

Supporting information

**Structural insight and in silico prediction of pharmacokinetic parameters  
of alkaline earth metals compounds: strontium and barium with  
non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug nimesulide**

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## **Synthesis**

Nimesulide, strontium hydroxide and barium hydroxide were delivered from Sigma-Aldrich and used without preliminary purification. Melting points were determined on a Büchi M-565 (Flawil, Switzerland) capillary apparatus and were uncorrected.

### *Compound 1*

Nimesulide (0.050 g, 0.162 mmol) and strontium hydroxide (0.020 g, 0.162 mmol) were dissolved in 20 mL of an ethanol/water mixture (1:1 v/v) and heated for 20 min to dissolve the sample. The solution was allowed to evaporate at room temperature for a few days to give yellow crystals of compound **2** (m.p. = 244°C).

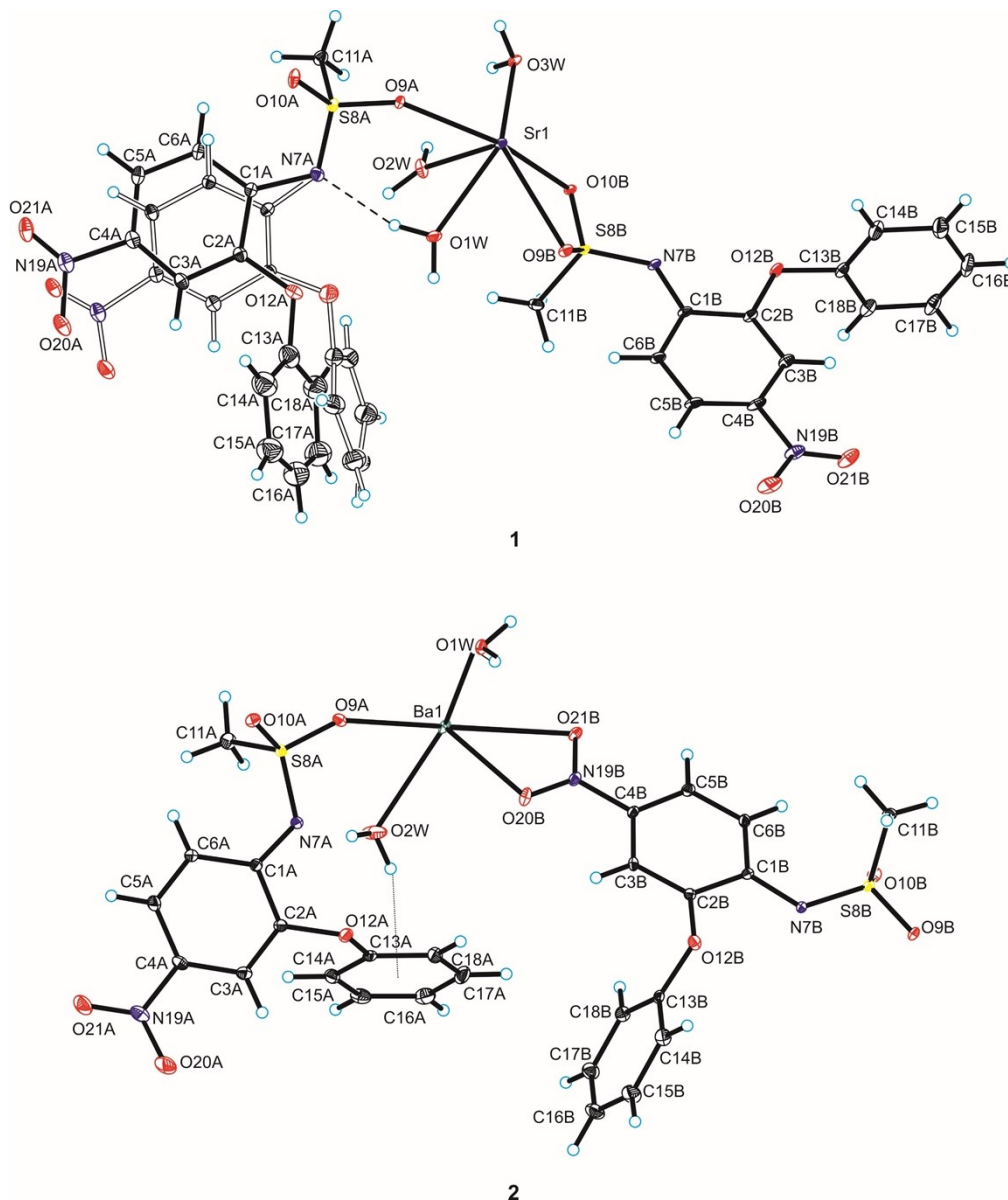
### *Compound 2*

Nimesulide (0.050 g, 0.162 mmol) and barium hydroxide (0.028 g, 0.162 mmol) were dissolved in 20 mL of an ethanol/water mixture (1:1 v/v) and heated for 20 min to dissolve the sample. The solution was allowed to evaporate at room temperature for a few days to give orange crystals of compound **1** (m.p. = 221°C).

## **Single-Crystal X-Ray Diffraction (SCXRD) measurements**

SCXRD data were collected on an Oxford Diffraction Gemini R ULTRA Ruby CCD diffractometer MoK $\alpha$  ( $\lambda_{\text{Mo}}=0.71073$  Å, T=293(2) K) (Table 1S, Fig. S1)[1]. CrysAlis RED software [1] (ver. 1.171.41.16a) was used to reduce diffraction data. SHELX package [2] (ver. 2017/1) was used to solve and refine received structures. Interactions were calculated using PLATON (ver. 181115) [3]. PLUTO-78 [4], ORTEPII [5] and Mercury [6] (ver. 2020.2.0) programs were used for preparing graphics. The benzene rings and nitro group in one nimesulide anion in compound **1** have disordered orientations with refined site-occupancy factors of the disordered parts of 0.610(7) and 0.390(7) (the disordered benzene rings were refined as rigid ideal hexagons with  $d(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 1.39$  Å and constrained with isotropic displacement parameters). All H atoms bound to aromatic C atoms were placed geometrically and refined using a riding model with  $d(\text{C}-\text{H}) = 0.93$  Å and  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$  ( $d(\text{C}-\text{H}) = 0.96$  Å and  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.5U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$  for methyl group). H atoms bound to O atoms from water molecules were located on a Fourier difference map and refined with restraints (DFIX command) with  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.5U_{\text{eq}}(\text{O})$ .

