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Double C-N Bond Cleavages of N-Alkyl 4-Oxopiperidinium Salts: Access to Unsymmetrical Tertiary Sulfonamides

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1. General Experimental Information

Analytic methods. All reactions were carried out under air atmosphere. ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian Mercury 400 MHz spectrometer or a Bruker 600 MHz spectrometer with CDCl₃ as solvent. Chemical shifts of ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra are reported in parts per million (ppm) with TMS as an internal standard. Data are reported as follows: chemical shift, integration, multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q =quartet, quint = quintet, sx = sextet, sept = septet, m = multiplet and br = broad), and coupling constant (*J*) are in Hz. High resolution mass spectra (HRMS (ESI)) were performed using a 6520B Q-TOF high-resolution mass spectrometer. Column chromatography was performed on silica gel 300-400 mesh. Analytical thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on pre-coated, glass-backed silica gel plates. All reagents were purchased from commercial sources and were used as thus.

2. Details of experimental procedures

2.1 General procedure for the syntheses of compounds 3



In a 10 mL test tube were charged with sulfonyl chloride **1** (0.5 mmol), N-(4chlorobenzyl)-N-methyl-4-oxopiperidin-1-ium chloride **2** (165 mg, 0.6 mmol), Nmethylmorpholine (165 mg, 1.5 mmol) and acetonitrile (2.0 mL). The reaction mixtures were heated to 80 °C under air for 4h. Upon completion (TLC) and after cooling to ambient temperature, the reaction mixture was dissolved in ethyl acetate (10 mL) and washed successively with water (2×10 mL) and then brine (10 mL). The aqueous phase was further extracted with ethyl acetate (10 mL) and washed as previously. The organic phase was combined, dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated. Purification by silica gel column chromatography gave desired sulfonamide products **3**.

2.2 General procedure for the syntheses of compounds 5

$$0 = \underbrace{\begin{array}{c} 1. \ R^{2}X \ \mathbf{6} \\ 2. \ R^{3}SO_{2}Cl \ \mathbf{1} \\ \hline NMM, \ MeCN, \ 80 \ ^{\circ}C \\ \mathbf{4} \\ \end{array}}_{\mathbf{5}} R^{3} - \underbrace{\begin{array}{c} O \\ R^{3} - \\ O \\ R^{1} \\ \mathbf{5} \\ \mathbf{5} \\ \end{array}}$$

In a 10 mL test tube were charged with N-substituted 4-piperidinone 4 (0.6 mmol), organohalide 6 (0.6 mmol) and MeCN (2 mL). The reaction mixtures were stirred at 50 °C for 24h. Upon completion (TLC), N-methylmorpholine (165 mg, 1.5 mmol) and sulfonyl chloride (0.5 mmol) were added and the reaction mixtures were heated to 80 °C under air for 4 h. After cooling to ambient temperature, the reaction mixture was dissolved in ethyl acetate (10 mL) and washed successively with water (2×10 mL) and then brine (10 mL). The aqueous phase was further extracted with ethyl acetate (10 mL) and washed as previously. The organic phase was combined, dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated. Purification by silica gel column chromatography gave desired sulfonamide products **5**.

3. Mechanism screenings

3.1 Decomposition of TsCl in the presence of N-methylmorpholine



4-Methylbenzenesulfonyl chloride (191 mg, 1.0 mmol) and N-Methylmorpholine (152 mg, 1.5 mmol) were heated in MeCN (2 mL) to 80 °C under air for 48 h to yield **12** in 14.6% (18 mg) yield.

¹**H NMR**(400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm):7.46 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (m, 4H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.38 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm):144.4, 141.9, 140.3, 136.3, 130.0, 129.2, 127.4, 124.4, 21.5, 21.3.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: Calcd for C₁₄H₁₄O₂NaS [M+Na]⁺ 269.06067; Found 269.06067.



3.2 Trapping radicals with TEMPO



A solution of 4-methylbenzenesulfonyl chloride (95 mg, 0.5 mmol), 1-(4-chlorobenzyl)-1methyl-4-oxopiperidin-1-ium chloride (163.5 mg, 0.6 mmol), N-Methylmorpholine (151 mg, 1.5 mmol) and TEMPO (156 mg, 1.0 mmol) in CH₃CN (2.0 mL) were heated to 80 °C under air for 4 h. Then the reaction solution was submitted to HRMS examination. The main radical species or intermediates that are detected by HRMS analysis are listed below.

