

Synthesis of heterosulfamates. Search for structure-taste relationships

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Abstract

Thirty one new sodium heterosulfamates, RNHSO₃Na, where the R portion contains mainly thiazole, benzothiazole, thiadiazole and pyridine ring structures, have been synthesized and their taste portfolios have been assessed. A database of 132 heterosulfamates (both open-chain and cyclic) has been formed by combining these new compounds with an existing set of 101 heterosulfamates which were previously synthesized and for which taste data are available.

Simple descriptors have been obtained using (i) measurements with Corey-Pauling-Koltun (CPK) space-filling models giving x, y and z dimensions and a volume V_{CPK} , (ii) calculated first order molecular connectivities (${}^1\chi^v$) and (iii) the calculated Spartan program parameters to obtain HOMO, LUMO energies, the solvation energy E_{solv} and $V_{SPARTAN}$. The techniques of linear (LDA) and quadratic (QDA) discriminant analysis and Tree analysis have then been employed to develop structure-taste relationships (SARs) that classify the sweet (S) and non-sweet (N) compounds into separate categories.

In the LDA analysis 70 % of the compounds were correctly classified (this compares with 65 % when the smaller data set of 101 compounds was used) and in the QDA analysis 68 % were correctly classified (compared to 80 % previously). The Tree analysis correctly classified 81 % (compared to 86 % previously). An alternative Tree analysis derived using the Cerius2 program and a set of physicochemical descriptors correctly classified only 54 % of the compounds.

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Introduction

Since the chance discovery in 1946 of the sweetness of some sodium thiazolesulfamates (**Figure 1**) by Hurd and Kharasch¹ many groups Worldwide have been making and tasting heterosulfamates both open-chain and cyclic. Hurd and Kharasch¹ had been studying the rearrangement of the sulfonate group (from the nitrogen to the ring) of these compounds and probably only tasted them because of the (then) recent seminal work of Audrieth and Sveda², who had reported the sweetness of a number of non-heterosulfamates.

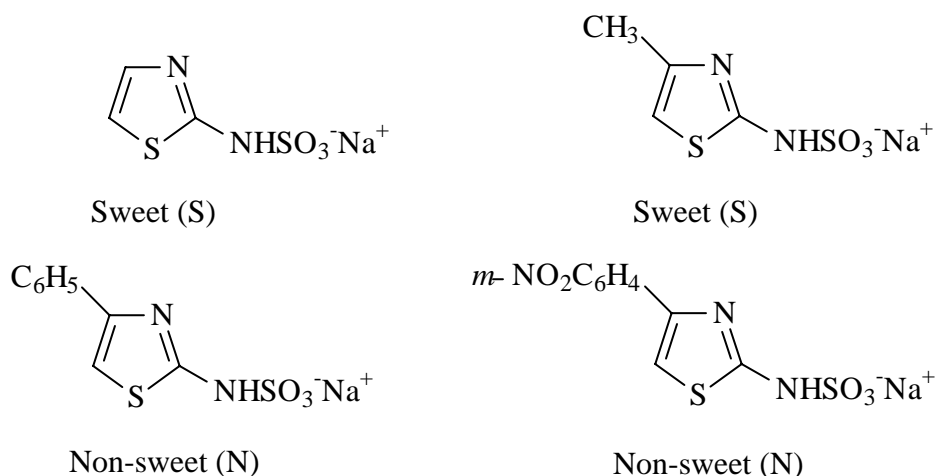


Figure 1. Some sweet (S) and non-sweet (N) thiazoles.

The heterosulfamates synthesized for tastant studies prior to this present work represent a large number of structural types e.g. pyridines, pyrrolidines, piperidines, pyrimidines, oxazoles, morpholines, thiazoles, benzothiazoles, thiophenes, thiacyclohexyls, thiadiazoles, etc. Table 1 contains a chronological listing of all the groups involved giving also the year(s), location and the number of compounds synthesized in each case.

In all 101 compounds were made and had taste assessments carried out. The structures of these can be found in our previous papers and thus compounds no. **1 – 33** are in ref. 10, compounds no. **34 – 56** in ref. 11 and compounds **57 – 101** in ref. 12. The structures of the thirty one newly synthesized compounds presented in this current work i.e. compounds no. **102 – 132** will be found in Figure 2. They are principally thiazoles, benzothiazoles, thiadiazoles and pyridines. The first three categories were known to contain quite a few sweet compounds (based on data from the 101 compounds) and hence the synthetic effort here in this work has focused mainly on these classes. Each of these groups contain a sulfur atom and sulfur has been well recognized as a sweet taste potentiator.¹⁷

