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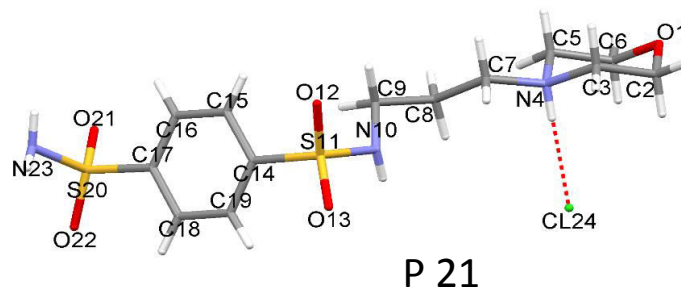
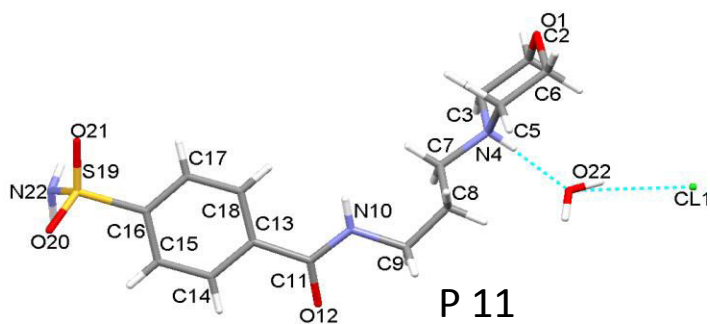
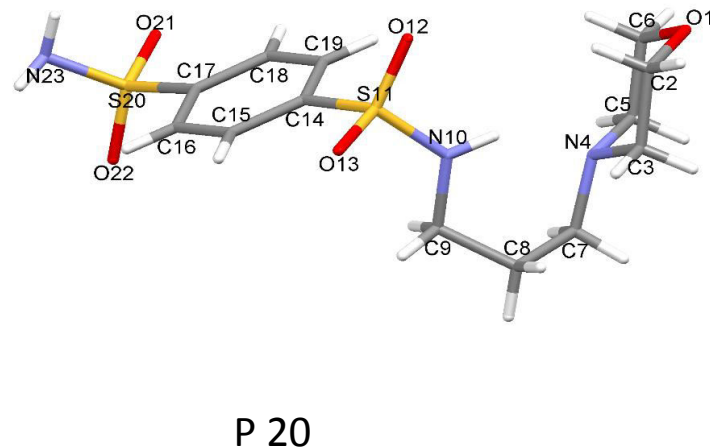
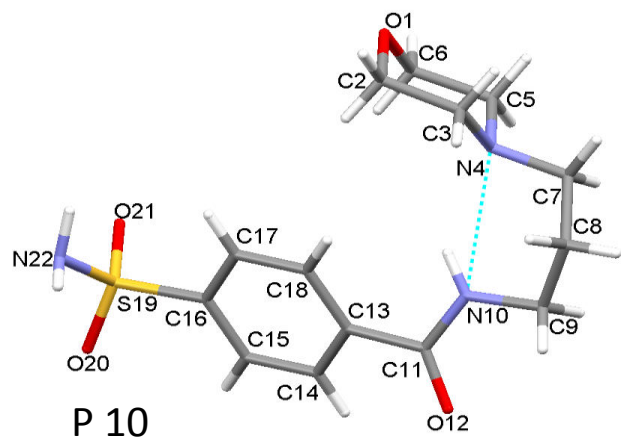
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## Graphical Abstract



Molecular drawing of aromatic sulfonamides studied giving the crystallographic atom-numbering scheme



**Abstract:** Many sulfonamides with the general formula  $R-SO_2NH_2$  constitute an important class of inhibitors of the zinc enzyme carbonic anhydrase (CA) due to their use in antiglaucoma therapy.

Design of new aromatic sulfonamides was carried out using computational methods of theoretical medicinal chemistry as described in our previous works. Of particular interest are the molecular geometries of neutral and anionic species, acidities, and lipophilicities.

Synthesis of the so-designed new aromatic sulfonamides was conducted according to published procedures. Antiglaucoma activity was evaluated in both *in vitro* and *in vivo* conditions. For determination of the intraocular pressure changes the experiment with adult male Chinchilla was used.

In this lecture we present the design and synthesis of novel drug-like aromatic sulfonamides, namely (4-sulfamoyl-N-(3-morpholinopropyl) benzamide, N-(3-morpholinopropyl)benzene-1,4-disulfonamide, N-(4-diethylaminoethoxybenzyl)benzene-1,4-bis(sulfonamide) and their hydrochloride salts. They exhibited favorable biological, structural, physicochemical and some pharmacokinetic properties comparable to those obtained for therapeutically useful acetazolamide, dorzolamide and brinzolamide. Data obtained allows us to assume, that new aromatic sulfonamides may represent novel class of compounds for the discovery of new effective antiglaucoma drugs.

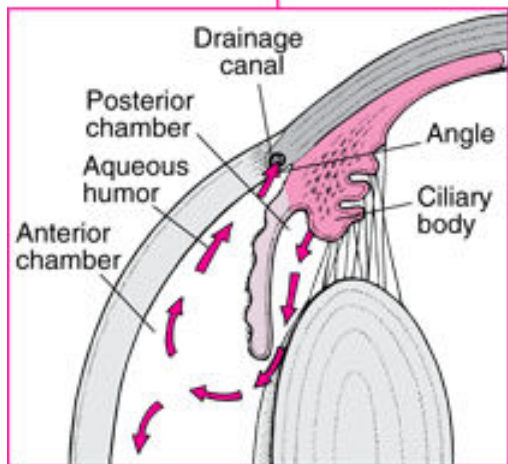
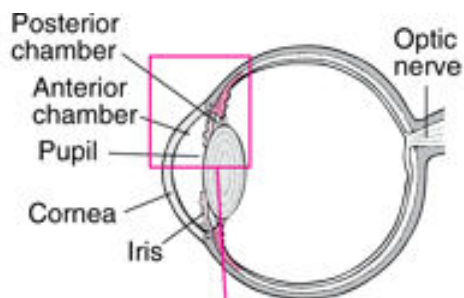
**Keywords:** sulfonamides; carbonic anhydrase inhibitors, antiglaucoma therapy; physicochemical properties



# Introduction

It is estimated 2 out of every 100 people over the age of 65 have glaucoma and half of these people don't know it.

