Supporting Information for

Novel *N*-acyl hydrazone compounds as promising anticancer agents: synthesis and molecular docking studies

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1. Materials and Apparatuses

All of the chemicals and solvents utilized in the syntheses and in vitro tests were obtained from commercial suppliers (Merck, Sigma- Aldrich, Acros Organics, and Thermo Fisher Scientific) and used without additional purification. Solvents used for chromatography were of technical grade and distilled before use. Thin-layer chromatography was used to monitor chemical reactions under 254 nm UV light. The synthesized starting compounds and N-acyl hydrazones were purified using column chromatography on silica gel (0.063–0.200mm) with hexane-ethylacetate. Melting points were measured with a Buchi melting point apparatus B-540. Gas chromatography-mass spectrometry (GC-MS) data were recorded on a Shimadzu QP2010 Plus. The purity of the N-acyl hydrazone derivatives was determined on Shimadzu/DGU-20A5 HPLC apparatus. FT-IR spectra were recorded on Bruker Vertex. 1H NMR and 13C NMR spectra were recorded at 500 MHz and 126 MHz, respectively. DMSO d6 was used as a solvent, and Me4Si was used as the internal standard. LC-MS data were recorded on Shimadzu 8040.

2. General procedure for protection methyl δ-oxo pentanoate derivatives (2a-e)

To a solution of δ -oxo methyl ester **1a-e** (1 mmol), ethylene glycol (3 mmol), and triethyl orthoformate (3 mmol) in toluene (5 mL) was added *p*-toluenesulfonic acid monohydrate (0.01 mmol). The reaction mixture was heated to reflux for 24 hours until all starting material was consumed in the thin-layer chromatography analysis. Next, the reaction mixture was cooled and quenched with a saturated NaHCO₃ solution. The mixture was extracted with petroleum ether (40-60°C) three times. The combined organic phases were washed with saturated NaCl solution and then dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The products **2a-e** were obtained as yellow oil in a 90-96 % yield.



Scheme S1. Synthesis of compounds 2a-e

3. General procedure for the synthesis of δ-ketal hydrazides (3a-e)

The 80 % hydrazine monohydrate (3 mL) was added to a solution of protected δ -oxo methyl ester **2a-e** (5 mmol) in absolute ethanol (15 mL) and was stirred at reflux for 6 h. The reaction mixture was monitored by TLC (eluent: hexanes/EtOAc 1:1) and visualized using UV light. After the reaction is complete, the ethanol was removed under reduced pressure. The mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate three times. The organic phase was washed with distilled water, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The ketal hydrazides **3a-e** was obtained in a 95-98 % isolated yield.



Scheme S2. Synthesis of δ -ketal hydrazides 3a-e

4. General procedure for the synthesis of δ-ketal *N*-acyl hydrazones (4a-e, 5a-e, 6a-

e)^{1,2}

The δ -ketal hydrazide **3a-e** (1 mmol) and aldehyde (anisaldehyde, furfural or isovaleraldehyde) (2 mmol) in DMF (2 mL) were added to a reaction flask, then the mixture was heated to reflux. The reaction progress was monitored by TLC (eluent: hexane: EtOAc (1:1). After finishing the reaction, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: hexanes/EtOAc 3:1). The pure products **4a-e**, **5a-e**, **6a-e** were obtained in 51-95% isolated yield.



Scheme S3. Synthesis of δ -ketal *N*-acyl hydrazones 4a-e, 5a-e, 6a-e

5. General procedure of the synthesis of *N*-acyl hydrazone derivatives by deprotection of δ-ketal *N*-acyl hydrazones (7a-e, 8a-e, 9a-e)

A solution of δ -ketal *N*-acyl hydrazones **4a-e**, **5a-e**, **6a-e** (1 mmol) and Bi(NO₃)₃.5H₂O (0.25 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 2-4 h. Next, the mixture was filtered, the filtrate was washed first with 10% aqueous NaHCO₃ solution then with saturated NaCl and dried over

anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The pure products **7a-e**, **8a-e**, **9a-e** were obtained in 98% isolated yield.



