

Completely Regioselective *N*-Tosylation of 5-Acetyl-4-aryl-6-hydroxy-3,6-dimethyl-4,5,6,7-tetrahydroindazoles

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Abstract—The reaction of 5-acetyl-4-aryl-6-hydroxy-3,6-dimethyl-4,5,6,7-tetrahydroindazoles *p*-toluenesulfonyl chloride in boiling acetone in the presence of triethylamine was found to occur in a completely regioselective with the exclusive formation of 5-acetyl-4-aryl-6-hydroxy-3,6-dimethyl-1-(4-methylbenzenesulfonyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydroindazoles. The experimental results were confirmed by quantum chemical calculations. In silico biological activity evaluation of the synthesized compounds was performed.

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2,4-Diacyl(dialkoxycarbonyl)-3-*R*-5-hydroxy-5-methylcyclohexanones **1** (also referred to as cyclic β -hydroxy ketones of β -cycloketols) are promising building blocks for fine organic synthesis [1, 2]. Compounds **1** readily undergo heterocyclizations with various 1,2- and 1,3-binucleophiles to produce isoquinolines **2** [3–7], indazoles **3** [1, 8–12], 2,1-benzoxazoles **4** [1, 9–11], [1,2,4]triazolo[3,4-*b*]quinazolines **5** [13], pyrazolo[3,4-*c*]isoquinolines **6** [14], 4,5,6,7,8,9-hexahydropyrazolo[1,5-*a*]quinazolines **7** [15], and 6,7,8,8a-tetrahydropyrazolo[5,1-*b*]quinazolin-9(*5H*)-one derivatives **8** [16] (Scheme 1). Among the heterocyclic systems presented in Scheme 1, we focused on indazole derivatives **3**. The synthesis of compounds like **3** was described for the first time in the early 20th century [1, 17, 18]. Since that time, numerous data have been accumulated on the synthesis of analogous indazoles from various β -cycloketols and substituted hydrazines [8–12, 19–22]; however, their transformations and functionalizations have been explored to a much lesser extent. It should also be noted that indazole fragment is the key structural unit of many therapeutically important compounds (for reviews, see [23–26]).

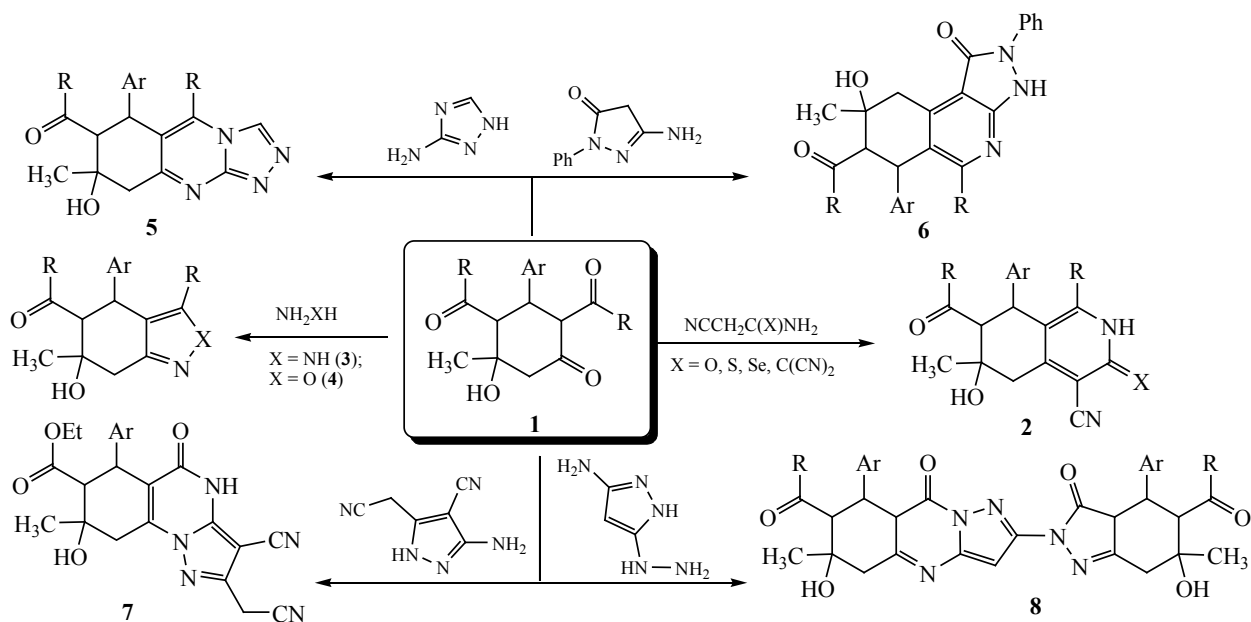
In continuation of our studies in the field of β -cycloketols and their analogs [15, 27–30], we turned our

attention to the regioselectivity of tosylation of indazoles **3**. A priori, the tosylation of **3** could give rise to N¹-, N²-, and/or 6-O-tosyl derivatives (Scheme 2). Regioisomeric N¹- and N²-substituted products could be formed assuming the possibility of prototropic tautomerism of **3**.