(G. H. Cassel, M. D. Billig, H. G. Randall, The Eye Book. The Johns Hopkins University Press. Baltimore, Maryland. 1998.)



## Normal Fluid Drainage

Fluid is produced in the ciliary body behind the iris, passes into the front of the eye, and then exits through the drainage canals.

- In glaucoma, the drainage canals become clogged, blocked, or covered.
- Because there is nowhere in the eye for the fluid to go, pressure in the eye increases.
- When the pressure becomes higher than the optic nerve can tolerate, damage to the optic nerve occurs. **This damage is called glaucoma.**



# Carbonic Anhydrase Inhibitors

Carbonic Anhydrases (CAs, EC 4.2.1.1), 14 different isozymes or CA-related proteins (CARP). There are at least five distinct CA families ( $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ ,  $\gamma$ ,  $\delta$ , and  $\epsilon$ ).

Higher Vertebrate  $\alpha$ -CA Isozymes

Isozyme	Sub-cellular localization
CAI, CAII, CAIII, CAVII, CARPVIII	Cytosol
CAIV, CAIX, CAXII, CAXIV	Membrane bound
CAV	Mitochondria
CAVI	Secreted into saliva
CARPX, CARPXI, CAXIII	Unknown

Physiologically significant reversible reaction catalysed by  $\alpha$ -CA Isozymes



# Sulfonamide Inhibitors of CAs

1940 T. Mann, D. Keilin *Nature*

CA inhibition with sulfanilamide

## CA inhibitory properties of sulfonamides

- o Antithyroid drugs*
- o Hypoglycemic sulfonamides*
- o Antiglaucoma agents*
- o Novel types of anticancer agents*
- o Novel therapy for Alzheimer's disease....*

C. T. Supuran, Carbonic anhydrases: novel therapeutic applications for inhibitors and activators.  
*Nature Rev. Drug Discov.* 7 (2008) 168 - 181.



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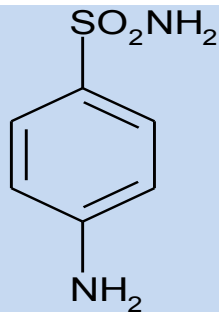
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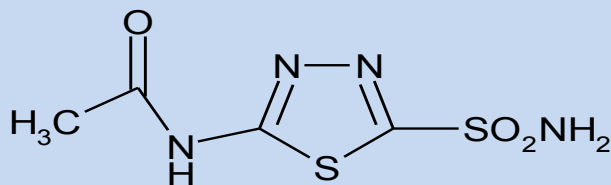
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# Sulfonamide Inhibitors of CAs as antiglaucoma agents

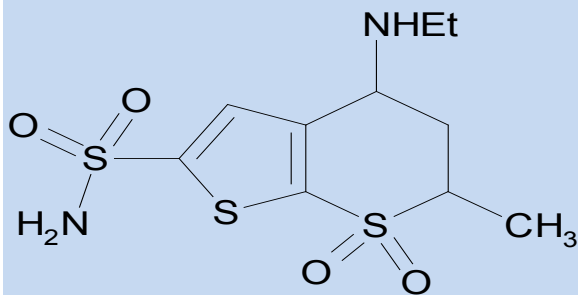
- Inhibition of carbonic anhydrase isoforms present in the eyes (CA I, II, IV and XII),



Sulfanilamide



Acetazolamide



Dorzolamide



Brinzolamide

Mincione F, Scozzafava A, Supuran CT, The development of topically acting carbonic anhydrase inhibitors as antiglaucoma agents. *Curr Pharm Des.* 2008;14(7):649-54.





# Design and synthesis of new CA inhibitors

## Manual Design

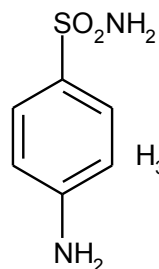
- Operator directs study
- Allows input of designer's ideas
- Useful for identification of a single lead compound
- Slow and limited to designer's originality



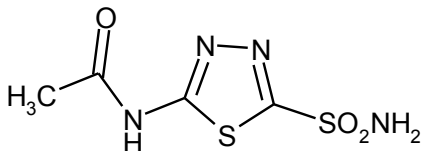


# Study of Acidity, Lipophilicity and Solubility of Some Biologically Active Sulfonamides

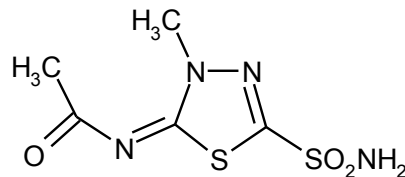
Milan Remko, Claus-Wilhelm von der Lieth, 2004 *Bioorg. & Med. Chem.*



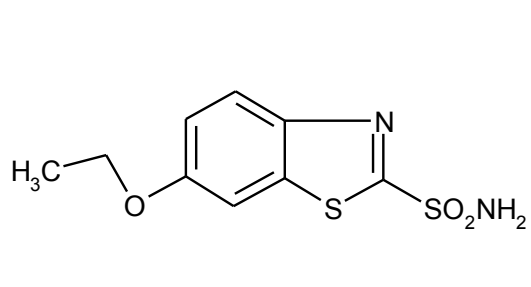
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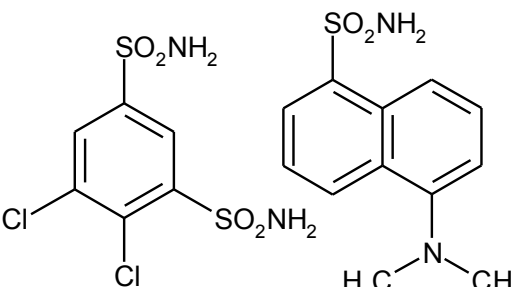
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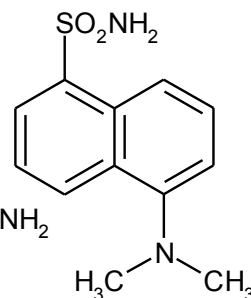
Methazolamide (3)



