carbonate (6.1 g, 44.2 mmol) in DMF (50 mL) was heated at 60 °C for 0.5 h. Then 3-(2-chloroethyl)-2-oxazolidinone<sup>9</sup> (6.6 g, 44.2 mmol) was added and heating was continued for 18 h at 60 °C. The reaction was allowed to cool to room temperature and concentrated under reduced pressure and the resulting solid partitioned between CHCl<sub>3</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>O. The organic layer was dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>), filtered, and concentrated to a solid which was recrystallized to provide compound 7 (3.5 g, 35%): mp 103–104 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  3.43 (m, 2 H), 3.70 (m, 2 H), 4.14 (m, 2 H), 4.61 (t, 2 H), 7.20 (s, 2 H); MS (M+1) 227. Anal. (C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>10</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>4</sub>) C, H, N.

3-[3-(2-Nitro-1*H*-imidazol-1-yl)propyl]-2-oxazolidinone (8). Compound 8 was prepared as described above starting with 2-nitroimidazole and 3-(3-chloropropyl)-2-oxazolidinone <sup>10</sup> in a yield of 42%: mp 89–91 °C (recrystallized from ethanol); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  2.13 (m, 2 H), 3.38 (m, 2 H), 3.60 (m, 2 H), 3.60 (m, 2 H), 4.41 (q, 4 H), 7.18 (d, 1 H), 7.39 (d, 1 H); MS (M + 1) 241. Anal. (C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>4</sub>) C, H, N.

N-(2-Bromoethyl)-2-nitro-1H-imidazole-1-ethanamine Monohydrobromide (9). A mixture of 7 (3.5 g, 15.5 mmol) and 31% hydrogen bromide/acetic acid<sup>9</sup> (30 mL) was stirred at 25 °C for 18 h. The dark solution was diluted with ether and methanol and provided compound 9 (3.0 g, 54%): mp 103-104 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO- $d_6$ ) δ 3.45 (m, 4 H), 3.70 (m, 2 H), 4.66 (t, 2 H), 7.28 (s, 1 H), 7.71 (s, 1 H), 8.90 (bs, 2 H); MS m/e = 263, (M + 2) 265. Anal. (C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>11</sub>N<sub>4</sub>Br<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>·H<sub>2</sub>O·HBr) C, H, N, Br.

N-(2-Bromoethyl)-2-nitro-1*H*-imidazole-1-propanamine Monohydrobromide (10). Compound 10 was prepared as described above for compound 9, starting with 8, in a yield of 80%: mp 164–168 °C dec (recrystallized from ethanol); ¹H NMR (DMSO- $d_6$ ) δ 2.24 (m, 2 H), 3.00 (m, 2 H), 3.41 (m, 2 H), 3.70 (t, 2 H), 4.48 (t, 2 H), 7.23 (d, 1 H), 7.75 (d, 1 H), 8.70 (bs, 2 H); MS m/e = 277, (M + 2) 279. Anal. (C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N<sub>4</sub>BrO<sub>2</sub>·HBr·0.5H<sub>2</sub>O) C, H, N, Br.

3-[2-Hydroxy-3-(2-nitro-1H-imidazol-1-yl)propyl]-2-oxazolidinone (4). A suspension of 2-nitroimidazole (8.8 g, 78 mmol) and cesium carbonate (0.9 g, 2.8 mmol) in absolute ethanol (180 mL) was heated under reflux for 20 min. Then 1-glycidyl-2-oxazolidinone (21.2 g, 160 mmol) was added and the suspension was heated at reflux for 6 h. The mixture was cooled and filtered, and the residue was washed with ethanol to provide compound 4 (16.3 g, 85%): mp 216-218 °C; ¹H NMR (DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  3.22 (t, 2 H), 3.63 (t, 2 H), 3.99 (m, 1 H), 4.27 (m, 3 H), 4.55 (dd, 1 H),

5.43 (d, 1 H), 7.17 (s, 1 H), 7.62 (s, 1 H); MS m/e = 256. Anal. (C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>5</sub>) C, H, N.

 $\alpha$ -[[(2-Bromoethyl)amino]methyl]-2-nitro-1H-imidazole-1-ethanol Monohydrobromide (2, RB 6145). A mixture of 4 (0.5 g, 1.9 mmol) and 31% hydrogen bromide/acetic acid (5 mL) was stirred at room temperature. After 20 min a solution resulted and stirring was continued for 20 h. The reaction was concentrated under reduced pressure and the resulting dark solid was recrystallized from methanol (2×) to provide compound 2 (0.40 g, 54%): mp 159–160 °C dec; ¹H NMR (DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  3.00 (m, 1 H), 3.29 (m, 1 H), 3.42 (m, 2 H), 3.69 (t, 2 H), 4.25 (m, 1 H), 4.39 (m, 1 H), 4.53 (m, 1 H), 5.97 (bs, 1 H), 7.22 (s, 1 H), 7.66 (s, 1 H), 8.83 (bs, 2 H); MS m/e = 293, (M + 2) 295. Anal. (C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N<sub>4</sub>BrO<sub>3</sub>) C, H, N, Br.

3-[(2,3-Dihydroimidazol[2,1-b]oxazol-2-yl)methyl]-2-oxazolidinone (12). A mixture of 2-nitroimidazole (3.0 g, 26.5 mmol), potassium carbonate (7.3 g, 52.8 mmol), and 18-crown-6 (0.6 g, 2.7 mmol) in DMF (30 mL) was heated at 60 °C for 3 h. To the resulting solution was added 1-glycidyl-2-oxazolidinone (4.0 g, 27 mmol) and heating was continued at 60 °C for 28 h. TLC indicated that no 2-nitroimidazole remained. The mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was dissolved in CHCl<sub>3</sub>. The solution was washed with brine, dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>), filtered, and concentrated to provide 3.8 g of an oil. Chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, CHCl<sub>3</sub>/methanol, 98:2) provided 12 (1.8 g, 32%) which was recrystallized from ethyl acetate: mp 140–141.5 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 3.63 (m, 4 H), 4.00 (m, 1 H), 4.27 (m, 3 H), 5.30 (m, 1 H), 6.55 (dd, 2 H); MS (M + 1) 210. Anal. (C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>11</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>) C, H, N.

Conversion of 2 to 1. To a solution of 2 (3.74 mg,  $1\times10^{-5}$  mol) in saline (2 mL) was added Et<sub>3</sub>N (3  $\mu$ L,  $2.1\times10^{-5}$  mol). The solution was stirred at 25 °C and monitored by HPLC (Alltech CN column, 0.1 M KH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>/methanol, 9/1, 313 mm). After 30 min complete conversion to 1 had occurred (identified by co-injection with an authentic sample of 1). This provided a 5-mmol stock solution of 1.<sup>13</sup>

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# Triazolobenzo- and Triazolothienodiazepines as Potent Antagonists of Platelet Activating Factor

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A series of [1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-a][1,4]benzodiazepines bearing an ethynyl functionality at the 8-position and the isosteric thieno[3,2-f][1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-a][1,4]diazepines were prepared and evaluated as antagonists of platelet activating factor. The effects of substitution were explored in in vitro and in vivo test systems designed to measured PAF-antagonistic activity. Results are discussed and compared with previously published data. Many of the compounds had activity superior to WEB 2086, compound 1. In general, the thieno analogues exhibited better oral activity than the corresponding benzodiazepines. The duration of activity upon oral administration was modulated by the substitution on the acetylenic side chain. Compounds 71 and 81 were selected for further pharmacological evaluation as a result of their good oral potency and exceptionally long duration of action.

Antagonists of platelet activating factor (PAF) have been discovered by several laboratories among classes of compounds with quite different structures.<sup>1</sup> The triazolothienodiazepines<sup>2</sup> have emerged as one of the more important series of PAF-antagonists, because of their selectivity, potency, and bioavailability, three properties which

are essential to assess the clinical utility of a PAF antagonist in allergic and inflammatory diseases.

When we were confronted with the task of preparing compound 1 (WEB 2086)<sup>3</sup> for pharmacological comparison

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Table I. Triazolobenzodiazepines

		$ m R_1$	$ m R_2$		inhibition of	guinea pig bronchoconstriction assay			
						intravenous		oral	
compd	X			$ m R_3$	PAF-binding: IC <sub>50</sub> , anM	% inhibn 1 mg/kg <sup>b</sup>	$\frac{\mathrm{ID}_{50},^{a,b}}{\mathrm{mg/kg}}$	% inhib 1 mg/kg <sup>c</sup>	${ m ID}_{50},^{a,c} { m mg/kg}$
1					200	99 ± 1	0.03	$42 \pm 11$	1.2
2					40	$99 \pm 1$	0.05	$12 \pm 14$	4
10a, 8-I	2-Cl	Me	H		1000	$19 \pm 3$			
10b, 8-I	2- <b>F</b>	Me	H		1000	$19 \pm 4$			
12					1000	$10 \pm 8$			
16, 8-sub.	2-F	H	H	Α	1000	$95 \pm 1$	0.3		
17, 8-sub.	2-F	Me	H	A	10	$99 \pm 0$	0.01	$93 \pm 4$	0.5
18, 8-sub.	2-Cl	Me	H	A	20	$99 \pm 0$	0.02	$32 \pm 4$	
19, 8-sub.	2-F	$\mathbf{E}\mathbf{t}$	H	A	100	$99 \pm 1$	0.05	$30 \pm 3$	
20, 8-sub.	2-F	$CF_3$	H	A	5	$97 \pm 1$	0.4	$9 \pm 1$	
21, 9-sub.	2- <b>F</b>	Me	H	A	inact. <sup>d</sup>	$3 \pm 12$			
22, 8-sub.	2- <b>F</b>	Me	$(5,6-H_2)$	A	110	$100 \pm 0$	0.02	$0 \pm 0$	
23, 8-sub.	2- <b>F</b>	Me	H	$CH_2A$	45	$100 \pm 0$	0.02	$96 \pm 1$	0.3
24, 8-sub.	2- <b>F</b>	Me	H	$\mathbf{B}_1$	20	$100 \pm 0$	0.02	$81 \pm 5$	0.4
25, 8-sub.	2- <b>F</b>	Me	Me(S)	$\mathbf{B}_{1}^{-}$	6	$100 \pm 0$	0.008	$100 \pm 0$	0.1
26, 8-sub.	2- <b>F</b>	Me	Me(R)	$\mathbf{B}_1^{T}$	1000	$49 \pm 6$			
27, 8-sub.	2- <b>F</b>	Me	OH	$\mathbf{B}_{1}^{2}$	50	$99 \pm 1$	0.003	$0 \pm 0$	
28, 8-sub.	2- <b>F</b>	Me	OMe	$\mathbf{B}_1^-$	100	$99 \pm 1$	0.004	$21 \pm 11$	
29, 8-sub.	2- <b>F</b>	$CF_3$	H	$\mathbf{B}_1$	200	$100 \pm 0$	0.03	$0 \pm 0$	
<b>30</b> , 8-sub.	4-Cl	Me	Н	$\mathbf{B}_{1}^{-}$	100	$98 \pm 0$	0.03	$38 \pm 5$	
31, 8-sub.	4-Cl	$CF_3$	Н	$\mathbf{B}_1$	1000	$97 \pm 0$	0.2	$12 \pm 5$	
32, 8-sub.	2-C1	Me	H	$\mathbf{C}_1$	130	$99 \pm 0$	0.005	$0 \pm 0$	
33, 8-sub.	2-Cl	Me	Н	$\mathbf{D}_1$	15	$100 \pm 0$	0.02	$59 \pm 4$	0.6
<b>34</b> , 8-sub.	2- <b>F</b>	Me	Н	${f E}$	7	$99 \pm 0$	0.02	$98 \pm 1$	0.3
<b>35</b> , 8-sub.	$2$ - $\mathbf{F}$	Me	Н	$\mathbf{F}_1$	5	$100 \pm 0$	0.01	$30 \pm 7$	
94					300	$1 \pm 6$			
98					500	$99 \pm 1$	0.04	$0 \pm 0$	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>IC<sub>50</sub> and ID<sub>50</sub> values were determined by linear regression analysis; the correlation coefficient for each regression line was >0.95. <sup>b</sup>One-minute pretreatment time. <sup>c</sup>Two-hour pretreatment time. <sup>d</sup>Inact. = no significant inhibition at 1000 nM.

with PAF antagonists of the pentadienyl carboxamide series represented by compound 2,4 we investigated the

palladium-catalyzed coupling of acetylenes with aryl iodides or aryl bromides as a possible synthetic route. The pilot reaction, in which N-propargylphthalimide was coupled with 8-iodotriazolobenzodiazepine 10b, resulted in compound 17, which surprisingly was found to have excellent activity as a PAF antagonist, surpassing WEB 2086 in our screening tests<sup>5</sup> (Table I). Encouraged by these findings we embarked on a search for even more potent PAF antagonists. Initially, we tried to establish some structure-activity relationship (SAR) in the series of benzodiazepines which we found easier to synthesize than the thienodiazepines. It was thought that key elements necessary for PAF-antagonist activity identified in this study could be applied to the isosteric thienodiazepine series. However, it soon became apparent that the thieno analogues exhibited about 10-fold greater oral potency than

the benzodiazepines. Thus our major focus shifted to this class of compounds.

