which reduces the effect of dose 2x of the agonist to that of a dose

In the antagonistic experiments we used subthreshold doses for those analogues exhibiting agonism. Regarding analogues lacking agonism, maximal doses of 100 nmol/kg were tested. Arginine-vasopressin (408 IU/mg) was used as the standard when agonism was estimated as well as the agonist in the antagonistic experiments.

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## 6-(Alkylamino)-9-benzyl-9H-purines. A New Class of Anticonvulsant Agents

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Several 9-alkyl-6-substituted-purines were synthesized and tested for anticonvulsant activity against maximal electroshock-induced seizures (MES) in rats. Most compounds were prepared in three steps from 5-amino-4,6dichloropyrimidine or in two steps via alkylation of 6-chloropurine. Potent anticonvulsant activity against MES resided in compounds that contain a benzyl substituent at the 9-position of 6-(methylamino)- or 6-(dimethylamino)purine. Among commonly used agents for control of seizures, this type of structure represents a new class of potent anticonvulsant agents.

Scheme I

Several drugs are available for treatment of epilepsy, but many patients fail to experience satisfactory seizure control with them, or they do so at the expense of significant side effects.1 Despite the many side effects associated with phenytoin, it is still the drug of choice for the treatment of many epileptic seizures.2 Due to the need for new, improved antiepileptic drugs, a program was initiated to discover and develop candidate antiepileptic agents with improved properties.<sup>3,4</sup> From this program emerged 9-(2-fluorobenzyl)-6-(methylamino)-9H-purine [BW A78U (1)], a novel, orally active anticonvulsant with potent ac-

tivity against maximal electroshock-induced seizures (MES) in rats and mice.<sup>5,6</sup> Compound 1 has activity against MES in the rat with an oral  $ED_{50} = 2.5$  mg/kg. The oral  $LD_{50}$  is greater than 1000 mg/kg. Compound 1 did not produce tolerance to its anticonvulsant effect in mice under conditions where phenytoin was ineffective against MES. Compared to commonly used anticonvulsants, the structure of 1 is unique.7

A variety of biological activities have been reported for 9-benzylpurines. Certain derivatives have antianginal,8 bronchodilating,8 or antiinflammatory9 activity, and 9-(2chloro-6-fluorobenzyl)adenine is a potent anticoccidial agent. 10 Other 9-benzylpurines have activity as inhibitors of purine nucleoside phosphorylases<sup>11,12</sup> or adenosine deaminase. 13-16 Some of the earliest research on 9-benzylpurines was targeted to anticancer activity.<sup>17</sup>

We recently reported the weak antiviral activity of some 9-[(aminoacylamido)benzyl]purines. 18 This class of com-

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Table I. Physical Properties of 4-Chloro-5,6-diaminopyrimidines

no.	X	R	method	yield, %	mp, °C	formula <sup>a</sup>
2	CH(CH <sub>3</sub> )-R	Н	$A^b$	85	168-171°	$C_{12}H_{13}ClN_4$
3	$CH(CH_3)$ -S	H	$\mathbf{A}^d$	65	$170-172^{e}$	$C_{12}H_{13}ClN_4$
4	$CH_2$	4-F	Α	84	$240-242^{f}$	$C_{11}H_{10}ClFN_4$
5	$CH_2^r$	3-C1	$\mathbf{A}^{b}$	85	$197-200^{g}$	$\mathrm{C_{11}H_{10}Cl_2N_4}$
6	$CH_2^2$	$3,4\text{-Cl}_2$	$\mathbf{A}^b$	$23^g$	$195-197^h$	$C_{11}H_9Cl_3N_4$
7	$CH_2$	$3-CH_3$	$\mathbf{A}^b$	83	$184 – 186^{i}$	$C_{12}H_{13}CIN_4$
8	$CH_2^2$	3-F	Α	75	$197-200^{e}$	$C_{11}H_{10}CIFN_4$
9	$CH_2$	3-OCH <sub>3</sub>	$\mathbf{A}^b$	84	$131-133^{i}$	$C_{12}H_{13}CIN_4O$
10	$CH_2$	2-C1	Α	-79	$197.5 - 199^{e}$	$C_{11}H_{10}Cl_2N_4$
11	$CH_2$	$2\text{-CH}_3$	Α	72	$199-200.5^{e}$	$C_{12}H_{13}ClN_4$
12	$CH_2$	2-F	Ā	82	$220-223^{f}$	$C_{11}H_{10}ClFN_4$
13	$\widetilde{\mathrm{CH}}_{2}^{2}$	$2$ -OCH $_3$	A	87	$147 - 148^e$	$C_{12}H_{13}CIN_4O$

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> All compounds were analyzed for C, H, N. <sup>b</sup>The cooled reaction solution was spin evaporated in vacuo to give the crude product. <sup>c</sup>Recrystallized from EtOAc. <sup>d</sup>The cooled reaction solution was spin evaporated in vacuo. The residual solid was dissolved in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, washed with H<sub>2</sub>O, and evaporated to give the crude product. <sup>e</sup>Recrystallized from EtOAc-cyclohexane. <sup>f</sup>Recrystallized from EtOH. Recrystallized from MeOH. hMp 198-200 °C reported for this compound in ref 22. Recrystallized from MeOH-H<sub>2</sub>O.

Table II. Physical Properties of 6-Chloropurines

no.	R	isomer	method	yield, %	mp, °C	formula <sup>a</sup>
14	Н	9	В	54	$84-86^{b,c}$	$C_{12}H_9ClN_4$
15	4-Cl	9	В	59	$133-135^b$	$C_{12}H_8Cl_2N_4$
16	4-Cl	7	C B	19	$168-170^{b}$	$C_{12}H_8Cl_2N_4$
17	$4-CH_3$	9	В	45	$132 – 134^d$	$C_{13}H_{11}ClN_4$
18	4-CH <sub>8</sub>	7	C	25	148-149°	$C_{13}H_{11}ClN_4$
19	4-F	9	D	92	$118-120^{f}$	$C_{12}H_8ClFN_4$
20	$4\text{-OCH}_3$	9	$\mathbf{B}^{g}$	28	$122 – 124^b$	$C_{13}H_{11}ClN_4O$
21	4-OCH <sub>3</sub>	7	$\mathbf{C}^{g}$	9	$134-136^{h}$	$C_{13}H_{11}ClN_4O$
22	3-CF <sub>3</sub>	9	В	$48^f$	116-117	$C_{13}H_8ClF_3N_4$
23	$3-CF_3$	7	C	$13^i$	185-186	$C_{13}H_8ClF_3N_4$
24	3-I	9	В	26	$156-156.5^{i}$	$C_{12}H_8ClIN_4$
25	3-I	7	B C	10	170.5-171	$C_{12}H_8ClIN_4$
26	3-Br	9	В	49	$109-110^{i}$	C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>8</sub> BrClN₄
27	3-Br	7	C	19	$151.5 - 153^{i}$	$\mathrm{C_{12}H_8BrClN_4}$
28	3-C1	9	D B	$70^{j}$	90-92	$\mathrm{C_{12}H_8Cl_2N_4}$
29	3,5-Cl <sub>2</sub>	9	В	27	$164-165^{i}$	$C_{12}H_7Cl_3N_4$
30	$3,5-Cl_{2}$	7	· C	4	$168 – 170^i$	$C_{12}H_7Cl_3N_4$
31	$3,4-Cl_2$	9	D	57	$151-153^{d,k}$	$C_{12}H_7Cl_3N_4$
32	$3-CH_3$	9	D	81	$90-91^{l}$	$C_{13}H_{11}CIN_4$
33	3-F	9	D	93	$103-105^{i}$	$C_{12}H_8ClFN_4$
34	$3-OCH_3$	9	D	92	$103 – 104^{l}$	$C_{13}H_{11}CIN_4O$
35	$3-OCH_2C_6H_5$	9	exp	41	$79-83^{m}$	$C_{19}H_{15}CIN_4O$
36	2-F	9	D D	95	97–99 <sup>f</sup>	C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>8</sub> ClFN <sub>4</sub>

