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# Synthesis, pharmacological activity and comparative QSAR modeling of 1,5-*N,N'*-substituted-2-(substituted naphthalenesulphonyl) glutamamides as possible anticancer agents

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## ABSTRACT

Based on our earlier QSAR study, a series of 1, 5-*N,N'*-substituted-2-(substituted naphthalenesulphonyl) glutamamides were synthesized as possible anticancer agents. Anticancer activities of these synthesized compounds were evaluated *in vivo* on Swiss Albino mice against Ehrlich Ascites Carcinoma (EAC) cells where inhibitions of tumor cell and tumor weight were considered as biological activity parameters. A comparative QSAR study was done with a set of descriptors and logarithm of tumor cell inhibition. The result shows the importance of topological parameters like ETSA and RTSA indices as well as electronic parameter like Wang-Ford charges of different atoms. Electrophilic attack at atom number 5 and increased number of chlorine atom may be favorable whereas presence of methoxy group at the atom number 8 in naphthalene ring may be detrimental to the activity.

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## 1. Introduction

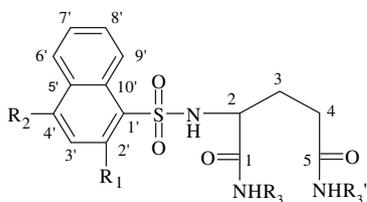
Glutamine is considered as an essential ingredient for growth of tissues. It is an important nutrient for rapidly growing cells [1–7]. It also plays a key role in tumor growth. It acts as one of the major substrates [6–8] in cancer. Some cancer cells require higher glutamine concentrations than normal cells. Glutamine plays a key role in cell growth by supplying its amide nitrogen atoms in the biosynthesis of other amino acids and purine and pyrimidine bases and, thus, is involved in both DNA and protein syntheses. Hence, it may have influence to alter the genetic code of protein syntheses and may lead to cancerous proteins which may be slightly different from their normal counterparts [9–11]. The balance between glutamine formation and utilization relies largely on the activity of two enzymes namely glutaminase and glutamine synthetase. In mitochondria, glutamine is acted upon by glutaminase. This enzyme requires high phosphate concentration to be fully active. Moreover, tumor glutaminase reaches a maximum expression and activity immediately before the maximum

proliferation rate of tumor cells. It is indicative of the vital role of this enzyme in tumor growth. On the other hand, glutamine synthetase is also considered as 'dispensable enzyme' for tumor [11–15]. In keeping with these facts, some derivatives and analogs of glutamamide were synthesized as a part of our composite programme of drug design and discovery [16–23]. In the present article, we have reported of synthesis of some glutamamide analogs that are structural derivatives of both glutamine and glutamic acid. Our previous QSAR study on thirty two 1,5-*N,N'*-disubstituted-2-(substituted benzenesulphonyl) glutamamides [23] showed that the increase in the number of benzene ring in the structure may be helpful for increasing the activity of these compounds. Based on this assumption, we have considered fused benzene ring or naphthalene ring in the present article we synthesized twenty eight 1,5-*N,N'*-disubstituted-2-(substituted naphthalenesulphonyl) glutamamides. These were subsequently characterized and biologically evaluated using *in vivo* anticancer model. Some of these synthesized compounds have shown considerable biological activity. Hence, in order to further investigate the chemical structural features of these compounds, QSAR studies were performed. For the QSAR study, *in vivo* anticancer activity data of inhibition of cell count was used as the dependent parameter. Physicochemical, topological, quantum chemical and constitutional descriptors were calculated. These were subsequently treated as the independent parameters. Three different statistical methods: principal component regression analysis (PCRA), stepwise regression and factor

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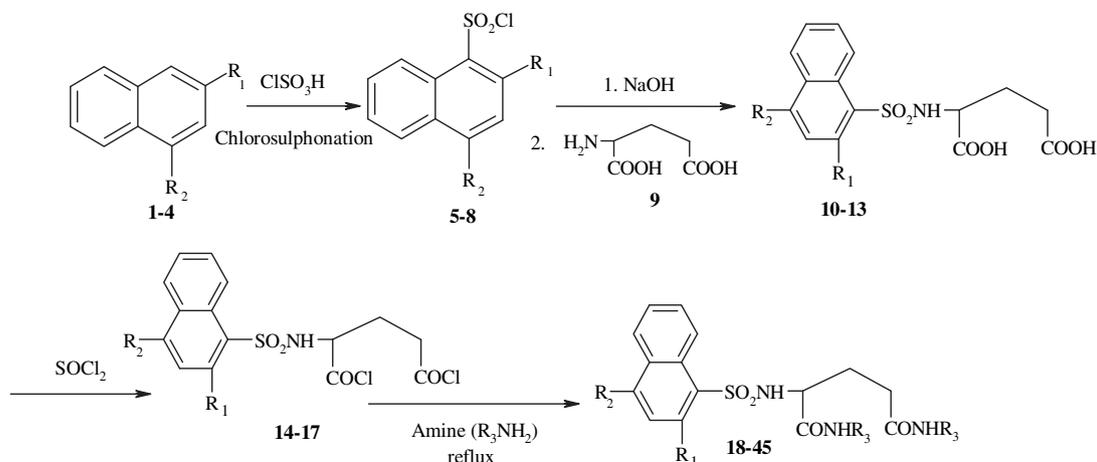


**Fig. 1.** General structure of 1,5-*N,N'*-disubstituted-2-(substituted naphthalenesulphonyl) glutamamides (**17–44**).

analysis-multiple linear regression (FA-MLR) were used for the development of comparative QSAR models. All QSAR models showed significant statistical qualities. The general structure of 1,5-*N,N'*-disubstituted-2-(substituted naphthalenesulphonyl) glutamamides (**18–45**) is shown in Fig. 1.

## 2. Chemistry

Substituted naphthalenesulphonyl chlorides (**5–8**) were synthesized by chlorosulphonylation of naphthalene and naphthalene derivatives (**1–4**). These were first separately dissolved in dry chloroform. The naphthalene ring is susceptible to disubstitution at higher temperature. Cold temperature (0–5 °C) was always maintained during chlorosulphonylation process. 2-(substituted naphthalenesulphonyl)-L(+) glutamic acids (**10–13**) were prepared by condensing L(+) glutamic acid (**9**) with substituted naphthalenesulphonyl chlorides separately. In this reaction, alkaline medium (2 N NaOH) was maintained to remove hydrochloric acid which was continuously formed during the condensation reaction. As chlorine and bromine are deactivating groups, reaction temperature was maintained around 85–90 °C during the condensation. It helps to get better yield otherwise 65–70 °C temperature was maintained in Schotten–Baumann reaction as reported earlier [23]. 2-(substituted naphthalenesulphonyl)-L(+) glutamic acids were subsequently refluxed separately with thionyl chloride in order to produce corresponding dichloride derivatives (**14–17**). Nucleophilic displacement of chloro-groups of 2-(substituted naphthalenesulphonyl) glutamic acids dichloride (**14–17**) with different amines yielded the corresponding diamides (**18–45**) which were the title compounds. The crude compounds were recrystallised from dilute ethanol. The general structures of starting material and intermediates as well as synthetic scheme are given in Fig. 2.



**Fig. 2.** Scheme for synthesis of title compounds.

## 3. Pharmacology

Anticancer activity of these synthesized title compounds (**18–45**) were evaluated by *in vivo* method. The method was standardized in our laboratory [16–23]. Antitumor activities of twenty eight synthesized glutamamides were evaluated by either dissolving these compounds in phosphate buffered saline (PBS) or by suspending in PBS with 2% Tween 80 (where and when necessary) separately. These were used with a dose 2 mmol/Kg/day against Ehrlich Ascites Carcinoma (EAC) cells impregnated in Swiss Albino mice. Percentage tumor cell inhibition (% TCI) and percentage tumor weight inhibition (% TWI) were used as biological activity parameters. These parameters were obtained by the following expressions:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Percentage inhibition of Ascites cells} &= (1 - T/C) \times 100 \\ \text{Percentage inhibition of Ascites fluid} &= (1 - T'/C') \times 100 \end{aligned}$$

where *T* is the mean number of Ascitic cells/ml in test animals, *C* is the mean number of Ascitic cells/ml in control animals, *T'* is the mean weight of Ascitic fluid in test animals and *C'* is the mean weight of Ascites fluid in control animals.

In the present study, Mitomycin C was chosen as the universal standard drug and azaserine as well as DON as specific standards to compare the activity of the test compounds. These were dissolved separately in sterile phosphate buffer (pH 7.2). Standards were administered separately at a dose level of 1 mg/kg body weight. These showed 100% inhibition in both cell count and tumor weight.

## 4. QSAR study

A comparative QSAR study [24,25] of these twenty eight synthesized 1,5-*N,N'*-substituted-2-(substituted naphthalenesulphonyl) glutamamides were performed using percentage tumor cell inhibition (% TCI) as the biological activity parameters.

### 4.1. Dataset and parameters

A large dataset of various physicochemical, topological and semi-empirical quantum chemical descriptors were calculated by using different softwares. While calculating these descriptors, arbitrary numbering of the pharmacophore was done for all atom level calculations. This arbitrary numbering is shown in Fig. 3.

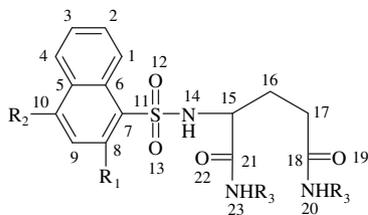


Fig. 3. General structure for QSAR with arbitrary numbering.

Apart from these, indicator parameters were also used in order to find out the role of the specific substituent at a particular position towards the biological activity. Parameters used to develop QSAR equations were the standardized by using Eq. (1):

$$X_{ki} = (xi - xi_{\text{minimum}})/(xi_{\text{maximum}} - xi_{\text{minimum}}) \quad (1)$$

The standardized values of the descriptors appeared in the QSAR models are provided in [Supplementary Material](#).

#### 4.2. Statistical methods

Three statistical methods-stepwise multiple linear regression (sMLR), factor analysis-multiple linear regression (FA-MLR) and principle component regression analysis (PCRA) were used separately for development of QSAR models. These are briefly described below in the following sections:

##### 4.2.1. Principle component regression analysis (PCRA)

In PCRA [26–29], factor scores were obtained from factor analysis on the data matrix containing all the independent variables. Factor analysis was performed after VARIMAX rotation. Regression analysis was performed considering factor scores as predictor variables. As factor score contains information for different descriptors, the chance for loss of information is less.

##### 4.2.2. Stepwise regression method

In stepwise regression, multiple linear equations were developed step by step [26]. A primary stepping criteria based on  $F$  values was imposed on the system. Predictor variables were added or removed according to these stepping criteria. The search was terminated when the stepping was no longer possible.

##### 4.2.3. Factor analysis-multiple linear regression (FA-MLR)

In FA-MLR [29], principle component method was used to extract these factors. Then it was rotated by VARIMAX rotation. The goal of factor analysis was to represent the multidimensional data matrix in low dimensional space with minimum loss of information. The aim of VARIMAX rotation was to maximize the variance of the new variable. This also helps to reduce the variance around the new variable. Factor pattern suggested whether the biological activity could be explained satisfactorily within the parameter space or not.

