

Regioselective Epimerisation of *cis*-3-Amino-4-oxo-azetidine-2-sulphonic acid and Synthesis of Monocyclic β -Lactams[☆]

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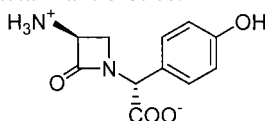
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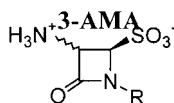
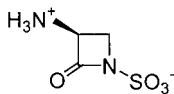
Abstract—A novel procedure for the regioselective epimerisation of *cis*-3-amino-4-oxo-azetidine-2-sulphonic acid (3-AAA) into the *trans*-isomer is described. It was found that a complete inversion of C-3 configuration of the *cis*-3-AAA takes place during the formation of a Schiff base. The cleavage of the imine bond of the Schiff base in methanol resulted in the generation of *trans*-3-AAA in good yield. Here is also described a preparation of novel *cis*- and *trans*-monobactams with an amidosulphonic acid group on azetidinone nitrogen. © 2000 Elsevier Science Ltd. All rights reserved.

Introduction

The preparation of monobactams is mostly based on derivatisation of 3-amino-nocardinic acid (3-ANA) as well as 3-amino-monobactamic acid (3-AMA). Recently, we reported the novel monocyclic β -lactam synthons *cis*- and *trans*-3-amino-4-oxo-azetidine-2-sulphonic acids (3-AAA) that could be very useful for further transformations into potential monobactam antibiotics.^{1,2}



3-ANA



3-AAA

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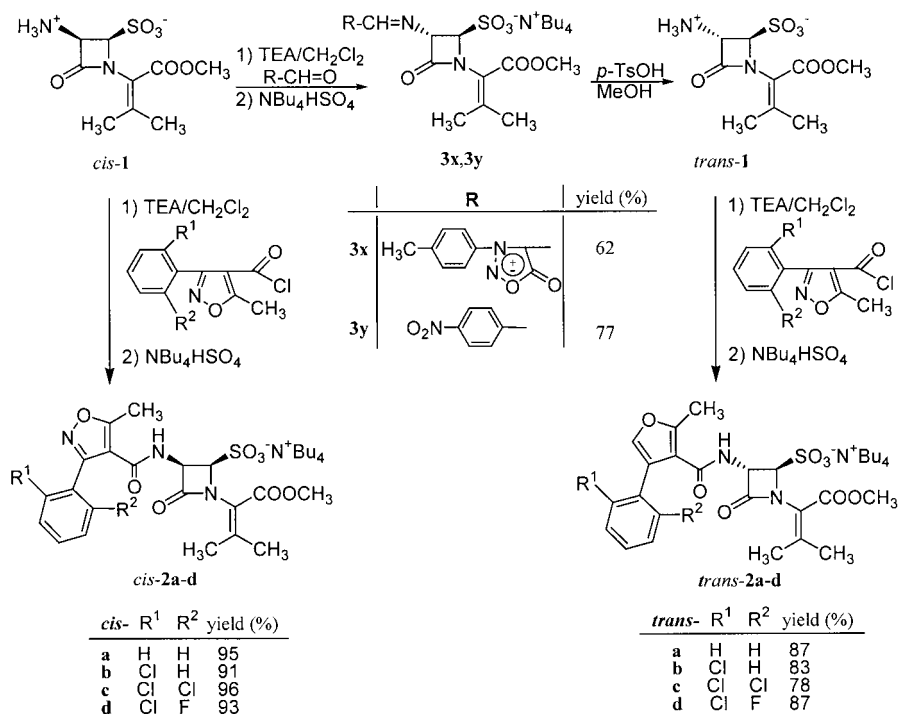
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The synthons *cis*-3-AAA and *trans*-3-AAA were previously generated in situ by hydrolysis of 2-sulphonic acid methyl ester group and 3-phenoxyacetamido side chain of the (2*R*,3*R*)- and (2*R*,3*S*)-3-phenoxyacetamido-4-oxo-azetidine-2-sulphonic acid methyl ester, respectively.^{3,4} The 3- β -methyl analogue of *cis*-3-AAA has also been prepared by total synthesis.⁵

Here we report a novel procedure for the generation of *trans*-3-AAA by epimerisation of *cis*-3-AAA. The new route enabled us to avoid the previously mentioned multi-step procedure for the preparation of *trans*-3-AAA and synthesise a series of novel *cis*- and *trans*-monobactams as potential antibacterial agents.

Results and Discussion

Starting from the β -lactam synthon *cis*-1^{1,2} and aromatic sydnonyl aldehyde^{6,7} we prepared Schiff base **3x** (Scheme 1). The coupling constant of the vicinal C₂-H and C₃-H protons from ¹H NMR spectra of imine **3x** confirmed the *trans*- geometry of the azetidinone ring, due to complete inversion of configuration at the C₃ position. Epimerisation is explained by the existence of the more acidic proton in the Schiff base, which gives the enolate with the traces of triethylamine (TEA) and subsequently the more stable *trans*-isomer. Similar epimerisation was observed earlier with the Schiff base of 6-aminopenicillins in the presence of diisopropylethylamine,⁸ and also in the case of 3-amino- β -lactams in the presence of lithium hexamethyldisilazide (LHMDS).⁹ Schiff base **3x** was hydrolysed

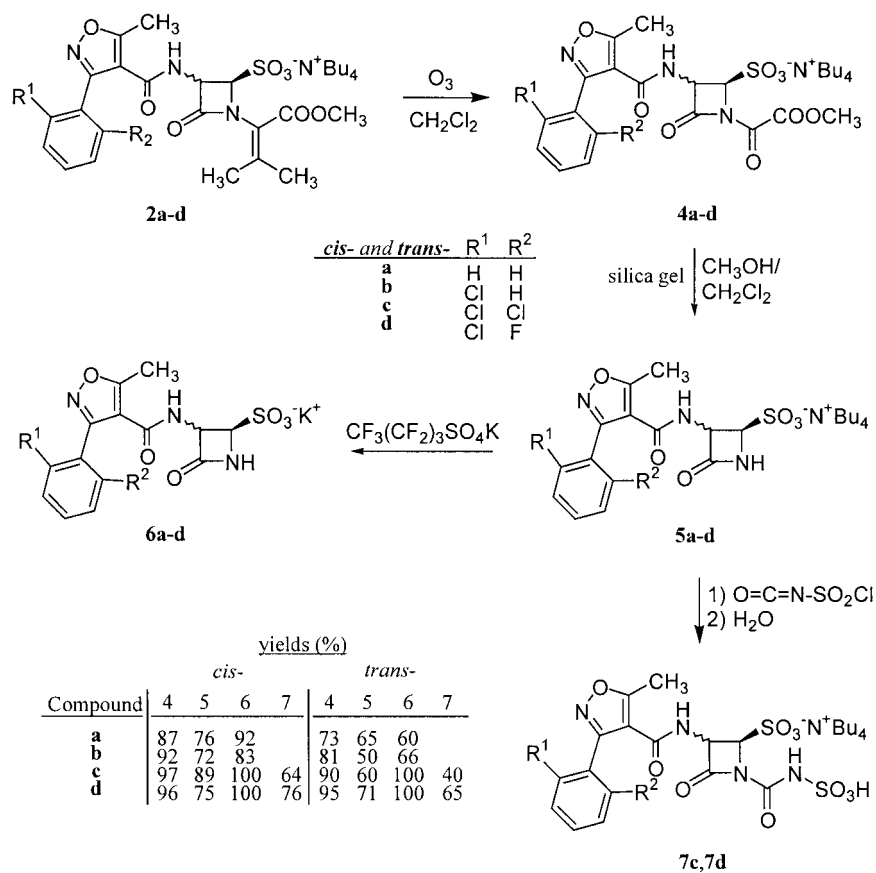


Scheme 1.

with *p*-toluenesulphonic acid in methanol and *trans*-1 was isolated by crystallisation. This procedure was improved using the more available *p*-nitrobenzaldehyde instead of sydnonyl aldehyde, which resulted in the preparation of

imine **3y** and subsequent hydrolysis into *trans*-1 in better yield.

Monocyclic β -lactam synthons *cis*-1 and *trans*-1 were



Scheme 2.

Table 1. ^1H and ^{13}C NMR data (δ/ppm , J/Hz) of compounds **2**, **5** and **7**

Compound	R			Compound R ¹ R ²	
	a	b	c	H	H
2	H ₃ C	H ₃ C	COOCH ₃	H	H
5	—H	—H	—CONH-SO ₃ H	Cl	Cl
7	—H	—H	—CONH-SO ₃ H	Cl	F

