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Abstract: A one-stage method for the preparation of 1-[isocyanato(phenyl)methyl]adamantane containing a phenylmethylene fragment located between the adamantane fragment and the isocyanate group, and 1-[isocyanato(phenyl)methyl]-3,5-dimethyladamantane with additional methyl groups at the nodal positions of adamantane, with a yield of 95% and 89%, respectively, is described. The method includes the direct inclusion of an adamantane moiety through the reaction of phenylacetic acid ethyl ester with 1,3-dehydroadamantane or 3,5-dimethyl-1,3-dehydroadamantane followed by the hydrolysis of the obtained esters. The reaction of 1-[isocyanato(phenyl)methyl]adamantane with fluorine(chlorine)-containing anilines gave a series of 1,3-disubstituted ureas with 25–85% yield. 1-[Isocyanato(phenyl)methyl]-3,5-dimethyladamantane was involved in the reactions with fluorine(chlorine)-containing anilines and trans-4-amino-(cyclohexyloxy)benzoic acid to obtain another series of ureas with a yield of 29–74%. The resulting 1,3-disubstituted ureas are promising inhibitors of the human soluble epoxide hydrolase (hsEH).

Keywords: adamantane; isocyanate; urea; 1,3-disubstituted urea; soluble epoxide hydrolase; hsEH



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1. Introduction

Lipophilic fragments of inhibitors of soluble epoxidhydrolase (sEH, E. C. 3.3.2.10), an enzyme located in the arachidonic cascade [1–4] and involved in the metabolism of epoxy fatty acids (arachidonic acid metabolites) to the corresponding vicinal diols by catalytic addition of water molecules, usually contain adamantane [2] or aromatic fragments [5] in their structure. Inhibition sEH allows for successfully fighting against kidney diseases [6], cardiovascular diseases, and diabetes [7]. However, there are no references in the literature on sEH inhibitors, the lipophilic part of which contains both adamantane and an aromatic moiety at the same time. Vazquez et al. considered the replacement of the adamantane fragment with compounds containing polycyclic hydrocarbons smaller or larger than adamantane. Inhibitory activity values (IC₅₀) for these compounds were 0.4–21.7 nM, indicating that sEH is able to accommodate inhibitors of very different sizes. However, it has been noted that the human liver microsomal stability of diamantane-containing inhibitors is lower than that of their corresponding adamantane counterparts [8].

The presence of closely spaced, bulk fragments of adamantyl (3,5-dimethyladamantyl) and phenyl in the structure of 1,3-disubstituted urea molecules will allow us to clarify the limiting dimensions of structures that can be used as sEH inhibitors, since the catalytical center of the enzyme is a “tunnel” of limited dimensions, with the following geometrical parameters: d(O2–H2) = 0.89 (2) Å, d(H2···O1′) = 1.78(2) Å, d(O2···O1′) = 2.6631(11) Å, (O2–H2···O1′) = 171 (2)°, symmetry operation 1–x, 2–y, 1–z [8]. Due to various intermolecular

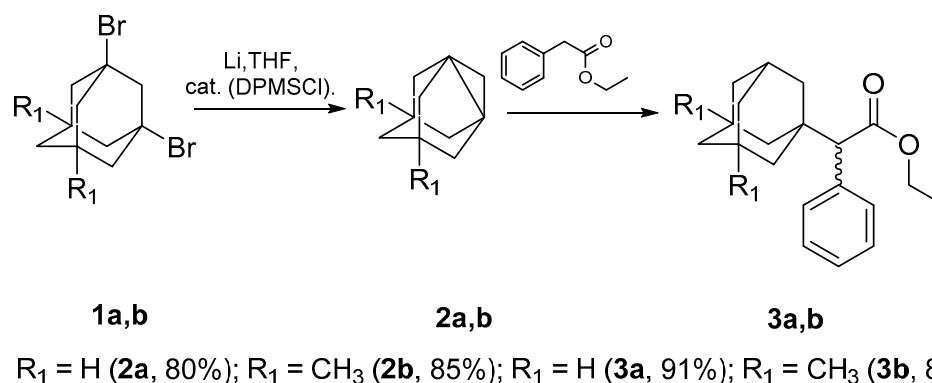
interactions [9], including nonclassical hydrogen bonds, centrosymmetric dimers formed by the classical hydrogen bond $O2-H2 \cdots O1'$ form a three-dimensional crystal structure with a rather high packing density of 71.1% [10].

One of our studies was devoted to the synthesis of symmetric 1,3-disubstituted diureas containing both an adamantane fragment and an aromatic ring in the lipophilic part [10]. Compounds containing bulky lipophilic fragments can be used to study features of inhibition between soluble epoxide hydrolases of different species due to the differences in the protein structures [11]. However, compounds containing in the right part the halogen-containing (F, Cl) anilines have not been previously obtained.

Thus, the synthesis of new compounds containing (adamantane-1-yl)(phenyl)methyl or (3,5-dimethyladamantane-1-yl)(phenyl)methyl fragments, and the synthesis of 1,3-disubstituted ureas based on them, is of significant scientific and practical interest.

2. Results and Discussion

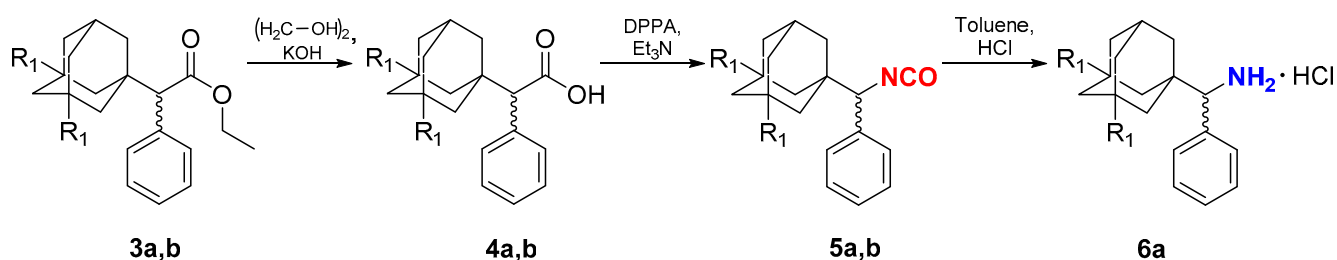
1,3-Dehydroadamantane **2a** and 1,3-dehydro-5,7-dimethyladamantane **2b** were obtained by the well-known method [12]. Then they were involved in the reaction with phenylacetic acid ethyl ester. The adamantylation reaction of phenylacetic acid ethyl ester proceeded into the α -position to the carbonyl group, with the obtaining of ethyl esters of (\pm)-(adamantane-1-yl)phenylacetic acid **3a** and (\pm)-3,5-dimethyl-(adamantane-1-yl)phenylacetic acid **3b** acids, yielding 91% and 85%, respectively (Scheme 1) [13].



Scheme 1. Preparation of (\pm)-(adamantan-1-yl)phenylacetic **3a** and (\pm)-3,5-dimethyl-(adamantan-1-yl)phenylacetic **3b** acid ethyl ester.

Obtained adamantyl containing derivatives of phenylacetic acid ethyl ester **3a** and **3b** were hydrolyzed in ethylene glycol in the presence of KOH at the temperature of 190 °C [10], to produce (\pm)-(adamantane-1-yl)phenylacetic acid **4a** and (\pm)-3,5-dimethyl-(adamantane-1-yl)phenylacetic acid **4b**, with yields of 67% and 73%, respectively.

Using a one-stage method which excludes the use of toxic and explosive reagents [10], acting on acids **4a** and **4b** with equimolar amounts of diphenylphosphoryl azide (DPPA) and triethylamine in toluene medium led to (\pm)-1-[isocyanato(phenyl)methyl]adamantane **5a** and (\pm)-1-[isocyanato(phenyl)methyl]-3,5-dimethyladamantane **5b**, with yields of 95% and 89%, respectively. (\pm)-1-[Adamantyl(phenyl)methyl]amine hydrochloride **6a** was obtained under mild conditions in toluene at room temperature using concentrated hydrochloric acid [14] with 60% yield (Scheme 2).

