

Glycolurils in α -ureido- and α -aminoalkylation reactions

1. α -Ureidoalkylation of sulfamides with *N*-(hydroxymethyl)glycolurils

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α -Ureidoalkylation of sulfamides with 2-hydroxymethyl-, 2,6- and 2,8-bis(hydroxymethyl)-, and 2,4,6,8-tetrakis(hydroxymethyl)glycolurils gave novel bi-, tri-, and tetracyclic fused systems combining the glycoluril and sulfamide fragments.

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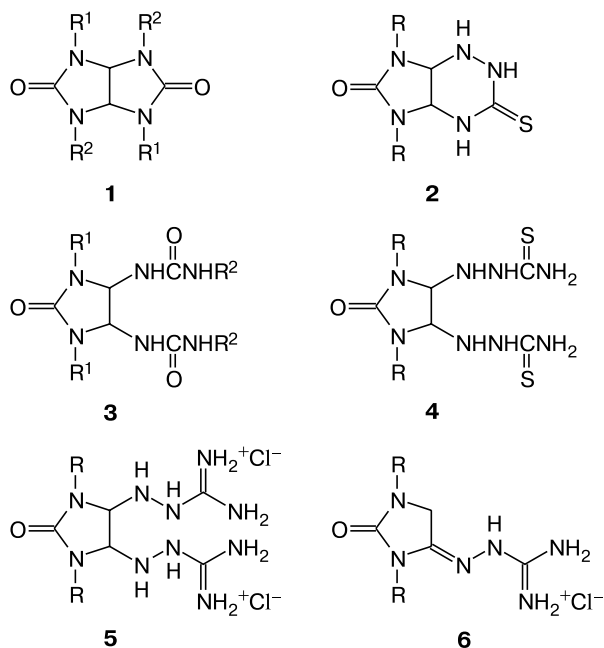
Earlier, we have studied in detail α -ureidoalkylation of ureas^{1,2} and their analogs (thiosemicarbazide and aminoguanidine^{3,4}) with 4,5-dihydroxyimidazolidin-2-ones. Based on the results obtained, we have developed general methods for the targeted synthesis of various *N*-substituted glycolurils (2,4,6,8-tetraazabicyclo[3.3.0]octane-3,7-diones) **1** (including hydroxy(carboxy)alkylated ones)^{1,5,6} and 3-thioxoperhydroimidazo[4,5-*e*][1,2,4]triazin-6-ones **2**.^{3,4} In addition, we have discovered novel reactions leading to 4,5-bis(3-alkylureido-, thiosemicarbazido-, and 3-aminoguanidino)imidazolidin-

2-ones **3–5** and 1,3-dialkyl-4-guanidinoiminoimidazolidin-2-ones **6**.^{3,4}

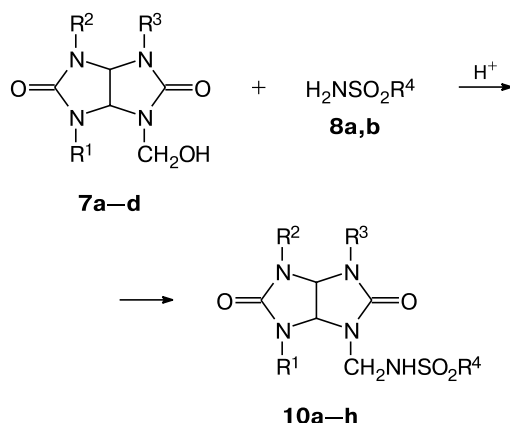
Out of *N*-(hydroxymethyl)glycolurils, only 2,4,6,8-tetrakis(hydroxymethyl)glycolurils have been used hitherto as ureidoalkylating reagents (in the synthesis of cucurbiturils).^{7,8}