The question of why the thienodiazepines are more potent orally than the corresponding benzodiazepines has not yet been resolved. One obvious difference of the two isoesters is the higher flexibility of the thienodiazepine ring system, evident from the NMR data. Thienotriazolodiazepines exhibit a broad singlet for the methylene group in the diazepine ring, while the corresponding benzodiazepines show an AB system for the corresponding protons. In the triazolobenzodiazepines the ring inversion is impeded by the steric interaction of the methyl group in position 1 with the proton in position 10. Of course we do not imply a connection between ring flexibility and oral potency.

The compounds prepared and tested in the benzodiazepine series allowed us to derive some qualitative SAR which agree well with, and complement the studies reported by, Tahara et al.<sup>6</sup> and by Weber and Heuer.<sup>2</sup> The results are discussed in more detail below.

Since the phthalimido functionality of our lead compound 17 was considered to be an undesirable feature of a possible drug candidate, this group was replaced by a variety of other heterocyclic moieties. Although a large degree of freedom of substitution of the 2-position of the thienotriazolodiazepine system was found by Weber<sup>2</sup> and confirmed by our work, high oral potency and long duration of action appears to be limited to a few select compounds. Phenanthridinone 71 and tetrahydrocarbazole 81 are two prominent members of this group.

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The target compounds were synthesized by the palladium-catalyzed coupling of 8(9)-iodotriazolobenzo-

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### Scheme I

diazepines 10-14 (Scheme I) or 2-iodothienotriazolodiazepines 40 (Scheme II) with terminal acetylenes 15 (method J). These reaction components were prepared according to, or analogous to, procedures previously described in the literature. Iodinated aminobenzophenones 4a,b,c were accessible by iodination (method A) of the corresponding parent compounds 3. 5-Iodo analogue 4d was obtained by the acylation of 3-iodoaniline with 2fluorobenzonitrile. The conversion of these aminobenzophenones to diazepinones 6 was carried out by reaction with bromoacetyl bromide followed by amination in liquid ammonia and cyclization by heating in ethanol containing acetic acid (method C). The optically active 3-methyl analogues 7 resulted from cleavage and ring closure of the carbobenzoxyalanine derivatives 5 (method D). Amides 5a,b were accessible by reaction of aminobenzophenone 4b with carbobenzoxyalanine using phosphorus pentachloride in THF at low temperature (method B). Diazepinones 6 were elaborated into the triazolo derivatives 10 preferably via the corresponding thiones 8 (method E) and 2-hydrazino compounds 9 (method F). Treatment of hydrazines 9 with orthoesters in situ led to the triazolo compounds 10 (method G). Activation of the lactam by

### Scheme II

conversion to the phosphorylimidate and subsequent reaction with acetylhydrazine provided another approach to the triazolo compounds, in particular the optically active 4-methyl compounds 11 (method I). 1-Trifluoromethylsubstituted analogues 10g,h were obtained by reaction of hydrazine 9 with trifluoroacetic anhydride in trifluoroacetic acid (method H). Oxidation of compound 10b with oxygen in the presence of strong base and triethylphosphite yielded racemic 4-hydroxy analogue 13. This compound was converted to 4-methoxy derivative 14 by reaction with thionyl chloride and subsequent treatment of the intermediate chloride with methoxide. Reduction of 10b with zinc and acetic acid allowed the preparation of racemic 5,6-dihydro derivative 12.

The synthesis of the 2-iodothienotriazolodiazepines 40 (Scheme II) follows a similar sequence, but we found it easier to introduce the iodine at the stage of diazepinones 36. In contrast to the benzo series the 3-methyl compound was not obtained in optically active form, although the carbobenzoxyalanine precursor still had a rotation. Racemization most likely occurred during the cleavage and cyclization process. The conversion of lactams 37 to fused triazoles 40 was achieved via thiones 38 and hydrazines 39. 1-Chloromethyl derivative 40c was prepared in lower yield by reaction of hydrazine 39a with chloroacetyl chloride in acetic acid. This chloride was transformed into 1-hydroxymethyl compound 40d via the corresponding acetate. Iodo compound 40a was nitrated in the 5'-position by potassium nitrate in concentrated sulfuric acid to give 89, which was subjected to the coupling reaction with  $15B_1$ 

### Scheme III

to form compound 43. Coupling with acetylenes 15 proceeded in every case with good retention of the other functionalities. The yields, however, were quite variable, mainly because of the chromatographic workup and the often difficult crystallization process. Oxidation of the coupling product 71 with m-chloroperoxybenzoic acid led to N-oxide 72, which could be rearranged to the 6-acetoxy derivative by treatment with acetic anhydride. Mild hydrolysis of this acetate yielded 6-hydroxy analogue 73 together with rearranged amide 90. Compounds 71-73 could also be obtained by coupling the appropriately functionalized diazepines 40e,f,g with propargylphenanthridinone 15O<sub>1</sub>.

In order to determine the importance of the nonplanar seven-membered ring for PAF-antagonist activity, we synthesized triazoloquinazoline 94 as illustrated in Scheme III. Iodoquinazolinone 91, prepared by boiling aminobenzophenone 3b with urea in acetic acid, was converted to acetylhydrazine 92 by reacting it first with potassium tert-butoxide and diethyl chlorophosphate to form the intermediate 2-(phosphoryloxy)quinazoline and then treating it in situ with acetylhydrazine. Ring closure of 92 to 93 by dehydration was effected by heating in polyphosphoric acid up to 190 °C. The standard coupling of 93 with propargylphthalimide (15A) then led to the target compound 94.

Racemic triazolobenzoxazepine 98, the oxygen isoester of the 5,6-dihydro compound 22, was prepared by the sequence of steps also shown in Scheme III. Aminobenzhydrol 95, obtained by reduction of the corresponding benzophenone 3b with diborane in THF, was bromoacetylated and the product was subjected to ring closure by treatment with potassium tert-butoxide in 2-propanol. Benzoxazepinone 96 was converted to the triazolo deriv-

### Scheme IV

ative 97 by the standard route via the thione and the hydrazino compound. The final coupling reaction with propargylphthalimide gave triazolobenzoxazepine 98.

The acetylenic reaction partners 15A-X were generally prepared by alkylation of the parent heterocycles with propargyl bromide using potassium tert-butoxide in DMF (method N). Tetrahydrobenzindole 99 (Scheme IV) alkylated on carbon to give tertiary propargyl compound 15R. Consequently, methylation with methyl iodide under similar conditions gave compound 100, which was then alkylated with propargyl bromide on the amide nitrogen to yield 15Q. Monoalkylation of the benzimidazolone 104 to 15M1 was carried out with propargyl bromide and barium oxide in DMF. This reaction gave in addition dialkylated compound 105 and isomeric allene 15M4. The latter was isolated in low yield by chromatography. Pyrrologuinoxaline 103 was prepared from 4-chloro-7-nitroindole (101) by catalytic hydrogenation to the aminoindole and subsequent reaction with bromoacetyl bromide to form bromoacetyl derivative 102. This compound was cyclized with potassium tert-butoxide in 2-propanol to yield the desired tricyclic system 103, which was alkylated with propargyl bromide in the standard fashion (method N). The benzimidazolone with a basic side chain (compound 107) was prepared by catalytic reduction of substituted nitroaniline 106 and reaction of the product with carbonyldiimidazole. The conversion of the propargyl naphthalimide  $15\boldsymbol{D}_1$  to the lactam  $15\boldsymbol{D}_2$  was achieved by reduction with sodium borohydride in ethanol to form carbinol 108, which was then further reduced by the same reagent in trifluoroacetic acid. The 6,8-dichloro-3,4-dihydroquinolin-2(1H)-one required for the synthesis of 15B<sub>2</sub> was obtained by chlorination.

### Results and Discussion

The compounds listed in Tables I and II were tested for

Table II. Thienotriazolodiazepines

					inhibn of	guinea pig bronchoconstriction assay			
compd	$R_1$	$R_2$	$R_3$	other	PAF-binding: IC <sub>50</sub> , <sup>a</sup> nM	intravenous ${ m ID}_{50},^{a,b} { m mg/kg}$	oral ID <sub>50</sub> , <sup>a,c</sup> mg/kg	% inhibn 0.03 mg/kg	
1 (WEB	2086)				200	0.03	1.2		
40a	Me	H			370	0.2	inact.d		
40b	Me	Me			120	0.05	inact.		
41	Me	H	$\mathbf{B}_1$		0.2	0.004	0.02		
42	Me	H	$\mathbf{B}_{1}^{T}$	5-oxide	80	0.008	inact.		
43	Me	H	$\mathbf{B}_{1}^{T}$	$5'-NO_2$	75	0.01	inact.		
44	Me	H .	$\mathbf{B}_2$		9	0.006	0.02		
45	Me	H	$\mathbf{B}_{3}$		12	0.003	0.03		
46	Me	H	$\mathbf{B}_{4}$		2	0.006	0.02		
47	Me	H	$\mathbf{B}_{5}$		7	0.002	0.1		
48	Me	H	$\mathbf{C}_{1}^{-}$		4	0.0003	0.2		
49	Me	H	$\mathbf{C_2}$		3	0.006	0.1		
50	Me	H	$\mathbf{D}_1$		12	0.01	0.03		
51	Me	H	$\mathbf{D}_2$		4	0.01	0.009	60 ● 3/	
52	Me	H	$\mathbf{F}_1$		0.7	0.007	0.02		
53	Me	H	$\mathbf{F}_2$		5	0.004	0.05		
54	Me	H	$\mathbf{F}_3$		4	0.005	0.02		
55	Me	H	$\mathbf{G}_{\mathbf{i}}^{"}$		4	0.007	0.08		
56	Me	H	$\mathbf{G}_{2}^{^{1}}$		6	0.003	0.05		
57	Me	H	$\mathbf{H}_{1}^{r}$		0.6	0.007	0.02		
58	Me	H	$\mathbf{H}_{2}^{\cdot}$		150	0.03	0.3		
59	Me	H	I		3	0.004	0.05		
60	Me	H	J		7	0.01	0.06		
61	Me	H	K		5	0.009	0.1		
62	Me	H	L		1	0.002	0.02		
63	Me	H	$\mathbf{M}_1$		9	0.0007	0.2		
64	Me	H	$\mathbf{M_2}$		0.3	0.004	0.04		
65	Me	H	$\mathbf{M}_{3}^{2}$		1	0.008	0.02		
66	Me	Ĥ	$\mathbf{M}_{4}^{3}$		6	0.003	0.03		
67	Me	H	$M_5$		30	0.005	0.2		
68	Me	H	$\mathbf{N}_{1}$		5	0.008	0.03		
69	Me	Ĥ	$\mathbf{N}_{2}^{1}$		ĭ	0.007	0.03		
70	Me	Ĥ	$\mathbf{N}_3^2$		25	0.02	0.05		
71	Me	H	$\mathbf{O}_{1}^{3}$		13	0.02	0.01	$75 \pm 10$	
72	Me	Ĥ	$\mathbf{O}_{1}^{1}$	5-oxide	15	0.02	0.08	= 10	
73	Me	Me	$\mathbf{O}_{1}^{1}$	- Cardo	250	0.02	0.03		
74	Me	OH	$\mathbf{\tilde{o}}_{i}^{i}$		25	0.02	0.07		
75	СН₂ОН	H	$\mathbf{\tilde{O}}_{1}^{1}$		75	0.004	0.3		
76	Me	H	$\mathbf{O}_{2}^{1}$		30	0.008	0.03		
77	Me	H	$\mathbf{P}^{2}$		5	0.003	0.04		
<b>78</b>	Me	Ĥ	ą		12	0.003	0.03		
79	Me	H	Ř		0.7	0.008	0.3		
80	Me	Ĥ	$\mathbf{\hat{s}}_{i}$		120	0.02	0.02		
81	Me	H	$\mathbf{S}_2$		7	0.005	0.006	75 <b>ቋ</b> 3	
82	Me	H	$\tilde{\mathbf{S}}_{a}^{2}$		90	0.003	0.04		
83	Me	H	$\mathbf{S}_{3}^{2}$ $\mathbf{T}_{1}$		15	0.003	0.004	$8 \pm 1$	
84	Me	H	$\mathbf{T}_{2}^{1}$		70	0.003	0.004	0 - 1	
85	Me	H	$\mathbf{\dot{U}}^{2}$		25	0.004	0.02		
86	Me	H	v		6	0.008	0.02		
87	Me	H	w		51	0.008	0.03		
	Me	H	X			0.01	0.02	$0 \pm 0$	
88 89	IME	11	A		15 260			0 <b>=</b> 0	
99 90					360 560	0.3 inact.	inact. inact.		

a,b,c Same as in Table I. d Inact. = no significant inhibition at 1 mg/kg. Twenty-four hour pretreatment time. Values are means ± SEM.