Compound	^1H NMR			^{13}C NMR			
	H _a	H _b	NH	C-2	C-3	Amid C=O	
<i>cis</i> -							
2a	4.95 (d), $J=5.4$	5.82 (dd), $J=5.4; 10.1$	8.10 (d), $J=10.1$	69.5	56.0	166.9	171.0
2b	4.86 (d), $J=5.4$	5.73 (dd), $J=5.4; 10.0$	7.91 (d), $J=10.0$	69.5	55.9	166.8	170.8
2c	4.83 (d), $J=5.5$	5.73 (dd), $J=5.5; 10.0$	7.95 (d), $J=10.0$	69.6	55.9	167.0	171.2
2d	4.85 (d), $J=5.5$	5.73 (dd), $J=5.5; 10.0$	8.04 (d), $J=10.0$	69.4	55.8	167.0	171.0
5a–d							
5a	4.65 (d), $J=5.1$	5.77 (dd), $J=5.1; 10.1$	8.00 (d), $J=10.1$	64.6	57.2	168.6	170.8
5b	4.51 (d), $J=5.1$	5.63 (dd), $J=5.1; 10.0$	7.77 (d), $J=10.0$	64.7	57.0	168.7	170.6
5c	4.53 (d), $J=5.0$	5.63 (dd), $J=5.0; 10.0$	7.80 (d), $J=10.0$	64.7	57.0	168.8	171.1
5d	4.55 (d), $J=5.0$	5.64 (dd), $J=5.0; 10.0$	7.88 (d), $J=10.0$	64.6	55.8	168.8	170.8
7c–d							
7c	4.99 (d), $J=6.3$	5.82(dd), $J=6.3; 9.9$	7.74 (d), $J=9.9$	67.6	56.5	166.4	171.7 175.3
7d	4.98 (d), $J=6.3$	5.82(dd), $J=6.3; 9.9$	7.68 (d), $J=9.9$	67.5	56.4	166.4	171.6 177.2
<i>trans</i> -							
2a	4.70 (d), $J=2.3$	5.24 (dd), $J=2.3, 9.0$	6.18 (d), $J=9.0$	71.3	59.1	165.1	174.1
2b	4.70 (d), $J=2.3$	5.02 (dd), $J=2.3; 8.5$	6.10 (d), $J=8.5$	71.5	59.3	164.8	173.7
2c	4.74 (d), $J=2.1$	5.06 (dd), $J=2.1; 8.3$	6.03 (d), $J=8.3$	71.5	59.5	164.9	173.3
2d	4.71 (d), $J=2.2$	5.11 (dd), $J=2.2; 8.5$	6.15 (d), $J=8.5$	71.6	59.3	164.0	173.7
5a–d							
5a	4.69 (d), $J=2.1$	4.78 (dd), $J=2.1; 7.8$	6.74 (bs); 6.26 (bs)	64.6	57.2	168.6	170.8
5b	4.63 (d), $J=2.3$	4.71 (dd), $J=2.3; 7.5$	7.08 (bs); 6.34 (bs)	64.7	57.0	168.7	170.6
5c	4.47 (bs)	4.64 (bs)	6.43 (bs)	64.7	57.0	168.8	171.1
5d	4.62 (d), $J=2.3$	4.78 (dd), $J=2.3; 7.5$	5.25 (bs)	64.6	55.8	168.8	170.8
7c–d							
7c	4.98 (d), $J=3.2$	4.92 (dd), $J=3.2; 6.8$	5.05 (bs)	69.4	62.6	165.3	173.5 176.1
7d	5.03 (d), $J=3.4$	4.85 (dd), $J=3.4; 6.8$	6.94 (bs)	68.9	63.7	165.5	173.7 176.1

acylated with phenylisoxazolyl carboxylic acid chlorides to give compounds *cis*-**2a–d** and *trans*-**2a–d** (Scheme 1), which have been transformed into monobactams **6** and **7** via intermediates **4** and **5** (Scheme 2). The cleavage of the double bond on the azetidinone nitrogen of compounds **2a–d** was performed by ozonolysis and compounds **4a–d** were obtained. Compounds **4a–d** were found to be highly unstable and decompose at room temperature. During purification of compounds **4a–d** on silica gel (eluent $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$), methanolysis of the methoxyoxalyl moiety occurred and compounds **5a–d** were isolated. In order to obtain water soluble salts, tetrabutylammonium ion was exchanged with potassium in reaction of compounds **5a–d** with potassium nonafluorobutanesulphonate and compounds **6a–d** were obtained. Incorporation of the sulphonic group on the azetidinone nitrogen of compounds **5a–d** was not possible using published protocols.^{10,11} However, the introduction of the carbonylamino sulphonic group on the azetidinone nitrogen was successfully performed with chlorosulphonyl isocyanate and compounds **7c** and **7d** were produced.

All compounds were identified by spectroscopic methods. Some characteristic ^1H and ^{13}C NMR data are given in Table 1. Hydrogens H_a and H_b on the β -lactam ring appear

as a doublet at 4.51–5.03 ppm and a doublet of doublets at 4.70–5.82 ppm, respectively. From their vicinal coupling constants, $J_{\text{Ha-Hb}}=5.0\text{--}6.3$ Hz and $J_{\text{Ha-Hb}}=2.1\text{--}3.4$ Hz, *cis*- or *trans*- configuration of the azetidinone ring can be unambiguously estimated. Assignment of C-2 and C-3 was made by 2D NMR using HETCOR technique.

Experimental

General

IR spectra were obtained with a Nicolet Magna-IR 760 FT-IR spectrometer with KBr optic and DTGS-KBr detector. ^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded on JEOL FX-90Q and VARIAN GEMINI 300 using CDCl_3 or DMSO as a solvent at room temperature and tetramethylsilane (TMS) as an internal standard. Mass spectra were recorded on Auto Spec Q (VG Analytical Manchester, GB) spectrometer using FAB technique. Elemental analysis was obtained using PERKIN ELMER 2400 Series II CHNS/O analyser. Column chromatography was performed on silica gel Merck Kieselgel 60 (70–230 mesh ASTM).

General procedure for preparation of compounds 3x and 3y

(2*R*,3*R*)-3-Amino-1-(1'-methoxycarbonyl-2'-methyl-propenyl)-4-oxo-azetidine-2-sulphonic acid *cis*-1 (1.40 g; 5.0 mmol) was dissolved in 20 ml CH₂Cl₂ with addition of TEA (0.70 ml; 5.0 mmol). Corresponding aldehyde (5.5 mmol) was dissolved in 20 ml CH₂Cl₂ and added to the solution (sydnonyl carboxaldehyde was previously prepared by a known procedure^{10,11}). The mixture was stirred on magnetic stirrer with reflux for 5 h. Tetrabutylammonium hydrogensulphate (1.7 g; 5.0 mmol) was dissolved in 30 ml dist. H₂O, added to reaction and the mixture was stirred for 1/2 h at room temperature. Layers were separated, organic layer was washed with 20 ml dist. H₂O, dried (Na₂SO₄) and solvent was evaporated. After column chromatography on silica gel (gradient elution with CH₂Cl₂/CH₃OH, 10–50%) compound 3x or 3y was isolated.

(2*R*,3*S*)-1-(1'-Methoxycarbonyl-2'-methyl-propenyl)-4-oxo-3-[(5-oxo-3-*p*-tolyl-[1,2,3]-oxadiazolydin-4-yl-methyl-ene)-amino]-azetidine-2-sulphonic acid tetrabutylammonium salt (3x). Yield 62%; Yellow oil; IR (CHCl₃, cm⁻¹): 3444, 2963, 1769, 1715, 1682, 1230, 1039; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): 0.99 (t, 12H, *J*=7.2 Hz), 1.38–1.48 (m, 8H), 1.59–1.69 (m, 8H), 2.08 (s, 3H), 2.22 (s, 3H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 3.22–3.28 (m, 8H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 4.83 (d, 1H, *J*_{Ha-Hb}=1.7 Hz), 4.96 (bs, 1H), 7.40 (d, 2H, *J*=8.4 Hz), 7.49 (d, 2H, *J*=8.4 Hz), 8.21 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR: 13.3 (q), 19.3 (t), 21.1 (q), 21.8 (q), 23.6 (t), 51.2 (q), 58.5 (t), 72.1 (d), 77.2 (d), 105.1 (s), 119.8 (s), 124.6 (d), 130.3 (d), 130.9 (s), 143.3 (s), 148.9 (d), 152.9 (s), 163.9 (s), 164.8 (s), 165.3 (s); Anal. Calcd for C₃₅H₅₅N₅O₈S: C 59.55, H 7.85, N 9.92, O 18.13, S 4.54; Found: C 59.58, H 7.96, N 9.86, S 4.41; MS: *m/z*=707 (M+H)⁺.

(2*R*,3*S*)-1-(1'-Methoxycarbonyl-2'-methyl-propenyl)-3-[(4-nitro-benzylidene)-amino]-4-oxoazetidine-2-sulphonic acid tetrabutylammonium salt (3y). Yield 77%; Yellow oil; IR (CHCl₃, cm⁻¹): 3432, 2962, 1763, 1719, 1636, 1345, 1225; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): 0.99 (t, 12H, *J*=7.4 Hz), 1.39–1.46 (m, 8H), 1.59–1.69 (m, 8H), 2.17 (s, 3H), 2.26 (s, 3H), 3.22–3.27 (m, 8H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 5.05 (bs, 1H), 5.19 (bs, 1H), 7.97 (d, 2H, *J*=8.4 Hz), 8.25 (d, 2H, *J*=8.4 Hz), 8.60 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR: 13.2 (q), 19.4 (t), 21.9 (q), 23.6 (t), 23.8 (q), 51.4 (q), 58.6 (t), 72.3 (d), 77.1 (d), 119.9 (s), 123.6 (d), 129.2 (d), 149.0 (s), 153.2 (s), 162.1 (s), 164.0 (s), 165.0 (s); Anal. Calcd for C₃₂H₅₂N₄O₈S₂: C 48.46, H 6.17, N 9.12, O 19.61, S 8.35; Found: C 48.31, H 6.98, N 9.26, S 8.41.

(2*R*,3*S*)-3-Amino-1-(1'-methoxycarbonyl-2'-methyl-propenyl)-4-oxo-azetidine-2-sulphonic acid (*trans*-1). Compound 3x or 3y (3.1 mmol) was dissolved in 20 ml CH₃OH, and *p*-toluenesulphonic acid (0.59 g; 3.1 mmol) was added to the solution. The mixture was stirred for 1.5 h at room temperature. Methanol was evaporated and acetone (10 ml) was added to the residue. After 1/2 h amino-sulphonic acid *trans*-1 crystallised by stirring. Yield 63%; White crystals, mp=260–263°C; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3445, 1780, 1713, 1235; ¹H NMR (DMSO): 1.87 (s, 3H), 2.11 (s, 3H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 3.98 (d, 1H, *J*=2.2 Hz), 4.14 (d,

1H, *J*=2.2 Hz); ¹³C NMR (DMSO): 21.8 (q), 23.4 (q), 52.0 (q), 56.9 (d), 69.1 (d), 119.7 (s), 151.6 (s), 160.7 (s), 163.5 (s); MS: *m/z*=279 (M+H)⁺; Anal. Calcd for C₉H₁₄N₂O₆S: C 38.85, H 5.07, N 10.07; Found: C 39.05, H 5.26, N 10.23.