(1) 5-((2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidin-1-yl)oxy)pent-1-en-3-one (10)



HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: Calcd for C₁₄H₂₆O₂N [M+H]⁺ 240.19581; Found 240.19580.



(2) 2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidin-1-yl 4-methylbenzenesulfonate (11)



HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: Calcd for C₁₆H₂₆NO₃S [M+H]⁺ 312.16279; Found 312.16223.



Compoind 11 was also isolated from above reaction system as a main product in 42% isolated yield.

¹**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.48 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 1.72-1.62 (m, 2H), 1.57-1.49 (m, 4H), 1.34 (s, 12H).

¹³C NMR (151 HMz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ (ppm): 145.5, 138.4, 128.6, 125.9, 56.1, 34.6, 27.1, 21.2, 16.3.

(3) 1-(4-Chlorophenyl)-N-methylmethanamine (V)



HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: calcd for C₈H₁₁NClNa [M+Na]⁺ 178.03940; Found 178.0389.



4. Compound characterization data

N-(4-Chlorobenzyl)-N,4-dimethylbenzenesulfonamide (3a)



The reaction of 4-methylbenzenesulfonyl chloride (95 mg, 0.5 mmol),1-(4-chlorobenzyl)-1methyl-4-oxopiperidin-1-ium chloride (163.5 mg, 0.6 mmol) and N-Methylmorpholine (151 mg, 1.5 mmol) in MeCN (2 mL) affords **3a** in 76% (117 mg) yield. White solid; Mp: 82 - 84 °C.

¹**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.71 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.09 (s, 2H), 2.58 (s, 3H), 2.45 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 143.9, 134.5, 134.4, 133.9, 130.0, 129.9, 129.0, 127.7,
53.7, 34.6, 21.8.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: Calcd for C₁₅H₁₆O₂NClNaS [M+Na]⁺ 332.04880; Found 332.04868.

N-(4-Chlorobenzyl)-N-methylbenzenesulfonamide (3b)



The reaction of benzenesulfonyl chloride (87.5 mg, 0.5 mmol), 1-(4-chlorobenzyl)-1-methyl-4-oxopiperidin-1-ium chloride (327.6 mg, 1.2 mmol) and N-Methylmorpholine (151 mg, 1.5 mmol) in MeCN (2 mL) affords **3b** in 71% (104 mg) yield. White solid; Mp: 61 - 63 °C.

¹**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.86 – 7.82 (m, 2H), 7.64 – 7.62 (m, 1H), 7.58 – 7.56 (m, 2H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.12 (s, 2H), 2.60 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 137.3, 134.2, 133.8, 132.8, 129.6, 129.2, 128.8, 127.4,
53.5, 34.4.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: Calcd for C₁₄H₁₄O₂NClNaS [M+Na]⁺ 318.03260; Found 318.03262.

N-(4-Chlorobenzyl)-2,4,6-triisopropyl-*N*-methylbenzenesulfonamide (3c)



The reaction of 2,4,6-triisopropylbenzenesulfonyl chloride (151 mg, 0.5 mmol), 1-(4-ch lorobenzyl)-1-methyl-4-oxopiperidin-1-ium chloride (327.6 mg, 1.2 mmol) and N-Methylmor pholine (151 mg, 1.5 mmol) in MeCN (2 mL) affords **3c** in 45% (94 mg) yield. White s olid; Mp: 127 - 128 °C.

¹**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.30 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (s, 2H), 4.33 (s, 2H), 4.24 – 4.18 (m, 2H), 3.01 – 2.76 (m, 1H), 2.57 (s, 3H), 1.26 (dd, *J* = 4.2, 3.6 Hz, 18H).

¹³C NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 153.3, 151.6, 134.3, 133.7, 130.4, 130.1, 128.7, 123.9, 51.4, 34.2, 33.0, 29.4, 24.8, 23.5.

HRMS (ESI) (ESI) *m/z*: Calcd for C₂₃H₃₃O₂NClS [M+H]⁺ 422.19150; Found 422.19150.

N-(4-Chlorobenzyl)-*N*,2,2,4,6,7-hexamethyl-2,3-dihydrobenzofuran-5-sulfonamide (3d)



The reaction of 2,2,4,6,7-pentamethyl-2,3-dihydrobenzofuran-5-sulfonyl chloride (144 m g, 0.5 mmol), 1-(4-chlorobenzyl)-1-methyl-4-oxopiperidin-1-ium chloride (327.6 mg, 1.2 m mol) and N-Methylmorpholine (151 mg, 1.5 mmol) in MeCN (2 mL) affords **3d** in 73% (148 mg) yield. White solid; Mp: 124 - 126 °C.