PAF-antagonistic activity in a PAF-binding assay using dog platelets as previously described.<sup>5</sup> IC<sub>50</sub> values (nanomoles) were determined by linear-regression analysis, the correlation coefficient for each regression line being >0.95. Following this in vitro assay, most compounds were evaluated in vivo in the guinea pig bronchoconstriction model for their ability to prevent PAF-induced bronchoconstriction. In this model, guinea pigs were administered 1 mg/kg of the drug substance intravenously 1 min prior to iv challenge with a maximally constrictory dose of PAF  $(1 \mu g/kg)$ , and the ability of the drug (n = 3) to inhibit the ensuing bronchoconstriction relative to control animals (n = 3) was determined. Compounds which caused a 50% or greater inhibition of the response were further evaluated at lower doses to determine an intravenous  $ID_{50}$ . They were also tested orally at a trial dose of 1 mg/kg, administered 2 h before PAF challenge, and compounds which caused a 50% or greater inhibition of the response in the initial screen were further profiled by determining oral ID<sub>50</sub> values. The duration of action after oral administration was determined only for selected potent compounds.

From our earlier work<sup>4,5</sup> with other chemical series of PAF antagonists, we had found that the PAF binding assay employing dog platelets is useful for the identification of potential PAF antagonists, but not for predicting relative potencies of compounds in the guinea pig bronchoconstriction test. The results obtained with these benzo- and thienodiazepines are consistent with this observation. The structure-activity relationships for the triazolobenzodiazepines determined by the data presented in Table I have led to the following conclusions.

With respect to the substituent on the triazole ring (1position), a methyl group appears to be optimal. In the PAF binding assay, 1-methyl compound 17 was 100-fold

**Table III.** Data of Compounds Not Described in the Experimental Section 1. Benzodiazepine Series

			1. Ber	zodiazep	ine Se	ries			_
compd	X R <sub>1</sub>	R <sub>2</sub>	$R_3$	method	% yield	mp, °C	solvent <sup>a</sup>	[a]D, deg	formula <sup>a</sup>
4c, 5-I 5b, R 6c, 7-I 6d, 8-I 7b, R 8c, 7-I 8d, 8-I 9c, 7-I 10c, 8-I 10d, 9-I 10e, 8-I 10h, 8-I 11b, 8-I 11b, 8-I 11b, 8-sub. 17, 8-sub. 18, 8-sub. 21, 9-sub. 22, 8-sub. 23, 8-sub. 24, 8-sub. 25, 8-sub. 26, 8-sub. 27, 8-sub. 28, 8-sub. 29, 8-sub. 30, 8-sub. 31, 8-sub. 32, 8-sub. 31, 8-sub. 32, 8-sub. 33, 8-sub. 34, 8-sub. 35, 8-sub. 34, 8-sub. 35, 8-sub. 94, triazoloquinazoline 98, triazolobenzoxazepine	4-Cl  4-Cl  2-F  4-Cl  2-F  4-Cl  4-Cl  2-F  Me  2-F  Me	H H H H H H H H H H H H OME (R) H H H H H H H H H H H H H H H H H H H	A A A A A CH <sub>2</sub> A B <sub>1</sub> B <sub>1</sub> B <sub>1</sub> B <sub>1</sub> B <sub>1</sub> E <sub>1</sub> F <sub>1</sub>	A BCCCDE EFGG,F,G JJJJJJJJJJJJJJJJJJJJJJJJJJJJJJJJ	63 77 66 54 52 52 80 85 68 88 97 55 18 84 61 83 46 76 20 80 83 46 57 46 51 58 46 57 57 57 57 57 57 57 57 57 57 57 57 57	137-9 159-61 246-8 238-40 223-5 260-2 198-200 250-2 358-60 197-8 220-2 209-11 243-5 141-4 207-9 253-5 248-50 216-9 248-50 235-40 d 128-30 236-9 155-60 amor. 253-5 155-60 d 193-6 215-7 220-2 128-30 213-5 203-6 238-40 263-6 d 183-5	T/H D/E D/E D/E E D/EA THF/E EA THF/E EA M/EA EA/H M/EA EA/EA EA/EA EA/EA EA E	+15.68 -100.4 -53.0 +87.5 -83.6	C <sub>13</sub> H <sub>9</sub> CIINO C <sub>24</sub> H <sub>20</sub> FIN <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>10</sub> CIIN <sub>2</sub> O C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>10</sub> FIN <sub>2</sub> O C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>10</sub> FIN <sub>2</sub> O C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>12</sub> FIN <sub>2</sub> O C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>12</sub> FIN <sub>2</sub> O C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>12</sub> FIN <sub>2</sub> O C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>10</sub> CIIN <sub>2</sub> S C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>10</sub> CIIN <sub>4</sub> C <sub>17</sub> H <sub>12</sub> CIIN <sub>4</sub> C <sub>17</sub> H <sub>12</sub> CIIN <sub>4</sub> C <sub>17</sub> H <sub>12</sub> FIN <sub>4</sub> ·0.33W C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>10</sub> FIN <sub>4</sub> C <sub>17</sub> H <sub>2</sub> CIF <sub>3</sub> IN <sub>4</sub> C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>14</sub> FIN <sub>4</sub> C <sub>17</sub> H <sub>9</sub> CIF <sub>3</sub> IN <sub>4</sub> C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>14</sub> FIN <sub>4</sub> C <sub>27</sub> H <sub>16</sub> FN <sub>5</sub> O <sub>2</sub> ·0.5W C <sub>28</sub> H <sub>18</sub> FN <sub>5</sub> O <sub>2</sub> ·0.5W C <sub>28</sub> H <sub>18</sub> FN <sub>5</sub> O <sub>2</sub> ·0.5W C <sub>28</sub> H <sub>18</sub> FN <sub>5</sub> O <sub>2</sub> ·0.5W C <sub>28</sub> H <sub>18</sub> FN <sub>5</sub> O <sub>2</sub> ·0.5W C <sub>28</sub> H <sub>20</sub> FN <sub>5</sub> O <sub>2</sub> ·0.5W C <sub>28</sub> H <sub>20</sub> FN <sub>5</sub> O <sub>2</sub> ·0.33W C <sub>28</sub> H <sub>20</sub> FN <sub>5</sub> O <sub>2</sub> ·0.25EA C <sub>29</sub> H <sub>20</sub> FN <sub>5</sub> O <sub>3</sub> ·0.2E C <sub>29</sub> H <sub>22</sub> FN <sub>5</sub> O C <sub>30</sub> H <sub>24</sub> FN <sub>5</sub> O·W+E C <sub>30</sub> H <sub>24</sub> FN <sub>5</sub> O·W+E C <sub>30</sub> H <sub>24</sub> FN <sub>5</sub> O·W+C C <sub>30</sub> H <sub>24</sub> FN <sub>5</sub> O·W C <sub>30</sub> H <sub>24</sub> FN <sub>5</sub> O <sub>2</sub> ·0.33W C <sub>29</sub> H <sub>19</sub> F <sub>4</sub> N <sub>5</sub> O C <sub>29</sub> H <sub>22</sub> CIN <sub>5</sub> O·0.33W C <sub>29</sub> H <sub>19</sub> F <sub>4</sub> N <sub>5</sub> O C <sub>29</sub> H <sub>22</sub> CIN <sub>5</sub> O·0.33W C <sub>29</sub> H <sub>19</sub> CIF <sub>3</sub> N <sub>5</sub> O·0.5W C <sub>25</sub> H <sub>18</sub> CIN <sub>5</sub> O·0.66W C <sub>28</sub> H <sub>20</sub> FN <sub>5</sub> O <sub>2</sub> ·0.16EA C <sub>27</sub> H <sub>16</sub> FN <sub>5</sub> O <sub>2</sub> ·0.16EA C <sub>27</sub> H <sub>16</sub> FN <sub>5</sub> O <sub>2</sub> ·0.16EA C <sub>27</sub> H <sub>16</sub> FN <sub>5</sub> O <sub>2</sub> ·0.16EA
$-$ compd $R_1$ $R_2$	$R_3$	other	method	% yield		mp, °C	solvents <sup>a</sup>		formula <sup>a</sup>
compd         R1         R2           36b         Me         Me           37b         Me         Me           40b         Me         Me           40b         Me         Me           40c         Me         H           43         Me         H           44         Me         H           45         Me         H           46         Me         H           47         Me         H           48         Me         H           49         Me         H           50         Me         H           51         Me         H           52         Me         H           53         Me         H           54         Me         H           55         Me         H           56         Me         H           57         Me         H           58         Me         H           59         Me         H           60         Me         H           61         Me         H           62         Me         H	R <sub>3</sub> B <sub>1</sub> B <sub>2</sub> B <sub>3</sub> B <sub>4</sub> B <sub>5</sub> C <sub>1</sub> C <sub>2</sub> D <sub>1</sub> D <sub>2</sub> F <sub>1</sub> G <sub>3</sub> G <sub>1</sub> J L K M <sub>1</sub> M <sub>2</sub> M <sub>3</sub> M <sub>4</sub> M <sub>5</sub> N N 1 O 1	5-oxide 5'-NO <sub>2</sub>	method  A E,F,G  J J J J J J J J J J J J J J J J J J	79 43 39 45 28 33 73 23 49 60 38 53 36 45 24 63 22 59 18 52 50 22 28 20 73 25 78 44 49 45 33 66 76 79 75		mp, 9C 200-3 235-7 262-4 225-30 d 258-60 163-5 223-6 162-5 224-6 205-10 d 190-2 202-5 215-7 173-6 237-40 167-70 223-5 203-6 185-90 170-3 215-7 295-8 188-91 176-9 >200 d 200 d	Et <sub>2</sub> O M/EA D/M M/EA D/E/EA EA/Et <sub>2</sub> O M/EA M/EA E/EA THF/EA M/EA EA E		formula*  4H <sub>11</sub> ClN <sub>2</sub> OS 4H <sub>10</sub> ClIN <sub>2</sub> OS 6H <sub>12</sub> ClIN <sub>4</sub> S 7H <sub>20</sub> ClN <sub>5</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S-0.16EA 7H <sub>19</sub> ClN <sub>6</sub> O <sub>3</sub> S 7H <sub>16</sub> Cl <sub>3</sub> N <sub>5</sub> OS 9H <sub>24</sub> ClN <sub>5</sub> OS 9H <sub>24</sub> ClN <sub>5</sub> OS 7H <sub>16</sub> Cl <sub>3</sub> N <sub>5</sub> OS 9H <sub>24</sub> ClN <sub>5</sub> OS 9H <sub>26</sub> ClN <sub>5</sub> OS 9H <sub>26</sub> ClN <sub>5</sub> OS 9H <sub>16</sub> ClN <sub>5</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S 9H <sub>17</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> N <sub>5</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S 9H <sub>17</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> N <sub>5</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S 9H <sub>17</sub> ClFN <sub>5</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S 9H <sub>17</sub> ClFN <sub>5</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S 9H <sub>18</sub> ClN <sub>5</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S 9H <sub>19</sub> ClN <sub>6</sub> OS 7H <sub>19</sub> ClN <sub>6</sub> OS 7H <sub>19</sub> ClN <sub>6</sub> OS 7H <sub>19</sub> ClN <sub>6</sub> OS 9H <sub>16</sub> ClN <sub>5</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S 9H <sub>16</sub> ClN <sub>5</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S 9H <sub>17</sub> ClN <sub>6</sub> OS 9H <sub>16</sub> ClN <sub>5</sub> O <sub>3</sub> S 9H <sub>17</sub> ClN <sub>6</sub> OS 9H <sub>26</sub> ClN <sub>7</sub> OS 7H <sub>26</sub> ClN <sub>5</sub> OS 7H <sub>18</sub> ClN <sub>5</sub> OS 7H <sub>18</sub> ClN <sub>5</sub> OS 9H <sub>26</sub> ClN <sub>5</sub> OS 9H <sub>26</sub> ClN <sub>5</sub> OS 1H <sub>20</sub> ClN <sub>5</sub> OS