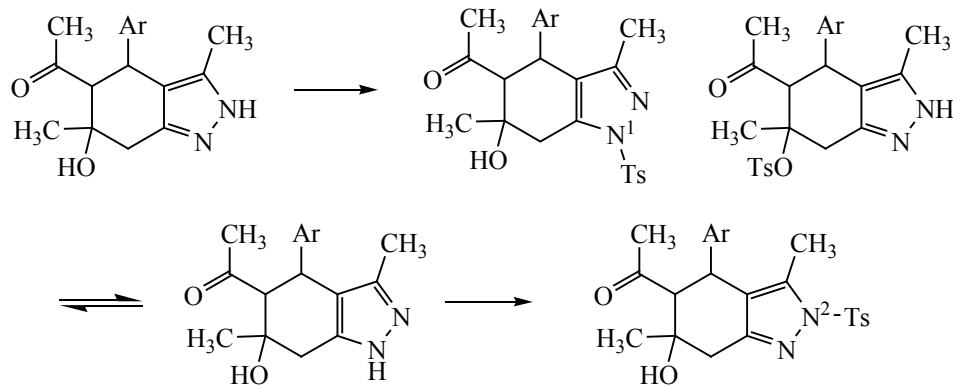
In fact, indazoles **3a–3e** reacted with tosyl chloride in anhydrous acetone in the presence of triethylamine as a base to afford exclusively N¹-tosyl derivatives **4a–4e** (Scheme 3). No O-tosylation products were detected; presumably, this reaction path is unfavorable for steric reasons. The structure of **4a–4e** was confirmed by NMR spectra and X-ray analysis of **4a**. It should be noted that both initial hydroxy ketone **1** [1] and its hydrazination products exist as mixtures of diastereoisomers with preferential *syn* orientation of the HO and CH₃C(O) groups. According to the X-ray diffraction data, indazole **3a** [31] and its hydrochloride [32] are racemates that crystallize in centrosymmetric space groups; at least two stereochemical configurations, (4*S*,5*R*,6*S*) or (4*R*,6*R*) were reported for these compounds. The presence of diastereoisomers of **4** is responsible for doubling of some signals in their NMR spectra.

Figure 1 shows the structure of molecule **4a** determined by X-ray analysis. It was identified as 1-[6-hy-

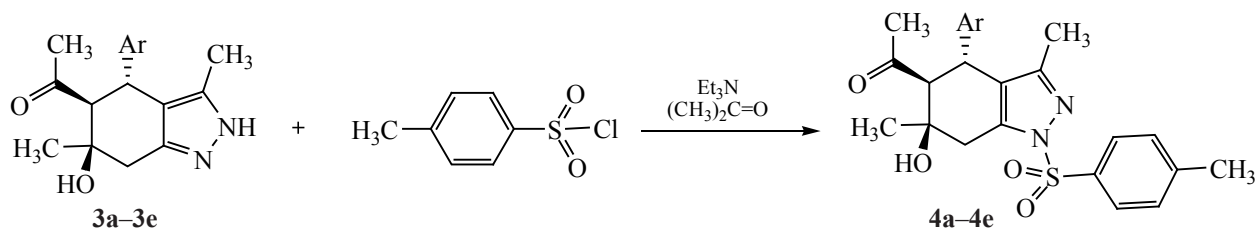
Scheme 1.



Scheme 2.



Scheme 3.



Ar = Ph (a), 4- $\text{CH}_3\text{C}_6\text{H}_4$ (b), 4- $\text{CH}_3\text{OC}_6\text{H}_4$ (c), 2-furyl (d), 4- ClC_6H_4 (e).

droxy-3,6-dimethyl-1-(4-methylbenzenesulfonyl)-4-phenyl-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-1*H*-indazol-5-yl]ethanone. The principal crystallographic data are given in Table 1, and Table 2 contains the bond lengths and bond angles in molecule 4a. The cyclohexene ring has a half-*chair*

conformation with the C⁵ and C⁴ atoms significantly deviating from the C⁶C⁷C² plane [by 0.521(5) and 0.270(5) Å, respectively] and the C³ atom lying almost in that plane (the deviation of C³ from the C⁶C⁷C² plane does not exceed 0.1 Å). The bond angles in the cyclohexene ring are