Statistical qualities of MLR equations were judged by correlation coefficient ( $R$ ), adjusted  $R^2$  ( $R_A^2$ ), variance ratio ( $F$ ), probability factor related to  $F$ -ratio ( $p$ ) and standard error of estimate ( $s$ ).

##### 4.2.4. Validation of the QSAR models

Leave-One-Out (LOO) cross-validation method was used to validate the predictive powers of all MLR, FA-MLR, PCRA and PLS equations. The predicted residual sum of square (PRESS), total sum of squares (SSY), cross validated  $R^2$  ( $R_{cv}^2$ ), standard deviation error of prediction (SDEP) and standard error of PRESS ( $S_{\text{PRESS}}$ ) were considered for validations of QSAR models.

## 5. Results

Synthesized 1,5- $N,N'$ -substituted-2-(substituted naphthalenesulfonyl) glutamamides were obtained as crystalline solids with appreciable yields. Biological activities of these compounds are given in [Table 1](#). [Table 1](#) suggests that these synthesized compounds have variable anticancer activities. For the present QSAR analysis, the percentage EAC cell inhibition (% TCI) of these synthesized compounds was considered as the biological activity parameter. Thus, all % TCI values were converted to logarithmic scales. These were subsequently used as dependent variables.

The results obtained by different statistical analyses are shown below:

### 5.1. Principal component regression analysis (PCRA)

In PCRA, ten factor scores were extracted by principle component method. Then, it was rotated by VARIMAX rotation. These factor scores were used as independent parameters for developing QSAR equations. Using forward selection method, the following equation was developed:

$$\begin{aligned} \log \text{BA} = & 1.448(\pm 0.035) - 0.100(\pm 0.036)f_1 \\ & + 0.063(\pm 0.036)f_3 - 0.070(\pm 0.036)f_4 \\ & - 0.134(\pm 0.036)f_7 - 0.160(\pm 0.036)f_8 \\ n = & 28; R = 0.829; R^2 = 0.687; R_A^2 = 0.616; F(5, 22) \\ = & 9.6782; p < 0.00005; S.E.E = 0.186; R_{cv}^2 \\ = & 0.492; \text{SSY} = 2.442; \text{PRESS} = 1.240; \text{SDEP} \\ = & 0.210; S_{\text{PRESS}} = 0.237. \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

Where  $n$  is the number of data points. The 95% confidence intervals of the regression coefficients are shown in parentheses.

### 5.2. Stepwise regression

Using stepping criteria on the basis of  $F$  value ( $F = 3.0$  for inclusion;  $F = 2.9$  for exclusion), the QSAR equation was derived with six variables. The best found stepwise regression equation is given in Eq. (3):

$$\begin{aligned} \log \text{BA} = & -28.316(\pm 5.035) + 0.449(\pm 0.173)f^{(E)5} \\ & + 8.782(\pm 1.191)q_{14} - 16.474(\pm 3.060)q_{19} \\ & - 4.394(\pm 0.737)S_{15} - 8.1267(\pm 1.526)q_{12} \\ & + 2.6601(\pm 0.577)R_{17} \\ n = & 28; R = 0.906; R^2 = 0.821; R_A^2 = 0.770; F(6, 21) \\ = & 16.106; p < 0.00001; S.E.E = 0.144; R_{cv}^2 \\ = & 0.657; \text{SSY} = 2.442; \text{PRESS} = 0.837; \text{SDEP} \\ = & 0.173; S_{\text{PRESS}} = 0.199. \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

Where  $f^{(E)5}$  is the frontier electron density for electrophilic attack at the atom number 5.  $q_{12}$ ,  $q_{14}$  and  $q_{19}$  are Wang-Ford charges of atom numbers 12, 14 and 19 respectively.  $S_{15}$  is the ETSA index of the atom number 15.  $R_{17}$  is the R-state index of the atom number 17.

### 5.3. Factor analysis-multiple linear regression (FA-MLR)

Factor analysis was performed after VARIMAX rotation as data preprocessing step. It helps to select descriptors for QSAR

**Table 1**  
Biological activity data of synthesized compounds.

Cpd <sup>a</sup>	Mean wt. of Ascitic fluid in control (gm)	Mean wt. of Ascitic fluid in Test (gm)	% Inhibition of Ascitic fluid (TWI)	Mean no of cells/ml in control × 10 <sup>5</sup>	Mean no. of cells/ml in Test × 10 <sup>5</sup>	% inhibition of ascitic cell (TCI)
18	1.917 (±0.325)	1.300 (±0.198)	32.19	433.82 (±3.623)	267.49 (±2.152)	38.34
19	2.066 (±0.230)	1.500 (±0.216)	27.42	299.63 (±3.150)	91.92 (±3.280)	69.32
20	2.166 (±0.228)	1.633 (±0.224)	24.61	482.84 (±2.588)	348.04 (±1.942)	27.92
21	2.166 (±0.228)	1.817 (±0.117)	16.15	482.84 (±2.588)	414.22 (±1.877)	14.21
22	2.066 (±0.230)	1.700 (±0.156)	17.74	299.63 (±3.150)	197.3 (±1.677)	43.96
23	1.917 (±0.325)	1.642 (±0.124)	14.34	433.82 (3.623)	363.67 (2.635)	16.17
24	2.066 (±0.230)	1.820 (±0.114)	11.93	299.63 (±3.150)	113.97 (±1.814)	61.96
25	2.767 (±0.142)	1.200 (±0.328)	56.62	373.77 (±1.582)	307.83 (±2.366)	17.64
26	1.920 (±0.228)	1.088 (±0.428)	43.58	439.95 (±4.073)	203.43 (±3.141)	53.76
27	2.025 (±0.336)	1.680 (±0.216)	17.04	416.05 (±3.733)	272.67 (±1.540)	34.46
28	1.920 (±0.228)	0.86 (±0.258)	55.21	439.95 (±4.073)	239.11 (±3.126)	48.52
29	1.920 (±0.228)	1.525 (±0.125)	20.57	439.95 (±4.048)	235.29 (±3.723)	46.52
30	2.240 (±0.420)	1.700 (±0.208)	24.10	439.34 (±4.048)	225.49 (±2.757)	48.67
31	2.240 (±0.420)	1.820 (±0.197)	18.73	439.34 (±4.048)	266.54 (±2.097)	39.33
32	2.235 (±0.218)	1.683 (±0.356)	24.68	399.81 (±3.726)	313.84 (±3.228)	75.17
33	1.917 (±0.325)	1.520 (±0.258)	20.71	433.82 (±3.623)	290.22 (±3.256)	33.10
34	2.240 (±0.420)	1.900 (±0.129)	15.20	439.34 (±4.048)	257.97 (±1.946)	41.28
35	2.025 (±0.336)	1.702 (±0.126)	15.95	416.05 (±3.733)	205.88 (±1.566)	50.51
36	2.025 (±0.336)	1.675 (±0.142)	22.69	416.05 (±3.733)	320.59 (±3.301)	22.94
37	2.235 (±0.218)	1.420 (±0.384)	36.46	399.81 (±3.726)	166.91 (±4.248)	58.25
38	2.235 (±0.218)	1.775 (±0.310)	20.58	399.81 (±3.726)	357.35 (±3.439)	10.62
39	1.520 (±0.410)	1.150 (±0.398)	24.34	452.73 (±4.473)	379.29 (±2.049)	16.22
40	1.520 (±0.410)	1.475 (±0.108)	2.96	452.73 (±4.473)	385.42 (±2.691)	14.86
41	2.767 (±0.142)	2.133 (±0.136)	22.81	373.77 (±1.582)	334.82 (±1.122)	10.42
42	1.520 (±0.410)	1.383 (±0.198)	8.99	452.73 (±4.473)	346.32 (±4.720)	23.50
43	2.120 (±0.421)	1.960 (±0.136)	7.57	422.79 (±3.710)	346.32 (±2.740)	18.78
44	2.120 (±0.421)	1.833 (±0.444)	13.52	422.79 (±3.710)	404.41 (±2.657)	4.34
45	2.120 (±0.421)	2.010 (±0.118)	5.19	422.79 (±3.710)	360.26 (±2.805)	14.79
Mit <sup>b</sup>	2.166 (±0.228)	0.000 (±0.020)	100.00	482.64 (±2.588)	0.000 (±0.050)	100.00
Aza <sup>c</sup>	2.025 (±0.336)	0.000 (±0.230)	100.00	416.03 (±3.733)	0.000 (±0.045)	100.00
DON	2120 (±0.421)	0.000 (±0.300)	100.00	422.79 (±3.710)	0.000 (±0.050)	100.00

<sup>a</sup> Compound.

<sup>b</sup> Mitomycin.

<sup>c</sup> Azaserine.

equations. It was observed that ten factors could explain the data matrix to the extent of 94.5%. The factor loading of significant variables is provided as [Supplementary Material](#). Factor loadings greater than 0.6 are shown in bold face. The biological activity was highly loaded with factor 8 (loaded with  $S_8$ ,  $R_8$ ,  $q_8$ ,  $I_1$  and  $f^{(E)5}$ ) and factor 7 (loaded with  $q_{18}$ ,  $q_{19}$ ,  $IC_3$ ,  $IC_4$  and  $IC_5$ ). It was intermediately loaded with factor 1 [highly loaded with  $S_{12}$ ,  $S_{13}$ ,  $S_{14}$ ,  $S_{19}$ ,  $S_{22}$ ,  $R_{12}$ ,  $R_{13}$ ,  $R_{16}$ ,  $R_{17}$ ,  $R_{18}$ ,  $R_{19}$ ,  $R_{21}$ ,  $R_{22}$ ,  $Ms$ ,  $SA(G)$ ,  $Vol$ ,  $\log P$ ,  $Refr$ ,  $Pol$ ,  $SICO$ ,  $IC_1$ ,  $SIC_1$ ,  $SIC_2$  and  $SIC_3$ ], factor 4 (highly loaded with  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$ ,  $R_3$ ,  $R_4$ ,  $R_5$ ,  $R_6$ ,  $R_9$ ,  $R_{14}$  and  $nBr$ ) and factor 3 ( $S_1$ ,  $S_3$ ,  $S_4$ ,  $S_5$ ,  $S_6$ ,  $S_9$ ,  $S_{10}$ ,  $q_2$ ,  $q_4$  and  $nCl$ ), poorly loaded with factor 6 (loaded with  $S_{15}$ ,  $S_{16}$ ,  $S_{17}$  and  $HE$ ), factor 5 (loaded with  $q_{15}$ ,  $q_{21}$ ,  $f^{(E)18}$ ,  $f^{(E)19}$  and  $f^{(E)20}$ ) and factor 10 (loaded with  $IC_2$ ). It was very poorly loaded with factor 2 and factor 9. Different combinations of parameters having factor loading of more than 0.6 (excluding very poorly loaded factors) were subjected to multiple linear regression. Intercorrelated parameters were not considered for the development of equations. The results evolved Eq. (4) with five descriptors:

$$\begin{aligned} \log BA = & -20.435(\pm 3.692) - 0.109(\pm 0.027)R_{10} \\ & + 5.711(\pm 0.931)R_{15} + 3.675(\pm 0.662)q_{14} \\ & + 8.255(\pm 1.554)q_{18} + 0.968(\pm 0.185)f^{(E)5} \\ n = 28; R = 0.887; R^2 = 0.786; R_A^2 = 0.738; F(5, 22) \\ = & 16.188; p < 0.00001; S.E.E = 0.154; R_{cv}^2 \\ = & 0.670; SSY = 2.442; PRESS = 0.806; SDEP \\ = & 0.169; S_{PRESS} = 0.191. \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

Where,  $R_{10}$  and  $R_{15}$  are RTSA indices of atom numbers 10 and 15 respectively.  $q_{14}$  and  $q_{18}$  are Wang-Ford charges of atom number 14 and 18 respectively.

