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Sulfamic acid promoted one-pot multicomponent reaction: A facile synthesis of 4-oxotetrahydroindoles under ball milling process[†]

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S1. Materials and method:

General Information: The chemicals were procured from S.D. Fine, India and Merck Ltd. without additional purification. The sulfamic acid was purchased from Merck Ltd. (catalogue no. 242780). The reactions were monitored by thin-layer chromatography (TLC) on silica gel plates (60 F254), visualizing with ultraviolet light or iodine spray. Flash chromatography was performed on silica gel (100–200 mesh) using distilled hexane, ethyl acetate, and dichloromethane. A Retsch 01.462.0220 Agate Grinding Jar (250 mL Capacity) was used for the Planetary Ball Mill 100. All the products were identified compounds and their physical information, FT-IR, mass spectra and 1H NMR was basically the same as those of the genuine samples. Melting points were determined using melting point B-540 apparatus and are uncorrected. HRMS was determined using waters LCT premier XETOF ARE-047 apparatus.

S2. General Procedure for synthesis of 4-oxo-tetrahydroindoles derivatives using ball milling technique: The mixture of dimedone (1 mmol), phenacyl bromide (1 mmol), and aniline (1 mmol) and catalytic amount of sulfamic acid (20 mol %) was taken in one pot under solvent/additives free under ball-milling at 600 rpm with six balls (d = 10 mm) of the equivalent substance using 25 mL stainless steel beaker for 60 min. The ball-milling was carried out at inverted rotation directions, for time durations of 10 min separated by intervals of 30 s. The extraction of the reaction residue was accomplished by elution with ethanol followed by solvent evaporation to furnish the product (4a-n). This methodology was applicable for all the reactions listed in (Table 2). The remaining sulfamic acid was again washed with ethanol followed by acetone, dried under vacuum and reused for next run.

S3. Analytical dada for selected products

- 6,6-dimethyl-1,2-diphenyl-1,5,6,7-tetrahydro-4H-indol-4-one (4a): Faint yellow solid; mp: 205-206°C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ: 1.10 (s, 6H), 2.42 (s, 2H), 2.51 (s, 2H), 6.78 (s, 1H), 7.05-7.07 (m, 2H), 7.12-7.17 (m, 5H), 7.39-7.41 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ: 28.6 (2C), 35.5, 37.0, 52.1, 105.6, 120.0, 122.5, 126.8, 127.7 (2C), 128.1 (2C), 128.1 (2C), 128.2, 129.3 (2C), 136.3, 137.7, 144.7, 194.0; HRMS (ESI) [M+1] calcd for C₂₂H₂₂NO: 316.1701, found: 316.1689.
- 1-(4-bromophenyl)-6,6-dimethyl-2-phenyl-1,5,6,7-tetrahydro-4H-indol-4-one (4b): Brown solid; mp: 170-173°C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ: 1.10 (s, 6H), 2.41 (s, 2H), 2.50 (s, 2H), 6.77 (s, 1H), 7.00-7.03 (m, 2H), 7.04-7.07 (m, 2H), 7.18-7.20 (m, 3H), 7.52 (dd, J 1,2 = 2.0 Hz, , J 1,3= 6.8 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ: 28.6 (2C), 35.5, 37.0, 52.0, 105.9, 120.2, 122.1, 127.1, 128.2 (2C), 128.3, 129.2 (2C), 131.5 (2C), 132.5 (2C), 136.2, 136.6, 144.4, 193.8; HRMS (ESI) [M+1] calcd for C₂₂H₂₁NOBr : 394.0807, found: 394.0810.
- 3. 6,6-dimethyl-2-phenyl-1-(o-tolyl)-1,5,6,7-tetrahydro-4H-indol-4-one (4c): Offwhite solid; mp: 168-170°C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ: 1.05 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 6H), 1.86 (s, 3H), 2.15 (d, J = 16 Hz, 1H), 2.36-2.50 (m, 3H), 6.83 (s, 1H), 7.08-7.14 (m, 5H), 7.2-7.36 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ: 17.4, 27.9, 29.2, 35.5, 36.5, 52.1, 104.9, 119.7, 126.9 (2C), 127.4 (2C), 128.1 (2C), 128.6, 129.1, 131.2, 132.0, 136.1, 136.4, 136.9, 144.8, 193.9; HRMS (ESI) [M+1] calcd for C₂₃H₂₄NO: 330.1858, found: 330.1846.