<sup>a</sup>All compounds were analyzed for C, H, N. <sup>b</sup>Recrystallized from C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub>-petroleum ether (30-60 °C). <sup>c</sup>Mp 86-87 °C reported for this compound in ref 17. <sup>d</sup>Recrystallized from MeOH. <sup>e</sup>Recrystallized from 2-PrOH. <sup>f</sup>Recrystallized from cyclohexane. <sup>g</sup>For the starting 4-methoxybenzyl bromide, see: Woodward, R. B. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 1940, 62, 1478. <sup>h</sup>Recrystallized from EtOAc. <sup>i</sup>Recrystallized from EtOAc-cyclohexane. Recrystallized from toluene-petroleum ether (30-60 °C). Mp 149-151 °C reported for this compound in ref 22. Recrystallized from heptane. <sup>m</sup>Recrystallized from pentane.

pound also binds to the benzodiazepine receptor.<sup>19</sup> Because some agents that bind to this receptor are used in the treatment of epilepsy,<sup>7,20</sup> we tested a variety of purines for anticonvulsant activity. The chemistry and struc-

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Chemistry. Most of the 9-substituted purines were prepared by one of two methods (Scheme I). Amination of 5-amino-4,6-dichloropyrimidine (I) with the appropriate amine by modification of a general literature method<sup>21,22</sup> gave the 4-substituted pyrimidines II (Table I). Condensation of II with triethyl orthoformate23 and ethane-

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Table III. Physical Properties of 6.9-Disubstituted Purines

no.	$ m R^6$	$\mathbb{R}^9$	method	yield, %	mp, °C	formulaª
37	$N(CH_3)_2$	$CH_2C_6H_5$	E	87 <sup>b</sup>	126-128°	C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>15</sub> N <sub>5</sub>
38	$N(CH_3)_2$	$CH_3$	exp	$26^d$	113-114e	$C_8H_{11}N_5$
39	$N(CH_3)_2$	$C_6\ddot{H_5}$	exp E <sup>f</sup>	89	$161-163^{g,h}$	$C_{13}^{"}H_{13}^{"}N_{5}^{"}$
40	$N(CH_3)_2$	$CH_2CH_2C_6H_5$	$\mathbf{E}^i$	$82^b$	70-72	$C_{15}^{15}H_{17}^{15}N_5$
41	$N(CH_g)_2$	$CH(CH_3)C_6H_5R^j$	E	$48^k$	104-105	$C_{15}^{15}H_{17}^{17}N_5^{5}$
42	$N(CH_3)_2$	$\mathrm{CH}(\mathrm{CH_3})\mathrm{C_6H_5}.S^l$	${f E}$	$59^{k}$	104-105.5	$C_{15}H_{17}N_5$
43	$N(CH_3)_2$	$CH_2C_6H_{11}^m$	F, exp	$81^{n}$	78-80	$C_{14}H_{21}N_5$
44	$N(CH_3)_2$	$\mathrm{CH_2^{\circ}C_4^{\circ}H_3^{\circ}O^{\circ}}$	D, $E_{r}^{p}$ exp	$57^{k}$	118-119	$C_{12}^{14}H_{13}^{21}N_5^{5}O$
45	$N(CH_3)_2$	$\mathrm{CH_2C_4H_3S^q}$	B, E	$80^{k}$	128-129	$C_{12}^{12}H_{13}^{13}N_5^{3}S$
46	NHCH <sub>3</sub>	$CH_2C_6H_5$	$\mathbf{E}^{r}$	$81^{b}$	$130-132^{s}$	$C_{13}^{12}H_{13}^{13}N_5$
47	$NH_2$	$\mathrm{CH_2^{"}C_6^{"}H_5^"}$	t	$34^g$	231-234	$C_{12}H_{11}N_5$
48	Η	$CH_2C_6H_5$	u	69 <sup>v</sup>	96-98	$C_{12}^{12}H_{10}^{11}N_4$
49	N(CH <sub>3</sub> )CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	$\mathrm{CH_2^{"}C_6^{"}H_5^"}$	$\mathbf{E}^r$	$62^w$	55.5-57	$C_{15}^{12}H_{17}^{10}N_5$
50	$N(CH_3)CH(CH_3)_2$	$CH_2C_6H_5$	$\mathbf{E}^{x}$	$43^{w}$	52-55.5	$C_{16}H_{19}N_5$
51	$N(CH_3)C_5H_9^y$	$\mathrm{CH_2^2C_6^{\circ}H_5^{\circ}}$	$\mathbf{E}^{x}$	$29^w$	58-60	$C_{19}H_{21}N_{5}$
52	$N(CH_2)_3$	$CH_2C_6H_5$	$\mathbf{E}^{\mathbf{z}}$	37 <sup>aa</sup>	168-170	$C_{15}H_{15}N_5$
53	$\mathrm{NHC_3H_5}^{bb}$	$\mathrm{CH_2^2C_6H_5}$	$\mathbf{E}^{x}$	$61^{cc}$	158-159	$C_{15}H_{15}N_5$
54	$NHC_6H_5$	$\mathrm{CH_2C_6H_5}$	F	778	187-189	$C_{18}^{15}H_{15}^{15}N_5$
55	NHCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> OH	$CH_2C_6H_5$	$\mathbf{F}^{dd}$	$89^{ee}$	118-120	$C_{14}^{15}H_{15}^{15}N_5^{5}O$
56	N(CH <sub>3</sub> )CHO	$CH_{2}C_{6}H_{5}$	exp	58 <sup>ff</sup>	162-164	$C_{14}H_{13}N_5O$
57	$OH_{gg}$	$CH_2C_6H_5$	hh	54	$295-298^{g}$	$C_{12}^{14}H_{10}^{13}N_4^{0}O$
58	OCH <sub>3</sub>	$CH_2C_6H_5$	ii	$71^d$	114-116	$C_{13}^{12}H_{12}^{10}N_4^4O$
59	$SCH_3$	$CH_2C_6H_5$	$\exp^{jj}$	$64^{ff}$	$115-116^{kk}$	$C_{13}H_{12}N_4S$

