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Facile Synthesis and Antimicrobial Evaluation of Some New Heterocyclic Compounds Incorporating a Biologically Active Sulfamoyl Moiety

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A facile and convenient synthesis of new heterocyclic compounds containing a sulfamoyl moiety suitable for use as antimicrobial agents was reported. The precursor 3-oxo-3-phenyl-*N*-(4-sulfamoylphenyl)propionamide was coupled smoothly with arenediazonium salt producing hydrazones which reacted with malononitrile or triethylorthoformate affording pyridazine and triazine derivatives, respectively. Also, the reactivity of the same precursor with DMF-DMA was followed by aminotriazole; aromatic aldehydes was followed by hydrazine hydrate, triethylorthoformate, or thiourea affording triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidine, pyrazole, acrylamide, and dihydropyrimidine derivatives, respectively. On the other hand, treatment of the precursor propionamide with phenyl isothiocyanate and KOH in DMF afforded the intermediate salt which was treated with dilute HCl followed by 2-bromo1-phenylethanone affording carboxamide derivative. While the same intermediate salt reacted *in situ* with chloroacetone, ethyl 2-chloroacetate, 3-(2-bromoacetyl)-2*H*-chromen-2-one, methyl iodide, or 2-oxo-*N*-phenylpropane hydrazonoyl chloride afforded the thiophene, ketene *N*,*S*-acetal, and thiadiazole derivatives, respectively. The structure of the new products was established based on elemental and spectral analysis. Antimicrobial evaluation of some selected examples from the synthesized products was carried out whereby four compounds were found to have moderate activities and one compound showed the highest activity.

1. Introduction

Sulfonamides have been reported to exhibit antimicrobial [1– 3], antifungal [4], insulin releasing [5], carbonic anhydrase inhibitory [6], anti-inflammatory [7], and antitumor [8], properties. Some active sulfonamides as antibacterial are also known for their immune modifying effects [9]. Also, pyrazole derivatives are known to exhibit diverse bioactivities such as antidepressant [10], anticonvulsant [11], antimicrobial [12], analgesic [13], and antitumor [14] activity and also serve as human acyl-CoA: cholesterol acyltransferase inhibitors [15]. In addition, thiophene compounds are well known to exhibit various biological and medicinal activities such as BACEI inhibitors [16], antitubercular [17], antidepressant [18], antiinflammatory [19], and anti-HIV PR inhibitors [20], and antibreast cancer activities [21]. These facts, coupled with our desire to develop efficacious antimicrobial agents, and in continuation of our work in heterocycles of biological

interest [22–25], prompted us to devise an efficient and convenient method of synthesis of hitherto unknown and novel hydrazone, pyridazine, acrylamide, pyrazole, triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidine, thiadiazole, dihydropyrimidine, and thiophene derivatives with a sulfonamide nucleus. Results from assessment of the antimicrobial activity of these newly synthesized compounds are reported in this study.

2. Experimental Part

All melting points were determined on an electrothermal Gallenkamp apparatus and are uncorrected. The IR spectra were measured on a Pye-Unicam SP300 instrument in potassium bromide discs. The ¹H-NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian Mercury VXR-300 spectrometer (300 MHz). The mass spectra were recorded on a GCMS-Q1000-EX Shimadzu and GCMS 5988-A HP spectrometers; the ionizing

voltage was 70 eV. Elemental analyses were carried out by the Microanalytical Center of Cairo University, Giza, Egypt. The biological evaluation of the products 3a, 3c, 6, 7, 8b, 10, 15, 16, and 17 was carried out at the Medical Mycology Laboratory of the Regional Center for Mycology and Biotechnology of Al-Azhar University, Cairo, Egypt.

3-Oxo-3-phenyl-N-(4-sulfamoylphenyl)propionamide (1) and 3-(2-bromoacetyl)-2H-chromen-2-one [26–29] were prepared as previously described.

2.1. Coupling of 3-Oxo-3-phenyl-N-(4-sulfamoylphenyl)propionamide (1) with the Appropriate Diazonium Salt of Aromatic Amines

General Procedure. To a cold solution of 3-oxo-3-phenyl-*N*-(4-sulfamoylphenyl)propionamide (1) (0.318 g, 1 mmol) in pyridine (20 mL), the appropriate diazonium salt of aromatic amine (aniline or 4-methylaniline or 4-chloroaniline or 4-methoxy-aniline or 4-nitroaniline) (1 mmol) was added (prepared according to literature procedures) [30]. The addition was carried out portionwise with stirring at 0–5°C over a period of 30 min. After complete addition, the reaction mixture was stirred for further 4 hrs, then kept in an ice chest for 12 hrs, and finally diluted with water. The precipitated solid was collected by filtration, washed with water, dried, and finally recrystallized from the proper solvent to afford the corresponding coupling products 3a–e.