General procedure for preparation of compounds 2a–d

3-Amino-1-(1'-methoxycarbonyl-2'-methyl-propenyl)-4-oxo-azetidine-2-sulphonic acid *cis*-1 or *trans*-1 (200 mg; 0.72 mmol) was dissolved in 20 ml CH₂Cl₂ with addition of TEA (0.2 ml; 1.44 mmol). Corresponding carboxylic acid chloride (5.5 mmol) was dissolved in 20 ml CH₂Cl₂ and added to the solution. The reaction mixture was stirred for 1.5 h at 0°C and 40 min at room temperature. Tetrabutylammonium hydrogensulphate (240 mg; 0.72 mmol) was dissolved in 10 ml dist. water, added to the reaction mixture and stirred for 1 h at room temperature. Layers were separated, organic layer was washed with 20 ml dist. H₂O, dried (Na₂SO₄) and evaporated. After column chromatography on silica gel (gradient elution with CH₂Cl₂/CH₃OH, 10–50%) compounds 2a–d were isolated.

(2*R*,3*R*)-3-[(5-Methyl-3-phenyl-isoxazole-4-carbonyl)-amino]-1-(1'-methoxycarbonyl-2'-methyl-propenyl)-4-oxo-azetidine-2-sulphonic acid tetrabutylammonium salt (*cis*-2a). Yield 95%; Colourless oil; IR (CH₂Cl₂, cm⁻¹): 3336, 2964, 1768, 1721, 1672, 1230; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): 0.94 (t, 12H, *J*=7.2 Hz), 1.26–1.38 (m, 8H), 1.40–1.60 (m, 8H), 2.11 (s, 3H), 2.23 (s, 3H), 2.71 (s, 3H), 3.05–3.10 (m, 8H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 4.95 (d, 1H, *J*_{Ha-Hb}=5.4 Hz), 5.82 (dd, 1H, *J*_{Hb-Ha}=5.4, *J*_{Hb-NH}=10.1 Hz), 7.33–7.44 (m, 1H), 7.62–7.65 (m, 2H), 7.73–7.75 (m, 2H), 8.10 (d, 1H, *J*_{Hb-NH}=10.1 Hz); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): 12.4 (q), 13.2 (q), 19.3 (t), 21.8 (q), 23.5 (t), 23.8 (q), 51.4 (q), 56.0 (d), 58.4 (t), 69.5 (d), 111.9 (s), 119.2 (s), 127.9 (s), 128.4 (d), 128.7 (d), 129.3 (d), 129.6 (d), 129.7 (d), 155.6 (s), 161.4 (s), 161.5 (s), 163.8 (s), 166.9 (s), 171.0 (s); Anal. Calcd for C₃₆H₅₆N₄O₈S: C 61.34, H 8.01, N 7.95, O 18.16, S 4.55; Found: C 61.50, H 7.89, N 7.80, S 4.36; MS: *m/z*=705 (M+H)⁺.

(2*R*,3*R*)-3-[[3-(2-Chloro-phenyl)-5-methyl-isoxazole-4-carbonyl]-amino]-1-(1'-methoxycarbonyl-2'-methyl-propenyl)-4-oxo-azetidine-2-sulphonic acid tetrabutylammonium salt (*cis*-2b). Yield 91%; Colourless oil; IR (CH₂Cl₂, cm⁻¹): 3390, 2964, 1767, 1723, 1672, 1230, 1033; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): 0.96 (t, 12H, *J*=7.2 Hz), 1.30–1.42 (m, 8H), 1.51–1.62 (m, 8H), 2.07 (s, 3H), 2.22 (s, 3H), 2.78 (s, 3H), 3.11–3.16 (m, 8H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 4.86 (d, 1H, *J*_{Ha-Hb}=5.4 Hz), 5.73 (dd, 1H, *J*_{Hb-Ha}=5.4, *J*_{Hb-NH}=10.0 Hz), 7.31–7.50 (m, 4H), 7.91 (d, 1H, *J*_{Hb-NH}=10.0 Hz); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): 12.6 (q), 13.3 (q), 19.3 (t), 21.7 (q), 23.6 (t), 23.8 (q), 51.4 (q), 55.9 (d), 58.4 (t), 69.5 (d), 112.9 (s), 119.2 (s), 126.7 (d), 127.7 (s), 129.6 (d), 130.7 (d), 131.4 (d), 133.8 (s), 155.6 (s), 160.5 (s), 160.7 (s), 163.8 (s), 166.8 (s), 170.8 (s); Anal. Calcd for C₃₆H₅₅N₄O₈SCl: C 58.48, H 7.50, N 7.58, O 17.31, S 4.34, Cl 4.80; Found: C 58.60, H 7.59, N 7.50, S 4.20; MS: *m/z*=739 (M+H)⁺.

(2*R*,3*R*)-3-[[3-(2,6-Dichloro-phenyl)-5-methyl-isoxazole-4-carbonyl]-amino]-1-(1'-methoxycarbonyl-2'-methyl-propenyl)-4-oxo-azetidine-2-sulphonic acid tetrabutyl-

ammonium salt (cis-2c). Yield 96%; Colourless oil; IR (CH_2Cl_2 , cm^{-1}): 3350, 2964, 1765, 1720, 1665, 1225; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3): 0.96 (t, 12H, $J=7.2$ Hz), 1.31–1.47 (m, 8H), 1.49–1.63 (m, 8H), 2.10 (s, 3H), 2.21 (s, 3H), 2.85 (s, 3H), 3.07–3.24 (m, 8H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 4.83 (d, 1H, $J_{\text{Ha-Hb}}=5.5$ Hz), 5.73 (dd, 1H, $J_{\text{Hb-Ha}}=5.5$, $J_{\text{Hb-NH}}=10.0$ Hz), 7.24–7.40 (m, 3H), 7.95 (d, 1H, $J_{\text{Hb-NH}}=10.0$ Hz); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3): 12.9 (q), 13.3 (q), 19.4 (t), 21.7 (q), 23.6 (t), 23.8 (q), 51.4 (q), 55.9 (d), 58.5 (t), 69.6 (d), 112.5 (s), 119.3 (s), 127.8 (s), 127.8 (d), 128.0 (d), 131.0 (d), 135.4 (s), 135.6 (s), 155.4 (s), 158.8 (s), 160.0 (s), 164.0 (s), 167.0 (s), 171.2 (s); Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{36}\text{H}_{54}\text{N}_4\text{O}_8\text{S}\text{Cl}_2$: C 55.88, H 7.03, N 7.24, O 16.54, S 4.14, Cl 9.16; Found: C 55.97, H 7.09, N 7.30, S 4.06; MS: $m/z=773$ (M+H) $^+$.

(2R,3R)-3-[[3-(2-Chloro-6-fluoro-phenyl)-5-methyl-isoxazole-4-carbonyl]-amino]-1-(1'-methoxycarbonyl-2'-methyl-propenyl)-4-oxo-azetidine-2-sulphonic acid tetrabutylammonium salt (cis-2d). Yield 93%; Colourless oil; IR (CH_2Cl_2 , cm^{-1}): 3350, 2960, 1770, 1720, 1670, 1225, 785; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3): 0.96 (t, 12H, $J=7.2$ Hz), 1.27–1.45 (m, 8H), 1.51–1.62 (m, 8H), 2.10 (s, 3H), 2.22 (s, 3H), 2.83 (s, 3H), 3.11–3.17 (m, 8H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 4.85 (d, 1H, $J_{\text{Ha-Hb}}=5.5$ Hz), 5.73 (dd, 1H, $J_{\text{Hb-Ha}}=5.5$, $J_{\text{Hb-NH}}=10.0$ Hz), 7.04–7.43 (m, 3H), 8.04 (d, 1H, $J_{\text{Hb-NH}}=10.0$ Hz); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3): 12.9 (q), 13.2 (q), 19.3 (t), 21.7 (q), 23.5 (t), 23.8 (q), 51.3 (q), 55.8 (d), 58.4 (t), 69.4 (d), 112.9 (s), 114.2 (d), 117.2 (s), 119.3 (s), 125.2 (d), 131.4 (d), 135.2 (s), 155.4 (s), 155.6 (s), 160.0 (s), 162.4 (s), 163.9 (s), 167.0 (s), 171.0 (s); Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{36}\text{H}_{54}\text{N}_4\text{O}_8\text{S}\text{Cl}\text{F}$: C 57.09, H 7.19, N 7.40, O 16.90, S 4.23, Cl 4.68, F 2.51; Found: C 57.27, H 7.01, N 7.55, S 4.34; MS: $m/z=757$ (M+H) $^+$.

(2R,3S)-3-[(5-Methyl-3-phenyl-isoxazole-4-carbonyl)-amino]-1-(1'-methoxycarbonyl-2'-methyl-propenyl)-4-oxo-azetidine-2-sulphonic acid tetrabutylammonium salt (trans-2a). Yield 87%; Colourless oil; IR (CH_2Cl_2 , cm^{-1}): 3250, 2963, 1768, 1720, 1228, 641; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3): 0.97 (t, 12H, $J=7.2$ Hz), 1.34–1.46 (m, 8H), 1.57–1.67 (m, 8H), 2.08 (s, 3H), 2.21 (s, 3H), 2.69 (s, 3H), 3.22–3.27 (m, 8H), 3.62 (s, 3H), 4.70 (d, 1H, $J_{\text{Ha-Hb}}=2.3$ Hz), 5.24 (dd, 1H, $J_{\text{Hb-Ha}}=2.3$, $J_{\text{Hb-NH}}=9.0$ Hz), 6.18 (d, 1H, $J_{\text{Hb-NH}}=9.0$ Hz), 7.67 (dd, 2H, $J=1.5$; 7.2 Hz), 7.52–7.56 (m, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3): 12.5 (q), 13.3 (q), 19.36 (t), 21.8 (q), 23.5 (q), 23.6 (t), 51.3 (q), 58.4 (t), 59.1 (d), 71.3 (d), 110.5 (s), 119.8 (s), 127.5 (s), 128.2 (d), 129.0 (d), 129.0 (d), 130.1 (d), 130.4 (d), 152.9 (s), 160.1 (s), 161.1 (s), 164.0 (s), 165.1 (s), 174.1 (s); Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{36}\text{H}_{56}\text{N}_4\text{O}_8\text{S}$: C 61.34, H 8.01, N 7.95, O 18.16, S 4.55; Found: C 61.52, H 7.97, N 8.11, S 4.44; MS: $m/z=705$ (M+H) $^+$.

