# **Supporting Information**

### 2,5-Diaryl-1,3,4-oxadiazoles as selective COX-2 inhibitors and anti-inflammatory agents

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Fig. S2: <sup>13</sup>C NMR of 2-(4-(methylthio)phenyl)-5-phenyl-1,3,4-oxadiazole 4a



Fig. S3: <sup>1</sup>H NMR of 2-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-(4-(methylthio)phenyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazole 4b



Fig. S4: <sup>13</sup>C NMR of 2-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-(4-(methylthio)phenyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazole 4b



Fig. S5: <sup>1</sup>H NMR of 2-(2-fluorophenyl)-5-(4-(methylthio)phenyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazole 4c



Fig. S6: <sup>13</sup>CNMR of 2-(2-fluorophenyl)-5-(4-(methylthio)phenyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazole 4c



Fig. S7: <sup>1</sup>H NMR of 2-(4-(methylthio)phenyl)-5-(p-tolyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazole 4d



Fig. S8: <sup>13</sup>C NMR of 2-(4-(methylthio)phenyl)-5-(p-tolyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazole 4d



Fig. S9: <sup>1</sup>H NMR of 2-(4-(methylthio)phenyl)-5-(4-nitrophenyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazole 4e



Fig. S10: <sup>13</sup>C NMR of 2-(4-(methylthio)phenyl)-5-(4-nitrophenyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazole 4e



Fig. S11: <sup>1</sup>H NMR of 2-(4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)-5-(4-(methylthio)phenyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazole 4f



Fig. S12: <sup>13</sup>C NMR of 2-(4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)-5-(4-(methylthio)phenyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazole 4f



Fig. S13: <sup>1</sup>H NMR of 2-(4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)-5-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazole 4g



Fig. S14: <sup>13</sup>C NMR of 2-(4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)-5-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazole 4g



Fig. S15: <sup>1</sup>H NMR of 2-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-(pyridin-4-yl)-1,3,4-oxadiazole 4h



Fig. S16: <sup>13</sup>C NMR of 2-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-(pyridin-4-yl)-1,3,4-oxadiazole 4h



**Fig. S17**: <sup>1</sup>H NMR of 1-(2-(4-(methylthio)phenyl)-5-phenyl-1,3,4-oxadiazol-3(2H)-yl)ethanone **5**a



Fig. S18: <sup>13</sup>C NMR of 1-(2-(4-(methylthio)phenyl)-5-phenyl-1,3,4-oxadiazol-3(2H)-yl)ethanone



**Fig. S19**: <sup>1</sup>H NMR of 1-(5-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-(4-(methylthio)phenyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazol-3(2H)yl)ethanone **5b** 



**Fig. S20**: <sup>13</sup>C NMR of 1-(5-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-(4-(methylthio)phenyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazol-3(2H)yl)ethanone **5b** 



**Fig. S21**: <sup>1</sup>H NMR of 1-(5-(2-fluorophenyl)-2-(4-(methylthio)phenyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazol-3(2H)yl)ethanone **5c** 



**Fig. S22** <sup>13</sup>C NMR of 1-(5-(2-fluorophenyl)-2-(4-(methylthio)phenyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazol-3(2H)yl)ethanone **5**c



Fig. S23: <sup>1</sup>H NMR of 1-(2-(4-(methylthio)phenyl)-5-(p-tolyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazol-3(2H)yl)ethanone 5d



Fig. S24: <sup>13</sup>C NMR of 1-(2-(4-(methylthio)phenyl)-5-(p-tolyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazol-3(2H)yl)ethanone 5d



**Fig. S25**: <sup>1</sup>H NMR of 1-(2-(4-(methylthio)phenyl)-5-(4-nitrophenyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazol-3(2H)yl)ethanone **5e** 



**Fig. S26**: <sup>13</sup>C NMR of 1-(2-(4-(methylthio)phenyl)-5-(4-nitrophenyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazol-3(2H)yl)ethanone **5**e



**Fig. S27**: <sup>1</sup>H NMR of 1-(5-(4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)-2-(4-(methylthio)phenyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazol-3(2H)-yl)ethanone **5f** 



**Fig. S28**: <sup>13</sup>C NMR of 1-(5-(4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)-2-(4-(methylthio)phenyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazol-3(2H)-yl)ethanone **5**f



**Fig. S29**: <sup>1</sup>H NMR of 1-(5-(2-chlorophenyl)-2-(4-(methylthio)phenyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazol-3(2H)yl)ethanone **5g** 



**Fig. S30**: <sup>13</sup>C NMR of 1-(5-(2-chlorophenyl)-2-(4-(methylthio)phenyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazol-3(2H)yl)ethanone **5g** 



**Fig. S31**: <sup>1</sup>H NMR of 1-(5-(4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)-2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazol-3(2H)-yl)ethanone **5h** 



**Fig. S32**: <sup>13</sup>C NMR of 1-(5-(4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)-2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazol-3(2H)-yl)ethanone **5h** 



Fig. S33: <sup>1</sup>H NMR of 2-(4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl)-5-phenyl-1,3,4-oxadiazole 6a

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Fig. S34: <sup>13</sup>C NMR of 2-(4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl)-5-phenyl-1,3,4-oxadiazole 6a