Scheme S4. Deprotection of δ -ketal *N*-acyl hydrazones

6. Experimental Characterization Data of 7a-e, 8a-e and 9a-e

N'-(4-methoxybenzylidene)-5-oxo-5-phenylpentanehydrazide (7a)



White powder, Yield 88 %, mp 199-200 °C, IR (ATR) v_{max} /cm⁻¹: 3279 (NH), 3049 (CH, aryl), 2933 (CH, alkyl), 1663, 1604 (2C=O), 1505 (C=N), 1380 (C-O), 1021 (N-N), 822 (CH, aryl). Two sets of signals observed in NMR experiments. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO) δ : (**first set**) 9.87 (brs, 1H), 7.99 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.78 (s, 1H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.54 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 6.90 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.14 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.90 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.24- 2.18 (m, 2H). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO) δ : (**second set**) 9.90 (brs, 1H), 8.10 (s, 1H), 7.85 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.54 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.14 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.90 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.14 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.90 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.24- 2.18 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, *DMSO*) δ : (**first and second set**) 200.2, 200.1, 174.2, 168.4, 161.1, 160.9, 146.1, 142.9, 137.0, 133.5, 133.5, 129.1, 129.1, 128.9, 128.6, 128.3, 127.2, 114.7, 114.6, 55.6, 37.8, 37.6, 33.6, 31.3, 20.1, 19.6. LC-MS (m/z): 324 (M⁺).

N'-(4-methoxybenzylidene)-5-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-oxopentanehydrazide (7b)



White powder, Yield 80 %, mp 121-122.5 °C, IR (ATR) υ_{max} /cm⁻¹: 3200 (NH), 3081 (CH, aryl), 2954 (CH, alkyl), 1665, 1607 (2C=O), 1504 (C=N), 1394 (C-O), 1026 (N-N), 819 (CH, aryl). Two sets of

signals observed in NMR experiments. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO) δ: (**first set**) 11.09 (brs, 1H), 7.97 (d, *J*=8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.89 (s, 1H), 7.55-7.52 (m, 4H), 6.95 (d, *J*=8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.09 (t, *J*=7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.67 (t, *J*=7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.93-1.87 (m, 2H). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO) δ: (**second set**) 11.21 (brs, 1H), 8.07 (s, 1H),7.97 (d, *J*=8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.60-7.57 (m, 4H), 6.98 (d, *J*=8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.08-3.05 (m, 2H), 2.26 (t, *J*=7.3 Hz, 2H), 1.93-1.87 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO) δ: (**first and second set**) 199.2, 199.1, 174.2, 168.4, 160.8, 146.18, 142.9, 138.4, 135.7, 130.2, 129.2, 128.5, 127.3, 114.5, 55.7, 33.6, 31.5, 20.0, 19.2. LC-MS (m/z): 357 (M⁺-1).

N'-(4-methoxybenzylidene)-5-oxo-5-p-tolylpentanehydrazide (7c)



White powder, Yield 90 %, mp 133-134 °C, IR (ATR) υ_{max} /cm⁻¹: 3244 (NH), 3031 (CH, aryl), 2951 (CH, alkyl), 1681, 1601 (2C=O), 1488 (C=N), 1391 (C-O), 1029 (N-N), 810 (CH, aryl). Two sets of signals observed in NMR experiments. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO) δ : (**first set**) 11.15 (brs, 1H), 7.89 (s, 1H), 7.85 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (t, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.05 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.67 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 1.93-1.87 (m, 2H). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO) δ : (**second set**) 11.15 (brs, 1H), 8.08 (s, 1H), 7.85 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (t, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.04-3.00 (m, 2H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 2.26 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.93-1.87 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO) δ : (**first and second set**) 199.7, 199.5, 174.2, 168.5, 161.0, 160.8, 146.1, 143.7, 142.8, 134.6, 134.6, 129.6, 129.6, 128.9, 128.5, 128.4, 127.3, 114.6, 55.6, 37.7, 37.5, 33.7, 31.7, 21.5, 20.2, 19.5. LC-MS (m/z): 337 (M⁺-1).

N'-(4-methoxybenzylidene)-5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-oxopentanehydrazide (7d)



White powder, Yield 92 %, mp 154-155 °C, IR (ATR) υ_{max}/cm^{-1} : 3238 (NH), 3061 (CH, aryl), 2959 (CH, alkyl), 1668, 1646 (2C=O), 1507 (C=N), 1245 (C-O), 1023 (N-N), 830 (CH, aryl). Two sets of signals observed in NMR experiments. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO) δ : (**first set**) 11.09 (brs, 1H), 7.94 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.89 (s, 1H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.01 (t, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 4H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.02 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.67 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H) 1.91-1.88 (m, 2H). ¹H NMR (500 MHz,

DMSO) δ: (second set) 11.21 (brs, 1H), 8.08 (s, 1H), 7.94 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.97-6.94 (m, 4H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.01-2.98 (m, 2H), 2.26 (t, *J*=7.3 Hz, 2H), 1.91-1.88 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO) δ: (first and second set) 198.6, 198.4, 174.2, 168.5, 163.4, 161.0, 160.8, 146.1, 142.8, 130.6, 130.0, 128.9, 128.5, 127.3, 114.6, 114.2, 55.9, 55.7, 37.3, 37.2, 33.7, 31.8, 20.3, 19.7. LC-MS (m/z): 353 (M⁺-1).