Ethoxzolamide (4)

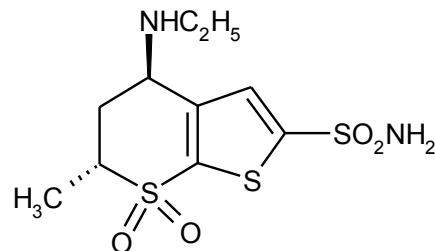


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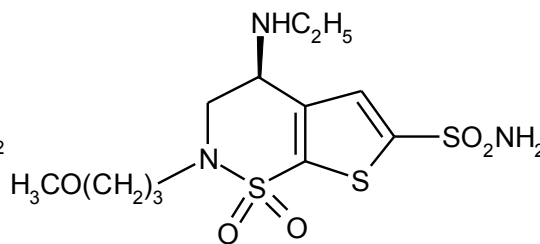


Dansylamide (6)

Orally active systemic antiglaucoma drugs



Dorzolamide (7)



Brinzolamide (8)

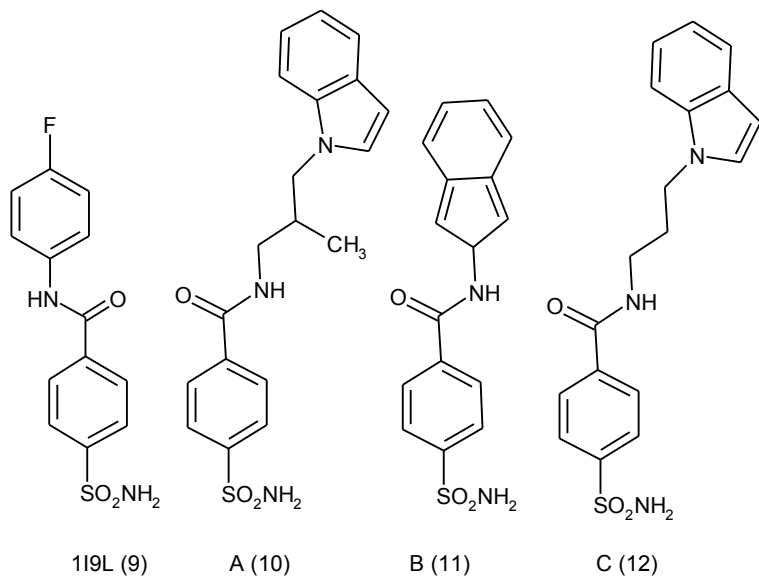
Topically acting antiglaucoma sulfonamides

Structure of the sulfonamides studied

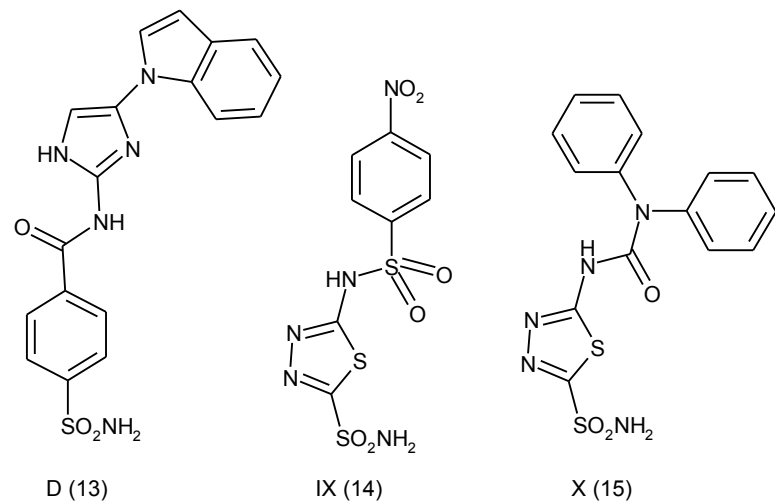


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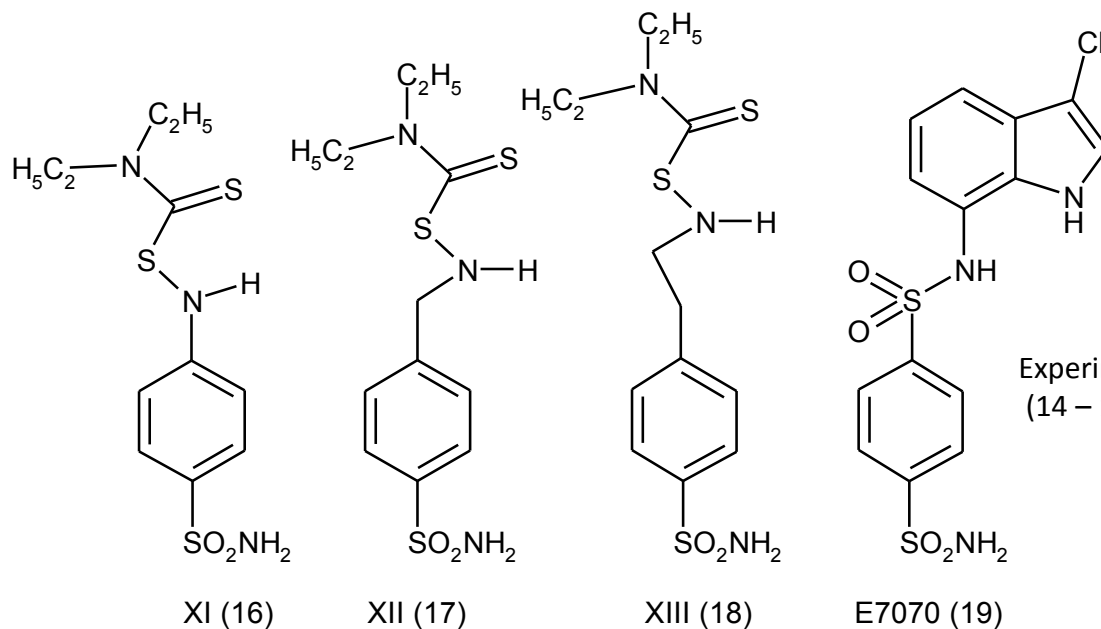
Experimental topically acting antiglaucoma sulfonamides (9 – 13)