- 2.2. 2-[(4-Methoxyphenyl)hydrazono]-3-oxo-3-phenyl-N-(4-sulfamoylphenyl)propionamide (3a). Yield (80%), m.p. 270°C (dioxane); IR (KBr) ν_{max} : 3351, 3264 (NH, NH₂), 3073 (aromatic CH), 1657 (C=O) cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆): δ 3.75 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 6.96 (d, 2H, J = 9 Hz), 7.28 (d, 2H, J = 9 Hz), 7.30 (s, 2H, D₂O-exchangeable NH₂), 7.61 (d, 2H, J = 8 Hz), 7.77 (d, 2H, J = 8 Hz), 7.79–7.93 (m, 5H, Ar-H), 11.47 (s, 1H, D₂O-exchangeable NH), 13.82 (s, 1H, D₂O-exchangeable NH); MS m/z (%): 452 (M⁺+2, 3.33), 452 (M⁺, 18.37), 347 (4.07), 252 (15.66), 196 (3.51), 172 (5.49), 105 (100.0). Anal. Calcd for C₂₂H₂₀N₄O₅S (452.49): C, 58.40; H, 4.46; N, 12.38; S, 7.09. Found: C, 58.36; H, 4.36; N, 12.32; S, 7.01%.
- 2.3. 2-(p-Tolylhydrazono)-3-oxo-3-phenyl-N-(4-sulfamoylphenyl)propionamide (3b). Yield (75%), m.p. 280°C (dioxane); IR (KBr) ν_{max} : 3352, 3265 (NH, NH₂), 2924, 2858 (aliphatic CH), 1660 (C=O) cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (DMSOd₆): δ 2.26 (s, 3H, CH₃), 7.14 (s, 2H, D₂O-exchangeable NH₂), 7.17–7.30 (m, 5H, Ar-H), 7.56 (d, 2H, J = 9 Hz), 7.62 (d, 2H, J = 9 Hz), 7.81 (d, 2H, J = 8 Hz), 7.93 (d, 2H, J = 8 Hz), 11.37 (s, 1H, D₂O-exchangeable NH), 13.55 (s, 1H, D₂O-exchangeable NH); MS m/z (%): 437 (M⁺+1, 25.12), 436 (M⁺, 35.75), 332 (26.57), 329 (32.85), 279 (51.21), 263 (33.82), 171 (42.03), 157 (31.40), 104 (28.02), 57 (100.0). Anal. Calcd for C₂₂H₂₀N₄O₄S (436.49): C, 60.54; H, 4.62; N, 12.84; S, 7.35. Found: C, 60.50; H, 4.55; N, 12.72; S, 7.27%.
- 2.4. 2-(Phenylhydrazono)-3-oxo-3-phenyl-N-(4-sulfamoylphenyl)propionamide (3c). Yield (70%), m.p. 282°C (dioxane); IR (KBr) $\nu_{\rm max}$: 3349, 3256 (NH, NH₂), 3059 (aromatic CH),

1650 (C=O) cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆): δ 7.18 (s, 2H, D₂O-exchangeable NH₂), 7.20–7.66 (m, 5H, Ar-H), 7.70 (d, 2H, J = 9 Hz), 7.76 (d, 2H, J = 9 Hz), 7.85–8.00 (m, 5H, Ar-H), 11.59 (s, 1H, D₂O-exchangeable NH), 13.46 (s, 1H, D₂O-exchangeable NH); MS m/z (%): 422 (M⁺, 7.6), 223 (1.9), 199 (0.4), 171 (1.8), 121 (20.3), 119 (3.0), 105 (100.0), 77 (57.7). Anal. Calcd for C₂₁H₁₈N₄O₄S (422.47): C, 59.71; H, 4.29; N, 13.26; S, 7.59. Found: C, 59.66; H, 4.26; N, 13.30; S, 7.53%.

2.5. 2-[(4-Chlorophenyl)hydrazono]-3-oxo-3-phenyl-N-(4-sulfamoylphenyl)propionamide (3d). Yield (60%), m.p. 304°C (dioxane); IR (KBr) ν_{max} : 3364, 3262 and 3152 (NH, NH₂), 1660 (C=O) cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆): δ 7.24 (s, 2H, D₂O-exchangeable NH₂), 7.52 (d, 2H, J = 8 Hz), 7.62 (d, 2H, J = 8 Hz), 7.64 (d, 2H, J = 9 Hz), 7.83 (d, 2H, J = 9 Hz), 7.85–7.93 (m, 5H, Ar-H), 11.21 (s, 1H, D₂O-exchangeable NH), 13.05 (s, 1H, D₂O-exchangeable NH); MS m/z (%): 457 (M⁺+1, 13.25), 456 (M⁺, 16.64), 329 (8.10), 285 (11.19), 199 (10.90), 128 (11.49), 105 (100.0). Anal. Calcd for C₂₁H₁₇ClN₄O₄S (456.91): C, 55.20; H, 3.75; Cl, 7.76; N, 12.26; S, 7.02. Found: C, 55.15; H, 3.66; Cl, 7.66; N, 12.21; S, 7.00%.

2.6. 2-[(4-Nitrophenyl)hydrazono]-3-oxo-3-phenyl-N-(4-sulfamoylphenyl)propionamide (3e). Yield (55%), m.p. 302°C (dioxane); IR (KBr) ν_{max} : 3368, 3265 and 3161 (NH, NH₂), 1664 (C=O) cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆): δ 7.26 (s, 2H, D₂O-exchangeable NH₂), 7.59 (d, 2H, J = 9 Hz), 7.70 (d, 2H, J = 9 Hz), 7.78–7.89 (m, 5H, Ar-H), 7.91 (d, 2H, J = 8 Hz), 8.20 (d, 2H, J = 8 Hz), 11.08 (s, 1H, D₂O-exchangeable NH), 12.45 (s, 1H, D₂O-exchangeable NH); MS m/z (%):468 (M⁺+1, 3.89), 467 (M⁺, 7.25), 362 (4.71), 296 (4.26), 199 (4.33), 172 (19.88), 105 (100.0). Anal. Calcd for C₂₁H₁₇N₅O₆S (467.46): C, 53.96; H, 3.67; N, 14.98; S, 6.86. Found: C, 53.87; H, 3.59; N, 14.88; S, 6.78%.

2.7. N-[4-(Aminosulfonyl)phenyl]-5-cyano-6-imino-4-phenyl-p-tolyl-1,6-dihydropyridazine-3-carboxamide (4). To a solution of (3b) (0.436 g, 1 mmol) and malononitrile (1 mmol) in dioxane (20 mL), few drops of piperidine were added and the reaction mixture was refluxed for 6 hrs. The solid product that formed was filtered off, washed with ethanol, and then recrystallized from the proper solvent to give 4.

Yield (55%), m.p. > 300°C (DMF); IR (KBr) ν_{max} : 3462, 3305 and 3181 (NH, NH₂), 2203 (C=N), 1637 (C=O) cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆): δ 2.49 (s, 3H, CH₃), 7.32 (d, 2H D₂O-exchangeable NH₂), 7.40 (d, 2H, J = 8 Hz), 7.59 (d, 2H, J = 9 Hz), 7.67–7.90 (m, 9H, Ar-H), 11.20 (s, 1H, D₂O-exchangeable NH), 14.60 (s, 1H, D₂O-exchangeable NH); MS m/z (%): 484 (M⁺, 2.32), 409 (7.42), 393 (9.09), 313 (6.94), 285 (6.58), 199 (7.89), 91 (16.51), 77 (26.56), 69 (100.0). Anal. Calcd for C₂₅H₂₀N₆O₃S (484.54): C, 61.97; H, 4.16; N, 17.34; S, 6.62. Found: C, 61.92; H, 4.11; N, 17.30; S, 6.59%.