all compounds were analyzed for C, H, N. bRecrystallized from toluene-petroleum ether (30–60 °C). cMp 131–132 °C reported for this compound in ref 17. dRecrystallized from heptane. Mp 114–115 °C reported for this compound in ref 28 by a different method. For the starting purine see ref 22. Recrystallized from EtOH. hMp 168–169 °C reported for this compound in ref 28. if or the starting purine, see: Schaeffer, H. J.; Johnson, R. N. J. Med. Chem. 1968, 11, 21. [α]<sup>20</sup><sub>D</sub> –9.2° (c 1.0, MeOH). Recrystallized from cyclohexane. [α]<sup>20</sup><sub>D</sub> +8.6° (c 1.0, MeOH). Recrystallized from cyclohexane. Recrystallized from pentane. Furfuryl substituent. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography as in method B. 2. Thienyl substituent. The aqueous alkylamine was formed by dissolving a 3-fold excess of alkylamine hydrochloride in 2 molar equiv of 1 N NaOH. Mp 133–134 °C reported for this compound by Fuji, T.; Saito, T. Chem. Pharm. Bull. 1985, 33, 3635. Prepared by the method of Carraway, K. L.; Huang, P. C.; Scott, T. G. In Synthetic Procedures in Nucleic Acid Chemistry; Zorbach, W. W., Tipson, R. S., Eds.; Interscience: New York, 1968; Vol. 1, p 3; mp 233.5–235.5 °C. Prepared by the method of ref 17, mp 100–101 °C. Recrystallized from CCl<sub>4</sub>-pentane. Recrystallized from petroleum ether (30–60 °C). A 3-fold excess of the amine was used in the reaction. CRecrystallized from cyclohexane—toluene. Recrystallized from cyclohexane of the starting 6-thionopurine see ref 29. Recrystallized for this compound in ref 30 by a different method.

sulfonic acid<sup>24</sup> afforded the intermediate 6-chloro-9-substituted-purines III. Alternatively, 6-chloropurine (IV) was alkylated with the appropriate benzyl halide to give a mixture of the 7-benzyl-6-chloropurines (V) and 9-benzyl-6-chloropurines (III).<sup>17</sup> Isomers were easily separated by flash chromatography<sup>25</sup> to give the 9-isomers III in 26-59% yields (Table II). The 6-chloro-9-substituted-purines III were reacted with the appropriate amine to give most of the 6-(alkylamino)-9-benzylpurines (VI) in Tables III and IV. The UV spectra of the 6-(dimethylamino)purines were compatible with 9-substitution.<sup>26</sup>

The 6-(N-methylformamido) purine 56 (Table III) was prepared from 46 and acetic-formic anhydride.<sup>27</sup> The 9-(aminobenzyl) purines 68 and 87 (Table IV) were prepared from 64 and 86, respectively, by catalytic hydrogenation. The 4-hydroxy compound 66 was prepared from 67 by catalytic hydrogenolysis of the O-benzyl moiety. Compound 67 was prepared from 4-(benzyloxy) benz-

aldehyde as described in the Experimental Section. The 3-benzyloxy compound 81, available in four steps from 3-hydroxybenzyl alcohol, was cleaved with HBr in AcOH to give 80.

## Biological Results and Discussion

Compounds in Tables V–VII were evaluated for anti-convulsant activity in the maximal electroshock-induced seizure (MES) screen in Sprague–Dawley male rats. The compounds were tested initially at 25 mg/kg ip, and if activity was high, an  $ED_{50}$  was determined. The most active compounds were also tested orally.

The parent 9-benzylpurine 37 (Table V) protected rats against MES with an oral ED $_{50}$  = 12 mg/kg and an ip ED $_{50}$  = 6 mg/kg. Variation of the purine 9-substituent had a substantial effect on anticonvulsant activity. The 9-methyl substituent (see 38) gave a compound with about one-fifth the activity of 37. The 9-phenyl compound 39 was not active as it gave no protection at 12.5 mg/kg. Substitution of the one-carbon bridge with a two-carbon bridge between the phenyl and purine rings (see 40) resulted in about a 5-fold loss in activity. Substitution of a methyl group on the methylene bridge (see 41 and 42) gave compounds that were less active than 37. The 9-cyclohexylmethyl compound 43 was completely inactive at 25 mg/kg ip. However, the furfuryl and thenyl analogues 44 and 45 showed one-third and about one-half the activity, respectively, of

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Table IV. Physical Properties of 9-Benzyl-6-(dimethylamino)purines

