

[*p*-[(Thienylcarbonyl)amino]phenoxy]propanolamines Derivatives as Diuretic and β -Adrenergic Receptor Blocking Agents

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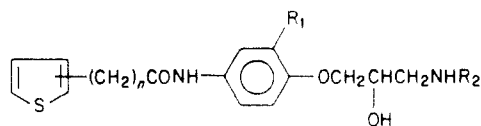
The synthesis of [[(thienylcarbonyl)amino]phenoxy]propanolamines and their β -adrenergic blocking and diuretic activity are described. Structure-activity relationships demonstrated that ortho substitution of the phenoxy ring with an hydrogen or an ester function leads to compounds possessing both activities. Ethyl 2-[3-[(1,1-dimethyl-ethyl)amino]-2-hydroxypropoxy]-5-[(2-thienylcarbonyl)amino]benzoate (**3d**) was selected as the most active compound for further investigation.

Combining a diuretic with a β -adrenoreceptor antagonist is a common therapeutic approach for hypertension management. It was therefore of interest to combine both properties in a single molecule. An unsuccessful attempt to achieve this goal by preparing a hybrid molecule combining the structures of a diuretic and of a β -adrenoreceptor antagonist was recently described.¹

Our approach was different and was based on the observation that propranolol^{2,3} has diuretic properties in the rat while atenolol, pindolol, nadolol, acebutolol, practolol, and metoprolol did not.

Propranolol's lack of diuretic properties in man (although some transient diuresis and effect on urinary osmolality were described by Imbs et al.⁴ in a clinical study) was not considered a deterrent: we reasoned that molecules with a more potent diuretic effect in animals were needed to evidence a measurable effect in man. In any case, we were intrigued by the peculiar diuretic activity of propranolol in the rat and wanted to know more about structure and diuretic properties of other β -adrenergic antagonists in that species.

A diuretic screening program involving several potential β -adrenergic antagonists resulted in the finding that certain compounds of the general formula showed diuretic and



saluretic properties exceeding that of propranolol and hydrochlorothiazide, our reference drugs.

Chemistry. The compounds tested in this study are listed in Tables I and II. Standard procedures used for their synthesis are summarized in Scheme I.

As described in Scheme II, the starting phenols were prepared by two different ways.

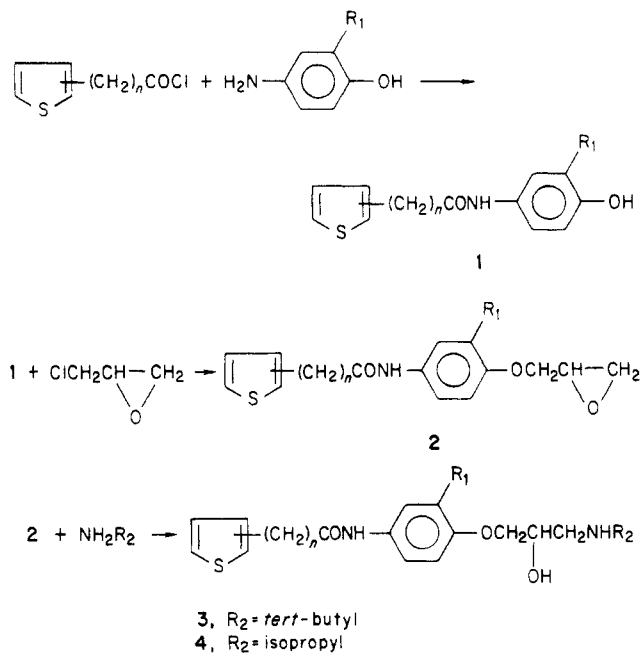
The epoxide intermediates **2** were easily obtained through reaction of the phenols with epichlorohydrin by using benzyltrimethylammonium chloride as a catalyst.

Results and Discussion

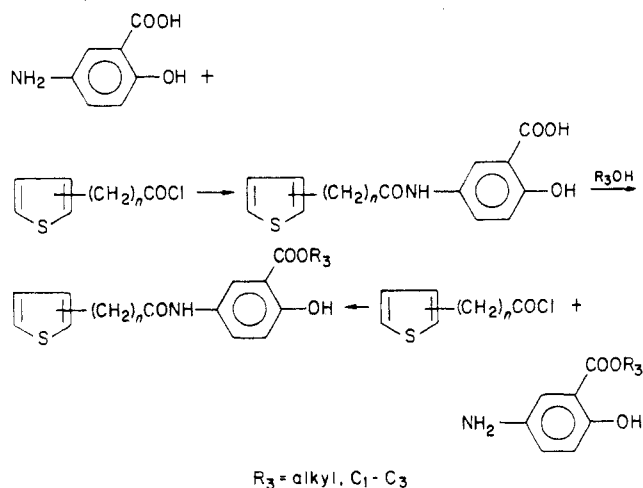
Biological data reported in Tables I and II allowed us to define a structure-activity relationship regarding both diuretic and β -adrenergic blocking activity.