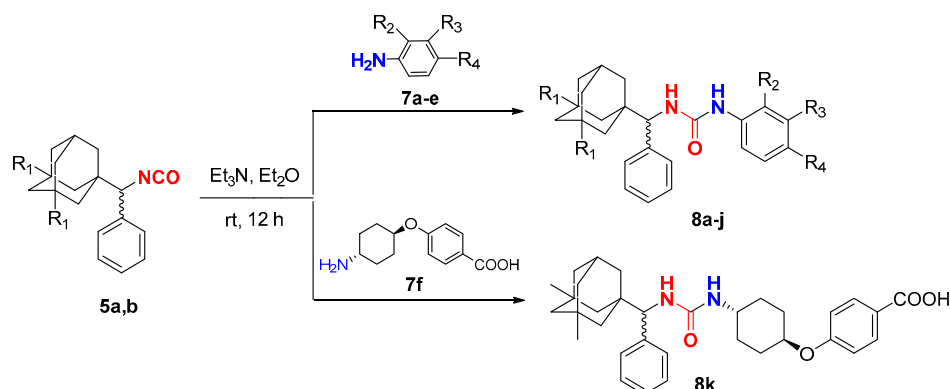


$\text{R}_1 = \text{H}$ (**4a**, 67%); $\text{R}_1 = \text{CH}_3$ (**4b**, 73%); $\text{R}_1 = \text{H}$ (**5a**, 95%); $\text{R}_1 = \text{CH}_3$ (**5b**, 89%); $\text{R}_1 = \text{H}$ (**6a**, 60%).

Scheme 2. Preparation of (\pm)-1-[isocyanato(phenyl)methyl]adamantane **5a** and (\pm)-1-[isocyanato(phenyl)methyl]-3,5-dimethyladamantane **5b**.

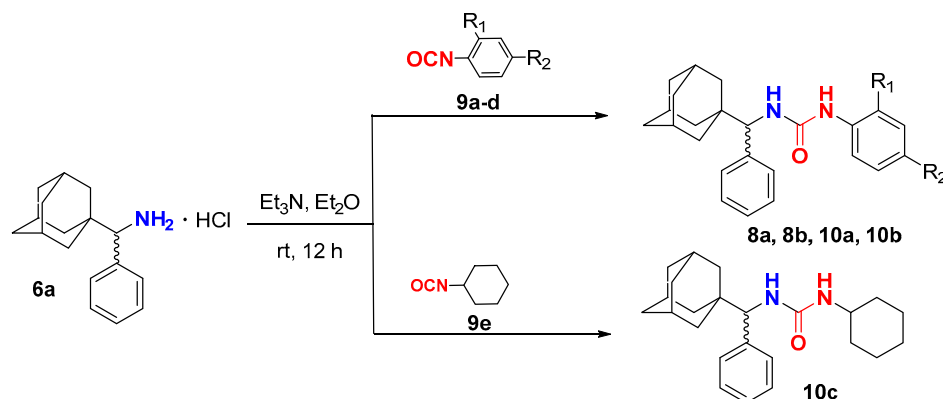
Based on the obtained (\pm)-1-[isocyanato(phenyl)methyl]-3,5-dimethyladamantane **5b**, the respective urea compounds containing the (3,5-dimethyladamantane-1-yl)(phenyl)methyl fragment were synthesized by two methods (methods A and B).

For the synthesis of 1,3-disubstituted urea **8a–k** from isocyanates **5a** and **5b** according to method A, we have chosen halogen-containing (F, Cl) anilines **7a–e**, and trans-4-amino-(cyclohexyloxy)benzoic acid **7f**, on the basis of which the most active inhibitors of soluble epoxide hydrolase (sEH) were previously obtained [15] (Scheme 3, Table 1).



Scheme 3. Scheme for the preparation of 1,3-disubstituted ureas **8a–k**.

1,3-disubstituted ureas **8a**, **8b** and **10a–c** were synthesized by method B from (\pm)-1-[adamantyl(phenyl)methyl]amine hydrochloride **6a** and aromatic isocyanates **9a–d**, as well as cyclohexyl isocyanate **9e**, as the closest analog trans-4-amino-(cyclohexyloxy)benzoic acid **7a** devoid of an oxophenylcarboxylic fragment (Scheme 4).



Scheme 4. Preparation of 1,3-disubstituted ureas **8a,b** and **10a–c**.

Table 1. Disubstituted ureas **8a–k** and **10a–c** and their well-known analogs.

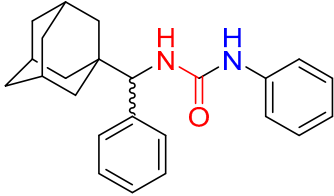
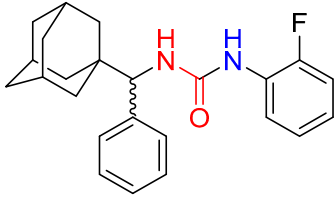
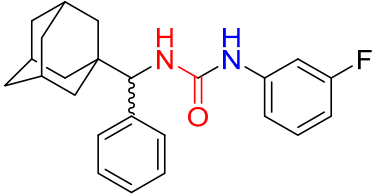
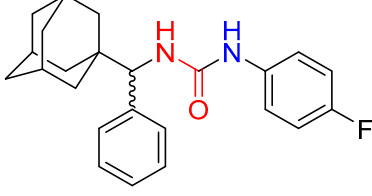
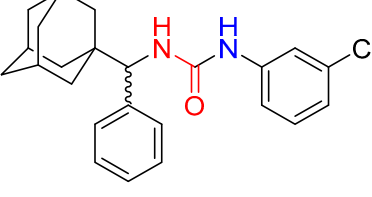
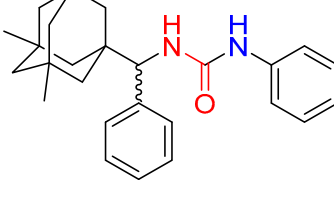
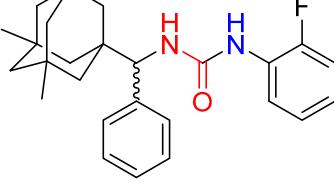
No.	Structure	Mz	LogP *	m.p., °C	Yield, %
8a		360.22	5.96	253–254	85
8b		378.21	6.08	249–250	80
8c		378.21	6.10	233–234	29
8d		378.21	6.13	270–271	54
8e		394.18	6.62	244–245	26
8f		388.25	6.09	69–70	74
8g		406.24	6.20	51–52	29

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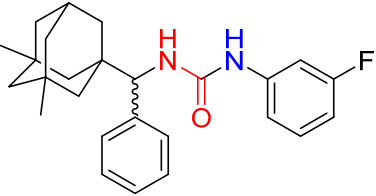
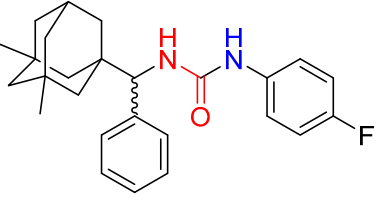
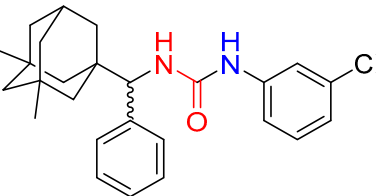
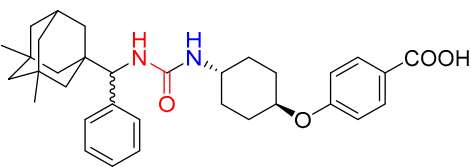
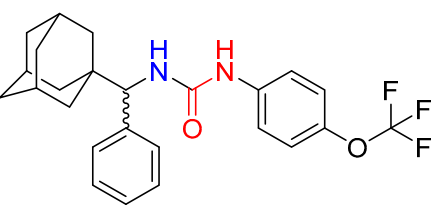
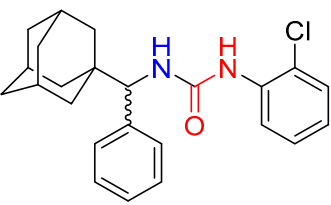
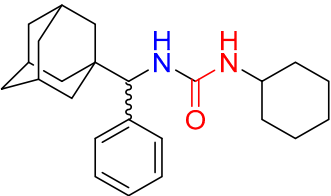
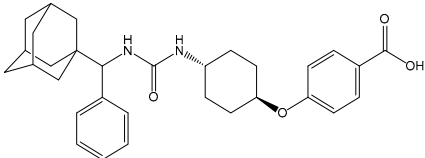
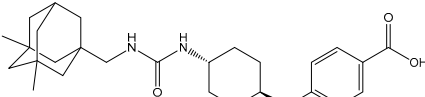
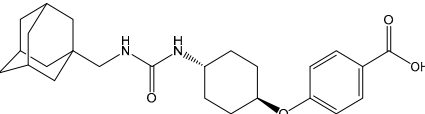
No.	Structure	Mz	LogP *	m.p., °C	Yield, %
8h		406.24	6.23	196–197	31
8i		406.24	6.25	103–104	61
8j		422.21	6.74	111–112	53
8k		530.71	6.90	174–175	51
10a		444.20	6.93	268–269	76
10b		394.18	6.59	265–266	83
10c		366.27	6.17	263–264	79

Table 1. Cont.