no.	R	methods	yield, %	mp, °C	formula <sup>a</sup>
60	4-Cl	$\mathbf{E}^{b}$	48°	134-136	$C_{14}H_{14}ClN_5$
61	$4-CH_3$	$\mathbf{E}^{b}$	$61^d$	116-118	$C_{15}H_{17}N_5$
62	4-F	${f E}$	78°	131-133	$C_{14}H_{14}FN_5$
63	4-OCH <sub>3</sub>	$\mathbf{E}^{b}$	77 <sup>d</sup>	123-124	$C_{15}H_{17}N_5O$
64	4-NO <sub>2</sub>	$\mathbf{E}^{b,f}$	93	$211-213^{c,g}$	$C_{14}H_{14}N_6O_2$
65	4-CN	$\mathbf{E}^{b,h}$	$79^i$	188-190	$C_{15}H_{14}N_{6}$
66	4-OH	exp	$61^{j}$	214 - 217	$C_{14}H_{15}N_5O$
67	$4\text{-OCH}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_5$	exp	63 <sup>k</sup>	$87-89^{l}$	$C_{21}H_{21}N_5O$
68	$4-NH_2$	G	$61^c$	193-196	$C_{14}H_{16}N_6$
69	$3-CF_3$	E E	73°	111-112	$C_{15}H_{14}F_3N_5$
70	3-I	${f E}$	$72^k$	143-144	$C_{14}H_{14}IN_5$
71	3-Br	${f E}$	77e	108-109	$C_{14}H_{14}BrN_5$
72	3-Cl	${f E}$	$77^{m}$	109-111	$C_{14}H_{14}CIN_5$
73	3,5-Cl <sub>2</sub>	${f E}$	87°	124-126	$C_{14}H_{13}Cl_2N_5$
74	3.4-Cl <sub>2</sub>	$\mathbf{E}^b$	$68^n$	153-155	$\mathrm{C_{14}H_{13}Cl_{2}N_{5}}$
75	$3-CH_3$	$\mathbf{E}^b$	$67^{m}$	126-129	$C_{15}H_{17}N_5$
76	3-F	$\mathbf{E}$	$70^e$	90-92	$C_{14}H_{14}FN_5$
77	3-OCH <sub>3</sub>	$\mathbf{E}^{b}$	$59^d$	107-109	$C_{15}H_{17}N_5O$
78	$3-NO_2$	$\mathbf{E}^{o}$	$72^{c}$	$166-167^{p}$	$C_{14}H_{14}N_6O_2$
79	3-CN	$\mathbf{E}^h$	85	$134-134.5^q$	$C_{15}H_{14}N_{6}$
80	3-OH	exp	$79^c$	260-262	$C_{14}H_{15}N_5O\cdot HBr$
81	3-OCH <sub>2</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	$\mathbf{E}^{T}$	$68^d$	97-98	$C_{21}H_{21}N_5O$
82	2-Cl	${f E}$	77 <sup>k</sup>	134.5-135	$C_{14}H_{14}ClN_5$
83	$2\text{-CH}_3$	${f E}$	80e	111-111.5	$C_{15}H_{17}N_5$
84	2- <b>F</b>	E E	84e	137-139	$C_{14}H_{14}FN_5$
85	$2\text{-OCH}_3$	E	$68^k$	157.5-158	$C_{15}H_{17}N_5O$
86	$2-NO_2$	$\mathbf{E}^b$	$66^c$	164-167'	$C_{14}H_{14}N_6O_2$
87	$2\text{-NH}_2$	G	$84^c$	196-198	$C_{14}H_{16}N_6$

<sup>a</sup> All compounds were analyzed for C, H, N. <sup>b</sup> A solution of 2.2 M dimethylamine and ethanol was used instead of 40% aqueous dimethylamine. <sup>c</sup>Recrystallized from EtOH. <sup>d</sup>Recrystallized from toluene-petroleum ether (30–60 °C). <sup>e</sup>Recrystallized from cyclohexane. <sup>f</sup>For the starting purine see ref 13. <sup>e</sup>Mp 211 °C reported for this compound in ref 13. <sup>e</sup>For the starting purine see ref 16. <sup>e</sup>Recrystallized from CHCl<sub>3</sub>-EtOH. <sup>f</sup>Recrystallized from EtOAc. <sup>e</sup>Recrystallized from cyclohexane-EtOAc. <sup>f</sup>Melts with resolidification and remelts 93–95 °C. "Recrystallized from heptane. "Recrystallized from MeOH. "For the starting purine see ref 14. "Mp 156–157 °C reported for this compound in ref 14. "Recrystallized from toluene. 'Mp 169–171 °C reported in ref 15.

the parent 9-benzylpurine 37. Compounds that contain a flat, aromatic ring bonded to the 9-substituted purine by a methylene group possessed good anticonvulsant activity.

Variation of the 6-substituent of 37 had a substantial effect on the relative potency of 9-benzylpurines in protecting rats against MES (Table VI). Removal of a single methyl group (see 46) had no effect on activity; however, the 6-aminopurine 47 and 6-hydrogen purine 48 were about 5-fold less active. Of eight other 6-substituted aminopurines, only 49 (N(CH<sub>3</sub>)CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 53 (NHC<sub>3</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), and 55 (NHCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OH) retained significant anticonvulsant activity. Although the hypoxanthine derivative 57 was essentially inactive, the 6-methoxypurine 58 had activity comparable to that of phenytoin.

Analogues of 37 that contain substitutions in the phenyl moiety are listed in Table VII. Analogues that contain a substituent in the para position were almost uniformly inactive at 25 mg/kg ip. Only the small fluoro (62) and hydrophilic amino (68) substituents gave compounds with detectable anticonvulsant activity at 25 mg/kg. Thus, with the exception of the amino and fluoro, substituents in the para position of 37 did not impart anticonvulsant activity to the compounds.

Several meta-substituted analogues of 37 had good anticonvulsant activity. The 3-chloro analogue 72 was slightly more active than 37 when administered ip. Addition of a second chlorine in the para position (see 74) resulted in complete loss of activity. This result further substantiated

the lack of tolerance for substituents in the para position. Substitution of trifluoromethyl (69), iodo (70), bromo (71), fluoro (76), or methoxy (77) for the chloro in 72 resulted in only a 2- to 3-fold loss in anticonvulsant activity. The less lipophilic nitro (78), cyano (79), and hydroxy (80) meta-substituted analogues of 37 had little or no anticonvulsant activity at 25 mg/kg. In general, meta-substituted analogues of 37 retained good anticonvulsant activity when the substituent was electron withdrawing and lipophilic.

Introduction of a second meta chloro group gave 73, which had good anticonvulsant activity with an ip ED50 = 7 mg/kg. However, 73 was extremely toxic to mice. Its ip  $LD_{50}$  was less than 0.5 mg/kg. The monochloro analogue 72 was 100-fold less toxic with an ip  $LD_{50} = 54$ mg/kg, whereas the parent 9-benzylpurine 37 was relatively innocuous with an ip  $LD_{50} > 500 \text{ mg/kg}$ .

Several ortho-substituted analogues of 37 retained good anticonvulsant activity. There was no apparent correlation of activity with electronic, lipophilic, or size parameters of the ortho substituents. The fluoro- and methyl-substituted analogues (84 and 83, respectively) were only about 50% less active than the parent 37.

Potent anticonvulsant activity resided in compounds that contained a benzyl group at the 9-position of 6-(methylamino)- or 6-(dimethylamino)purine. There was little or no tolerance for para substitution, whereas analogues with electron-withdrawing, lipophilic, meta substituents retained substantial anticonvulsant activity.