Diuretic Activity. Previous studies (unreported data) showed that the substitution of the nitrogen in the aminopropanol chain by various groups (4-phenylpiperidine, 1-phenylpiperazine, 2-phenyl-1,1-dimethylethylamine, cyclopropylamine, and [2-(1*H*-indol-3-yl)-1,1-dimethylethyl]amine) led to compounds devoid of diuretic activity or less active than the *tert*-butyl (series **3**) and isopropyl (series **4**) derivatives described in the present work.

Scheme I



Scheme II

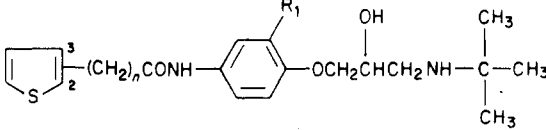



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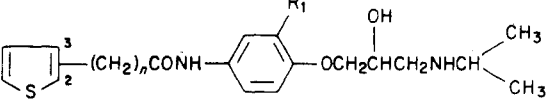
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
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Table I. Salidiuretic and β -Adrenergic Blocking Activity of Compounds 3a-n


compd		<i>n</i>	<i>R</i> ₁	yield, %	mp, °C	compd formula ^a	oral salidiuretic act.: control/drug treatment value			β -adrenergic blocking activity	
							dosage, mg/kg	Na ⁺ , ^b mequiv/6 h	urinary output, ^b mL	β_1 ID50, ^c mg/kg iv	β_2 ID50, ^c mg/kg iv
3a	2	0	H	35	143-146	C ₁₈ H ₂₄ N ₂ O ₃ S	16	0.181/0.242	7.67/8.78	0.075	>1.000
							32	0.181/0.230	7.67/10.00		
							64	0.181/0.512*** ^d	7.67/12.42**		
							128	0.181/0.607**	7.67/14.18**		
3b	2	0	CN	73	167-169	C ₁₉ H ₂₃ N ₃ O ₃ S	128	0.102/0.380	6.27/9.67	0.022	0.550
3c	2	0	COOCH ₃	50	150-152	C ₂₀ H ₂₆ N ₂ O ₅ S	128	0.306/0.786*	6.83/10.83*	0.042	>1.000
3d	2	0	COOCH ₂ CH ₃	45	127-128	C ₂₁ H ₂₈ N ₂ O ₅ S	16	0.207/0.554*	6.42/9.00*	0.065	>1.000
							32	0.207/0.626*	6.42/9.83**		
							64	0.207/0.766**	6.42/11.25***		
							128	0.207/1.364***	6.42/15.08***		
3e	2	1	COOCH ₂ CH ₃	25	118-120	C ₂₂ H ₃₀ N ₂ O ₅ S	128	0.186/0.179	8.42/6.25	0.004	0.600
3f	2	0	COOCH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₃	38	130-132	C ₂₂ H ₃₀ N ₂ O ₅ S	128	0.202/0.961***	7.17/11.25***	0.270	>1.000
3g	2	0	COOCH(CH ₃) ₂	59	138-141	C ₂₂ H ₃₀ N ₂ O ₅ S	128	0.210/1.197***	7.33/13.83***	0.320	>1.000
3h	2	0	CONH ₂	35	170-172	C ₁₉ H ₂₅ N ₃ O ₄ S	128	0.301/0.148	7.67/6.97	0.120	>1.000
3i	3	0	COOCH ₂ CH ₃	51	125-127	C ₂₁ H ₂₈ N ₂ O ₅ S	128	0.186/0.853**	8.42/10.18	0.060	>1.000
3j	3	1	COOCH ₂ CH ₃	14	117-119	C ₂₂ H ₃₀ N ₂ O ₅ S	128	0.186/0.243	8.42/6.75	0.015	0.380
3k	2	0	COOH	40	>200	C ₁₉ H ₂₄ N ₂ O ₅ S· ³ / ₂ H ₂ O	128	0.229/0.172	4.88/5.32	>8.000	>8.000
3l	2	0	Cl	39	157-158	C ₁₈ H ₂₃ ClN ₂ O ₃ S	64	0.140/0.355*	10.33/9.33	0.014	0.400
3m	2	0	CH ₃	40	143-145	C ₁₉ H ₂₆ N ₂ O ₃ S	32	0.140/0.416**	10.33/10.75	0.030	>1.000
3n	2	0	COCH ₃	58	155-156	C ₂₀ H ₂₆ N ₂ O ₄ S	32	0.177/0.305	7.87/8.10	0.022	>1.000

^a All compounds gave satisfactory C, H, Cl, N, and S analyses. ^b Mean value of *n* = 3 × 2 animals per dosage. ^c *n* = two dogs. ^d *, **, and *** indicate a significant difference from control group respectively at *p* < 0.05, 0.01, and 0.001 (two-tailed Student's *t*-test).