Because glycolurils belong to a novel class of neurotropic compounds^{9–11} and exhibit other types of biological activity,^{12,13} it was of practical interest to design a molecule combining the glycoluril fragment and other pharmacophore (e.g., sulfamide¹⁴) groups. The fundamental possibility of the synthesis of such compounds has been demonstrated earlier with single examples.¹⁵ Here we studied α -ureidoalkylation with various 2-hydroxymethyl-, 2,6- and 2,8-bis(hydroxymethyl)-, and 2,4,6,8-tetrakis(hydroxymethyl)glycolurils **7** of sulfamides **8**, sulfamide, and *N,N'*-dialkylsulfamides **9** with the aim of obtaining novel bi-, tri-, and tetracyclic fused systems combining the glycoluril and sulfamide fragments.

Conditions for the synthesis of bicyclic compounds **10a–h** (Scheme 1) were optimized with a reaction of 2-hydroxymethyl-4,6,8-trimethylglycoluril (**7a**) with benzenesulfonamide (**8a**) in boiling methanol in the presence of HCl as an example, by analogy with acid-catalyzed α -ureidoalkylation with 4,5-dihydroxyimidazolidin-2-ones conducted in either water or lower alcohols. Methanol was used as a solvent because the starting sulfamides are soluble in methanol better than in water. The course of the reaction was monitored by ¹H NMR spectroscopy regarding disappearance of the signals for the OH protons in the starting glycoluril **7a**. The optimized reaction time was 1 h. α -Ureidoalkylation of



Scheme 1



Compound	R ¹	R ²	R ³	R ⁴
7a	Me	Me	Me	—
7b	Me	Me	Et	—
7c	Me	CH ₂ OH	Me	—
7d	Et	CH ₂ OH	Et	—
10a	Me	Me	Me	Ph
10b	Me	Me	Me	4-MeC ₆ H ₄
10c	Me	Me	Et	Ph
10d	Me	Me	Et	4-MeC ₆ H ₄
10e	Me	CH ₂ NHSO ₂ R ⁴	Me	Ph
10f	Me	CH ₂ NHSO ₂ R ⁴	Me	4-MeC ₆ H ₄
10g	Et	CH ₂ NHSO ₂ R ⁴	Et	Ph
10h	Et	CH ₂ NHSO ₂ R ⁴	Et	4-MeC ₆ H ₄

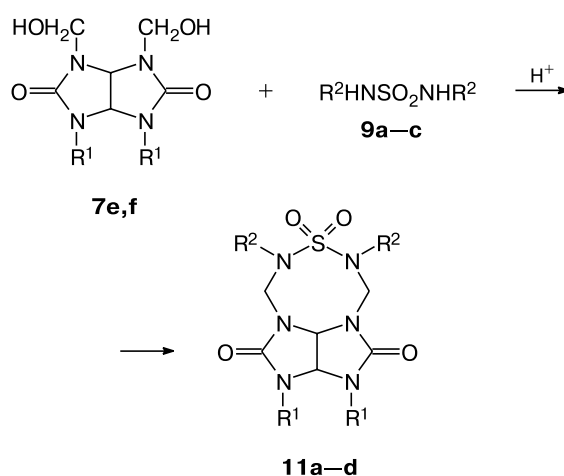
8: R⁴ = Ph (**a**), 4-MeC₆H₄ (**b**)

sulfonamides **8a,b** with 2-hydroxymethyl- (**7a,b**) and 2,6-bis(hydroxymethyl)glycolurils (**7c,d**) under the optimized conditions gave 2-(arylsulfonylaminomethyl)- and 2,6-bis(arylsulfonylaminomethyl)glycolurils **10a–h** in 27–50% yields (Table 1).