Another model obtained as:

$$\begin{aligned} \log BA = & 13.733(\pm 1.963) - 1.013(\pm 0.152)S_{12/13} \\ & - 0.198(\pm 0.053)R_8 - 5.544(\pm 0.988)q_{17} \\ & + 0.327(\pm 0.067)nCl + 1.111(\pm 0.202)f^{(E)5} \\ n = 28; R = 0.890; R^2 = 0.793; R_A^2 = 0.746; F(5, 22) \\ = & 16.849; p < 0.00001; S.E.E = 0.152; R_{cv}^2 \\ = & 0.608; SSY = 2.442; PRESS = 0.960; SDEP \\ = & 0.147; S_{PRESS} = 0.208. \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

$S_{12/13}$  is the E-state index of the atom number 12 or 13 (as these have same calculated values).  $R_8$  stands for the R-state index of the atom number 8.  $q_{17}$  is the Wang-Ford charge of the atom number 17.  $nCl$  is one constitutional descriptor. It stands for total number of chlorine atom of the molecule.

However, the final FA-MLR equation was developed with five descriptors. This is shown below in Eq. (6):

$$\begin{aligned} \log BA = & -83.220(\pm 11.031) \\ & + 5.481(\pm 0.833)R_{16} - 8.075(\pm 1.362)q_{12} \\ & - 17.375(\pm 2.886)q_{19} + 34.953(\pm 4.943)Me \\ & - 1.469(\pm 0.172)I_1 \\ n = 28; R = 0.907; R^2 = 0.822; R_A^2 = 0.782; F(5, 22) \\ = & 20.337; p < 0.00001; S.E.E = 0.140; R_{cv}^2 \\ = & 0.697; SSY = 2.442; PRESS = 0.740; SDEP \\ = & 0.162; S_{PRESS} = 0.83. \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

$R_{16}$  is the R-state index of the atom number 16. The positive coefficient associated with this parameter is indicative of the fact



**Table 4a**

Observed (Obs), calculated (Calc), residual (Res), predicted residual (Pres) and LOO-predicted (Pred) activities of Eq. (2)–(4).

Cpd	Obs	Eq. (2)				Eq. (3)				Eq. (4)			
		Calc	Res	Pres	Pred	Calc	Res	Pres	Pred	Calc	Res	Pres	Pred
18	1.584	1.737	-0.153	-0.209	1.793	1.619	-0.035	-0.045	1.629	1.584	0.000	0.000	1.584
19	1.841	1.839	0.002	0.002	1.838	1.862	-0.021	-0.030	1.871	1.638	0.203	0.223	1.618
20	1.446	1.404	0.042	0.047	1.399	1.575	-0.129	-0.147	1.593	1.446	-0.001	-0.001	1.446
21	1.153	1.296	-0.143	-0.155	1.308	1.370	-0.218	-0.242	1.394	1.234	-0.082	-0.092	1.245
22	1.209	1.558	0.085	0.102	1.541	1.669	-0.026	-0.033	1.676	1.631	0.012	0.015	1.628
23	1.643	1.312	-0.104	-0.113	1.322	1.212	-0.003	-0.004	1.213	1.209	0.000	0.000	1.209
24	1.792	1.982	-0.190	-0.292	2.084	1.683	0.109	0.159	1.634	1.612	0.180	0.233	1.559
25	1.246	1.357	-0.110	-0.124	1.370	1.209	0.037	0.048	1.198	1.246	0.000	0.000	1.246
26	1.730	1.593	0.138	0.176	1.555	1.332	0.399	0.444	1.287	1.500	0.230	0.306	1.424
27	1.537	1.627	-0.090	-0.116	1.654	1.502	0.036	0.039	1.498	1.657	-0.120	-0.158	1.696
28	1.686	1.766	-0.080	-0.123	1.809	1.681	0.005	0.006	1.680	1.808	-0.122	-0.158	1.844
29	1.668	1.757	-0.089	-0.108	1.775	1.869	-0.201	-0.264	1.931	1.436	0.232	0.259	1.409
30	1.687	1.488	0.200	0.215	1.472	1.639	0.048	0.053	1.635	1.743	-0.056	-0.068	1.755
31	1.595	1.397	0.198	0.212	1.383	1.570	0.025	0.027	1.568	1.532	0.063	0.068	1.527
32	1.876	1.665	0.211	0.239	1.638	1.844	0.032	0.048	1.828	1.906	-0.030	-0.036	1.913
33	1.616	1.463	0.057	0.063	1.457	1.425	0.095	0.102	1.418	1.520	0.000	0.000	1.520
34	1.703	1.675	-0.059	-0.087	1.703	1.582	0.034	0.037	1.578	1.695	-0.079	-0.113	1.728
35	1.361	1.576	0.127	0.147	1.557	1.742	-0.039	-0.050	1.753	1.910	-0.207	-0.282	1.986
36	1.520	1.423	-0.062	-0.114	1.475	1.469	-0.108	-0.120	1.481	1.408	-0.047	-0.087	1.447
37	1.765	1.567	0.198	0.294	1.471	1.527	0.239	0.287	1.479	1.632	0.134	0.173	1.592
38	1.026	0.983	0.043	0.354	0.672	1.028	-0.002	-0.012	1.038	1.325	-0.299	-0.344	1.370
39	1.210	1.211	-0.001	-0.001	1.212	1.365	-0.155	-0.174	1.384	1.159	0.051	0.060	1.150
40	1.172	1.093	0.079	0.096	1.076	1.219	-0.047	-0.056	1.228	1.265	-0.093	-0.103	1.275
41	1.018	1.261	-0.243	-0.274	1.292	1.121	-0.103	-0.145	1.163	1.018	0.000	0.000	1.018
42	1.371	1.286	0.085	0.149	1.222	1.221	0.150	0.179	1.193	1.343	0.028	0.047	1.324
43	1.274	1.314	-0.040	-0.087	1.361	1.076	0.198	0.290	0.984	1.133	0.141	0.287	0.986
44	0.637	0.765	-0.127	-0.224	0.861	0.859	-0.221	-0.344	0.981	0.777	-0.140	-0.244	0.881
45	1.170	1.143	0.027	0.045	1.125	1.266	-0.096	-0.144	1.314	1.171	-0.001	-0.002	1.172

coefficient of  $R_{15}$  indicates that the increase in the R-state index of the atom number 15 may be favorable for the biological activity. The positive coefficient associated with  $q_{18}$  suggested that with the increase in the positive charge of the atom number 18 may be conducive to the biological activity of these glutamamide compounds. This means that electron density of this atom may be needed to be decreased for higher biological activity. Eq. (4)

explains 73.8% and predicts 67.0% of variances of the biological activity.

Eq. (5) explains 74.6% and predicts 60.7% of variances of the biological activity. The negative coefficient associated with  $S_{12/13}$  indicates that the increase in the E-state index of the atom number 12 as well as that of 13 may be detrimental to the biological activity. The negative coefficient of  $R_8$  suggests that the increase in the R-state

**Table 4b**

Observed (Obs), calculated (Calc), residual (Res), predicted residual (Pres) and LOO-predicted (Pred) activities of Eq. (5)–(6).

Cpd	Obs	Eq. (5)				Eq. (6)			
		Calc	Res	Pres	Pred	Calc	Res	Pres	Pred
18	1.584	1.651	-0.067	-0.088	1.671	1.718	-0.134	-0.176	1.759
19	1.841	1.733	0.108	0.128	1.713	1.675	0.166	0.209	1.632
20	1.446	1.595	-0.149	-0.166	1.612	1.591	-0.145	-0.167	1.613
21	1.153	1.335	-0.182	-0.197	1.349	1.444	-0.292	-0.320	1.473
22	1.209	1.267	-0.058	-0.063	1.272	1.391	-0.182	-0.202	1.411
23	1.643	1.658	-0.015	-0.017	1.660	1.732	-0.089	-0.112	1.755
24	1.792	1.856	-0.064	-0.119	1.911	1.703	0.089	0.117	1.675
25	1.246	1.287	-0.040	-0.046	1.292	1.337	-0.090	-0.125	1.372
26	1.730	1.631	0.099	0.203	1.528	1.283	0.448	0.536	1.195
27	1.537	1.278	0.259	0.308	1.229	1.447	0.090	0.108	1.429
28	1.686	1.744	-0.058	-0.079	1.765	1.717	-0.031	-0.046	1.732
29	1.668	1.809	-0.142	-0.168	1.835	1.596	0.071	0.086	1.582
30	1.687	1.668	0.020	0.022	1.665	1.578	0.109	0.126	1.561
31	1.595	1.639	-0.045	-0.050	1.645	1.542	0.052	0.059	1.535
32	1.876	1.839	0.037	0.045	1.832	1.886	-0.010	-0.015	1.891
33	1.616	1.491	0.125	0.144	1.472	1.722	-0.107	-0.137	1.752
34	1.703	1.415	0.288	0.356	1.348	1.639	0.065	0.077	1.626
35	1.361	1.600	-0.239	-0.299	1.660	1.554	-0.193	-0.242	1.602
36	1.520	1.507	0.013	0.015	1.505	1.473	0.047	0.055	1.465
37	1.765	1.459	0.306	0.394	1.372	1.445	0.320	0.414	1.352
38	1.026	0.963	0.063	0.625	0.401	1.225	-0.199	-0.268	1.294
39	1.210	1.283	-0.073	-0.081	1.291	1.210	0.000	0.000	1.210
40	1.172	1.208	-0.036	-0.041	1.213	1.155	0.017	0.020	1.152
41	1.018	1.117	-0.099	-0.119	1.137	1.074	-0.056	-0.077	1.095
42	1.371	1.282	0.089	0.106	1.265	1.256	0.115	0.153	1.218
43	1.274	1.216	0.058	0.078	1.195	1.046	0.228	0.353	0.920
44	0.637	0.836	-0.198	-0.308	0.945	0.876	-0.238	-0.367	1.004
45	1.170	1.169	0.001	0.001	1.169	1.221	-0.051	-0.079	1.249