**Table V.** Anticonvulsant Activity of 9-Substituted 6-(Dimethylamino)purines $^a$ 

		$egin{array}{l}  ext{MES ED}_{50}, \  ext{mg/kg}^{b-d} \end{array}$		
no.	R	ip	po	
37	CH <sub>2</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	6 ± 1	$12 \pm 3$	
38	$CH_3$	(33)		
39	$C_6H_5$	(0e)		
40	$CH_2CH_2C_6H_5$	(33)		
41	$CH(CH_3)C_6H_5\cdot R$	(33)		
42	$CH(CH_3)C_6H_5 \cdot S$	(33)		
43	$\mathrm{CH_2C_6H_{11}}^f$	(0)		
44	$CH_2C_4H_3O_8$	18		
45	$\mathrm{CH_2C_4H_3S^h}$	$10 \pm 2.5$		
phenytoin	0	$9.6 \pm 2.0$	$20 \pm 3$	

<sup>a</sup> The compounds were tested for their ability to protect Sprague–Dawley male rats against maximal electroshock-induced seizures (MES) as described in ref 4. The ED<sub>50</sub> was the dose needed to protect 50% of the animals against the hind-limb extensor component and were calculated by the method of Miller, L. C.; Tainter, M. L. Proc. Soc. Exp. Biol. Med. 1944, 57, 261. <sup>b</sup> The compounds were administered as solutions or fine dispersions in water or 5% methylcellulose. <sup>c</sup> Values in parentheses are percent inhibition at 25 mg/kg. <sup>d</sup> Where ED<sub>50</sub> values are presented with a standard error a minimum of 12 animals were used per dose level with four doses per compound. ED<sub>50</sub> values without standard error were determined by using three doses of compound with six animals per point. <sup>e</sup>Inhibition at 12.5 mg/kg. <sup>f</sup>Cyclohexyl substituent. <sup>e</sup>Furfuryl substituent. <sup>h</sup>2-Thenyl substituent.

**Table VI.** Anticonvulsant Activity of 6-Substituted 9-Benzylpurines<sup>a</sup>

		MES ED <sub>50</sub> , mg/kg <sup>b-d</sup>		
no.	R	ip	po	
37	$N(CH_3)_2$	6 ± 1	$12 \pm 3$	
46	NHCH <sub>3</sub>	$5 \pm 1$	$12 \pm 2$	
47	$\mathrm{NH}_2$	(33)		
48	H -	(33)		
49	N(CH <sub>3</sub> )CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	8	30	
50	N(CH <sub>3</sub> )CH(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	(17)		
51	$N(CH_3)C_5H_9^e$	(17)		
52	$N(CH_2)_3$	(17)		
53	$NHC_3H_5^f$	$8.6 \pm 0.7$		
54	$NHC_6H_5$	(0)		
55	NHCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> OH	(84)	(17)	
56	N(CH <sub>3</sub> )CHO	(0)		
57	OH (oxo)	(17)		
58	OCH <sub>3</sub>	$10 \pm 1.6$	$21 \pm 3.6$	
59	$SCH_3$	(30)		

 $^{a-d}$  See footnotes a-d in Table V.  $^e$  Cyclopentyl substituent.  $^f$  Cyclopropyl substituent.

## **Experimental Section**

Melting points were taken in capillary tubes on a Mel-Temp block or a Thomas-Hoover Unimelt and were uncorrected. UV spectra were measured on a Unicam SP 800 or a Cary 118 UV-vis spectrophotometer. NMR data were recorded on a Varian XL-100-15-FT, a Varian FT-80A, a Varian T-60, or a Hitachi Perkin-Elmer R-24 spectrometer with Me<sub>4</sub>Si as an internal standard. Each analytical sample had spectral data compatible with its assigned structure and moved as a single spot on TLC. TLC's

**Table VII.** Anticonvulsant Activity of 9-Benzyl-6-(dimethylamino)purines<sup>a</sup>

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	$ m MES~ED_{50},~mg/k_{ m S}$		$mg/kg^{b-d}$	
no.	R	ip	po	
37	Н	6 ± 1	$12 \pm 3$	_
60	4-Cl	(0)		
61	$4-CH_3$	(0)		
62	4-F	(33)		
63	$4\text{-OCH}_3$	(0)		
64	$4-NO_2$	(0)		
65	4-CN	(0)		
66	4-OH	(0)		
68	$4-NH_2$	25		
69	$3-CF_3$	12		
70	3-I	11		
71	3-Br	13		
72	3-Cl	$4.5 \pm 0.6$	$18 \pm 2$	
73	$3,5-Cl_2$	7		
74	$3.4$ -Cl $_2$	(0)		
75	$3-CH_3$	25		
76	3-F	8.4		
77	3-OCH <sub>3</sub>	12.5		
<b>7</b> 8	$3-NO_2$	(17)		
79	3-CN	(17)		
80	3- <b>OH</b>	(0)		
81	$3\text{-OCH}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_5$	(33)		
82	2-Cl	(84)		
83	$2\text{-CH}_3$	9		
84	2-F	$8.8 \pm 1.7$		
85	$2\text{-OCH}_3$	(0)		
86	$2\text{-NO}_2$	25		
87	$2-NH_2$	$20 \pm 2$		
phenytoin	-	$9.6 \pm 2.0$	20 ± 3	

a-d See footnotes a-d in Table V.

were developed on Whatman 200  $\mu$  MK6F plates of silica gel with fluorescent indicator. Preparative flash chromatography<sup>25</sup> was performed on silica gel 60 (40–63  $\mu$ M, E.Merck, no. 9385). All compounds were analyzed for C, H, and N and gave values within 0.4% of theoretical values. Elemental analyses were performed by Atlantic Microlab, Inc.

Method A. 5-Amino-4-chloro-6-[(3-fluorobenzyl)amino]-pyrimidine (8). A mixture of 5-amino-4,6-dichloropyrimidine (10.0 g, 61.0 mmol), (3-fluorobenzyl)amine (97%) (7.9 g, 61.2 mmol), 1-BuOH (150 mL), and Et<sub>3</sub>N (6.5 g, 64.2 mmol) was refluxed with stirring for 21 h. The dark solution was cooled to give a solid that was collected on a Büchner funnel and washed with cyclohexane. The white solid was dispersed in H<sub>2</sub>O (100 mL), collected, and dried to give 11.5 g (75%) of 8, mp 196–200 °C. Recrystallization of a portion from EtOAc-cyclohexane gave the analytical sample: mp 197–200 °C; UV (0.1 N HCl + 10% EtOH)  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  304 nm ( $\epsilon$  12 500); UV (0.1 N NaOH + 10% EtOH)  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  263 nm ( $\epsilon$  9200), 269 (8900), 291 (8900); NMR (Me<sub>2</sub>SO- $d_{\theta}$ )  $\delta$  7.73 (s, 1 H, pyrimidine H), 7.5–7.0 (complex m, 5 H, aromatic H + NH), 5.05 (br s, 2 H, NH<sub>2</sub>), 4.65 (d, collapsed to s with D<sub>2</sub>O, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>).