¹**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.28(d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.23 (s, 2H), 2.99 (s, 2H), 2.58 (s, 3H), 2.55 (s, 3H), 2.51 (s, 3H), 2.13 (s, 3H), 1.49 (s, 6H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 160.1, 140.8, 135.4, 134.7, 133.6, 129.9, 128.7, 125.9, 125.2, 118.2, 86.9, 52.0, 43.2, 32.6, 28.5, 19.3, 17.7, 12.5.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: Calcd for C₂₁H₂₇O₃NClS [M+H]⁺ 408.13947; Found 408.13858.

N-(4-Chlorobenzyl)-4-methoxy-N-methylbenzenesulfonamide (3e)



The reaction of 4-methoxybenzenesulfonyl chloride (103 mg, 0.5 mmol), 1-(4-chlorobenzyl)-1-methyl-4-oxopiperidin-1-ium chloride (327.6 mg, 1.2 mmol) and N-Methylmorpholine (151 mg, 1.5 mmol) in MeCN (2 mL) affords **3e** in 80% (130 mg) yield. White solid; Mp: 132 - 134 °C.

¹**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.77 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.24

(d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.02 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 4.08 (s, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 2.57 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 163.0, 134.3, 133.7, 129.7, 129.5, 128.8, 114.3, 55.6, 53.5, 34.4.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: Calcd for C₁₅H₁₇O₃NClS [M+H]⁺ 326.06122; Found 326.06107.

N-(4-Chlorobenzyl)-N-methyl-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonamide (3f)



The reaction of 4-(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonyl chloride (121 mg, 0.5 mmol), 1-(4-chlorobenzyl)-1-methyl-4-oxopiperidin-1-ium chloride (327.6 mg, 1.2 mmol) and N-Methylmorpholine (151 mg, 1.5 mmol) in MeCN (2 mL) affords **3f** in 55%(100 mg) yield. White solid; Mp: 86 - 88 °C.

¹**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.96 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.84 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.16 (s, 2H), 2.65 (s, 3H).

¹³**C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 141.1, 135.2 – 133.1 (m), 129.6, 129.0, 127.8, 126.4 (q, *J* = 3.7 Hz), 124.1, 122.3, 110.0, 53.4, 34.4.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): -63.52.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: Calcd for C₁₆H₁₄NO₄F₃ClS [M+HCOO]⁻ 408.02842; Found 408.02881.

N-(4-Chlorobenzyl)-N-methyl-2-(trifluoromethoxy)benzenesulfonamide (3g)



The reaction of 2-(trifluoromethoxy)benzenesulfonyl chloride (130 mg, 0.5 mmol), 1-(4chlorobenzyl)-1-methyl-4-oxopiperidin-1-ium chloride (163.8 mg, 0.6 mmol) and N-Methylmorpholine (151 mg, 1.5 mmol) in MeCN (2 mL) affords **3g** in 41% (77 mg) yield. Colorless liquid.

¹**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 8.07 (dt, *J* = 7.9, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (ddd, *J* = 8.4, 7.4, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.47 – 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.27 – 7.24 (m, 2H), 4.33 (s, 2H), 2.72 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 146.1, 134.4 (d, J = 6.0 Hz), 133.8, 132.0, 131.2, 129.5, 128.8, 126.5, 121.1, 120.2 (d, J = 1.9 Hz), 119.4, 53.2, 34.0.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): -56.34.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: Calcd for C₁₅H₁₃O₃NClF₃NaS [M+Na]⁺ 402.01545; Found 402.01499.

N-(4-Chlorobenzyl)-4-fluoro-N-methylbenzenesulfonamide (3h)



The reaction of 4-fluorobenzenesulfonyl chloride (97 mg, 0.5 mmol), 1-(4-chlorobenzyl)-1methyl-4-oxopiperidin-1-ium chloride (327.6 mg, 1.2 mmol) and N-Methylmorpholine (151 mg, 1.5 mmol) in MeCN (2 mL) affords **3h** in 55% (86 mg) yield. White solid; Mp: 80 - 82 °C.