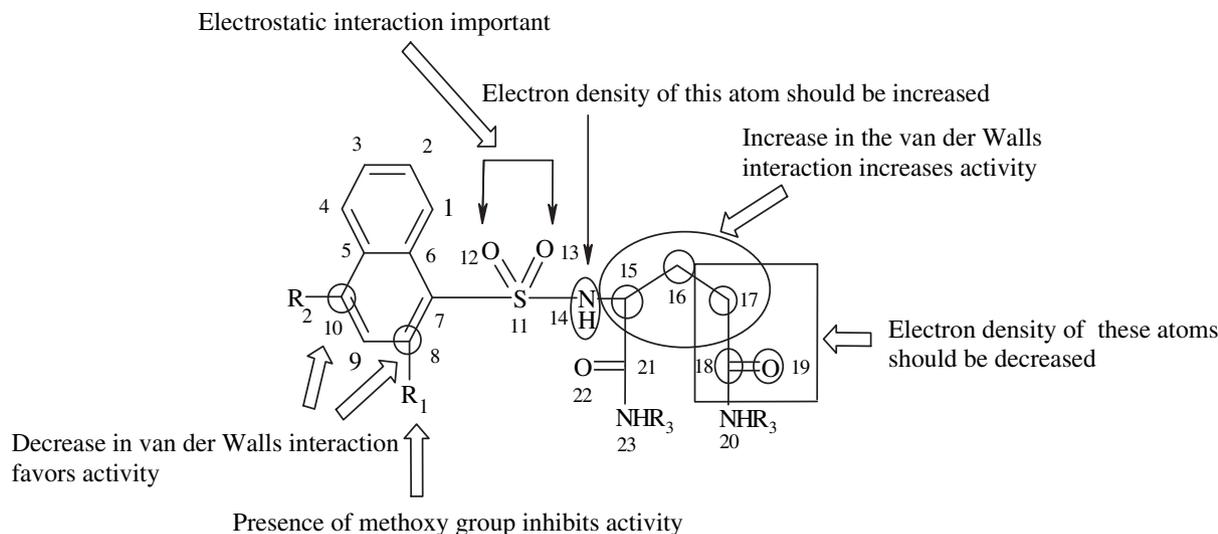


Fig. 4. Important atoms and substitution of 1, 5-*N,N'*-substituted-2-(substituted naphthalenesulphonyl) glutamamides.

index of the atom number 8 may not be favorable for anticancer activity of these compounds. The negative coefficient of  $q_{17}$  indicates that higher biological activity may correspond to decrease in the negative charge or electron density of the atom number 17.  $nCl$  is one constitutional descriptor. It stands for total number of chlorine atom of the molecule. The positive coefficient associated with this descriptor indicates that increase in the total number of chlorine atom of these molecules may be favorable to the biological activity.

Eq. (6) explains 78.2% and predicts 69.7% of variances of the biological activity.  $R_{16}$  is the R-state index of the atom number 16. The positive coefficient associated with this parameter is indicative of the fact that with the increase in the R-state index of this atom may be conducive to the biological activity. The positive coefficient of  $Me$  indicates that the increase in the mean atomic electronegativity of these compounds may correspond to higher biological activity. Indicator parameter  $I_1$  stands for presence or absence of methoxy group at  $R_1$  position of the general structure. The negative coefficient of this parameter suggests that the presence of this group at  $R_1$  position may be unfavorable for biological activity.

## 7. Conclusion

From the study, it is evident that these twenty eight synthesized glutamamide analogs have varying anticancer activities. Comparative QSAR study showed that the decrease in the electrostatic interactions of atom number 12/13 and 15 may be conducive to antitumor activity of these compounds. Decreases in the R-state indices of atom numbers 8 and 10 and increase in the R-state indices of the atom numbers 15, 16 and 17 may be favorable to the biological activity. The increase in the charges of atom numbers 14 and 18 as well as the decrease in the charges of atom numbers 12, 17 and 19 may be conducive to higher biological activity. From the calculated charges of these atoms, it is obvious that electron density may be decreased in atom numbers 12, 17, 18 and 19 whereas electron density may be increased in the atom number 14. QSAR study also revealed the fact that the presence of methoxy group at  $R_1$  position may be unfavorable for higher antitumor activity of these glutamamides. The increase in the number of chlorine atom in the molecule as well as mean atomic electronegativity of these compounds may lead to higher anticancer activity. QSAR study emphasizes that higher probability of electrophilic attack at the atom number 5 may be favorable to the biological activity. QSAR results are shown diagrammatically in Fig. 4. The current study allows us to investigate the structural features of these

synthesized glutamamide compounds. It may help in further tailoring of these analogs to get an active member.

## 8. Experimental

### 8.1. Chemistry

All reactions were monitored by analytical thin layer chromatography performed on silica gel G plates. Spots were located keeping these TLC plates in iodine chamber. Final compounds were obtained as solid crystalline forms. Structures of these synthesized compounds were confirmed by IR,  $^1H$  NMR, mass spectra and elemental analyses. Melting points of all synthesized compounds were first measured on Mel-Temp, a capillary melting point apparatus. These were verified in CTRONICS, a digital melting point apparatus. Infrared spectra were recorded on SASCO FTIR-410 Model Fourier Transformed Infrared spectrophotometer of SHIMADZU using KBr pellets. Running the spectrum of 0.05 mm polystyrene film did the finer calibration of the machine. Frequencies were expressed in  $cm^{-1}$ . Proton Nuclear Magnetic Resonance ( $^1H$  NMR) spectra were collected at 25 °C in the pulsed Fourier Transformation mode on Bruker DPX 300 MHz spectrophotometers. Chemical shifts are reported in  $\delta$  ppm (parts per million) relative to Tetramethyl Silane ( $Me_4Si$ ) as an internal standard for solutions in deuterated chloroform ( $CDCl_3$ ). Splitting patterns have been designated as s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), dd (doublet of doublet) and m (multiplet). Positions of the hydrogen atoms described in  $^1H$  NMR interpretation are as per general structure (Fig. 1). Substitutions at the  $R_3$  position has taken the superscript "" (double dash) and the substitution at  $R_3'$  position has taken the superscript "" (triple dash). The mass spectra (FAB/

Table 5  
Physical data of the intermediate compounds.

Cpd	$R_1$	$R_2$	mp (°C)	% Yield	Molecular formula	$M_w$
5	H	H	63–65	72.92	$C_{10}H_7ClO_2S$	226.67
6	H	Cl	78–80	96.13	$C_{10}H_6Cl_2O_2S$	261.12
7	H	Br	82–84	74.53	$C_{10}H_6ClBrO_2S$	305.57
8	$OCH_3$	H	110–112	11.13	$C_{11}H_9ClO_3S$	256.70
10	H	H	96–98	78.69	$C_{15}H_{15}NO_6S$	337.38
11	H	Cl	180–182	78.38	$C_{15}H_{14}ClNO_6S$	371.82
12	H	Br	154–156	69.45	$C_{15}H_{14}BrNO_6S$	416.28
13	$OCH_3$	H	170–172	42.31	$C_{16}H_{17}NO_7S$	367.41

**Table 6**  
Physical data of synthesized 1,5-*N,N'*-disubstituted-2-(substituted naphthalenesulphonyl) glutamamides (**18–45**).

Cpd. <sup>a</sup> No.	R <sub>1</sub>	R <sub>2</sub>	R <sub>3</sub> /R <sub>3</sub> '	M <sub>w</sub>	% Yield	Structural formula	mp (°C)
18	H	H	H	335.39	19.43	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>17</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> S	165–167
19	H	H	CH <sub>3</sub>	363.48	74.52	C <sub>17</sub> H <sub>21</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> S	184–186
20	H	H	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	391.54	80.23	C <sub>19</sub> H <sub>25</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> S	120–122
21	H	H	<i>n</i> -C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>7</sub>	419.60	59.36	C <sub>21</sub> H <sub>29</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> S	153–154
22	H	H	<i>i</i> -C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>7</sub>	419.60	60.25	C <sub>21</sub> H <sub>29</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> S	170–172
23	H	H	<i>n</i> -C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>9</sub>	447.66	53.44	C <sub>23</sub> H <sub>33</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> S	152–154
24	H	H	<i>i</i> -C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>9</sub>	447.66	77.23	C <sub>23</sub> H <sub>33</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> S	158–160
25	H	H	<i>n</i> -C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>11</sub>	474.84	68.66	C <sub>25</sub> H <sub>37</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> S	114–116
26	H	H	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>11</sub>	499.39	60.80	C <sub>27</sub> H <sub>37</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> S	226–228
27	H	H	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> CH <sub>2</sub>	515.68	73.55	C <sub>29</sub> H <sub>29</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> S	156–158
28	H	Cl	H	369.86	69.36	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>16</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> SCl	227–229
29	H	Cl	CH <sub>3</sub>	397.92	42.63	C <sub>17</sub> H <sub>20</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> SCl	235–237
30	H	Cl	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	425.96	48.96	C <sub>19</sub> H <sub>24</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> SCl	201–203
31	H	Cl	<i>n</i> -C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>7</sub>	454.04	50.20	C <sub>21</sub> H <sub>28</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> SCl	183–185
32	H	Cl	<i>i</i> -C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>7</sub>	454.04	36.24	C <sub>21</sub> H <sub>28</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> SCl	167–167
33	H	Cl	<i>n</i> -C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>9</sub>	482.10	62.99	C <sub>23</sub> H <sub>32</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> SCl	148–150
34	H	Cl	<i>i</i> -C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>9</sub>	482.10	33.62	C <sub>23</sub> H <sub>32</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> SCl	192–194
35	H	Cl	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>13</sub>	537.62	51.90	C <sub>27</sub> H <sub>40</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> SCl	156–158
36	H	Cl	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> CH <sub>2</sub>	549.36	64.28	C <sub>29</sub> H <sub>28</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> SCl	181–183
37	H	Br	H	414.31	67.84	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>16</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> SBr	217–219
38	H	Br	CH <sub>3</sub>	442.37	55.56	C <sub>17</sub> H <sub>20</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> SBr	241–243
39	H	Br	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	470.43	60.52	C <sub>19</sub> H <sub>24</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> SBr	211–213
40	H	Br	<i>n</i> -C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>7</sub>	498.44	71.23	C <sub>21</sub> H <sub>28</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> SBr	186–188
41	H	Br	<i>n</i> -C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>11</sub>	554.56	57.73	C <sub>25</sub> H <sub>36</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> SBr	158–160
42	H	Br	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> CH <sub>2</sub>	594.57	55.25	C <sub>29</sub> H <sub>28</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> SBr	180–182
43	OCH <sub>3</sub>	H	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> CH <sub>2</sub>	545.71	27.56	C <sub>30</sub> H <sub>31</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>5</sub> S	160–162
44	OCH <sub>3</sub>	H	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>11</sub>	529.70	33.65	C <sub>28</sub> H <sub>39</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>5</sub> S	169–171
45	OCH <sub>3</sub>	H	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>13</sub>	533.73	42.43	C <sub>28</sub> H <sub>43</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>5</sub> S	178–180

<sup>a</sup> Cpd = Compound.

El) were recorded on API 200 mass spectrophotometer. Elemental analyses or microanalyses (C, H, N) of these compounds were performed on 2400 Series-II CHN analyzer of Perkin–Elmer. The general structures of starting materials, intermediates as well as the synthetic scheme are given in Fig. 2. Physical data of intermediate compounds are shown in Table 5. Physical data and spectral data of all final compounds are given in Tables 6 and 7 respectively.