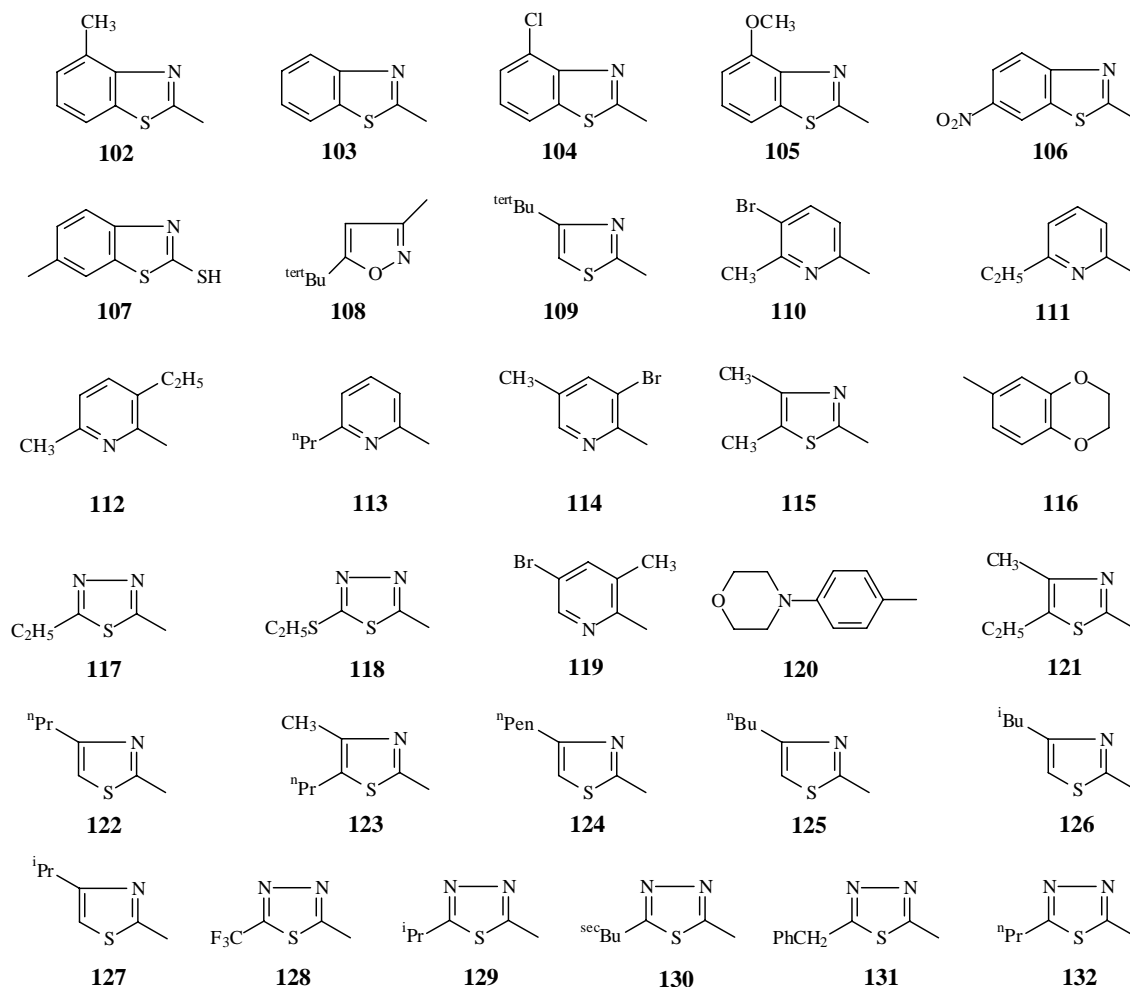


Figure 2. Structures of the 31 sulfamates synthesized in this work.

In **Figure 2** the position of the sodium sulfamate function $\text{-NHSO}_3\text{Na}$ is indicated by the solid line.

In previous work we have had some success in deriving structure-taste relationships (SARs) for the first 33 compounds,¹⁰ then 56 compounds,¹¹ and more recently 101 compounds.¹² Each data set was examined using the Corey-Pauling-Koltun (CPK) parameters for the RNH portion of the heterosulfamate i.e. RNHSO_3Na and a calculated first order molecular connectivity value (${}^1\chi^v$) for the molecule. The mathematical techniques of linear discriminant analysis (LDA)^{10,11,12} and quadratic discriminant analysis (QDA)^{10,11,12} and, more recently, Tree analysis¹² have been employed in studying the data sets. The LDA and QDA analysis worsened somewhat as the size of the data set grew and thus Tree analysis was introduced to try to improve the classifications. In our last effort¹² the LDA, QDA and Tree analyses correctly classified 65 %, 80 % and 86 % respectively of the 101 compounds of which 20 were sweet and 81 were non-sweet.