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Fig. S35: <sup>1</sup>H NMR of 2-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-(4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazole 6b

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Fig. S36: <sup>13</sup>C NMR of 2-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-(4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazole 6b

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Fig. S37: <sup>1</sup>H NMR of 2-(2-fluorophenyl)-5-(4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazole 6c

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Fig. S38: <sup>13</sup>C NMR of 2-(2-fluorophenyl)-5-(4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazole 6c

![](_page_20_Figure_0.jpeg)

Fig. S39: <sup>1</sup>H NMR of 2-(4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl)-5-(p-tolyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazole 6d

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Fig. S40: <sup>13</sup>C NMR of 2-(4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl)-5-(p-tolyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazole 6d

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Fig. S41: <sup>1</sup>H NMR of 2-(4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl)-5-(4-nitrophenyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazole 6e

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Fig. S42: <sup>13</sup>C NMR of 2-(4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl)-5-(4-nitrophenyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazole 6e

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Fig. S43: <sup>1</sup>H NMR of 2-(4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)-5-(4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazole 6f

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Fig. S44: <sup>13</sup>C NMR of 2-(4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)-5-(4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazole 6f

![](_page_23_Figure_0.jpeg)

**Fig. S45**: <sup>1</sup>H NMR of 1-(2-(4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl)-5-phenyl-1,3,4-oxadiazol-3(2H)yl)ethanone **7a** 

![](_page_23_Figure_2.jpeg)

**Fig. S46**: <sup>13</sup>C NMR of 1-(2-(4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl)-5-phenyl-1,3,4-oxadiazol-3(2H)yl)ethanone **7a** 

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**Fig. S47**: <sup>1</sup>H NMR of 1-(5-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-(4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazol-3(2H)-yl)ethanone **7b** 

![](_page_24_Figure_2.jpeg)

**Fig. S48**: <sup>13</sup>C NMR of 1-(5-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-(4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazol-3(2H)-yl)ethanone **7b** 

![](_page_25_Figure_0.jpeg)

**Fig. S49**: <sup>1</sup>H NMR of 1-(5-(2-fluorophenyl)-2-(4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazol-3(2H)-yl)ethanone **7c** 

![](_page_25_Figure_2.jpeg)

**Fig. S50**: <sup>13</sup>C NMR of 1-(5-(2-fluorophenyl)-2-(4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazol-3(2H)-yl)ethanone **7c** 

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**Fig. S51**: <sup>1</sup>H NMR of 1-(2-(4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl)-5-(p-tolyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazol-3(2H)yl)ethanone **7d** 

![](_page_26_Figure_2.jpeg)

**Fig. S52**: <sup>13</sup>C NMR of 1-(2-(4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl)-5-(p-tolyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazol-3(2H)yl)ethanone **7d** 

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**Fig. S53**: <sup>1</sup>H NMR of 1-(2-(4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl)-5-(4-nitrophenyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazol-3(2H)yl)ethanone **7e** 

![](_page_27_Figure_2.jpeg)

**Fig. S54**: <sup>13</sup>C NMR of 1-(2-(4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl)-5-(4-nitrophenyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazol-3(2H)yl)ethanone **7e** 

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**Fig. S55**: <sup>1</sup>H NMR of 1-(5-(4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)-2-(4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazol-3(2H)-yl)ethanone **7f** 

![](_page_28_Figure_2.jpeg)

**Fig. S56**: <sup>13</sup>C NMR of 1-(5-(4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)-2-(4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazol-3(2H)-yl)ethanone **7f** 

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**Fig. S57**: <sup>1</sup>H NMR of 1-(5-(2-chlorophenyl)-2-(4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazol-3(2H)-yl)ethanone **7g** 

![](_page_29_Figure_2.jpeg)

**Fig S58**: <sup>13</sup>C NMR of 1-(5-(2-chlorophenyl)-2-(4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazol-3(2H)-yl)ethanone **7g** 

## **Purity Determination**

Purity of compounds (4a-h, 5a-h, 6a-f and 7a-g) was determined on UPLC. The analysis was performed on Waters ACQUITY UPLC H-Class system, equipped with a binary pump, auto sampler, photodiode array detector (PDA) and Empower<sup>TM</sup> 3 software (Waters, Milford, MA, USA), on Column BEH Shield RP-18 column (2.1 × 100 mm, 1.7 µm, Waters, Milford, MA, USA). Mobile Phase consisted of Isocratic Water:ACN (30:70), flow rate was set to 0.3 mL/min, injection volume was 2 µL, column temperature was maintained at 30°C and detection was carried out using a PDA detector at  $\lambda_{max}$  254 nm.

#### **UPLC chromatograms**

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Minutes

Fig. S66: UPLC of compound 4h

Fig. S62: UPLC of compound 4d

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Fig. S70: UPLC of compound 5d

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### Fig. S75: UPLC of compound 6a

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Fig. S84: UPLC of compound 7d

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Fig. S87: UPLC of compound 7g

![](_page_37_Picture_0.jpeg)

**Fig. S88**: Photographic image of paw (circled in red): Normal control group at 3h A) Top view; B) Lateral view