Method B. 9-(3-Bromobenzyl)-6-chloro-9H-purine (26). A mixture of 6-chloropurine (3.09 g, 20 mmol), DMSO (50 mL), anhydrous  $K_2CO_3$  (3.45 g, 25 mmol), and 3-bromobenzyl bromide (5.0 g, 20 mmol) was stirred at ambient temperature for 39 h. The reaction solution was decanted from the solids, poured into ice water, and acidified to pH 5 with HOAc (0.5 mL). The mixture was extracted with EtOAc (4 × 200 mL). The combined extracts were washed with an equal volume of  $H_2O$ , dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>), and spin evaporated in vacuo. The residue was dissolved in  $CH_2Cl_2$  (50 mL) and added to silica gel 60 (5 g). This mixture was spin evaporated in vacuo, and the residual solid was introduced on a column of silica gel 60 wetted with EtOAc-cyclohexane, 1:2. The column was eluted with EtOAc-cyclohexane, 1:2, by using the flash chromatography technique. The fractions containing the

higher  $R_t$ , major component were combined and spin evaporated in vacuo to give 3.20 g (49%) of 26, which was a single spot on TLC. Recrystallization from EtOAc-cyclohexane gave the analytical sample: mp 109–110 °C; UV (pH 7 + 10% EtOH)  $\lambda_{max}$ 265.5 nm ( $\epsilon$  10 200); NMR (Me<sub>2</sub>SO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  8.86 (s, 1 H, purine H), 8.80 (s, 1 H, purine H), 7.7–7.2 (m, 4 H, Ar H), 5.55 (s, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>).

Method C. 7-(3-Bromobenzyl)-6-chloro-7H-purine (27). After elution of the 9-isomer 26, the 7-isomer was isolated by changing the elution solvent to EtOAc-cyclohexane, 1:1. Fractions containing the lower  $R_t$ , 7-isomer were collected, combined, and spin evaporated in vacuo to give 1.24 g (19%) of 27. Recrystallization from EtOAc-cyclohexane gave the analytical sample: mp 151.5–153 °C; UV (pH 7 + 10% EtOH)  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  268.5 nm ( $\epsilon$  8500); NMR (Me<sub>2</sub>SO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  9.02 (s, 1 H, purine H), 8.84 (s, 1 H, purine H), 7.7-7.0 (m, 4 H, Ar H), 5.79 (s, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>).

Method D. 6-Chloro-9-(3-fluorobenzyl)-9H-purine (33). A mixture of 8 (10.0 g, 39.6 mmol), HC(OEt)<sub>3</sub> (100 mL), and EtSO<sub>3</sub>H (100 mg) was stirred at ambient temperature for 41 h. The solution was spin evaporated in vacuo. The residual solid was dissolved in EtOAc (200 mL), washed with 5% aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (50 mL), H<sub>2</sub>O (3  $\times$  50 mL), and brine (50 mL), and then dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>). The solution was spin evaporated in vacuo to a residue that was collected and washed with cyclohexane to give 9.77 g (94%) of 33, mp 100-103 °C. Recrystallization from cyclohexane-ethyl acetate gave the analytical sample: mp 103-105 °C; UV (pH 7 + 10% EtOH)  $\lambda_{\rm max}$  265 nm ( $\epsilon$  11 500), 269 (sh) (11 300); NMR (Me<sub>2</sub>SO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  8.87 (s, 1 H, purine H), 8.82 (s, 1 H, purine H), 7.6-7.0 (complex m, 4 H, Ar), 5.59 (s, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>).

Method E. 9-(4-Fluorobenzyl)-6-(dimethylamino)-9Hpurine (62). A solution of 19 (4.01 g, 15.2 mmol), EtOH (20 mL), and 40% aqueous Me2NH (10 mL) was stirred at ambient temperature for 15 h. The reaction mixture was spin evaporated in vacuo to remove the volatiles. The residue was dispersed in H<sub>2</sub>O (50 mL) and stirred for several minutes. The solids were collected, washed with H<sub>2</sub>O, and sucked dry to give 3.90 g (94%) of 62, mp 130-132 °C. Recrystallization from cyclohexane gave 3.25 g (78%) of 62: mp 131-133 °C; UV (0.1 N HCl + 10% EtOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  270 nm ( $\epsilon$  19 200); UV (0.1 N NaOH + 10% EtOH)  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  277 nm ( $\epsilon$  19 100); NMR (Me<sub>2</sub>SO- $d_8$ )  $\delta$  8.28 (s, 2 H, purine Hs), 7.55–7.0 (m, 4 H, Ar), 5.40 (s, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.47 (s, 6 H, N(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>).

Method F. 9-(Cyclohexylmethyl)-6-(dimethylamino)-9Hpurine (43). A mixture of 89 (4.96 g, 19.8 mmol) and 125 mL of a solution of Me<sub>2</sub>NH in EtOH (100 g/L) was heated on a steam bath to effect dissolution. The reaction was left at ambient temperature for 17 h and spin evaporated in vacuo to remove the volatiles. The residue was dissolved in EtOAc and filtered to remove the insolubles. The EtOAc was evaporated to an oil that was dissolved in petroleum ether (30-60 °C), filtered through Celite (Preiser Scientific, Inc.) and spin evaporated in vacuo. The residual solid was recrystallized from pentane to give 4.19 g (81%) of 43: mp 78–80 °C; UV (0.1 N HCl + 10% EtÕH)  $\lambda_{max}$  270 nm  $(\epsilon 17900)$ ; UV (0.1 N NaOH + 10% EtOH)  $λ_{max} 278$  nm ( $\epsilon 18500$ ).

Method G. 9-(4-Aminobenzyl)-6-(dimethylamino)-9Hpurine (68). A mixture of 64 (5.00 g, 16.7 mmol), HOAc (200 mL), and 10% Pd/C (0.20 g) was shaken in the presence of hydrogen at 2-3 atm for 1 h. The reaction mixture was filtered through Celite and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was dispersed in a minimum of EtOH and collected to give 4.14 g (92%) of 68, mp 190-192 °C. Recrystallization of a portion from EtOH gave the analytical sample: mp 193-196 °C; UV (0.1 N HCl + 10% EtOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  268 nm ( $\epsilon$  19300); UV (0.1 N NaOH + 10% EtOH)  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  277 nm ( $\epsilon$  21 000); NMR (Me<sub>2</sub>SO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  8.25 (s, 1 H, purine H), 8.15 (s, 1 H, purine H), 7.07 (d, 2 H,  $J = 8 \text{ Hz}, \text{Ar}, 6.52 (d, 2 \text{ H}, J = 8 \text{ Hz}, \text{Ar}), 5.18 (s, 2 \text{ H}, \text{CH}_2), 5.07$ (br s, 2 H, NH<sub>2</sub>), 3.45 (s, 6 H, N(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>).