Table 1. Heterosulfamates synthesised for tastant studies

Groups (location) (years)	No. of compounds made	Reference
Hurd and Kharasch (US) (1946)	5	1
Blicke et al. (US) (1954)	4	3
Thompson (US) (1957)	1	4
Yamaguchi (Jap) (1963)	1	5
Unterhalt and Boschemeyer (Ger) (1972, 1976)	3	6, 7
Wendt and Winkley (US) (1974)	6	8
Evangelesti et al. (Italy) (1980)	1	9
Spillane et al. (Ireland) (1983, 1989, 2000 and this paper)	50 ^a + 31 ^b	10, 11, 12, this paper
De Nardo et al. (Italy) (1984)	8	13
Pautet and Daudon (France) (1986)	9	14
Unterhalt and Moellers (Ger) (1990, 1991)	13	15, 16
Total	132	

^aReported in 1983, 1989, 2000.

^bReported in this paper.

In this current work we have synthesized and added an additional 31 new sulfamates to the data base of heterocompounds and of these 15 were found to be sweet and 16 were non-sweet. Thus the new enlarged database of 132 compounds contains 35 sweet compounds and 97 non-sweet compounds. Using again the descriptors x , y , z and V_{cpk} (measured with Corey-Pauling-Koltun models) and calculated first order molecular connectivity, ${}^1\chi^v$ together now with HOMO and LUMO energies, E_{solv} , the solvation energy and V_{SPARTAN} (all calculated using the SPARTAN program) (see Table 2) the LDA, QDA and Tree analyses (Tree 1) were carried out on this larger data set and the results are reported herein. A second Tree analysis (Tree 2) employed the Cerius2 program and used the physicochemical descriptors called Jurs parameters and shadow indices (see below).

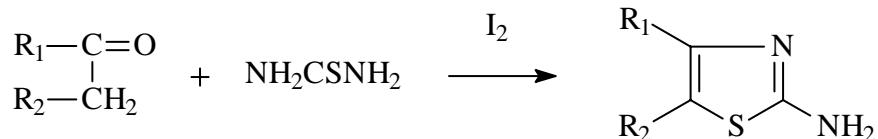
Results and Discussion

Seven of the 2-aminothiazoles, precursors of sulfamates no. **121-127**, employed in this current study were synthesized by reaction of the appropriate ketone with thiourea as shown in **Scheme 1**^{20,21} and four of the 2-aminothiadiazoles, precursors of sulfamates no. **128-132** were synthesized by reaction of the appropriate carboxylic acid and thiosemicarbazide as illustrated in Scheme 2.²² Full details of the syntheses of the aminothiazoles and aminothiadiazoles are given in the Experimental.

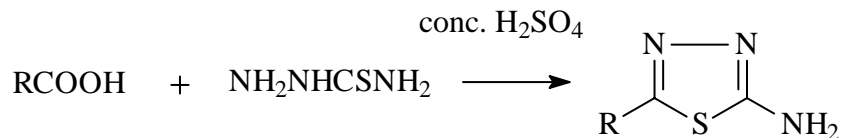
Table 2. Values of the descriptors used in the LDA, QDA, and Tree 1 analysis for compounds 102-132^a

