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The chalcones 1, 14, and 26 reacted with chlorosulfonic acid to give corresponding sulfonyl chlorides 2, 15, and 27, which condensed with nucleophiles to give amino acid derivatives 3–6, 16–18, and 28–31. Some of the corresponding methyl esters 7, 8, 19–20, and 32–34 were prepared. Hydrazinolysis of these methyl esters yielded hydrazides 9, 10, 21, 22, and 35–36. Coupling reaction of some amino acid derivatives with amino acid methyl ester hydrochloride in THF-Et₃N using dicyclohexylcarbodiimide method furnished the desired dipeptide methyl ester's 11–13, 23–25, and 37–38. Some spectroscopic evidence including NMR spectra analysis are briefly discussed.

Keywords Chalcones amino acid derivatives; chlorosulfonation; sulfonyl chloride; reactions with nucleophiles as an essential amino acid

INTRODUCTION

The work described in this article forms part of our general program concerned with the chemistry and biological evaluation of aryl-sulfonyl derivatives.^{1–12} Chalcone derivatives are of interest as potential biocides, since some naturally occurring antibiotics,¹³ and aminochalcones^{14,15} owe their activity to the presence of the α, β -unsaturated carbonyl group. Chlorosulfonation provides a useful route to a variety of sulfonyl derivatives by nucleophilic displacement of the chlorine atom in the resulting sulfonyl chloride. These compounds are of interest for potential biocidal activity.^{16–19}

Early workers²⁰ examined the sulfonation of chalcone and 4-methoxychalcone and concluded that the latter gave sulfonic acid. Later, several chalcone-4-sulfonamides were prepared by a condensation of N-substituted P-sulfonyl benzaldiacetates with substituted acetophenones.²¹ In chalcones (1 and 26) the 4- or 5-position should be active due to the activating influence of the olefinic double bond.

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We have demonstrated that the optimum conditions for the chlorosulfonation of chalcone (75% yield) were by a reaction with a reagent (6 mol. equivalent); for 3 weeks at r.t., the more reactive P-methoxy chalcone reacted faster under similar conditions (63% yield in one week or 75% yield in 24 h, respectively).

DISCUSSION

The present work involves the chlorosulfonation of chalcones **1**, **14**, and **16** (Chart 1).

The chalcones were prepared by the standard procedure^{22,23} involving base-catalyzed condensation of the appropriate aromatic aldehyde and acetophenone or the p-methoxy derivatives.

The different chalcones were reacted with chlorosulfonic acid, generally, 6 mol. equivalents or 3 mol. equivalents in excess thionyl chloride at r.t., to give the corresponding sulfonyl chlorides, which were condensed with a range of amino acid to give the sulfonamide listed in Table I.

Chalcones are active due to the powerful combined electron-donating methoxy group and the alkenic double bond in enhancing reactivity of the benzene ring with respect to electrophilic attack. The NMR spectra of chalcone which demonstrated that the alkenic H-proton (δ 7.79, 7.72) the most sensitive to substituent effects.

The NMR spectra of 2-thienylidene sulfonylamino acid showed the resonance of thiophene protons as a doublet (δ 7.7). In chalcone PhCO.CH=CH moiety was estimated from the literature-data for PhCO and CH=CH group.²⁴

The electron impact mass spectra of the majority of the chalcone sulfonylamino acid derivatives showed the molecular ions M^+ .

EXPERIMENTAL

Melting points were taken on a Griffin melting point apparatus and are uncorrected. Infrared analysis of solid samples were run as a KBr disc on a Shimadzu model 440 spectrophotometer. ¹H NMR spectra were measured in DMSO-d₆ as a solvent unless otherwise stated using Fx 90 Q Fourier Transform ¹H NMR. Mass spectra were obtained using a Shimadzu (Japan). GC. M.S. QP 1000 Ex spectrometer using the direct inlet system. TLC analyses were carried out on Merck silica gel plates and developed with n-butanol-acetic acid-water (4:1:1) using iodine, ninhydrin, and benzidine as spraying agents.