Full crystallographic details the structures reported in this paper have been deposited with the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre (deposition No. CCDC 2332827 and CCDC 2332828 for compounds **1** and **2** respectively) and they may be obtained from [www: http://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk](http://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk), e-mail: [deposit@ccdc.cam.ac.uk](mailto:deposit@ccdc.cam.ac.uk) or The Director, CCDC, 12 Union Road, Cambridge, CB2 1EZ, UK.



**Figure 1S.** Asymmetric unit in the crystals of compounds **1** and **2** showing the atom-labelling scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 25% probability level. H atoms are shown as small spheres of arbitrary radius (O–H···N hydrogen bond is represented by dashed lines, whereas O–H··· $\pi$  interactions by dotted line). In the figure of asymmetric unit of compound **1**, the disordered part of the nimesulide anion A is shown with unfilled lines.

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**Table 1S.** Crystal data and structure refinement for compounds **1** and **2**.

Compound	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
Chemical formula	C <sub>26</sub> H <sub>28</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>13</sub> S <sub>2</sub> Sr	C <sub>26</sub> H <sub>26</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>12</sub> S <sub>2</sub> Ba
Formula weight/g·mol <sup>-1</sup>	756.26	787.97
Crystal system	monoclinic	monoclinic
Space group	<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> / <i>n</i>	<i>I</i> 2/ <i>a</i>
<i>a</i> /Å	34.835(5)	26.2150(11)
<i>b</i> /Å	7.2995(5)	7.9077(3)
<i>c</i> /Å	14.2995(17)	31.5526(17)
$\alpha$ /°	90	90
$\beta$ /°	114.459(17)	113.318(6)
$\gamma$ /°	90	90
<i>V</i> /Å <sup>3</sup>	3309.7(8)	6006.6(5)
<i>Z</i>	4	8
<i>T</i> /K	291(2)	291(2)
$\lambda_{\text{Mo}}$ /Å	0.71073	0.71073
$\rho_{\text{calc}}$ /g·cm <sup>-3</sup>	1.518	1.743
<i>F</i> (000)	1544	3152
$\mu$ /mm <sup>-1</sup>	1.823	1.531
$\theta$ range/°	3.39 - 25.00	3.33 - 25.00
Completeness $\theta$ /%	99.7	99.8
Reflections collected	24319	19993
Reflections unique	5813 [ <i>R</i> <sub>int</sub> =0.1311]	5286 [ <i>R</i> <sub>int</sub> =0.0501]
Data/restraints/parameters	5813/480/580	5286/4/420
Goodness of fit on <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup>	0.986	1.020
Final <i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> value ( <i>I</i> >2 $\sigma$ ( <i>I</i> ))	0.0567	0.0358
Final <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> value ( <i>I</i> >2 $\sigma$ ( <i>I</i> ))	0.1029	0.0682
Final <i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> value (all data)	0.1351	0.0521
Final <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> value (all data)	0.1295	0.0734
CCDC number	2332827	2332828