No.	Structure	Mz	LogP *	m.p., °C	Yield, %
11 [10]		502.66	6.78	163–164	-
12 [16]		454.28	5.32	240.1	-
13 [11]		426.56	5.20	182	-

* Calculated using software Molinspiration (<http://www.molinspiration.com>, accessed on 10 October 2022) © Molinspiration Cheminformatics.

Synthesis of 1,3-disubstituted urea **8a–k** and **10a–c** was carried out in an anhydrous diethyl ether medium for 12 h at room temperature in the presence of an equimolar amount of triethylamine (Table 1). Diethyl ether and triethylamine were chosen as the solvent and the base, respectively, for this reaction for a number of reasons. Ureas are usually insoluble in ether while most of the amines and isocyanates as well as triethylamine are soluble. For the cases when the starting material is insoluble in ether, DMF is used. As for the water and alcohols, they cannot be used as solvents for this reaction because they will react with the isocyanates. Most of the other polar solvents such as ethyl acetate can dissolve the resulting ureas which makes isolation more difficult. Inorganic bases are also insoluble in most of the solvents suitable for this reaction.

In ^1H NMR spectra of compounds **8a–e** obtained from (\pm)-1-[isocyanato(phenyl)methyl]adamantane **5a**, the chemical shift of protons ^1NH is within the range of 6.64–6.92 ppm, and the proton signals ^3NH bound to anilines shift to a weaker field of 8.40–8.71 ppm, which is probably due to the close location of the electron-withdrawing phenyl substituent to the NH-group. In ^1H NMR spectra of compounds **8f–j** obtained from (\pm)-1-[isocyanato(phenyl)methyl]-3,5-dimethyladamantane **5b**, the signals of ^1NH proton shift to a strong field of 4.05 ppm compared to compounds **8a–e**, which is probably due to the presence of electron-donating methyl substituents in the nodal positions of adamantane. The proton signals ^3NH bound to the phenyl substituent stay at the same range of 8.36–8.59 ppm, as for the compounds **8a–e**. For the compound **10c** obtained from (\pm)-1-[isocyanato(phenyl)methyl]adamantane **5a** and cyclohexyl isocyanate **9e**, in the absence of a phenyl substituent, the proton signal ^3NH shifts to a strong field of 6.37 ppm. Similarly to compounds **8a–j**, the signal of a proton ^1NH shifts to a strong field of 5.73 ppm.

The calculated lipophilicity coefficient LogP for the series of ureas **8a–k** is in the range of 5.96–6.93, which somewhat exceeds the allowable limits according to the Lipinski rule [17]. For a series of ureas **8f–j** obtained from (\pm)-1-[isocyanato(phenyl)methyl]-3,5-dimethyladamantane **5b**, the lipophilicity coefficient is 0.12 units higher than that of ureas **8a–e** obtained from (\pm)-1-[isocyanato(phenyl)methyl]adamantane **5a** (Table 1). Based on the literature data [11], such compounds will have a higher inhibitory activity, but have a lower solubility in water and are more susceptible to metabolism in vivo. Comparing urea **8k** obtained from *trans*-4-amino-(cyclohexyloxy)benzoic acid with analogs, it can be seen that the lipophilicity coefficient also became 0.12 units higher than for its analog **11** not containing methylene substituents in the nodal positions of adamantane. Comparing urea **8k** with previously obtained analogs **12**, **13** containing a fragment of *trans*-4-amino-

(cyclohexyloxy)benzoic acid, it can be seen that the introduction of substituents in the nodal positions or in the bridge separating the adamantane fragment and the ureide group leads to an increase in the lipophilicity coefficient by 1.70 units (Table 1).

The introduction of methyl substituents in the nodal positions of adamantane made it possible to reduce the melting temperatures of the ureas **8f–j** (51–196 °C) obtained from (\pm)-1-[isocyanato(phenyl)methyl]-3,5-dimethyladamantane **5b** by 37–198 °C, in comparison with the melting temperatures of similar urea products **8a–e** (233–270 °C) derived from (\pm)-1-[isocyanato(phenyl)methyl]adamantane **5a**. The general rule that lowering melting point increases solubility is based on the simplified solubility equation proposed by Wouters and Quéré [18]. Reduced melting point is also a positive factor for drug candidates as it simplifies preparation of drug dosage forms by hot-melt extrusion [19]. For urea **8k** obtained from isocyanate **5b** and *trans*-4-amino-(cyclohexyloxy)benzoic acid, the addition of methylene substituents to the nodal positions of adamantane leads to an increase in the melting temperature by 11 °C. Thus, the melting temperature of urea **8k** is 174 °C, and for urea **11** obtained from isocyanate **5a**, it is 163 °C. An increase in the melting temperatures by 58 °C is also observed in urea products obtained from 1-isocyanatomethyl-3,5-dimethyladamantane **12** and 1-isocyanatomethyladamantane **13** (Table 1). However, when comparing urea **8k** obtained from isocyanate **5b** with urea **12** obtained from 1-isocyanatomethyl-3,5-dimethyladamantane, the melting point decreases by 66 °C when introducing a phenyl substituent into the structure of isocyanate. A similar decline of melting temperatures by 19 °C is observed in urea **13** obtained from 1-[isocyanato(phenyl)methyl]adamantane **11** and 1-isocyanatomethyladamantane **8k** (Table 1, Figure 1).

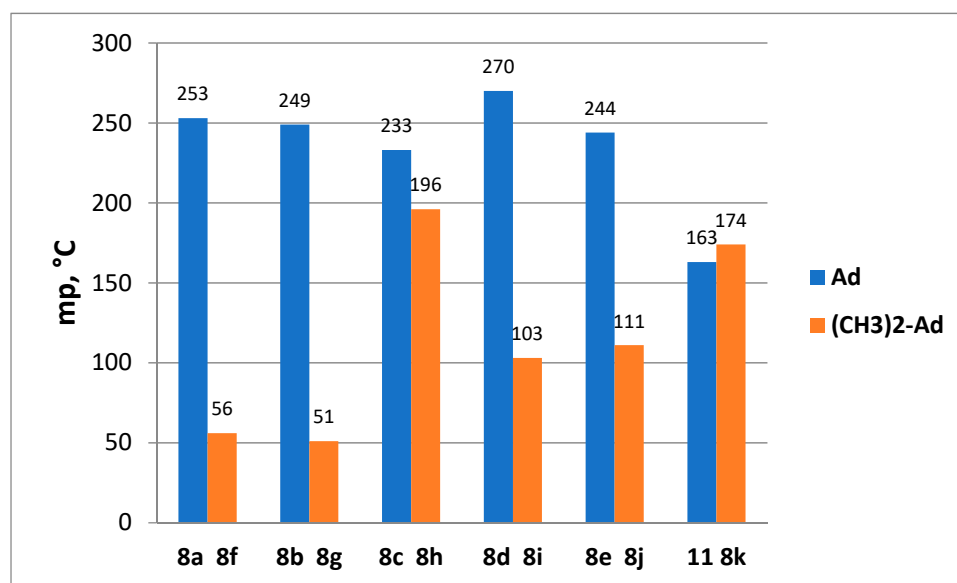


Figure 1. Comparison of the melting temperatures of urea products based on 1-[isocyanato(phenyl)methyl]adamantane **5a** and obtained on the basis of 1-[isocyanato(phenyl)methyl]-3,5-dimethyladamantane **5b**.

