)vinylsulfonamido)-5-(3-hydroxy-3-methylbut-1-ynyl)benzenesulfonamide;
4-Cyano-2-(2-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)ethylsulfonamido)benzenesulfonamide;
2-(2-(4-Chloro-2-methoxyphenyl)ethylsulfonamido)-4-cyanobenzenesulfonamide;
25 2-(2-(4-Chloro-2-methoxyphenyl)ethylsulfonamido)-5-cyanobenzenesulfonamide;
2-(2-(4-(3,3-dimethylbut-1-ynyl)phenyl)ethylsulfonamido)benzenesulfonamide;
2-(2-(4-(3-Hydroxy-3-methylbut-1-ynyl)phenyl)ethylsulfonamido)benzenesulfonamide;
3-(3,3-Dimethylbut-1-ynyl)-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide;
2-(2-(4-Chloro-2-methoxyphenyl)ethylsulfonamido)benzenesulfonamide;
30 2-(2-(6-(3,3-Dimethylbut-1-ynyl)pyridin-3-yl)ethylsulfonamido)benzenesulfonamide;
2-(2-(6-(cyclohexylethynyl)pyridin-3-yl)ethylsulfonamido)benzenesulfonamide;
2-(2-(4-Bromophenyl)ethylsulfonamido)-5-methylbenzenesulfonamide;

- (E)-2-(2-(4-Bromophenyl)vinylsulfonamido)-5-methylbenzenesulfonamide;
3-(2-Methylthiazol-4-yl)-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide;
(E)-2-(2-(3-(Trifluoromethyl)phenyl)vinylsulfonamido)benzenesulfonamide;
(E)-2-(2-(2-Fluorophenyl)vinylsulfonamido)benzenesulfonamide;
5 5-Chloro-2-(2-(4-chloro-2-methoxyphenyl)ethylsulfonamido)benzenesulfonamide;
2,3-Dichloro-N-(4-chloro-2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide;
2,3-Dichloro-N-(3,5-difluoro-2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide;
2-(2-(3,4-Dichlorophenyl)ethylsulfonamido)-4,6-difluorobenzenesulfonamide;
2-(2-(4-Chloro-2-methoxyphenyl)ethylsulfonamido)-4,6-difluorobenzenesulfonamide;
10 5-Cyano-2-(2-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)ethylsulfonamido)benzenesulfonamide;
(E)-2-(2-(3,4-Dichlorophenyl)vinylsulfonamido)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide;
2-(2-(4-Chloro-2-methoxyphenyl)ethylsulfonamido)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide;
5-Chloro-2-(2-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)ethylsulfonamido)benzenesulfonamide;
4-(3-(5-Chloro-6-methoxypyridin-3-yl)phenylsulfonamido)pyridine-3-sulfonamide;
15 4-(2-(4-(Benzo-furan-2-yl)phenyl)ethylsulfonamido)pyridine-3-sulfonamide;
2-(2-(4-Chloro-2-methoxyphenyl)ethylsulfonamido)-5-methylbenzenesulfonamide;
4-(2-(4-Chloro-2-methoxyphenyl)ethylsulfonamido)pyridine-3-sulfonamide;
(E)-2-(2-(4-Cyclopentenylphenyl)vinylsulfonamido)benzenesulfonamide;
(E)-2-(2-(4-(3,3-Dimethylbut-1-ynyl)phenyl)vinylsulfonamido)benzenesulfonamide;
20 (E)-2-(2-(4-(3-Hydroxy-3-methylbut-1-ynyl)phenyl)vinylsulfonamido)-
benzenesulfonamide;
2-{2-[4-(3,3-Dimethyl-but-1-ynyl)-phenyl]-ethanesulfonylamino}-5-methyl-
benzenesulfonamide;
2-{2-[4-(3,3-Dimethyl-but-1-ynyl)-phenyl]-ethanesulfonylamino}-5-hydroxymethyl-
25 benzenesulfonamide;
2-[2-(4-Cyclopentylethynyl-phenyl)-ethanesulfonylamino]-5-hydroxymethyl-
benzenesulfonamide;
2-[2-(4-Chloro-2-methoxy-phenyl)-ethanesulfonylamino]-5-hydroxymethyl-
benzenesulfonamide;
30 3-{2-[4-(3,3-Dimethyl-but-1-ynyl)-phenyl]-ethanesulfonylamino}-thiophene-2-sulfonic
acid amide;

3-[3-(5-Chloro-6-methoxy-pyridin-3-yl)-benzenesulfonylamino]-thiophene-2-sulfonic acid amide;