**Table 2S.** Hydrogen-bond and X–H... $\pi$  interactions geometry in the crystals of compounds **1** and **2** (Å, °).

Compound	D–H...A	$d(\text{D–H})$ [Å]	$d(\text{H...A})$ [Å]	$d(\text{D...A})$ [Å]	$\angle\text{D–H...A}$ (°)
<b>1</b>	O1W–H1WA...N7A	0.90(6)	1.98(6)	2.816(7)	153(6)
	O1W–H1WB...O20B <sup>i</sup>	0.89(9)	2.21(7)	2.930(8)	138(8)
	O2W–H2WA...O21A <sup>ii</sup>	0.89(6)	2.18(7)	2.989(9)	151(7)
	O2W–H2WB...O10A <sup>iii</sup>	0.88(7)	1.98(6)	2.840(6)	167(6)
	O3W–H3WA...O10A <sup>iii</sup>	0.90(5)	1.86(5)	2.731(7)	161(5)
	O3W–H3WB...N7B <sup>iv</sup>	0.89(6)	1.90(5)	2.780(6)	170(5)
	C5B–H5B...Cg1B <sup>i</sup>	0.93	2.78	3.641(9)	154
Symmetry code: (i)1/2-x,1/2+y,3/2-z; (ii)-x,-1-y,-z; (iii)x,-1+y,z; (iv)1/2-x,-1/2+y,1/2-z.					
<b>2</b>	O1W–H1WA...O10A <sup>i</sup>	0.89(3)	2.27(4)	2.994(4)	139(3)
	O1W–H1WB...O12B <sup>ii</sup>	0.89(4)	2.58(4)	3.240(4)	132(3)
	O1W–H1WB...N7B <sup>ii</sup>	0.89(4)	2.01(4)	2.849(4)	158(4)
	O2W–H2WB...N7A	0.88(5)	2.03(5)	2.893(5)	168(7)
	C11B–H11C...O20A <sup>iii</sup>	0.96	2.58	3.511(6)	163
	C14B–H14B...O10A <sup>iv</sup>	0.93	2.58	3.492(5)	168
	O2W–H2WA...Cg2A <sup>v</sup>	0.89(3)	2.51	3.159(5)	130(5)
	C15A–H15A...Cg1A <sup>iv</sup>	0.93	2.96	3.807(5)	153
Symmetry code: (i)-x,-1/2+y,1/2-z; (ii)1/2-x,3/2-y,1/2-z; (iii)x,3/2-y,-1/2+z; (iv)1/2+x,2-y,z; (v)x,1+y,-z.					

Cg represents the centre of gravity of the rings as follows: Cg1A ring C1A/C2A/C3A/C4A/C5A/C6A, Cg2A ring C13A/C14A/C15A/C16A/C17A/C18A, Cg1B ring C1B/C2B/C3B/C4B/C5B/C6B, Cg2B ring C13B/C14B/C15B/C16B/C17B/C18B.