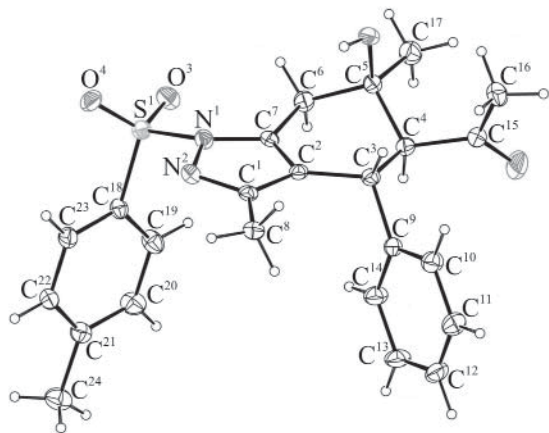


Fig. 1. Structure of the molecule of 1-[6-hydroxy-3,6-dimethyl-1-(4-methylbenzenesulfonyl)-4-phenyl-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-1*H*-indazol-5-yl]ethanone (**4a**) in crystal according to the X-ray diffraction data.

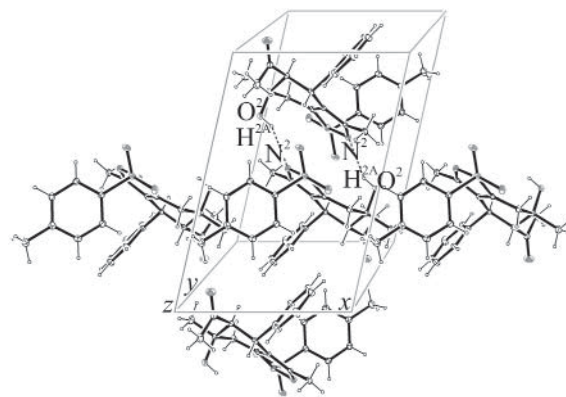


Fig. 2. A fragment of crystal packing of compound **4a**.

as follows: $C^2C^7C^6$ 125.0(3), $C^7C^6C^5$ 109.5(3), $C^6C^5C^4$ 108.6(3), $C^5C^4C^3$ 113.2(3), $C^4C^3C^2$ 110.3(3), $C^3C^2C^7$ 123.7(3) $^\circ$. Due to the presence of different substituents, the cyclohexene ring is characterized by the following torsion angles: $C^7C^6C^5C^4$ 51.0(4), $C^6C^5C^4C^3$ $-63.0(4)$, $C^5C^4C^3C^2$ 38.7(4), $C^4C^3C^2C^7$ $-6.0(5)$, $C^3C^2C^7C^6$ $-2.7(6)$, $C^2C^7C^6C^5$ $-21.0(5)$ $^\circ$. The substituents on C^3 , C^4 , and C^5 occupy equatorial positions but are oriented oppositely

with respect to each other. The hydroxy group on C^5 is axial. Similar orientations of substituents were reported previously [33, 34]. The pyrazole ring in molecule **4a** is virtually planar, and deviations of atoms from the $C^7N^1C^1N^2C^2$ plane are within 0.001–0.011 Å. The bond lengths and bond angles in the pyrazole ring conform to the corresponding reference values: N^2-C^1 1.321(4), C^1-C^2 1.424(4), C^2-C^7 1.364(4), C^7-N^1 1.388(4), N^1-N^2

Table 1. Some crystallographic parameters for compound **4a**

Parameter	Value	Parameter	Value
Formula	$C_{24}H_{26}N_2O_4S$	μ , mm^{-1}	0.179
Molecular weight	438.53	$F(000)$	464
Crystal system	Triclinic	Crystal dimensions, mm	0.37×0.30×0.20
Space group	$P1^-$	θ , deg	1.70–24.71
a , Å	8.4141(6)	Reflection indices	$-9 \leq h \leq 9$
b , Å	11.2364(8)		$-13 \leq k \leq 13$
c , Å	12.6166(9)		$-14 \leq l \leq 14$
α , deg	75.032(2)	Total/independent reflection number	11826/3761 ($R_{int} = 0.0626$)
β , deg	77.310(2)	Number of reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$	2599
γ , deg	77.678(2)	Number of variables	284
V , Å ³	1108.56(14)	R [reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$]	$R_1 = 0.0642$, $wR_2 = 0.1451$
Z	2	R (all independent reflections)	$R_1 = 0.1007$, $wR_2 = 0.1639$
d_{calc} , g/cm ³	1.314	Goodness of fit (F^2)	0.999
		$\Delta\rho_{max}/\Delta\rho_{min}$, $e/\text{Å}^3$	0.261/–0.276