¹**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.86 – 7.84 (m, 2H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.26 – 7.23 (m, 4H), 4.12 (s, 2H), 2.60 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 165.7(d, J = 254.9 Hz), 133.9(d, J = 4.8 Hz), 130.1, 130.0, 129.6, 128.9, 116.5, 116.4, 53.5, 34.4.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): -103.08 – -109.20 (m).

HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: Calcd for C₁₄H₁₃O₂NClFNaS [M+Na]⁺ 336.02318; Found 336.02358.

4-Chloro-N-(4-chlorobenzyl)-N-methylbenzenesulfonamide (3i)



The reaction of 4-chlorobenzenesulfonyl chloride (105 mg, 0.5 mmol), 1-(4-chlorobenzyl)-1methyl-4-oxopiperidin-1-ium chloride (327.6 mg, 1.2 mmol) and N-Methylmorpholine (151 mg, 1.5 mmol) in MeCN (2 mL) affords **3i** in 53% (87 mg) yield. White solid; Mp: 143 - 144 °C.

¹**H** NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.77 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.54 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.11 (s, 2H), 2.60 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 139.4, 135.9, 133.9, 133.9, 129.6, 129.5, 128.9, 128.8, 53.5, 34.3.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: Calcd for C₁₄H₁₃O₂NCl₂ NaS [M+Na]⁺ 351.99363; Found 351.99355.

4-Bromo-N-(4-chlorobenzyl)-N-methylbenzenesulfonamide (3j)



The reaction of 4-bromobenzenesulfonyl chloride (127 mg, 0.5 mmol), 1-(4-chlorobenzyl)-1methyl-4-oxopiperidin-1-ium chloride (327.6 mg, 1.2 mmol) and N-Methylmorpholine (151 mg, 1.5 mmol) in MeCN (2 mL) affords **3j** in 65% (120 mg) yield. White solid; Mp: 102 - 103 °C.

¹**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.71 – 7.68 (m, 4H), 7.32 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.11 (s, 2H), 2.60 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 136.5, 134.0, 133.9, 132.5, 129.7, 128.9, 128.9, 127.8, 53.5, 34.4.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: Calcd for C₁₄H₁₃O₂NBrClNaS [M+Na]⁺ 395.9437; Found 395.9423.

N-(4-Chlorobenzyl)-3,4-difluoro-*N*-methylbenzenesulfonamide (3k)



The reaction of 3,4-difluorobenzenesulfonyl chloride (106 mg, 0.5 mmol), 1-(4-chlorobenzyl)-1-methyl-4-oxopiperidin-1-ium chloride (327.6 mg, 1.2 mmol) and N-Methylmorpholine (151 mg,

1.5 mmol) in MeCN (2 mL) affords 3k in 54%(89 mg) yield. White solid; Mp: 78 - 79 °C.

¹**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.35 - 7.37 (m, 2H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.25 - 7.23 (m, 2H), 7.07 (tt, *J* = 8.5, 2.3 Hz, 2H), 4.15 (s, 1H), 2.65 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 163.8 (d, J = 11.6 Hz), 162.0, 134.1, 133.5, 129.6,

129.0, 110.8 (dd, *J* = 21.5, 6.5 Hz), 108.4 (t, *J* = 25.0 Hz), 53.5, 34.4.

¹⁹**F** NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): -105.65 (dd, J = 8.5, 5.8 Hz).

HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: Calcd for C₁₄H₁₂O₂NClF₂NaS [M+Na]⁺ 354.01375; Found 354.01356.

N-(4-Chlorobenzyl)-*N*-methylnaphthalene-2-sulfonamide (3n)



The reaction of naphthalene-2-sulfonyl chloride (113 mg, 0.5 mmol), 1-(4-chlorobenzyl)-1methyl-4-oxopiperidin-1-ium chloride (327.6 mg, 1.2 mmol) and N-Methylmorpholine (151 mg, 1.5 mmol) in MeCN (2 mL) affords **3n** in 55% (95 mg) yield. White solid; Mp: >200 °C.

¹**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 8.41 (s, 1H), 8.01 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.95 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (dd, *J* = 1.8, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.70 – 7.59 (m, 2H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 4.18 (s, 2H), 2.65 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 139.4, 134.8, 134.4, 134.2, 133.8, 132.3, 129.7, 129.4, 129.2, 128.8, 128.8, 127.9, 127.6, 53.6, 34.4.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: Calcd for C₁₈H₁₇O₂NClS [M+H]⁺ 346.06630; Found 346.06596.