### 8.2. Anticancer activity

Swiss albino mice of either sex (female in this case) of 10 weeks old with an average body weight of 18–20 g were used for *in vivo* method. All mice were kept on basal metabolic diet with water *ad libitum*. The ambient room temperature (25–27 °C) was maintained during these experiments. Two groups of Swiss Albino mice were made. Each group was containing six healthy female mice. These were having approximately of the same age and body weight (18–20 g). Animals were selected at random. One of these two groups was served as the control while the other was served as the test. Ehrlich Ascites Carcinoma (EAC) cells were collected from the donor mouse. These were suspended in sterile isotonic solution (0.9% w/v NaCl). Numbers of tumor cells per ml of this suspension were counted under microscope with the help of a haemocytometer manufactured by Marienfeld, Germany. About  $2 \times 10^6$  cells/0.2 mL of these living viable cells were injected into the peritoneal cavity of each mouse. In this instance, tumor cells multiplied relatively freely within the peritoneal cavity. Ascites were developed in the cavity. A day of incubation was allowed to establish the disease in the body before starting the administration of the drug. From the second day of transplantation up to the eighth day, a suitable challenge dose (0.2 m mol/kg body weight) of the drug solution/suspension in sterile phosphate buffer (pH 7.2) were injected intraperitoneally to each mouse in the test group at 24 h interval. Thus, seven doses of the compound and standard drug were administered intraperitoneally from the first day of injection up to the seventh day with 24 h intervals to each mouse in the test group. Control animals received

only the vehicle. On the ninth day, food and water was withheld 6 h before sacrificing these animals. Weights of all the animals were recorded before these were sacrificed. The peritoneal cavity was dissected. The ascitic fluid was withdrawn by a syringe to a suitable volume. It was collected in sterile ice cold saline. This was preserved in ice bath. The number of living cells/ml in the peritoneal fluid of each mouse in a group were counted using trypan blue as an indicator. These were done under a microscope with the help of a haemocytometer. After removing the fluid from the peritoneal cavity for cell count, ascitic fluid was wiped off with absorbent cotton. The weight of the six mice after sacrifice was recorded. The difference in weight was considered as the tumor weight.

The mean of Ascites cells/ml was taken for evaluation of anti-neoplastic activity. The evaluation of the test drug was made by comparing the cell count and tumor weight of the test with that of the control.

### 8.3. QSAR study

Topological descriptors like electrotopological state atom index (ETSA) [30–35] and refractotopological state atom index (RTSA) [36–39] were calculated by using the computer program ‘Mouse’ [40] developed in our laboratory. Calculation of different quantum chemical descriptors like approximate molecular surface area [SA(A)], molecular surface area grid [SA(G)], hydrophobicity (log*P*), molecular volume (Vol), molecular polarizability (*Pol*), molecular refractivity (*Refr*), hydration energy (HE) and frontier electron density electrophilic (*f<sup>E</sup>*) were done using the computer program Hyperchem Release 7.0 Pro. Package [41]. In Hyperchem software, the 2D structures of these compounds were drawn. These were converted to corresponding 3D structures. Energy minimization of these structures were done using molecular mechanical (MM+) force fields without cut-off for non-bonded interactions, solvation and constrains. These energy minimized structures were subjected to geometrical optimization by semi-empirical AM1 (Austin model 1) method using Polak-Ribiere algorithm with an RMS gradient of

**Table 7**  
Mass, IR, prton NMR and CHN analysis data of the final compounds (**18–45**).

Cpd	Mass (FAB)	IR (KBr, cm <sup>-1</sup> )	<sup>1</sup> H NMR (300MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> )	C, H, N % calcd/found		
				C	H	N
<b>18</b>	M + H <sup>+</sup> peak at <i>m/z</i> 336	3481 (Asymmetric N–H str. of CONH <sub>2</sub> ), 3376 (Symmetric N–H str. of CONH <sub>2</sub> ), 3146 (Ar C–H str.), 2861 (ali C–H str.), 1666 (C=O str. of CONH <sub>2</sub> ), 1426 (Ar–C=CH str.), 1311 (S=O str of SO <sub>2</sub> NH, asymmetric), 1158 (S=O str. of SO <sub>2</sub> NH, symmetric), 798, 767, 684 (Polynuclear–CH out of plane bending)	δ 8.73 (s, 1H, SO <sub>2</sub> NH), δ 7.32–8.23 (m, 7H, H-2', H-3', H-4', H-6', H-7', H-8', H-9'), δ 5.85 (m, 2H, CONH <sub>2</sub> -1), δ 5.34 (m, 2H, CONH <sub>2</sub> -5), δ 3.67 (m, 1H, H-2), δ 2.27 (m, 2H, H <sub>2</sub> -4), δ 2.01 (m, 2H, H <sub>2</sub> -3), 1.78 (m, 1H, H <sub>B</sub> -3)	53.57/53.96	5.06/4.96	12.50/12.68
<b>19</b>	M + H <sup>+</sup> peak at <i>m/z</i> 364	3315 (NH str. Of CONH), 3107 (Ar. CH Str), 2933 ali C–H str.), 1647 (C=O str. of COOH), 1556 (NH bend of CONH), 1458,1436, 1413 (Ar. C=CH str), 1357 (S=O str. of SO <sub>2</sub> NH, asymmetric), 1161 (S=O str. of SO <sub>2</sub> NH, symmetric), 802, 767, 680 (Polynuclear–CH out of plane bending)	δ 8.73 (s, 1H, SO <sub>2</sub> NH), δ 7.50–8.23 (m, 7H, H-2', H-3', H-4', H-6', H-7', H-8', H-9'), δ 6.71 (m, 1H, CONH-1), δ 5.61 (m, 1H, CONH-5), δ 3.61 (m, 1H, H-2), δ 2.72 (m, 3H, N–CH <sub>3</sub> -1''), δ 2.52 (m, 3H, N–CH <sub>3</sub> -1''), δ 2.17 (m, 2H, H <sub>2</sub> -4), δ 1.87 (m, 2H, H <sub>2</sub> -3)	56.14/56.74	5.77/5.45	11.55/11.63
<b>20</b>	M + H <sup>+</sup> peak at <i>m/z</i> 392	3301 (N–H str of CONH), 3091 (Ar C–H str.), 2958, 2871 (ali C–H str.), 1643 (C=O str. of CONH), 1556 (N–H bend of CONH), 1508, 1438 (Ar C=CH str), 1317 (S=O str of SO <sub>2</sub> NH, asymmetric), 1154 (S=O str of SO <sub>2</sub> NH, symmetric), 802, 767, 680 (Polynuclear–CH out of plane bending)	δ 8.76 (s, 1H, SO <sub>2</sub> NH), δ 7.68–8.40 (m, 6H, H-2', H-3', H-4', H-6', H-7', H-8', H-9'), δ 6.58 (m, 1H, CONH-1), δ 5.51 (m, 1H, CONH-5), δ 3.62 (m, 1H, H-2), δ 3.24 (m, 2H, NH–CH <sub>2</sub> -1''), δ 2.96 (m, 2H, NH–CH <sub>2</sub> -1'''), δ 2.23 (m, 2H, H <sub>2</sub> -4), δ 2.02 (m, 1H, H <sub>A</sub> -3), δ 1.77 (m, 1H, H <sub>B</sub> -3), 1.11–1.63 (m, 1H, CH <sub>3</sub> -2'') δ 0.80–1.11 (m, 3H, CH <sub>3</sub> -2'')	58.23/58.93	6.38/6.12	10.73/10.82
<b>21</b>	M + H <sup>+</sup> peak at <i>m/z</i> 420	3294 (N–H str of CONH), 3101 (Ar C–H str.), 2960, 2871 (ali C–H str.), 1645 (C=O str. of CONH), 1558(N–H bend of CONH), 1436 (Ar C=CH str), 1319 (S=O str of SO <sub>2</sub> NH, asymmetric), 1155 (S=O str of SO <sub>2</sub> NH, symmetric), 800, 767, 680 (Polynuclear–CH out of plane bending)	δ 8.75 (s, 1H, SO <sub>2</sub> NH), δ 7.49–8.23 (m, 7H, H-2', H-3', H-4', H-6', H-7', H-8', H-9'), δ 6.61 (m, 1H, CONH-1), δ 5.53 (m, 1H, CONH-5), δ 3.60 (m, 1H, H-2), δ 3.16–3.20(m, 2H, N–CH <sub>2</sub> -1''), δ 2.83–2.95 (m, 2H, N–CH <sub>2</sub> -1'''), δ 2.23 (m, 2H, H <sub>2</sub> -4), δ 2.04 (m, 1H, H <sub>A</sub> -3), δ 1.78 (m, 1H, H <sub>B</sub> -3), δ 1.45–1.55 (m, 2H, N–CH <sub>2</sub> -2''), δ 1.24–1.12 (m, 2H, N–CH <sub>2</sub> -2'''), δ 0.96–0.91 (m, 3H, 3H, N–CH <sub>2</sub> -3'''), δ 0.68–0.73 (m, 3H, 3H, N–CH <sub>2</sub> -3''')	60.14/59.89	6.92/6.93	10.02/9.17
<b>22</b>	M + H <sup>+</sup> peak at <i>m/z</i> 420	3295 (N–H str of CONH), 3079 (Ar C–H str.), 2973 (ali C–H str.), 1643(C=O str. of CONH), 1550(N–H bend of CONH), 1454(Ar–C=CH str), 1329(S=O str of SO <sub>2</sub> NH, asymmetric), 1154 (S=O str of SO <sub>2</sub> NH, symmetric), 909, 836, 681 (Polynuclear–CH out of plane bending)	8.78 (s, 1H, SO <sub>2</sub> NH), δ 7.61–8.43 (m, 7H, H-2', H-3', H-4', H-6', H-7', H-8', H-9'), δ 6.35 (m, 1H, CONH-1), δ 5.50 (m, 1H, CONH-5), δ 4.01 (m, 2H, N–CH-1'', N–CH-1'''), δ 3.64 (m, 1H, H-2), δ 2.23 (m, 2H, H <sub>2</sub> -4), δ 2.04 (m, 1H, H <sub>A</sub> -3), δ 1.78 (m, 1H, H <sub>B</sub> -3), δ 1.24–1.14 (m, 6H, CH <sub>3</sub> -2'', CH <sub>3</sub> -2'''), δ 0.83–0.75 (m, 6H, CH <sub>3</sub> -4'', CH <sub>3</sub> -4''')	60.14/59.34	6.92/6.95	10.02/9.18
<b>23</b>	M + H <sup>+</sup> peak at <i>m/z</i> 448	3309 (N–H str of CONH), 3087 (Ar C–H str.), 2977, 2935 (ali C–H str.), 1642 (C=O str. of CONH), 1552(N–H bend of CONH), 1436 (Ar C=CH str), 1323 (S=O str of SO <sub>2</sub> NH, asymmetric), 1159 (S=O str of SO <sub>2</sub> NH, symmetric), 803, 768, 678 (Polynuclear–CH out of plane bending)	δ 8.77 (s, 1H, SO <sub>2</sub> NH), δ 7.49–8.21 (m, 7H, H-2', H-3', H-4', H-6', H-7', H-8', H-9'), δ 5.58 (m, 1H, CONH-1), δ 5.34 (m, 1H, CONH-5), δ 3.67 (m, 1H, H-2), δ 3.28–3.30(m, 2H, N–CH <sub>2</sub> -1''), δ 2.90–2.96 (m, 2H, N–CH <sub>2</sub> -1'''), δ 2.32 (m, 2H, H <sub>2</sub> -4), 2.12–2.17 δ (m, 4H, N–CH <sub>2</sub> -2'', N–CH <sub>2</sub> -2'''), δ 2.07 (m, 1H, H <sub>A</sub> -3), δ 1.89–1.90 (m, 4H, N–CH <sub>2</sub> -3'', N–CH <sub>2</sub> -3'''), δ 1.13–1.18 (m, 3H, N–CH <sub>3</sub> -4''), δ 0.73–0.78 (m, 3H, N–CH <sub>3</sub> -4''')	61.65/61.87	7.37/7.14	9.38/9.35
<b>24</b>	M + H <sup>+</sup> peak at <i>m/z</i> 448	3302(N–H str of CONH), 3095 (Ar C–H str.), 2959 (ali C–H str.), 1647 (C=O str. of CONH), 1555 (N–H bend of CONH), 1444 (Ar–C=CH str), 1322 (S=O str of SO <sub>2</sub> NH, asymmetric), 1159 (S=O str of SO <sub>2</sub> NH, symmetric), 770, 680 (Polynuclear–CH out of plane bending)	δ 8.76 (s, 1H, SO <sub>2</sub> NH), δ 7.61–8.46 (m, 6H, H-2', H-3', H-4', H-6', H-7', H-8', H-9'), δ 6.70 (m, 1H, CONH-1), δ 5.56 (m, 1H, CONH-5), δ 3.63 (m, 1H, H-2), 3.01 (m, 2H, NH–CH <sub>2</sub> -1''), δ 2.76 (m, 2H, NH–CH <sub>2</sub> -1'''), δ 2.29 (m, 2H, H <sub>2</sub> -4), δ 2.04 (m, 1H, H <sub>A</sub> -3), δ 1.86 (m, 1H, H <sub>B</sub> -3), δ 1.70–1.86 (m, 2H, NH–CH <sub>2</sub> –CH-2'', NH–CH <sub>2</sub> –CH-2'''), δ 0.90–0.93 (d, 6H, CH <sub>3</sub> -4'', CH <sub>3</sub> -4'''), δ 0.70–0.74 (d, 2H, CH <sub>3</sub> -3'', CH <sub>3</sub> -3''')	61.65/61.54	7.37/7.15	9.38/9.39
<b>25</b>	M + H <sup>+</sup> peak at <i>m/z</i> 475	3301 (N–H str of CONH), 3091 (Ar C–H str.), 2958, 2871 (ali C–H str.), 1643 (C=O str. of CONH), 1556 (N–H bend of CONH), 1508, 1438 (Ar C=CH str), 1317 (S=O str of SO <sub>2</sub> NH, asymmetric), 1154 (S=O str of SO <sub>2</sub> NH, symmetric), 802, 767, 680 (Polynuclear–CH out of plane bending)	δ 8.73 (s, 1H, SO <sub>2</sub> NH), δ 7.32–8.23 (m, 7H, H-2', H-3', H-4', H-6', H-7', H-8', H-9'), δ 5.85 (m, 1H, CONH <sub>2</sub> -1), δ 5.34 (m, 1H, CONH-5), δ 3.67 (m, 1H, H-2), δ 3.68 (m, 2H, N–CH <sub>2</sub> -1''), δ 3.13 (m, 2H, N–CH <sub>2</sub> -1'''), δ 2.27 (m, 2H, H <sub>2</sub> -4), δ 2.01 (m, 2H, H <sub>2</sub> -3), δ 1.78 (m, 1H, H <sub>B</sub> -3), δ 1.56–1.29 (m, 12H, CH <sub>2</sub> -2'', CH <sub>2</sub> -3'', CH <sub>2</sub> -4'', CH <sub>2</sub> -2''', CH <sub>2</sub> -3''', CH <sub>2</sub> -4'''), δ 0.97–0.74 (m, 6H, CH <sub>3</sub> -5'', CH <sub>3</sub> -5''')	63.18/63.42	7.79/7.56	8.84/8.96
<b>26</b>	M + H <sup>+</sup> peak at <i>m/z</i> 499	3286 (N–H str of CONH), 3086(Ar C–H str.), 2929 (ali C–H str.), 1643(C=O str. of CONH), 1551 (N–H bend of CONH), 1445 (Ar–C=C), 1320 (S=O str of SO <sub>2</sub> NH, asymmetric), 1154 (S=O str of SO <sub>2</sub> NH, symmetric), 893, 805, 771 (Polynuclear–CH out of plane bending)	δ 8.73 (s, 1H, SO <sub>2</sub> NH), δ 7.48–8.22 (m, 6H, H-2', H-3', H-4', H-6', H-7', H-8', H-9'), δ 6.35 (m, 1H, CONH-1), δ 5.44 (m, 1H, CONH-5), δ 3.36 (m, 1H, H-2), δ 2.23 (m, 2H, H <sub>2</sub> -4), δ 2.02–2.09 (m, 2H, H <sub>2</sub> -3), δ 1.01–1.90 (m, 22H, Cyclohexyl protons)	64.92/64.56	7.21/7.12	8.41/8.63
<b>27</b>	M + H <sup>+</sup> peak at <i>m/z</i> 516	3293 (N–H str. of CONH), 3083 (Ar C–H str.), 2929 (ali C–H str.), 1647 (C=O str. of CONH), 1550 (N–H bend of CONH), 1442 (Ar C=CH str.), 1323 (S=O str. of SO <sub>2</sub> NH, asymmetric), 1150 (S=O str. of SO <sub>2</sub> NH, symmetric), 887, 834, 757, 680 (Polynuclear and mononuclear Ar.–CH out of plane bending);	8.72 (s, 1H, SO <sub>2</sub> NH), δ 7.29–8.35 (m, 19H, H-2', H-3', H-4', H-6', H-7', H-8', H-9', H-2'', H-3'', H-5'', H-6'', H-7'', H-8'', H-2''', H-3''', H-5''', H-6''', H-7''', H-8'''), δ 6.93 (m, 1H, CONH-1), δ 5.82 (m, 1H, CONH-5), δ 4.04–4.41 (m, 4H, NH–CH <sub>2</sub> -1'', NH–CH <sub>2</sub> -1'''), δ 3.70 (m, 1H, H-2), 2.29 (m, 2H, H <sub>2</sub> -4), δ 2.03 (m, 1H, H <sub>A</sub> -3), δ 1.77–1.84 (m, 1H, H <sub>B</sub> -3)	67.44/67.67	5.62/5.45	8.14/8.23