(2R,3S)-3-[[3-(2-Chloro-phenyl)-5-methyl-isoxazole-4-carbonyl]-amino]-1-(1'-methoxycarbonyl-2'-methyl-propenyl)-4-oxo-azetidine-2-sulphonic acid tetrabutylammonium salt (trans-2b). Yield 83%; Colourless oil; IR (CH_2Cl_2 , cm^{-1}): 3380, 2964, 1790, 1724, 1675, 1036; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3): 0.90 (t, 12H, $J=7.2$ Hz), 1.28–1.37 (m, 8H), 1.47–1.58 (m, 8H), 1.96 (s, 3H), 2.12 (s, 3H), 2.68 (s, 3H), 3.11–3.17 (m, 8H), 3.59 (s, 3H), 4.70 (d, 1H, $J_{\text{Ha-Hb}}=2.3$ Hz), 5.02 (dd, 1H, $J_{\text{Hb-Ha}}=2.3$, $J_{\text{Hb-NH}}=8.5$ Hz), 6.10 (d, 1H, $J_{\text{Hb-NH}}=8.5$ Hz), 7.18–7.48 (m, 4H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3): 12.6 (q), 13.3 (q), 19.3 (t), 21.8 (q), 23.5 (q),

23.6 (t), 51.3 (q), 58.4 (t), 59.3 (d), 71.5 (d), 111.7 (s), 119.8 (s), 126.6 (d), 127.2 (s), 129.5 (d), 131.0 (d), 131.2 (d), 133.8 (s), 152.7 (s), 160.2 (s), 160.9 (s), 164.0 (s), 164.8 (s), 173.7 (s); Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{36}\text{H}_{55}\text{N}_4\text{O}_8\text{S}\text{Cl}$: C 58.48, H 7.50, N 7.58, O 17.31, S 4.34, Cl 4.80; Found: C 58.40, H 7.32, N 7.61, S 4.45; MS: $m/z=739$ (M+H) $^+$.

(2R,3S)-3-[[3-(2,6-Dichloro-phenyl)-5-methyl-isoxazole-4-carbonyl]-amino]-1-(1'-methoxycarbonyl-2'-methyl-propenyl)-4-oxo-azetidine-2-sulphonic acid tetrabutylammonium salt (trans-2c). Yield 78%; Colourless oil; IR (CH_2Cl_2 , cm^{-1}): 3424, 2965, 1789, 1725, 1700, 1430, 781; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3): 0.97 (t, 12H, $J=7.2$ Hz), 1.33–1.45 (m, 8H), 1.56–1.66 (m, 8H), 2.03 (s, 3H), 2.19 (s, 3H), 2.76 (s, 3H), 3.20–3.26 (m, 8H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 4.74 (d, 1H, $J_{\text{Ha-Hb}}=2.1$ Hz), 5.06 (dd, 1H, $J_{\text{Hb-Ha}}=2.1$, $J_{\text{Hb-NH}}=8.3$ Hz), 6.03 (d, 1H, $J_{\text{Hb-NH}}=8.3$ Hz), 7.21–7.48 (m, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3): 12.8 (q), 13.3 (q), 19.31 (t), 21.7 (q), 23.4 (q), 23.5 (t), 51.4 (q), 58.4 (t), 59.5 (d), 71.5 (d), 111.8 (s), 119.7 (s), 127.7 (d), 127.8 (s), 128.0 (d), 131.0 (d), 135.2 (s), 152.9 (s), 158.8 (s), 160.6 (s), 164.0 (s), 164.9 (s), 173.3 (s); Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{36}\text{H}_{54}\text{N}_4\text{O}_8\text{S}\text{Cl}_2$: C 55.88, H 7.03, N 7.24, O 16.54, S 4.14, Cl 9.16; Found: C 56.02, H 7.19, N 7.10, S 4.33; MS: $m/z=773$ (M+H) $^+$.

(2R,3S)-3-[[3-(2-Chloro-6-fluoro-phenyl)-5-methyl-isoxazole-4-carbonyl]-amino]-1-(1'-methoxycarbonyl-2'-methyl-propenyl)-4-oxo-azetidine-2-sulphonic acid tetrabutylammonium salt (trans-2d). Yield 87%; Colourless oil; IR (CH_2Cl_2 , cm^{-1}): 3427, 2965, 1791, 1720, 1671, 1459, 899; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3): 0.97 (t, 12H, $J=7.2$ Hz), 1.33–1.45 (m, 8H), 1.56–1.66 (m, 8H), 2.03 (s, 3H), 2.19 (s, 3H), 2.76 (s, 3H), 3.20–3.26 (m, 8H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 4.71 (d, 1H, $J_{\text{Ha-Hb}}=2.2$ Hz), 5.06 (dd, 1H, $J_{\text{Hb-Ha}}=2.2$, $J_{\text{Hb-NH}}=8.5$ Hz), 6.15 (d, 1H, $J_{\text{Hb-NH}}=8.5$ Hz), 7.05–7.49 (m, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3): 12.7 (q), 13.3 (q), 19.3 (t), 21.7 (q), 23.5 (q), 23.6 (t), 51.3 (q), 58.4 (t), 59.3 (d), 71.6 (d), 112.1 (s), 114.3 (d), 117.2 (s), 119.9 (s), 125.3 (d), 131.9 (d), 134.9 (s), 152.6 (s), 155.7 (s), 159.1 (s), 162.2 (s), 164.0 (s), 164.0 (s), 173.7 (s); Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{36}\text{H}_{54}\text{N}_4\text{O}_8\text{S}\text{Cl}\text{F}$: C 57.09, H 7.19, N 7.40, O 16.90, S 4.23, Cl 4.68, F 2.51; Found: C 56.91, H 7.31, N 7.58, S 4.10; MS: $m/z=757$ (M+H) $^+$.

General procedure for preparation of compounds 4a–d and 5a–d

Corresponding compound **2a–d** (1.0 mmol) was dissolved in 30 ml CH_2Cl_2 . The solution was cooled at -15°C and ozone was introduced for ~ 15 min (until pale blue colour) and followed by oxygen (99.5%) for ~ 20 min (until the solvent turned colourless). The solvent was evaporated to obtain compounds **4a–d**. After column chromatography of compounds **4a–d** on silica gel (gradient elution with $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$, 10–50%) compounds **5a–d** were isolated.

(2R,3R)-3-[(5-Methyl-3-phenyl-isoxazole-4-carbonyl)-amino]-1-methoxyoxalyl-4-oxo-azetidine-2-sulphonic acid tetrabutylammonium salt (cis-4a). Yield 87%; Colourless oil; IR (CH_2Cl_2 , cm^{-1}): 3329, 2963, 1825, 1753, 1706; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3): 0.97 (t, 12H, $J=7.4$ Hz), 1.35–1.46 (m, 8H), 1.53–1.64 (m, 8H), 2.75 (s, 1H), 3.11–3.17 (m, 8H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 5.45 (d, 1H, $J_{\text{Ha-Hb}}=6.5$ Hz), 6.09 (dd, 1H, $J_{\text{Hb-Ha}}=6.5$, $J_{\text{Hb-NH}}=10.0$ Hz), 7.35–7.71 (m, 5H), 7.88 (d, 1H,

$J_{\text{Hb-NH}}=10.0$ Hz); ^{13}C NMR: 12.4 (q), 13.3 (q), 19.3 (t), 23.5 (t), 53.2 (q), 57.4 (d), 58.3 (t), 68.6 (d), 111.3 (s), 127.8 (s), 128–130 (d), 159.0 (s), 161.6 (s), 165.1 (s), 166.1 (s), 171.7 (s), 177.0 (s); Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{50}\text{N}_4\text{O}_9\text{S}$: C 58.39, H 7.42, N 8.25, O 21.21, S 4.72; Found: C 58.45, H 7.16, N 8.06, S 4.58.

(2R,3R)-3-[[3-(2-Chloro-phenyl)-5-methyl-isoxazole-4-carbonyl]-amino]-1-methoxyoxalyl-4-oxo-azetidine-2-sulphonic acid tetrabutylammonium salt (cis-4b). Yield 92%; Colourless oil; IR (CH_2Cl_2 , cm^{-1}): 3349, 2964, 1826, 1753, 1709, 1662, 1259; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3): 0.97 (t, 12H, $J=7.2$ Hz), 1.34–1.41 (m, 8H), 1.52–1.62 (m, 8H), 2.74 (s, 1H), 3.10–3.15 (m, 8H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 5.40 (d, 1H, $J_{\text{Ha-Hb}}=6.4$ Hz), 5.99 (dd, 1H, $J_{\text{Hb-Ha}}=6.4$, $J_{\text{Hb-NH}}=9.9$ Hz), 7.30–7.48 (m, 4H), 7.79 (d, 1H, $J_{\text{Hb-NH}}=9.9$ Hz); ^{13}C NMR: 12.6 (q), 13.3 (q), 19.3 (t), 23.5 (t), 53.1 (q), 57.3 (d), 58.4 (t), 68.5 (d), 112.4 (s), 126.4 (d), 127.4 (s), 129.4 (d), 130.8 (d), 130.9 (s), 133.7 (s), 160.4 (s), 160.8 (s), 164.8 (s), 166.0 (s), 171.3 (s), 176.2 (s); Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{49}\text{N}_4\text{O}_9\text{S}\text{Cl}$: C 55.57, H 6.92, N 7.85, O 20.19, S 4.49, Cl 4.97; Found: C 55.44, H 7.07, N 7.69, 4.30.