2.8. 4-(6-Benzoyl-3-ethoxy-5-oxo-2-p-tolyl-2,3-dihydro-1,2,4-triazin-4-(5H)-yl)benzenesulfonamide (5). To a solution of the compound **3b** (0.436 g, 1 mmol) in acetic acid (20 mL), triethyl orthoformate (0.2 mL, 1 mmol) was added and the reaction mixture was refluxed for 8 hrs; then it was left to cool.

So the solid product formed was filtered off, washed with EtOH, and dried. Recrystallization from dioxane afforded 4-(6-benzoyl-3-ethoxy-5-oxo-2-*p*-tolyl-2,3-dihydro-1,2,4-triazin-4-(5*H*)-yl)benzenesulfonamide (5).

Yield (50%), m.p. 296°C (DMF); IR (KBr) $\nu_{\rm max}$: 3370, 3311 and 3236 (NH, NH₂), 3056 (aromatic CH), 2982 (aliphatic-H), 1678 (C=O) cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆): δ 1.32 (t, 3H, J = 7.2 Hz, CH₃), 2.24 (s, 3H, CH₃), 4.27 (q, 2H, J = 7.2, CH₂), 5.94 (S, 1H), 7.36 (s, 2H, D₂O-exchangeable NH₂), 7.37–7.57 (m, 9H, Ar-H), 7.60 (d, 2H, J = 9 Hz), 7.71 (d, 2H, J = 9 Hz); MS m/z (%): 494 (M⁺+2, 0.1), 492 (M⁺, 0.5), 352 (0.42), 335 (1.6), 156 (0.6), 105 (100.0), 91 (1.5). Anal. Calcd for C₂₅H₂₄N₄O₅S (492.56): C, 60.96; H, 4.91; N, 11.37; S, 6.51. Found: C, 60.88; H, 4.85; N, 11.31; S, 6.50%.

2.9. 2-Benzoyl-3-dimethylamino-N-(4-sulfamoylphenyl)acrylamide (6). A mixture of the compound 1 (3.18 g, 10 mmol) and N,N-dimethylformamide dimethyl acetal (DMF-DMA) (10 mmol) in dry dioxane (30 mL) was refluxed for 6 hrs; then it was left to cool at room temperature. The yellow precipitated product was filtered off, washed with petroleum ether, and dried. Crystallization from MeOH was carried out to give 2-benzoyl-3-dimethylamino-N-(4-sulfamoylphenyl)acryl-amide (6) in 44% yield.

Yield (44%), m.p. 190°C (MeOH); IR (KBr) $\nu_{\rm max}$: 3250, 3112 (NH, NH₂), 3056 (aromatic CH), 1683 (C=O), cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆): δ 3.42 (s, 6H, 2CH₃), 6.62 (d, 2H, J = 9 Hz), 7.03 (s, 2H, D₂O-exchangeable NH₂), 7.28–7.31 (m, 5H, Ar-H), 7.58 (d, 2H, J = 9 Hz), 8.10 (s, 1H, olefinic-H), 9.98 (s, 1H, D₂O-exchangeable NH); MS m/z (%): 373 (M⁺, 0.4), 291 (1.1), 190 (0.5), 155 (16.3), 105 (100.0). Anal. Calcd for C₁₈H₁₉N₃O₄S (373.43): C, 57.90; H, 5.13; N, 11.25; S, 8.59. Found: C, 57.89; H, 5.03; N, 11.15; S, 8.61%.

2.10. 5-Phenyl-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-va]pyrimidine-6-carboxylic Acid (4-sulfamoylphenyl)amide (7). To a solution of the compound **6** (0.37 g, 1 mmol) in acetic acid (20 mL), amino triazolo (0.1 g, 1 mmol) was added and the reaction mixture was refluxed for 8 hrs; then it was left to cool. The solid product formed was filtered off, washed with EtOH, and dried. Recrystallization from dioxane afforded 5-phenyl-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]-pyrimidine-6-carboxylic acid(4-sul-famoylphenyl)amide (7).

Yield (48%), m.p. 290°C (dioxane); IR (KBr) $\nu_{\rm max}$: 3261, 3110 (NH, NH₂), 1685 (C=O), cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆): δ 6.61 (s, 1H, D₂O-exchangeable NH₂), 7.05 (d, 2H, J=9 Hz), 7.34–7.44 (m, 5H, Ar-H), 7.50 (d, 2H, J=9 Hz), 7.68 (s, 1H, triazole-H), 8.09 (s, 1H, pyrimidine-H), 8.48 (s, 1H, D₂O-exchangeable NH); MS m/z (%): 397 (M⁺+3, 20.0), 394 (M+, 0.2), 157 (16.0), 121 (52.0), 76 (84.0), 63 (100.0). Anal. Calcd for C₁₈H₁₄N₆O₃S (394.41): C, 54.82; H, 3.58; N, 21.31; S, 8.13. Found: C, 54.80; H, 3.53; N, 21.25; S, 8.01%.

2.11. 2-Benzoyl-3-aryl-2-yl-N-(4-sulfamoylphenyl)acrylamide (8a, b)

General Procedure. To a solution of (1) (0.318 g, 1 mmol) and the appropriate aromatic aldehydes (1 mmol) in dioxane

(20 mL), few drops of piperidine were added and the reaction mixture was refluxed for 6 hrs. So the solid product formed was filtered off, washed with EtOH, dried, and finally recrystallized from the proper solvent to give 8a, b.