Table 2. Some bond angles and bond lengths in molecule **4a**

Angle	ω , deg	Angle	ω , deg	Bond	d , Å
O ⁴ S ¹ O ³	120.71(17)	N ² C ¹ C ²	111.3(3)	S ¹ –O ⁴	1.421(3)
O ⁴ S ¹ N ¹	106.77(15)	N ² C ¹ C ⁸	120.4(3)	S ¹ –O ³	1.421(3)
O ³ S ¹ N ¹	104.52(15)	C ²³ C ¹⁸ S ¹	119.8(3)	S ¹ –N ¹	1.680(3)
O ⁴ S ¹ C ¹⁸	108.82(17)	C ¹⁹ C ¹⁸ S ¹	119.4(3)	S ¹ –C ¹⁸	1.745(4)
O ³ S ¹ C ¹⁸	110.38(16)	O ² C ⁵ C ¹⁷	105.5(3)	O ¹ –C ¹⁵	1.200(4)
N ¹ S ¹ C ¹⁸	104.26(15)	O ² C ⁵ C ⁶	110.4(3)	N ¹ –N ²	1.386(4)
N ² N ¹ C ⁷	111.2(3)	O ² C ⁵ C ⁴	111.3(3)	N ¹ –C ⁷	1.388(4)
N ² N ¹ S ¹	115.6(2)	C ² C ⁷ N ¹	106.1(3)	N ² –C ¹	1.321(4)
C ⁷ N ¹ S ¹	128.7(2)	N ¹ C ⁷ C ⁶	128.2(3)		
C ¹ N ² N ¹	105.1(3)				

Table 3. Hydrogen bonds in the crystal structure of compound **4a**

D–H···A	Symmetry operation	$d(\text{H}\cdots\text{A})$, Å	$d(\text{D}–\text{H})$, Å	$d(\text{D}\cdots\text{A})$, Å	$\omega(\text{D}–\text{H}\cdots\text{A})$
O ₂ –H ^{2A} ···N ²	1 – x , 1 – y , 1 – z	2.26(5)	0.78(5)	2.959(3)	151.0(4)

Table 4. Calculated [B3LYP/6-31G(d,p)] partial negative charges on the nitrogen atoms in molecule **3a**

Atom	Mulliken charge	Electrostatic charge
N ⁸	–0.387	–0.060
N ⁹	–0.429	–0.626

1.386(4) Å; 111.3(3)–105.1(3)° [35]. The tosyl substituent on N¹ is axial, and the methyl group on C¹ is equatorial; the S¹ atom of the tosyl group deviates from the pyrazole ring plane by 0.502(5) Å upward, whereas deviation of the methyl carbon atom (C⁸) from that plane is insignificant [0.043(5) Å]. Molecules **4a** in crystal are linked through intermolecular hydrogen bonds (Table 3, Fig. 2) to form dimers with a graph set descriptor of R₂²(8) [36].

In order to rationalize the observed regioselectivity of the tosylation of indazoles **3**, we performed a theoretical study of their reactivity and relative thermodynamic stability of possible products. The calculations were carried out in the framework of density functional theory (DFT) using a widely known B3LYP hybrid functional [37, 38] and split-valence 6-31G(d,p) basis set implemented in GAMESS (US) software package. The optimized structures were visualized by ChemCraft. The ground-state energies were calculated after preliminary search for most stable conformations, followed by geometry optimization. Non-specific solvation was taken into account according to the CPCM model with acetone as solvent [39].

The completely regioselective tosylation of **3a** at the N¹ atom (Figs. 3, 4) is primarily determined by the kinetic factor, i.e., by a significant difference in the partial negative charges on the N¹ and N² atoms (Table 4). This difference arises from the involvement of the N² lone electron pair (LEP) in the pyrazole aromatic system; in contrast, the LEP on N¹ appears in the pyrazole ring plane and is not involved in conjugation. Presumably, the thermodynamic factor is not crucial here, since the energy difference between the isomeric N¹- and N²-substituted compounds is as small as 4.8 kJ/mol. Conformational analysis of product **3a** revealed two most stable conformers **3a-1** and **3a-2** (Fig. 4) with an energy difference of 0.06 kJ/mol in favor of the former, where the benzene rings are located at the same side of the tetrahydroindazole plane.

Compounds **4a–4e** were analyzed in silico to predict their drug-likeness, ADMET (Absorption, Distribution, Metabolism, Excretion, Toxicity) parameters, biological activity, and possible targets with the aid OSIRIS Property Explorer [40], SwissADME [41], SwissTargetPrediction [42], Molinspiration Property Calculation Service [43],

and AntiBac-Pred services [44]. OSIRIS Property Explorer was used to evaluate $c\text{Log } P$ (lipophilicity), $\log S$ (solubility), TPSA (Topological Polar Surface Area), risks of side effects (such as mutagenic, oncogenic, and reproductive), drug-likeness, and drug score [40]. The structures were analyzed for the conformity to “Lipinski’s rule of five” ($c\text{Log } P \leq 5.0$, $\text{MW} \leq 500$, $\text{TPSA} \leq 140$, number of H-bond acceptors ≤ 10 , number of H-bond donors ≤ 5) [45–47]. The results are presented in Table 5.