N-(4-Chlorobenzyl)-N-methylthiophene-2-sulfonamide (30)



The reaction of thiophene-2-sulfonyl chloride (90 mg, 0.5 mmol), 1-(4-chlorobenzyl)-1methyl-4-oxopiperidin-1-ium chloride (327.6 mg, 1.2 mmol) and N-Methylmorpholine (151 mg, 1.5 mmol) in MeCN (2 mL) affords **30** in 45% (67 mg) yield. Yellow viscous oil.

¹**H** NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.62 (dd, *J* = 1.2, 1.2 Hz,1H), 7.45 (dd, *J* = 1.2, 1.8 Hz,1H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 7.15 (dd, *J* = 3.0, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 4.28 (d, *J* = 14.4 Hz, 1H), 4.19 (d, *J* = 14.4 Hz,1H), 2.60 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 146.5, 135.0, 133.6, 131.4, 130.1, 129.7, 128.8, 127.9, 54.4, 32.8.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: Calcd for C₁₂H₁₃O₂NClS₂ [M+H]⁺ 302.00707; Found 302.00732.

Methyl 2-(N-(4-chlorobenzyl)-N-methylsulfamoyl)thiophene-3-carboxylate (3p)



The reaction of methyl 2-(chlorosulfonyl)thiophene-3-carboxylate (120 mg, 0.5 mmol), 1-(4-chlorobenzyl)-1-methyl-4-oxopiperidin-1-ium chloride (327.6 mg, 1.2 mmol) and N-Met hylmorpholine (151 mg, 1.5 mmol) in MeCN (2 mL) affords **3p** in 45% (80 mg) yield. White solid; Mp: 107 - 109 °C.

¹**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.51 (s, 2H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 2H), 4.45 (s, 2H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 2.78 (s, 3H).

¹³**C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 160.0, 141.7, 134.7, 133.7, 131.5, 129.6, 129.1, 128.8, 110.0, 53.7, 53.0, 34.4.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: Calcd for C₁₄H₁₄O₄NClNaS₂ [M+Na]⁺ 381.9950; Found 381.9945.

N-Ethyl-*N*,4-dimethylbenzenesulfonamide (5a)^[1]



According to general procedure 2.2, **5a** was obtained in 76% (81 mg) isolated yield. White solid; Mp: 28 - 30 °C.

¹**H** NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.66 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 3.08 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.72 (s, 3H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 1.12 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 143.2, 134.7, 129.6, 127.3, 44.8, 33.9, 21.4, 13.0.

N-Allyl-*N*,4-dimethylbenzenesulfonamide (5b)^[2]



According to general procedure 2.2, **5b** was obtained in 42% (47 mg) yield as a colorless liquid.

¹**H** NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.68 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 5.86 – 5.61 (m, 1H), 5.22 – 5.13 (m, 2H), 3.63 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.66 (s, 3H), 2.44 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 143.3, 134.5, 132.6, 129.6, 127.5, 119.1, 53.0, 34.2, 21.5.

Ethyl 2-(N,4-dimethylphenylsulfonamido)acetate (5c)



According to general procedure 2.2, 5c was obtained in 47% (63 mg) yield as a colorless liquid.

¹**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.62 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 4.18 (qt, *J* = 7.1, 3.6 Hz, 2H), 3.90 (d, *J* = 17.4 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (d, *J* = 17.4 Hz, 1H), 2.71 (s, 3H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 1.27 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³**C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 169.5, 141.4, 140.5, 129.6, 126.4, 61.2, 52.6, 34.5, 21.3, 14.1.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: Calcd for C₁₂H₁₈O₄NS [M+H]⁺ 272.09511; Found 272.09481.

N,4-Dimethyl-N-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)benzenesulfonamide (5d)^[3]



According to general procedure 2.2, **5d** was obtained in 44% (66 mg) isolated yield. Yellowish solid; Mp: 111 - 113 °C.

¹**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.98 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.73 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.60 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.57 (s, 2H), 2.83 (s, 3H), 2.45 (s, 3H).

¹³**C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 193.7, 143.6, 134.8, 134.7, 133.8, 129.6, 128.8, 128.3, 127.6, 56.1, 35.6, 21.5.

N-Ethyl-4-methyl-*N*-propylbenzenesulfonamide (5e)^[4]



According to general procedure 2.2, **5e** was obtained in 62% (74 mg) isolated yield as a yellowish viscous oil.