The ¹H NMR spectra of the compounds obtained show characteristic triplets for the NH protons of the sulfamide fragments at δ 8.51–8.65 (Table 2). The signals for the CH–CH protons appear at δ 4.65–5.17 as two doublets (**10a–d**) or a singlet (**10e–h**). The diastereotopic protons of the NCH₂ groups resonate at δ 4.09–4.27 and 4.63–4.71. The ¹³C NMR spectra contain characteristic signals for the NCH₂ groups at δ 51–52; the signals for the CH–CH and CO groups appear at δ 65–69 and 156–159, respectively. The IR spectra show intense absorption bands due to SO₂ (1320–1328 cm^{−1}), C=O (1688–1712 cm^{−1}), and NH groups (3184–3272 cm^{−1}) and bands assignable to the framework vibrations of the bicycles (1496–1508 cm^{−1}).⁵

A similar approach was used to obtain 9,11-dialkyl-8,12-dioxo-4-thia-1,3,5,7,9,11-hexaazatri-cyclo[5.5.1.0^{10,13}]tridecane 4,4-dioxides **11a–d** by condensation of sulfamides **9a–c** with 2,8-bis(hydroxymethyl)glycolurils **7e,f**. The reactions were carried out in MeOH (for sulfamides **9a,c**) or PrⁱOH (for sulfamide **9b**) (Scheme 2).

Scheme 2



7: R¹ = Me (**e**), Et (**f**); **9:** R² = H (**a**), Me (**b**), Pr (**c**);
11: R¹ = Me, R² = H (**a**); R¹ = R² = Me (**b**); R¹ = Me, R² = Pr (**c**);
 R¹ = Et, R² = H (**d**)

The ¹H NMR spectra of compounds **11a–d** show doublets of doublets at δ 4.26–4.80 due to the diastereotopic CH₂ protons of the eight-membered ring and doublets of doublets at δ 5.16–5.35 for the CH–CH protons. The IR spectra exhibit characteristic intense absorption bands due to the SO₂ (1144–1167 and 1320–1361 cm^{−1}) and C=O groups (1699–1728 cm^{−1}); for compounds **11a,d**, the bands for the NH groups were also observed (3239–3346 cm^{−1}). The mass spectrum of the tricyclic compound **11a** contains a sufficiently intense molecular ion peak. These peaks are absent for compounds **11b,c**: their mass spectra show peaks of the fragmentation ions [M⁺ – 64] produced by elimination of an SO₂ molecule (Table 3).

2,4,6,8-Tetrakis(hydroxymethyl)glycoluril (**7g**) is soluble in water better than in MeOH; for this reason, we carried out its condensation with *N,N'*-dimethylsulfamide (**9b**) in water at pH 1 (HCl) (Scheme 3). The ¹H NMR spectrum of the compound obtained shows a singlet at δ 2.85, a doublet of doublets at δ 4.81, and a singlet at δ 5.44 with an integral intensity ratio of 6 : 4 : 1. This corresponds to the structure of tetracyclic compound **12**: 3,5,11,13-tetramethyl-8,16-dioxo-4,12-dithia-1,3,5,7,9,11,13,15-octaazatetracyclo[7.7.2.0^{7,17}.0^{15,18}]-octadecane 4,4,12,12-tetraoxide. The mass spectrum contains a peak of the ion [M⁺ – 64] (due to elimination of SO₂).

Compounds **10h** and **11a** were tested for antimicrobial and fungicidal activities, respectively*. The test for

* The fungicidal activity was studied at the All-Russia Research Institute for chemical plant protectors under the supervision of V. A. Abelentsev. The antimicrobial activity was studied at the Natural-Science Institute of the Perm State University under the supervision of G. A. Aleksandrova.

Table 2. IR and ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra of compounds **10a–h** (DMSO- d_6)