Compounds **2**, **15**, and **27** were prepared according to the procedure described earlier.^{25,26}

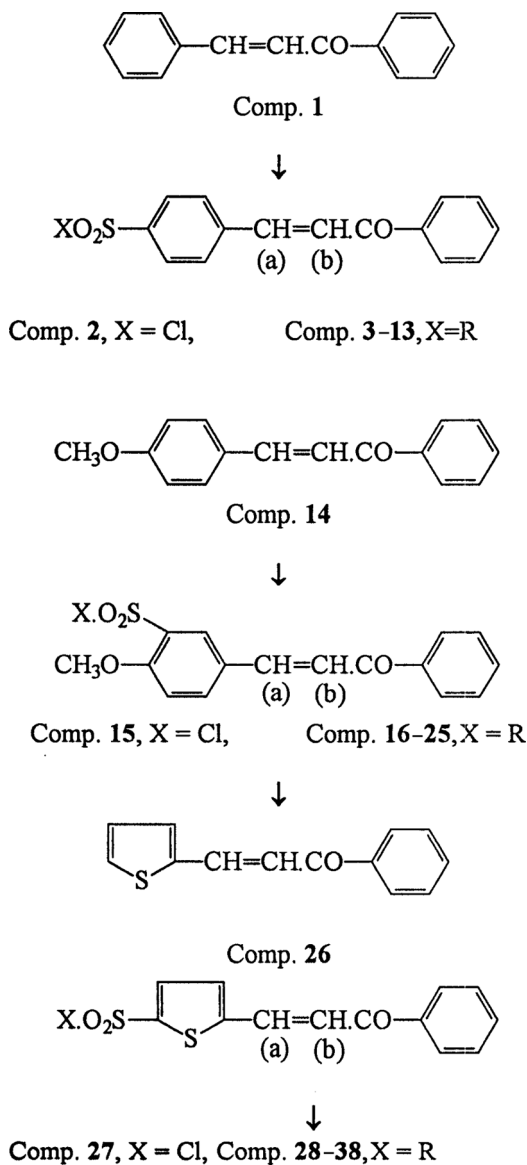


CHART 1

Coupling Reaction 3-5, 16-18, and 28-31: General Procedure

To an amino acid (0.11 mol) in a water (25 mL) THF (15 mL) mixture was added triethylamine (5 mL), followed by a portionwise addition

TABLE I Physical Data for the Chalconesulfonyl, Amino Acid Derivatives 2-13, 16-25, and 28-38

Compound No.	R	M.P. °C	Yield %	R _f	Molecular Formula	Elemental Analysis % Calculated/Found			
						% C	% H	% N	% S
3	Gly	224-226	53	0.76	C ₁₇ H ₁₅ NO ₅ S	59.13	4.35	4.06	9.28
						59.10	4.33	4.03	9.25
4	DL-Ala	264-266	64	0.73	C ₁₈ H ₁₇ NO ₅ S	60.17	4.74	3.90	9.91
						60.00	4.71	3.89	9.90
5	L-Val	230-232	70	0.80	C ₂₀ H ₂₁ NO ₅ S	62.02	5.43	3.62	8.27
						62.00	5.41	3.61	8.11
6	L-Leu	244-246	75	0.74	C ₂₁ H ₂₃ NO ₅ S	62.84	5.74	3.49	7.98
						62.80	5.71	3.41	7.96
7	L-Val-OMe	266-268	76	0.84	C ₂₁ H ₂₃ NO ₅ S	62.84	5.79	3.49	7.98
						62.84	5.73	3.45	7.96
8	L-Leu-OMe	268-270	79	0.77	C ₂₂ H ₂₅ NO ₅ S	63.61	6.02	3.37	7.71
						63.60	6.00	3.33	7.70
9	L-Val-N ₂ H ₃	248-250	63	0.71	C ₂₀ H ₂₃ N ₃ O ₄ S	59.85	5.74	10.47	7.98
						59.81	5.73	10.41	7.93
10	L-Leu-N ₂ H ₃	259-261	66	0.77	C ₂₁ H ₂₅ N ₃ O ₄ S	60.72	6.02	10.12	7.71
						60.70	6.00	10.00	7.00
11	Gly-Gly-OMe	278-280	65	0.85	C ₂₀ H ₂₀ N ₂ O ₆ S	57.69	4.81	6.73	7.69
						57.00	4.80	6.71	7.66
12	DL-Ala-Gly-OMe	255-257	77	0.94	C ₂₁ H ₂₂ N ₂ O ₆ S	58.60	5.12	6.51	7.44
						58.58	5.10	6.48	7.41
13	L-Leuc-Gly-OMe	280-282	70	0.90	C ₂₄ H ₂₈ N ₂ O ₆ S	61.02	5.93	5.93	6.79
						61.00	5.90	5.91	6.73
16	DL-Ala	209-211	55	0.61	C ₁₉ H ₁₉ NO ₆ S	58.61	4.88	3.60	8.23
						58.58	4.83	3.50	8.19