2.12. 2-Benzoyl-3-furan-2-yl-N-(4-sulfamoylphenyl)acrylamide (8a). Yield (45%), m.p. 220°C (EtOH); IR (KBr) $\nu_{\rm max}$: 3349, 3255 (NH, NH₂), 1687 (C=O) cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (DMSOd₆): δ 7.43 (s, 2H, D₂O-exchangeable NH₂), 7.46–7.61 (m, 8H, Ar-H), 7.64 (d, 2H, J=9 Hz), 7.94 (d, 2H, J=9 Hz), 8.48 (s, 1H, olefinic-H), 9.14 (s, 1H, D₂O-exchangeable NH); MS m/z (%): 396 (M⁺, 0.1), 225 (0.3), 197 (0.4), 171 (22.4), 157 (2.8), 105 (100.0). Anal. Calcd for C₂₀H₁₆N₂O₅S (396.42): C, 60.60; H, 4.07; N, 7.07; S, 8.09. Found: C, 60.53; H, 4.01; N, 7.11; S, 8.00%.

2.13. 2-Benzoyl-3-(1,3-diphenyl-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)-N-(4-sulfamoylphenyl)acrylamide (8b). Yield (50%), m.p. 180°C (EtOH); IR (KBr) $\nu_{\rm max}$: 3341, 3261 (NH, NH₂), 3060 (aromatic CH), 1675 (C=O) cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆): δ 7.25 (s, 2H, D₂O-exchangeable NH₂), 7.49–7.00 (m, 15H, Ar-H), 7.64 (s, 1H, pyrazole-H), 7.77 (d, 2H, J=9 Hz), 7.81 (d, 2H, J=9 Hz), 7.86 (s, 1H, olefinic-H), 10.85 (s, 1H, D₂O-exchangeable NH); MS m/z (%): 548 (M⁺, 0.1), 217 (16.7), 199 (20.0), 172 (16.7), 105 (96.7), 92 (20.0), 77 (100.0). Anal. Calcd for C₃₁H₂₄N₄O₄S (548.63): C, 67.87; H, 4.41; N, 10.21; S, 5.84. Found: C, 67.82; H, 4.35; N, 10.16; S, 5.78%.

2.14. 5-Furan-2-yl-3-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1-H-pyrazole-4-carboxylic Acid (4-sulfamoylphenyl)amide (9a). To a solution of the compound 8a (0.4 g, 1 mmol) in dioxane (20 mL), hydrazine hydrate (80%, 0.2 mL, 1 mmol) was added and the reaction mixture was refluxed for 6 hrs; then it was left to cool. So the solid product formed was filtered off, washed with EtOH, and dried. Recrystallization from dioxane afforded 9a.

Yield (40%), m.p. 244° C (EtOH); IR (KBr) ν_{max} : 3281, 3111 (NH, NH₂), 1666 (C=O) cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆): δ 6.33–6.37 (m, 2H), 7.21 (s, 2H, D₂O-exchangeable NH₂), 7.44 (d, 2H, J=9 Hz), 7.50 (d, 2H, J=9 Hz), 7.56–7.75 (m, 6H, Ar-H), 9.99 (s, 1H, D₂O-exchangeable NH), 10.42 (s, 1H, D₂O-exchangeable NH); MS m/z (%): 408 (M⁺, 3.5), 171 (20.4), 142 (3.5), 77 (100). Anal. Calcd for C₂₀H₁₆N₄O₄S (408.44): C, 58.81; H, 3.95; N, 13.72; S, 7.85. Found: C, 58.79; H, 3.93; N, 13.65; S, 7.80%.

2.15. 2-Benzoyl-3-ethoxy-N-(4-sulfamoylphenyl)acrylamide (10). To a solution of the compound 1 (3.18 g, 10 mmol) in acetic anhydride (20 mL), triethyl orthoformate (2 mL, 10 mmol) was added and the reaction mixture was refluxed for 8 hrs; then it was left to cool. So the solid product formed was filtered off, washed with EtOH, and dried. Recrystallization from dioxane afforded 2-benzoyl-3-ethoxy-N-(4-sulfamoylphenyl)acrylamide (10).

Yield (60%), m.p. 280°C (DMF); IR (KBr) ν_{max} : 3359, 3239 and 3107 (NH, NH₂), 1655 (C=O) cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆): δ 1.26 (t, 3H, J = 7.2 Hz, CH₃), 4.32 (q, 2H, J = 7.2, CH₂), 7.16 (s, 2H, D₂O-exchangeable NH₂), 7.40 (d, 2H, J = 9 Hz), 7.69 (d, 2H, J = 9 Hz), 7.87–8.00 (m, 5H, Ar-H), 8.63 (s, 1H, CH), 11.25 (s, 1H, D₂O-exchangeable NH); MS m/z (%): 374

 $\rm (M^+,0.5),370~(0.6),301~(72.7),198~(18.0),172~(33.6),156~(59.6),\\105~(70.8),77~(85.0),65~(100.0).$ Anal. Calcd for $\rm C_{18}H_{18}N_2O_5S~(374.42):$ C, 57.74; H, 4.85; N, 7.48; S, 8.56. Found: C, 57.70; H, 4.76; N, 7.41; S, 8.50%.

2.16. 4-(6-Phenyl-2-thioxo-2,3-dihydropyrimidin-4-ylamino) benzenesulfonamide (11). To a mixture of 1 (0.318 g, 1 mmol) and thiourea (0.076 g, 1 mmol) in dimethylformamide (20 mL), triethylamine (0.5 mL) was added and the reaction mixture was refluxed for 6 hrs; then it was left to cool. The precipitated product was filtered off and purified by recrystallization from the suitable solvent to afford the corresponding 11.

Yield (45%), m.p. > 300°C (dioxane); IR (KBr) $\nu_{\rm max}$: 3500–3368 (NH, NH₂), 3057 (aromatic CH), 1675 (C=O) cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆): δ 7.27 (s, 2H, D₂O-exchangeable NH₂), 7.54 (d, 2H, J = 9 Hz), 7.66 (d, 2H, J = 9 Hz), 7.68–7.97 (m, 6H, Ar-H), 11.85 (s, 1H, D₂O-exchangeable NH), 12.23 (s, 1H, D₂O-exchangeable NH). Anal. Calcd for C₁₆H₁₄N₄O₂S₂ (358.44): C, 53.61; H, 3.94; N, 15.63; S, 17.89. Found: C, 53. 60; H, 3.90; N, 15.59; S, 17.84.%.