28	M + H <sup>+</sup> peak at <i>m/z</i> 370	3480 (Asymmetric N–H str. of CONH <sub>2</sub> ), 3336 (Symmetric N–H str. of CONH <sub>2</sub> ), 3172 (Ar C–H str.), 2863 (ali C–H str.), 1664 (C=O str. of CONH <sub>2</sub> ), 1424 (Ar–C=CH str.), 1312 (S=O str. of SO <sub>2</sub> NH, asymmetric), 1136 (S=O str. of SO <sub>2</sub> NH, symmetric), 831, 759, 683 (Polynuclear–CH out of plane bending)	δ 8.73 (s, 1H, SO <sub>2</sub> NH), δ 7.32–8.23 (m, 6H, H-2', H-3', H-6', H-7', H-8', H-9'), δ 5.85 (m, 2H, CONH <sub>2</sub> -1), δ 5.34 (m, 2H, CONH <sub>2</sub> -5), δ 3.67 (m, 1H, H-2), δ 2.27 (m, 2H, H <sub>2</sub> -4), δ 2.01 (m, 2H, H <sub>2</sub> -3), 1.78 (m, 1H, H <sub>B</sub> -3).	48.71/48.10	4.32/4.11	11.35/11.29
29	M + H <sup>+</sup> peak at <i>m/z</i> 398	3304, 3262 (N–H str. of CONH), 3109 (Ar C–H str.), 2943 (ali C–H str.), 1644 (C=O str. of CONH), 1567 (N–H bend of CONH), 1504, 1441 (Ar–C=CH str.), 1318 (S=O str. of SO <sub>2</sub> NH, asymmetric), 1146 (S=O str. of SO <sub>2</sub> NH, symmetric), 916, 834, 756, 688 (Polynuclear–CH out of plane bending)	δ 8.73 (s, 1H, SO <sub>2</sub> NH), δ 7.50–8.23 (m, 6H, H-2', H-3', H-6', H-7', H-8', H-9'), δ 6.71 (m, 1H, CONH-1), δ 5.61 (m, 1H, CONH-5), δ 3.61 (m, 1H, H-2), δ 2.72 (m, 3H, N–CH <sub>3</sub> -1'''), δ 2.52 (m, 3H, N–CH <sub>3</sub> -1''), δ 2.17 (m, 2H, H <sub>2</sub> -4), δ 1.87 (m, 2H, H <sub>2</sub> -3)	51.26/51.01	4.77/4.78	10.55/10.43
30	M + H <sup>+</sup> peak at <i>m/z</i> 426	3301 (N–H str. of CONH), 3091 (Ar C–H str.), 2958, 2871 (ali C–H str.), 1643 (C=O str. of CONH), 1556 (N–H bend of CONH), 1508, 1438 (Ar C=CH str.), 1317 (S=O str. of SO <sub>2</sub> NH, asymmetric), 1154 (S=O str. of SO <sub>2</sub> NH, symmetric), 1043 (Ar–Cl), 802, 767, 680 (Polynuclear–CH out of plane bending).	δ 8.76 (s, 1H, SO <sub>2</sub> NH), δ 7.68–8.40 (m, 6H, H-2', H-3', H-6', H-7', H-8', H-9'), δ 6.58 (m, 1H, CONH-1), δ 5.51 (m, 1H, CONH-5), δ 3.62 (m, 1H, H-2), δ 3.24 (m, 2H, NH–CH <sub>2</sub> -1''), δ 2.90 (m, 2H, NH–CH <sub>2</sub> -1'''), 2.23 (m, 2H, H <sub>2</sub> -4), δ 2.02 (m, 1H, H <sub>A</sub> -3), δ 1.77 (m, 1H, H <sub>B</sub> -3), 1.11–1.63 (m, 3H, CH <sub>3</sub> -2'') δ 0.80–1.11 (m, 3H, CH <sub>3</sub> -2''')	53.52/53.56	5.40/5.76	9.86/9.56
31	M + H <sup>+</sup> peak at <i>m/z</i> 454	3297 (N–H str. of CONH), 3092 (Ar C–H str.), 2961 (ali C–H str.), 1647 (C=O str. of CONH), 1556 (N–H bend of CONH), 1438 (Ar C=CH str.) 1328 (S=O str. of SO <sub>2</sub> NH, asymmetric), 1154 (S=O str. of SO <sub>2</sub> NH, symmetric), 906, 836, 683 (Polynuclear Ar.–CH out of plane bending), 976 (Ar–Cl)	δ 8.75 (s, 1H, SO <sub>2</sub> NH), δ 7.49–8.23 (m, 6H, H-2', H-3', H-6', H-7', H-8', H-9'), δ 6.61 (m, 1H, CONH-1), δ 5.53 (m, 1H, CONH-5), δ 3.60 (m, 1H, H-2), δ 3.16–3.20 (m, 2H, N–CH <sub>2</sub> -1''), δ 2.83–2.95 (m, 2H, N–CH <sub>2</sub> -1'''), δ 2.23 (m, 2H, H <sub>2</sub> -4), δ 2.04 (m, 1H, H <sub>A</sub> -3), δ 1.78 (m, 1H, H <sub>B</sub> -3), δ 1.45–1.55 (m, 2H, N–CH <sub>2</sub> -2''), δ 1.24–1.12 (m, 2H, N–CH <sub>2</sub> -2'''), δ 0.96–0.91 (m, 3H, N–CH <sub>3</sub> -3''), δ 0.68–0.73 (m, 3H, N–CH <sub>3</sub> -3''')	55.51/55.78	5.95/5.87	9.25/9.54
32	M + H <sup>+</sup> peak at <i>m/z</i> 454	3296 (N–H str. of CONH), 3083 (Ar C–H str.), 2971 (ali C–H str.), 1643 (C=O str. of CONH), 1550 (N–H str. of CONH), 1454 (Ar–C=CH str.), 1329 (S=O str. of SO <sub>2</sub> NH, asymmetric), 1159 (S=O str. of SO <sub>2</sub> NH, symmetric), 837, 763, 681 (Polynuclear Ar.–CH out of plane bending)	δ 8.77 (s, 1H, SO <sub>2</sub> NH), δ 7.61–8.42 (m, 6H, H-2', H-3', H-6', H-7', H-8', H-9'), δ 6.35 (m, 1H, CONH-1), δ 5.50 (m, 1H, CONH-5), δ 4.02–4.09 (m, 1H, N–CH-1''), δ 3.66–3.72 (m, 1H, N–CH-1'''), δ 3.61 (m, 1H, H-2), δ 2.23 (m, 2H, H <sub>2</sub> -4), δ 2.04 (m, 1H, H <sub>A</sub> -3), δ 1.78 (m, 1H, H <sub>B</sub> -3), δ 1.24–1.14 (m, 6H, CH <sub>3</sub> -2'', CH <sub>3</sub> -2'''), δ 0.83–0.75 (m, 6H, CH <sub>3</sub> -3'', CH <sub>3</sub> -3''')	55.51/55.65	5.95/5.76	9.25/9.65
33	M + H <sup>+</sup> peak at <i>m/z</i> 482	3309 (N–H str. of CONH), 3087 (Ar C–H str.), 2977, 2935 (ali C–H str.), 1642 (C=O str. of CONH), 1552 (N–H bend of CONH), 1436 (Ar C=CH str.), 1323 (S=O str. of SO <sub>2</sub> NH, asymmetric), 1159 (S=O str. of SO <sub>2</sub> NH, symmetric), 803, 768, 678 (Polynuclear–CH out of plane bending).	δ 8.77 (s, 1H, SO <sub>2</sub> NH), δ 7.49–8.21 (m, 6H, H-2', H-3', H-6', H-7', H-8', H-9'), δ 5.58 (m, 1H, CONH-1), δ 5.34 (m, 1H, CONH-5), δ 3.67 (m, 1H, H-2), δ 3.28–3.30 (m, 2H, N–CH <sub>2</sub> -1''), δ 2.90–2.96 (m, 2H, N–CH <sub>2</sub> -1'''), δ 2.31 (m, 2H, H <sub>2</sub> -4), δ 2.10–2.19 (m, 4H, N–CH <sub>2</sub> -2'', N–CH <sub>2</sub> -2'''), δ 2.07 (m, 1H, H <sub>A</sub> -3), δ 1.89–1.90 (m, 4H, N–CH <sub>2</sub> -3'', N–CH <sub>2</sub> -3'''), δ 1.13–1.18 (m, 3H, N–CH <sub>3</sub> -4''), δ 0.73–0.78 (m, 3H, N–CH <sub>3</sub> -4''')	57.26/57.67	6.43/6.76	8.71/8.46
34	M + H <sup>+</sup> peak at <i>m/z</i> 482	3297 (N–H str. of CONH), 3093 (Ar C–H str.), 2958 (ali C–H str.), 1646 (C=O str. of CONH), 1556 (NH bend of CONH), 1440 (Ar–C=CH str.), 1320 (S=O str. of SO <sub>2</sub> NH, asymmetric), 1153 (S=O str. of SO <sub>2</sub> NH, symmetric), 911, 835, 759, 682 (Polynuclear Ar.–CH out of plane bending);	δ 8.76 (s, 1H, SO <sub>2</sub> NH), δ 7.61–8.42 (m, 6H, H-2', H-3', H-6', H-7', H-8', H-9'), δ 6.71 (m, 1H, CONH-1), δ 5.58 (m, 1H, CONH-5), δ 3.63 (m, 1H, H-2), 3.02 (m, 2H, NH–CH <sub>2</sub> -1''), δ 2.76 (m, 2H, NH–CH <sub>2</sub> -1'''), δ 2.27 (m, 2H, H <sub>2</sub> -4), δ 2.04 (m, 1H, H <sub>A</sub> -3), δ 1.86 (m, 1H, H <sub>B</sub> -3), δ 1.70–1.86 (m, 2H, NH–CH <sub>2</sub> -CH-2'', NH–CH <sub>2</sub> -CH-2'''), δ 0.90–0.92 (d, 6H, CH <sub>3</sub> -4'', CH <sub>3</sub> -4'''), δ 0.70–0.72 (d, 2H, CH <sub>3</sub> -3'', CH <sub>3</sub> -3''')	57.26/56.98	6.43/6.23	8.71/8.98
35	M + H <sup>+</sup> peak at <i>m/z</i> 538	3296 (N–H str. of CONH), 3092 (Ar C–H str.), 2962 (ali C–H str.), 2874 (ali CH str.), 1647 (C=O str. of CONH), 1556 (N–H bend of CONH), 1439 (Ar C=C str.), 1328 (S=O str. of SO <sub>2</sub> NH, asymmetric), 1153 (S=O str. of SO <sub>2</sub> NH, symmetric), 909, 762, 682 (Polynuclear Ar.–CH out of plane bending)	δ 8.30 (1H, SO <sub>2</sub> NH), δ 7.54–7.90 (m, 6H, H-2', H-3', H-6', H-7', H-8', H-9'), δ 6.77 (m, 1H, CONH-1), δ 5.57 (m, 1H, CONH-5), δ 3.64 (m, 1H, H-2), δ 3.21–3.33 (m, 2H, NH–CH <sub>2</sub> -1''), δ 3.03–3.09 (m, 2H, NH–CH <sub>2</sub> -1'''), δ 2.29 (m, 2H, H <sub>2</sub> -4), δ 1.98–2.00 (m, 1H, H <sub>A</sub> -3), δ 1.86–1.91 (m, 1H, H <sub>B</sub> -3), δ 0.83–1.63 (m, 22H, CH <sub>2</sub> -2'', CH <sub>2</sub> -3'', CH <sub>2</sub> -4'', CH <sub>2</sub> -5'', CH <sub>2</sub> -6'', CH <sub>2</sub> -2''', CH <sub>2</sub> -3''', CH <sub>2</sub> -4''', CH <sub>2</sub> -5''', CH <sub>2</sub> -6''')	60.26/60.45	7.28/7.57	7.82/7.92
36	M + H <sup>+</sup> peak at <i>m/z</i> 550	3293 (N–H str. of CONH), 3083 (Ar C–H str.), 2929 (ali C–H str.), 1647 (C=O str. of CONH), 1550 (N–H bend of CONH), 1442 (Ar C=CH str.), 1323 (S=O str. of SO <sub>2</sub> NH, asymmetric), 1150 (S=O str. of SO <sub>2</sub> NH, symmetric), 887, 834, 757, 680 (Polynuclear and mononuclear Ar.–CH out of plane bending);	8.72 (s, 1H, SO <sub>2</sub> NH), δ 7.29–8.35 (m, 11H, H-2', H-3', H-5', H-6', H-7', H-8', H-2'', H-3'', H-4'', H-5'', H-6''), δ 6.93 (m, 1H, CONH-1), δ 5.82 (m, 1H, CONH-5), δ 4.04–4.41 (m, 4H, NH–CH <sub>2</sub> -1'', NH–CH <sub>2</sub> -1'''), δ 3.70 (m, 1H, H-2), 2.29 (m, 2H, H <sub>2</sub> -4), δ 2.03 (m, 1H, H <sub>A</sub> -3), δ 1.77–1.84 (m, 1H, H <sub>B</sub> -3)	63.35/63.56	5.10/5.45	7.64/7.87