(2R,3R)-3-[[3-(2,6-Dichloro-phenyl)-5-methyl-isoxazole-4-carbonyl]-amino]-1-methoxyoxalyl-4-oxo-azetidine-2-sulphonic acid tetrabutylammonium salt (cis-4c). Yield 97%; Colourless oil; IR (CH_2Cl_2 , cm^{-1}): 3369, 2966, 1826, 1753, 1709, 1677, 1257; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3): 0.98 (t, 12H, $J=7.2$ Hz), 1.35–1.45 (m, 8H), 1.51–1.64 (m, 8H), 2.82 (s, 1H), 3.11–3.16 (m, 8H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 5.39 (d, 1H, $J_{\text{Ha-Hb}}=6.4$ Hz), 5.98 (dd, 1H, $J_{\text{Hb-Ha}}=6.4$, $J_{\text{Hb-NH}}=10.0$ Hz), 7.29–7.41 (m, 3H), 7.80 (d, 1H, $J_{\text{Hb-NH}}=10.0$ Hz); ^{13}C NMR: 13.0 (q), 13.3 (q), 19.3 (t), 23.5 (t), 53.2 (q), 57.2 (d), 58.3 (t), 68.5 (d), 112.0 (s), 127.3 (s), 128.0 (d), 128.4 (d), 131.2 (d), 135.3 (s), 135.6 (s), 158.4 (s), 160.0 (s), 163.5 (s), 166.0 (s), 171.7 (s), 176.6 (s); Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{48}\text{N}_4\text{O}_9\text{S}\text{Cl}_2$: C 53.01, H 6.47, N 7.49, O 19.26, S 4.29, Cl 9.48; Found: C 53.14, H 6.50, N 7.69, S 4.15.

(2R,3R)-3-[[3-(2-Chloro-6-fluoro-phenyl)-5-methyl-isoxazole-4-carbonyl]-amino]-1-methoxyoxalyl-4-oxo-azetidine-2-sulphonic acid tetrabutylammonium salt (cis-4d). Yield 96%; Colourless oil; IR (CH_2Cl_2 , cm^{-1}): 3448, 2964, 1828, 1752, 1709, 1674, 1253; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3): 0.99 (t, 12H, $J=7.2$ Hz), 1.37–1.44 (m, 8H), 1.51–1.64 (m, 8H), 2.83 (s, 1H), 3.12–3.17 (m, 8H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 5.40 (d, 1H, $J_{\text{Ha-Hb}}=6.3$ Hz), 5.99 (dd, 1H, $J_{\text{Hb-Ha}}=6.3$, $J_{\text{Hb-NH}}=9.9$ Hz), 7.06–7.38 (m, 3H), 7.86 (d, 1H, $J_{\text{Hb-NH}}=9.9$ Hz); ^{13}C NMR: 12.7 (q), 13.4 (q), 19.3 (t), 23.5 (t), 53.3 (q), 57.3 (d), 58.4 (t), 68.5 (d), 112.4 (s), 114.4 (d), 116.2 (s), 125.7 (d), 132.2 (d), 135.0 (s), 155.8 (s), 160.1 (s), 162.4 (s), 163.5 (s), 166.2 (s), 171.4 (s), 176.4 (s); Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{48}\text{N}_4\text{O}_9\text{S}\text{Cl}\text{F}$: C 54.20, H 6.62, N 7.66, O 19.69, S 4.38, Cl 4.85, F 2.60; Found: C 54.15, H 6.52, N 7.57, S 4.17.

(2R,3S)-3-[(5-Methyl-3-phenyl-isoxazole-4-carbonyl)-amino]-1-methoxyoxalyl-4-oxo-azetidine-2-sulphonic acid tetrabutylammonium salt (trans-4a). Yield 73%; Colourless oil; IR (CH_2Cl_2 , cm^{-1}): 3251, 2964, 1825, 1756, 1715, 1239; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3): 0.95 (bs, 12H), 1.26–1.43 (m, 8H), 1.45–1.67 (m, 8H), 2.73 (s, 1H), 3.10–3.18 (m, 8H), 3.88

(s, 3H), 5.00 (bs, 1H), 5.46 (bs, 1H), 6.91 (bs, 1H), 7.43–7.67 (m, 5H); ^{13}C NMR: 12.5 (q), 13.3 (q), 19.3 (t), 23.5 (t), 53.0 (q), 58.4 (t), 63.0 (d), 69.3 (d), 109.9 (s), 128.1 (s), 128–130 (d), 160.4 (s), 162.7 (s), 163.9 (s), 165.4 (s), 174.1 (s), 177.0 (s); Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{50}\text{N}_4\text{O}_9\text{S}$: C 58.39, H 7.42, N 8.25, O 21.21, S 4.72; Found: C 58.51, H 7.50, N 8.14, S 4.89.

(2R,3S)-3-[[3-(2-Chloro-phenyl)-5-methyl-isoxazole-4-carbonyl]-amino]-1-methoxyoxalyl-4-oxo-azetidine-2-sulphonic acid tetrabutylammonium salt (trans-4b). Yield 81%; Colourless oil; IR (CH_2Cl_2 , cm^{-1}): 3385, 2964, 1825, 1756, 1714, 1670, 1241; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3): 0.95 (t, 12H, $J=7.2$ Hz), 1.30–1.42 (m, 8H), 1.52–1.61 (m, 8H), 2.74 (s, 1H), 3.10–3.16 (m, 8H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 4.87 (dd, 1H, $J_{\text{Hb-Ha}}=3.9$, $J_{\text{Hb-NH}}=7.5$ Hz), 5.37 (bs, 1H), 6.83 (bs, 1H), 7.30–7.51 (m, 4H); ^{13}C NMR: 12.6 (q), 13.3 (q), 19.3 (t), 23.5 (t), 53.1 (q), 58.4 (t), 62.9 (d), 69.0 (d), 109.3 (s), 128.2 (s), 126.5 (d), 129.4 (d), 130.8 (d), 130.9 (d), 133.9 (s), 158.9 (s), 161.0 (s), 164.6 (s), 166.2 (s), 173.7 (s), 176.1 (s); Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{49}\text{N}_4\text{O}_9\text{S}\text{Cl}$: C 55.57, H 6.92, N 7.85, O 20.19, S 4.49, Cl 4.97; Found: C 55.69, H 6.80, N 7.99, S 4.61.

(2R,3S)-3-[[3-(2,6-Dichloro-phenyl)-5-methyl-isoxazole-4-carbonyl]-amino]-1-methoxyoxalyl-4-oxo-azetidine-2-sulphonic acid tetrabutylammonium salt (trans-4c). Yield 90%; Colourless oil; IR (CH_2Cl_2 , cm^{-1}): 2964, 1827, 1756, 1720, 1690, 1432, 784; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3): 0.94 (t, 12H, $J=6.9$ Hz), 1.28–1.40 (m, 8H), 1.52–1.60 (m, 8H), 2.67 (s, 1H), 3.08–3.16 (m, 8H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 4.91 (dd, 1H, $J_{\text{Hb-Ha}}=3.6$, $J_{\text{Hb-NH}}=6.8$ Hz), 5.31 (bs, 1H), 6.58 (d, 1H, $J_{\text{Hb-NH}}=6.8$ Hz), 7.29–7.43 (m, 3H); ^{13}C NMR: 12.8 (q), 13.3 (q), 19.3 (t), 23.6 (t), 53.0 (q), 58.4 (t), 63.0 (d), 69.1 (d), 108.9 (s), 126.3 (s), 128.4 (d), 128.8 (d), 131.1 (d), 135.3 (s), 158.7 (s), 161.5 (s), 163.5 (s), 165.4 (s), 173.8 (s), 177.0 (s); Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{48}\text{N}_4\text{O}_9\text{S}\text{Cl}_2$: C 53.01, H 6.47, N 7.49, O 19.26, S 4.29, Cl 9.48; Found: C 52.94, H 6.30, N 7.36, S 4.34.

(2R,3S)-3-[[3-(2-Chloro-6-fluoro-phenyl)-5-methyl-isoxazole-4-carbonyl]-amino]-1-methoxyoxalyl-4-oxo-azetidine-2-sulphonic acid tetrabutylammonium salt (trans-4d). Yield 95%; Colourless oil; IR (CH_2Cl_2 , cm^{-1}): 2965, 1825, 1757, 1701, 1672, 1458; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3): 0.93 (t, 12H, $J=7.2$ Hz), 1.28–1.40 (m, 8H), 1.48–1.62 (m, 8H), 2.65 (s, 1H), 3.09–3.15 (m, 8H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 4.95 (dd, 1H, $J_{\text{Hb-Ha}}=3.5$, $J_{\text{Hb-NH}}=6.9$ Hz), 5.33 (bs, 1H), 6.91 (d, 1H, $J_{\text{Hb-NH}}=6.9$ Hz), 7.08 (t, 1H, $J=8.1$ Hz), 7.26–7.42 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR: 12.6 (q), 13.2 (q), 19.3 (t), 23.5 (t), 53.0 (q), 58.4 (t), 63.0 (d), 69.4 (d), 109.3 (s), 116.9 (s), 114.1 (d), 125.1 (d), 131.5 (d), 135.0 (s), 155.6 (s), 159.0 (s), 162.4 (s), 163.6 (s), 165.3 (s), 173.2 (s), 176.9 (s); Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{48}\text{N}_4\text{O}_9\text{S}\text{Cl}\text{F}$: C 54.20, H 6.62, N 7.66, O 19.69, S 4.38, Cl 4.85, F 2.60; Found: C 54.37, H 6.74, N 7.48, S 4.50.