3. Materials and Methods

3.1. Chemistry

Triethylamine (BioUltra \geq 99.5%, CAS 121-44-8), 3-chloroaniline (99%, CAS 108-42-9), cyclohexyl isocyanate (98%, CAS 3173-53-3), phenyl isocyanate (98%, CAS 103-71-9) manufactured by Sigma-Aldrich (St. Louis, MO, USA) were used without purifying.

4-(Trifluoromethoxy) isocyanate (97%, CAS 35037-73-1), aniline (99+%, CAS 62-53-3), 2-fluoroaniline (99%, CAS 348-54-9), 3-fluoroaniline (98%, CAS 372-19-0), 4-fluoroaniline (99%, CAS 371-40-4) produced by the AlfaAesar (Ward Hill, MA, USA) were used without additional purification.

Diethyl ether was purified by well-known methods. *trans*-4-Amino-(cyclohexyloxy)benzoic acid **7a** [2], 1,3-dehydroadamantane **2a** [12], 1,3-dehydro-5,7-dimethyladamantane **2b** [12], 2-(adamantane-1-yl)-2-phenylacetic acid ethyl ester **3a** [15], 2-(adamantane-1-yl)-2-phenylacetic acid **4a**, 1-(isocyanato(phenyl)methyl)adamantane **5a** [10] were obtained by well-known methods.

3.2. Equipment

Purification of the obtained adamantyl-containing derivatives of phenylacetic acid ethyl ester **3a** and **3b** was performed on a Pure C-815 Flash Advanced chromatographic system (Buchi Labortechnik AG, Flawil, Switzerland).

Hydrolysis of the obtained adamantyl-containing derivatives of phenylacetic acid ethyl ester **3a** and **3b** was carried out on a Monowave 450 microwave laboratory reactor (Anton Paar GmbH, Graz, Austria).

The structure of the obtained compounds was confirmed by ^1H , ^{13}C , and ^{19}F NMR spectroscopy, chromatography-mass spectrometry, and elemental analysis. Mass spectra were recorded on an Agilent GC 7820A/MSD 5975 chromatography-mass spectrometer (Agilent Technologies, Santa Clara, CA, USA) in fullscan (EI) mode. ^1H NMR was performed on Bruker DPX 300 (Bruker Corporation, Billerica, MA, USA) in $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ solvent; chemical shifts ^1H are given relative to SiMe_4 . Elemental analysis was performed on a Perkin-Elmer Series II 2400 instrument (Perkin-Elmer, Waltham, MA, USA). Melting points were determined using an OptiMelt MPA100 instrument (Stanford Research Systems, Sunnyvale, CA, USA).

3.3. Synthesis

(\pm)-2-(3,5-Dimethyladamantane-1-yl)-2-phenylacetic acid ethyl ester (**3b**).

An amount of 2.5 g (0.015 mol) of 1,3-dehydro-5,7-dimethyladamantane **2b** was added to 10 g (0.061 mol) of phenylacetic acid ethyl ester. The reaction mixture was exposed at the temperature of 55–60 °C for 4 h. The excess amount of phenylacetic acid ethyl ester was distilled, and the resulting product was recrystallized from diethyl ether. The yield is 4.3 g (85%), colorless viscous liquid. Mass spectrum, m/z (I_{rel.} %): 326 (15% [M]⁺), 253 (56% [(CH_3)₂-Ad-CH-Ph]⁺), 163 (100% [(CH_3)₂-Ad]⁺) (Figures S1 and S2). Anal. Calc. for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_2$: C 80.94; H 9.26. Found: C 80.92; H 9.28. $M = 326.22$.

(\pm)-2-(3,5-Dimethyladamantane-1-yl)-2-phenylacetic acid (**4b**). An amount of 4.0 g (0.012 mol) of 2-(3,5-dimethyladamantane-1-yl)phenylacetic acid ethyl ester (**3b**) was added to 7.0 g (0.125 mol) KOH in 70 mL of ethylene glycol. The reaction mixture was exposed at 190 °C for 16 h. The cooled reaction mass was diluted with 100 mL of H_2O and extracted with ethyl acetate. The aqueous layer was placed in a rotary evaporator to remove ethyl acetate residues and concentrated hydrochloric acid was added to it until pH = 3. The precipitated white residual matter was filtered and dried in vacuum. The yield is 3.6 g (73%), white powder, m.p. 251–252 °C. Mass spectrum, m/z (I_{rel.} %): 298 (14% [M]⁺), 163 (2% [(CH_3)₂-Ad]⁺), 135 (100% [(Ph)-CH-COOH]⁺) (Figures S3 and S4). Calc. for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}_2$: C 80.50; H 8.78. Found: C 80.48; H 8.80. $M = 298.19$.

(\pm)-1-(Isocyanato(phenyl)methyl)-3,5-dimethyladamantane (**5b**). A mixture of 3.5 g (11.7 mmol) (3,5-dimethyladamantane-1-yl)phenylacetic acid **4b** and 2.37 g (23.4 mmol) triethylamine in 40 mL of anhydrous toluene was treated dropwise with 3.22 g (11.7 mmol) diphenylphosphorylazide at room temperature for 30 min. Then the reaction mixture was heated to boil and exposed for 30 min until the nitrogen release was completely stopped. The toluene was evaporated, and the product was extracted from the reaction mass with anhydrous diethyl ether. The yield is 3.1 g (89%), colorless crystals, m.p. 110–111 °C. Mass spectrum, m/z (I_{rel.} %): 295 (3% [M]⁺), 163 (100% [(CH_3)₂-Ad]⁺) (Figures S5 and S6). Calc. for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{25}\text{NO}$: C 81.31; H 8.53; N 4.74. Found: 81.30; H 8.55; N 4.71. $M = 295.19$.

(\pm)-1-[Adamantan-1-yl(phenyl)methyl]amine hydrochloride (**6a**).

To 1 g (3.75 mmol) of (\pm)-1-(isocyanato(phenyl)methyl)adamantane **5a** in 20 mL of anhydrous toluene, 0.5 mL of concentrated hydrochloric acid (4.1 mmol of HCl) was added with stirring and the reaction mass was kept for 1 h. The resulting white precipitate was

filtered off, washed with acetonitrile, and dried, then recrystallized from water. The yield is 1.03 g (99%), white powder m.p. 262–263 °C. Mass spectrum, m/z (I rel. %): 241 (1% $[M]^+$), 135 (12% $[Ad]^+$), 106 (100% $[Ph-CH_2-NH_2]^+$) (Figures S7 and S8). 1H NMR (300 MHz, $DMSO-d_6$, δ) ppm: 1.25–1.75 m (14H, $(Ad-CH(Ph)-NH_2)$), 1.91 s (3H, Ad), 7.12–7.35 m (5H, arom) (Figure S9). Calc. for $C_{17}H_{23}N$: C 84.59; H 9.60; N 5.80. Found: 84.55; H 9.64; N 5.75. $M = 241.38$.

Procedure for synthesis series of 1,3-disubstituted ureas **8a–j** and **10a–c**. Atom labels for ^{13}C NMR presented on Figure 2.

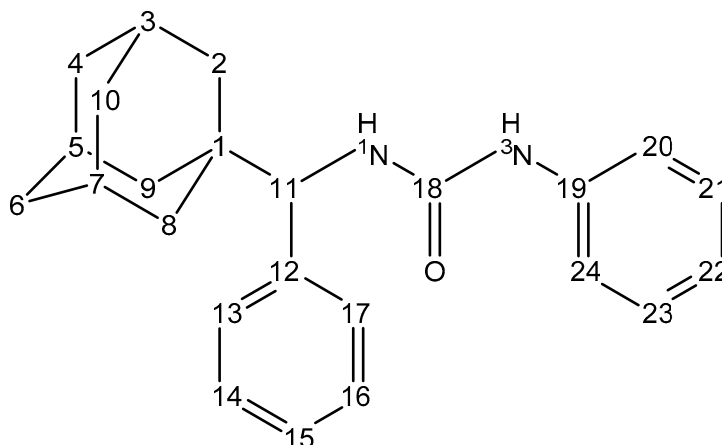


Figure 2. Carbon atoms labeled for compounds **8a–e**, **8g–j**, **10b** and **10c**.

(±)-1-((Adamantyl)(phenyl)methyl)-3-phenyl urea (**8a**).