Table II. Salidiuretic and β -Adrenergic Blocking Activity of Compounds 4a-n


compd		<i>n</i>	<i>R</i> ₁	yield, %	mp, °C	compd formula ^a	oral salidiuretic act.: control/drug treatment value			β -adrenergic blocking activity	
							dosage, mg/kg	Na ⁺ , ^b mequiv/6 h	urinary output, ^b mL	β_1 ID50, ^c mg/kg iv	β_2 ID50, ^c mg/kg iv
4a	2	0	H	24	145-146	C ₁₇ H ₂₂ N ₂ O ₃ S	128	0.114/0.707*** ^f	7.70/12.75***	0.045	>1.000
4c	2	0	COOCH ₃	32	126-127	C ₁₉ H ₂₄ N ₂ O ₅ S	128	0.198/0.885***	8.17/12.83*	0.250	>1.000
4d	2	0	COOCH ₂ CH ₃	44	107-108	C ₂₀ H ₂₆ N ₂ O ₅ S	16	0.205/0.350	7.33/9.75	0.300	0.450
							32	0.205/0.358	7.33/9.17		
							64	0.205/0.514*	7.33/10.00		
							128	0.205/0.712***	7.33/11.50**		
4e	2	1	COOCH ₂ CH ₃	18	132-133	C ₂₁ H ₂₈ N ₂ O ₅ S	128	0.163/0.139	8.72/8.15	<i>d</i>	<i>d</i>
4f	2	0	COOCH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₃	30	123-128	C ₂₁ H ₂₈ N ₂ O ₅ S	128	0.210/0.796**	7.33/10.83**	<i>d</i>	<i>d</i>
4g	2	0	COOCH(CH ₃) ₂	49	129-130	C ₂₁ H ₂₈ N ₂ O ₅ S	128	0.112/0.407**	7.25/9.43**	0.170	0.250
4i	3	0	COOCH ₂ CH ₃	58	130-132	C ₂₀ H ₂₆ N ₂ O ₅ S	128	0.144/0.470**	6.50/8.47*	0.190	>1.000
4j	3	1	COOCH ₂ CH ₃	24	129-130	C ₂₁ H ₂₈ N ₂ O ₅ S	128	0.163/0.133	8.72/8.02	0.020	>1.000
4l	2	0	Cl	44	132-133	C ₁₇ H ₂₁ ClN ₂ O ₃ S	32	0.140/0.417	10.33/10.08	0.170	>1.000
4m	2	0	CH ₃	52	147-148	C ₁₈ H ₂₄ N ₂ O ₃ S	64	0.140/0.606	10.33/12.42*	0.020	>1.000
4n	2	0	COCH ₃	57	133-134	C ₁₉ H ₂₄ N ₂ O ₄ S	128	0.177/0.304	7.87/8.70	0.450	>1.000
HCT ^g							14	0.261/0.695*	7.17/9.08	<i>d</i>	<i>d</i>
							27	0.261/0.742**	7.17/9.75*		
							55	0.261/0.745**	7.17/9.58*		
							110	0.261/0.735*	7.17/11.20**		
Prop ^h							16	0.216/0.178	9.05/9.87	0.069	0.038
							32	0.216/0.207	9.05/10.98		
							64	0.216/0.097	9.05/11.67*		
							128	0.216/0.263	9.05/12.83**		

^a All compounds gave satisfactory C, H, Cl, N, and S analysis. ^b Mean value of *n* = 3 × 2 animals per dosage. ^c *n* = two dogs. ^d These compounds have not been tested for their β -adrenergic blocking activity. ^f *, **, and *** indicate a significant difference from control group respectively at *p* < 0.05, 0.01, and 0.001 (two-tailed Student's *t* test). ^g HCT = hydrochlorothiazide. ^h Prop = propranolol.

pare 3d,3i/3e,3j; 4d,4i/4e,4j).

A decrease in efficacy was observed when the thienyl-carbonylamino moiety was attached in the 3-position of

the thienyl ring instead of the 2-position (3d/3i,4d/4i).