(E)-2-(2-(4-(1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethoxy)phenyl)vinylsulfonamido)benzenesulfonamide;

(E)-2-(2-(2-(difluoromethoxy)phenyl)vinylsulfonamido)benzenesulfonamide;

5 (E)-2-(2-(4'-(trifluoromethyl)biphenyl-4-yl)vinylsulfonamido)benzenesulfonamide;

(E)-2-(2-(2-isopropoxyphenyl)vinylsulfonamido)benzenesulfonamide;

(E)-2-(2-(2-(methylthio)phenyl)vinylsulfonamido)benzenesulfonamide;

(E)-2-(2-(2-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl)vinylsulfonamido)benzenesulfonamide;

(E)-2-(2-(2-ethoxyphenyl)vinylsulfonamido)benzenesulfonamide;

10 2-(2-(4-(1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethoxy)phenyl)ethylsulfonamido)benzenesulfonamide;

2-(2-(4'-(trifluoromethyl)biphenyl-4-yl)ethylsulfonamido)benzenesulfonamide;

2-[2-(2-Hydroxy-phenyl)-ethenesulfonylamino]-benzenesulfonamide;

4-Chloro-2-(2-(4-(difluoromethoxy)phenyl)ethylsulfonamido)benzenesulfonamide;

4-Chloro-2-(2-(2-methoxyphenyl)ethylsulfonamido)benzenesulfonamide;

15 4-Chloro-2-(2-(4-chloro-2-methoxyphenyl)ethylsulfonamido)benzenesulfonamide;

2-(2-(3,4-Dichlorophenyl)ethylsulfonamido)-3,5-difluorobenzenesulfonamide;

2,3-Dichloro-N-(4-fluoro-5-methoxy-2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide;

4-Chloro-2-(2-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)ethylsulfonamido)benzenesulfonamid;

5-Chloro-2-(2-(4-chlorophenyl)ethylsulfonamido)-4-fluorobenzenesulfonamide;

20 5-Chloro-2-(2-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)ethylsulfonamido)-4-fluorobenzenesulfonamide;

5-(2-(4-(Furan-2-yl)phenyl)ethylsulfonamido)-2,3-dihydro-1H-indene-4-sulfonamide;

6-(2-(4-(Furan-2-yl)phenyl)ethylsulfonamido)-2,3-dihydro-1H-indene-5-sulfonamid;

5-(2-(3,4-Dichlorophenyl)ethylsulfonamido)-2,3-dihydro-1H-indene-4-sulfonamide;

(E)-5-(2-(4-Chlorophenyl)vinylsulfonamido)-2,3-dihydro-1H-indene-4-sulfonamide;

25 (E)-6-(2-(4-Chlorophenyl)vinylsulfonamido)-2,3-dihydro-1H-indene-5-sulfonamide;

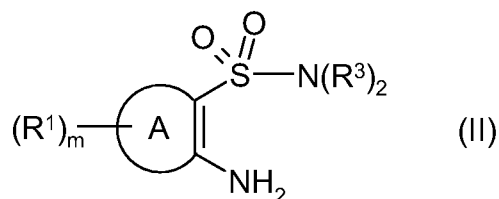
2-[[3-(3,4-Dichlorophenyl)phenyl]sulfonylamino]-N-methyl-benzenesulfonamide; and

2-(2-(6-((4-(Trifluoromethyl)phenyl)ethynyl)pyridin-3-yl)ethylsulfonamido)-benzenesulfonamide ;

and pharmaceutically acceptable salts of any one thereof.

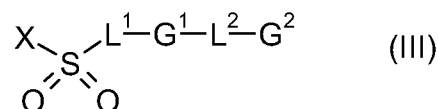
20. A process for the preparation of a compound of formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof as defined in claim 1 which comprises,

(a) reacting a compound of formula (II)



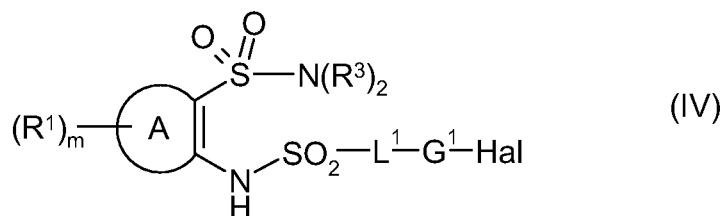
wherein R^1 , R^3 , A and m are as defined in formula (I),

with a compound of formula (III)



wherein L^1 , L^2 , G^1 and G^2 are as defined in formula (I) and X represents a leaving group such as a halogen; or