Compound	x/Å	y/Å	z/Å	V _{CPK} /Å ³	¹ χ ^v	HOMO	LUMO	E _{solv}	V _{SPARTAN}	Taste
102	9.76	3.78	7.64	282	4.57	-4.834	1.607	45.077	251.08	S
103	9.76	3.57	6.94	242	4.16	-4.932	1.621	54.151	233.74	N
104	9.76	3.53	8.41	290	4.64	-4.893	1.489	-17.659	247.06	N
105	9.76	5.27	8.88	457	4.69	-5.536	2.656	-219.20	239.88	S
106	11.0	4.74	6.97	365	4.60	-6.032	1.435	-179.18	237.64	N
107	11.3	4.05	7.38	339	4.73	-5.041	2.447	-190.54	231.10	N
108	9.48	6.01	6.73	383	3.60	-6.306	3.440	-224.88	211.14	N
109	9.57	5.97	8.03	458	4.46	-5.235	3.335	-217.17	217.83	N
110	9.46	4.04	7.57	290	3.75	-4.658	2.898	-111.85	219.83	N
111	8.41	4.89	8.12	334	3.41	-5.383	3.522	-217.48	206.10	S
112	7.82	6.02	9.62	453	2.77	-5.402	3.450	-216.18	207.26	N
113	7.72	5.26	8.66	352	3.91	-5.309	3.362	-216.38	224.93	S
114	8.42	3.76	7.73	244	3.74	-5.534	3.027	-212.43	211.02	N
115	8.25	4.46	6.53	240	2.97	-5.244	0.959	-101.99	205.07	S
116	9.85	4.90	7.32	353	3.88	-5.094	3.4393	-287.54	219.66	N
117	8.54	4.97	6.20	263	3.29	-5.710	2.851	-194.36	194.15	S
118	10.8	3.84	5.27	220	4.41	-5.636	2.362	-192.96	216.35	S
119	9.35	4.46	7.20	300	3.74	-5.590	3.056	-212.81	211.40	N
120	11.2	6.34	7.64	543	4.91	-5.075	3.512	-250.57	264.39	S
121	7.71	6.45	9.17	596	4.92	-5.130	3.269	-218.68	217.04	N
122	9.12	6.46	3.69	218	4.15	-5.232	3.339	-217.85	218.08	S
123	8.32	6.54	5.06	276	4.81	-5.181	3.245	-225.48	237.83	N
124	10.9	5.00	5.44	295	5.21	-5.241	3.328	-230.39	258.90	S
125	10.3	5.17	5.48	292	5.13	-5.237	3.334	-223.80	238.36	S
126	8.65	9.20	5.76	454	4.57	-5.233	3.317	-221.33	238.08	S
127	7.20	7.92	4.64	265	4.10	-5.224	3.352	-214.92	217.47	N
128	6.80	5.44	4.60	170	2.75	-6.249	2.132	-330.250	193.71	S
129	7.36	6.00	4.88	215	4.18	-5.704	2.866	-197.750	213.63	S
130	8.64	5.44	6.24	293	4.99	-5.717	2.856	-203.177	233.94	N
131	10.1	6.80	7.52	515	4.92	-5.792	2.342	-161.470	261.60	N
132	8.80	5.96	3.76	197	3.86	-5.719	2.837	-200.902	214.62	S

^aThe values for compounds 1-101 can be found in the Ph.D. Thesis of B. G. Feeney, NUI, Galway, 2003.



Scheme 1



Scheme 2

The full taste portfolios and the taste conclusions i.e. sweet (S)/non-sweet (N) for the thirty one new compounds, **102** - **132** are given in **Table 3**. Taste data conclusions (S/N) for compounds **1** - **33** are in ref. 10, for compounds **34** - **56** in ref. 11 and for compounds **57** - **101** in ref. 12. Examination of the Table shows that in a few cases there is no clear-cut predominant taste and a decision has to be made as to which category to assign the compound. Thus, in these cases the S and N categories become, as it were, to take a mythological example, Procrustean beds¹⁸ into which everything has to be fitted. This arises because in the mathematical analysis employed one has to discriminate between two things be they black and white or sweet (S) and non-sweet (N). Essentially there can be no grey areas since they cannot be accommodated and if compounds cannot be classified as S or N they would have to be omitted. After synthesizing and carrying out taste assessments for the compounds we prefer to strive to include them.

In reaching taste conclusions in Table 3 all those compounds where $\geq 50\%$ of the tasters found a sweet taste were assigned to the sweet category i.e. S and conversely if $\geq 50\%$ of the tasters found that a non-sweet taste predominated they were assigned to the non-sweet category i.e. N. Compounds **119**, **121** and **130** did not display any one single taste $\geq 50\%$ but in the case of **119** no sweetness was detected so this compound obviously goes into the N category and compounds **121** and **130** display some sweetness but it is outweighed by a combination of non-sweet tastes so both of these compounds were assigned to the N category. Compounds such as **102** and **128** both have sweetness $\geq 50\%$ accompanied by greater amounts of bitterness and bitterness/saltiness respectively. For the purposes of the analysis both of these were placed in the S category since they do satisfy the criterion given above i.e. $\geq 50\%$ sweetness present. Generally speaking we are satisfied with the classifications that we have made with all 132 compounds but of course it must be borne in mind that approximately 50 of the compounds have been reported in other laboratories and there has been controversy regarding some, for example, nos. **21-25** which are now taken to be non-sweet in this and in our last paper on this work.¹² In fact with such a large group of compounds moving a few compounds from the S to N categories

or *vice versa* makes little difference to the analysis and the percentages presented below in Table 4 are only very slightly affected.