- 4. 1-(2,3-dimethylphenyl)-6,6-dimethyl-2-phenyl-1,5,6,7-tetrahydro-4H-indol-4-one (4d): Brown solid; mp: 149-151°C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ: 1.07 (s, 3H), 1.10 (s, 3H), 1.74 (s, 3H), 2.15 (d, J = 16 Hz, 1H), 2.26 (s, 3H), 2.40- 2.47 (m, 3H), 6.82 (s,1H), 7.06 -7.09 (m, 3H), 7.12-7.14 (m, 3H), 7.18-7.19 (m,1H), 7.22-7.23 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ: 13.9, 20.3, 27.9, 29.1, 35.5, 36.5, 52.1, 104.8, 119.5, 126.1, 126.8, 127.4 (2C), 128.1(2C), 130.1, 130.4, 132.0, 133.4, 136.6, 136.8, 138.6, 145.1, 194.0; HRMS (ESI) [M+1] calcd for C₂₄H₂₆NO:344.2014, found: 344.2012.
- 5. 1-(3-chloro-2-methylphenyl)-6,6-dimethyl-2-phenyl-1,5,6,7-tetrahydro-4H-indol-4-one (4e): Light pink solid; mp: 162-164°C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ: 1.52 (s, 3H), 1.55 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.60 (d, J = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 2.85-2.87 (m, 2H), 2.90 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (s, 1H), 7.49 (d, J = 2.0Hz, 2H), 7.50-7.60 (m, 3H), 7.61-7.67 (m, 1H), 7.88-7.93 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ: 15.0, 27.9, 29.1, 35.6, 36.5, 52.0, 105.2, 119.9, 127.3 (2C), 128.3 (2C), 129.3 (2C), 130.1, 131.6, 133.6,135.0, 135.8, 136.7, 138.1, 144.8, 194.0; HRMS (ESI) [M+1] calcd for C₂₃H₂₃NO: 364.1468, found: 364.1455.
- 6. 6,6-dimethyl-1-(naphthalen-1-yl)-2-phenyl-1,5,6,7-tetrahydro-4H-indol-4-one (4f): Brown solid; mp: 162 164°C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ: 1.02 (s, 6H), 2.13 (d, J = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 2.32 -2.42 (m, 3H), 6.91 (s, 1H), 7.01-7.36 (m, 5H), 7.46-7.49 (m, 2H), 7.50-7.56 (m, 3H), 7.92-7.95 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ: 28.0, 28.8, 35.5, 36.3, 52.1, 105.1, 119.8, 122.5, 125.2, 126.5, 126.8 (2C), 127.5 (2C), 127.7 (2C), 128.3 (2C), 129.3, 130.9, 131.8, 134.0, 134.2, 137.5, 146.1, 194.0; HRMS (ESI) [M+1] calcd for C₂₆H₂₄NO: 366.1858, found: 366.1850.
- 7. 1-cyclopropyl-6,6-dimethyl-2-phenyl-1,5,6,7-tetrahydro-4H-indol-4-one (4g): Off white solid; mp: 162-164°C; ; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ: 0.55-0.60 (m, 2H), 0.85-0.95 (m, 2H), 1.17 (s, 6H), 2.37 (s, 2H), 2.80 (s, 2H), 3.20-3.24 (m, 1H), 6.54 (s, 1H), 7.31-7.33 (m, 1H), 7.36-7.40 (m, 2H), 7.45-7.47 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ: 9.2 (2C), 27.0, 28.7 (2C), 35.5, 37.2, 51.9, 104.6, 119.0, 127.0, 128.1 (2C), 128.3 (2C), 132.8, 137.0, 146.0, 193.6; HRMS (ESI) [M+1] calcd for C₁₉H₂₂NO: 280.1701, found: 280.1707.
- 8. 1-butyl-6,6-dimethyl-2-phenyl-1,5,6,7-tetrahydro-4H-indol-4-one (4h): Faint yellow oil; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ: 0.77 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H), 1.10-1.19 (m, 2H), 1.25 (s, 6H), 1.46-1.52 (m, 2H), 2.36 (s, 2H), 2.67 (s, 2H), 3.83 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.53 (s, 1H), 7.34-7.42 (m, 3H), 7.42-7.49 (m, 1H), 7.58-7.62 (m,1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ: 13.5, 19.6, 28.8 (2C), 35.5, 36.5, 40.8, 44.2, 51.9, 105.4, 119.2, 127.7, 128.4 (2C), 129.2 (2C), 130.1, 133.6, 143.3, 193.7 ;HRMS (ESI) [M+1] calcd for C₂₀H₂₆NO: 296.2014, found: 296.2000.