(2R,3R)-3-[(5-Methyl-3-phenyl-isoxazole-4-carbonyl)-amino]-4-oxo-azetidine-2-sulphonic acid tetrabutylammonium salt (cis-5a). Yield 76%; Colourless oil; IR (CH_2Cl_2 , cm^{-1}): 3221, 2963, 1779, 1697, 1180; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3): 0.98 (t, 12H, $J=7.2$ Hz), 1.35–1.45 (m, 8H), 1.54–1.64 (m, 8H), 2.74 (s, 3H), 3.15–3.20 (m, 8H), 4.65 (d, 1H,

$J_{\text{Ha-Hb}}=5.1$ Hz), 5.77 (dd, 1H, $J_{\text{Hb-Ha}}=5.1$, $J_{\text{Hb-NH}}=10.1$ Hz), 7.42–7.44 (m, 1H), 7.68–7.70 (m, 2H), 7.76–7.79 (m, 2H), 8.00 (d, 1H, $J_{\text{Hb-NH}}=10.1$ Hz); ^{13}C NMR: 12.4 (q), 13.3 (q), 19.3 (t), 23.5 (t), 57.2 (d), 58.4 (t), 64.6 (d), 112.0 (s), 128.0 (s), 128–130 (d), 161.4 (s), 168.6 (s), 170.8 (s); Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{48}\text{N}_4\text{O}_6\text{S}$: C 60.79, H 8.16, N 9.45, O 16.19, S 5.41; Found: C 60.67, H 8.01, N 9.55, S 5.34.

(2R,3R)-3-[[3-(2-Chloro-phenyl)-5-methyl-isoxazole-4-carbonyl]-amino]-4-oxo-azetidine-2-sulphonic acid tetrabutylammonium salt (cis-5b). Yield 72%; Colourless oil; IR (CH_2Cl_2 , cm^{-1}): 3350, 2963, 2876, 1775, 1672, 1607, 1524, 1452, 1225, 1059, 1009, 763; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3): 0.94 (t, 12H, $J=7.2$ Hz), 1.31–1.41 (m, 8H), 1.51–1.62 (m, 8H), 2.75 (s, 3H), 3.12–3.17 (m, 8H), 4.51 (d, 1H, $J_{\text{Ha-Hb}}=5.1$ Hz), 5.63 (dd, 1H, $J_{\text{Hb-Ha}}=5.1$, $J_{\text{Hb-NH}}=10.0$ Hz), 7.30–7.47 (m, 4H), 7.77 (d, 1H, $J_{\text{Hb-NH}}=10.0$ Hz); ^{13}C NMR: 12.6 (q), 13.3 (q), 19.3 (t), 23.6 (t), 57.0 (d), 58.4 (t), 64.7 (d), 113.0 (s), 126.7 (d), 127.8 (s), 129.6 (d), 130.8 (d), 131.3 (d), 133.7 (s), 160.6 (s), 160.7 (s), 168.7 (s), 170.6 (s); Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{47}\text{N}_4\text{O}_6\text{SCl}$: C 57.45, H 7.55, N 8.93, O 15.30, S 5.11, Cl 5.65; Found: C 57.64, H 7.41, N 9.05, S 5.24; MS: $m/z=627$ (M+H) $^+$.

(2R,3R)-3-[[3-(2,6-Dichloro-phenyl)-5-methyl-isoxazole-4-carbonyl]-amino]-4-oxo-azetidine-2-sulphonic acid tetrabutylammonium salt (cis-5c). Yield 89%; Colourless oil; IR (CH_2Cl_2 , cm^{-1}): 3226, 2964, 1775, 1671, 1432, 1195; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3): 0.95 (t, 12H, $J=7.2$ Hz), 1.31–1.42 (m, 8H), 1.52–1.63 (m, 8H), 2.83 (s, 3H), 3.13–3.18 (m, 8H), 4.53 (d, 1H, $J_{\text{Ha-Hb}}=5.0$ Hz), 5.63 (dd, 1H, $J_{\text{Hb-Ha}}=5.0$, $J_{\text{Hb-NH}}=10.0$ Hz), 7.32–7.40 (m, 3H), 7.80 (d, 1H, $J_{\text{Hb-NH}}=10.0$ Hz); ^{13}C NMR: 13.0 (q), 13.3 (q), 19.3 (t), 23.5 (t), 57.0 (d), 58.4 (t), 64.7 (d), 112.5 (s), 127.7 (s), 127.8 (d), 127.9 (d), 131.0 (d), 135.2 (s), 135.7 (s), 158.8 (s), 159.8 (s), 168.8 (s), 171.1 (s); Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{46}\text{N}_4\text{O}_6\text{SCl}_2$: C 54.46, H 7.01, N 8.47, O 14.51, S 4.85, Cl 10.72; Found: C 54.40, H 6.89, N 8.50, S 4.80; MS: $m/z=661$ (M–H) $^-$.

(2R,3R)-3-[[3-(2-Chloro-6-fluoro-phenyl)-5-methyl-isoxazole-4-carbonyl]-amino]-4-oxo-azetidine-2-sulphonic acid tetrabutylammonium salt (cis-5d). Yield 75%; Colourless oil; IR (CH_2Cl_2 , cm^{-1}): 3217, 2966, 1776, 1670, 1458, 1223; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3): 0.96 (t, 12H, $J=7.2$ Hz), 1.32–1.43 (m, 8H), 1.52–1.64 (m, 8H), 2.83 (s, 3H), 3.15–3.20 (m, 8H), 4.55 (d, 1H, $J_{\text{Ha-Hb}}=5.0$ Hz), 5.64 (dd, 1H, $J_{\text{Hb-Ha}}=5.0$, $J_{\text{Hb-NH}}=10.0$ Hz), 7.08–7.42 (m, 3H), 7.88 (d, 1H, $J_{\text{Hb-NH}}=10.0$ Hz); ^{13}C NMR: 12.8 (q), 13.2 (q), 19.2 (t), 23.5 (t), 56.9 (d), 58.3 (t), 64.6 (d), 112.8 (s), 114.2 (d), 117.1 (s), 125.2 (d), 131.4 (d), 135.0 (s), 155.6 (s), 159.8 (s), 162.3 (s), 168.8 (s), 170.8 (s); Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{46}\text{N}_4\text{O}_6\text{SClF}$: C 55.85, H 7.19, N 8.68, O 14.88, S 4.97, Cl 5.49, F 2.94; Found: C 55.91, H 7.12, N 8.70, S 5.02; MS: $m/z=645$ (M+H) $^+$.

(2R,3S)-3-[(5-Methyl-3-phenyl-isoxazole-4-carbonyl)-amino]-4-oxo-azetidine-2-sulphonic acid tetrabutylammonium salt (trans-5a). Yield 65%; Colourless oil; IR (CH_2Cl_2 , cm^{-1}): 3239, 2962, 1765, 1664, 1465, 1192; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3): 0.96 (t, 12H, $J=7.2$ Hz), 1.32–1.45 (m, 8H), 1.54–1.65 (m, 8H), 2.67 (s, 3H), 3.22–3.28 (m, 8H), 4.69 (d, 1H, $J_{\text{Ha-Hb}}=2.1$ Hz), 4.78 (dd, 1H, $J_{\text{Hb-Ha}}=2.1$, $J_{\text{Hb-NH}}=$

7.8 Hz), 6.26 (bs, 1H), 6.74 (bs, 1H), 7.26–7.77 (m, 5H); ^{13}C NMR: 12.8 (q), 13.3 (q), 19.4 (t), 23.6 (t), 58.4 (t), 61.7 (d), 66.1 (d), 112.0 (s), 127.7 (s), 129.5 (d), 130.4 (d), 160.0 (s), 161.7 (s), 166.3 (s), 173.0 (s); Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{48}\text{N}_4\text{O}_6\text{S}$: C 60.79, H 8.16, N 9.45, O 16.19, S 5.41; Found: C 60.98, H 7.99, N 9.63, S 5.25; MS: $m/z=591$ (M–H) $^-$.

(2R,3S)-3-[[3-(2-Chloro-phenyl)-5-methyl-isoxazole-4-carbonyl]-amino]-4-oxo-azetidine-2-sulphonic acid tetrabutylammonium salt (trans-5b). Yield 50%; Colourless oil; IR (CH_2Cl_2 , cm^{-1}): 3239, 2963, 1764, 1670, 1193; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3): 0.95 (t, 12H, $J=7.2$ Hz), 1.34–1.41 (m, 8H), 1.51–1.64 (m, 8H), 2.70 (s, 3H), 3.18–3.23 (m, 8H), 4.63 (d, 1H, $J_{\text{Ha-Hb}}=2.3$ Hz), 4.71 (dd, 1H, $J_{\text{Hb-Ha}}=2.3$, $J_{\text{Hb-NH}}=7.5$ Hz), 6.34 (bs, 1H), 7.35–7.52 (m, 4H), 7.08 (bs, 1H); ^{13}C NMR: 12.8 (q), 13.3 (q), 19.4 (t), 23.6 (t), 58.4 (t), 61.7 (d), 66.2 (d), 111.6 (s), 127.2 (s), 127.3 (d), 129.1 (d), 130.3 (d), 131.5 (d), 133.9 (s), 158.8 (s), 161.5 (s), 166.3 (s), 173.7 (s); Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{47}\text{N}_4\text{O}_6\text{SCl}$: C 57.45, H 7.55, N 8.93, O 15.30, S 5.11, Cl 5.65; Found: C 57.59, H 7.67, N 9.10, S 5.00; MS: $m/z=625$ (M–H) $^-$.

(2R,3S)-3-[[3-(2,6-Dichloro-phenyl)-5-methyl-isoxazole-4-carbonyl]-amino]-4-oxo-azetidine-2-sulphonic acid tetrabutylammonium salt (trans-5c). Yield 60%; Colourless oil; IR (CH_2Cl_2 , cm^{-1}): 3258, 2963, 1767, 1669, 1194; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3): 0.79 (t, 12H, $J=7.2$ Hz), 1.15–1.27 (m, 8H), 1.38–1.48 (m, 8H), 2.57 (s, 3H), 3.02–3.07 (m, 8H), 4.47 (bs, 1H), 4.64 (bs, 1H), 6.43 (bs, 1H), 7.09–7.25 (m, 3H); ^{13}C NMR: 12.9 (q), 13.3 (q), 19.3 (t), 23.6 (t), 58.4 (t), 61.5 (d), 66.3 (d), 111.9 (s), 127.0 (s), 128.3 (d), 128.4 (d), 130.4 (d), 135.2 (s), 135.6 (s), 159.2 (s), 160.9 (s), 166.5 (s), 175.0 (s); Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{46}\text{N}_4\text{O}_6\text{SCl}_2$: C 54.46, H 7.01, N 8.47, O 14.51, S 4.85, Cl 10.72; Found: C 54.55, H 7.19, N 8.60, S 4.98; MS: $m/z=659$ (M–H) $^-$.