N'-(4-methoxybenzylidene)-5-oxo-5-(thiophen-2-yl)pentanehydrazide (7e)



White powder, Yield 92%, mp 130-131 °C, IR (ATR) υ_{max} /cm⁻¹: 3233 (NH), 3070 (CH, aryl), 2931 (CH, alkyl), 1651, 1604 (2C=O), 1504 (C=N), 1236 (C-O), 1021 (N-N), 827, 714. Two sets of signals observed in NMR experiments. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO) δ : (**first set**) 11.17 (brs, 1H), 7.98 (t, J = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 7.95 (d, J = 3.8 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (s, 1H), 7.55 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.23-7.21 (m, 1H), 6.96 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.05 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.69 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.94-1.91 (m, 2H). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO) δ : (**second set**) 11.17 (brs, 1H), 8.09 (s, 1H), 7.98 (t, J = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 7.95 (d, J = 3.8 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.25-7.24 (m, 1H), 6.99 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.01 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.27 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 1.94-1.91 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO) δ : (**first and second set**) 193.4, 193.2, 174.1, 168.4, 161.1, 160.9, 146.1, 144.2, 142.8, 135.1, 135.0, 133.6, 133.5, 129.1, 129.1, 128.9, 128.6, 127.3, 127.3, 114.7, 55.7, 38.3, 38.1, 33.6, 31.7, 20.4, 19.8. LC-MS (m/z): 329 (M⁺-1).

N'-((furan-2-yl)methylene)-5-oxo-5-phenylpentanehydrazide (8a)



Light Brown powder, Yield 90 %, mp 119-120 °C, IR (ATR) υ_{max} /cm⁻¹: 3175 (NH), 3089 (CH, aryl), 2962 (CH, alkyl), 1662, 1621 (2C=O), 1399 (C-O), 1015 (N-N), 929, 736. Two sets of signals observed in NMR experiments. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO) δ : (**first set**) 11.22 (brs, 1H), 7.96 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.84 (s, 1H), 7.76 (s, 1H), 7.53-7.49 (m, 3H), 6.80 (d, J = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 6.58-6.57 (m, 1H), 3.10 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.64 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.93-1.86 (m, 2H). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO) δ : (**second set**) 11.22 (brs, 1H), 8.03 (s, 1H), 7.96 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.79 (s, 1H), 7.64-7.60 (m, 3H), 6.84 (d, J = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 6.60-6.59 (m, 1H), 3.08-3.05 (m, 2H), 2.27 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.93-1.86 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO) δ : (**first and second set**) 200.2, 200.0, 174.3, 168.7,

149.9, 149.7, 145.3, 145.1, 137.0, 136.2, 133.5, 133.1, 129.1, 128.3, 113.4, 113.3, 112.5, 112.4, 37.8, 37.6, 33.7, 31.5, 20.0, 19.1. LC-MS (m/z): 283 (M⁺-1).

5-(4-chlorophenyl)-N'-((furan-2-yl)methylene)-5-oxopentanehydrazide (8b)



Light Brown powder, Yield 83 %, mp 132-133 °C, IR (ATR) υ_{max}/cm^{-1} : 3263 (NH), 3059 (CH, aryl), 2959 (CH, alkyl), 1654, 1623 (2C=O), 1394 (C-O), 1015 (N-N), 935, 741. Two sets of signals observed in NMR experiments. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO) δ : (**first set**) 11.20 (brs, 1H), 7.96 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.84 (s, 1H), 7.75 (s, 1H), 7.56 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.79 (d, J = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 6.57-7-6.56 (m, 1H), 3.10-3.04 (m, 2H), 2.63 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.90-1.85 (m, 2H). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO) δ : (**second set**) 11.20 (brs, 1H), 8.03 (s, 1H), 7.96 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.79 (s, 1H), 6.84 (d, J = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 6.59-6.58 (m, 1H), 3.10-3.04 (m, 2H), 2.26 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 1.90-1.85 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO) δ : (**first and second set**) 199.2, 199.0, 174.3, 168.7, 149.9, 149.7, 145.3, 145.1, 138.3, 136.2, 135.7, 133.2, 130.2, 129.2, 113.4, 113.3, 112.5, 112.4, 37.8, 37.6, 33.6, 31.4, 19.9, 19.0. LC-MS (m/z): 317 (M⁺-1).