Experimental potent cancerostatic sulfonamides (14 – 19)

Structure of the sulfonamides studied





Experimental potent cancerostatic sulfonamides  
(14 – 19)

## Structure of the sulfonamides studied



# Drug like properties of the sulfonamide inhibitors

The  $pK_a$  values of the sulfonamides studied.  $pK_i$  and  $pK_d$  are corresponding inhibition and dissociation constants against hCA II, respectively

No.	Compound	$pK_{a, \text{calc}}$	$pK_{a, \text{exp}}$	Ref.	$pK_i, \text{exp}$
1	Sulfanilamide	10.1	10.1	35	6.92 <sup>b</sup>
2	Acetazolamide	6.5	7.4	28	8
3	Methazolamide	5.9	7.2	28	8.09
4	Ethoxzolamide	6.8	8.0	28	9.16
5	Dichlorphenamide	7.8	8.3	28	7.52
6	Dansylamide	9.6		21	6.03 <sup>b</sup>
7	Dorzolamide	7.8	8.4	28	8.05
8	Brinzolamide	7.2		28	8.52
9	1I9L	8.8		30	8.62 <sup>b</sup>
10a	A-(R)	9.0		22	10.52 <sup>b</sup>
10b	A-(S)	9.1		22	9.63 <sup>b</sup>
11	B	8.8			
12	C	8.8			
13	D	8.6			
14	IX	17.1 <sup>a</sup>			
15	X	7.2		31	8.09
16	XI	10.9		32	7.32
17	XII	12.6		32	7.89
18	XIII	9.2		32	7.96
19	E7070	8.5		32	7.82

<sup>a</sup>Unrecognized functional group, unreliable results

<sup>b</sup> $pK_d$  values

- The computed  $pK_a$  values correlate well with the available experimental  $pK_a$  values found in the literature.
- **Aromatic inhibitors 9 – 13 are in the condensed phase by about 1 – 2  $pK_a$  units less acidic than heteroaromatic inhibitors (dorzolamide, brinzolamide and compound X).**
- The calculations showed that methazolamide is also in water solution the most acidic drug of the sulfonamides investigated. Potent systemic antiglaucoma sulfonamides **2 – 5** are by about 2 – 4 units more acidic than the parent sulfanilamide.



## Lipophilicity

No.	Compound	LogP (exp.)	ALOGPs	IA LOGP	CLOGP	KoWWiN
<b>1</b>	Sulfanilamide	-0.62	-0.16	-0.47	-0.57	-0.55
<b>2</b>	Acetazolamide	-0.26	-0.39	-0.25	-0.98	-0.72
<b>3</b>	Methazolamide	0.13	-0.20	-0.08	0.09	0.33
<b>4</b>	Ethoxzolamide	2.01	1.87	2.00	2.05	2.08
<b>5</b>	Dichlorphenamide		0.95	-0.04	0.24	1.06
<b>6</b>	Dansylamide	2.01	1.92	2.07	1.80	1.72
<b>7</b>	Dorzolamide		-0.50	0.71	-0.43	0.37
<b>8</b>	Brinzolamide		-0.65	0.22	0.33	0.33
<b>9</b>	1I9L		1.88	1.67	1.67	1.49
<b>10a</b>	A-(R)		2.71	2.61	2.83	2.75
<b>10b</b>	A-(S)		2.71	2.61	2.83	2.75
<b>11</b>	B		1.77	1.45	1.39	1.78
<b>12</b>	C		2.53	2.31	2.43	2.33
<b>13</b>	D		2.72	2.26	2.64	1.53
<b>14</b>	IX		0.48	1.66	-0.07	-0.07
<b>15</b>	X		1.88	1.68	1.37	1.23
<b>16</b>	XI			0.48	1.78	0.88
<b>17</b>	XII			0.22	2.11	0.79
<b>18</b>	XIII			0.10	1.98	1.28
<b>19</b>	E7070		2.22	2.37	2.37	3.53

•The compounds studied are only slightly or moderate lipophilic.

•The lipophilicity of the cancerostatic sulfonamides **14 –18** is from relatively narrow interval between -0.07 and 1.98.

•The highly active CAI **10 – 13** are also the most lipophilic compounds among the antiglaucomatics studied. Their lipophilicity is considerably higher than the lipophilicity of the clinically useful topically acting antiglaucoma sulfonamides dorzolamide and brinzolamide



# Lipinski parameters of the sulfonamides studied

No.	Compound	No. of Hydrogen Bond Acceptors	No. of Hydrogen Bond Donors	log P, calc. <sup>a</sup>	Formula Weight
1	Sulfanilamide	4	4	-0.16 – (-0.57)	172
2	Acetazolamide	7	3	-0.25 – (-0.98)	222
3	Methazolamide	7	2	-0.08 – 0.09	236
4	Ethoxzolamide	5	2	1.87 – 2.08	258
5	Dichlorphenamide	6	4	-0.04 – 1.06	305
6	Dansylamide	4	2	1.72 – 1.92	250
7	Dorzolamide	6	3	-0.43 – 0.71	324
8	Brinzolamide	8	3	-0.65 – 0.33	383
9	1I9L	5	3	1.49 – 1.88	308
10a	A-(R)	6	3	2.15 – 2.83	371
10b	A-(S)	6	3	2.15 – 2.83	371
11	B	5	3	1.39 – 1.78	314
12	C	6	3	1.86 – 2.53	357
13	D	8	4	1.53 – 2.72	381
14	IX	10	3	-0.07 – 1.66	365
15	X	8	3	1.23 – 1.88	375
16	XI	5	3	0.48 – 1.78	319
17	XII	5	3	0.22 – 2.11	333
18	XIII	5	3	0.10 – 1.98	347
19	E7070	7	4	2.37 – 3.53	385

□ The number of hydrogen bond donors (any NH group) is relatively constant (about 2 –4). Less active ( $K_d \approx \text{mM}$ ) sulfanilamide and dansylamide possess substantially less proton accepting sites (any O and N atoms).