9-[3-(Benzyloxy)benzyl]-6-chloro-9H-purine (35). mixture of 3-hydroxybenzyl alcohol (9.30 g, 75 mmol), powdered anhydrous K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (10.5 g, 76 mmol), benzyltrimethylammonium hydroxide (1.5 mL, 40% solution in MeOH), and DMF (90 mL) was stirred under nitrogen at ambient temperature. After 30 min, benzyl chloride (97%) (8.3 mL, 70 mmol) was added, and the reaction was heated to 70 °C for 18 h. The volatiles were removed by spin evaporation in vacuo, and the residual oil was dissolved in Et<sub>2</sub>O and washed with H<sub>2</sub>O, 1 N NaOH, and again with H<sub>2</sub>O. The solution was dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>) and spin evaporated in vacuo to give  $13.7~\mathrm{g}~(85\%)$  of 3-(benzyloxy) benzyl alcohol as an oil, which

was used without further purification. The benzyl alcohol (combined product from two reactions) was converted to the benzyl chloride and reacted with 6-chloropurine as described for the para isomer 67 to give 14.5 g (30%) of 35, mp 70-80 °C. Recrystallization of a portion from petroleum ether (60-68 °C)-ethyl acetate gave the analytical sample: mp 79-83 °C; UV (pH 7 + 10% EtOH)  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  268 nm ( $\epsilon$  9800); NMR (Me<sub>2</sub>SO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$ 8.77 (s, 1 H, purine H), 8.74 (s, 1 H, purine H), 7.34 (s, 5 H, Ar), 7.02 (br m, 4 H, Ar), 5.48 (s, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 5.05 (s, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>).

6-(Dimethylamino)-9-methyl-9H-purine (38). A solution of 6-(dimethylamino)purine (6.00 g, 36.8 mmol), NaOMe (2.08 g, 38.5 mmol), and DMSO (13 mL) was stirred at ambient temperature under a blanket of nitrogen for 1 h. Methyl iodide (2.30 mL, 3.0 mmol) was added, and the resultant mixture was stirred for 1 h. The reaction was diluted with H<sub>2</sub>O (50 mL) and extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2 × 700 mL). The combined extracts were dried (CaCl<sub>2</sub>) and spin evaporated in vacuo to give 5.06 g (78%) of crude 38. This material was introduced on a column of silica gel (55 g, 70-325 mesh) and eluted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>-MeOH, 1:1. The appropriate fractions were combined and spin evaporated in vacuo to give 2.40 g (36%) of 38, which was a single spot on TLC. Recrystallization from heptane gave 1.75 g (26%) of analytically pure material: mp 113-114 °C (lit.28 mp 114-115 °C); UV (0.1 N HCl + 10% EtOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  269.5 nm ( $\epsilon$  17 600); UV (0.1 N NaOH

+ 10% EtOH)  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  276 nm ( $\epsilon$  18500). 9-Benzyl-6-(N-methylformamido)-9H-purine (56). To a stirred, ice-bath cooled solution of 46 (3.50 g, 14.6 mmol), 4-(dimethylamino)pyridine (1.80 g, 14.7 mmol), and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (50 mL) was added the acetic-formic anhydride<sup>27</sup> prepared from 10 mL of Ac<sub>2</sub>O and 5 mL of 100% HCO<sub>2</sub>H. The reaction was stirred at ambient temperature for 16 h and then spin evaporated in vacuo. The residue was dissolved in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (200 mL), washed with water  $(3 \times 50 \text{ mL})$ , and filtered through glass wool. The solution was spin evaporated in vacuo, and the residue was recrystallized from cyclohexane-EtOAc to give 2.30 g (58%) of 56: mp 162–164 °C; NMR (Me<sub>2</sub>SO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  10.32 (s, 1 H, CHO), 8.72 (s, 1 H, purine H), 8.70 (s, 1 H, purine H), 7.34 (s, 5 H, Ar), 5.53 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.44 (s, 3 H, CH<sub>3</sub>)

9-Benzyl-6-(methylthio)-9H-purine (59). To a vigorously stirred solution of 9-benzyl-6-mercaptopurine<sup>29</sup> (9.70 g, 40.0 mmol) in 1 N sodium hydroxide (42 mL) was added methyl iodide (10 mL) dropwise. A thick precipitate formed, and H<sub>2</sub>O (40 mL) and EtOH (20 mL) were added to facilitate stirring. After 1 h, the solids were collected, washed with H<sub>2</sub>O, and recrystallized from cyclohexane–EtOAc to give 6.58 g (64%) of 59: mp 115–116 °C (lit.  $^{30}$  mp 117–118 °C); UV (0.1 N HCl + 10% EtOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  294.5 nm ( $\epsilon$  18 800), 286 (sh) (16 200), 305 (sh) (11 000); UV (pH 7 + 10% EtOH)  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  287 nm ( $\epsilon$  20300), 293 (20200); NMR (Me<sub>2</sub>SO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  8.68 (s, 1 H, purine H), 8.55 (s, 1 H, purine H), 7.32 (s, 5 H, Ar), 5.48 (s, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.68 (s, 3 H, CH<sub>3</sub>)

6-(Dimethylamino)-9-(4-hydroxybenzyl)-9H-purine (66). A mixture of 67 (3.15 g, 8.77 mmol), HOAc (200 mL), and 5% Pd/C (0.6 g) was shaken in the presence of hydrogen at 2-3 atm for 20 h. An additional 200 mg of catalyst was added, and the reaction was shaken for an additional 60 h. The reaction mixture was filtered through Celite, and the filtrate was spin evaporated in vacuo. The residue was slurried with EtOH and reevaporated. The crystalline solid was collected and washed with EtOH to give 1.83 g (77%) of 66, mp 215-218 °C. Recrystallization from EtOAc gave 1.44 g (61%) of analytically pure 66: mp 214-217 °C; NMR  $(Me_2SO-d_6)$   $\delta$  9.38 (br s, 1 H, OH), 8.22 (s, 1 H, purine H), 8.17 (s, 1 H, purine H), 7.17 (d, 2 H, J = 8 Hz, Ar), 6.70 (d, 2 H, J = 88 Hz, Ar), 5.23 (s, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.43 (s, 6 H, N(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>).