(2R,3S)-3-[[3-(2-Chloro-6-fluoro-phenyl)-5-methyl-isoxazole-4-carbonyl]-amino]-4-oxo-azetidine-2-sulphonic acid tetrabutylammonium salt (trans-5d). Yield 71%; Colourless oil; IR (CH_2Cl_2 , cm^{-1}): 3423, 2964, 1775, 1671, 1616, 1458, 1250; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3): 0.92 (t, 12H, $J=7.2$ Hz), 1.26–1.38 (m, 8H), 1.49–1.60 (m, 8H), 2.68 (s, 3H), 3.11–3.17 (m, 8H), 4.62 (d, 1H, $J_{\text{Ha-Hb}}=2.3$ Hz), 4.78 (dd, 1H, $J_{\text{Hb-Ha}}=2.3$, $J_{\text{Hb-NH}}=7.5$ Hz), 5.25 (bs, 1H), 7.00 (t, 1H, $J=8.1$; 8.7 Hz), 7.19–7.45 (m, 2H), 7.21 (d, 1H, $J=8.1$ Hz); ^{13}C NMR: 12.6 (q), 13.2 (q), 19.3 (t), 23.5 (t), 58.4 (t), 61.4 (d), 66.3 (d), 112.4 (s), 113.8 (d), 118.2 (s), 124.8 (d), 130.9 (d), 135.0 (s), 159.0 (s), 160.7 (s), 160.9 (s), 166.8 (s), 175.0 (s); Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{46}\text{N}_4\text{O}_6\text{SClF}$: C 55.85, H 7.19, N 8.68, O 14.88, S 4.97, Cl 5.49, F 2.94; Found: C 55.72, H 7.08, N 8.49, S 5.11; MS: $m/z=643$ (M–H) $^-$.

General procedure for preparation of compounds 6a–d

Corresponding compound **5a–d** (0.56 mmol) was dissolved in 20 ml CH_2Cl_2 . Potassium nonafluorobutanesulphonate (190 mg; 0.56 mmol) was dissolved in 20 ml dist. H_2O and added to the previous solution. The reaction mixture was stirred for 1 h at room temperature. The layers were separated and water was lyophilised to give compounds **6a–d** as white crystals.

(2R,3R)-3-[(5-Methyl-3-phenyl-isoxazole-4-carbonyl)-amino]-4-oxo-azetidine-2-sulphonic acid potassium salt (cis-6a). Yield 92%; White crystals, decomposition >150°C; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3413, 1772, 1664, 1219; ¹H NMR (DMSO): 2.66 (s, 3H), 4.39 (d, 1H, $J_{\text{Ha-Hb}}=5.1$ Hz), 5.47 (dd, 1H, $J_{\text{Hb-Ha}}=5.1$, $J_{\text{Hb-NH}}=10.1$ Hz), 7.47–7.67 (m, 5H), 8.21 (d, 1H, $J=10.1$ Hz), 8.88 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR: 12.2 (q), 56.9 (d), 64.3 (d), 112.2 (s), 128.2 (s), 128.6 (d), 128.9 (d), 130.2 (d), 160.8 (s), 161.1 (s), 168.4 (s), 170.8 (s); Anal. Calcd for C₁₄H₁₂N₃O₆SK: C 43.18, H 3.11, N 10.79, O 24.65, S 8.23, K 10.04; Found: C 43.30, H 3.13, N 10.70, S 8.03.

(2R,3R)-3-[[3-(2-Chloro-phenyl)-5-methyl-isoxazole-4-carbonyl]-amino]-4-oxo-azetidine-2-sulphonic acid potassium salt (cis-6b). Yield 83%; White crystals, decomposition >150°C; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3400, 1773, 1664, 1218; ¹H NMR (DMSO): 2.74 (s, 3H), 4.33 (d, 1H, $J_{\text{Ha-Hb}}=5.1$ Hz), 5.37 (dd, 1H, $J_{\text{Hb-Ha}}=5.1$, $J_{\text{Hb-NH}}=10.0$ Hz), 7.37–7.57 (m, 4H), 8.05 (d, 1H, $J=10.0$ Hz), 8.86 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR: 12.8 (q), 56.6 (d), 64.2 (d), 112.5 (s), 127.8 (s), 128.1 (d), 128.4 (d), 132.3 (d), 134.5 (s), 135.0 (s), 159.0 (s), 159.0 (s), 168.7 (s), 170.8 (s); Anal. Calcd for C₁₄H₁₁N₃O₆SClK: C 39.67, H 2.62, N 9.91, O 22.65, S 7.56, Cl 8.36, K 9.22; Found: C 39.49, H 2.51, N 9.74, S 7.43.

(2R,3R)-3-[[3-(2,6-Dichloro-phenyl)-5-methyl-isoxazole-4-carbonyl]-amino]-4-oxo-azetidine-2-sulphonic acid potassium salt (cis-6c). Yield 100%; White crystals, decomposition >150°C; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3388, 1774, 1665, 1218; ¹H NMR (DMSO): 2.82 (s, 3H), 4.34 (d, 1H, $J_{\text{Ha-Hb}}=5.0$ Hz), 5.36 (dd, 1H, $J_{\text{Hb-Ha}}=5.0$, $J_{\text{Hb-NH}}=10.1$ Hz), 7.09–7.25 (m, 3H), 8.01 (d, 1H, $J=10.1$ Hz), 8.83 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR: 11.9 (q), 56.1 (d), 63.6 (d), 112.6 (s), 126.8 (d), 127.5 (s), 129.2 (d), 131.0 (d), 132.6 (d), 159.2 (s), 160.1 (s), 168.0 (s), 169.8 (s); Anal. Calcd for C₁₄H₁₀N₃O₆SCl₂K: C 36.69, H 2.20, N 9.17, O 20.95, S 7.00, Cl 15.47, K 8.53; Found: C 36.49, H 2.36, N 9.25, S 7.03.

(2R,3R)-3-[[3-(2-Chloro-6-fluoro-phenyl)-5-methyl-isoxazole-4-carbonyl]-amino]-4-oxo-azetidine-2-sulphonic acid potassium salt (cis-6d). Yield 100%; White crystals, decomposition >150°C; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3421, 1774, 1664, 1217; ¹H NMR (DMSO): 2.74 (s, 3H), 4.33 (d, 1H, $J_{\text{Ha-Hb}}=5.1$ Hz), 5.37 (dd, 1H, $J_{\text{Hb-Ha}}=5.1$, $J_{\text{Hb-NH}}=10.0$ Hz), 7.33–7.62 (m, 3H), 8.06 (d, 1H, $J=10.0$ Hz), 8.81 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR: 12.7 (q), 56.6 (d), 64.2 (d), 112.8 (s), 115.0 (d), 117.2 (s), 125.7 (d), 132.7 (d), 134.3 (s), 155.7 (s), 159.2 (s), 162.1 (s), 168.6 (s), 171.1 (s); Anal. Calcd for C₁₄H₁₀N₃O₆SClFK: C 38.06, H 2.28, N 9.51, O 21.73, S 7.26, Cl 8.02, F 4.30, K 8.85; Found: C 38.19, H 2.36, N 9.39, S 7.13.

(2R,3S)-3-[(5-Methyl-3-phenyl-isoxazole-4-carbonyl)-amino]-4-oxo-azetidine-2-sulphonic acid potassium salt (trans-6a). Yield 60%; White crystals, decomposition >150°C; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3435, 1781, 1658, 1257; ¹H NMR (DMSO): 3.17 (s, 3H), 4.18 (bs, 1H), 4.77 (bs, 1H), 7.69–7.71 (m, 5H), 8.77 (s, 1H), 9.04 (d, 1H, $J=8.1$ Hz); ¹³C NMR: 12.7 (q), 61.6 (d), 66.6 (d), 113.1 (s), 128.7 (s), 128.9 (d), 129.7 (d), 130.9 (d), 160.8 (s), 162.3 (s), 167.5 (s),

170.8 (s); Anal. Calcd for C₁₄H₁₂N₃O₆SK: C 43.18, H 3.11, N 10.79, O 24.65, S 8.23, K 10.04; Found: C 43.05, H 3.30, N 10.65, S 8.32.

(2R,3S)-3-[[3-(2-Chloro-phenyl)-5-methyl-isoxazole-4-carbonyl]-amino]-4-oxo-azetidine-2-sulphonic acid potassium salt (trans-6b). Yield 66%; White crystals, decomposition >150°C; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3429, 1754, 1664, 1257; ¹H NMR (DMSO): 2.61 (s, 3H), 4.20 (d, 1H, $J_{\text{Ha-Hb}}=1.8$ Hz), 4.64 (dd, 1H, $J_{\text{Hb-Ha}}=1.8$, $J_{\text{Hb-NH}}=8.1$ Hz), 7.36–7.60 (m, 4H), 8.66 (s, 1H), 8.79 (d, 1H, $J=8.1$ Hz); ¹³C NMR: 12.4 (q), 61.0 (d), 65.9 (d), 113.8 (s), 127.5 (d), 127.8 (s), 130.0 (d), 130.5 (d), 131.9 (d), 132.9 (s), 160.4 (s), 161.1 (s), 167.1 (s), 170.0 (s); Anal. Calcd for C₁₄H₁₁N₃O₆SClK: C 39.67, H 2.62, N 9.91, O 22.65, S 7.56, Cl 8.36, K 9.22; Found: C 39.52, H 2.74, N 9.76, S 7.53.