17	L-Val	212–214	50	0.63	$C_{21}H_{23}NO_6S$	60.43	5.52	3.36	7.67
18	L-Leu-OMe	L-Leu 194–196	60	0.77	$C_{22}H_{25}NO_6S$	60.40	5.48	3.30	7.61
19			66	0.80	$C_{22}H_{25}NO_6S$	61.25	5.80	3.25	7.42
20	L-Leu-OMe	214–216	67	0.84	$C_{23}H_{27}NO_6S$	61.21	5.76	3.18	7.33
21	L-Val-N ₂ H ₃	196–198	67	0.84	$C_{23}H_{27}NO_6S$	61.25	5.80	3.25	7.42
22	L-Leu-N ₂ H ₃	222–224	71	0.76	$C_{21}H_{25}N_3O_5S$	61.19	5.77	3.16	7.38
23	DL-Ala-Gly-OMe	230–232	69	0.74	$C_{22}H_{27}N_3O_5S$	62.02	6.07	3.15	7.19
24	L-Val-Gly-OMe	170–172	58	0.98	$C_{22}H_{24}N_2O_7S$	62.00	6.00	3.00	7.00
25	L-Leu-Gly-OMe	148–150	52	0.92	$C_{24}H_{28}N_2O_7S$	58.47	5.80	9.74	7.42
28	DL-Ala	162–164	88	0.75	$C_{25}H_{30}N_2O_7S$	58.41	5.77	9.71	7.38
29	L-Val	151–153	49	0.78	$C_{18}H_{19}NO_5S_2$	59.32	6.07	9.44	7.19
30	L-Leu	162–164	58	0.76	$C_{19}H_{21}NO_5S_2$	59.30	6.00	9.33	7.00

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TABLE I Physical Data for the Chalconesulfonyl, Amino Acid Derivatives 2-13, 16-25, and 28-38
(Continued)

Compound No.	R	M.P. °C	Yield %	R _f	Molecular Formula	Elemental Analysis % Calculated/Found			
						% C	% H	% N	% S
31	N-Et ₂	94-96	53	0.61	C ₁₇ H ₁₇ NO ₃ S ₂	58.45	5.44	4.01	18.34
						58.41	5.42	4.00	18.34
32	DL-Ala-OMe	109-111	53	0.77	C ₁₇ H ₁₇ NO ₅ S ₂	53.82	4.49	3.69	16.89
						53.80	4.44	3.63	16.81
33	L-Val-OMe	117-119	50	0.71	C ₁₉ H ₂₁ NO ₅ S ₂	56.02	5.16	3.44	15.72
						56.00	5.10	3.41	15.70
34	L-Leu-OMe	129-131	56	0.77	C ₂₀ H ₃₃ NO ₅ S ₂	57.01	5.46	3.33	15.20
						57.00	5.41	3.30	15.00
35	L-Val-N ₂ H ₃	100-102	69	0.75	C ₁₈ H ₂₁ N ₃ O ₄ S ₂	53.07	5.16	10.32	15.72
						53.00	5.11	10.31	15.71
36	L-Leu-N ₂ H ₃	112-114	71	0.80	C ₁₉ H ₂₃ N ₃ O ₄ S ₂	54.16	5.46	9.98	15.20
						54.00	5.41	9.91	15.13
37	L-Val-Gly-OMe	208-210	62	0.84	C ₂₁ H ₂₄ N ₂ O ₆ S ₂	54.31	5.17	6.03	13.79
						54.31	5.11	6.00	13.71
38	L-Leu-Gly-OMe	200-202	79	0.87	C ₂₂ H ₂₆ N ₂ O ₆ S ₂	55.23	5.44	5.86	13.39
						55.21	5.41	5.81	13.33