 $9\hbox{-}[4\hbox{-}(\mathbf{Benzyloxy})\mathbf{benzyl}]\hbox{-}6\hbox{-}(\mathbf{dimethylamino})\hbox{-}9H\hbox{-}\mathbf{purine}$ (67). A solution of 4-(benzyloxy)benzaldehyde (10.61 g, 50.0 mmol), EtOH (100 mL), and NaBH<sub>4</sub> (1.00 g) was stirred at ambient temperature for 16 h. The dark solution was spin evaporated in vacuo to give a solid residue that was dissolved in CH2Cl2 (50 mL) and spin evaporated to dryness. This procedure was repeated

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twice to give crude 4-(benzyloxy)benzyl alcohol. To an icebath-cooled solution of this benzyl alcohol in CH<sub>2</sub>CL<sub>2</sub> (200 mL) was added SOCl<sub>2</sub> (5 mL) dropwise. After 0.5 h, the reaction solution was spin evaporated in vacuo. The residue was covered twice with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and evaporated to give crude 4-(benzyloxy)benzyl chloride. A mixture of this benzyl chloride, 6-chloropurine (7.72 g, 50.0 mmol), anhydrous  $K_2CO_3$  (8.20 g, 59.3 mmol), and DMF (50 mL) was stirred at ambient temperature for 16 h. The reaction mixture was poured over 200 g of crushed ice and extracted twice with dichloromethane (200, 100 mL). The combined extracts were washed with H<sub>2</sub>O, filtered through glass wool, and spin evaporated in vacuo. Ethanol was added to the residue, and the mixture was spin evaporated at 90 °C. This procedure was repeated several times to remove residual DMF. The mixture was purified by the flash chromatography technique as described in method B to give 4.00 g (22%) of 9-[4-(benzyloxy)benzyl]-6chloro-9H-purine, mp 121-125 °C, which was a single spot on TLC. This 6-chloropurine was reacted with 40% aqueous Me<sub>2</sub>NH as in method E to give 3.70 g (99%) of 67, mp 87-89 °C. Recrystallization of a sample from cyclohexane-EtOAc gave analytically pure material in 63% yield and an unchanged melting point: UV (0.1 N HCl + 10% EtOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  270 nm ( $\epsilon$  21 000); ÜV (pH 7 + 10% EtOH)  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  277 nm ( $\epsilon$  21 000); NMR (Me<sub>2</sub>SO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  8.18 (s, 2 H, purine H's), 7.33 (s, 5 H, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 7.27 (d, 2 H, J = 8.5 Hz, Ar), 6.92 (d, 2 H, J = 8.5 Hz, Ar), 5.28 (s, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>N), 5.03 (s, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>O), 3.40 (s, 6 H, N(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>).

6-(Dimethylamino)-9-(3-hydroxybenzyl)-9H-purine Hydrobromide (80). A solution of 81 (5.50 g, 15.3 mmol) in 30% HBr in HOAc (50 mL) was stirred at ambient temperature for 30 min. The volatiles were removed by spin evaporation in vacuo. The residue was recrystallized from EtOH to give 4.23 g (79%) of 80, mp 260-262 °C. This impure solid was dissolved in 1 N NaOH and extracted with  $CH_2Cl_2$ . The aqueous layer was adjusted to pH 7 with HOAc, and the white precipitate was collected. Recrystallization from a dilute solution of 30% HBr in HOAc-EtOH gave 2.75 g (51%) of analytically pure 80: mp 260-262 °C; UV (pH 7 + 10% MeOH)  $\lambda_{max}$  276.5 nm ( $\epsilon$  21900); NMR (Me<sub>2</sub>SO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  10.45 (br s, 2 H, ArOH + HBr), 8.64 (s, 1 H, purine H), 8.45 (s, 1 H, purine H), 7.2-6.6 (br m, 4 H, Ar), 5.42 (s, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.58 (s, 6 H, N(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>).

5-Amino-4-chloro-6-[(cyclohexylmethyl)amino]pyrimidine (88). A mixture of 5-amino-4,6-dichloropyrimidine (7.00 g, 42.7 mmol), Et<sub>3</sub>N (4.34 g, 42.9 mmol), (cyclohexylmethyl)amine (4.84 g, 42.8 mmol), and 1-BuOH (70 mL) was heated at reflux with stirring for 18 h. The cooled reaction was spin evaporated in vacuo to a dark residue. The residue was dissolved in EtOAc and filtered to remove the insoluble hydrochloride. The filtrate was evaporated to give a solid that was dispersed in CCl<sub>4</sub> and collected. The filtrate was diluted with hexane to give a second crop of crystals for a total yield of 9.0 g (88%) of 88, mp 136–142 °C. Recrystallization from MeOH-H<sub>2</sub>O gave the analytical sample: mp 143–145 °C; UV (0.1 N HCl + 10% EtOH)  $\lambda_{\rm max}$  306 nm ( $\epsilon$  12000); UV (0.1 N NaOH + 10% EtOH)  $\lambda_{\rm max}$  266 nm ( $\epsilon$  9300), 292 (9100); NMR (Me<sub>2</sub>SO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  7.70 (s, 1 H, pyrimidine H), 6.70 (br t, 1 H, NH), 4.99 (br s, 2 H, NH<sub>2</sub>), 3.25 (t, 2 H, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 1.9–0.9 (br, 11 H, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>11</sub>). Anal. (C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>17</sub>ClN<sub>4</sub>) C, H, N.

6-Chloro-9-(cyclohexylmethyl)-9*H*-purine (89). This compound was prepared from 88 and HC(OEt)<sub>3</sub> by method D to give 5.09 g (77%) of 89: mp 75–76 °C; UV (pH 7 + 10% EtOH)  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  266.5 nm (ε 8600); NMR (Me<sub>2</sub>SO- $d_6$ ) δ 8.75 (s, 1 H, purine H), 8.68 (s, 1 H, purine H), 4.18 (d, 2 H, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 1.9–0.9 (br, 11 H, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>11</sub>). Anal. (C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>15</sub>ClN<sub>4</sub>) C, H, N.

5-Amino-4-chloro-6-(furfurylamino)pyrimidine (90). A mixture of 5-amino-4,6-dichloropyrimidine (10.0 g, 61.0 mmol), furfurylamine (8.00 g, 82.4 mmol), 1-BuOH (100 mL), and  $\rm Et_3N$  (10 mL, 71.4 mmol) was refluxed with stirring for 21 h. The dark solution was cooled and spin evaporated in vacuo. The residue was dissolved in  $\rm CH_2Cl_2$  (250 mL) and washed with water (3 × 50 mL). The solution was filtered through glass wool and spin evaporated to dryness. The dark residue was recrystallized from cyclohexane-EtOAc to give 7.50 g (54%) of crude 90, mp 116–121

°C. The analytical sample was prepared by purification of 1.88 g of crude 90 by flash chromatography as described in method B. Evaporation of the appropriate fractions and recrystallization from EtOH-cyclohexane gave 1.48 g (78%) of 90: mp 136–138 °C; NMR (Me<sub>2</sub>SO- $d_8$ )  $\delta$  7.78 (s, 1 H, pyrimidine H), 7.57 (d, 1 H, J=2 Hz, OCH), 7.23 (t, 1 H, NH), 6.35 (m, 2 H, furan Hs), 5.07 (br s, 2 H, NH<sub>2</sub>), 4.63 (d, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>). Anal. (C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>9</sub>ClN<sub>4</sub>O) C, H, N

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