N'-((furan-2-yl)methylene)-5-oxo-5-p-tolylpentanehydrazide (8c)



White powder, Yield 93 %, mp 133.5-134.5 °C, IR (ATR) υ_{max}/cm^{-1} : 3175 (NH), 3086 (CH, aryl), 2948 (CH, alkyl), 1676, 1654 (2C=O), 1397 (C-O), 1018 (N-N), 805, 747. Two sets of signals observed in NMR experiments. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO) δ : (**first set**) 11.19 (s, 1H), 7.87-7.85 (m, 2H), 7.80 (s, 1H), 7.77 (s, 1H), 7.32 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 6.81-6.80 (m, 1H), 6.59-6.58 (m, 1H), 3.07-3.01 (m, 2H), 2.64 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 1.93-1.86 (m, 2H). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO) δ : (**second set**) 11.29 (s, 1H), 8.04 (s, 1H), 7.87-7.85 (m, 2H), 7.80 (s, 1H), 7.32 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 6.81-6.80 (m, 1H), 7.32 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 6.81-6.80 (m, 2H). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO) δ : (**second set**) 11.29 (s, 1H), 8.04 (s, 1H), 7.87-7.85 (m, 2H), 7.80 (s, 1H), 7.32 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 6.81-6.80 (m, 1H), 6.61-6.60 (m,1H), 3.07-3.01 (m, 2H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 2.27 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 1.93-1.86 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO) δ : (**first and second set**) 199.7, 199.5, 174.3, 168.7, 149.9, 149.7, 145.3, 145.1, 143.8, 143.8, 136.2, 134.6, 133.1, 129.6, 128.4, 113.4, 113.2, 112.5, 112.4, 37.7, 37.5, 33.7, 31.5, 21.5, 20.1, 19.2. LC-MS (m/z): 297 (M⁺-1).

N'-((furan-2-yl)methylene)-5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-oxopentanehydrazide (8d)



White powder, Yield 95 %, mp 144-145 °C, IR (ATR) υ_{max}/cm^{-1} : 3172 (NH), 3086 (CH, aryl), 2951 (CH, alkyl), 1659, 1598 (2C=O), 1504 (C=N), 1397 (C-O), 1021 (N-N), 810, 747. Two sets of signals observed in NMR experiments. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO) δ : (**first set**) 11.23 (brs, 1H), 7.95 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.85 (s, 1H), 7.77 (s, 1H), 7.02 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.81 (d, J = 3.4 Hz, 1H), 6.59-7-6.58 (m, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.04-2.98 (m, 2H), 2.64 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 1.91-1.85 (m, 2H). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO) δ : (**second set**) 11.23 (brs, 1H), 8.05 (s, 1H), 7.96 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.80 (s, 1H), 7.04 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 6.85 (d, J = 3.4 Hz, 1H), 6.61-6.60 (m, 1H), 3.10-3.04 (m, 2H), 2.27 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 1.91-1.85 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO) δ : (**first and second set**) 198.6, 198.4, 174.3, 168.7, 149.9, 149.74, 145.3, 145.1, 136.2, 133.1, 130.6, 130.0, 114.2, 113.4, 113.2, 112.5, 112.4, 55.9, 37.5, 37.2, 33.7, 31.5, 20.2, 19.3. LC-MS (m/z): 313 (M⁺-1).

N'-((furan-2-yl)methylene)-5-oxo-5-(thiophen-2-yl)pentanehydrazide (8e)