□ **It is therefore probable that the number of hydrogen bond acceptor groups is one of the important factors for designing of highly-active ( $K_d \approx \text{nM}$ ) inhibitors of carbonic anhydrase.** However, the possible differences in the nature of the active site of the various CA isoenzymes can also play important part.



## Drug like properties of the sulfonamide inhibitors of CAs

Selection criteria for drug-like properties for sulfonamide agents

- ❖Molecular weight
- ❖lipophilicity
- ❖Acidity and basicity
- ❖solubility
- ❖polar surface area
- ❖Lipinski parameters

Molecular weight	220 – 400
Octanol/water partition coefficient (clog P)	-0.2 – 2.3
Aqueous solubility (clog S)	(-2) – (-4.5)
pKa	5 – 12.6
No. of hydrogen bond acceptors	4 – 10
No. of hydrogen bond donors	2 – 4
Polar surface area (PSA, Å <sup>2</sup> )	80 – 120
Percent of oral absorption (%ABS)	68 – 75





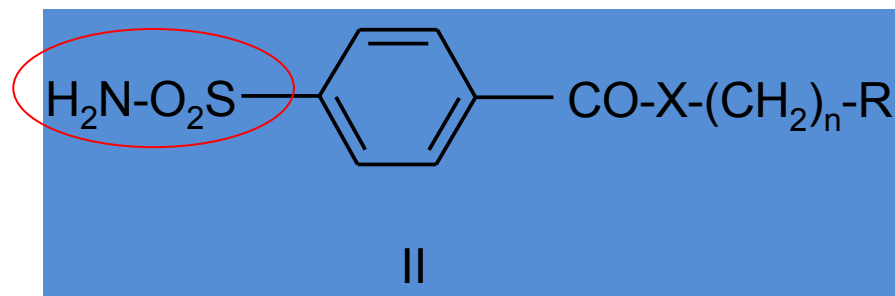
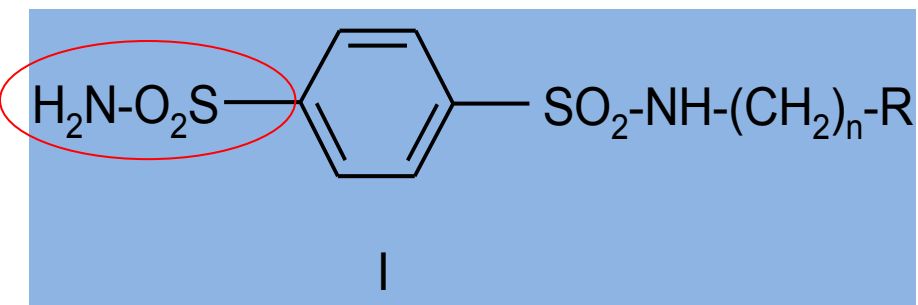
## Project

### Design, synthesis and testing of new sulfonamide derivatives

About 50 new compounds prepared

➤ *In vitro* tests

➤ *In vivo* tests



**As a prototype of  $Zn^{2+}$  ion-coordinated complexes the structure and energetics of 46 species, selected from neutral and charged Lewis bases –irregular substrates of CA– with the zinc cation was examined.**

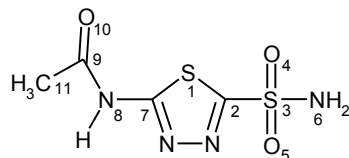
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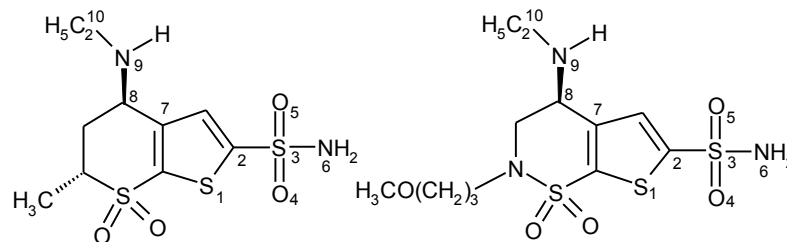
# Benchmarks

Molecular structure,  $pK_a$ , lipophilicity, solubility and absorption of biologically active aromatic and heterocyclic sulfonamides

M. Remko, J. Mol. Struct., Theochem, 2010

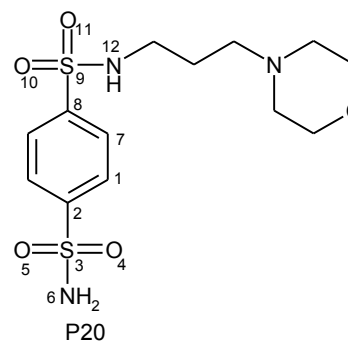
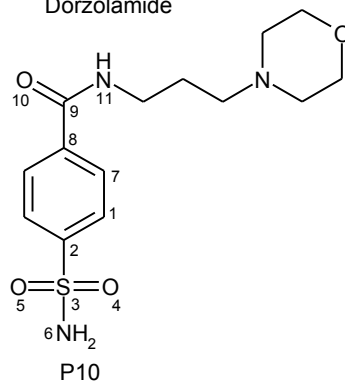