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Cpd	Mass (FAB)	IR (KBr, cm <sup>-1</sup> )	<sup>1</sup> H NMR (300MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> )	C, H, N % calcd/found		
				C	H	N
37	M + H <sup>+</sup> peak at <i>m/z</i> 414	3473 (Asymmetric N–H str. of CONH <sub>2</sub> ), 3375 (Symmetric N–H str. of CONH <sub>2</sub> ), 3178 (Ar C–H str.), 2861 (ali C–H str.), 1668 (C=O str. of CONH <sub>2</sub> ), 1500, 1423 (Ar–C=CH str), 1313 (S=O str. of SO <sub>2</sub> NH, asymmetric), 1137 (S=O str. of SO <sub>2</sub> NH, symmetric), 831, 758, 679 (Polynuclear-CH out of plane bending)	δ 8.73 (s, 1H, SO <sub>2</sub> NH), δ 7.32–8.23 (m, 6H, H-2', H-3', H-6', H-7', H-8', H-9'), δ 5.85 (m, 2H, CONH <sub>2</sub> -1), δ 5.34 (m, 2H, CONH <sub>2</sub> -5), δ 3.67 (m, 1H, H-2), δ 2.27 (m, 2H, H <sub>2</sub> -4), δ 2.01 (m, 2H, H <sub>2</sub> -3), 1.78 (m, 1H, H <sub>B</sub> -3)	43.44/43.08	3.86/3.97	10.14/10.35
38	M + H <sup>+</sup> peak at <i>m/z</i> 442	3315 (NH str. Of CONH), 3107 (Ar. CH Str), 2933 ali C–H str.), 1647 (C=O str. of COOH), 1556 (NH bend of CONH), 1458, 1436, 1413 (Ar. C=CH str), 1357 (S=O str. of SO <sub>2</sub> NH, asymmetric), 1161 (S=O str. of SO <sub>2</sub> NH, symmetric), 802, 767, 680 (Polynuclear-CH out of plane bending)	δ 8.73 (s, 1H, SO <sub>2</sub> NH), δ 7.50–8.23 (m, 6H, H-2', H-3', H-6', H-7', H-8', H-9'), δ 6.71 (m, 1H, CONH-1), δ 5.61 (m, 1H, CONH-5), δ 3.61 (m, 1H, H-2), δ 2.72 (m, 3H, N–CH <sub>3</sub> -1'''), δ 2.52 (m, 3H, N–CH <sub>3</sub> -1''), δ 2.17 (m, 2H, H <sub>2</sub> -4), δ 1.87 (m, 2H, H <sub>2</sub> -3)	46.15/45.98	4.52/4.68	9.49/9.76
39	M + H <sup>+</sup> peak at <i>m/z</i> 470	3297 (N–H str. of CONH), 3099 (Ar C–H str.), 2976 (ali C–H str.), 1643 (C=O str of CONH), 1559 (NH bend of CONH), 1502, 1440 (Ar–C=CH str), 1323 (S=O str. of SO <sub>2</sub> NH, asymmetric), 1150 (S=O str. of SO <sub>2</sub> NH, symmetric), 887, 834, 757, 680 (Polynuclear Ar.–CH out of plane bending), 997 (Ar–Br);	δ 8.76 (s, 1H, SO <sub>2</sub> NH), δ 7.68–8.40 (m, 6H, H-2', H-3', H-6', H-7', H-8', H-9'), δ 6.58 (m, 1H, CONH-1), δ 5.51 (m, 1H, CONH-5), δ 3.62 (m, 1H, H-2), δ 3.24 (m, 2H, NH–CH <sub>2</sub> -1''), δ 2.94 (m, 2H, NH–CH <sub>2</sub> -1'''), δ 2.23 (m, 2H, H <sub>2</sub> -4), δ 2.02 (m, 1H, H <sub>A</sub> -3), δ 1.77 (m, 1H, H <sub>B</sub> -3), 1.11–1.63 (m, 1H, CH <sub>3</sub> -2'') δ 0.80–1.11 (m, 3H, CH <sub>3</sub> -2''')	48.51/48.76	5.11/5.34	8.94/8.93
40	M + H <sup>+</sup> peak at <i>m/z</i> 499	3294 (N–H str of CONH), 3101 (Ar C–H str.), 2960, 2871 (ali C–H str.), 1645 (C=O str. of CONH), 1558 (N–H bend of CONH), 1436 (Ar C=CH str), 1319 (S=O str of SO <sub>2</sub> NH, asymmetric), 1155 (S=O str of SO <sub>2</sub> NH, symmetric), 800, 767, 680 (Polynuclear-CH out of plane bending)	δ 8.75 (s, 1H, SO <sub>2</sub> NH), δ 7.49–8.23 (m, 6H, H-2', H-3', H-6', H-7', H-8', H-9'), δ 6.61 (m, 1H, CONH-1), δ 5.53 (m, 1H, CONH-5), δ 3.60 (m, 1H, H-2), δ 3.16–3.20 (m, 2H, N–CH <sub>2</sub> -1'), δ 2.83–2.95 (m, 2H, N–CH <sub>2</sub> -1'''), δ 2.04 (m, 1H, H <sub>A</sub> -3), δ 1.78 (m, 1H, H <sub>B</sub> -3), δ 1.45–1.55 (m, 2H, N–CH <sub>2</sub> -2''), δ 1.24–1.12 (m, 2H, N–CH <sub>2</sub> -2'''), δ 0.96–0.91 (m, 3H, 3H, N–CH <sub>2</sub> -3'''), δ 0.68–0.73 (m, 3H, 3H, N–CH <sub>2</sub> -3''')	50.56/50.55	5.62/5.38	8.43/8.45
41	M + H <sup>+</sup> peak at <i>m/z</i> 555	3310, 3238 (N–H str of CONH), 3097 (Ar C–H str.), 2929, 2859 (ali C–H str.), 1642 (C=O str. of CONH), 1554 (N–H bend of CONH), 1438 (Ar C=CH str), 1341 (S=O str of SO <sub>2</sub> NH, asymmetric), 1159 (S=O str of SO <sub>2</sub> NH, symmetric), 835, 762, 679 (Polynuclear-CH out of plane bending)	δ 8.73 (s, 1H, SO <sub>2</sub> NH), δ 7.32–8.23 (m, 6H, H-2', H-3', H-6', H-7', H-8', H-9'), δ 5.85 (m, 1H, CONH <sub>2</sub> -1), δ 5.34 (m, 1H, CONH-5), δ 3.67 (m, 1H, H-2), δ 3.68 (m, 2H, N–CH <sub>2</sub> -1''), δ (m, 2H, N–CH <sub>2</sub> -1''), 3.13 δ 2.27 (m, 2H, H <sub>2</sub> -4), δ 2.01 (m, 2H, H <sub>2</sub> -3), 1.78 (m, 1H, H <sub>B</sub> -3), 1.56–1.29 (m, 12H, CH <sub>2</sub> -2'', CH <sub>2</sub> -3'', CH <sub>2</sub> -4'', CH <sub>2</sub> -2''', CH <sub>2</sub> -3''', CH <sub>2</sub> -4'''), 0.97–0.74 (m, 6H, CH <sub>3</sub> -5'', CH <sub>3</sub> -5''')	54.10/54.65	4.71/4.72	7.57/7.76
42	M + H <sup>+</sup> peak at <i>m/z</i> 595	3293 (N–H str. of CONH), 3083 (Ar C–H str.), 2929 (ali C–H str.), 1647 (C=O str. of CONH), 1550 (N–H bend of CONH), 1442 (Ar C=CH str.), 1323 (S=O str. of SO <sub>2</sub> NH, asymmetric), 1150 (S=O str. of SO <sub>2</sub> NH, symmetric), 887, 834, 757, 680 (Polynuclear and mononuclear Ar.–CH out of plane bending).	δ 8.72 (s, 1H, SO <sub>2</sub> NH), δ 7.29–8.35 (m, 11H, H-2', H-3', H-6', H-7', H-8', H-9', H-2'', H-3'', H-4'', H-5'', H-6''), δ 6.93 (m, 1H, CONH-1), δ 5.82 (m, 1H, CONH-5), δ 4.04–4.41 (m, 4H, NH–CH <sub>2</sub> -1'', NH–CH <sub>2</sub> -1'''), δ 3.70 (m, 1H, H-2), 2.29 (m, 2H, H <sub>2</sub> -4), δ 2.03 (m, 1H, H <sub>A</sub> -3), δ 1.77–1.84 (m, 1H, H <sub>B</sub> -3)	58.53/58.67	4.71/4.87	7.06/7.32
43	M + H <sup>+</sup> peak at <i>m/z</i> 546	3294 (N–H str. of CONH), 3092 (Ar C–H str.), 2955, 2870 (ali C–H str.), 1650 (C=O str. of CONH), 1552 (N–H bend of CONH), 1458 (Ar C=CH str.), 1331 (S=O str. of SO <sub>2</sub> NH, asymmetric), 1094, 1062 (C–O str. of C–OCH <sub>3</sub> ), 819, 752, 641 (Polynuclear Ar.–CH out of plane bending).	δ 8.72 (s, 1H, SO <sub>2</sub> NH), δ 7.29–8.35 (m, 11H, H-3', H-4', H-6', H-7', H-8', H-9', H-2'', H-3'', H-4'', H-5'', H-6''), δ 6.93 (m, 1H, CONH-1), δ 5.82 (m, 1H, CONH-5), δ 4.18–4.41 (m, 4H, NH–CH <sub>2</sub> -1'', NH–CH <sub>2</sub> -1'''), δ 4.05 (s, 3H, OCH <sub>3</sub> ), δ 3.70 (m, 1H, H-2), 2.29 (m, 2H, H <sub>2</sub> -4), δ 2.03 (m, 1H, H <sub>A</sub> -3), δ 1.77–1.84 (m, 1H, H <sub>B</sub> -3)	65.97/65.65	5.86/5.76	7.70/7.87
44	M + H <sup>+</sup> peak at <i>m/z</i> 529	3306, 3239 (N–H str. of CONH), 3074 (Ar C–H str.), 2929 (ali C–H str.), 1649 (C=O str of CONH), 1545 (NH bend of CONH), 1443 (Ar–C=CH str.), 1378 (S=O str. of SO <sub>2</sub> NH, asymmetric), 1150 (S=O str. of SO <sub>2</sub> NH, symmetric), 1073 (C–O str. of C–OCH <sub>3</sub> ), 804	δ 8.73 (s, 1H, SO <sub>2</sub> NH), δ 7.32–8.23 (m, 6H, H-3', H-4', H-6', H-7', H-8', H-9'), δ 5.85 (m, 1H, CONH <sub>2</sub> -1), δ 5.34 (m, 1H, CONH-5), δ 4.06 (s, 3H, OCH <sub>3</sub> ), δ 3.67 (m, 1H, H-2), δ 2.27 (m, 2H, H <sub>2</sub> -4), δ 2.01 (m, 2H, H <sub>2</sub> -3), 1.78 (m, 1H, H <sub>B</sub> -3), δ 1.05–1.93 (m, 22H, Cyclohexyl protons).	63.52/60.01	7.37/6.93	7.94/7.69
45	M + H <sup>+</sup> peak at <i>m/z</i> 533	3307, 3238 (N–H str. of CONH), 3074 (Ar C–H str.), 2929 (ali C–H str.), 1649 (C=O str of CONH), 1555 (NH bend of CONH), 1448 (Ar–C=CH str.), 1323 (S=O str. of SO <sub>2</sub> NH, asymmetric), 1159 (S=O str. of SO <sub>2</sub> NH, symmetric), 1073 (C–O str. of C–OCH <sub>3</sub> ), 809, 690 (Polynuclear Ar.–CH out of plane bending).	δ 8.30 (1H, SO <sub>2</sub> NH), δ 7.40–7.91 (m, 6H, H-3', H-4', H-6', H-7', H-8', H-9'), δ 6.77 (m, 1H, CONH-1), δ 5.57 (m, 1H, CONH-5), δ 4.08 (s, 3H, OCH <sub>3</sub> ), δ 3.64 (m, 1H, H-2), δ 3.21–3.33 (m, 2H, NH–CH <sub>2</sub> -1''), δ 3.03–3.09 (m, 2H, NH–CH <sub>2</sub> -1'''), δ 2.29 (m, 2H, H <sub>2</sub> -4), δ 1.98–2.00 (m, 1H, H <sub>A</sub> -3), δ 1.86–1.91 (m, 1H, H <sub>B</sub> -3), δ 0.83–1.63 (m, 22H, CH <sub>2</sub> -2'', CH <sub>2</sub> -3'', CH <sub>2</sub> -4'', CH <sub>2</sub> -5'', CH <sub>2</sub> -6'', CH <sub>2</sub> -2''', CH <sub>2</sub> -3''', CH <sub>2</sub> -4''', CH <sub>2</sub> -5''', CH <sub>2</sub> -6''')	62.92/59.36	7.58/7.41	7.87/6.75