**Table 3S.** S–O... $\pi$  and N–O... $\pi$  interactions geometry in the crystals of compounds **1** and **2** (Å, °).

Compound	X–Y...A	$d(\text{X–Y})$ [Å]	$d(\text{Y...A})$ [Å]	$d(\text{X...A})$ [Å]	$\angle\text{X–H...A}$ (°)
<b>1</b>	S8A–O10A...Cg2B <sup>v</sup>	1.453(4)	3.612(5)	4.391(4)	113.1(2)
	N19A–O21A...Cg1A <sup>vi</sup>	1.232(9)	3.458(11)	3.710(19)	94.5(13)
	N19B–O21B...Cg2A <sup>vii</sup>	1.198(8)	3.008(15)	3.871(15)	128.5(6)
Symmetry code: (v)1/2-x,3/2+y,1/2-z; (vi)-x,-y,-z; (vii)1/2-x,-1/2+y,3/2-z.					
<b>2</b>	N19A–O21A...Cg2B <sup>vi</sup>	1.218(5)	3.215(6)	3.683(6)	102.9(3)
Symmetry code: (vi)1/2-x,1+y,1-z.					

**Table 4S.**  $\pi$ – $\pi$  interactions geometry in the crystals of compounds **1** and **2** (Å, °).

Compound d	CgI	CgJ	CgI...CgJ <sup>a</sup> [Å]	Dihedral angle <sup>b</sup> [°]	Interplanar distance <sup>c</sup> [Å]	Offset <sup>d</sup> [Å]
<b>1</b>	Cg1A	Cg1A <sup>ii</sup>	3.903(8)	0.0(6)	3.479(5)	1.770
Symmetry code: (ii)-x,-1-y,-z.						
<b>2</b>	Cg2A	Cg2A <sup>vi</sup> <sub>i</sub>	3.684(3)	5.9(2)	3.513(2)	1.770
	Cg1B	Cg1B <sup>ii</sup>	3.962(2)	0.0(2)	3.283(2)	2.218
Symmetry code: (ii)1/2-x,3/2-y,1/2-z; (vii) 1.2-x,y,1-z.						

<sup>a</sup>Cg...Cg – distance between ring centroids.

<sup>b</sup>Dihedral angle – angle between the mean planes of CgI and CgJ.

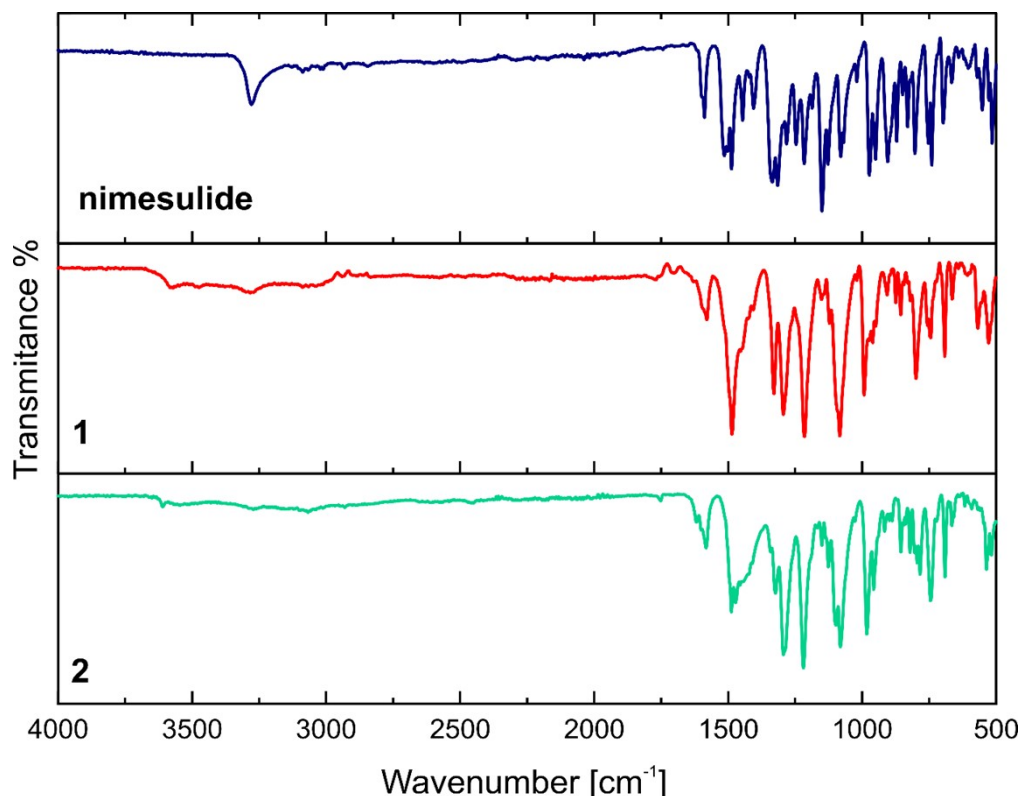
<sup>c</sup>Interplanar distance – perpendicular distance from CgI to ring J.