Acetazolamide



Dorzolamide

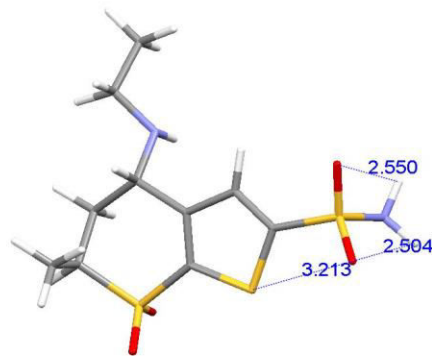
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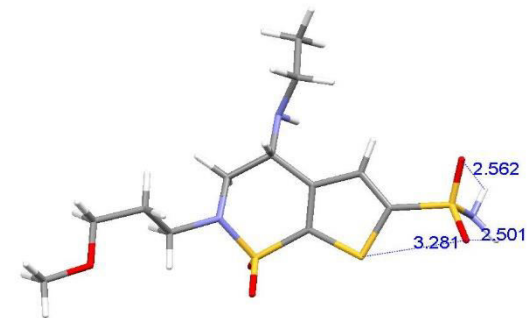
Acetazolamide

$$\Delta E^{\text{bac-opt}} = 130 \text{ kJ/mole (2H4N)}$$

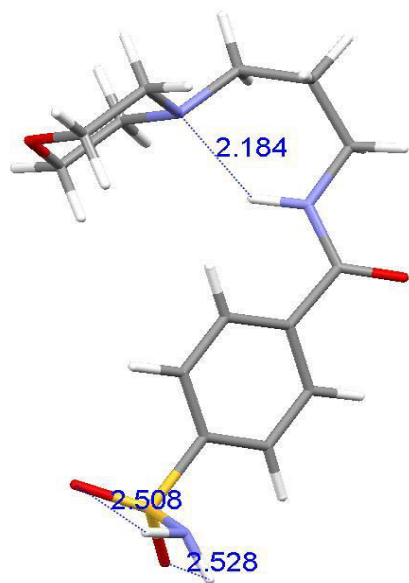


Dorzolamide

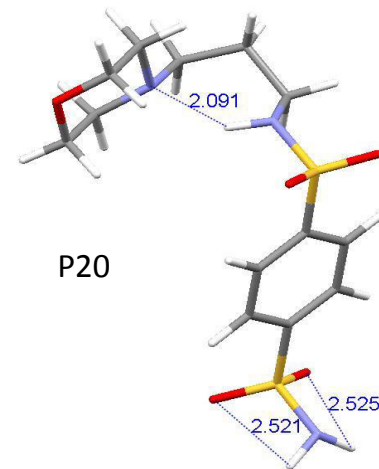
$$\Delta E^{\text{bac-opt}} = 142 \text{ kJ/mole (1C1L)}$$



Brinzolamide



P10



P20

B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p) optimized structures of the sulfonamides investigated



# Lipophilicity and Solubility

Calculated partition coefficients and solubilities of the sulfonamides studied

Drug	LogP (exp.)	ALOGPS	KoWWIN	XLOGP2	LogS (exp.)	AB/logS
Acetazolamide	-0.26	-0.39	-0.72	-0.98	-2.36 (0.98 g/L)	-1.73 (4.14 g/L)
Dorzolamide	-1.0	-0.50	0.37	-0.97		-2.81 (0.50 g/L)
Brinzolamide	-1.8	-0.65	0.33	-1.83		-3.18 (0.25 g/L)
P10		0.39	-0.62	-0.30		-1.64 (7.50 g/L)
P20		-0.23	0.03	-0.86		-1.80 (5.76 g/L)

Computed partition coefficients (XLOGP2 method) for drugs studied varied between -0.3 and -1.8.

**Compounds are described as slightly lipophilic drugs.**

The calculated water solubility of dorzolamide and brinzolamide is comparably low.



# Acidity and basicity

The  $pK_a$  values of the sulfonamides investigated

Compound	$pK_{a, \text{ exp}}$	% Ionized form (exp)	$pK_{a, \text{ calc}}$		% Ionized form (calc)	
	Acid function <sup>a</sup>	Acid function <sup>a</sup>	Acid function <sup>a</sup>	Basic function <sup>b</sup>	Acid function <sup>a</sup>	Basic function <sup>b</sup>
Acetazolamide	7.4	50	7.3		56	
Dorzolamide	8.4	9	8.4	8.8	9	96
Brinzolamide			8.5	8.8	7	96
P10			9.7	7.4	0.5	50
P20			9.7	7.4	0.5	50

<sup>a</sup> sulfonamide

<sup>b</sup> amine

The calculated  $pK_a$  values of sulfonamide moiety in the CAI studied are in the range of 7.3 to 9.7 and are characterized as weak organic acids.

Acetazolamide is at physiological  $pH = 7.4$  partially ionized.



# Absorption, polar surface area and Rule of Five properties

$$\% \text{ ABS} = 109 - 0.345 \text{ PSA}$$

Y. H. Zhao, M. H. Abraham, J. Lee, A. Hersey, Ch. N. Luscombe, G. Beck, B. Sherborne, I. Cooper, Pharm. Res. 19 (2002) 1446. PSA - the fragment-based method of Ertl and coworkers [P. Ertl, B. Rohde, P. Selzer, J. Med. Chem. 43 (2000) 3714].

Calculated absorption (%ABS), polar surface area (PSA) and Lipinski parameters of the sulfonamides studied

Drug	%ABS	Volume	PSA	NROTB	<i>n</i> ON acceptors	<i>n</i> OHNH donors	Log <i>P<sub>i</sub></i> calcd <sup>a</sup>	Formula weight
Acetazolamide	69.3	157.11	115.05	2	7	3	-0.69	222.28
Dorzolamide	72.3	250.85	106.33	3	6	3	-0.37	324.49
Brinzolamide	68.0	306.19	118.81	7	8	3	-0.72	383.57
P10	73.9	286.68	101.73	6	7	3	-0.17	327.45
P20	68.0	299.13	118.81	7	8	3	-0.35	363.51

<sup>a</sup>Range of log *P* values obtained by three theoretical methods (ALOGPS, KoWWIN, XLogP2)