It is seen that the $c\text{Log } P$ values of **4a–4e** do not exceed 2.9, which suggests a good absorption and acceptable lipophilicity [45–47]. All compounds (except for **4b** and **4e**) are characterized by an acceptable solubility ($\log S$). The molecular weights of **4a–4e** do not exceed 500, which meets Lipinski’s rule of five. On the other hand, compound **4e** was the only one that showed a positive drug-likeness value. All compounds **4a–4e** exhibited a moderately high drug score (~ 0.3). Possible toxicological risks for the reproductive systems were predicted for all these compounds. Molinspiration Property Calculation Service predicted kinase inhibitory activity of **4a–4e** as the most probable biological activity (Molinspiration bioactivity score -0.42 to -0.26).

The AntiBac-Pred computations suggest probable resistance of *Staphylococcus simulans* and *Mycobacterium*

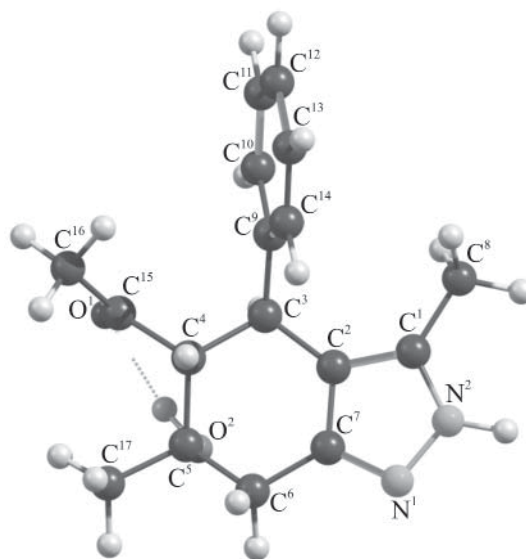


Fig. 3. Optimized structure of 1-[6-hydroxy-3,6-dimethyl-4-phenyl-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-1*H*-indazol-5-yl]ethanone (**3a**).

ulcerans toward the examined compounds [the confidence parameters (C) calculated as the difference between probable activity (P_A) and probable inactivity (P_I) range from 0.28 to 0.42 and from 0.18 to 0.36, respectively]. Antibacterial activities against *Staphylococcus lugdunensis* ($C =$

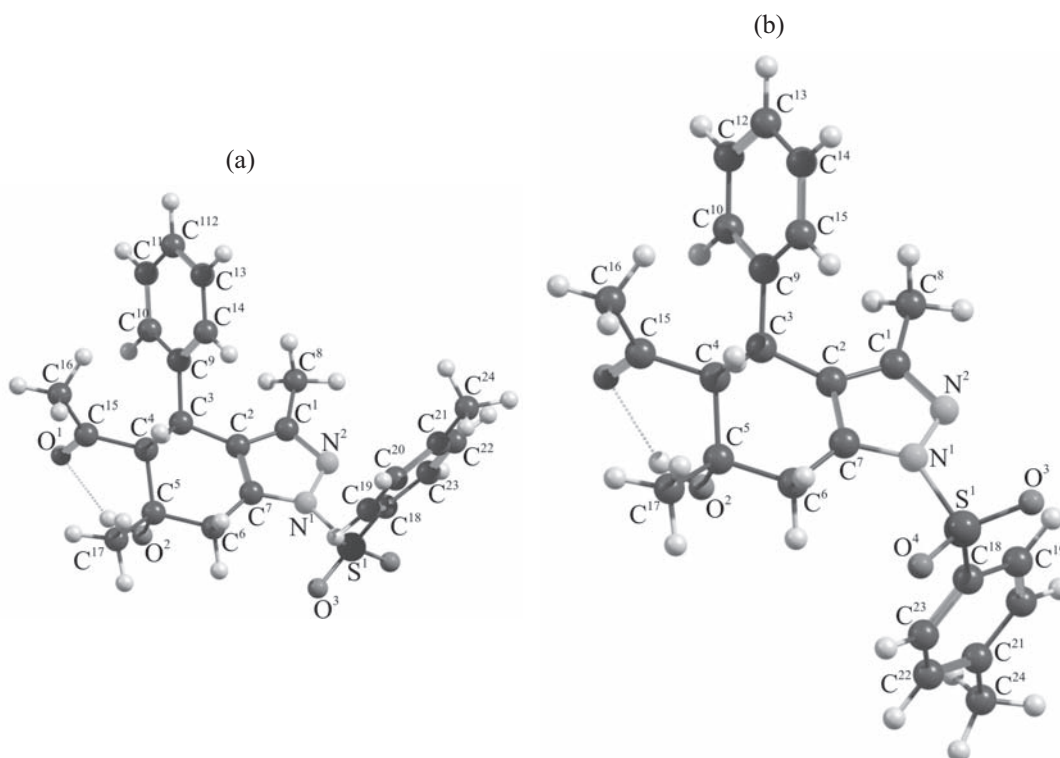


Fig. 4. Most stable conformers of compound **4a** with (a) *syn* and (b) *anti* orientation of the benzene rings.