Method A. To 200 mg (0.75 mmol) 1-(isocyanato(phenyl)methyl)-3,5-dimethyl-adamantane (**5a**) in 5 mL of diethyl ether, 80 mg (0.79 mmol) of triethylamine and 70 mg (0.75 mmol) of aniline (**7a**) were added. The reaction mixture was exposed at room temperature for 12 h. After adding 5 mL of 1 N HCl, the mixture was stirred for 1 h. The precipitated white residual matter was filtered and washed with water. The product was purified by recrystallization from ethanol. Yield of 189 mg (70%), m.p. 253–254 °C.

Method B. To 200 mg (0.72 mmol) hydrochloride 1-[adamantyl(phenyl)methyl]-amine (**6a**) in 5 mL of diethyl ether, 160 mg (1.58 mmol) of triethylamine and 70 mg (0.75 mmol) of phenylisocyanate (**9a**) were added. The reaction mixture was exposed at room temperature for 12 h. After adding 5 mL of 1 N HCl, the mixture was stirred for 1 h. The precipitated white residual matter was filtered and washed with water. The product was purified by recrystallization from ethanol. The yield is 221 mg (85%), m.p. 253–254 °C.

1H NMR (300 MHz, $DMSO-d_6$, δ) ppm: 1.26–1.70 m (12H, Ad), 1.91 s (3H, Ad), 4.36 d (1H, $Ad-CH(Ph)-$, $J = 9.2$ Hz), 6.76–6.92 m (2H, $Ad-CH(Ph)-NH-C(O)-NH-Ph-4H$), 7.08–7.21 m (4H, $Ph-NH$), 7.24–7.40 m (5H, $Ph-CH$), 8.40 s (1H, 3NH) (Figure S10). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $DMSO-d_6$, δ) ppm: 28.20 (C^3 , C^5 , C^7), 36.32 (C^1), 36.94 (C^4 , C^6 , C^{10}), 38.91 (C^2 , C^8 , C^9), 62.75 (C^{11}), 117.73 (C^{20} , C^{24}), 121.38 (C^{15}), 126.94 (C^{22}), 127.82 (C^{14} , C^{16}), 128.71 (C^{21} , C^{23}), 129.12 (C^{13} , C^{17}), 140.81 (C^{19}), 140.92 (C^{12}), 155.17 (C^{18}) (Figure S11). Calc. for $C_{24}H_{28}N_2O$: C 79.96; H 7.83; N 7.77. Found: C 79.97; H 7.85; N 7.79. $M = 360.22$.

(±)-1-((Adamantan-1-yl)(phenyl)methyl)-3-(2-fluorophenyl) urea (**8b**).

It was obtained similarly to the compound (**8a**), by **method A**, from 200 mg of the compound (**5a**) and 83 mg of 2-fluorophenine (**7b**). The yield is 71 mg (25%), m.p. 249–250 °C. It also was obtained by **method B**, from 200 mg of the compound (**6a**) and 98 mg of 2-fluorophenylisocyanate (**9b**). The yield is 218 mg (80%), m.p. 249–250 °C. 1H NMR (300 MHz, $DMSO-d_6$, δ) ppm: 1.21–1.75 m (12H, Ad), 1.91 s (3H, Ad), 4.37 d (1H, $Ad-CH(Ph)$, $J = 8.9$ Hz), 6.79–6.92 m (2H, $NH-C(O)-NH-Ph-2F$), 6.93–7.05 m (1H, $NH-Ph-2F$), 7.07–7.22 m (4H, $Ad-CH(Ph)-NH-C(O)-NH-Ph-2F$), 7.23–7.38 m (2H, $Ph-CH$), 8.01–8.20 m (1H, $NH-Ph-2F$), 8.40 s (1H, 3NH) (Figure S12). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $DMSO-d_6$, δ) ppm: 28.17 (C^3 , C^5 , C^7), 36.31 (C^1), 36.90 (C^4 , C^6 , C^{10}), 38.86 (C^2 , C^8 , C^9), 62.96 (C^{11}), 115.14 (d,

$J = 18.9$ Hz) (C^{21}), 119.96 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz) (C^{23}), 121.70 (d, $J = 7.3$ Hz) (C^{22}), 124.81 (d, $J = 3.4$ Hz) (C^{24}), 127.02 (C^{15}), 127.87 (C^{14} , C^{16}), 128.69 (C^{13} , C^{17}), 128.893 (d, $J = 10.1$ Hz) (C^{19}), 140.61 (C^{12}), 151.77 (d, $J = 239.9$ Hz) (C^{20}), 154.88 (C^{18}) (Figure S13). ^{19}F NMR (282 MHz, DMSO- d_6 , δ) ppm: -133.85 (1F) (Figure S14). Calc. for $C_{24}H_{27}FN_2O$: C 76.16; H 7.19; N 7.40. Found: C 76.18; H 7.17; N 7.42. M = 378.21.

(\pm)-1-((Adamantan-1-yl)(phenyl)methyl)-3-(3-fluorophenyl) urea (**8c**).

It was obtained similarly to the compound (**8a**), by **method A**, from 200 mg of compound (**5a**) and 83 mg of 3-fluorophenine (**7c**). The yield is 83 mg (29%), m.p. 233–234 °C. 1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6 , δ) ppm: 1.32–1.64 m (12H, Ad), 1.91 s (3H, Ad), 4.36 d (1H, Ad-CH(Ph), $J = 9.3$ Hz), 6.64 td (1H, 1NH , $J = 8.4$, 2.6 Hz), 6.93–7.00 m (2H, arom), 7.12–7.39 m (7H, Ad-CH(Ph)-NH-C(O)-NH-Ph-3F), 7.41 dt (1H, NH-Ph-3F, $J = 12.3$, 2.3 Hz), 8.71 s (1H, 3NH) (Figure S15). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- d_6 , δ) ppm: 28.19 (C^3 , C^5 , C^7), 36.31 (C^1), 36.92 (C^4 , C^6 , C^{10}), 38.87 (C^2 , C^8 , C^9), 62.81 (C^{11}), 104.42 (d, $J = 26.7$ Hz) (C^{22}), 107.62 (d, $J = 21.3$ Hz) (C^{20}), 113.49 (C^{24}), 126.99 (C^{15}), 127.84 (C^{14} , C^{16}), 128.72 (C^{13} , C^{17}), 130.58 (d, $J = 9.9$ Hz) (C^{23}), 140.63 (C^{12}), 142.82 (d, $J = 11.5$ Hz) (C^{19}), 154.99 (C^{18}), 162.92 (d, $J = 240.3$ Hz) (C^{21}) (Figure S16). ^{19}F NMR (282 MHz, DMSO- d_6 , δ) ppm: -114.92 (1F) (Figure S17). Calc. for $C_{24}H_{27}FN_2O$: C 76.16; H 7.19; N 7.40. Found: C 76.17; H 7.18; N 7.41. M = 378.21.

(\pm)-1-((Adamantan-1-yl)(phenyl)methyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl) urea (**8d**).

It was obtained similarly to the compound (**8a**), by **method A**, from 200 mg of compound (**5a**) and 83 mg of 4-fluorophenine (**7d**). The yield is 153 mg (54%), m.p. 270–271 °C. 1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6 , δ) ppm: 1.28–1.68 m (12H, Ad), 1.91 s (3H, Ad), 4.35 d (1H, Ad-CH(Ph), $J = 9.2$ Hz), 6.81 d (1H, 1NH , $J = 9.4$ Hz), 7.0 t (2H, NH-Ph-4F, $J = 8.7$ Hz), 7.10–7.44 m (7H, Ad-CH(Ph)-NH-C(O)-NH-Ph-F), 8.42 s (1H, 3NH) (Figure S18). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- d_6 , δ) ppm: 28.16 (C^3 , C^5 , C^7), 36.29 (C^1), 36.88 (C^4 , C^6 , C^{10}), 38.87 (C^2 , C^8 , C^9), 62.80 (C^{11}), 115.59 (d, $J = 22.1$ Hz) (C^{22} , C^{23}), 119.39 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz) (C^{20} , C^{24}), 127.01 (C^{15}), 127.86 (C^{14} , C^{16}), 128.68 (C^{13} , C^{17}), 137.15 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz) (C^{19}), 140.67 (C^{12}), 155.30 (C^{18}), 157.29 (d, $J = 237.0$ Hz) (C^{22}) (Figure S19). Calc. for $C_{24}H_{27}FN_2O$: C 76.16; H 7.19; N 7.40. Found: C 76.16; H 7.20; N 7.42. M = 378.21.