White powder, Yield 92 %, mp 121-122 °C, IR (ATR) υ_{max}/cm^{-1} : 3236 (NH), 3064 (CH, aryl), 2934 (CH, alkyl), 1654, 1621 (2C=O), 1541 (C=N), 1408 (C-O), 1040 (N-N), 993, 716. Two sets of signals observed in NMR experiments. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO) δ : (**first set**) 11.23 (brs, 1H), 7.98 (t, J = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 7.95 (d, J = 3.8 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (s, 1H), 7.77 8S, 1H), 7.25-7.22 (m, 1H), 6.81 (d, J = 3.4 Hz, 1H), 6.59-6.58 (m, 1H), 3.04 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.64 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.93-1.88 (m, 2H). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO) δ : (**second set**) 11.23 (brs, 1H), 7.98 (t, J = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (s, 1H), 7.25-7.22 (m, 1H), 6.61-6.60 (m, 1H), 2.27 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.93-1.88 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO) δ : (**first and second set**) 193.3, 193.2, 174.2, 168.6, 149.9, 149.7, 145.3, 145.1, 144.2, 136.2, 135.1, 135.0, 133.6, 133.5, 133.2, 129.1, 113.4, 113.3, 112.5, 112.4, 38.3, 38.0, 33.6, 31.4, 20.3, 19.4. LC-MS (m/z): 289 (M⁺-1).

N'-(3-methylbutylidene)-5-oxo-5-phenylpentanehydrazide (9a)



Light yellow oily, Yield 63 %, IR (ATR) υ_{max}/cm^{-1} : 3200 (NH), 3064 (CH, aryl), 2954 (CH, alkyl), 1651 (2C=O), 1551 (C=N), 1408 (C-O), 1051 (N-N), 849, 711. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 9.05 (brs, 1H), 7.98 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.47-7.44 (m, 2H), 7.34-7.32 (m, 2H), 7.09 (t, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 3.10 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.76 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.63-2.60 (m, 2H), 2.13-2.10 (m, 2H), 2.00-1.96 (m, 2H), 1.90-1.83 (m, 1H), 0.94 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 199.7, 175.2, 146.3, 142.5, 132.9, 128.5, 128.0, 127.7, 125.6, 110.2, 64.5, 40.8, 39.9, 37.8, 32.4, 31.8, 26.5, 22.3, 18.8. LC-MS (m/z): 275 (M⁺+1).

5-(4-chlorophenyl)-N'-(3-methylbutylidene)-5-oxopentanehydrazide (9b)



Light yellow oily, Yield 51 %, IR (ATR) υ_{max}/cm^{-1} : 3194 (NH), 3056 (CH, aryl), 2951 (CH, alkyl), 1657 (2C=O), 1554 (C=N), 1452 (C-O), 1087 (N-N), 1007, 832. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 8.98 (brs, 1H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.09 (t, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 2.60 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.13 – 2.10 (m, 2H), 1.96-1.93 (m, 4H), 1.88-1.83 (m, 1H), 0.94 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 198.5, 175.1, 146.4, 141.2, 133.6, 129.5, 128.8, 128.2, 127.2, 109.8, 64.5, 40.8, 39.8, 32.4, 26.5, 22.3, 18.8. LC-MS (m/z): 309 (M⁺+1).

N'-(3-methylbutylidene)-5-oxo-5-p-tolylpentanehydrazide (9c)



Light yellow oily, Yield 67 %, IR (ATR) υ_{max}/cm^{-1} : 3216 (NH), 3064 (CH, aryl), 2951 (CH, alkyl), 1665 (2C=O), 1546 (C=N), 1449 (C-O), 1178 (N-N), 968, 813. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 9.18 (brs, 1H), 7.88 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.13 (t, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 3.06 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.75 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.12-2.10 (m, 4H), 1.88-1.83 (m, 1H), 0.94 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 199.4, 175.0, 146.8, 143.6, 129.2, 128.1, 125.6, 64.4, 40.8, 37.7, 31.8, 26.5, 22.3, 21.6, 19.2. LC-MS (m/z): 289 (M⁺+1).

5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-N'-(3-methylbutylidene)-5-oxopentanehydrazide (9d)



Light yellow oily, Yield 71 %, IR (ATR) υ_{max}/cm^{-1} : 3208 (NH), 3067 (CH, aryl), 2951 (CH, alkyl), 1657 (2C=O), 1596 (C=N), 1455 (C-O), 1164 (N-N), 821, 725. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 9.17 (brs, 1H), 7.96 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.14 (t, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.04 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.75 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.12-2.10 (m, 4H), 1.90-1.91 (m, 1H), 0.94 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 198.4, 175.0, 163.3, 146.7, 130.3, 130.0, 113.6, 55.4, 40.8, 37.5, 31.9, 26.5, 22.3, 19.3. LC-MS (m/z): 306 (M⁺+2).