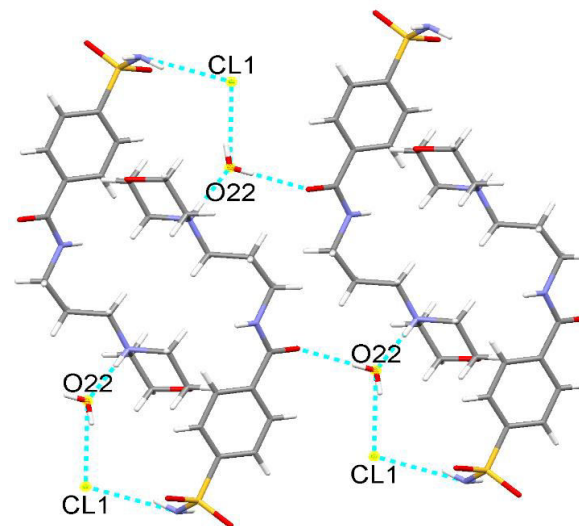
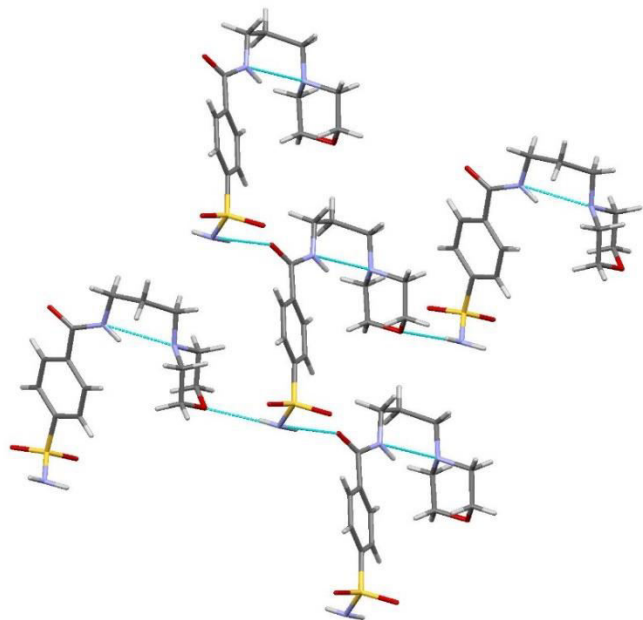
Aromatic sulfonamides P10 and P20 exhibit drug-like properties comparable with dorzolamide and/or brinzolamide, and have high probability of being well absorbed.



# Synthesis, crystal and molecular structure of two biologically active aromatic sulfonamides and their hydrochloride salts

Milan Remko, Jozef Kožíšek, Jana Semanová, Fridrich Gregáň

J. Mol. Struct. 2010



Details of the three-dimensional hydrogen-bonding network of P10 and P11 with atoms participating in the drawn hydrogen bonds represented by dashed lines.



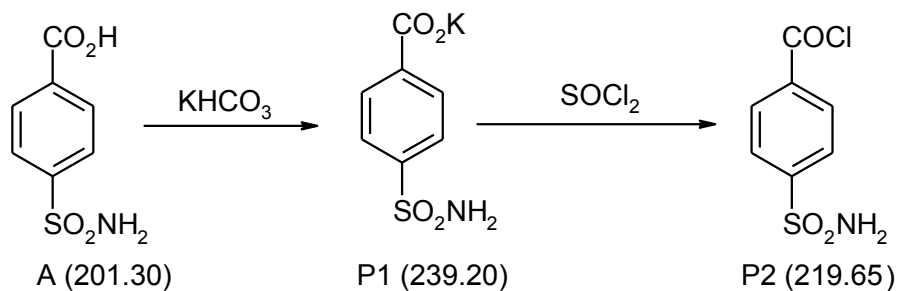
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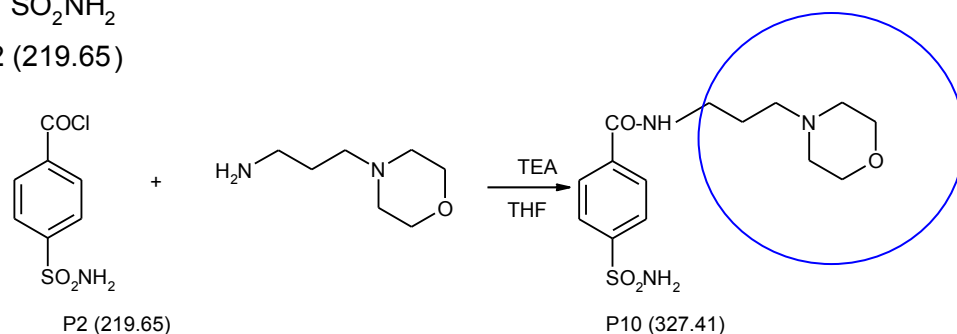


# Synthesis of P 10 and P 11 (the tail approach)

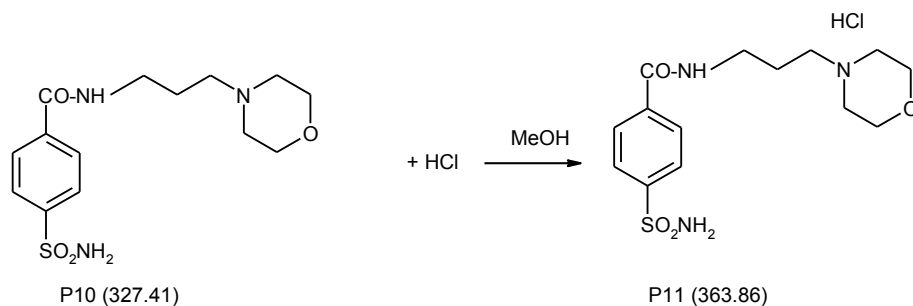
Potassium 4-sulfamoylbenzoate P1, 4-Sulfamoylbenzoyl chloride P2