Table III (Continued)

	2. Thienodiazepine Series									
compd	$R_1$	$R_2$	$R_3$	other	method	% yield	mp, °C	solvents <sup>a</sup>	formula <sup>a</sup>	
74	Me	ОН	<b>O</b> <sub>1</sub>		L,M	28	255-8	M/EA	$C_{31}H_{20}ClN_5O_2S$	
75	$CH_2OH$	Н	$\mathbf{O}_{1}$		J	35	235-8	$\mathbf{D}/\mathbf{E}$	$C_{31}^{1}H_{20}^{2}ClN_{5}O_{2}S\cdot0.66W$	
76	Me	H	$\mathbf{O}_{2}^{-}$		J	46	218-20	EA/THF	$C_{31}H_{18}Cl_3N_5OS$	
77	Me	H	P		J	58	202-5	EA <sup>'</sup>	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>18</sub> ClN <sub>5</sub> OS-0.75W	
78	Me	H	Q		J	70	175-8	E/EA	C <sub>30</sub> H <sub>24</sub> ClN <sub>5</sub> OS-2HCl-0.33W	
79	Me	Н	Ŕ		J	78	215-7	$EA/Et_2O$	$C_{29}H_{22}CIN_5OS$	
80	Me	Н	$\mathbf{S}_1$		J	31	180-4	E/ÉA	$C_{30}^{20}H_{20}^{22}CIN_5S\cdot 2HCI$	
81	Me	Н	$\mathbf{S}_2$		J	63	164-6	$\mathbf{E}^{'}$	C <sub>30</sub> H <sub>24</sub> ClN <sub>5</sub> S-0.66E	
82	Me	Н	$\mathbf{S}_3^{T}$		J	47	181-4	E/EA	$C_{30}^{\circ}H_{23}^{24}Cl_2N_5S\cdot 2HCl\cdot W$	
83	Me	Н	$\mathbf{T}_{1}^{"}$		J	38	188-90	EA/Et <sub>2</sub> O	$C_{31}H_{26}CIN_5S$	
84	Me	Н	$\mathbf{T_2}$		J	58	176-80	$\mathbf{E}/\mathbf{E}\mathbf{A}$	$C_{31}^{31}H_{25}^{20}Cl_2N_5S-2HCl$	
85	Me	H	U		J	42	175-80	E <sup>'</sup>	$C_{31}H_{20}CIN_5OS\cdot W$	
86	Me	H	V		J	50	245-7	EA/Et <sub>2</sub> O	$C_{32}^{31}H_{20}^{2}ClN_5O_2S\cdot 0.3EA$	
87	Me	Н	W		J	59	220-3	E/ÉA	$C_{32}H_{20}CIN_5O_2S \cdot 0.2EA$	
88	Me	H	X		J	81	220-2	$\mathbf{D}'\mathbf{E}$	$C_{28}H_{18}Cl_2N_6OS\cdot W$	
90					L,M	18	225-30	M/EA	$C_{31}^{2}H_{20}C_{2}N_{5}O_{2}S\cdot0.3W$	

Solvents: D = dichloromethane, E = ethanol, EA = ethyl acetate, H = hexane, M = methanol, W = water.

# Chart I : R = Me : R = CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NMe<sub>2</sub>

more potent than 1-unsubstituted analogue 16 and 10-fold more potent than 1-ethyl derivative 19. In vivo, by the intravenous route, these compounds exhibited a similar rank order of potency (compound 17 was 30-fold more potent than compound 16 and 5-fold more potent than 19. This result is in agreement with the SAR work reported by Weber<sup>2</sup> and Tahara.<sup>6</sup> Comparison, particularly of the in vivo intravenous data, of several pairs of 1-trifluoro-

Tab	le IV. D	ata of A	cetylenes	15		
		%				
$R_3$	method	yield	mp, °C	solvents <sup>a</sup>	formula	ref
$\mathbf{B}_1$	N	64	82-4	$\mathrm{Et_2O}$	$C_{12}H_{11}NO$	14
$\mathbf{B}_2$		31	92-5	$\rm Et_2^{-}O/H$	$C_{12}H_9Cl_2NO$	
$\mathbf{B}_3$	N	56	96-8	$\mathrm{Et_2O/H}$	$C_{14}H_{15}NO$	
$\mathbf{B}_4$	N	49	137-9	EA/H	$C_{12}H_9NO$	14
$\mathbf{B}_{5}^{'}$	N	54	88-90	$\mathrm{Et_2O/H}$	$C_{12}H_{10}CINO$	
$\mathbf{D}_{1}^{\circ}$	N	84	235-7	EA	$C_{15}H_9NO_2$	
$\mathbf{D}_2$		27	139 - 40	EA/H	$C_{15}H_{11}NO$	
$\mathbf{E}$	N	62	112-5	$\mathrm{Et_{2}O}$	$C_{11}H_9NOS$	18
$\mathbf{F}_1$	N	75	119-22	E	$C_{11}H_9NO_2$	14
$\mathbf{F}_2$	N	83	100-01	Н	$C_{11}H_8CINO_2$	17
$\mathbf{F}_3$	N	26	98-100	$Et_2O/H$	$C_{11}H_8FNO_2$	
$\mathbf{G}_1$	N	<b>4</b> 6	123-5	M	$C_{11}H_9NO_2$	
$G_2$	N	8.5	172-5	$\mathbf{E}$	$C_{11}H_{10}N_2O$	
$\mathbf{H}_1$	N	21	192-4	$\mathrm{D/Et_2O}$	$C_{12}H_{10}N_2O_2$	19
$\mathbf{H}_{2}^{-}$	N	44	140-2	THF/Et <sub>2</sub> O/H	$C_{15}H_{17}N_3O_2$	
I	N	34	101-3	E	$C_{11}H_9NO$	14
J	N	56	158 <del>-</del> 60	EA	$C_{11}H_7NO_2$	14
K	N	26	45-7	$\mathrm{Et_{2}O}$	$C_{10}H_8N_2$	19
L	N	25	38-40	H	$C_{10}H_8N_2$	20
$\mathbf{M}_1$		14	177-9	EA/H	$C_{10}H_8N_2O$	
$\mathbf{M}_{2}$	N	63	110-2	EA/H	$C_{11}H_{10}N_2O$	
$M_3$	N	48	145-7	D/EA	$C_{16}H_{12}N_2O$	
$\mathbf{M}_{4}$		3.5	110-2	$\dot{\text{Et}_2}\text{O}/\text{H}$	$C_{13}H_{10}N_2O$	
$\mathbf{M}_{5}$	N	31	70-2	EA/H	$C_{14}H_{17}N_3O$	
$N_1$	N	26	57-9	$\mathrm{Et_2O/H}$	$C_{12}H_{11}NO$	25
$N_2$	N	58	104-5	$Et_2O$	$C_{12}H_9NO$	
$N_3$	N	34	104-7	EA/H	$C_{14}H_{15}NO_3$	
$\mathbf{O}_1$	N	85	167-9	M	$C_{16}H_{11}NO$	23
$O_2$	N	65	248 - 50	${f E}$	$C_{16}H_9Cl_2NO$	
P	N	77	185-7	E	$C_{14}H_9NO$	
Q	N	60	127 - 30	EA/H	$C_{15}H_{15}NO$	
R	N	38	177-80	EA	$C_{14}H_{13}NO$	
$\mathbf{S}_1$	N	30	108-10	$\mathbf{E}$	$C_{15}H_{11}N$	22
$\mathbf{S_2}$	N	40	74–6	H	$C_{15}H_{15}N$	
$\mathbf{S}_3^-$	N	57	97-9	H	$C_{15}H_{14}ClN$	
$\mathbf{T}_{1}$	N	27	56-8	H	$C_{16}H_{17}N$	
$\mathbf{T}_2$	N	51	99-102	H	$C_{16}H_{16}ClN$	
U	N	75	222-5	D/THF/E	$C_{16}H_{11}NO$	26
V	N	40	117-8	Et <sub>2</sub> O/H	$C_{17}H_{11}NO_2$	
W	N	76	175-8	D/M	$C_{17}H_{11}NO_2$	24
X	N	66	186-8	THF/E	C <sub>13</sub> H <sub>9</sub> ClN <sub>2</sub> O	

<sup>a</sup> Solvents: D = dichloromethane, E = ethanol, EA = ethyl acetate, H = hexane, M = methanol.

methyl and 1-methyl analogues (compounds 20 and 17, 29 and 24, 31 and 30) demonstrates that a methyl substituent on the triazole ring (1-position) is superior. Concerns about the possible teratogenic effects of compound 17 prompted us to prepare analogues replacing the phthalimido group with a variety of mono-, di-, and tricyclic ring systems as

exemplified by compounds 24 and 32-35. Surprisingly, all of these compounds retained the high potency observed with compound 17, suggesting that this position would tolerate additional bulk. 8-Iodo compounds 10a,b, used as starting materials, have extremely low affinity according to the binding assay, suggesting that the large moiety in 8-position is required for high affinity and in vivo potency. The relative insensitivity to variation of the large 8-position substituent is further demonstrated by the homologous compound 23 which has an additional methylene group inserted into the side chain. This compound has in vitro and in vivo potency equivalent to 17.

Exceptionally high intravenous potency was observed with 3-pyridyloxy compound 32 and with compounds 25, 27, and 28, which are 4-substituted analogues of quinolinone 24. An interesting result is the high enantiospecificity of both the binding and the in vivo activity found with 4-methyl enantiomers 25 and 26. The enantiomer with the 4-S configuration, derived from L-alanine, is the active ligand. Interestingly, the same absolute configuration is also responsible for the central nervous system (CNS) activity of the benzodiazepines. It should be noted that attachment of a large moiety at the 8-position destroys the affinity of benzodiazepines for the central binding site, but increases the PAF-antagonist activity, as evidenced from comparison of 10 with 17. It is well-known that the CNS effects of benzodiazepines and the binding to the central site can also be suppressed by substitution of the 6-phenyl group in the para (4') position. 4'-Chloro compounds 30 and 31 retain activity as PAF antagonists, suggesting that binding at the "PAF-antagonist site" is not sensitive to substitution in the 4'-position. This freedom of substitution has been exploited by Hoon and Houlihan<sup>7</sup> and disclosed in a recent patent application showing good PAFantagonist activity with 4'-phenethyl-substituted thienotriazolodiazepines.

Comparison of compounds 17 and 18 suggests that a fluorine in the 2'-position may be marginally superior to a chlorine.

Planar triazoloquinazoline 94 demonstrated weak PAF binding affinity in vitro and was inactive in vivo, indicating the need for a nonplanar orientation of the methyltriazole relative to the benzo ring. The racemic benzoxazepine 98 had poor binding affinity but good iv activity, comparable to that of the related racemic 5,6-dihydrobenzodiazepine

One major drawback of the benzoxazepine and many benzodiazepines is the low oral potency. The ratio of oral to intravenous  $ID_{50}$ s is between 1 and 3 orders of magnitude for most compounds. The optically active 4-methyl compound 25 showed the most potent oral activity of the benzodiazepine series and has a oral to intravenous ratio of about 12.