Table 5. Toxicity risks and physicochemical characteristics of compounds **4a–4e** predicted by OSIRIS Property Explorer

Comp. no.	Risk ^a				Physicochemical characteristics					
	mutagenicity	oncogenicity	irritant	reproductive effects	cLogP	logS	MW	TPSA	drug-likeness	drug score
4a	–	–	–	+	2.27	–4.01	438	97.64	–0.14	0.31
4b	–	–	–	+	2.62	–4.36	452	97.64	–0.39	0.27
4c	–	–	–	+	2.20	–4.02	468	106.8	–0.19	0.29
4d	–	–	–	+	1.46	–3.69	428	110.7	–0.53	0.31
4e	–	–	–	+	2.88	–4.74	472	97.64	0.67	0.29

^a “–” stands for predicted absence of toxicity, and “+” stands for possible toxicity risk.

Table 6. ADMET parameters and biological activity of compounds **4a–4e** predicted by SwissADME and SwissTargetPrediction

Comp. no.	Hastrointestinal absorption	BBB permeability	Cytochrome P450 inhibition ^a					Possible targets	Bioavailability index
			CYP1A2	CYP2C19	CYP2C9	CYP2D6	CYP3A4		
4a	High	No	–	+	–	–	+	A GPCR ^b	0.55
4b	High	No	–	+	–	–	+	A GPCR ^b	0.55
4c	High	No	–	+	–	–	+	Enzymes	0.55
4d	High	No	–	+	–	–	+	–	0.55
4e	High	No	–	+	+	–	+	Enzymes A GPCR ^b	0.55

^a “+” and “–” stand for the presence or absence of effect, respectively.

^b A GPCR denotes class A G-protein-conjugated receptors.

0.24–0.33) and *Staphylococcus sciuri* ($C = 0.29–0.32$ for **4a–4c**) were predicted.

According to the SwissADME prediction, all compounds **4a–4e** are characterized by high gastrointestinal absorption and the lack of BBB (blood–brain barrier) permeability, as well as by possible inhibitory activity against proteins of the cytochrome P450 family (CYP) (Table 6). As the SwissTargetPrediction data showed, the most probable targets of all compounds (except for **4d** for which no appropriate targets were found) are a number of enzymes and class A G-protein-conjugated receptors. The bioavailability index for all compounds is equal to 0.55, in keeping with Lipinski’s rule of five [48].

In summary, the tosylation of indazoles obtained from cyclic β -hydroxy ketones and hydrazine gives the corresponding *N*¹-tosyl derivatives with complete regioselectivity. Theoretical study of the reactivity of the initial indazoles and thermodynamic stability of the tosylation products confirmed the predominant reaction direction and revealed the determining effect of the kinetic factor. In silico evaluation of biological activity of the synthesized *N*-tosylindazoles showed that these compounds meet the bioavailability criterion and are promising candidates for further in vitro and in vivo screening.

EXPERIMENTAL

The ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AC-300 spectrometer (300 and 75 MHz, respectively) in CDCl₃ or DMSO-*d*₆ using the residual proton and carbon signals of the solvent as reference. The IR spectra were measured in KBr on a Varian 3600 FT-IR Excalibur Series spectrometer. The elemental analyses were obtained using a Carlo Erba 1106 CHN analyzer. The melting points were measured on a Koeffler hot stage and are uncorrected. The purity of the isolated compounds was checked by TLC on Silufol UV-254 plates using acetone–hexane (1:1) as eluent; spots were visualized by treatment with iodine vapor or under UV light.

1-[4-Aryl-6-hydroxy-3,6-dimethyl-1-(4-methylbenzenesulfonyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-1*H*-indazol-5-yl]-ethanones **4a–4e (general procedure).** A mixture of tetrahydroindazole **3a–3e** (50 mmol), 9.53 g (50 mmol) of *p*-toluenesulfonyl chloride, and 10 mL of triethylamine in 300 mL of anhydrous acetone was refluxed for 6–8 h (TLC). The mixture was cooled and diluted with 300 mL of cold distilled water, the resulting suspension was kept for 24 h, and the precipitate was filtered off and recrystal-

lized from ethanol. Compounds **4a–4e** were isolated as white finely crystalline powders.