2.17. 2-Benzoyl-3-mercapto-3-phenylamino-N-(4-sulfamoyl-phenyl)acrylamide (13). To a stirred solution of potassium hydroxide (0.11 g, 1 mmol) in dimethylformamide (20 mL) the 1 (0.318 g, 1 mmol) was added. After stirring for 30 min, phenylisothiocyanate (0.27 g, 0.24 mL, 1 mmol) was added to the resulting mixture and stirring was continued for 6 h; then it was poured over crushed ice containing hydrochloric acid. The solid product formed was filtered off, washed with water, dried, and finally recrystallized from dioxane to afford 13.

Yield (40%), m.p. 230°C (dioxane); IR (KBr) ν_{max} : 3350, 3256 (NH, NH₂), 1689 (C=O), 1661 (C=O), cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆): δ 7.19 (s, 2H, D₂O-exchangeable NH₂), 7.39 (d, 2H, J=9 Hz), 7.69 (d, 2H, J=9 Hz), 7.71–7.90 (m, 10H, Ar-H), 10.39 (s, 1H, D₂O-exchangeable NH), 11.13 (s, 1H, D₂O-exchang-eable NH), 12.76 (s, 1H, SH); MS m/z (%): 455 (M⁺+2, 26.3), 453 (M⁺, 1.5), 121 (26.3), 105 (100.0), 91 (47.4), 89 (36.8), 77 (89.5). Anal. Calcd for C₂₂H₁₉N₃O₄S₂ (453.54): C, 58.26; H, 4.22; N, 9.26; S, 14.14. Found: C, 58.22; H, 4.20; N, 9.20; S, 14.11%.

2.18. N-[4-(Aminosulfonyl)phenyl]-2-anilino-4-phenyl-thio-phene-5-benzoyl-3-carboxamide (14). To a mixture of acrylamide 13 (1 mmol) and 2-bromo-1-phenylethanone (0.2 g, 1 mmol) in dimethylformamide (20 mL), triethylamine (0.5 mL) was added and the reaction mixture was refluxed for 6 hrs; then it was left to cool. The precipitated product was filtered off and purified by recrystallization from dioxane to afford the corresponding N-[4-(aminosulfonyl)phenyl]-2-anilino-4-phenyl-thiophene-5-benzoyl-3-carboxamide (14).

Yield (40%), m.p. 280°C (dioxane); IR (KBr) ν_{max} : 3425, 3276, 3111 (NH, NH₂), 3059 (aromatic CH), 1698 (C=O), 1658 (C=O), cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆): δ 7.19 (s, 2H, D₂O-exchangeable NH₂), 7.27–7.73 (m, 15H, Ar-H), 7.76 (d, 2H, J = 9 Hz), 8.22 (d, 2H, J = 9 Hz), 9.55 (s, 1H, D₂O-exchangeable NH), 9.98 (s, 1H, D₂O-exchangeable NH); MS m/z (%): 555

 $\begin{array}{l} (M^++2,16.0), 553\ (M^+,1.5), 450\ (20.0), 395\ (20.0), 198\ (24), 171\ (36.0), 156\ (24.0), 105\ (92.0), 91\ (16.0), 76\ (20.0). \ Anal.\ Calcd for\ C_{30}H_{23}N_3O_4S_2\ (553.66):\ C,65.08;\ H,4.19;\ N,7.59;\ S,11.58. \\ Found:\ C,65.02;\ H,4.15;\ N,7.55;\ S,11.54\%. \end{array}$

2.19. Synthesis of 15, 16, 17, 18, and 20. To a stirred solution of potassium hydroxide (0.11 g, 1 mmol) in DMF (20 mL), compound 1 (0.318 g, 1 mmol) was added. After stirring for 30 min, phenyl isothiocyanate (0.27 g, 1 mmol) was added to the resulting mixture. Stirring was continued for 6 hrs, and then chloroacetone, ethyl chloroacetate, 3-(2-bromoacetyl)-2H-chromen-2-one, methyl iodide, or 2-oxo-N-phenylpropane hydrazonoyl chloride (1 mmol) was added portionwise over a period of 30 min. After the addition was complete, the reaction mixture was stirred for additional 12 h, during which the reactant dissolved and a yellow product precipitated. The solid product was filtered off, washed with EtOH, and dried; recrystallization from proper solvent afforded 15, 16, 17, 18, and 20.

2.20. N-[4-(Aminosulfonyl)phenyl]-2-anilino-4-phenyl-thiophene-5-acetyl-3-carboxamide (15). Yield (65%), m.p. 268°C (dioxane); IR (KBr) ν_{max} : 3371, 3289 and 3220 (NH, NH₂), 3059 (aromatic CH), 1636 (C=O), cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (DMSOd₆): δ 1.72 (s, 3H, CH₃), 7.11 (s, 2H, D₂O-exchangeable NH₂), 7.13 (d, 2H, J = 9 Hz), 7.38–7.46 (m, 10H, Ar-H), 7.63 (d, 2H, J = 9 Hz), 9.46 (s, 1H, D₂O-exchangeable NH), 9.88 (s, 1H, D₂O-exchangeable NH); ¹³C NMR (DMSO-d₆): δ 28.15, 118.68, 119.93, 123.88, 126.36, 127.85, 128.42, 128.71, 129.20, 129.45, 134.89, 134.97, 138.46, 140.91, 141.32, 145.33, 157.02, 162.59, 189.30; MS m/z (%): 492 (M⁺+1, 13.2), 491 (M⁺, 15.1), 320 (28.3), 292 (11.3), 187 (20.8), 105 (100.0), 77 (94.3). Anal. Calcd for C₂₅H₂₁N₃O₄S₂ (491.59): C, 61.08; H, 4.31; N, 8.55; S, 13.04. Found: C, 61.00; H, 4.24; N, 8.5; S, 13.11%.