Table 3. Taste data and taste conclusions (S/N) for heterosulfamates **102-132**

No.	pH	Sweet	Sour	Bitter	Salty	Tasteless	Aftertaste	Predominant taste ($\geq 50\%$ assessors)	S/N
102	10.4	78	0	22	0	0	Bitter 78	Sweet	S
103	10.0	0	100	0	0	0	0	Sour	N
104	9.90	67	0	100	0	0	0	Bitter	N
105	10.4	100	0	0	0	0	Bitter 44	Sweet	S
106	10.7	0	0	100	0	0	0	Bitter	N
107	8.80	0	55	55	0	0	0	Sour/Bitter	N
108	11.5	0	100	33	0	0	0	Sour	N
109	11.4	0	0	100	0	0	0	Bitter	N
110	11.8	0	0	100	0	0	0	Bitter	N
111	11.8	100	0	0	0	0	0	Sweet	S
112	9.65	0	0	100	0	0	Sour 55	Bitter	N
113	11.5	55	0	0	65	0	0	Sweet/Salty	S
114	7.10	0	50	50	0	0	0	Sour/Bitter	N
115	9.65	50	40	0	10	0	0	Sweet	S
116	9.02	20	0	60	0	0	0	Bitter	N
117	8.70	100	0	0	0	0	0	Sweet	S
118	8.65	80	10	40	0	0	Bitter 50	Sweet	S
119	7.27	0	30	20	20	30	0	-	N
120	7.45	60	10	0	0	0	0	Sweet	S
121	11.0	28	42	0	14	14	0	-	N
122	11.5	71	0	28	28	0	0	Sweet	S
123	11.5	28	57	14	0	14	Sour 28	Sour	N
124	11.5	57	14	42	14	0	0	Sweet	S
125	11.2	85	14	0	14	0	Sour 42	Sweet	S
126	11.5	71	14	14	0	14	Sour 14	Sweet	S
127	10.9	0	50	50	0	0	0	Sour/Bitter	N
128	8.70	50	0	12	50	0	0	Sweet/Salty	S
129	10.2	75	0	0	12	12	Sour 25	Sweet	S
130	10.3	37	12	25	37	12	0	-	N
131	10.0	25	62	0	0	12	0	Sour	N
132	10.2	50	12	12	12	12	Sour 12	Sweet	S

The parameters for the analysis are brought together in Table 2 and the results for each analysis are given in Table 4. First various parameter subsets were tried in the analysis and the best subset was found to be that using LUMO, $^1\chi^v$, V_{CPK} and y . The LDA analysis correctly classifies 70 % of the compounds and the percentage of sweet compounds correctly classified is 24/35 % i.e. 69 % and of non-sweet 68/97 % i.e. 70 %. QDA correctly classifies 68 % and the percentages of sweet and non-sweet correctly classified by this method are 24/35 % i.e. 69 % and 66/97 % i.e. 68 % respectively. The Tree analysis (Tree 1) performs well and correctly classifies 81 % of the compounds with 30/35 % i.e. 86 % of sweet and 75/97 % i.e. 77 % of non-sweet correctly classified. In this analysis various combinations of parameters were tried and the subset giving the best overall % classification was that utilizing the parameters LUMO, z , y and V_{CPK} . The Tree 1 analysis is shown in Figure 3 below.

Table 4. Summary of results of LDA, QDA, Tree 1 and Tree 2 analysis for 132 heterosulfamates

Method	Correctly classified		Overall % classified
	%Sweet	%Non-sweet	
LDA	69	70	70
QDA	69	68	68
Tree 1	86	77	81
Tree 2	61	51	54

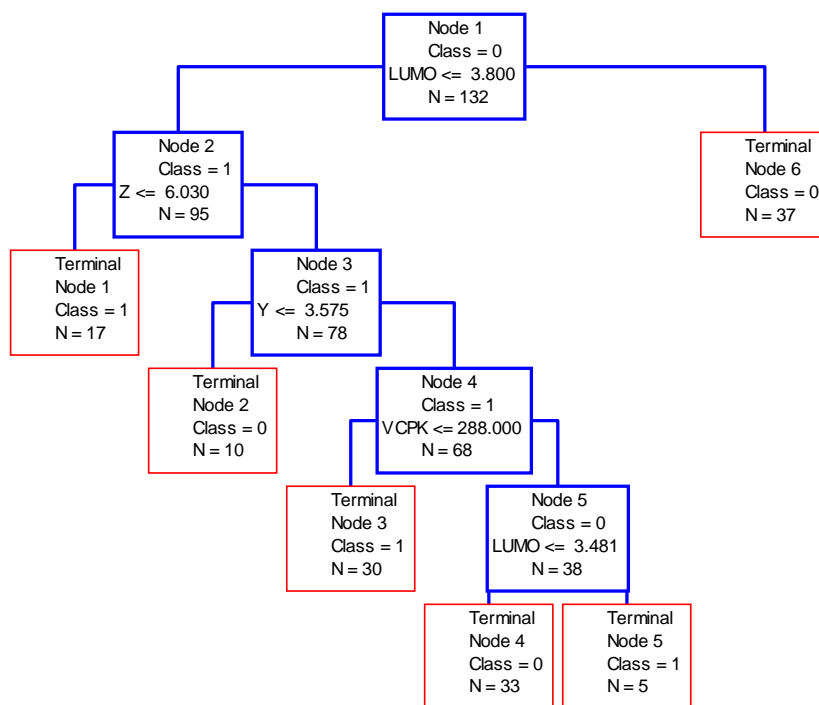


Figure 3. Tree 1, Sweet = Class 1; Non-sweet = Class 0.