Compound	IR, ν/cm^{-1}	NMR, δ (J/Hz)	
		^1H	^{13}C
10a	—	2.73, 2.79, 2.81 (all s, 3 H each, NMe); 4.22, 4.65 (both dd, 1 H each, NCH_2 , $J = 6.2$); 4.82, 5.12 (both d, 1 H each, CH, $J = 7.8$); 7.54–7.64 (m, 3 H, H(3)—H(5) (Ph)); 7.79 (d, 2 H, H(2), H(6) (Ph)); 8.56 (t, 1 H, NH, $J = 5.9$)	—
10b	—	2.37 (s, 3 H, Me (Ts)); 2.71, 2.78, 2.80 (all s, 3 H each, NMe); 4.23, 4.65 (both dd, 1 H each, NCH_2 , $J = 6.2$); 4.76, 5.09 (both d, 1 H each, CH, $J = 7.8$); 7.39, 7.70 (both d, 2 H each, Ts, $J = 7.8$); 8.56 (t, 1 H, NH, $J = 5.9$)	—
10c	3184, 1696, 1508, 1328	1.01 (t, 3 H, Me (Et), $J = 7.0$); 2.76, 2.80 (both s, 3 H each, NMe); 3.03–3.26 (m, 2 H, NCH_2 (Et)); 4.23, 4.66 (both d, 1 H each, NCH_2 , $J = 5.5$); 4.92, 5.12 (both d, 1 H each, CH, $J = 8.6$); 7.52–7.63 (m, 3 H, H(3)—H(5) (Ph)); 7.79 (d, 2 H, H(2), H(6) (Ph), $J = 6.7$); 8.63 (t, 1 H, NH, $J = 5.8$)	13.26 (Me (Et)); 29.80, 30.33 (2 MeN); 37.07 (CH_2 (Et)); 51.04 (CH_2); 67.62, 69.53 (2 CH); 126.29 (C(4) (Ph)); 129.27 (C(3), C(5) (Ph)); 132.64 (C(2), C(6) (Ph)); 140.98 (C(1) (Ph)); 156.96, 158.73 (2 CO)
10d	3188, 1700, 1500, 1320	1.03 (t, 3 H, Me (Et), $J = 6.7$); 2.39 (s, 3 H, Me (Ts)); 2.80, 2.82 (both s, 3 H each, NMe); 3.07–3.29 (m, 2 H, NCH_2 (Et)); 4.19–4.27, 4.63–4.71 (both m, 1 H each, NCH_2); 4.97, 5.17 (both d, 1 H each, CHCH, $J = 8.5$); 7.39 (d, 2 H, Ts, $J = 8.0$); 7.69 (d, 2 H, Ts, $J = 8.6$); 8.51 (t, 1 H, NH, $J = 8.5$)	13.16 (Me (Et)); 20.97 (Me (Ts)); 29.78, 30.29 (2 MeN); 36.97 (CH_2 (Et)); 50.96 (CH_2); 67.53, 69.46 (2 CH); 126.33 (C(4) (Ts)); 129.43 (C(3), C(5) (Ts)); 138.13 (C(2), C(6) (Ts)); 142.84 (C(1) (Ts)); 156.89, 158.65 (2 CO)
10e	3264, 3220, 1712, 1688, 1504, 1328	2.68 (s, 6 H, 2 NMe); 4.22 (d, 2 H, NCH_2 , $J = 14.7$); 4.70 (m, 4 H, NCH_2 + CHCH); 7.58–7.68 (m, 6 H, Ph); 7.78 (d, 4 H, Ph, $J = 7.3$); 8.62 (br.s, 2 H, 2 NH)	29.07 (2 MeN); 51.06 (2 CH_2); 66.75 (2 CH); 126.31 (C(4) (Ph)); 129.16 (C(3), C(5) (Ph)); 132.61 (C(2), C(6) (Ph)); 141.01 (C(1) (Ph)); 156.83 (2 CO)
10f	3272, 3180, 1708, 1692, 1504, 1328	2.43 (s, 6 H, 2 Me (Ts)); 2.67 (s, 6 H, 2 NMe); 4.19 (d, 2 H, NCH_2 , $J = 11.1$); 4.65 (m, 4 H, NCH_2 + CHCH); 7.40, 7.64 (both d, 4 H, Ts, $J = 6.6$); 8.56 (m, 2 H, 2 NH)	20.97 (Me (Ts)); 29.33 (2 MeN); 52.19 (2 CH_2); 65.94 (2 CH); 126.14 (C(4) (Ts)); 129.57 (C(3), C(5) (Ts)); 137.96 (C(2), C(6) (Ts)); 142.34 (C(1) (Ts)); 156.43 (2 CO)
10g	3252, 3192, 1688, 1496, 1324	0.97 (t, 6 H, 2 Me (Et), $J = 6.7$); 3.02–3.29 (m, 4 H, 2 NCH_2 (Et)); 4.12, 4.66 (both dd, 2 H, NCH_2 , $J = 5.8$); 4.98 (s, 2 H, CHCH); 7.61 (m, 6 H, Ph); 7.78 (d, 4 H, Ph, $J = 6.1$); 8.65 (t, 1 H, NH, $J = 5.8$)	13.41 (2 Me (Et)); 36.76 (2 CH_2 (Et)); 51.81 (2 CH_2); 65.64 (2 CH); 126.18 (C(4) (Ph)); 129.22 (C(3), C(5) (Ph)); 132.62 (C(2), C(6) (Ph)); 140.82 (C(1) (Ph)); 156.86 (2 CO)
10h	3212, 1688, 1496, 1328	0.97 (t, 6 H, 2 Me (Et), $J = 6.7$); 2.39 (s, 6 H, 2 Me (Ts)); 3.01–3.26 (m, 4 H, 2 NCH_2 (Et)); 4.09, 4.65 (both dd, 2 H, NCH_2 , $J = 5.5$); 4.94 (s, 2 H, CHCH); 7.39, 7.66 (both d, 4 H each, Ts, $J = 8.2$); 8.57 (t, 1 H, NH, $J = 5.5$)	13.14 (2 Me (Et)); 21.01 (2 Me (Ts)); 36.74 (2 CH_2 (Et)); 51.08 (2 CH_2); 65.38 (2 CH); 126.26 (C(4) (Ts)); 129.67 (C(3), C(5) (Ts)); 138.07 (C(2), C(6) (Ts)); 143.00 (C(1) (Ts)); 156.85 (2 CO)