In order to probe the spacial limitations in the area occupied by the 8-position substituent, compound 21 was prepared which bears the substituent in position 9. Shifting the propargylphthalimide side chain from carbon 8 to 9 abolished both the binding and the in vivo activity. This sensitivity to bulk in the space around position 9 is corroborated by data collected with some thienotriazolodiazepines which will be the subject of a future paper.

The thienotriazolodiazepines listed in Table II were prepared to explore the effect of the heterocyclic moiety attached to the propynyl substituent at the 2-position. The 2-position in the thieno series may be considered roughly

equivalent to the 8-position in the triazolobenzodiazepine system. It is apparent from the data gathered in Table II that many compounds are among the most potent orally active PAF antagonists yet described in the literature. The ratio of oral to intravenous  $ID_{50}s$  is typically less than 10. This ratio is about 4 for quinolinone 41, while it is about 30 for the corresponding triazolobenzodiazepine 17. The more lipophilic compounds 51, 71, 73, 80, 81, and 83 have a ratio closer to 1.

However, there are a few compounds with poor oral bioavailability. In particular 3-pyridinyloxy compound 48, which is the most active of the series by the intravenous route. Other examples are compounds 58, 63, 67, and 77, analogues bearing more hydrophilic substituents. The comparison of compounds 64–66 with the basic analogue 67 suggests that introduction of basic functionalities leads to loss of oral activity.

Compounds in Table II with an oral  $\rm ID_{50}$  0.01 mg/kg and below were selected for duration of action studies. The percent inhibition 24 h after a 0.03 mg/kg oral dose was determined for compounds 51, 71, 81, 83, and 88. Compounds 51, 71, and 81 still gave considerable inhibition of PAF-induced bronchoconstriction 24 h after oral administration. The structural features responsible for the long duration of action may be associated with bulk and lipophilicity. Steric inhibition of oxidative metabolism may be a contributing factor, although we have no data as yet to support this hypothesis.

Oxidation of 41 to 5-oxide 42 was detrimental to the affinity and the oral activity but the intravenous potency was retained. The same transformation of 70 to 71 had little effect on all test parameters. The racemic 6-hydroxy compound 74 was active as expected from the results obtained in the analogous benzo series. The racemic 6-methyl derivative 73 exhibited about half the in vivo activity of the parent compound 71. Since 73 is a racemate, this observation would suggest that one enantiomer may carry most or all of the activity, as we observed in the benzo-diazepine series with enantiomers 25 and 26. Introduction of a nitro group into the 5'-position led to some loss in affinity and activity as shown by the data for compound 43. Hydroxylation of the 9-methyl group afforded 75, an active compound with considerably reduced oral potency.

In conclusion, in this report we describe the structure-activity relationships among compounds of the triazolobenzo- and triazolothienodiazepine classes of PAF-antagonists. The thieno analogues exhibited generally better oral activity and bioavailability than the corresponding benzodiazepines. The duration of action upon oral administration was influenced by the substitution on the acetylenic side chain. The most interesting compounds to emerge from this work are 71 and 81, each of which inhibits PAF-induced bronchoconstriction by 75%, 24 h after an oral dose of 0.03 mg/kg.

## **Experimental Section**

Melting points were taken on a Thomas-Hoover capillary melting point apparatus and are uncorrected. Proton magnetic resonance spectra were recorded on a Varian XL-200 spectrometer. Microanalyses were obtained for C, H, and N and were within 0.4% of the calculated values except as indicated for noncrystalline materials. Silica gel (Merck 70–230 mesh) was used for preparative column chromatography. Short-path distillations were carried out in a Büchi Kugelrohr oven. Anhydrous sodium sulfate was used for drying purposes. Dry ice and acetone were employed for low-temperature reactions.

Method A. (2-Amino-5-iodophenyl)(2-chlorophenyl)-methanone (4a). Iodine monochloride (15 mL, 21 g) was added to a solution of 23 g (0.1 mol) of (2-aminophenyl)(2-chlorophenyl)methanone<sup>8</sup> in 500 mL of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> cooled to -60 °C. After

<sup>(7)</sup> Cheon, S. H.; Houlihan, W. J. Eur. Pat. Appl. 0 338 993 A1, October 1989.

stirring with cooling for 5 h, the cooling bath was removed and the temperature of the reaction mixture was allowed to reach 0 °C. Following the addition of 300 mL of aqueous sodium bisulfite solution, the two-phase system was stirred for 10 min. The organic phase was separated, dried, and evaporated. The residue was crystallized from Et<sub>2</sub>O/hexane to yield 20 g (56%) of yellow crystals with mp 120–122 °C. Anal. ( $C_{13}H_9CIINO$ ): C, H, N.

(2-Amino-4-iodophenyl)(2-fluorophenyl)methanone (4d). Boron trichloride (11.6 g) was bubbled into 100 mL of dry tetrachloroethane cooled on ice. A solution of 18 g (0.082 mol) of 3-iodoaniline in 90 mL of tetrachloroethane was added over a period of 10 min. 2-Fluorobenzonitrile (10 g, 0.082 mol) was then added followed by 13.3 g (0.1 mol) of aluminum chloride. The mixture was stirred for 1 h, then heated to 130 °C over a 2-h period and maintained at this temperature for 14 hours. Hydrochloric acid (65 mL, 3 N) was slowly added to the cooled reaction mixture which was then heated to reflux for 1 h. After cooling, the two-phase system was filtered. The aqueous phase was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and the extract was combined with the organic layer, which was dried and evaporated. The residue was repeatedly extracted by boiling with hexane. The hexane extracts were concentrated to give 6.5 g (23%) of yellow crystals. The analytical sample was recrystallized from hexane to give yellow crystals with mp 107-109 °C. Anal. (C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>9</sub>FINO): C, H, N.

Method B. (S)-[2-[[2-(2-Fluorobenzoyl)-4-iodophenyl]amino]-1-methyl-2-oxoethyl]carbamic Acid Phenylmethyl Ester (5a). A solution of 2.9 g (13 mmol) of N-(benzyloxycarbonyl)-L-alanine in 15 mL of THF was cooled to -40 °C. Phosphorus pentachloride (2.7 g, 13 mmol) was added and the mixture was stirred for 30 min at -30 °C. A solution of 3.41 g (10 mmol) of 2-(2-fluorobenzoyl)-4-iodoaniline in 50 mL of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> was then added and stirring was continued for 15 min at 0-10 °C. After addition of 10% aqueous Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> solution, the twophase mixture was stirred at this temperature for 30 min. It was then extracted with ether. The extracts were washed with sodium carbonate solution and water, dried, and evaporated. The residue was passed over a plug of silica gel with methylene chloride. The filtrate was evaporated and the residue was crystallized from ethanol to give 5 g (91.5%) of colorless crystals with mp 159–161 °C;  $[\alpha]_D = -10.35$ ° (c = 0.985 in  $CH_2Cl_2$ ). Anal.  $(C_{24}H_{20}FIN_2O_4)$ : C, H, N.

Method C. 5-(2-Chlorophenyl)-1,3-dihydro-7-iodo-2H-1,4-benzodiazepin-2-one (6a). Bromoacetyl bromide (5 mL) was added to a solution of 52 g (0.145 mol) of 4a in 300 mL of  $\rm CH_2Cl_2$  cooled to 0 °C. A 10% aqueous solution of  $\rm Na_2CO_3$  (150 mL) was added slowly with stirring. Following addition, the mixture was stirred in the cold for 30 min. The organic layer was separated, washed with water, dried, and evaporated. Crystallization of the residue from  $\rm CH_2Cl_2/Et_2O$  yielded 61 g (90%) of 2-bromo-N-[2-(2-chlorobenzoyl)-4-iodophenyl]acetamide with mp 150–152 °C.

A solution of 50 g of this material in 1 L of  $\rm CH_2Cl_2$  was added to 800 mL of liquid ammonia with dry ice/acetone cooling. After refluxing for 16 h, the cooling was discontinued and the ammonia was allowed to evaporate. The remaining solution was washed with water, dried, and evaporated. The residue was dissolved in 1 L of ethanol and the solution was heated to reflux for 30 min after the addition of 15 mL of acetic acid. The crystals separated from the partially evaporated and cooled reaction mixture were collected to leave 38 g (89%) of colorless crystals. The analytical sample was recrystallized from THF/EtOH and had mp 260–262 °C. Anal. ( $\rm C_{15}H_{10}ClIN_2O$ ): C, H, N.

Method D. (S)-5-(2-Fluorophenyl)-1,3-dihydro-7-iodo-3-methyl-2H-1,4-benzodiazepin-2-one (7a). A mixture of 11 g of 5a and 30 mL of acetic acid containing 30% of HBr was stirred at room temperature for 3 h. The reaction mixture was partitioned between water and ether. The aqueous phase was washed with ether and made alkaline by addition of ice and ammonia. The precipitated material was extracted with  $CH_2Cl_2$ , and the extracts were dried and evaporated. The residue was heated in 50 mL of ethanol containing 5 mL of acetic acid on the steam bath for 15 min. The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure and

the residue was partitioned between CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and 10% aqueous Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> solution. The organic phase was dried and evaporated and the residue was crystallized from EtOAc and recrystallized from CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/EtOAc to yield 3.5 g (44%) of colorless crystals with mp 223–225 °C. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub> = +100.79° (c = 0.9891 in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). Anal. (C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>12</sub>FIN<sub>2</sub>O): C, H, N.

Methods E-G. 6-(2-Fluorophenyl)-8-iodo-1-methyl-4H-[1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-a][1,4]benzodiazepine (10b).<sup>9</sup> A mixture of 31 g (0.08 mol) of 1,3-dihydro-5-(2-fluorophenyl)-7-iodo-2H-1,4-benzodiazepin-2-one (6b),<sup>10</sup> 20 g (0.09 mol) of phosphorus pentasulfide, 20 g of NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, and 300 mL of diglyme was stirred and heated to 80-85 °C for 3 h. The reaction mixture was then poured onto ice and diluted with water. After stirring for 30 min, the precipitated yellow product was filtered off, washed with water, 2-PrOH, and a little ether. It was sucked dry in the funnel and further dried in vacuum to leave 26 g (80%) of 1,3-dihydro-5-(2-fluorophenyl)-7-iodo-2H-1,4-benzodiazepin-2-thione (8b), which was used for further transformation. An analytical sample was obtained by recrystallization from THF/EtOH and had mp 242-244 °C. Anal. (C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>10</sub>FIN<sub>2</sub>S): C, H, N.

Hydrazine (3 mL) was added to a suspension of 8 g of the above thione in 40 mL of 2-PrOH and 100 mL of THF. After stirring for 15 min at room temperature, the reaction mixture was filtered over 20 g of silica gel using THF for elution. The filtrate was evaporated and the residue was crystallized from ether to yield 6.7 g (83%) of 5-(2-fluorophenyl)-2-hydrazino-7-iodo-3H-1,4-benzodiazepine (9b) with mp 179-181 °C.

A mixture of 4 g of the above hydrazino derivative **9b**, 20 mL of triethyl orthoacetate, 30 mL of toluene, and 4 g of silica gel was heated to reflux with stirring for 3 h. The silica gel was filtered off and washed with ethanol. The filtrate was evaporated and the residue was crystallized from  $CH_2Cl_2/EtOAc$  to yield 3.9 g (92%) of **10b** as colorless crystals with mp 235–238 °C. Anal.  $(C_{17}H_{12}FIN_4)$ : C, H, N.

(C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>12</sub>FIN<sub>4</sub>): C, H, N. Method H. 6-(2-Fluorophenyl)-1-(trifluoromethyl)-8-iodo-4H-[1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-a][1,4]benzodiazepine (10g). A mixture of 5 g of 5-(2-fluorophenyl)-2-hydrazino-7-iodo-3H-1,4-benzodiazepine (9b), 20 mL of trifluoroacetic acid, 5 mL of trifluoroacetic anhydride, and 100 mL of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> was heated on the steam bath under a stream of nitrogen to distill off the CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. Toluene (100 mL) was then added and heating on the steam bath was continued for 30 min. The mixture was partitioned between CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution. The organic phase was separated, dried, and evaporated. The residue was crystallized from ether and recrystallized from ethanol to yield 2.2 g (37%) of colorless crystals with mp 202-204 °C. Anal. (C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>9</sub>F<sub>4</sub>IN<sub>4</sub>): C, H, N.