<sup>d</sup>Offset – perpendicular distance from ring I to ring J.



### ***Attenuated Total Reflectance – Fourier Transform Infrared Spectroscopy (ATR–FTIR)***

The ATR-FTIR spectra were acquired using a Perkin Elmer Spectrum 2™ instrument (Perkin Elmer, Waltham, USA) equipped with attenuated total reflectance (ATR) accessory. The spectra were recorded at room temperature in the spectral range from 4000 to 500  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  at a resolution of 4  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  averaging 16 scans for each measurement.



**Figure 2S.** ATR-FTIR spectra of studied compounds in the range of 4000–500  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

Nimesulide, ATR-FTIR ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3278 ( $\nu_{\text{NH}}$ ), 1589–1487 ( $\nu_{\text{C}=\text{C}}$ ), 1514 and 1316 ( $\nu_{\text{as}}$  and  $\nu_{\text{sym}}\text{NO}_2$ ), 1335 and 1150 ( $\nu_{\text{as}}$  and  $\nu_{\text{sym}}\text{SO}_2$ ), 1282–1069 ( $\nu_{\text{C}-\text{N}}$  and  $\nu_{\text{C}-\text{O}}$ ).

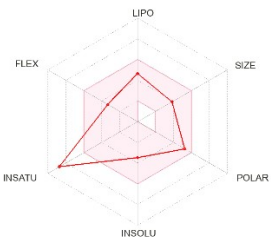
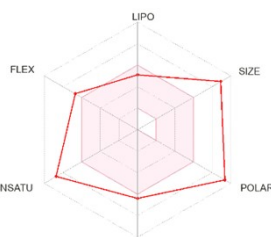
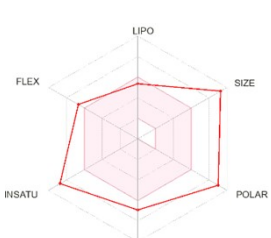
Compound **1**, ATR-FTIR ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 1582–1486 ( $\nu_{\text{C}=\text{C}}$  and  $\nu_{\text{as}}\text{NO}_2$ ), 1329 ( $\nu_{\text{as}}\text{SO}_2$  and/or  $\nu_{\text{sym}}\text{NO}_2$ ), 1150 (low-intensity band,  $\nu_{\text{sym}}\text{SO}_2$ ), 1293–1083 ( $\nu_{\text{C}-\text{N}}$  and  $\nu_{\text{C}-\text{O}}$ ).

Compound **2**, ATR-FTIR ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 1582–1472 ( $\nu_{\text{C}=\text{C}}$  and  $\nu_{\text{as}}\text{NO}_2$ ), 1341 and 1150 (low-intensity bands or shoulders,  $\nu_{\text{as}}\text{SO}_2$  and  $\nu_{\text{sym}}\text{SO}_2$ ), 1323 ( $\nu_{\text{sym}}\text{NO}_2$ ), 1293–1081 ( $\nu_{\text{C}-\text{N}}$  and  $\nu_{\text{C}-\text{O}}$ ).

## ADMET analysis

The web-service SWISS-ADME tool by the Swiss Institute of Bioinformatics (<http://www.swissadme.ch/>) was used to calculate physicochemical descriptors, important for drug discovery [1]. Compounds were analyzed to predict ADME (absorption, distribution, metabolism, and excretion) parameters. The web-service ProTOX II was used for the prediction of the toxicity of the title compounds [2]. For the ADME analysis, the inputs for compounds **1** and **2** were measured crystal structures. For both structures, we have generated the SMILE code and implemented it for analysis.