1-[6-Hydroxy-3,6-dimethyl-1-(4-methylbenzenesulfonyl)-4-phenyl-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-1*H*-indazol-5-yl]ethanone (4a). Yield 65%, mp 178°C, stereoisomer ratio ~3 : 1. ¹H NMR spectrum (CDCl₃), δ, ppm: major stereoisomer: 1.39 s (3H, CH₃), 1.50 s (3H, CH₃), 1.68 s (3H, CH₃), 2.41 s (3H, CH₃), 2.91–3.05 m (2H, 5-H, 7-H, overlapped), 3.29 d (1H, 7-H, ²*J* = 17.9 Hz), 3.70 br.s (1H, OH), 4.02 d (1H, 4-H, ³*J* = 10.6 Hz), 7.07 d (2H, H_{arom}, ³*J* = 7.7 Hz), 7.28–7.33 m (5H, H_{arom}), 7.86 d (2H, MeC₆H₄, ³*J* = 8.1 Hz); minor stereoisomer: 1.32 s (3H, CH₃), 1.66 s (3H, CH₃), 2.71 d (1H, 7-H, ²*J* = 16.7 Hz), 3.55 br.s (1H, OH), 4.09 d (1H, 4-H, ³*J* = 11.5 Hz), 7.80 d (2H, MeC₆H₄, ³*J* = 8.3 Hz). ¹³C NMR spectrum (CDCl₃), δ_C, ppm: major stereoisomer: 13.3, 21.6, 28.3, 34.7, 37.4, 41.7, 62.7, 71.2, 119.4, 127.5, 128.0, 129.1, 129.9, 135.0, 140.1, 140.8, 145.2, 152.4, 162.2, 216.3; minor stereoisomer, 11.9, 28.2, 37.0, 41.6, 63.1, 71.3, 118.9, 127.4, 129.8, 139.7, 140.9, 145.6, 152.6, 162.1, 216.2. Found, %: C 65.70; H 6.06; N 6.37. C₂₄H₂₆N₂O₄S. Calculated, %: C 65.73; H 5.98; N 6.39.

1-[6-Hydroxy-3,6-dimethyl-1-(4-methylbenzenesulfonyl)-4-(4-methylphenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-1*H*-indazol-5-yl]ethanone (4b). Yield 62%, mp 173°C. ¹H NMR spectrum (DMSO-*d*₆), δ, ppm: 1.28 s (3H, CH₃), 1.34 s (3H, CH₃), 2.02 s (3H, CH₃), 2.22 s (3H, CH₃), 2.37 s (3H, CH₃), 2.81 d (1H, 5-H, ³*J* = 10.7 Hz), 3.15 br.s (2H, 7-H), 4.17 d (1H, 4-H, ³*J* = 10.7 Hz), 4.94 br.s (1H, OH), 6.99 d (2H, 4-C₆H₄, ³*J* = 7.5 Hz), 7.05 d (2H, 4-C₆H₄, ³*J* = 7.5 Hz), 7.42 d (2H, *m*-H, Ts, ³*J* = 7.8 Hz), 7.79 d (2H, *o*-H, Ts, ³*J* = 7.8 Hz). ¹³C NMR spectrum (DMSO-*d*₆), δ_C, ppm: 12.9, 20.6, 21.1, 28.0, 30.7, 38.7, 38.9, 65.0, 69.4, 120.7, 127.3, 128.4, 129.2, 130.2, 134.6, 136.0, 137.9, 141.7, 145.4, 152.3, 210.1. Found, %: C 66.34; H 6.36; N 6.15. C₂₅H₂₈N₂O₄S. Calculated, %: C 66.35; H 6.24; N 6.19.

1-[6-Hydroxy-3,6-dimethyl-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-(4-methylbenzenesulfonyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-1*H*-indazol-5-yl]ethanone (4c). Yield 59%, mp 184°C, stereoisomer ratio ~4 : 1. ¹H NMR spectrum (CDCl₃), δ, ppm: major stereoisomer: 1.37 s (3H, CH₃), 1.52 s (3H, CH₃), 1.71 s (3H, CH₃), 2.40 s (3H, CH₃), 2.89–3.02 m (2H, 5-H, 7-H, overlapped), 3.26 d (1H, 7-H, ²*J* = 18.1 Hz), 3.69 br.s (1H, OH), 3.78 s (3H, OCH₃), 3.98 d (1H, 4-H, ³*J* = 10.7 Hz), 6.82 d (2H, *m*-H, 4-MeOC₆H₄, ³*J* = 8.3 Hz), 6.99 d (2H, *o*-H, 4-MeOC₆H₄, ³*J* = 8.3 Hz), 7.31 d (2H, *m*-H, Ts, ³*J* = 8.0 Hz), 7.85 d (2H, *o*-H, Ts, ³*J* = 8.0 Hz);

minor stereoisomer, 1.31 s (3H, CH₃), 1.69 s (3H, CH₃), 1.86 s (3H, CH₃), 2.68 d (1H, 7-H, ²*J* = 16.2 Hz), 3.54 br.s (1H, OH), 4.04 d (1H, 4-H, ³*J* = 11.1 Hz), 7.79 d (2H, *o*-H, Ts, ³*J* = 8.7 Hz). ¹³C NMR spectrum (CDCl₃), δ_C, ppm: major stereoisomer: 13.4, 21.6, 28.3, 34.7, 37.4, 40.9, 55.1, 62.7, 71.2, 114.4, 119.7, 127.5, 129.9, 131.9, 135.0, 140.6, 145.2, 152.5, 158.8, 162.2, 216.5; minor stereoisomer: 11.8, 21.6, 28.4, 37.0, 40.7, 63.2, 71.2, 114.3, 119.1, 127.6, 129.0, 129.8, 132.6, 139.7, 142.3, 152.0, 158.6, 162.3, 216.4. Found, %: C 64.04; H 6.06; N 6.00. C₂₅H₂₈N₂O₅S. Calculated, %: C 64.08; H 6.02; N 5.98.