(2R,3S)-3-[[3-(2,6-Dichloro-phenyl)-5-methyl-isoxazole-4-carbonyl]-amino]-4-oxo-azetidine-2-sulphonic acid potassium salt (trans-6c). Yield 100%; White crystals, decomposition >150°C; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3414, 1778, 1668, 1605, 1541, 1194; ¹H NMR (DMSO): 2.68 (s, 3H), 4.17 (d, 1H, $J=1.9$ Hz), 4.64 (dd, 1H, $J_{\text{Hb-Ha}}=1.9$, $J_{\text{Hb-NH}}=8.1$ Hz), 7.43–7.64 (m, 3H), 8.67 (s, 1H), 8.71 (d, 1H, $J_{\text{Ha-Hb}}=8.1$ Hz); ¹³C NMR: 12.8 (q), 60.9 (d), 65.9 (d), 113.4 (s), 127.5 (s), 128.5 (d), 128.6 (d), 132.4 (d), 134.6 (s), 134.7 (s), 158.6 (s), 160.2 (s), 167.1 (s), 170.3 (s); Anal. Calcd for C₁₄H₁₀N₃O₆SCl₂K: C 36.69, H 2.20, N 9.17, O 20.95, S 7.00, Cl 15.47, K 8.53; Found: C 36.49, H 2.36, N 9.25, S 7.03; Anal. Calcd for C₁₄H₁₀N₃O₆SCl₂K: C 36.69, H 2.20, N 9.17, O 20.95, S 7.00, Cl 15.47, K 8.53; Found: C 36.78, H 2.38, N 9.04, S 6.83.

(2R,3S)-3-[[3-(2-Chloro-6-fluoro-phenyl)-5-methyl-isoxazole-4-carbonyl]-amino]-4-oxo-azetidine-2-sulphonic acid potassium salt (trans-6d). Yield 100%; White crystals, decomposition >150°C; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3416, 1781, 1665, 1615, 1255; ¹H NMR (DMSO): 2.66 (s, 3H), 4.17 (bs, 1H), 4.64 (dd, 1H, $J_{\text{Hb-Ha}}=1.9$, $J_{\text{Hb-NH}}=8.1$ Hz), 7.26–7.63 (m, 3H), 8.67 (s, 1H), 8.77 (d, 1H, $J=8.1$ Hz); ¹³C NMR: 12.6 (q), 60.9 (d), 66.0 (d), 113.8 (s), 115.1 (d), 116.9 (s), 125.9 (d), 132.9 (d), 134.2 (s), 155.2 (s), 160.4 (s), 162.2 (s), 167.0 (s), 170.5 (s); Anal. Calcd for C₁₄H₁₀N₃O₆SClFK: C 38.06, H 2.28, N 9.51, O 21.73, S 7.26, Cl 8.02, F 4.30, K 8.85; Found: C 38.17, H 2.09, N 9.68, S 7.30.

General procedure for preparation of compounds 7c and 7d

Corresponding compound **5c** or **5d** (0.1 mmol) was dissolved in 20 ml CH₂Cl₂ and cooled at -15°C. Chloro-sulphonyl isocyanate (0.02 ml; 0.24 mmol) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred for 1 h at -15°C and for 3 h at room temperature. Water was added and the reaction mixture was stirred for 1 h, layers were separated and organic layer was washed with dist. water, dried (Na₂SO₄) and evaporated to give compound **7c** or **7d**.

(2R,3R)-3-[[3-(2,6-Dichloro-phenyl)-5-methyl-isoxazole-4-carbonyl]-amino]-4-oxo-1-sulphoaminocarbonyl-azetidine-2-sulphonic acid tetrabutylammonium salt (cis-7c). Yield 64%; Yellow oil; IR (CH₂Cl₂, cm⁻¹): 3422, 2963,

1812, 1785, 1728, 1677, 1238; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3): 0.97 (t, 12H, $J=7.2$ Hz), 1.36–1.43 (m, 8H), 1.56–1.66 (m, 8H), 2.86 (s, 1H), 3.18–3.23 (m, 8H), 4.99 (d, 1H, $J_{\text{Ha-Hb}}=6.3$ Hz), 5.82 (dd, 1H, $J_{\text{Hb-Ha}}=6.3$, $J_{\text{Hb-NH}}=9.9$ Hz), 7.28–7.51 (m, 3H), 7.74 (d, 1H, $J=9.9$ Hz); ^{13}C NMR: 13.3 (q), 13.6 (q), 19.6 (t), 23.8 (t), 56.5 (d), 58.6 (t), 67.6 (d), 112.1 (s), 127.7 (s), 128.1 (d), 128.6 (d), 131.2 (d), 135.4 (s), 135.7 (s), 158.6 (s), 160.0 (s), 166.4 (s), 171.7 (s), 175.3 (s); Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{47}\text{N}_5\text{O}_{10}\text{S}_2\text{Cl}_2$: C 47.45, H 6.04, N 8.92, O 20.39, S 8.17, Cl 9.04; Found: C 47.29, H 6.16, N 8.99, S 8.13.

(2R,3R)-3-[[3-(2-Chloro-6-fluoro-phenyl)-5-methyl-isoxazole-4-carbonyl]-amino]-4-oxo-1-sulphoaminocarbonyl-azetidine-2-sulphonic acid tetrabutylammonium salt (cis-7d). Yield 76%; Yellow oil; IR (CH_2Cl_2 , cm^{-1}): 3360, 2964, 1813, 1784, 1677, 1457, 1249; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3): 0.96 (t, 12H, $J=7.2$ Hz), 1.34–1.42 (m, 8H), 1.49–1.60 (m, 8H), 2.84 (s, 3H), 3.16–3.21 (m, 8H), 4.98 (d, 1H, $J_{\text{Ha-Hb}}=6.3$ Hz), 5.82 (dd, 1H, $J_{\text{Hb-Ha}}=6.3$, $J_{\text{Hb-NH}}=9.9$ Hz), 7.06–7.12 (t, 1H, $J=8.1$ Hz), 7.27–7.42 (m, 2H), 7.68 (d, 1H, $J=9.9$ Hz); ^{13}C NMR: 12.9 (q), 13.3 (q), 19.4 (t), 23.6 (t), 56.4 (d), 58.5 (t), 67.5 (d), 112.5 (s), 114.1 (d), 117.0 (s), 125.4 (d), 131.6 (d), 135.1 (s), 155.5 (s), 160.1 (s), 162.5 (s), 166.4 (s), 171.6 (s), 177.2 (s); Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{47}\text{N}_5\text{O}_{10}\text{S}_2\text{ClF}$: C 48.46, H 6.17, N 9.12, O 20.82, S 8.35, Cl 4.61, F 2.47; Found: C 48.58, H 5.96, N 9.26, S 8.41.

(2R,3S)-3-[[3-(2,6-Dichloro-phenyl)-5-methyl-isoxazole-4-carbonyl]-amino]-4-oxo-1-sulphoaminocarbonyl-azetidine-2-sulphonic acid tetrabutylammonium salt (trans-7c). Yield 40%; Yellow oil; IR (CH_2Cl_2 , cm^{-1}): 3440, 2963, 1812, 1785, 1732, 1464, 1259; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3): 0.93 (t, 12H, $J=7.2$ Hz), 1.30–1.42 (m, 8H), 1.55–1.60 (m, 8H), 2.75 (s, 1H), 3.16–3.21 (m, 8H), 4.92 (dd, 1H, $J_{\text{Hb-Ha}}=3.2$, $J_{\text{Hb-NH}}=6.8$ Hz), 4.98 (d, 1H, $J_{\text{Ha-Hb}}=3.2$ Hz), 5.05 (bs, 1H), 7.26–7.47 (m, 3H); ^{13}C NMR: 13.1 (q), 13.4 (q), 19.4 (t), 23.6 (t), 58.5 (t), 62.6 (d), 69.4 (d), 127.7 (s), 128.0 (d), 128.9 (d), 130.9 (d), 135.3 (s), 135.5 (s), 156.3 (s), 163.8 (s), 165.3 (s), 173.5 (s), 176.1 (s); Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{47}\text{N}_5\text{O}_{10}\text{S}_2\text{Cl}_2$: C 47.45, H 6.04, N 8.92, O 20.39, S 8.17, Cl 9.04; Found: C 47.48, H 5.98, N 9.10, S 8.05.

(2R,3S)-3-[[3-(2-Chloro-6-fluoro-phenyl)-5-methyl-isoxazole-4-carbonyl]-amino]-4-oxo-1-sulphoaminocarbonyl-azetidine-2-sulphonic acid tetrabutylammonium salt (trans-7d). Yield 65%; Yellow oil; IR (CH_2Cl_2 , cm^{-1}): 3418, 2964, 1814, 1792, 1732, 1669, 1457, 1251; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3): 0.96 (t, 12H, $J=7.2$ Hz), 1.35–1.42 (m, 8H), 1.52–1.64 (m, 8H), 2.79 (s), 3.17–3.23 (m, 8H), 4.85 (dd, 1H, $J_{\text{Hb-Ha}}=3.4$, $J_{\text{Ha-NH}}=6.8$ Hz), 5.03 (d, 1H, $J_{\text{Ha-Hb}}=3.4$ Hz), 6.94 (bs, 1H), 7.18 (t, 1H, $J=9.0$ Hz), 7.31–7.48 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR: 12.8 (q), 13.2 (q), 19.4 (t), 23.7 (t), 58.6 (t), 63.7 (d), 68.9 (d), 113.2 (s), 115.3 (d), 117.0 (s), 125.5 (d), 132.3 (d), 135.2 (s), 155.6 (s), 160.0 (s), 161.9 (s), 165.5 (s), 173.7 (s), 176.1 (s); Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{47}\text{N}_5\text{O}_{10}\text{S}_2\text{ClF}$: C 48.46, H 6.17, N 9.12, O 20.82, S 8.35, Cl 4.61, F 2.47; Found: C 48.30, H 5.99, N 9.01, S 8.21.

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