2.21. 3-Phenyl-5-phenylamino-4-(4-sulfamoylphenyl-carbamoyl)thiophene-2-carboxylic Acid Ethyl Ester (16). Yield (55%), m.p. 280° C (dioxane); IR (KBr) $\nu_{\rm max}$: 3367, 3310 and 3235 (NH, NH₂), 3060 (aromatic CH), 1713 (C=O), 1635 (C=O) cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆): δ 1.01 (s, 3H, J = 7.2 Hz, CH₃), 4.04 (q, 2H, J = 7.2 Hz, CH₂), 7.08–7.13 (m, 5H, Ar-H), 7.21 (d, 2H, J = 9 Hz), 7.39–7.44 (m, 7H, Ar-H and NH₂), 7.63 (d, 2H, J = 9 Hz), 9.54 (s, 1H, D₂O-exchangeable NH), 9.73 (s, 1H, D₂O-exchangeable NH); MS m/z (%): 521 (M⁺, 26.3), 322 (15.8), 218 (100.0), 199 (15.8), 77 (86.0). Anal. Calcd for C₂₆H₂₃N₃O₅S₂ (521.62): C, 59.87; H, 4.44; N, 8.06; S, 12.29. Found: C, 59.77; H, 4.41; N, 8.02; S, 12.21%.

2.22. N-[4-(Aminosulfonyl)phenyl]-2-anilino-4-phenyl-5-[(2-oxo-2H-chromen-3-yl)carbonyl]-thiophene-3-carboxamide (17). Yield (55%), m.p. 200°C (EtOH); IR (KBr) $\nu_{\rm max}$: 3375, 3261 (NH, NH₂), 1713 (C=O), cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆): δ 6.71–7.27 (m, 7H, Ar-H and NH₂), 7.29 (d, 2H, J = 9 Hz), 7.42–7.59 (m, 10H, Ar-H), 7.63 (d, 2H, J = 9 Hz), 9.88 (s, 1H, D₂O-exchangeable NH), 10.02 (s, 1H, D₂O-exchangeable NH); MS m/z (%): 621 (M⁺, 6.8), 423 (100.0), 250 (15.1), 221 (8.2), 199 (8.2), 145 (24.7), 105 (65.8), 77 (87.7). Anal. Calcd

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for C₃₃H₂₃N₃O₆S₂ (621.70): C, 63.76; H, 3.73; N, 6.76; S, 10.32. Found: C, 63.70; H, 3.61; N, 6.67; S, 10.25%.

2.23. 2-Benzoyl-3-methylsulfanyl-3-phenylamino-N-(4-sulfamoylphenyl)acrylamide (18). Yield (30%), m.p. 260°C (dioxane); IR (KBr) ν_{max} : 3343, 3242 (NH, NH₂), 1696 (C=O) cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆): δ 3.56 (s, 3H, SCH₃), 7.24 (d, 2H, J = 9 Hz), 7.34–7.71 (m, 12H, Ar-H and NH₂), 7.76 (d, 2H, J = 9 Hz), 10.50 (s, 2H, D₂O-exchangeable 2NH); MS m/z (%): 467 (M⁺, 22.9), 296 (45.7), 197 (25.7), 139 (22.9), 105 (14.3), 92 (54.3), 63 (100). Anal. Calcd for C₂₃H₂₁N₃O₄S₂ (467.56): C, 59.08; H, 4.53; N, 8.99; S, 13.72. Found: C, 59.12; H, 4.50; N, 8.96; S, 13.66%.

2.24. 2-(5-Acetyl-3-phenyl-3H-[1,3,4]thiadiazol-2-ylidene)-3-oxo-3-phenyl-N-(4-sulfamoylphenyl)propionamide (20). Yield (35%), m.p. 220°C (dioxane); IR (KBr) ν_{max} : 3340, 3244 (NH, NH₂), 3061 (aromatic CH), 1614 (C=O) cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆): δ 2.49 (s, 3H, CH₃), 7.15 (s, 2H, D₂O-exchangeable NH₂), 7.30 (d, 2H, J = 9 Hz), 7.62 (d, 2H, J = 9 Hz), 7.65–8.39 (m, 10H, Ar-H), 11.95 (s, 1H, D₂O-exchangeable NH); MS m/z (%): 522 (M⁺+2, 14.6), 520 (M⁺, 41.6), 320 (27.0), 306 (13.9), 247 (10.2), 214 (7.3), 189 (8.8), 114 (7.3), 105 (20.4), 77 (100.0). Anal. Calcd for C₂₅H₂₀N₄O₅S₂ (520.59): C, 57.68; H, 3.87; N, 10.76; S, 12.32. Found: C, 57.63; H, 3.82; N, 10.71; S, 12.29%.

2.25. Agar Diffusion Well Method to Determine the Antimicrobial Activity. The microorganism inoculums were uniformly spread using sterile cotton swab on a sterile Petri dish malt extract agar (for fungi) and nutrient agar (for bacteria). One hundred μ L of each sample was added to each well (10 mm diameter holes cut in the agar gel, 20 mm apart from one another). The systems were incubated for 24–48 hours at 37°C (for bacteria) and at 28°C (for fungi). After incubation, the microorganism's growth was observed. Inhibition of

the bacterial and fungal growth was measured in mm. Tests were performed in triplicate [31].

3. Results and Discussion

Heterocyclic azo compounds are well known for their use as antineoplastics [32], antidiabetics [33], antiseptics [34], and antibacterial activity [35] and are known to be involved in a number of biological reactions such as inhibition of DNA, RNA, protein synthesis, carcinogenesis, and nitrogen fixation [34-36]. Thus, propionamide I was coupled smoothly with diazonium salts, derived from the appropriate aromatic amines [4-methoxyaniline, 4-methylaniline, aniline, 4chloroaniline, and 4-nitroaniline) in pyridine, to afford the respective hydrazones 3a-e (Scheme 1). The structures of the products were established on the basis of their elemental analyses and spectral data (IR, ¹H NMR, and MS) [see Experimental Part]. In the ¹H NMR spectra of compounds **3a-e**, absence of signal assignable to azomethine group (CH-N=N-) [37] at δ 3.00-4.00 ppm ruled out azo form and supported the hydrazone structure of the products.