(\pm)-1-((Adamantan-1-yl)(phenyl)methyl)-3-(3-chlorophenyl) urea (**8e**).

It was obtained similarly to the compound (**8a**), by **method A**, from 200 mg of compound (**5a**) and 96 mg of 3-chloraniline (**7e**). The yield is 77 mg (26%), m.p. 244–245 °C. 1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6 , δ) ppm: 1.40–1.66 m (12H, Ad), 1.91 s (3H, Ad), 4.35 d (1H, Ad-CH(Ph), $J = 9.3$ Hz), 6.83–6.99 m (2H, Ad-CH(Ph)-NH-C(O)-NH-Ph-3Cl), 7.10–7.34 m (7H, Ad-CH(Ph)-NH-C(O)-NH-Ph-3Cl), 7.64 t (1H, NH-Ph-3Cl, $J = 2.1$ Hz), 8.63 s (1H, 3NH) (Figure S20). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- d_6 , δ) ppm: 27.72 (C^3 , C^5 , C^7), 35.72 (C^4 , C^6 , C^{10}), 36.46 (C^1), 38.41 (C^2 , C^8 , C^9), 62.39 (C^{11}), 115.71 (C^{24}), 116.66 (C^{20}), 120.55 (C^{15}), 126.57 (C^{22}), 127.41 (C^{14} , C^{16}), 128.25 (C^{13} , C^{17}), 130.26 (C^{23}), 133.19 (C^{21}), 140.13 (C^{19}), 141.95 (C^{12}), 154.48 (C^{18}) (Figure S21). Calc. for $C_{24}H_{27}ClN_2O$: C 72.99; H 6.89; N 7.09. Found: C 72.98; H 6.92; N 7.11. M = 394.18.

(\pm)-1-((3,5-Dimethyladamantane-1-yl)(phenyl)methyl)-3-phenyl urea (**8f**). Atom labels for ^{13}C NMR presented on Figure 3.

It was obtained similarly to the compound (**8a**), by **method A**, from 200 mg of compound (**5b**) and 63 mg of aniline (**7a**). The yield is 195 mg (74%), m.p. 69–70 °C. 1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6 , δ) ppm: 0.74 d (6H, $(CH_3)_2$, $J = 9.8$ Hz), 1.00 dd (3H, Ad, $J = 24.6$, 12.8 Hz), 1.20 s (10H, Ad), 1.42 d (1H, Ad, $J = 11.8$ Hz), 1.98 d (1H, Ad, $J = 12.6$ Hz), 4.39 d (1H, Ad-CH(Ph), $J = 9.3$ Hz), 6.84 t (1H, 1NH , $J = 7.6$ Hz), 7.15 dd (3H, CH-Ph, $J = 7.6$, 4.4 Hz), 7.22 s (4H, arom), 7.15 dd (2H, NH-Ph, $J = 11.2$, 7.8 Hz), 8.36 s (1H, 3NH) (Figure S22). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- d_6 , δ) ppm: 29.16 (C^1), 31.03 (C^{25} , C^{26}), 31.05 (C^3), 31.09 (C^5), 31.11 (C^7), 38.14 (C^2), 43.09 (C^4 , C^{10}), 45.02 (C^8), 45.22 (C^9), 51.03 (C^6), 62.23 (C^{11}), 117.63 (C^{20} , C^{24}), 121.32 (C^{15}), 126.90 (C^{22}), 127.82 (C^{14} , C^{16}), 128.62 (C^{21} , C^{23}), 129.07 (C^{13} , C^{17}), 140.82 (C^{19}), 140.89 (C^{12}), 155.02 (C^{18}) (Figure S23). Calc. for $C_{26}H_{32}N_2O$: 80.37; H 8.30; N 7.21. Found: C 80.36; H 8.31; N 7.22. M = 388.56.

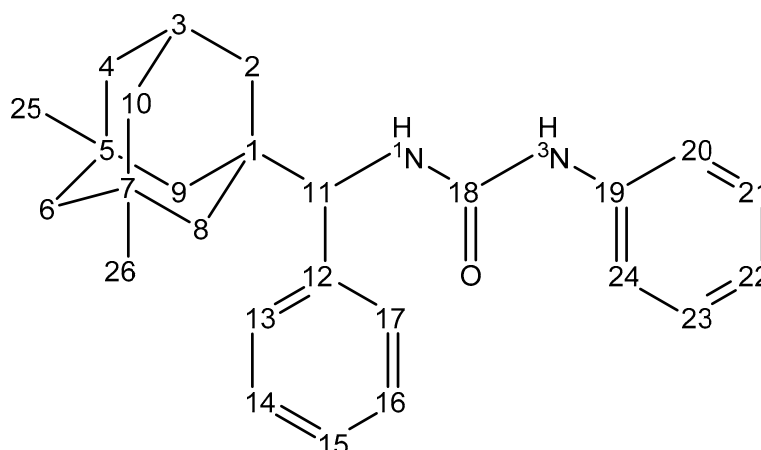


Figure 3. Carbon atoms labeled for compound **8f**.

(±)-1-((3,5-Dimethyladamantane-1-yl)(phenyl)methyl)-3-(2-fluorophenyl) urea (**8g**).

It was obtained similarly to the compound (**8a**), by **method A**, from 200 mg of compound (**5b**) and 75 mg of 2-fluorophenine (**7b**). The yield is 80 mg (29%), m.p. 51–52 °C. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$, δ) ppm: 0.72 td (6H, $(\text{CH}_3)_2$, $J = 8.9, 4.2$ Hz), 0.89–1.32 m (13H, Ad), 4.26 td (1H, Ad-CH(Ph), $J = 18.0, 9.8$ Hz), 6.94–7.36 m (9H, arom), 8.39 s (1H, ^3NH) (Figure S24). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$, δ) ppm: 29.22 (C^1), 31.08 (C^3), 31.13 (C^{25} , C^{26}), 31.15 (C^5), 31.17 (C^7), 38.41 (C^2), 43.14 (C^4 , C^{10}), 45.05 (C^8), 45.22 (C^9), 51.08 (C^6), 63.14 (C^{11}), 115.13 (d, $J = 18.9$ Hz) (C^{21}), 119.96 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz) (C^{23}), 121.70 (d, $J = 7.3$ Hz) (C^{22}), 124.81 (d, $J = 3.4$ Hz) (C^{24}), 127.06 (C^{15}), 127.80 (C^{14} , C^{16}), 127.81 (d, $J = 10.1$ Hz) (C^{19}), 128.67 (C^{13} , C^{17}), 140.21 (C^{12}), 151.77 (d, $J = 239.9$ Hz) (C^{20}), 154.76 (C^{18}) (Figure S25). Calc. for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{31}\text{FN}_2\text{O}$: C 76.81; H 7.69; N 6.89. Found: C 76.82; H 7.71; N 6.90. M = 406.24.

(±)-1-((3,5-Dimethyladamantane-1-yl)(phenyl)methyl)-3-(3-fluorophenyl) urea (**8h**).

It was obtained similarly to the compound (**8a**), by **method A**, from 200 mg of compound (**5b**) and 75 mg of 3-fluorophenine (**7c**). The yield is 85 mg (31%), m.p. 196–197 °C. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$, δ) ppm: 0.66–0.79 m (6H, $(\text{CH}_3)_2$), 0.84–1.32 m (13H, Ad), 4.21–4.44 m (1H, Ad-CH(Ph)), 6.93 t (1H, ^1NH , $J = 8.0$ Hz), 6.97–7.34 m (7H, arom), 7.71 d (1H, Ph-F, $J = 10.0$ Hz), 8.59 s (1H, ^3NH) (Figure S26). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$, δ) ppm: 29.22 (C^1), 31.08 (C^3), 31.12 (C^{25} , C^{26}), 31.15 (C^5), 31.17 (C^7), 38.40 (C^2), 43.14 (C^4 , C^{10}), 45.04 (C^8), 45.25 (C^9), 51.08 (C^6), 63.13 (C^{11}), 104.42 (d, $J = 26.7$ Hz) (C^{22}), 107.62 (d, $J = 21.3$ Hz) (C^{20}), 113.49 (C^{24}), 127.04 (C^{15}), 127.80 (C^{14} , C^{16}), 128.68 (C^{13} , C^{17}), 130.58 (d, $J = 9.9$ Hz) (C^{23}), 140.76 (C^{12}), 142.82 (d, $J = 11.5$ Hz) (C^{19}), 154.88 (C^{18}), 162.92 (d, $J = 240.3$ Hz) (C^{21}) (Figure S27). Calc. for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{31}\text{FN}_2\text{O}$: C 76.81; H 7.69; N 6.89. Found: C 76.82; H 7.70; N 6.88. M = 406.24.