of sulfonyl chlorides (0.1 mol) during 30 min. The temperature of the reaction mixture during the process of the addition was kept at 10°C. Stirring continued for 4 h at 20°C. Tetrahydrofuran was removed by concentration of the reaction mixture under reduced pressure. Water (50 mL) was then added and acidified with 2M HCl to pH5. The crude products were filtered and recrystallized (ethanol-water). All of products **3–5**, **16–18**, and **28–31** were chromatographically homogeneous by iodine and benzidine development in TLC, Table I and Chart 1.

IR of **4**: ν 3400 cm^{-1} (NH), ν 1690 cm^{-1} (CO), ν 1420, 1360 cm^{-1} ($\text{SO}_2\text{-NH}$), ν 1600 cm^{-1} (Ar-C=C), ν 1320, 1160 cm^{-1} (SO_2)

IR of **17**: ν 1680 cm^{-1} (CO), ν 1600 cm^{-1} (Ar-C=C), ν 1320, 1180 cm^{-1} (SO_2)

IR of **30**: ν 3200 cm^{-1} (NH), ν 1680 cm^{-1} (CO), ν 1610 cm^{-1} (Ar-C=C), ν 1350, 1160 cm^{-1} (SO_2)

^1H NMR of **4**: (DMSO- d_6): δ 1.1–1.2 (s, 3H, CH_3), δ 4.2–4.6 (s, αH , CH), δ 4.7–5.2 (s, H, NH), δ 7.8–7.7 (9H, ArH), δ 8.1, 7.4 (alkenic H_a , H_b), δ 10.9 (s, H, COOH). **MS of 4**: m/z 359 (M^+)

^1H NMR of **17**: (DMSO- d_6): δ 0.9[s, 6H, $(\text{CH}_3)_2$], δ 1.97 (s, H, β CH), δ 4.26 (s, H, αCH), δ 3.97 (s, 3H, O- CH_3), δ 4.8–5.2 (s, H, NH), δ 8.30–7.03 (10H, ArH and alkenic H_a , H_b), (H_a) 7.79, 7.72, (H_b) 7.53, 7.49, δ 10.9 (s, H, COOH). **MS of 17**: m/z 417 (M^+)

^1H NMR of **30**: (DMSO- d_6): δ 0.9[s, 6H, $(\text{CH}_3)_2$], δ 4.5(s, 2H, CH_2), δ 8.4–7.5 (9H, ArH), and alkenic H_a , H_b , δ 9.8 (s, H, COOH), δ 10.49 (s, H, SO_2NH). **MS of 30**: m/z 407 (M^+)

^1H NMR of **31**: (DMSO- d_6): δ 0.9[s, 6H, $(\text{CH}_3)_2$], δ 8.5–7.5(9H, ArH and $\text{CH}=\text{CH}$), δH_a , 7.72, δH_b 7.53, δ 7.7 (s, 2H, thiophene 3,4-H), δ 3.4–3.2 (4H, N · CH_2 · CH_3), δ 1.3–1.15(6H, N- CH_2 - CH_3). **MS of 31**: 349 (M^+), 277 (M-NEt_2), signals removed by D_2O treatment 213 ($\text{M-SO}_2\text{-NEt}_2$).