Experimental

IR spectra were recorded on a Specord M82 instrument (KBr pellets). NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker AM-250 (250.13 MHz (^1H)) and Bruker AM-300 spectrometers (300.13 (^1H) and 75.5 MHz (^{13}C)) in DMSO- d_6 . Chemical shifts are given on the δ scale with reference to Me_4Si as the internal standard. Mass spectra were recorded on a Kratos MS-30 spectrometer (70 eV). Melting points were determined on a GALLENKAMP instrument (Sanyo). 2-Hydroxymethyl-, 2,6- and 2,8-bis(hydroxymethyl)-, and 2,4,6,8-tetrakis(hydroxymethyl)glycolurils **7a–g** were prepared as described earlier.¹⁶

Synthesis of glycolurils 10a–d (general procedure). Appropriate 4,6,8-trialkyl-2-(hydroxymethyl)glycoluril **7a,b** (0.005 mol) and arenesulfonamide **8a,b** (0.005 mol) were dissolved in methanol (5 mL) and two drops of conc. HCl were added. The mixture

was refluxed for 1 h and concentrated in a rotary evaporator. The residue was diluted with water (4 mL) and left for ~14 h. The white precipitate that formed was filtered off, washed with hot water, and crystallized from methanol–water (1 : 2).

Synthesis of glycolurils 10e–h (general procedure). Appropriate 4,8-dialkyl-2,6-bis(hydroxymethyl)glycoluril **7c,d** (0.0025 mol) and arenesulfonamide **8a,b** (0.005 mol) were dissolved in methanol (7 mL) and three drops of conc. HCl were added. The mixture was refluxed for 1 h and concentrated in a rotary evaporator to an oily residue, which was crystallized from water–methanol (1 : 2).