¹**H** NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.69 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 3.19(q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.09 – 3.05 (m, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 1.60 – 1.52 (m, 2H), 1.10 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 0.89 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H).

¹³**C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 142.8, 137.3, 129.5, 127.0, 49.3, 42.6, 22.0, 21.4, 14.1, 11.1.

N,N-Diethyl-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (5f)^[5]



According to general procedure 2.2, **5f** was obtained in 72% (81 mg) isolated yield. White solid; Mp: 59 - 61 °C.

¹**H** NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.69 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 3.22 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 4H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 1.12 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 6H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 142.9, 137.4, 129.5, 127.0, 42.0, 21.4, 14.1.

N-(4-Chlorobenzyl)-N-ethyl-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (5g)



According to general procedure 2.2, **5g** was obtained in 46% (74 mg) isolated yield. White solid; Mp: 56 - 58 °C.

¹**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.72 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.29 (s, 2H), 3.18 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 0.92 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 143.3, 137.1, 135.2, 133.5, 129.7, 129.5, 128.7, 127.1, 50.5, 42.5, 21.5, 13.4.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: Calcd for C₁₆H₁₉O₂NCIS [M+H]⁺ 324.08195; Found 324.08194.

N-(4-Chlorobenzyl)-4-methyl-N-propylbenzenesulfonamide (5h)



According to general procedure 2.2, **5h** was obtained in 53% (89 mg) isolated yield. White solid; Mp: 79 - 81 °C.

¹**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.71 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.27 (s, 2H), 3.11 – 3.02 (m, 2H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 1.40 – 1.23 (m, 2H), 0.71 (t, *J* = 15 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 143.3, 134.0, 135.4, 133.5, 129.7, 129.5, 128.7, 127.1, 51.3, 50.1, 21.5, 21.4, 11.1.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: Calcd for C₁₄H₁₄O₂NSCl [M+H]⁺ 338.09760; Found 338.09756.

N-Benzyl-N-(4-chlorobenzyl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (5i)



According to general procedure 2.2, **5i** was obtained in 42% (80 mg) isolated yield. White solid; Mp: 179 - 180 °C.

¹**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.74 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.22 – 7.20 (m, 3H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.04 – 7.01 (m, 2H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.29 (s, 2H), 4.26 (s, 2H), 2.46 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 143.4, 137.5, 135.4, 134.4, 133.4, 129.8, 129.7, 128.5, 128.5, 128.4, 127.7, 127.2, 50.9, 50.0, 21.5.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: Calcd for C₁₇H₂₀O₂NSCl [M+H]⁺ 386.09760; Found 386.09756.

4-Methoxy-N-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-N-propylbenzenesulfonamide (5j)



According to general procedure 2.2, **5j** was obtained in 45% (78 mg) isolated yield as a yellowish viscous oil.

¹**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.95 (dd, *J* = 1.2, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 7.80 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.60 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 4.74 (s, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.22 – 3.19 (m, 2H), 1.55 – 1.46 (m, 2H), 0.82 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H).

¹³**C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 194.2, 162.8, 134.9, 133.7, 129.6, 128.8, 128.0, 114.0, 55.5, 52.9, 50.0, 21.2, 11.1.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: Calcd for C₁₈H₂₀O₄NS [M+H]⁺ 348.12641; Found 348.12607.

N-(4-Chlorobenzyl)-N-ethylbenzenesulfonamide (5k)



According to general procedure 2.2, 5k was obtained in 56% (86 mg) isolated yield as a colorless liquid.

¹**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.84 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.62 – 7.57 (m, 1H), 7.53 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.32 (s, 2H), 3.20 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 0.92 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 140.1, 135.1, 133.6, 132.5, 129.5, 129.2, 128.7, 127.0, 50.5, 42.6, 13.4.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: Calcd for C₁₅H₁₇O₂NSCl [M+H]⁺ 310.06630; Found 310.06590.

N-Ethyl-N-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)naphthalene-2-sulfonamide (5l)



According to general procedure 2.2, **51** was obtained in 40% (70 mg) isolated yield as a yellowish viscous oil.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 8.45 (s, 1H), 7.98 – 7.94 (m, 4H), 7.91 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (dd, J = 8.7, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.67 – 7.61 (m, 1H), 7.65 – 7.57 (m, 2H), 7.48 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 4.83 (s, 2H), 3.41 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.11 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 194.0, 136.8, 134.9, 134.8, 133.8, 132.1, 129.2, 129.2, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 128.0, 127.9, 127.3, 122.9, 52.3, 43.2, 13.4.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: Calcd for C₂₀H₂₀O₃NS [M+H]⁺ 354.11584; Found 354.11576.