As far as 4-[(thienylcarbonyl)amino]phenoxy derivatives are concerned, the introduction of a substituent in the

were obtained by iv injection of a submaximal dose of isoprenaline (isoproterenol). Animals were used only once for each tested substance. The different intravenous doses of the same drug were injected every 30 min.

Isoproterenol hemodynamic effects after each test substance injection were compared to isoproterenol control values, and the blockage percentage of isoproterenol response for each dose level was calculated. A dose-response curve was constructed on the basis of these results and an estimated dose (ID₅₀) producing a 50% inhibition of hemodynamic changes on contractile force or diastolic arterial pressure was determined.

β -Adrenergic blocking activity in the conscious rat was measured as follows. Chronically implanted³ Sprague-Dawley rats were used. Before and after oral administration of test compounds (1 h, 5 h), β -adrenergic blockage was assessed by serial construction of dose response curves for iv isoproterenol induced tachycardia or hypotension. From the curves ED₅₀ values were determined by linear regression and were defined as the dose of isoproterenol eliciting 50% of the maximal effects observed. They were considered as a measure of β -adrenergic blocking activity.

Synthesis. Melting points were determined on a Kofler apparatus and were uncorrected.

NMR spectra were recorded on a Perkin-Elmer R 12 A with (CH₃)₄ Si, as the internal reference. The various splitting patterns were designated as follows: s, singlet; br s, broad singlet; d, doublet; t, triplet; q, quartet or quintuplet; m, multiplet. When the proton chemical shift was dependent on the dilution, it was indicated as V.

Where elemental analyses were given only symbols of the elements, analytical results obtained were within $\pm 0.4\%$ of the theoretical values.

The compound's purity was checked by TLC analysis on silica gel GF 254 plates, and components were visualized by UV fluorescence inhibition properties.

HPLC assays were performed on a Varian 5060 analytical pump coupled with a Varian UV 100 detector set at 282 nm. The HPLC column was a prepacked 5- μ m octadecyl-bonded column (150 \times 4 mm). Elution was carried out at a flow rate of 1 mL/min with a mixture acetonitrile-0.1 M potassium dihydrogenophosphate aqueous solution (50/50).

Synthesis of epoxide **2d** is given as an example. The various epoxides **2** were prepared according to this procedure from corresponding phenols **1**.

Ethyl 2-(2,3-Epoxypropoxy)-5-[(2-thienylcarbonyl)amino]benzoate (2d). Ethyl 2-hydroxy-5-[(2-thienylcarbonyl)amino]benzoate (**1d**; 64 g, 0.22 mol) was heated to 110 °C in a flask with shaking with epichlorhydrin (340 mL). Benzyltrimethylammonium chloride (6.4 g) was then added and the reaction mixture was heated for 30 min to reflux. After cooling, water (300 mL) was added and the mixture vigorously shaken. After extraction with methylene chloride (600 mL), the organic phase was washed with water and dried on magnesium sulfate. The residual oil solidified upon concentration followed by trituration with diethyl ether. The solid was washed with isopropyl acetate (100 mL) and gave **2d** (60%): mp 124–126 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃), δ 1.3 (3 H, t), 2.9 (2 H, d), 3.3 (1 H, m), 3.5–4.5 (4 H, m), 6.8–8 (6 H, m), 8 (1 H, V).

Ethyl 2-[3-[(1,1-Dimethylethyl)amino]-2-hydroxypropoxy]-5-[(2-thienylcarbonyl)amino]benzoate (3d). Epoxide **2d** (22.6 g, 0.065 mol), dissolved in *tert*-butylamine (50 mL), was heated to 50 °C for 8 h in a flask. After vacuum evaporation of organic solution, the thick residue was added to a water (100 mL), acetic acid (6 mL), and ethyl acetate (50 mL) mixture. Once a

clear mixture was obtained under vigorous shaking, the organic phase was removed and washed with a very diluted aqueous acetic acid solution. The aqueous phase was neutralized by ammonia and then extracted with methylene chloride (2 \times 50 mL). The organic phase was vacuum concentrated. The residue obtained hardened in diethyl ether and gave **3d** which was recrystallized from isopropyl acetate: yield 45%; mp 127–128 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.4 (12 H, s and t), 2.9–3.4 (2 H, m and 2 H, V), 3.9 (3 H, br s), 4.2 (2 H, q), 6.9–8 (6 H, m and 1 H, V). Anal. (C₂₁H₂₈N₂O₅S) C, H, N, S.

The various compounds **3** listed in Table I were prepared according to this procedure.