An alternative Tree analysis (Tree 2) using the Cerius2 program and different parameters available in the program, namely Jurs descriptors (combines shape and electronic information on the molecule) and shadow indices (a set of geometric descriptors to characterize the shape of the molecule) has also been carried out. This Tree analysis was not at all as successful and only classified 71 of the compounds correctly i.e. 54 %. It correctly classified 24/35 % i.e 68 % of the sweet compounds and 47/92 % i.e. 51 % of the non-sweet compounds. Details of the physicochemical parameters used are available.¹⁹

In summary considering that a further 31 compounds have been added to the data base giving a total set of 132 compounds in all representing many diverse (mainly heterocyclic) structures the results are reasonable and the SARs found do classify the sweet and non-sweet compounds satisfactorily. Future work is likely to concentrate more on certain categories bearing close structural resemblances.

Experimental Section

Precursor Amines

Nineteen of the starting amines were available commercially from Aldrich and Lancaster. These were used without further purification.

2-Aminothiazoles

The precursor amines for the seven thiazolylsulfamates nos. (121) - (127) were synthesized (**Scheme 1**) based on the methods of Dodson and King²⁰ and King and Hlavacek²¹ with some modifications. The ketone (0.1mol) and thiourea (0.2mol) were placed in a round bottomed flask and iodine (0.1mol) was added all at once. After this addition the reaction mixture was stirred overnight under reflux at 100°C. The reaction mixture was then diluted with hot water at which point a small amount of free sulfur precipitated. The aqueous solution was cooled and filtered to remove the sulfur and was washed with diethyl ether (3-4 times) to extract the unreacted ketone and iodine. Concentrated ammonium hydroxide solution was then added and an oil separated. This was then separated using a separating funnel and the aqueous solution was extracted two more times and added to the oil. The diethyl ether solution containing the amine was dried over magnesium sulfate. The magnesium sulfate was filtered and the ether solution was reduced on a rotary evaporator leaving the crude 2-aminothiazole which was purified using flash chromatography (40⁰-60⁰ petroleum spirit-diethyl ether 50:50). All seven 2-aminothiazoles are previously known compounds.

4-Methyl-5-ethyl-2-aminothiazole (precursor of 121). As above, giving dark brown oil, 46% yield. ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆): δ1.07 (t, 3H, CH₃), 1.94 (s, 3H, CH₃CH₂), 2.45 (q, CH₃CH₂), 6.51

(s, 2H, NH₂). ¹³C NMR: δ14.36 (C8), 16.44 (C7), 18.99 (C5), 119.53 (C6), 141.06 (C4), 164.41 (C2).

4-N-propyl-2-aminothiazole (precursor of 122). As above, giving pale yellow oil, 36% yield. ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆): δ0.90 (t, 3H, CH₃), 1.53 (m, CH₂), 2.34 (t, 2H, CH₂), 6.05 (s, 1H, C-H), 6.79 (s, 2H, NH₂). ¹³C NMR: δ13.64 (C7), 21.45 (C6), 33.26 (C5), 99.88 (C8), 152.14 (C4), 167.94 (C2).

4-Methyl-5-n-propyl-2-aminothiazole (precursor of 123). As above, giving dark brown oil, 42% yield. ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆): δ 0.91 (t, 3H, CH₃), 1.46 (m, 2H, CH₃CH₂CH₂), 2.03 (s, 3H, CH₃), 2.50 (t, 2H, CH₃CH₂CH₂), 6.60 (s, 2H, NH₂).

¹³C NMR: δ13.30 (C9), 14.45 (C8), 24.55 (C7), 27.48 (C5), 117.62 (C6), 141.78 (C4), 164.63 (C2).

4-n-Pentyl-2-aminothiazole (precursor of 124). As above, giving pale yellow oil, 42% yield. ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆): δ 0.90 (t, 3H, CH₃), 1.23-1.27 (m, 4H, 2 x CH₂), 1.54 (m, 2H, CH₂), 2.37 (t, 2H, CH₂), 6.06 (s, 1H, C-H), 6.81 (s, 2H, NH₂). ¹³C NMR: δ14.43 (C9), 22.46 (C8), 23.58 (C7), 28.48 (C6), 31.67 (C5), 100.28 (C10), 149.37 (C4), 167.28 (C2).