(±)-1-((3,5-Dimethyladamantane-1-yl)(phenyl)methyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl) urea (**8i**).

It was obtained similarly to the compound (**8a**), by **method A**, from 200 mg of compound (**5b**) and 75 mg of 4-fluorine (**7d**). The yield is 168 mg (61%), m.p. 103–104 °C. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$, δ) ppm: 0.74 d (6H, $(\text{CH}_3)_2$, $J = 9.1$ Hz), 0.85–1.47 m (13H, Ad), 4.39 d (1H, Ad-CH(Ph), $J = 9.4$ Hz), 6.81 d (2H, Ph-F, $J = 9.3$ Hz), 7.00 t (1H, arom, $J = 8.9$ Hz), 7.14 d (2H, Ph-F, $J = 7.6$ Hz), 7.16–7.38 m (4H, arom), 8.39 s (1H, ^3NH) (Figure S28). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$, δ) ppm: 29.23 (C^1), 31.09 (C^3), 31.12 (C^{25} , C^{26}), 31.16 (C^5), 31.18 (C^7), 38.20 (C^2), 43.15 (C^4 , C^{10}), 45.08 (C^8), 45.27 (C^9), 51.09 (C^6), 62.32 (C^{11}), 115.58 (d, $J = 22.1$ Hz) (C^{21} , C^{23}), 119.22 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz) (C^{20} , C^{24}), 126.98 (C^{15}), 127.90 (C^{14} , C^{16}), 128.68 (C^{13} , C^{17}), 137.25 (C^{19}), 140.92 (C^{12}), 155.14 (C^{18}), 157.29 (d, $J = 237.0$ Hz) (C^{22}) (Figure S29). Calc. for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{31}\text{FN}_2\text{O}$: C 76.81; H 7.69; N 6.89. Found: C 76.83; H 7.71; N 6.90. M = 406.24.

(±)-1-((3,5-Dimethyladamantane-1-yl)(phenyl)methyl)-3-(3-chlorophenyl) urea (**8j**).

It was obtained similarly to the compound (**8a**), by **method A**, from 200 mg of compound (**5b**) and 99 mg of 3-chloraniline (**7e**). The yield is 158 mg (53%), m.p. 111–112 °C. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$, δ) ppm: 0.73 t (6H, $(\text{CH}_3)_2$, $J = 2.8$ Hz), 0.76–1.46 m (13H,

Ad), 4.38 d (1H, Ad-CH(Ph), $J = 9.3$ Hz), 6.83–6.97 m (1H, Ph-Cl), 6.99–7.35 m (7H, arom), 7.63 t (1H, Ph-Cl, $J = 2.0$ Hz), 8.58 s (1H, ^3NH) (Figure S30). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- d_6 , δ) ppm: 29.18 (C¹), 31.04 (C³), 31.08 (C²⁵, C²⁶), 31.11 (C⁵), 31.13 (C⁷), 38.14 (C²), 43.09 (C⁴, C¹⁰), 45.03 (C⁸), 45.23 (C⁹), 51.04 (C⁶), 62.41 (C¹¹), 116.17 (C²⁴), 117.11 (C²⁰), 121.08 (C¹⁵), 127.07 (C²²), 127.79 (C¹⁴, C¹⁶), 128.63 (C¹³, C¹⁷), 130.73 (C²³), 133.62 (C²¹), 140.13 (C¹⁹), 142.26 (C¹²), 154.89 (C¹⁸) (Figure S31). Calc. for C₂₆H₃₁ClN₂O: C 73.83; H 7.39; N 6.62. Found: C 73.85; H 7.41; N 6.63. M = 406.24.

(±)-4-((4-(3-((3,5-Dimethyladamantan-1-yl)(phenyl)methyl)ureido)cyclohexyl)oxy)benzoic acid (**8k**). Atom labels for ^{13}C NMR presented on Figure 4.

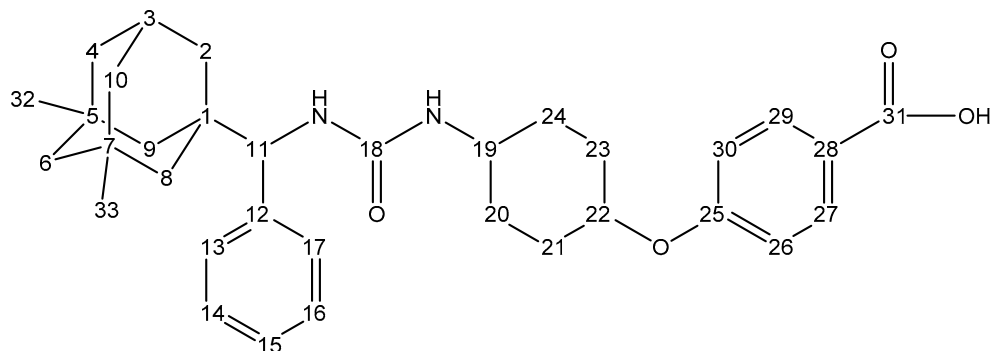


Figure 4. Carbon atoms labeled for compound **8k**.

It was obtained similarly to the compound (**8a**), by method A, from 200 mg of compound (**5b**) and 160 mg of trans-4-(cyclohexyloxy)benzoic acid (**7f**). The yield is 184 mg (51%), m.p. 174–175 °C. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6 , δ) ppm: 0.65–0.79 m (6H, (CH₃)₂), 0.87–1.03 m (2H, CH₂ cyclohex), 0.98–1.24 m (13H, Ad), 1.25–1.53 m (2H, CH₂ cyclohex), 4.05 s (1H, Ad-CH(Ph)), 4.15–4.43 m (1H, CH cyclohex), 6.98 m (2H, arom), 7.08–7.15 m (1H, arom), 7.16–7.35 m (4H, arom), 7.71 d (2H, arom, $J = 10.0$ Hz), 7.81–7.87 m (2H, NH-C(O)-NH), 8.00 br.s (1H, COOH) (Figure S32). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- d_6 , δ) ppm: 26.30 (C²⁰), 29.23 (C¹), 29.35 (C²⁴), 31.05 (C³), 31.12 (C³², C³³), 31.13 (C⁵), 31.17 (C⁷), 37.27 (C²³), 38.14 (C²¹), 38.41 (C²), 43.14 (C⁴, C¹⁰), 45.03 (C⁸), 45.23 (C⁹), 51.08 (C⁶), 63.11 (C¹¹), 64.63 (C¹⁹), 74.28 (C²²), 115.60 (C²⁶, C³⁰), 120.32 (C²⁸), 120.38 (C¹⁵), 127.80 (C¹⁴, C¹⁶), 128.68 (C¹³, C¹⁷), 131.84 (C²⁷, C²⁹), 140.21 (C¹²), 156.48 (C¹⁸), 161.35 (C²⁵), 167.40 (C³¹) (Figure S33). Calc. for C₃₃H₄₂N₂O₄: C 74.69; H 7.98; N 5.28. Found, %: C 74.68; H 7.99; N 5.30. M = 530.71.

(±)-1-((Adamantan-1-yl)(phenyl)methyl)-3-(4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl) urea (**10a**). Atom labels for ^{13}C NMR presented on Figure 5.