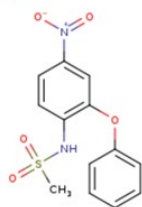
**Table 5S.** ADME diagrams for nimesulide and compounds **1** and **2**.

compound	ADME diagram	XLOGP3 <sup>a</sup>	MW <sup>b</sup>	TPSA <sup>c</sup>	LOG S (ESOL) <sup>d</sup>	F. Csp <sup>3</sup> <sup>e</sup>	NRB <sup>f</sup>
nimesulide		2.60	308.31	109.60	-3.48	0.08	5
<b>1</b>		3.42	756.27	222.83	-6.41	0.08	10
<b>2</b>		3.90	787.96	213.60	-6.92	0.08	10

<sup>a</sup> – parameter for lipophilicity calculations [3]; <sup>b</sup> – molecular weight [g/mol]; <sup>c</sup> – topological polar surface area [ $\text{\AA}^2$ ] [4]; <sup>d</sup> – estimated solubility [5]; <sup>e</sup> – ratio of  $sp^3$  hybridized carbons over the total amount of carbons in molecule; <sup>f</sup> – number of rotatable bonds.



a)



SMILES [O-][N+](=O)c1ccc(cc1)Oc1ccccc1NS(=O)(=O)C

#### Physicochemical Properties

Formula	C13H12N2O5S
Molecular weight	308.31 g/mol
Num. heavy atoms	21
Num. arom. heavy atoms	12
Fraction Csp3	0.08
Num. rotatable bonds	5
Num. H-bond acceptors	5
Num. H-bond donors	1
Molar Refractivity	80.05
TPSA	109.60 Å²

Lipophilicity	
Log $P_{ow}$ (ILOGP)	1.78
Log $P_{ow}$ (XLOGP3)	2.60
Log $P_{ow}$ (WLOGP)	3.65
Log $P_{ow}$ (MLOGP)	1.73
Log $P_{ow}$ (SILICOS-IT)	-0.62
Consensus Log $P_{ow}$	1.83

Water Solubility	
Log S (ESOL)	-3.48
Solubility	1.02e-01 mg/ml ; 3.29e-04 mol/l
Class	Soluble
Log S (Ali)	-4.55
Solubility	8.67e-03 mg/ml ; 2.81e-05 mol/l
Class	Moderately soluble
Log S (SILICOS-IT)	-4.38
Solubility	1.27e-02 mg/ml ; 4.13e-05 mol/l
Class	Moderately soluble

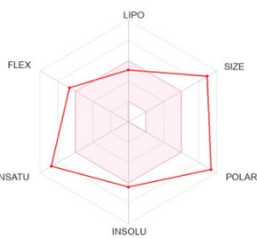
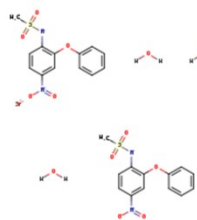
Pharmacokinetics	
GI absorption	High
BBB permeant	No
P-gp substrate	No
CYP1A2 inhibitor	Yes
CYP2C19 inhibitor	Yes
CYP2C9 inhibitor	Yes
CYP2D6 inhibitor	No
CYP3A4 inhibitor	No
Log $K_p$ (skin permeation)	-6.33 cm/s

Druglikeness	
Lipinski	Yes; 0 violation
Ghose	Yes
Veber	Yes
Egan	Yes
Muegge	Yes
Bioavailability Score	0.55

Medicinal Chemistry	
PAINS	0 alert
Brenk	2 alerts: nitro_group, oxygen-nitrogen_single_bond
Leadlikeness	Yes
Synthetic accessibility	3.08

b)

### Molecule 1



SMILES [O-][N+](=O)c1ccc(cc1)Oc1ccccc1[N-]S(=O)(=O)C.[O-][N+](=O)c1ccc(cc1)Oc1ccccc1[N-]S(=O)(=O)C.[Sr+2].O.O.O

#### Physicochemical Properties

Formula	C26H28N4O13S2Sr
Molecular weight	756.27 g/mol
Num. heavy atoms	46
Num. arom. heavy atoms	24
Fraction Csp3	0.08
Num. rotatable bonds	10
Num. H-bond acceptors	15
Num. H-bond donors	3
Molar Refractivity	168.40
TPSA	222.83 Å²