Synthesis of Chalcone Sulfonylamino Acid Methyl Esters **7–8**, **19–20**, and **33–34**: General Procedure

A suspension of coupling reaction products **5–6**, **17**, **18**, **28**, and **30** (0.2 mole) in absolute methanol (100 mL) was cooled to -10°C , and pure

thionyl chloride (2.2 mL) was added dropwise during 1 h. The reaction mixture was stirred for an additional 3–4 h at r.t. after standing overnight, and the solvent was removed by vacuum distillation. The residual solid material was recrystallized (methanol-water). (cf., Table I, Chart 1).

- IR of 8: ν 3300, 3180 cm^{-1} (NH), ν 1600, 1610 cm^{-1} (CO), ν 1370, 1170 cm^{-1} (SO_2 -NH), ν 1610 cm^{-1} (ArC–C), ν 1350, 1150 cm^{-1} (SO_2), ν 1360 cm^{-1} (COOCH_3)
- ^1H NMR of 19: ($\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ 8.2–7.0(Ar-H and alkenic H_a , H_b), δ 3.51–3.41(s, 3H, COOCH_3)
- ^1H NMR of 32: ($\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ 8.04(s, H, NH), δ 3.75(s, 3H, COOCH_3), δ 4.4(H, αCH), δ 1.2(3H, βCH_3) absence of OH proton, and other peak in support of their structure

Synthesis of Chalcone Sulfonylamino Acid Hydrazides 9, 10, 19, 20, and 35, 36: General Procedure

The methyl esters **7**, **8**, **19**, **20**, **33**, and **34** (0.2 mol) were dissolved in ethanol (100 mL), and hydrazine hydrate 85% (0.2 mol) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred for 3 h at 20°C and left for 24 h at r. t. The crystalline products **19**, **10**, **19**, **20**, **35**, and **36** were filtered off, washed with water, and recrystallized (ethanol–water).

- IR of 35: ν 3340, 3125 cm^{-1} (NH), ν 1640 cm^{-1} (CO), ν 1600, 1550 cm^{-1} Ar C=C, ν 1340, 1180 cm^{-1} (SO_2)
- ^1H NMR of 36: ($\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ 9(H, SO_2NH), δ 8.2–7.5(Ar-H), δ 5.50 (H, NH), δ 5.61 (2H, NH₂)

Synthesis of Chalcone Sulfonylamino Dipeptide Methyl Esters 11–13, 23–25, and 37–38: General Procedure

To a solution of amino acid methyl ester hydrochloride (0.11 mol) in THF (100 mL) was added triethylamine (5 mL). The solution was stirred at 20°C for 30 min and cooled to 0°C, where the sulfonyl amino acid (0.001 mol) and dicyclohexylcarbodiimide DCC (1.62 g) were added to the mixture. The reaction mixture was stirred for 2 h at 0°C and for another 2 h at r.t. The precipitated dicyclohexylurea was filtered off, and acetic acid (2 mL) was added to the solution, which was left standing overnight. A precipitate was filtered off and the remaining solution was distilled under vacuum. The remaining solid was recrystallized (ethanol-water). The products were chromatographically homogeneous.

- IR of 12: ν 3300, 3100 cm^{-1} (NH, CONH), ν 1750 cm^{-1} (CO), ν 1320 cm^{-1} (COOCH₃)
- ¹H NMR of 12: (DMSO-d₆): δ 7.82 (s, 2H, SO₂NH), δ 8.04 (s, H, CONH), δ 3.8 (s, 3H, COOCH₃), δ 3.65 (s, 2H, CH₂), δ 4.32 (s, H, α -CH-alanyl) δ 1.21 (s, 3H, CH₃ alanyl) and other bands supporting the structure of dipeptide
- ¹H NMR of 37: (DMSO-d₆): δ 3.84 (s, 3H, COOCH₃), δ 4.26 (s, H, α CH valyl), δ 1.79 (s, H, β CH-valyl), δ 0.95 [s, 6H, (CH₃)₂], δ 3.65 (s, 2H, CH₂) and other bands supporting the structure of dipeptide

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