4-n-Butyl-2-aminothiazole (precursor of 125). As above, giving viscous pale yellow oil that solidified on standing, 45% yield. ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆): δ 0.94 (t, 3H, CH₃), 1.25 (m, 2H, CH₃CH₂-), 1.47 (m, 2H, CH₂), 2.36 (t, 2H, CH₂), 6.07 (s, 1H, C-H), 6.80 (s, 2H, NH₂). ¹³C NMR: δ13.81 (C8), 21.84 (C7), 30.50 (C6), 30.92 (C5), 99.79 (C9), 152.44 (C4), 168.02 (C2).

4-Isobutyl-2-aminothiazole (precursor of 126). As above, giving dark brown oil that solidified on standing, 56% yield. ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆): δ 0.90 (d, 6H, 2 x CH₃), 1.90 (m, 1H, CH), 2.23 (d, 2H, CH₂), 6.06 (s, 1H, C-H), 6.75 (s, 2H, NH₂). ¹³C NMR: δ22.30 (C7, C8), 27.36 (C6), 32.20 (C5), 98.56 (C9), 153.65 (C4), 168.58 (C2).

4-Isopropyl-2-aminothiazole (precursor of 127). As above, giving yellow oil, 65% yield. ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆): δ 1.10 (d, 6H, 2 x CH₃), 2.82 (m, 1H, CH), 5.87 (s, broad, 2H, NH₂), 6.01 (s, 1H, C-H). ¹³C NMR: δ21.78 (C6), 22.03 (C7), 30.82 (C5), 99.69 (C9), 159.30 (C4), 168.17 (C2).

2-Amino-1,3,4-thiadiazoles

The precursor amines required for the synthesis of the four 1,3,4- thiadiazolesulfamates nos. (129) – (132) were made (**Scheme 2**) based on the method of Chubb and Nissenbaum²². The carboxylic acid (0.15mol) and thiosemicarbazide (0.125mol) was stirred in 16ml of concentrated sulfuric acid in a round bottomed flask at 80⁰ – 90⁰C for 7 hours under reflux. After the reaction was complete the reaction mixture was allowed to cool and poured into ice water. The mixture was basified using concentrated ammonium hydroxide solution. On addition of the base the thiadiazole product precipitated. This was filtered and the crude product obtained. It was recrystallized from aqueous ethanol (10-15%). The pure product was dried over phosphorus pentoxide under vacuum for 24 hours. The four amines synthesized are previously known compounds.

5-Isopropyl-2-amino-1,3,4- thiadiazole (precursor of 129). As above, giving an off white powdered product, 70% yield. ^1H NMR (DMSO- d_6): δ 1.23 (d, 6H, 2 x CH_3), 3.15 (m, 1H, CH), 7.05 (s, 2H, NH_2). ^{13}C NMR: δ 19.25 (C8), 22.64 (C7), 30.03 (C6), 164.63 (C5), 167.90 (C2).

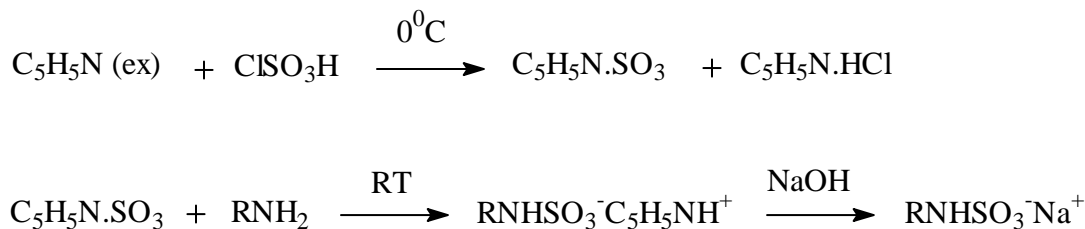
5-sec-Butyl-2-amino-1,3,4- thiadiazole (precursor of 130). As above, giving an off white powdered product, 64% yield. ^1H NMR (DMSO- d_6): δ 0.90 (t, 3H, CH_3CH_2), 1.28 (d, 3H, CH_3), 1.65 (m, 2H, CH_2), 2.99 (m, 1H, CH), 5.70 (s, broad, 2H, NH_2). ^{13}C NMR: 11.57 (C9), 20.70 (C8), 30.51 (C7), 37.73 (C6), 163.27 (C5), 167.23 (C2).