4-Sulfamoyl-N-(3-morpholinopropyl) benzamide P10



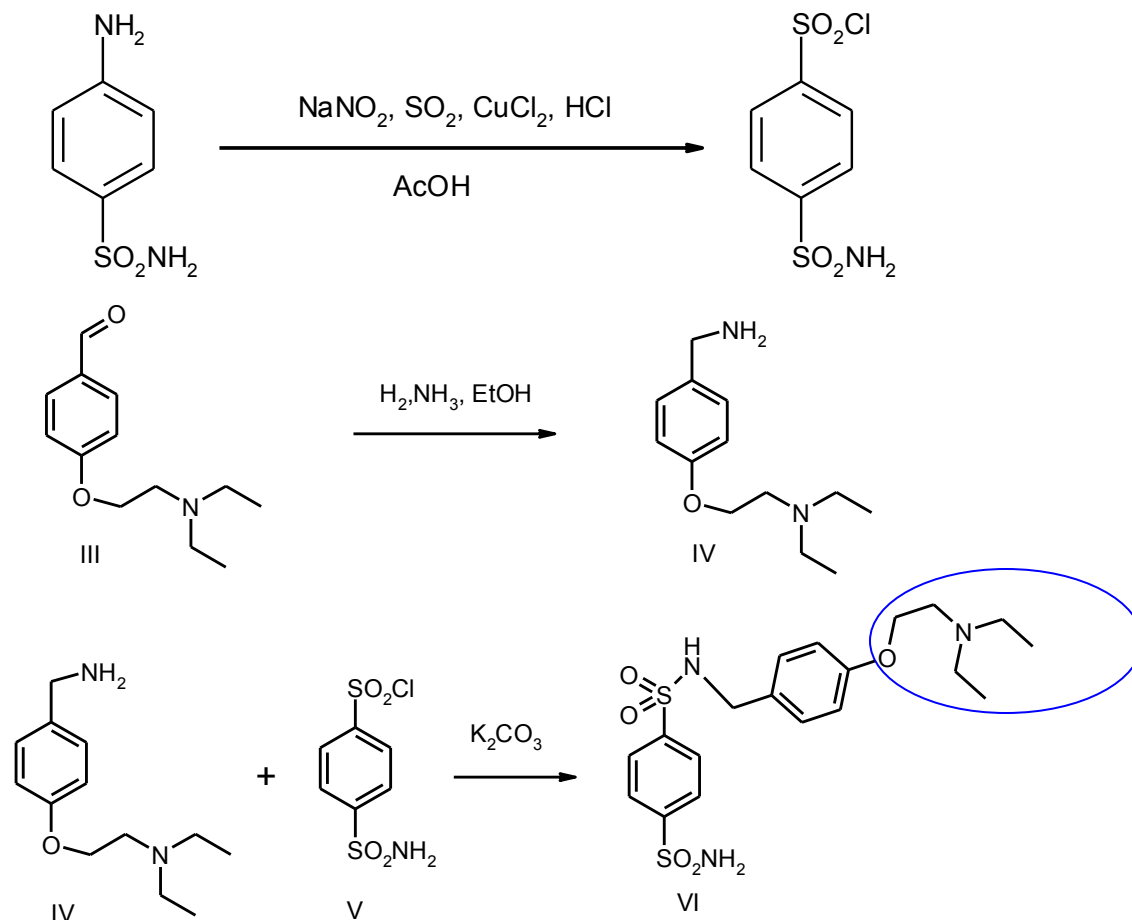
4-Sulfamoyl-N-(3-morpholinopropyl) benzamide – hydrochloride P11



“tail” – morpholinopropyl substituent



## Synthesis of P 30 (I-3), the tail extension strategy



Extended tail of this derivative contains **diethylaminoethoxybenzyl** moiety and exploit the strategy of enhanced hydrophobic interactions between hydrophobic moieties of both active site of enzyme and inhibitor.



# Pharmacology

- *In vitro* assay – IC<sub>50</sub>
- The intraocular pressure changes were evaluated in *in vivo* conditions
- The laboratory animals of *Chinchilla species* were used
- The distilled water was used as a control
- Measurement apparatus Tono-Pen® XL
- For each compound and each concentration 10 independent assays were carried out



# Three new aromatic sulfonamide inhibitors of carbonic anhydrases I, II, IV and XII

Tab. 1 Biochemical activity  $IC_{50}$  (nmol/L) and solubility of the CA inhibitors investigated

Inhibitor	hCA I	hCA II	hCA IV	hCA XII	Solubility
Acetazolamide	250 <sup>a</sup>	12 <sup>a</sup>	70 (bCA IV) <sup>a</sup>		4.14 g/L
Dorzolamide		3.74 <sup>b</sup>	43 <sup>c</sup>		0.50 g/L
Brinzolamide			277.15 <sup>b</sup>		0.25 g/L
I-1	231.4	215.8	611.1	645.2	7.50 g/L
I-2	57.7	65.8	498.8	517.2	5.76 g/L
I-3	59.8	81.1	507.9	736.7	1.63 g/L

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# In vivo studies, P11

Measured intraocular pressure values [mmHg]

n	N		0.5 h		1 h		4 h		7 h		25 h		31 h	
	LE	RE	LE	RE	LE	RE	LE	RE	LE	RE	LE	RE	LE	RE
1	15	14	10	9	9	10	13	11	8	8	12	15	8	9
2	14	15	10	12	12	9	12	10	10	10	13	13	10	16
3	12	12	12	9	18	13	12	13	15	11	13	14	12	13
4	13	14	16	16	13	16	12	11	14	16	13	13	16	15
5	13	16	12	11	8	11	12	9	10	9	13	15	12	12
6	14	16	10	10	9	9	10	10	6	7	12	11	9	9
7	18	17	9	11	11	10	8	8	7	9	10	12	10	9
8	18	18	10	10	10	9	9	9	8	9	13	12	13	10
9	16	15	12	12	9	9	9	9	8	8	13	12	9	9
10	18	16	10	10	11	9	13	11	11	9	13	13	12	10
Average	15.1	15.3	11.1	11	11	10.5	11	10.1	9.7	9.6	12.5	13	11.1	11.2
SD	2.28	1.70	2.02	2.05	2.91	2.32	1.83	1.45	2.95	2.50	0.97	1.33	2.38	2.66
SE ±	0.72	0.54	0.64	0.65	0.92	0.73	0.58	0.46	0.93	0.79	0.31	0.42	0.75	0.84
p(t-test) vs N			0.005	0.000	0.008	0.001	0.003	0.000	0.002	0.000	0.008	0.011	0.003	0.003
p(t-test) L vs R		0.413		0.457		0.338		0.119		0.468		0.175		0.465

Compound I-4, concentration of 2.5%

N—normal value before application

SD—standard deviation

SE—standard error of the average

LE—left eye

RE—right eye



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