- 9. 1-(4-fluorophenyl)-6,6-dimethyl-2-phenyl-1,5,6,7-tetrahydro-4H-indol-4-one (4i): Pale yellow solid; mp: 198-200°C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ: 1.10 (s, 6H), 2.42 (s, 2H), 2.49 (s, 2H), 6.77 (s, 1H), 7.04-7.07 (m, 2H), 7.09-7.12 (m, 4H), 7.17-7.19 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ: 28.6 (2C), 35.5, 37.0, 52.0, 105.6, 116.2 & 116.4 (d,²J C,F= 23.0 Hz) (2C), 119.9, 127.0 (2C), 128.2 (3C), 129.3 &129.4 (d,³J C,F= 9.0 Hz) (2C), 131.6, 133.6, 136.3, 144.6, 160.7 & 163 (d,¹J C,F=247.0 Hz), 193.9; HRMS (ESI) [M+1] calcd for C₂₂H₂₁NOF: 334.1607, found: 334.1600.
- **10.** 2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-6,6-dimethyl-1-phenyl-1,5,6,7-tetrahydro-4H-indol-4-one (4j): Brown gum; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ: 1.10 (s, 6H), 2.42 (s, 2H), 2.49 (s, 2H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 6.77 (s, 1H), 7.04-7.07 (m, 2H), 7.09-7.12 (m, 3H), 7.17-7.19 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ: 28.4, 28.7, 35.4, 36.4, 52.1, 55.5, 104.8, 112.1, 119.6, 120.8, 126.4, 126.7, 127.7 (2C), 127.9(2C), 129.6, 130.1, 132.2, 136.7, 145.8, 155.1, 194.0; HRMS (ESI) [M+1] calcd for C₂₃H₂₄NO₂: 346.1807,found: 346.1812.
- 11. 4-(6,6-dimethyl-4-oxo-1-phenyl-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-1H-indol-2-yl)benzonitrile (4k): Pale yellow solid; mp: 204-206°C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ: 1.10 (s, 6H), 2.43 9s, 2H), 2.51 (s, 2H), 6.91 (s, 1H), 7.11-7.15 (m, 4H), 7.42-7.46 (m, 5H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ: 28.5 (2C), 35.5, 36.9, 51.9, 107.7, 118.6, 120.2, 127.5 (2C), 127.9 (2C), 128.8, 129.7 (2C), 131.9 (2C), 132.2, 134.1, 136.2, 137.1, 146.1, 194.0; HRMS (ESI) [M+1] calcd for C₂₃H₂₁N₂O:341.1654, found: 341.1644.
- 12. 4-(6,6-dimethyl-4-oxo-1-(o-tolyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-1H-indol-2-yl)benzonitrile (4l): Brown solid; mp: 170-172°C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ: 1.07 (s, 3H), 1.11 (s, 3H), 1.85 (s, 3H), 2.16 (d, J = 16.8 Hz, 1H), 2.41-2.50 (m, 3H), 6.96 (s, 1H), 7.13-7.16 (m, 2H), 7.23 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (d, J = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.30-7.37 (m, 1H), 7.39 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.40-7.43 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ: 17.2, 27.8, 29.1, 35.5, 36.5, 52.05, 107.1, 110.0, 118.7, 120.1, 127.0 (2C), 127.3, 128.3, 129.7, 131.5, 132.1 (2C), 134.2, 134.2, 135.8, 136.4, 146.1, 193.7; HRMS (ESI) [M+1] calcd for C₂₄H₂₃N₂O: 355.1810, found: 355.1805.
- **13. 4-(1-(2,3-dimethylphenyl)-6,6-dimethyl-4-oxo-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-1H-indol-2-yl)benzonitrile** (4m): Brown solid; mp: 173-175°C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ: 1.36 (s, 3H), 1.40 (s, 3H), 2.02 (s, 3H), 2.46 (d, J = 16.8 Hz, 1H), 2.59 (s, 3H), 2.70-2.77 (m, 3H), 7.36 (s, 1H), 7.38-7.44 (m, 2H), 7.50-7.52 (m, 1H), 7.54-7.55 (m, 1H), 7. 57-7.59 (m, 1H) 7.69-7.72 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ: 13.8, 20.3, 27.9, 29.0, 35.5, 36.4, 52.0, 107.0, 109.9, 118.7, 120.0, 125.9, 126.5, 127.0 (2C), 131.0 132.0 (2C),