(b) when L^2 represents a direct bond and G^1 and G^2 are both aromatic moieties, reacting a compound of formula (IV)



wherein Hal represents a halogen atom and R^1 , R^3 , A, m and L^1 are as defined in formula

(I),

with a nucleophile $\text{G}^2 - \text{M}$ wherein M represents an organo-tin or organo boronic acid group;

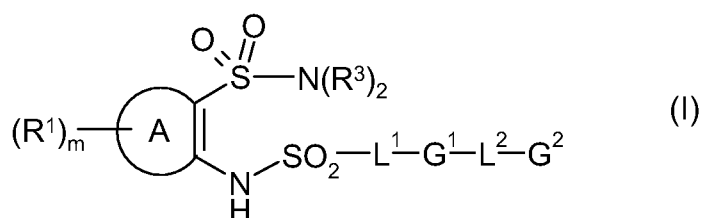
and optionally after (a) or (b) carrying out one or more of the following:

- converting the compound obtained to a further compound of the invention
- forming a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of the compound.

21. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 19 in association with a pharmaceutically acceptable adjuvant, diluent or carrier.

22. A process for the preparation of a pharmaceutical composition as claimed in claim 21 which comprises mixing a compound of formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 19 with a pharmaceutically acceptable adjuvant, diluent or carrier.

23. A compound of formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof



wherein:

A is selected from phenyl or a 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl or a 5- or 6-membered heterocyclenyl moiety; said phenyl or 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl or 5- or 6-membered heterocyclenyl moiety in group A being optionally fused to a phenyl, a 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl, C₅₋₆carbocyclyl or C₅₋₆heterocyclyl ring;

each R¹ is independently selected from halogen, nitro, SF₅, CN, NR⁵R⁶, OH, CHO, CO₂C₁₋₄alkyl, CONR⁵R⁶, C₁₋₄alkyl, C₂₋₄alkenyl, C₂₋₄alkynyl, C₁₋₄alkoxy, G³, OG³ or OCH₂G³; said C₁₋₄alkyl, C₂₋₄alkenyl, C₂₋₄alkynyl or C₁₋₄alkoxy being optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from OH, NR⁵R⁶, C₁₋₄alkyl or F;

m represents an integer 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4;

each R^3 is independently selected from hydrogen, CN and C_{1-4} alkyl; said C_{1-4} alkyl being
optionally substituted with OH, CN, C_{1-4} alkoxy, NR^7R^8 , or one or more F atoms;

L^1 represents a direct bond, C_{1-4} alkylene, C_{2-4} alkenylene or C_{2-4} alkynylene;

L^2 represents a direct bond, $-O-$, $-OCH_2-$, C_{1-2} alkylene, $-C\equiv C-$ or $-NHCONH-$;

G^1 represents phenyl, 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl, C_{3-10} carbocyclyl or
 C_{5-8} heterocyclyl;

G^2 represents H, C_{1-6} alkyl, phenyl, 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl, C_{3-10} carbocyclyl or
 C_{5-8} heterocyclyl; said C_{1-6} alkyl being optionally further substituted by one or more groups
selected from OH, C_{1-6} alkoxy and halogen;

the phenyl, heteroaryl, carbocyclyl or heterocyclyl moieties in G^1 and G^2 being optionally
fused to one or two further rings independently selected from phenyl, a 5- or 6-membered
heteroaryl, C_{5-6} carbocyclyl or C_{5-6} heterocyclyl ring;

any phenyl, heteroaryl, carbocyclyl or heterocyclyl moieties in G^1 and G^2 being optionally
substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from halogen, OH, CN,
 NO_2 , CO_2R^9 , C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} alkoxy, C_{1-4} thioalkoxy, $SO_2NR^{10}R^{11}$, $NR^{12}R^{13}$,
 $-NHCOC(OH)(CH_3)CF_3$ or $-CH_2OCH_2CF_2CHF_2$; said C_{1-6} alkyl or C_{1-6} alkoxy being
optionally substituted by OH or by one or more F atoms;

R^9 represents C_{1-6} alkyl;

G^3 represents phenyl or 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl; and

each R^4 , R^5 , R^6 , R^7 , R^8 , R^{10} , R^{11} , R^{12} and R^{13} is independently selected from H or C_{1-4} alkyl;

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with the proviso that the following compounds are excluded:

2-amino-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide;

methyl 4-(5-fluoro-3-methylbenzo[b]thiophene-2-sulfonamido)-3-sulfamoylbenzoate;

4-nitro-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide;

10 2-nitro-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide;

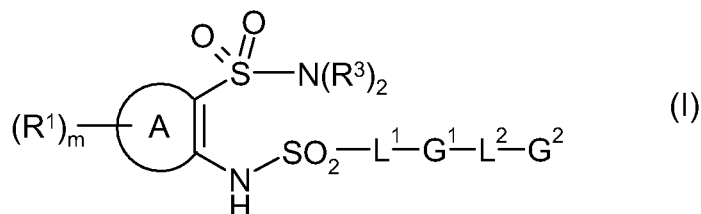
4-amino-N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide;

N-(2-sulfamoylphenyl)quinoline-8-sulfonamide;

for the use in therapy.