1-[4-(Furan-2-yl)-6-hydroxy-3,6-dimethyl-1-(4-methylbenzenesulfonyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-1*H*-indazol-5-yl]ethanone (4d). Yield 57%, mp 136°C. ¹H NMR spectrum (CDCl₃), δ, ppm: 1.39 s (3H, CH₃), 1.66 s (3H, CH₃), 1.86 s (3H, CH₃), 2.40 s (3H, CH₃), 2.97 d (1H, 7-H, ²*J* = 17.9 Hz), 3.16–3.28 m (2H, 5-H, 7-H), 3.64 br.s (1H, OH), 4.20 d (1H, 4-H, ³*J* = 10.7 Hz), 6.15–6.16 m (1H, 3-H, Fu), 6.31–6.32 m (1H, 4-H, Fu), 7.31 d (2H, *m*-H, Ts, ³*J* = 7.9 Hz), 7.36–7.37 m (1H, 5-H, Fu), 7.85 d (2H, *o*-H, Ts, ³*J* = 7.8 Hz). ¹³C NMR spectrum (CDCl₃), δ_C, ppm: 12.3, 21.6, 28.3, 33.7, 34.9, 37.3, 58.9, 71.0, 108.3, 110.5, 117.3, 127.6, 129.9, 135.0, 140.6, 142.3, 145.2, 152.0, 162.3, 215.9. Found, %: C 61.60; H 5.76; N 6.52. C₂₂H₂₄N₂O₅S. Calculated, %: C 61.67; H 5.65; N 6.54.

1-[4-(4-Chlorophenyl)-6-hydroxy-3,6-dimethyl-1-(4-methylbenzenesulfonyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-1*H*-indazol-5-yl]ethanone (4e). Yield 65%, mp 181°C, stereoisomer ratio ~3 : 1. ¹H NMR spectrum (DMSO-*d*₆), δ, ppm: major stereoisomer: 1.27 s (3H, CH₃), 1.36 s (3H, CH₃), 2.04 s (3H, CH₃), 2.39 s (3H, CH₃), 2.82 d (1H, 5-H, ³*J* = 11.2 Hz), 3.14 br.s (2H, 7-H), 4.24 d (1H, 4-H, ³*J* = 11.2 Hz), 5.00 br.s (1H, OH), 7.16 d (2H, ClC₆H₄, ³*J* = 8.3 Hz), 7.32 d (2H, ClC₆H₄, ³*J* = 8.3 Hz), 7.43 d (2H, *m*-H, Ts, ³*J* = 8.3 Hz), 7.78 d (2H, *o*-H, Ts, ³*J* = 8.3 Hz); minor stereoisomer: 1.18 s (3H, CH₃), 1.82 s (3H, CH₃), 2.00 s (3H, CH₃), 2.61 d (1H, 7-H, ²*J* = 16.6 Hz), 2.77 br.s (2H, 7-H), 4.28 d (1H, 4-H, ³*J* = 11.0 Hz), 4.85 br.s (1H, OH), 7.76 d (2H, *o*-H, Ts, ³*J* = 8.3 Hz). Found, %: C 60.88; H 5.45; N 6.00. C₂₄H₂₅ClN₂O₄S. Calculated, %: C 60.94; H 5.33; N 5.92.

X-Ray analysis of compound 4a. The X-ray diffraction data for compound **4a** were obtained at 296(2) K on a Bruker APEX-II automated three-circle diffractometer (MoK_α radiation, λ 0.71073 Å, graphite monochromator, CCD detector, ω-scanning, 2θ = 49.42°). The structure was solved by the direct method using SHELXL-2014

[49] and WINGX [50] and was refined against F^2 by the full-matrix least-squares method in anisotropic approximation for non-hydrogen atoms. Hydrogen atoms were placed in geometrically calculated positions (or their positions were determined by difference electron density synthesis) which were refined according to the riding model ($U_{\text{iso}} = nU_{\text{eq}}$, $n = 1.5$ for methyl groups, $n = 1.2$ for other hydrogens). The molecular structures were plotted using Platon [51] and Ortep-3 [52]. The coordinates of atoms and other crystallographic parameters of compound **4a** were deposited to the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre (CCDC entry no. 1874578).

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