Synthesis of compounds 11a–d (general procedure). Appropriate 4,6-dialkyl-2,8-bis(hydroxymethyl)glycoluril **7e–f** (0.01 mol) and sulfamide **9a–c** (0.01 mol) were dissolved in methanol (5 mL) (for **11a,c,d**) or propan-2-ol (5 mL) (for **11b**). Two drops of conc. HCl were added and the mixture was re-

Table 3. IR, ^1H NMR (DMSO- d_6), and mass spectra of compounds **11a–d** and **12**

Compound	IR, ν/cm^{-1}	^1H NMR, δ (J/Hz)	MS, m/z (I_{rel} (%))
11a	3346, 3239, 1718, 1699, 1516, 1331, 1167	2.86 (s, 6 H, 2 NMe); 4.28 (dd, 2 H, NCH_2 , $J = 9.5$); 4.82 (dd, 2 H, NCH_2 , $J = 3.6$); 5.16 (dd, 2 H, CHCH , $J = 8.0$); 7.60 (d, 2 H, NH , $J = 6.6$)	290 $[\text{M}]^+$ (37), 210 (62), 183 (54), 170 (100), 141 (29), 126 (72), 98 (44), 80 (81)
11b	1723, 1710, 1320, 1155	2.88, 2.92 (both s, 6 H each, 4 NMe); 4.76 (dd, 4 H, 2 NCH_2 , $J = 14.5$); 5.23 (dd, 2 H, CHCH , $J = 9.1$)	254 $[\text{M} - \text{SO}_2]^+$ (9), 239 (8), 183 (26), 167 (9), 154 (9), 139 (100), 126 (73), 98 (72)
11c	1728, 1712, 1509, 1361, 1158	0.91 (t, 6 H, 2 Me (Pr), $J = 7.5$); 1.58–1.72 (m, 4 H, 2 CH_2 (Pr)); 2.89 (s, 6 H, 2 NMe); 2.97–3.13, 3.22–3.37 (both m, 2 H, NCH_2 (Pr)); 4.80 (dd, 4 H, 2 NCH_2 , $J = 15.3$); 5.17 (dd, 2 H, CHCH , $J = 9.9$)	345 $[\text{M} - \text{C}_2\text{H}_5]^+$ (2), 310 $[\text{M} - \text{SO}_2]^+$ (4), 253 (10), 224 (8), 183 (7), 163 (18), 151 (22), 64 (5)
11d	3300, 1720, 1700, 1488, 1340, 1144	1.07 (t, 6 H, 2 Me (Et), $J = 7.0$); 3.10–3.43 (m, 4 H, 2 NCH_2 (Et)); 4.26, 4.72 (both d, 2 H, NCH_2 , $J = 15.3$); 5.16, 5.35 (both d, 1 H each, CH , $J = 8.6$); 7.57 (br.s, 2 H, 2 NH)	—
12	1730, 1355, 1160	2.85 (s, 12 H, 4 NMe); 4.81 (dd, 8 H, 4 CH_2 , $J = 15.1$); 5.44 (s, 2 H, CHCH)	374 $[\text{M} - \text{SO}_2]^+$ (2), 251 (15), 196 (11), 138 (20), 124 (23), 64 (21)

fluxed with stirring for 1 h. On cooling to $\sim 20^\circ\text{C}$, the colorless precipitate that formed was filtered off and crystallized from methanol (**11a,c,d**) or methanol–propan-2-ol (1 : 3) (**11b**).

Compound 12. 2,4,6,8-Tetrakis(hydroxymethyl)glycoluril **7g** (2.62 g, 0.01 mol) and sulfamide **9b** (2.48 g, 0.02 mol) were dissolved in water (5 mL). The mixture was acidified with two drops of conc. HCl (pH 1) and stirred at $80\text{--}90^\circ\text{C}$ for 2 h. On cooling to $\sim 20^\circ\text{C}$, the white precipitate that formed was filtered off and recrystallized from DMSO.

The yields and physicochemical characteristics of compounds **10–12** are given in Tables 1–3.

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