Further elucidation of the structure of **3b** came from the reaction with malononitrile and triethyl orthformate to furnish the final isolable products corresponding to the 5-cyano-6-imino-4-phenyl-1-p-tolyl-1,6-dihydropyridazine-3-carboxylic acid (4-sulfamoylphenyl)amide (**4**) and 4-(6-benzoyl-3-ethoxy-5-oxo-2-p-tolyl-2,3-dihydro-1,2,4-triazin-4-(5H)-yl)benzenesulfonamide (**5**), respectively. The structures of compounds **4** and **5** were confirmed based on elemental analysis and spectral data studied (Scheme 2 and Experimental Part). Treatment of compound **1** with N,N-dimethylformamide-dimethylacetal (DMF-DMA) in refluxing dry dioxane afforded 2-benzoyl-3-dimethylamino-N-(4-sulfamoylphenyl)acrylamide (**6**). The ¹H NMR spectrum of compound **6** showed signals at δ 3.42, 8.10, and 9.98 due to N,N-dimethylamino, C=CH-N,

Scheme 2: Synthesis of 1,6-dihydropyridazine and 2,3-dihydro-1,2,4-triazine derivatives.

DMF-DMA Dry dioxane
$$H_2N - S = 0$$
 $H_2N - S = 0$ $H_2N - S = 0$

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and amide-NH protons, respectively. When compound **6** was treated with 3-amino-1,2,4-triazole in acetic acid under reflux this led to formation of 1,2,4-triazolo [1,5-a] pyrimidine derivative **7** (Scheme **3**). The IR spectrum of the isolated product showed absorption bands at 3261

and 3110 cm $^{-1}$ characteristic for NH and NH $_2$ function. Its $^1{\rm H}$ NMR spectrum showed signals at δ 7.68, 8.09, and 8.48 corresponding to triazole-H, pyrimidine-H, and D $_2{\rm O}$ -exchangeable signal corresponding to NH protons, respectively. The pathway of formation of product 7 involves

Michael addition of the exocyclic amino group of the heteroamines to the enaminone double bond of **6**, followed by *in situ* tandem elimination of dimethylamine and dehydrative cyclization.

Also, 1 reacts with aromatic aldehydes to afford the corresponding 2-benzoyl-3-aryl-2-yl-N-(4-sulfamoylphenyl)acrylamide derivatives **8a,b** (Scheme 3). The IR spectrum of compound **8a**, taken as a typical example, revealed absorption bands at 3349, 3255, and 1687 cm⁻¹ corresponding to NH, NH₂, and CO functions, respectively. Its ¹H NMR spectrum showed signals at δ 8.48 and 9.14 corresponding to CH and NH protons in addition to aromatic protons at δ 7.46–7.94. Its mass spectrum showed a molecular ion peak at m/z 396. When the acrylamide derivative **8a** was treated with hydrazine hydrate it afforded the corresponding pyrazole derivative **9a** (Scheme 3). Spectroscopic data as well as elemental analyses of the obtained products were in complete agreement with the assigned structures **9a**.

On the other hand, the reactivity of propionamide 1 towards triethylorthoformate and thiourea was investigated. Thus, condensation of 1 with triethylorthoformate in refluxing acetic anhydride afforded the ethoxy methylene derivative 10. Establishing of structure 10 was based on the elemental analysis and spectral data. Treatment of 1 with thiourea afforded the pyrimidine derivative 11. Establishing of compound 11 is based on its elemental analysis and spectral data (IR and ¹H NMR) (Scheme 3).

Next, the nucleophilic addition of 1 to phenyl isothiocyanate in dimethylformamide, in the presence of potassium hydroxide, afforded the corresponding potassium salt 12. When the intermediate potassium salt was treated with dilute HCl, it gave the corresponding 2-benzoyl-3-mercapto-3-phenylamino-N-(4-sulfamoylphenyl)acrylamide (13) (Scheme 4).

The IR spectrum of compound 13 revealed the absorption bands at 3350-3256 and 1689-1661 cm⁻¹ corresponding to NH, NH₂, and CO groups, respectively. Its ¹H NMR spectrum showed two D₂O-exchangeable signals at 10.39, 11.13, and 12.76 corresponding to 2NH and SH proton, respectively. Moreover, the mass spectrum of the product 13 exhibited a molecular ion peak at m/z 453. Treatment of compound 13 with 2-bromo-1-phenylethanone in dimethylformamide, in the presence of a catalytic amount of triethylamine, afforded the carboxamide 14 (Scheme 4). The structure of compound 14 was elucidated from its spectroscopic and elemental analytical data. Thus, it showed absorption bands at 3425-3111 and 1698-1658 cm⁻¹ due to NH, NH₂, and CO functions, whereas its ¹H NMR spectra revealed two D₂O-exchangeable signals at 9.55 and 9.98 corresponding to 2NH protons. Heterocyclisation of the intermediate with chloroacetone or ethyl 2-chloroacetate and 3-(2-bromoacetyl)-2*H*-chromen-2-one furnished in each case one isolable product (as tested by TLC). The reaction products were identified as N-[4-(aminosulfonyl)phenyl]-2-anilino-4-phenylthiophene-5-acetyl-3-carboxami-de (15), 3-phenyl-5-phenylamino-4-(4-sulfa-moylphenyl-carbamoyl)thiophene-2-carboxylic acid ethyl ester (16), and

N-[4-(aminosulfonyl)phenyl]-2-anilino-4-phenyl-5-[(2oxo-2*H*-chromen-3-yl)carbonyl]thiophene-3-carboxamide (17). The reaction proceeds via nucleophilic displacement of bromide to give S-alkylated intermediate followed by loss of water of the latter intermediate to give thiophene derivatives 15 or 16 or 17 as the final products. The structures of the products 15–17 were determined from spectroscopic and elemental analytical data. Thus, compound 15, taken as a typical example, showed absorption bands at 3371, 3289, 3220, and 1636 cm⁻¹ corresponding to NH, NH₂ and C=O groups, respectively. Its ¹H NMR spectrum revealed the absence of CH₂ protons of chloroacetone and showed signals at δ 9.46 and 9.88 due to 2NH protons, in addition to an aromatic multiplet in the region δ 7.13–7.63. The ¹³C NMR of compound 15 revealed signals at 28.15, 162.59, and 189.30 for the carbons of the CH₃ of (COCH₃), CO of (CONH), and CO of (COCH₃) groups.