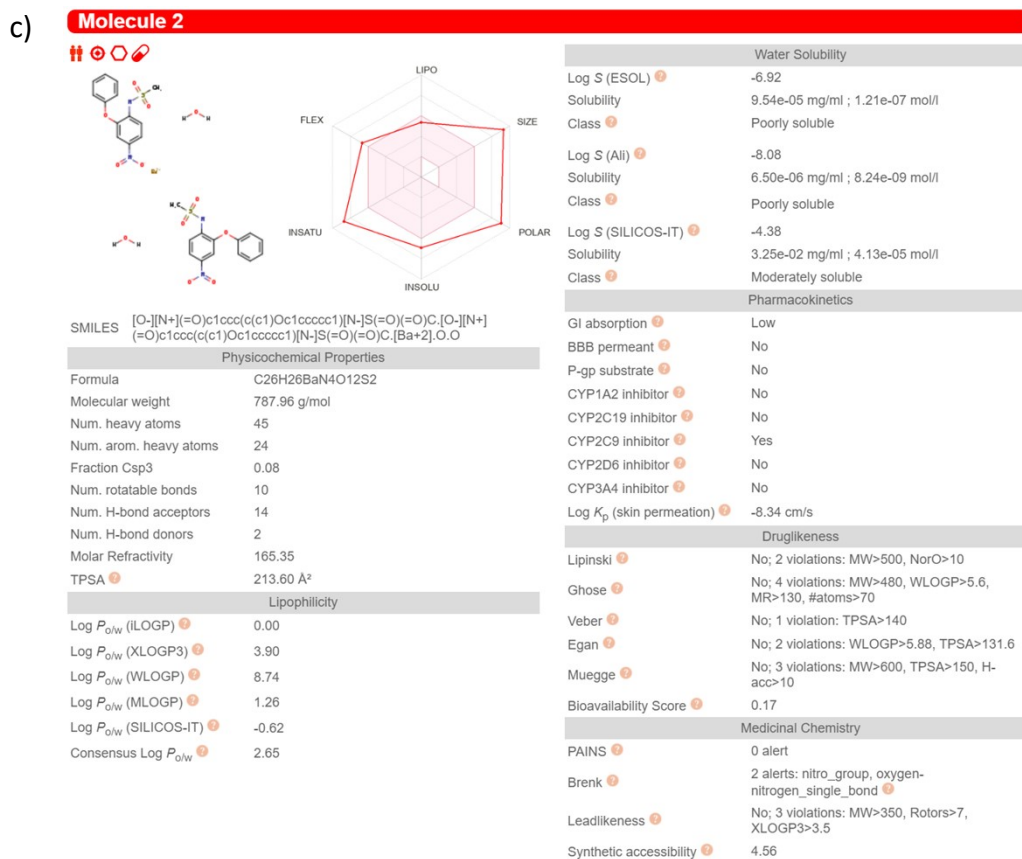
Lipophilicity	
Log $P_{ow}$ (ILOGP)	0.00
Log $P_{ow}$ (XLOGP3)	3.42
Log $P_{ow}$ (WLOGP)	8.67
Log $P_{ow}$ (MLOGP)	0.53
Log $P_{ow}$ (SILICOS-IT)	-0.62
Consensus Log $P_{ow}$	2.40

Water Solubility	
Log S (ESOL)	-6.41
Solubility	2.95e-04 mg/ml ; 3.89e-07 mol/l
Class	Poorly soluble
Log S (Ali)	-7.78
Solubility	1.26e-05 mg/ml ; 1.66e-08 mol/l
Class	Poorly soluble
Log S (SILICOS-IT)	-4.38
Solubility	3.12e-02 mg/ml ; 4.13e-05 mol/l
Class	Moderately soluble

Pharmacokinetics	
GI absorption	Low
BBB permeant	No
P-gp substrate	No
CYP1A2 inhibitor	No
CYP2C19 inhibitor	No
CYP2C9 inhibitor	Yes
CYP2D6 inhibitor	No
CYP3A4 inhibitor	No
Log $K_p$ (skin permeation)	-8.49 cm/s

Druglikeness	
Lipinski	No; 2 violations: MW>500, NorO>10
Ghose	No; 4 violations: MW>480, WLOGP>5.6, MR>130, #atoms>70
Veber	No; 1 violation: TPSA>140
Egan	No; 2 violations: WLOGP>5.88, TPSA>131.6
Muegge	No; 3 violations: MW>600, TPSA>150, H-acc>10
Bioavailability Score	0.17

Medicinal Chemistry	
PAINS	0 alert
Brenk	2 alerts: nitro_group, oxygen-nitrogen_single_bond
Leadlikeness	No; 2 violations: MW>350, Rotors>7
Synthetic accessibility	4.66



**Figure 3S.** ADME analysis for nimesulide (a) and for compounds **1** (b) and **2** (c).

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