Method I. 6-(2-Chlorophenyl)-8-iodo-1-methyl-4H-[1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-a][1,4]benzodiazepine (10a). A solution of 15.7 g (0.04 mol) of 6a in 350 mL of THF was cooled to -30 °C. Potassium tert-butoxide (4.9 g, 0.044 mol) was added and stirring under N<sub>2</sub> was continued for 30 min at -10 to -5 °C. Diethyl chlorophosphate (6.6 mL) was then added and the mixture was stirred at this temperature for another 30 min. Following the addition of 3.4 g of acetic hydrazide, stirring without cooling was continued for 1 h and 150 mL of 1-butanol was added. The THF and part of the 1-butanol was distilled out of the reaction mixture over a period of 45 min. The residue was partitioned between toluene and water. The organic phase was washed with brine, dried, and evaporated down to a small volume. The precipitated crystals were collected to leave 14 g of crude product which was purified by chromatography over 250 g of silica gel using CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> containing 5% (v/v) of ethanol. The clean fractions were combined and evaporated and the residue was crystallized from THF/EtOH to yield 8.5 g (49%) of colorless crystals with mp 290-292 °C. Anal. ( $C_{17}H_{12}CIIN_4$ ): C, H, N.

(S)-6-(2-Fluorophenyl)-8-iodo-1,4-dimethyl-4H-[1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-a][1,4]benzodiazepine (11a). A solution of 2 g (5.07 mmol) of 7a in 60 mL of THF was cooled to -30 °C and 0.57 g (5.7 mmol) of potassium tert-butoxide was added. The mixture was stirred under nitrogen for 30 min while the temperature was

<sup>(8)</sup> Reeder, E.; Sternbach, L. H. US patent 3,371,085, February

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<sup>(10)</sup> Field, G. F.; Sternbach, L. H. Swiss patents 561,706, May 1975; 562,222, April 1975.

allowed to climb to 5 °C. Diethyl chlorophosphate (1.03 g, 6.5 mmol) was added and stirring was continued for 30 min without cooling. After addition of 0.54 g (7.2 mmol) of acetic hydrazide the mixture was stirred for another 30 minutes at room temperature. Butanol (75 mL) was then added and the tetrahydrofuran was distilled out. A few drops of acetic acid were added, and part of the butanol was distilled over as well. The reaction mixture was evaporated under reduced pressure and the residue was partitioned between CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution. The organic layer was separated, dried, and evaporated and the residue was chromatographed over silica gel using 5% (v/v) of ethanol in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> for elution. Crystallization of the material obtained from the combined clean fractions from EtOAc/hexane gave colorless crystals with mp 142–145 °C. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub> = +50.38° (c = 0.9964 in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). Anal. (C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>14</sub>FIN<sub>4</sub>): C, H, N

rac-5,6-Dihydro-6-(2-fluorophenyl)-8-iodo-1-methyl-4H-[1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-a][1,4]benzodiazepine (12). A mixture of 2 g of 10b, 30 mL of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 10 mL of AcOH, and 3 g of zinc dust was stirred at room temperature for 1 h. The inorganic material was filtered off and the residue was partitioned between aqueous ammonia and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The organic phase was dried and evaporated and the residue was crystallized from EtOAc to give 1.6 g (80%) of product which was recrystallized twice from THF/EtOH to leave colorless crystals with mp 258–262 °C. Anal. (C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>14</sub>FIN<sub>4</sub>): C, H, N.

rac -6-(2-Fluorophenyl)-4-hydroxy-8-iodo-1-methyl-4H-[1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-a][1,4]benzodiazepine (13). A solution of 0.8 g of potassium tert-butoxide in 20 mL of THF and 15 mL of tert-butyl alcohol and 0.6 mL of triethyl phosphite was cooled to -30 °C with stirring under argon. A solution of 0.8 g of 10b in 5 mL of DMF was added and stirring was continued for 1 h at -20 to -10 °C. A stream of oxygen was introduced while the mixture was stirred for an additional hour at this temperature. The reaction mixture was acidified by addition of acetic acid and was partitioned between Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> solution and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> containing 10% (v/v) of ethanol. The organic layer was dried and evaporated, and the residue was crystallized from CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/EtOAc and recrystallized from ethanol to give 0.425 g (51%) of colorless crystals with mp 258-260 °C. Anal. (C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>12</sub>FIN<sub>4</sub>O): C, H, N.

rac-6-(2-Fluorophenyl)-8-iodo-4-methoxy-1-methyl-4H-[1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-a][1,4]benzodiazepine (14). A mixture of 0.435 g (1 mmol) of 13, 3 mL of thionyl chloride, and 20 mL of  $CH_2Cl_2$  was stirred at room temperature for 2 h. After evaporation under reduced pressure, the residue was dissolved in 20 mL of methanol and the solution was treated with 3 mL of triethylamine. After heating on the steam bath for 5 min, the mixture was evaporated to dryness and the residue was partitioned between  $CH_2Cl_2$  and aqueous  $NaHCO_3$  solution. The organic layer was dried and evaporated and the residue was crystallized from EtOAc to yield 350 mg (78%) of colorless crystals with mp 240–242 °C. The analytical sample was recrystallized from methanol/EtOAc and had mp 243–244 °C. Anal.  $(C_{18}H_{14}FIN_4O)$ : C, H, N.

Method J. 2-[3-[6-(2-Fluorophenyl)-1-(trifluoromethyl) - 4H - [1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-a][1,4] benzodiazepin-8-yl] - [1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-a][1,4] benzodiazepin-8-yl] - [1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-a][1,4] benzodiazepin-8-yl] - [1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-a][1,4] benzodiazepin-8-yl] - [1,2,4] triazolo[4,3-a][1,4] benzodiazepin-8-yl] - [1,2,4] triazolo[4,3-a][1,4] benzodiazepin-8-yl] - [1,2,4] triazolo[4,3-a][1,4] benzodiazepin-8-yl] - [1,4] benzodiazepin-8-yl2-propynyl]-1H-isoindole-1,3(2H)-dione (20). A mixture of 0.94 (2 mmol) of 10g, 0.55 g (3 mmol) of N-propargylphthalimide (15A), 80 mg of triphenylphosphine, 20 mg of curpous iodide, 0.6 mL of triethylamine, and 50 mL of DMF was degassed with argon for 10 min. Palladium acetate (25 mg) was then added and the mixture was stirred for 3 days at room temperature. The product was precipitated by dilution with NaHCO3 solution and was collected by filtration. It was dissolved in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and the solution was washed with NaHCO3 solution, dried, and evaporated. The residue was chromatographed over 40 g of silica gel using 5% (v/v) of ethanol in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The combined good fractions were evaporated, and the residue was crystallized from EtOAc to give colorless crystals with mp 204-206 °C. Anal.  $(C_{28}H_{15}F_4N_5O_2)$ : C, H, N.

Method A. 5-(2-Chlorophenyl)-1,3-dihydro-7-iodo-2*H*-thieno[2,3-*e*][1,4]diazepin-2-one (37a).<sup>11,12</sup> A solution of 54.8

Method E. 5-(2-Chlorophenyl)-1,3-dihydro-7-iodo-2H-thieno[2,3-e][1,4]diazepine-2-thione (38a). A mixture of 70 g (0.173 mol) of 37a, 43.3 g of  $P_2S_5$ , 45 g of NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, and 700 mL of diglyme was heated to 70–80 °C for 2 h with stirring under N<sub>2</sub>. After cooling to room temperature, 2 L of water mixed with crushed ice was added and stirring was continued for 15 min. The precipitated product was collected by filtration, washed with water, and sucked dry to leave 64.4 g (89%) of yellow product which was used directly in the next step. An analytical sample was prepared by recrystallizing the crude material from  $CH_2Cl_2/MeOH$  to give yellow crystals with mp 220–222 °C. Anal.  $(C_{13}H_8CIIN_2S_2)$ : C, H. N.

Method F. 5-(2-Chlorophenyl)-2-hydrazino-7-iodo-3H-thieno[2,3-e][1,4]diazepine (39a). A mixture of 64.4 g (0.1538 mol) of thione 38a, 650 mL of THF, and 65 mL of hydrazine was stirred at room temperature for 30 min. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure at a bath temperature of below 50 °C. The residue was treated with 275 mL of water and 275 mL of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, and the two-phase suspension was stirred for 15 min. The crystalline product was collected by filtration and washed with water and ether. This material was used without further purification in the next step. An analytical sample was obtained by recrystallization from CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH and had mp 191–194 °C. Anal. (C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>10</sub>ClIN<sub>4</sub>S): C, H, N.

Method G. 4-(2-Chlorophenyl)-2-iodo-9-methyl-6H-thieno[3,2-f][1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-a][1,4]diazepine (40a).\frac{13}{2} The above crude hydrazine 39a was combined with 375 mL of EtOAc and 170 mL of triethyl orthoacetate and heated on the steam bath for 30 min after a few crystals of p-toluenesulfonic acid had been added. The product crystallized from the mixture and was filtered off after cooling and some dilution with EtOAc. The crystals were washed with EtOAc and sucked dry to leave 55.3 g (81%) of off-white product, which was recrystallized from CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/EtOH to give 50.5 g (74.5%) of pure material with mp 254-256 °C.

Method H. 9-(Chloromethyl)-4-(2-chlorophenyl)-2-iodo-6H-thieno[3,2-f][1,2,4]-triazolo[4,3-a][1,4]diazepine (40c). Chloroacetyl chloride (1.8 mL) was added to a solution of 4 g (9.6 mmol) of 39a in 40 mL of acetic acid. The mixture was heated on the steam bath for 10 min and was evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was partitioned between 10% aqueous Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> solution and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The organic layer was dried and evaporated and the residue was chromatographed over silica gel using 5% EtOH in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> for elution. The combined clean fractions were crystallized from CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/EtOAc to leave 1.6 g (35%) of colorless crystals with mp 223–225 °C dec. NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  4.9 (s, 2, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl), 4.94 (br s, 2, C<sub>6</sub>-H), 6.88 (s, 1, C<sub>2</sub>-H), 7.2–7.5 (m, aromatic H). Anal. (C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>9</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>IN<sub>4</sub>S): C, H, N.

4-(2-Chlorophenyl)-2-iodo-6H-thieno[3,2-f][1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-a][1,4]diazepine-9-methanol (40d). A mixture of 1.3 g (2.73 mmol) of 40c, 1.3 g of sodium acetate, 50 mg of NaI, and 25 mL of DMF was heated on the steam bath with stirring for 2 h. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was partitioned between  $CH_2Cl_2$  and water. The organic phase was dried and evaporated and the residue was crystallized from EtOAc to yield 0.9 g (66%) of 9-(acetoxymethyl)-4-(2-chlorophenyl)-2-iodo-6H-thieno[3,2-f][1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-a]-[1,4]diazepine with mp 225-229 °C. NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  2.12 (s, 3, Ac), 4.95 (br s, 2,  $C_6$ -H), 5.37 (s, 2,  $C_4$ OAc), 6.87 (s, 1,  $C_3$ -H), 7.2-7.6 (m, 4, aromatic H).

g (0.2 mol) of 5-(2-Chlorophenyl)-1,3-dihydro-2*H*-thieno[2,3-e][1,4]diazepin-2-one (36a)<sup>11</sup> in 350 mL of AcOH and 350 mL of MeOH was treated with 64.4 g (0.4 mol) of iodine monochloride and 16.2 g (0.2 mol) of sodium acetate. The mixture was stirred for 15 min at room temperature. A solution of 65 g of NaHSO<sub>3</sub> in 350 mL of water was ther added and stirring was continued for 10 min. The mixture was neutralized by addition of 500 mL of concentrated NH<sub>4</sub>OH and 1 kg of ice. The precipitated product was filtered off and washed with water and EtOH. It was recrystallized from THF/EtOH to yield 47.5 g (59%) of product with mp 229-231 °C.