5-Benzyl-2-amino-1,3,4- thiadiazole (precursor of 131). As above, giving a light yellow powdered product, 36% yield. ^1H NMR (DMSO- d_6): δ 4.12 (s, 2H, CH_2), 7.01 (s, 2H, NH_2), 7.26 (m, all aromatic H). ^{13}C NMR: 35.47 (C6), 126.84, 128.54, 128.66, 139.29 (all aromatic C), 164.23 (C5), 168.95 (C2).

5-n-Propyl-2-amino-1,3,4- thiadiazole (precursor of 132). As above, giving an off white powdered product, 75% yield. ^1H NMR (DMSO- d_6): δ 0.91 (t, 3H, CH_3), 1.63 (m, 2H, CH_2), 2.75 (t, 2H, CH_2), 7.00 (s, 2H, NH_2). ^{13}C NMR: δ 18.49 (C8), 27.62 (C7), 36.49 (C6), 163.36 (C5), 173.30 (C2).

Preparation of Sulfamates

The methods used for the synthesis of the heterosulfamates were based on those of Audrieth and Sveda² and Boyland, Manson and Orr²³ and are represented in **Scheme 3**.



Scheme 3

Chlorosulfonic acid was added dropwise over 20 mins. to a 10 molar excess of dried pyridine stirring in a three-necked round bottom flask equipped with a calcium chloride drying tube. The reaction flask was immersed in an ice-salt-acetone bath to maintain the temperature at $< 0^\circ\text{C}$. The reaction mixture was allowed to stir for an hour once all the chlorosulfonic acid was added. The liquid or solid amine, dissolved in the minimum amount of dry pyridine, was added to the solid sulfur trioxide adduct dissolved in pyridine. The cooling bath was taken away and the reaction mixture was allowed to come to room temperature and stirred overnight. An appropriate amount of 2M sodium hydroxide was then added to form the sodium salt of the sulfamate. Enough was added to bring the pH to ~ 10 , the N-S sulfamate bond being stable under these alkaline conditions. Unreacted amine was separated at this stage by several extractions with diethyl ether.

The resultant aqueous solution was concentrated to a low volume on the rotary evaporator to yield the crude sulfamate. The sodium sulfamate product was purified by repeated recrystallization (generally 3 or 4) from aqueous ethanol (the exact percentage of aqueous ethanol required varies according to the sulfamate being synthesized, generally it is ~95%). The pure sodium sulfamate product was filtered and dried over phosphorus pentoxide in a vacuum dessicator for at least 48 hours before elemental analysis was carried out. The C, H and N analysis figures were within $\pm 0.5\%$ for all 31 sulfamates except the following: anal. calcd. for (108) H, 5.39. Found 3.83; calcd. for (109) H, 5.44. Found, 4.32 and N, 8.97. Found, 6.99; calcd. for (111) C, 31.55. Found: 30.61 and calcd. for (125) C, 26.92. Found 27.45. The sodium sulfamates were characterized further by IR and they all showed the typical sulfamate frequencies: νSO_3 (asymm.) 1240–1210 cm^{-1} ; νSO_3 (symm.) 1203-1170 cm^{-1} ; νSO_3 (asymm.) 1070-1040 cm^{-1} ; νNS 730-660 cm^{-1} ; νNH 3400-3190 cm^{-1} . Finally all the prepared sulfamates gave a positive and clean (i.e. no sulfate ion present) sulfamate test.²⁴

Tasting procedures, CPK measurements and molecular connectivity and theoretical calculations

The procedures and methodology for the tasting procedure, CPK measurements and molecular connectivity calculations were similar to those previously described.¹² For the tasting procedure 8 ml aliquots of 0.01M solutions were given to the panelists. For compounds **102-113** nine panelists were used, for **114-120** ten panelists were used, for **121-126** seven panelists were used and for **127-132** eight panelists were used. Some sulfamates had occluded water of recrystallizations and allowance was made for this when making up the solutions for tasting.

The structures of all 132 heterosulfamates were built using PC SPARTAN *PRO*²⁵ software. The equilibrium geometry was obtained using the semi-empirical AM1 module within the software and the HOMO, LUMO, E_{solv} and V_{SPARTAN} properties were calculated for each heterosulfamate. These properties, along with the CPK parameters were used for the LD, QD and Tree 1 analyses. LDA and QDA were carried out using the statistical software SYSTAT 10.²⁶ The Tree 1 analysis was performed using the software CART 4.0²⁷. For the Tree 2 analysis all 132 heterosulfamates were built using Cerius2²⁸ software and the various physicochemical descriptors¹⁹ were generated within the software. The Tree 2 analysis was carried out using the SYSTAT 10 program.²⁶

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