2-[3-[(1,1-Dimethylethyl)amino]-2-hydroxypropoxy]-5-[(2-thienylcarbonyl)amino]benzoic Acid (3k). Compound **3d** (8.2 g, 0.0195 mol) was refluxed with NaOH solution (0.8 g, 0.02 mol) in water (60 mL) for 2 h. After cooling, the aqueous solution was washed with chloroform (2 \times 30 mL) and then acidified with CO₂. A precipitate was formed and collected by filtration washed with water (20 mL) and with ethanol (20 mL). After recrystallization from ethanol, **3k** was obtained, hydrated with ³/₂H₂O: yield 40%; mp >200 °C; ¹H NMR (Me₂SO-d₆/CDCl₃) δ 1.3 (9 H, s), 3.1 (2 H, m), 4.1 (3 H, m), 5.7 (6 H, V), 6.9–7.3 (2 H, m), 7.7–8.3 (4 H, m), 10.4 (1 H, V). Anal. (C₁₉H₂₄N₂O₅S³/₂H₂O) C, H, N, O, S.

Ethyl 2-[3-[(1-Methylethyl)amino]-2-hydroxypropoxy]-5-[(2-thienylcarbonyl)amino]benzoate (4d). A solution of epoxide **2d** (17 g, 0.049 mol) in isopropylamine (25 mL) and ethanol (50 mL) was heated to 50 °C for 8 h. The solution was vacuum concentrated and the residue was added to a water (200 mL), acetic acid (6 mL), and isopropyl acetate (100 mL) mixture. The organic phase was separated by decanting. The aqueous phase was neutralized by ammonia and then extracted with chloroform (2 \times 50 mL). The chloroform solution was dried, filtered, and vacuum concentrated. The residue crystallized in diethyl ether to give **4d**: yield 44%; mp 107–108 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1 (6 H, d), 1.3 (3 H, t), 2.8 (3 H, m), 2.8–4 (2 H, V), 4.1 (3 H, br s), 4.3 (2 H, q), 6.8–8 (6 H, m), 7.5–8.5 (1 H, V). Anal. (C₂₀H₂₆N₂O₅S) C, H, N, S.

Other compounds **4** listed in Table II were prepared according to this procedure.

Registry No. **1a**, 98902-53-5; **1b**, 98902-54-6; **1c**, 90056-07-8; **1d**, 90055-92-8; **1e**, 90056-00-1; **1f**, 98902-55-7; **1g**, 98902-56-8; **1h**, 98902-57-9; **1i**, 90055-94-0; **1j**, 90056-03-4; **1k**, 98902-52-4; **1l**, 98902-58-0; **1m**, 98902-59-1; **1n**, 98902-60-4; **2a**, 98902-61-5; **2b**, 98921-41-6; **2c**, 90056-08-9; **2d**, 90055-93-9; **2e**, 90056-01-2; **2f**, 98902-62-6; **2g**, 98902-63-7; **2h**, 98902-64-8; **2i**, 90055-95-1; **2j**, 90056-04-5; **2l**, 98902-65-9; **2m**, 98902-66-0; **2n**, 98902-67-1; **3a**, 98902-68-2; **3b**, 98902-69-3; **3c**, 90056-09-0; **3d**, 90055-97-3; **3e**, 90056-02-3; **3f**, 98902-70-6; **3g**, 98902-71-7; **3h**, 98902-72-8; **3i**, 90055-99-5; **3j**, 90056-05-6; **3k**, 98902-73-9; **3l**, 98902-74-0; **3m**, 98902-75-1; **3n**, 98902-76-2; **4a**, 98902-77-3; **4c**, 98902-78-4; **4d**, 90055-96-2; **4e**, 98902-79-5; **4f**, 98902-80-8; **4g**, 98902-81-9; **4i**, 90055-98-4; **4j**, 90056-06-7; **4l**, 98902-82-0; **4m**, 98902-83-1; **4n**, 98902-84-2; 4-HOC₆H₄NH₂, 123-30-8; 5-amino-2-hydroxybenzonitrile, 87029-84-3; methyl 5-amino-2-hydroxybenzoate, 42753-75-3; ethyl 5-amino-2-hydroxybenzoate, 62773-65-3; 5-amino-2-hydroxybenzoate, 59393-77-0; 4-amino-2-chlorophenol, 3964-52-1; 4-amino-2-methylphenol, 2835-96-3; 2'-hydroxy-4'-aminoacetophenone, 50-80-6; 5-amino-2-hydroxybenzoic acid, 89-57-6; 2-thiophenecarbonyl chloride, 5271-67-0; 2-thiopheneacetyl chloride, 39098-97-0; 3-thiophenecarbonyl chloride, 41507-35-1; 3-thiopheneacetyl chloride, 13781-65-2.