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The above acetoxy compound (0.9 g, 1.81 mmol), was dissolved in 150 mL of hot methanol. NaOH (3 N, 5 mL) was added and the mixture was heated on the steam bath for 10 min. The methanol was evaporated and the residue was partitioned between aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> containing 10% of EtOH. The organic layer was separated, dried, and evaporated and the residue was crystallized from MeOH to yield 0.45 g (54%) of colorless crystals with mp 244-246 °C dec. The analytical sample was recrystallized from CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/EtOH and had the same melting point. NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  4.62 (d, 2, J = 6 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>OH), 4.68 (br s, 2,  $C_6$ -H), 5.45 (t, 1, J = 6 Hz, OH), 6.6 (s, 1,  $C_3$ -H), 7.0-7.3 (m, 4, aromatic H). Anal. (C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>10</sub>ClIN<sub>4</sub>OS): C, H, N.

Method K. 4-(2-Chlorophenyl)-2-iodo-9-methyl-6Hthieno[3,2-f][1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-a][1,4]diazepine 5-Oxide (40e). A mixture of 4.4 g (10 mmol) of 40a, 200 mL of  $CH_2Cl_2$ , and 3.4 g of 3-chloroperoxybenzoic acid was allowed to sit at room temperature overnight. The solution was washed with 10% aqueous Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> solution, dried, and evaporated. The residue was crystallized from THF/MeOH/EtOAc to yield 3.3 g (72%) of product, which was purified by passing over silica gel using 10% (v/v) of methanol in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> followed by recrystallization from THF MeOH to leave yellowish crystals with mp 280-283 °C dec. NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub> + DMSO):  $\delta$  2.58 (s, 3, Me), 5.2 (AB system, J = 12 Hz, 2,  $C_6$ -H), 6.62 (s, 1,  $C_3$ -H), 7-7.4 (m, 4, aromatic H). Anal. (C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>10</sub>ClIN<sub>4</sub>OS): C, H, N.

Method L. rac-6-Acetoxy-4-(2-chlorophenyl)-2-iodo-9methyl-6H-thieno[3,2-f][1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-a][1,4]diazepine (40f). A mixture of 1 g (2.19 mmol) of 40e, 25 mL of pyridine, and 15 mL of acetic anhydride was heated on a steam bath for 4 h. The reagents were evaporated under reduced pressure, at the end azeotropically with xylene. The residue was chromatographed over 25 g of silica gel using 5% of EtOH in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> for elution. The combined clean fractions were evaporated and the residue was crystallized from EtOAc to yield 0.7 g (64%) of colorless product with mp 248-250 °C. The analytical sample was recrystallized from THF/MeOH/EtOAc. NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 2.4 (s, 3, Ac), 2.72 (s, 3, Me), 6.8 (s, 1,  $C_6$ -H), 6.94 (s, 1,  $C_3$ -H) 7.3–7.6 (m, 4, aromatic H). Anal. ( $C_{17}H_{12}CIIN_4O_2S$ ): C, H, N.

Method M. rac-4-(2-Chlorophenyl)-2-iodo-6-hydroxy-9methyl-6H-thieno[3,2-f][1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-a][1,4]diazepine (40). A mixture of 0.3 g (0.6 mmol) of 40f, 30 mL of MeOH, 10 mL of water, and 1 mL of 3 N NaOH was allowed to sit at room temperature for 30 min. It was acidified by addition of acetic acid and partitioned between CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution. The organic layer was dried and evaporated and the residue was crystallized from MeOH/EtOAc to yield 0.21 g (76%) of product with mp 240-243 °C dec. NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  2.7 (s, 3 Me), 5.76 (s, 1, C<sub>6</sub>-H), 6.93 (s, 1, C<sub>3</sub>-H), 7.3-7.6 (m, 4, aromatic H). Anal. (C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>10</sub>ClIN<sub>4</sub>OS): C, H, N.

Method J. 1-[3-[4-(2-Chlorophenyl)-9-methyl-6H-thieno-[3,2-f][1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-a][1,4]diazepin-2-yl]-2-propynyl]-3,4-dihydro-2(1H)-quinolinone (41). A mixture of 33 g (0.075 mol) of 40a, 21 g (0.113 mol) of 3,4-dihydro-1-(2-propynyl)-2-(1H)-quinolinone, 14 0.75 g of triphenylphosphine, 0.2 g of cuprous iodide, 60 mL of triethylamine, and 600 mL of DMF was stirred and degassed by a stream of argon for 30 min. At this time 0.225 g of palladium acetate was added and the mixture was stirred at room temperature under argon for 3 days. The mixture was poured into 2.5 L of saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution and ice. After stirring for 15 min, the precipitate was filtered off, washed with water, and sucked dry. This material was dissolved in CH2Cl2 and the solution was washed with bicarbonate solution and dried. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was dissolved by warming in EtOAc. After seeding and cooling, the crystallized product was collected and recrystallized from methanol/EtOAc to leave 25.2 g (67%) of off-white crystals with mp 180-182 °C. NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 2.72 (s, 3, Me), 2.68 and 2.94 (s, 1,  $C_3$ -H), 7–7.5 (m, 8, aromatic H). Anal. ( $C_{27}H_{20}ClN_5OS$ ): C, H, N.

4-(2-Fluorophenyl)-6-iodoquinazolin-2(1H)-one (91). A mixture of 5 g of 4a, 5 g of urea, and 50 mL of acetic acid was heated to reflux for 30 min. The crystals which separated from the cooled reaction mixture were filtered off, washed with MeOH and Et<sub>2</sub>O, and dried to leave 4.5 g (83%) of yellow needles with mp >350 °C. Anal.  $(C_{14}H_8FIN_2O)$ : C, H, N

5-(2-Fluorophenyl)-7-iodo[1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-a]quinazoline (93). Potassium tert-butoxide (0.7 g, 6.2 mmol) was added to a suspension of 1.83 g (5 mmol) of 91 in 50 mL of THF cooled to 0 °C. Diethyl chlorophosphate (2 mL) was added and the mixture was stirred under  $N_2$  for 1 h at room temperature. After the addition of 1 g of acetic hydrazide stirring was continued with heating to reflux. Butanol (50 mL) was then added; the THF and some of the butanol was distilled over. The remaining mixture was evaporated and the residue was slurried with aqueous 10%  $Na_2CO_3$  solution and a little  $CH_2Cl_2$ . The insoluble product was filtered off and dissolved in 30 mL of hot DMSO. This solution was diluted with 25 mL of 1 N NaOH and then with 100 mL of water. The precipitated material was collected and washed with water and MeOH to leave 0.9 g (42%) of 2-(acetylhydrazino)-4-(2-fluorophenyl)-6-iodoquinazoline (92) which was recrystallized from THF/EtOH/water to give colorless crystals with mp 293-296 °C dec. NMR (DMSO):  $\delta$  1.9 ppm (s, 3, Ac), 7.3-7.9 (m, 5, aromatic H), 8.0 (dd, 1, J = 8 Hz, 1.5 Hz,  $C_7$ -H), 9.37 (br s, 1, NH) 9.95 (br s, 1, NH).

A suspension of 0.8 g of this material in 10 mL of polyphosphoric acid was heated with stirring to 190 °C. The cooled mixture was partitioned between CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and ice and ammonia. The organic phase was separated, dried, and evaporated and the residue was crystallized from CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/EtOH and from THF/EtOH to leave 0.45 g (58%) of colorless crystals with mp 323-325 °C. NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub> + 3 drops of DMSO):  $\delta$  3.02 (s, 3, Me), 7.1–7.7 (m, 4, aromatic H), 7.94 (d, 1, J = 8 Hz,  $C_8$ -H), 8.0 (t, J = 1.5 Hz,  $C_5$ -H), 8.13 (dd, J = 8 and 1.5 Hz,  $C_7$ -H). Anal. ( $C_{16}H_{10}FIN_4$ ): C, H,

2-Amino- $\alpha$ -(2-fluorophenyl)-5-iodobenzenemethanol (95). A solution of 5 g (14.66 mmol) of 4a in 100 mL of THF was treated with 100 mL of a 1 M solution of borane in THF. After stirring for 45 min at room temperature, the excess borane was destroyed by the addition of water. The mixture was then extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The extracts were washed with 10% aqueous Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> solution, dried, and evaporated. Crystallization of the residue from Et<sub>2</sub>O/hexane yielded 3.6 g (71%) of product which was directly used in the next step. An analytical sample was purified by chromatography over silica gel and crystallization from Et<sub>2</sub>O/hexane to give colorless crystals with mp 110-112 °C. Anal. (C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>11</sub>FINO): C, H, N.

rac-5-(2-Fluorophenyl)-1,5-dihydro-7-iodo-4,1-benzoxazepin-2(3H)-one (96a). A solution of 3.3 g (9.6 mmol) of crude 95 in 150 mL of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> was treated with 2.14 g (10.5 mmol) of bromoacetyl bromide and layered with 100 mL of 10% aqueous Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> solution. The mixture was stirred for 30 min and the organic layer was separated, dried, and evaporated. 2-PrOH (50 mL) was added and the solution was again evaporated. The residue was dissolved in 200 mL of 2-PrOH and the solution was treated with 2.86 g (25.3 mmol) of potassium tert-butoxide. This mixture was heated to boiling on a steam bath, was acidified by addition of acetic acid, and partially evaporated under reduced pressure. The product was crystallized by dilution with water. The crystals were collected, washed with water, and sucked dry. Recrystallization from THF/EtOH yielded 2.7 g (73%) of colorless crystals with mp 256–258 °C. NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub> + 3 drops of DMSO):  $\delta$  4.47 (AB system, J = 16 Hz,  $C_3$ -H), 5.86 (s, 1,  $C_5$ -H), 6.7-7.5 (m, 7, aromatic H), 9.23 (br s, 1, NH). Anal.  $(C_{15}H_{12}FINO_2)$ : C, H, N.

rac-5-(2-Fluorophenyl)-1,5-dihydro-7-iodo-4,1-benzoxazepine-2(3H)-thione (96b). A mixture of 2.5 g (6.5 mmol) of 96a, 1.6 g (3.6 mmol) of  $P_2S_5$ , and 100 mL of diglyme was heated to 70-80 °C for 2.5 h. It was poured into water and the precipitated product was collected, washed with water, and sucked dry. Recrystallization from CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/THF/EtOH yielded 1.9 g (72%) of cream-colored crystals with mp 237-240 °C. (C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>11</sub>FINOS): C, H, N.

rac-6-(2-Fluorophenyl)-8-iodo-1-methyl-4H,6H-[1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-a][4,1]benzoxazepine (97). Hydrazine (1 mL) was added to a solution of 1.8 g (4.5 mmol) of 96b in 100 mL of THF. After stirring for 15 min, it was partitioned between CH2Cl2 and water. The organic layer was dried and evaporated. The residue

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was treated with 50 mL of ethanol and 10 mL of triethyl orthoacetate and the mixture was heated to reflux for 15 min. It was then evaporated, at the end azeotropically with xylene. The residue was dissolved in 50 mL of acetic acid and this solution was heated to reflux for 15 min. After evaporation the residue was partitioned between CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and 10% aqueous Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> solution. The organic phase was dried and evaporated and the residue was crystallized from EtOAc to yield 1.4 g (73%) of product. For analysis it was recrystallized from CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/EtOAc to leave colorless crystals with mp 237-240 °C. NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  2.6 (s, 3, Me), 4.48 (d, 1) and 5.09 (d, 1) (AB-system, J = 13 Hz,  $C_4$ -H), 5.64 (s, 1,  $C_6$ -H), 6.9-7.9 (m, 7, aromatic H). Anal. ( $C_{17}H_{13}FIN_3O$ ): C, H, N.