0.1 kcal/Å mol. Dragon software [42] was utilized for the calculation of different topological and constitutional descriptors. The topological descriptors used are information content index (neighborhood symmetry of 0-order) (*IC0*), structural information content (neighborhood symmetry of 0-order) (*SIC0*), information content index (neighborhood symmetry of 1-order) (*IC1*), structural information content (neighborhood symmetry of 1-order) (*SIC1*), information content index (neighborhood symmetry of 2-order) (*IC2*), structural information content (neighborhood symmetry of 2-order) (*SIC2*), information content index (neighborhood symmetry of 3-order) (*IC3*), structural information content (neighborhood symmetry of 3-order) (*SIC3*), information content index (neighborhood symmetry of 4-order) (*IC4*), structural information content (neighborhood symmetry of 4-order) (*SIC4*), information content index (neighborhood symmetry of 5-order) (*IC5*) and structural information content (neighborhood symmetry of 5-order) (*SIC5*) [43–45]. The constitutional descriptors are mean atomic van der Waals volume scaled on carbon atom (*Mv*), mean atomic Sanderson electronegativity scaled on carbon atom (*Me*), mean atomic polarizability scaled on carbon atom (*Mp*), mean electrotopological state (*Ms*), rotatable bond fraction (*RBF*), number of chlorine atoms (*nCl*) and number of bromine atom (*nBr*) [46]. Electronic descriptor Wang-Ford charge was calculated by Chem 3D Pro package [47]. The general structure of these compounds was drawn first in Chem draw ultra ver 5.0. It was saved as the template structure. This template structure was modified to draw all structures given in the dataset and saved. The numberings of atoms were done according to that of ETSA and RTSA models. To create 3-D models, all these structures were transformed to Chem 3D ver 5.0. Finally the model was cleaned up. Energy minimization was done under MOPAC module using RHF (restricted Hartree-Fock: closed shell) wave function. The energy minimized geometry was used to calculate Wang-Ford charges. Multiple linear regression analysis was performed by the computer program 'Multiregress'[48] developed in our laboratory.

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