Facile Synthesis of Novel *N*-Aryl-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-benzosultams by Oxyfunctionalisation of Bicyclic Isothiazolium Salts*

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3-Hydroxy- (17a - j) and 3-alkoxy-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-benzosultams 18a - m were prepared in good yields by oxidation of the bicyclic isothiazolium salts 10 with magnesium monoperoxyphthalate (MMPP \cdot 6H₂O) in acetonitrile or corresponding alcohol. A HPLC-API-MS(MS) method was used to monitor the oxidation process of 10 with MMPP. 3-Oxo-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-benzosultams 19a - c, h, j were also obtained.

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