4-(2-Chloro-5-nitrophenyl)-2-iodo-9-methyl-6H-thieno-[3,2-f][1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-a][1,4]diazepine (89). Concentrated sulfuric acid (30 mL) was added to a solution of 2.2 g (5 mmol) of 40a in 50 mL of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. After the addition of 2 g (20 mmol) of KNO<sub>3</sub> the two-phase mixture was stirred at room temperature for 4 h. It was poured onto ice and made alkaline by the addition of ice and ammonia. The product was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and the extract was dried and evaporated. Crystallization of the residue from ethanol and recrystallization from CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/ethanol gave 1.7 g (70%) of yellow crystals with mp 233-238 °C. The analytical sample was recrystallized again from THF/ethanol and had mp 243-246 °C. NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  2.73 (s, 3, Me), 5.0 (s, 2,  $C_6$ -H), 6.88 (s, 1,  $C_3$ -H), 7.6 (d, 1, J = 8 Hz,  $C_3$ -H), 8.25 (dd, 1, J = 8 and 2 Hz,  $C_4$ -H), 8.33 (d, 1, J = 2 Hz,  $C_6$ -H). Anal. ( $C_{15}$ H<sub>9</sub>ClIN<sub>5</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S): C, H, N.

rac-2a,3,4,5-Tetrahydro-2a-methylbenz[cd]indol-2(1H)one (100). A solution of 6.92 g (40 mmol) of 2a,3,4,5-tetrahydrobenz[c,d]indol-2(1H)-one in 50 mL of DMF was stirred with 4.94 g (44 mmol) of potassium tert-butoxide for 15 min at room temperature. Methyl iodide (2.75 mL, 44 mmol) was then added and stirring was continued for 30 min. The mixture was diluted with ice and water and was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The extracts were dried and evaporated and the residue was crystallized from ether to yield 1.7 g of product with mp 146-149 °C. Additional material (1.5 g, 43% total) was recovered by chromatography of the mother liquor using a 40-fold amount of silica gel and 10% of EtOAc in CH2Cl2 for elution. The analytical sample was recrystallized from ether to leave colorless crystals with mp 148-150 °C. Anal. (C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>13</sub>NO): C, H, N.

rac-2a,3,4,5-Tetrahydro-2a-(2-propynyl)benz[cd]indol-2-(1H)-one (15R). Substituting methyl iodide in the above experiment with propargyl bromide yielded after crystallization from ethyl acetate 3.2 g (38%) of product. For analysis it was recrystallized from EtOAc to give colorless crystals from mp 177-180

C. Anal.  $(C_{14}H_{13}NO)$ : C, H, N. Method N. rac-2a,3,4,5-Tetrahydro-2a-methyl-1-(2propynyl)benz[cd]indol-2(1H)-one (15Q). Potassium tertbutoxide (1.65 g, 14 mmol) was added to a solution of 2.5 g (13.3 mmol) of 100 in 20 mL of DMF. After stirring for 10 min, 1.3 mL (14 mmol) of propargyl bromide was added and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 30 min. It was then poured into ice water and saturated sodium bicarbonate solution. The precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with water, and sucked dry. The crude product was purified by filtering over 20 g of silica gel using CH2Cl2. The filtrate was evaporated and the residue was crystallized from EtOAc/hexane to yield 1.8 g (60%) of colorless crystals with mp 127-130 °C. Anal. (C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NO): C, H, N.

2-Bromo-N-(4-chloro-1H-indol-7-yl)acetamide (102). A mixture of 19.6 (0.1 mol) of 4-chloro-7-nitroindole, 15 20 g of Raney nickel, 100 mL of THF, and 100 mL of ethanol was hydrogenated at atmospheric pressure for 6 h. The catalyst was filtered off and the filtrate was evaporated. The product was converted to the hydrochloride by treatment with ethanolic HCl to give crystals which were further reacted as follows.

Part of this hydrochloride (10.2 g, 0.05 mol) was suspended in 500 mL of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and layered with saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution. Bromoacetyl bromide (6.6 mL, 0.075 mol), was added and the mixture was stirred for 15 min. The organic phase was separated, dried, and evaporated. The residue was crystallized

from CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/hexane to yield 10.8 g (75%) of product with mp 139–142 °C. The analytical sample was purified by filtration over silica gel using CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and was crystallized from CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/hexane to give colorless crystals with the same melting point. Anal. (C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>8</sub>BrClN<sub>2</sub>O): C, H, N

7-Chloro-1,3-dihydro-2H-pyrrolo[1,2,3-de]quinoxalin-2-one (103). Compound 101 (11.5 g, 0.04 mol) was dissolved in 1200 mL of 2-propanol. Potassium tert-butoxide (13.5 g, 0.12 mol) was added with stirring under nitrogen. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 h, acidified by addition of acetic acid, and partially evaporated. The product was precipitated by dilution with water. It was collected by filtration, washed with water and a little ethanol and recrystallized from THF/ethanol to leave 5.5 g (66%) of crystals with mp 275-275 °C. The analytical sample was recrystallized from the same solvents. Anal.  $(C_{10}H_7ClN_2O)$ : C, H, N.

1,3-Dihydro-1-(1,2-propadienyl)-3-(2-propynyl)-2H-benzimidazol-2-one (15M<sub>4</sub>) and 1,3-Dihydro-1-(2-propynyl)-2Hbenzimidazol-2-one (15M<sub>1</sub>). A mixture of 13.4 g (0.1 mol) of 2-hydroxybenzimidazole, 200 mL of DMF, 10 g of BaO, and 11 mL of propargyl bromide (80% in toluene) was heated with stirring at 100-103 °C for 15 min. The cooled reaction mixture was acidified with 20 mL of acetic acid and was diluted with water. The precipitate was filtered off, washed with water, and sucked dry. It was recrystallized from CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/hexane to give 3.1 g (15%) of the 1,3-dipropargyl derivative with mp 157-159 °C. evaporated mother liquor was chromatographed over 100 g of silica gel using CH2Cl2. The clean fractions were combined and evaporated and the residue was crystallized from Et<sub>2</sub>O/hexane to leave 0.74 g (3.5%) of 15M<sub>4</sub> with mp 110-112 °C. NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  2.3 (t, 1, J = 2 Hz, acetylenic H), 4.7 (d, 2, J = 2 Hz,  $CH_2$ ), 5.64 (d, 2, J = 6 Hz, olefinic H), 7-7.4 (m, 3, aromatic H) 7.55 (dd, 1, J = 8 and 1.5 Hz,  $C_7$ -H). Anal. ( $C_{13}H_{10}N_2O$ ): C, H,

The original aqueous filtrate was extracted with EtOAc three times. The combined extracts were dried and evaporated. The residue was dissolved partially in hot EtOAc. The insoluble material was filtered off and the filtrate was evaporated. The residue was dissolved in  $CH_2Cl_2/EtOAc$  and the solution was passed over a plug of silica gel. The eluate was evaporated and crystallized from EtOAc/hexane to give 2.4 g (14%) of 1,3-dihydro-1-(2-propynyl)-2H-benzimidazol-2-one (15 $\mathbf{M}_1$ ) with mp 176-178 °C. Anal. (C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>8</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O): C, H, N.

2,3-Dihydro-2-(2-propynyl)-1H-benz[de]isoquinolin-1-one (15 $\mathbf{D}_2$ ). A suspension of 2 g (8.5 mmol) of compound 15 $\mathbf{D}_1$  and 0.75 g of NaBH4 in 50 mL of THF and 50 mL of ethanol was heated on the steam bath until all was dissolved. An additional 0.25 g of NaBH4 was added and heating on a steam bath was continued with distillation of the THF for 30 min. The cooled mixture was diluted with ice/water, buffered with acetic acid, and diluted with saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution. The precipitate was filtered after stirring for 30 min and was sucked dry. The collected material was dissolved in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (ca. 250 mL) and the solution was dried and evaporated. The crystalline residue was slurried with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/Et<sub>2</sub>O/hexane and collected to leave 0.67 g (33.5%) of 2,3-dihydro-3-hydroxy-2-(2-propynyl)-1H-benz[de]isoquinolin-1-one, which was used as is for further reduction.

This product (0.6 g, 2.5 mmol) was dissolved in 6 mL of trifluoroacetic acid. Sodium borohydride (0.3 g) was added in small portions and the mixture was stirred for 15 min at room temperature. It was partitioned between ice/water, ammonia, and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The organic layer was dried and evaporated, and the residue was chromatographed over silica gel using CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> containing 10% of EtOAc for elution. The clean fractions were combined and evaporated and the residue was crystallized from  $EtOAc/Et_2O$  to yield 0.45 g (80%) of colorless crystals with mp 139-140 °C. NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  2.3 (t, 1, J = 2 Hz, acetylenic H),  $4.6 (d, 2, J = 2 Hz, CH_2) 5.13 (s, 2, C_3-H) 7.3-8.4 (m, 6, aromatic)$ H). Anal. (C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>11</sub>NO): C, H, N.

6,8-Dichloro-3,4-dihydro-1-(2-propynyl)-1H-quinolin-2-one (15 $\mathbf{B}_2$ ). Dichloroethane (75 mL) was saturated in the cold (ice/water) with chlorine. A solution of 6 g (0.04 mol) of 3,4dihydroquinolin-2(1H)-one in 50 mL of formic acid and 50 mL of concentrated HCl was added and stirred over ice for 30 min. Chlorine was introduced for 5 min and stirring in the cold was continued for 2 h. The mixture was poured over ice, made alkaline

with ammonia, and extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The extracts were dried and evaporated, and the residue was crystallized from Et<sub>2</sub>O to yield 3 g (34%) of colorless crystals with mp 248-250 °C.

A mixture of 1.5 g of this material, 40 mL of DMF, 1.3 g of BaO, and 0.8 mL of propargyl bromide was heated on the steam bath for 45 min. After cooling it was diluted with water and the precipitated product was filtered off and dissolved in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The solution was dried and evaporated and the residue was crystallized from Et<sub>2</sub>O/hexane to give 0.55 g (31%) of colorless crystals with mp 92–95 °C. NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  2.14 (t, 1, J = 1.5 Hz, acetylenic H), 2.62 (t, 2, J = 6 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.86 (t, 2, J = 6 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.92 (d, 2, J = 1.5 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.12 (d, 1, J = 2 Hz, C<sub>5</sub>-H), 7.32 (d, 1, J = 2 Hz, C<sub>7</sub>-H). Anal. (C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>9</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>NO): C, H, N.

1,3-Dihydro-2-[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]-2H-benz-imidazol-2-one (107). A mixture of 10 g of N-(2-nitrophenyl)-2-(dimethylamino)ethylamine hydrochloride, <sup>16</sup> 1.5 g of palladium on carbon (5%), and 100 mL of methanol was hydrogenated at atmospheric pressure for 6 h. The catalyst was filtered off and the filtrate was evaporated. The residue was crystallized from 2-propanol to yield 7.5 g of N-(2-aminophenyl)-2-(dimethylamino)ethylamine hydrochloride which was further reacted as follows.

Part of this hydrochloride (6.5 g, 30 mmol), 5.3 g (32 mmol) of carbonyldiimidazole, and 5 mL of triethylamine in 100 mL of  $\mathrm{CH_2Cl_2}$  was heated to reflux for 1 h. The methylene chloride was evaporated and replaced by ethanol. The mixture was heated on the steam bath for 30 min and evaporated and the residue was partitioned between  $\mathrm{CH_2Cl_2}$  and 10%  $\mathrm{Na_2CO_3}$  solution. The organic layer was dried and evaporated and the residue was crystallized from ether and recrystallized from EtOAc/hexane to yield 3.1 g (50%) of colorless crystals with mp 108–110 °C. Anal. ( $\mathrm{Cl_1H_{15}N_3O}$ ): C, H, N.

PAF-Induced Bronchoconstriction Assay (in Vivo). Male guinea pigs (Hartley strain, Charles River) weighing 400-600 g were anesthetized with urethane (2g/kg) intraperitoneally, and a polyethylene cannula was inserted into the jugular vein for intravenous drug administration. Tracheal pressure (centimeters of H<sub>2</sub>O) was recorded from a Statham pressure transducer (P 23 AA). Propanolol was administered 5 min before PAF. Two minutes later, spontaneous breathing was arrested with succinylcholine chloride (1.2 mg/kg) administered intravenously, and the animals were ventilated with a Harvard Model 680 smallanimal respirator set at 40 breaths/min and 4.0 cm<sup>3</sup> stroke volume. For intravenous dosing, test drug or vehicle were administered through the cannula into the jugular vein 1 min before the animals were challenged with a maximal constrictory dose of PAF (1)  $\mu g/kg$ ) given intravenously. For determination of oral activity, animals were dosed with the test compound or the vehicle 2 h prior to challenge with PAF (1 µg/kg iv). Compounds were initially evaluated at a dose of 1 mg/kg intravenously or orally. The change in tracheal pressure was averaged for three control and three drug-treated animals and percent inhibition was calculated. The median inhibitory dose values (ID $_{50}$ ) for active compounds were determined by linear-regression of log doseresponse curves generated by at least three doses that caused statistically significant inhibition of the PAF-induced bronchoconstriction of between 10 and 90%. The correlation coefficient for the regression line of each antagonist was always greater than 0.95.

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