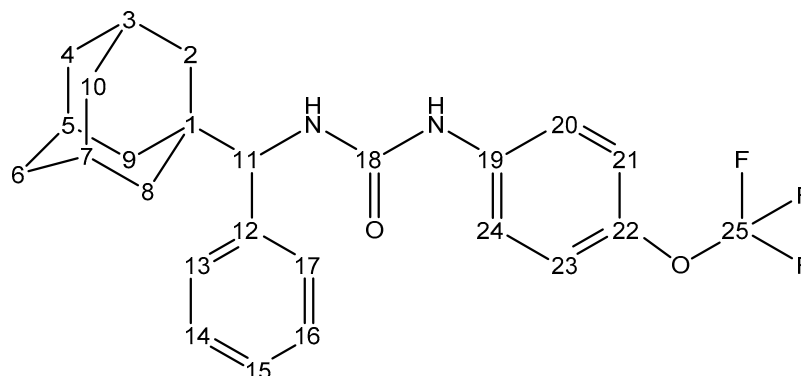


Figure 5. Carbon atoms labeled for compound **10a**.

It was obtained similarly to the compound (**8a**) according to **method B** from 200 mg of compound (**5b**) and 146 mg of 4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenylisocyanate (**9c**). The yield is 181 mg (76%), m.p. 268–269 °C. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6 , δ) ppm: 1.11–1.77 m (12H,

Ad), 1.91 s (3H, Ad), 4.36 d (1H, Ad-CH(Ph), $J = 8.5$ Hz), 6.87 m (1H, ^1NH), 7.10–7.49 m (9H, Ad-CH(Ph)-NH-C(O)-NH-Ph), 8.59 s (1H, ^3NH) (Figure S34). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- d_6 , δ) ppm: 28.19 (C³, C⁵, C⁷), 36.33 (C¹), 36.92 (C⁴, C⁶, C¹⁰), 38.888 (C², C⁸, C⁹), 62.82 (C¹¹), 118.82 (C²¹, C²³), 120.67 (d, $J = 253.5$ Hz) (C²⁵), 122.04 (C²², C²⁴), 126.99 (C¹⁵), 127.84 (C¹⁴, C¹⁶), 128.69 (C¹³, C¹⁷), 140.19 (C¹⁹), 140.64 (C¹²), 142.45 (C²²), 155.03 (C¹⁸) (Figure S35). ^{19}F NMR (282 MHz, DMSO- d_6 , δ) ppm: -59.80 (3F) (Figure S36). Calc. for C₂₅H₂₇F₃N₂O₂: C 67.55; H 6.12; N 12.82. Found, %: C 67.57; H 6.14; N 12.83. M = 444.20.

(±)-1-((Adamantan-1-yl)(phenyl)methyl)-3-(2-chlorophenyl) urea (**10b**).

It was obtained similarly to the compound (**8a**) by **method B** from 200 mg of the compound (**5b**) and 92 mg of 3-chlorophenylisocyanate (**9d**). The yield is 176 mg (83%), m.p. 265–266 °C. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6 , δ) ppm: 1.55 s (12H, Ad), 1.94 s (3H, Ad), 4.41 s (1H, Ad-CH(Ph)), 7.23 s (9H, arom), 8.16 s (2H, NH-C(O)-NH) (Figure S37). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- d_6 , δ) ppm: 28.18 (C³, C⁵, C⁷), 36.34 (C¹), 36.91 (C⁴, C⁶, C¹⁰), 38.95 (C², C⁸, C⁹), 63.13 (C¹¹), 120.91 (C¹⁵), 121.22 (C²⁰), 122.72 (C²³), 122.82 (C²⁴), 127.08 (C²¹), 127.90 (C¹⁴, C¹⁶), 128.78 (C¹³, C¹⁷), 129.54 (C²²), 137.21 (C¹⁹), 140.58 (C¹²), 154.89 (C¹⁸) (Figure S38). Calc. for C₂₄H₂₇ClN₂O: C 72.99; H 6.89; N 8.98. Found, %: C 72.98; H 6.88; N 8.99. M = 394.18.

(±)-1-((Adamantan-1-yl)(phenyl)methyl)-3-(cyclohexyl) urea (**10c**).

It was obtained similarly to the compound (**8a**) by **method B** from 200 mg of compound (**5b**) and 90 mg of cyclohexylisocyanate (**9e**). The yield is 156 mg (79%), m.p. 263–264 °C. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6 , δ) ppm: 1.55 s (23H, Ad, 4-CH₂), 1.89 es (2H, CH₂), 4.29 s (1H, Ad-CH(Ph)-NH), 5.73 s (1H, ^1NH), 6.37 s (1H, NH-C₆H₁₁), 7.23 s (5H, arom) (Figure S39). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- d_6 , δ) ppm: 24.79 (C²¹, C²³), 25.77 (C²²), 28.21 (C³, C⁵, C⁷), 33.76 (C²⁰, C²⁴), 36.42 (C¹), 37.00 (C⁴, C⁶, C¹⁰), 38.91 (C², C⁸, C⁹), 48.05 (C¹⁹), 62.65 (C¹¹), 126.69 (C¹⁵), 127.67 (C¹⁴, C¹⁶), 128.74 (C¹³, C¹⁷), 141.37 (C¹²), 157.48 (C¹⁸) (Figure S40). Calc. for C₂₄H₃₄N₂O: C 78.64; H 9.35; N 7.64. Found: C 78.66; H 9.36; N 7.65. M = 366.27.

4. Conclusions

The one-stage insertion of an adamantane moiety through the reaction of 1,3-dehydroadamantane and its 3,5-dimethyl homolog allowed us to obtain isocyanates containing a phenylmethylene fragment located between the adamantane fragment and the isocyanate group with a yield of 95% and 89%, respectively. The reaction of synthesized isocyanates with fluorine(chlorine)-containing anilines and trans-4-amino-(cyclohexyloxy)benzoic acid gave a series of 1,3-disubstituted ureas with 29–74% yield. The reaction of 1-[isocyanato(phenyl)methyl]adamantane with fluoro(chlorine)-containing anilines gave a series of 1,3-disubstituted ureas with 25–85% yield. Inhibitory activity against sEH and other biochemical data for the synthesized compounds will be published in a further manuscript as soon as it can be acquired.

Supplementary Materials: The following supporting information can be downloaded at: <https://www.mdpi.com/article/10.3390/molecules28083577/s1>, ^1H NMR, ^{13}C NMR, ^{19}F NMR and Mass spectra. Figure S1. Chromatogram of compound **3b**. Figure S2. Mass spectrum of compound **3b**. Figure S3. Chromatogram of compound **4b**. Figure S4. Mass spectrum of compound **4b**. Figure S5. Chromatogram of compound **5b**. Figure S6. Mass spectrum of compound **5b**. Figure S7. Chromatogram of compound **6a**. Figure S8. Mass spectrum of compound **6a**. Figure S9. ^1H NMR of compound **6a**. Figure S10. ^1H NMR of compound **8a**. Figure S11. ^{13}C NMR of compound **8a**. Figure S12. ^1H NMR of compound **8b**. Figure S13. ^{13}C NMR of compound **8b**. Figure S14. ^{19}F NMR of compound **8b**. Figure S15. ^1H NMR of compound **8c**. Figure S16. ^{13}C NMR of compound **8c**. Figure S17. ^{19}F NMR of compound **8c**. Figure S18. ^1H NMR of compound **8d**. Figure S19. ^{13}C NMR of compound **8d**. Figure S20. ^1H NMR of compound **8e**. Figure S21. ^{13}C NMR of compound **8e**. Figure S22. ^1H NMR of compound **8f**. Figure S23. ^{13}C NMR of compound **8f**. Figure S24. ^1H NMR of compound **8g**. Figure S25. ^{13}C NMR of compound **8g**. Figure S26. ^1H NMR of compound **8h**. Figure S27. ^{13}C NMR of compound **8h**. Figure S28. ^1H NMR of compound **8i**. Figure S29. ^{13}C NMR of compound **8i**. Figure S30. ^1H NMR of compound **8j**. Figure S31. ^{13}C NMR of compound **8j**. Figure S32. ^1H NMR of compound **8k**. Figure S33. ^{13}C NMR of compound **8k**. Figure S34. ^1H

NMR of compound **10a**. Figure S35. ^{13}C NMR of compound **10a**. Figure S36. ^{19}F NMR of compound **10a**. Figure S37. ^1H NMR of compound **10b**. Figure S38. ^{13}C NMR of compound **10b**. Figure S39. ^1H NMR of compound **10c**. Figure S40. ^{13}C NMR of compound **10c**.

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