N,N-Diethylthiophene-2-sulfonamide (5m)^[6]



According to general procedure 2.2, 5m was obtained in 64% (70 mg) yield as a brownish oil.

¹**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.55 (d, *J* = 4.2 Hz, 2H), 7.08 (t, *J* = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 3.25 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 4H), 1.18 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 6H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz,CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 140.8, 131.3, 131.1, 127.2, 42.6, 14.2.

Methyl 2-(N-(4-chlorobenzyl)-N-ethylsulfamoyl)thiophene-3-carboxylate (5n)



According to general procedure 2.2, **5n** was obtained in 47% (87 mg) isolated yield as a colorless liquid.

¹**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.50 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 4.59 (s, 1H), 3.92 (s, 2H), 3.33 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 0.97 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 156.0, 143.6, 135.4, 133.4, 132.8, 131.6, 129.4, 129.1, 128.7, 53.0, 50.3, 42.0, 13.1.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: Calcd for C₁₅H₁₇O₄NClS₂ [M+H]⁺ 374.02820; Found 374.02796.

N-Methyl-N-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)cyclopropanesulfonamide (50)



According to general procedure 2.2, **50** was obtained in 46% (58 mg) isolated yieldas a yellowish viscous oil.

¹**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.95 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.62 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.79 (s, 2H), 3.05 (s, 3H), 2.62 (tt, *J* = 8.0, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 1.20 – 1.14 (m, 2H), 1.03 (dd, *J* = 2.4, 2.4 Hz, 2H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 194.6, 134.6, 134.0, 128.9, 127.9, 56.4, 35.9, 28.9,

5.1.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z*: Calcd for C₁₂H₁₅O₃NNaS [M+H]⁺ 276.06649; Found 276.06619.

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N-(4-Chlorobenzyl)-N,4-dimethylbenzenesulfonamide (3a)



N-(4-Chlorobenzyl)-*N*-methylbenzenesulfonamide (3b)



Figure S2. ¹H (600 MHz) and ¹³C (151 MHz) NMR spectra of 3b in CDCl₃.

N-(4-Chlorobenzyl)-2,4,6-triisopropyl-*N*-methylbenzenesulfonamide (3c)



Figure S3. ¹H (600 MHz) and ¹³C (151 MHz) NMR spectra of 3c in CDCl₃.

N-(4-Chlorobenzyl)-*N*,2,2,4,6,7-hexamethyl-2,3-dihydrobenzofuran-5-sulfonamide (3d)



Figure S4. ¹H (600 MHz) and ¹³C (151 MHz) NMR spectra of 3d in CDCl₃.

N-(4-Chlorobenzyl)-4-methoxy-*N*-methylbenzenesulfonamide (3e)

N-(4-Chlorobenzyl)-*N*-methyl-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonamide (3f)





Figure S6. ¹H (600 MHz), ¹³C (151 MHz) and ¹⁹F (376 M) NMR spectra of 3f in CDCl₃.

N-(4-Chlorobenzyl)-N-methyl-2-(trifluoromethoxy)benzenesulfonamide (3g)



Figure S7. ¹H (600 MHz), ¹³C (151 MHz) and ¹⁹F (376 M) NMR spectra of 3g in CDCl₃.

N-(4-Chlorobenzyl)-4-fluoro-*N*-methylbenzenesulfonamide (3h)



10 -10 -30 -50 -70 -90 -110 -130 -150 -170 -190 -210 -230 f1 (ppm)

Figure S8. ¹H (600 MHz), ¹³C (151 MHz) and ¹⁹F (376 M) NMR spectra of 3h in CDCl₃.

4-Chloro-N-(4-chlorobenzyl)-N-methylbenzenesulfonamide (3i)



230 220 210 200 190 180 170 160 150 140 130 120 110 100 90 80 70 60 50 40 30 20 10 0 -10 f1 (ppm)

Figure S9. ¹H (600 MHz) and ¹³C (151 MHz) NMR spectra of 3i in CDCl₃.

4-bromo-N-(4-chlorobenzyl)-N-methylbenzenesulfonamide (3j)



Figure S10. ¹H (600 MHz) and ¹³C (151 MHz) NMR spectra of 3j in CDCl₃.