N'-(3-methylbutylidene)-5-oxo-5-(thiophen-2-yl)pentanehydrazide (9e)



Light brown oily, Yield 69 %, IR (ATR) υ_{max}/cm^{-1} : 3200 (NH), 3064 (CH, aryl), 2954 (CH, alkyl), 1651 (2C=O), 1551 (C=N), 1408 (C-O), 1051 (N-N), 849, 711. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 9.15 (brs, 1H), 7.23-7.21 (m, 1H), 7.14-7.10 (m, 1H), 7.03-7.02 (m, 1H), 6.96-6.94 (m, 1H), 3.03 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.64 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 2.14-2.09 (m, 4H), 2.05-2.02 (m, 2H), 0.95 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 192.7, 175.2, 146.7, 133.3, 131.8, 128.0, 126.7, 124.9, 124.4, 108.9, 65.0, 53.4, 40.9, 40.1, 38.6, 32.4, 31.7, 26.5, 22.3, 18.9. LC-MS (m/z): 281 (M⁺+1).

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Copies of the IR, ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra of synthesized compounds

Figure S1. IR spectrum (ATR) of 7a.







Figure S3. ¹³C NMR spectrum (126 MHz, DMSO) of 7a.



Figure S4. IR spectrum (ATR) of 7b.



Figure S6. ¹³C NMR spectrum (126 MHz, DMSO) of 7b.















Figure S12. ¹³C NMR spectrum (126 MHz, DMSO) of 7d.











Figure S16. IR spectrum (ATR) of 8a.



Figure S17. ¹H NMR spectrum (500 MHz, DMSO) of 8a.



Figure S18. ¹³C NMR spectrum (126 MHz, DMSO) of 8a.











Figure S21. ¹³C NMR spectrum (126 MHz, DMSO) of 8b.



Figure S22. IR spectrum (ATR) of 8c.















Figure S28. IR spectrum (ATR) of 8e.



Figure S29. ¹H NMR spectrum (500 MHz, DMSO) of 8e.



Figure S30. ¹³C NMR spectrum (126 MHz, DMSO) of 8e.











Figure S33. ¹³C NMR spectrum (126 MHz, DMSO) of 9a.



Figure S34. IR spectrum (ATR) of 9b.



Figure S36. ¹³C NMR spectrum (126 MHz, DMSO) of 9b.













Figure S40. IR spectrum (ATR) of 9d.



Figure S42. ¹³C NMR spectrum (126 MHz, DMSO) of 9d.











Figure S45. ¹³C NMR spectrum (126 MHz, DMSO) of 8e.

HPLC chromatograms of synthesized compounds after purification



Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Height	Area %	Height %	Resolution
1	14.982	5492313	93701	100.000	100.000	0.000
Total		5492313	93701	100.000	100.000	

Figure S46: HPLC traces of 7a after purification showing 100 % purity



Figure S47: HPLC traces of 7b after purification showing 98 % purity



Figure S48: HPLC traces of 7c after purification showing 100 % purity



Figure S49: HPLC traces of 7d after purification showing 100 % purity



PDA Ch1 210nm 4nm							
Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Height	Area %	Height %	Resolution	
1	16.314	12455594	212225	100.000	100.000	0.000	
Total		12455594	212225	100.000	100.000		

Figure S50: HPLC traces of 7e after purification showing 100 % purity



Figure S51: HPLC traces of 8a after purification showing 100 % purity



Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Height	Area %	Height %	Resolution
1	7.470	5866774	413230	100.000	100.000	0.000
Total		5866774	413230	100.000	100.000	

Figure S52: HPLC traces of 8b after purification showing 100 % purity



Figure S53: HPLC traces of 8c after purification showing 97.8 % purity



PDA Ch1 210nm 4nm							
Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Height	Area %	Height %	Resolution	
1	12.758	5647678	223187	100.000	100.000	0.000	
Total		5647678	223187	100.000	100.000		

Figure S54: HPLC traces of 8d after purification showing 100 % purity



1	10.206	2050290	92631	100.000	100.000	0.000
Total		2050290	92631	100.000	100.000	

Figure S55: HPLC traces of 8e after purification showing 100 % purity



Figure S56: HPLC traces of 9a after purification showing 100 % purity



Figure S57: HPLC traces of 9b after purification showing 100 % purity



Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Height	Area %	Height %	Resolution
1	6.016	43514868	3543654	100.000	100.000	0.000
Total	5	43514868	3543654	100.000	100.000	





Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Height	Area %	Height %	Resolution
1	7.502	5828923	359730	100.000	100.000	0.000
Total		5828923	359730	100.000	100.000	

Figure S59: HPLC traces of 9d after purification showing 100 % purity



Figure S60: HPLC traces of 9e after purification showing 100 % purity