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24. Use of a compound of formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof



20 wherein:

A is selected from phenyl or a 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl or a 5- or 6-membered heterocyclenyl moiety; said phenyl or 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl or 5- or 6-membered heterocyclenyl moiety in group A being optionally fused to a phenyl, a 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl, C_{5-6} carbocyclyl or C_{5-6} heterocyclyl ring;

25

each R^1 is independently selected from halogen, nitro, SF_5 , CN, NR^5R^6 , OH, CHO, CO_2C_{1-4} alkyl, $CONR^5R^6$, C_{1-4} alkyl, C_{2-4} alkenyl, C_{2-4} alkynyl, C_{1-4} alkoxy, G^3 , OG^3 or

OCH_2G^3 ; said C_{1-4} alkyl, C_{2-4} alkenyl, C_{2-4} alkynyl or C_{1-4} alkoxy being optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from OH, NR^5R^6 , C_{1-4} alkyl or F;

m represents an integer 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4;

5

each R^3 is independently selected from hydrogen, CN and C_{1-4} alkyl; said C_{1-4} alkyl being optionally substituted with OH, CN, C_{1-4} alkoxy, NR^7R^8 , or one or more F atoms;

L^1 represents a direct bond, C_{1-4} alkylene, C_{2-4} alkenylene or C_{2-4} alkynylene;

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L^2 represents a direct bond, $-\text{O}-$, $-\text{OCH}_2-$, C_{1-2} alkylene, $-\text{C}\equiv\text{C}-$ or $-\text{NHCONH}-$;

G^1 represents phenyl, 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl, C_{3-10} carbocyclyl or C_{5-8} heterocyclyl;

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G^2 represents H, C_{1-6} alkyl, phenyl, 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl, C_{3-10} carbocyclyl or C_{5-8} heterocyclyl; said C_{1-6} alkyl being optionally further substituted by one or more groups selected from OH, C_{1-6} alkoxy and halogen;

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the phenyl, heteroaryl, carbocyclyl or heterocyclyl moieties in G^1 and G^2 being optionally fused to one or two further rings independently selected from phenyl, a 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl, C_{5-6} carbocyclyl or C_{5-6} heterocyclyl ring;

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any phenyl, heteroaryl, carbocyclyl or heterocyclyl moieties in G^1 and G^2 being optionally substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from halogen, OH, CN, NO_2 , CO_2R^9 , C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} alkoxy, C_{1-4} thioalkoxy, $\text{SO}_2\text{NR}^{10}\text{R}^{11}$, $\text{NR}^{12}\text{R}^{13}$, $-\text{NHCOC}(\text{OH})(\text{CH}_3)\text{CF}_3$ or $-\text{CH}_2\text{OCH}_2\text{CF}_2\text{CHF}_2$; said C_{1-6} alkyl or C_{1-6} alkoxy being optionally substituted by OH or by one or more F atoms;

R⁹ represents C₁₋₆alkyl;

G³ represents phenyl or 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl; and

5 each R⁴, R⁵, R⁶, R⁷, R⁸, R¹⁰, R¹¹, R¹² and R¹³ is independently selected from H or C₁₋₄alkyl;

in the manufacture of a medicament for use in treating acute or chronic pain, nociceptive pain or neuropathic pain.

10 25. Use of a compound of formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof as claimed in claim 24 in the manufacture of a medicament for use in treating osteoarthritis, rheumatoid arthritis, benign or malignant neoplasias, apnea, sudden infant death (SID), atherosclerosis, cancer, aneurysm, hyperthermia, myositis, Alzheimer's disease or arthritis.

15 26. A method of treating, or reducing the risk of, an inflammatory disease or condition which comprises administering to a patient in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof as claimed in claim 23.

20 27. A method of treating, or reducing the risk of, human diseases or conditions in which modulation of microsomal prostaglandin E synthase-1 activity is beneficial which comprises administering to a patient in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof as claimed in claim 24.

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