N-(4-Chlorobenzyl)-3,4-difluoro-*N*-methylbenzenesulfonamide (3k)





N-(4-Chlorobenzyl)-*N*-methylnaphthalene-2-sulfonamide (3n)



230 220 210 200 190 180 170 160 150 140 130 120 110 100 90 80 70 60 50 40 30 20 10 0 -10 f1 (ppm)

Figure S12. ¹H (600 MHz) and ¹³C (151 MHz) NMR spectra of 3n in CDCl₃.

N-(4-Chlorobenzyl)-*N*-methylthiophene-2-sulfonamide (30)



Figure S13. ¹H (600 MHz) and ¹³C (151 MHz) NMR spectra of 30 in CDCl₃.

Methyl2-(N-(4-chlorobenzyl)-N-methylsulfamoyl)thiophene-3-carboxylate (3p)



Figure S14. ¹H (600 MHz) and ¹³C (151 MHz) NMR spectra of 3p in CDCl₃.

N-Ethyl-N,4-dimethylbenzenesulfonamide (5a)



Figure S15. ¹H (600 MHz) and ¹³C (151 MHz) NMR spectra of 5a in CDCl₃.





Ethyl N-methyl-N-tosylglycinate (5c)



Figure S17. ¹H (600 MHz) and ¹³C (151 MHz) NMR spectra of 5c in CDCl₃.

N,4-Dimethyl-*N*-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)benzenesulfonamide (5d)



Figure S18. ¹H (600 MHz) and ¹³C (151 MHz) NMR spectra of 5d in CDCl₃.

N-Ethyl-4-methyl-*N*-propylbenzenesulfonamide (5e)



7,569 7,7696 7,277 2,277 2,227



230 220 210 200 190 180 170 160 150 140 130 120 110 100 90 80 70 60 50 40 30 20 10 0 -10 f1 (ppm)

Figure S19. ¹H (600 MHz) and ¹³C (151 MHz) NMR spectra of 5e in CDCl₃.

N,N-diethyl-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (5f)



Figure S20. ¹H (600 MHz) and ¹³C (151 MHz) NMR spectra of 5f in CDCl₃.

N-(4-Chlorobenzyl)-N-ethyl-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (5g)



Figure S21. ¹H (600 MHz) and ¹³C (151 MHz) NMR spectra of 5g in CDCl₃.

N-(4-Chlorobenzyl)-4-methyl-N-propylbenzenesulfonamide (5h)





Figure S22. $^1\mathrm{H}$ (600 MHz) and $^{13}\mathrm{C}$ (151 MHz) NMR spectra of 5h in CDCl₃.

N-Benzyl-N-(4-chlorobenzyl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (5i)



Figure S23. ¹H (600 MHz) and ¹³C (151 MHz) NMR spectra of 5i in CDCl₃.

4-Methoxy-N-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-N-propylbenzenesulfonamide (5j)



Figure S24. ¹H (600 MHz) and ¹³C (151 MHz) NMR spectra of 5j in CDCl₃.

N-(4-Chlorobenzyl)-*N*-ethylbenzenesulfonamide (5k)



Figure S25. ¹H (600 MHz) and ¹³C (151 MHz) NMR spectra of 5k in CDCl₃.

Ethyl-N-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)naphthalene-2-sulfonamide (5l)



Figure S26. ¹H (600 MHz) and ¹³C (151 MHz) NMR spectra of 5l in CDCl₃.

N,*N*-Diethylthiophene-2-sulfonamide (5m)



Figure S27. ¹H (600 MHz) and ¹³C (151 MHz) NMR spectra of 5m in CDCl₃.

Methyl 2-(N-(4-chlorobenzyl)-N-ethylsulfamoyl)thiophene-3-carboxylate (5n)



Figure S28. $^1\mathrm{H}$ (600 MHz) and $^{13}\mathrm{C}$ (151 MHz) NMR spectra of 5n in CDCl₃.

N-Methyl-*N*-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)cyclopropanesulfonamide (50)



Figure S29. ¹H (600 MHz) and ¹³C (151 MHz) NMR spectra of 50 in CDCl₃.

2,2,6,6-Tetramethylpiperidin-1-yl 4-methylbenzenesulfonate (11)



Figure S30. ¹H (600 MHz) and ¹³C (151 MHz) NMR spectra of 11 in CDCl₃.