134.3, 134.5, 136.3, 136.4, 139.1, 146.3, 193.8; HRMS (ESI) [M+1] calcd for $C_{25}H_{25}N_2O$:369.1967, found: 369.1951.

14. 2-(4-chlorophenyl)-6,6-dimethyl-1-phenyl-1,5,6,7-tetrahydro-4H-indol-4-one (4n): Brown solid; mp:149-151°C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ: 1.09 (s, 6H), 2.41 (s, 2H), 2.50 (s, 2H), 6.77 (s, 1H), 6.96-6.98 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.11-7.14 (m, 4H), 7.41-7.42 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ: 28.6 (2C), 35.5, 37.0, 52.0, 105.9, 120.2, 122.1, 127.1, 128.2 (2C), 128.3, 129.2 (2C), 131.5 (2C), 132.5 (2C), 136.2, 136.6, 144.4, 193.8;HRMS (ESI) ([M] +1) calcd for C₂₂H₂₁NOCI: 350.1312, found: 350.1300.

S5. ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR, MS spectra of compounds (2a-2l):

6,6-dimethyl-1,2-diphenyl-1,5,6,7-tetrahydro-4H-indol-4-one (4a):





1-(4-bromophenyl)-6,6-dimethyl-2-phenyl-1,5,6,7-tetrahydro-4H-indol-4-one (4b):









6,6-dimethyl-2-phenyl-1-(o-tolyl)-1,5,6,7-tetrahydro-4H-indol-4-one (4c):



1-(2,3-dimethylphenyl)-6,6-dimethyl-2-phenyl-1,5,6,7-tetrahydro-4H-indol-4-one (4d):













6,6-dimethyl-1-(naphthalen-1-yl)-2-phenyl-1,5,6,7-tetrahydro-4H-indol-4-one (4f):







1-cyclopropyl-6,6-dimethyl-2-phenyl-1,5,6,7-tetrahydro-4H-indol-4-one (4g):



Elemental Composition Report	Page 1
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1-butyl-6,6-dimethyl-2-phenyl-1,5,6,7-tetrahydro-4H-indol-4-one (4h):













2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-6,6-dimethyl-1-phenyl-1,5,6,7-tetrahydro-4H-indol-4-one (4j):













4-(6,6-dimethyl-4-oxo-1-(o-tolyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-1H-indol-2-yl)benzonitrile (4I):













2-(4-chlorophenyl)-6,6-dimethyl-1-phenyl-1,5,6,7-tetrahydro-4H-indol-4-one (4n):