Furthermore, the nonisolated potassium salt was methylated by treatment with methyl iodide to afford the novel ketene *N*, *S*-acetal **18**. The structure of the synthesized product was established on the basis of their elemental analysis and spectral data [see the Experimental Part].

Heterocyclisation of the intermediate 12 with 2-oxo-N-phenylpropane hydrazonoyl chloride [38] furnished one isolable product (as tested by TLC). The reaction product was identified as 2-(5-acetyl-3-phenyl-3H-[1,3,4]-thiadiazol-2ylidene)-3-oxo-3-phenyl-N-(4-sulfamoylphenyl)propionamide (20) (Scheme 4). The structure of the product 20 was determined from spectroscopic and elemental analytical data. Thus, the IR spectrum of compound 20 revealed absorption bands at 3340, 3244, and 1614 cm⁻¹ corresponding to NH, NH₂, and CO groups, respectively. Its ¹H NMR spectrum revealed signals at δ 2.49 and 11.95 due to CH₃ and NH protons, in addition to an aromatic multiplet in the region δ 7.30–8.39. The aforementioned results indicate that the reaction proceeds via S-alkylation [39], to give S-alkylated intermediate 19 which cyclized in situ under the employed reaction conditions and elimination of aniline molecule gave the desired product 20 (Scheme 4).

Screening for Antimicrobial Activity. The newly synthesized compounds 3a, 3c, 6, 7, 8b, 10, 15, 16, and 17 were evaluated for their in vitro antibacterial activity against Staphylococcus aureus (RCMB-000106) (SA) and Bacillus subtilis (RCMB-000108) (BS) as examples of Gram-positive bacteria and Pseudomonas aeruginosa (RCMB-000102) (PA) and Escherichia coli (RCMB-000103) (EC) as examples of Gram-negative bacteria. They were also evaluated for their in vitro antifungal activity against Aspergillus fumigatus (RCMB-002003) (AF), Saccharomyces cerevisiae (RCMB-006002) (SC), and Candida albicans (RCMB-005002) (CA) fungal strains. Inhibition zone diameter (IZD) in mm was used as criterion for the antimicrobial activity using the agar diffusion well method. The fungicide clotrimazole and the bactericide streptomycin were used as references to evaluate the potency of the tested compounds under the same conditions. The results are depicted in Table 1. From the data given by Table 1 we concluded that most of the

Scheme 4

tested compounds displayed variable degrees of antibacterial activity against Gram-positive bacteria, Gram-negative bacteria strains, and also against fungal strains in comparison to the standard in each case which revealed that these compounds are biologically active. Compound 7 exhibited high degree of antibacterial activity against Gram-positive bacteria (SA). Compounds 3c and 7 have moderate degree of antibacterial activity against Gram-negative bacteria (EC) and (PA). All the compounds exhibited moderate antifungal activity against (AF) and high activity against (SC, CA). The structure antimicrobial activity relationship of the synthesized compounds revealed that the maximum activity

was attained with compound 15, having acetyl thiophene moiety.

4. Conclusions

Several new hydrazones, pyridazines, triazines, acrylamides, pyrazoles, triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidines, thiadiazoles, dihydropyrimidines, and thiophenes containing sulfamoyl moiety were prepared using simple methods *via* a versatile; readily accessible 3-oxo-3-phenyl-*N*-(4-sulfamoylphenyl)propionamide (1) is demonstrated. The structures of the

Inhibition zone diameter (mm) Sample no. Gram (-) Gram (+) Fungi (SA) (BS) (AF) (SC) (PA) (EC) (CA) 10.7 ± 0.3 10.1 ± 0.4 12.2 ± 0.3 11.1 ± 0.4 11.9 ± 0.4 12.5 ± 0.4 13.4 ± 0.4 3a 11.7 ± 0.4 12.3 ± 0.4 18.7 ± 0.4 20.8 ± 0.6 3c 12.9 ± 0.4 12.1 ± 0.4 14.7 ± 0.5 10.8 ± 0.4 12.2 ± 0.4 11.3 ± 0.4 17.1 ± 0.5 17.9 ± 0.6 10.6 ± 0.3 14.8 ± 0.4 6 7 13.4 ± 0.4 13.1 ± 0.4 19.7 ± 0.4 20.1 ± 0.5 17.6 ± 0.4 18.8 ± 0.5 13.9 ± 0.5 11.1 ± 0.3 15.3 ± 0.5 8b 12.7 ± 0.4 11.8 ± 0.3 11.5 ± 0.4 19.1 ± 0.4 15.2 ± 0.5 10 9.7 ± 0.2 8.9 ± 0.4 11.2 ± 0.4 10.8 ± 0.4 12.1 ± 0.5 11.9 ± 0.4 11.7 ± 0.5 15 24.3 ± 0.1 25.6 ± 0.1 25.1 ± 0.5 30.1 ± 0.6 26.1 ± 0.5 23.1 ± 0.4 18.3 ± 0.6 11.1 ± 0.4 10.3 ± 0.3 9.8 ± 0.3 10.9 ± 0.4 11.4 ± 0.3 12.2 ± 0.4 11.3 ± 0.5 16 9.2 ± 0.3 7.8 ± 0.4 8.9 ± 0.3 9.7 ± 0.3 10.5 ± 0.4 10.3 ± 0.4 17 9.5 ± 0.4 Clotrimazole 26.1 ± 0.5 23.1 ± 0.4 18.3 ± 0.6 Streptomycin 25.1 ± 0.5 30.1 ± 0.6 Streptomycin 24.3 ± 0.4 25.6 ± 0.5

TABLE 1: Antimicrobial and Antifungal Activities of the Synthesized Compounds.

Data are expressed in the form of mean \pm SD. Mean zone of inhibition in mm \pm Standard deviation beyond well diameter (6 mm) produced on a range of environmental and clinically pathogenic microorganism using (5 mg/mL) concentration of tested sample (100 μ L was tested).

newly synthesized compounds were proven by spectral methods and they were tested for their antimicrobial activities. Most of these compounds showed promising activities against both Gram-positive, Gram-negative bacteria and fungi.

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