

TABLE I

| Isoflav- thione (yield, %) | Ratio (g) isoflavone P ₂ S ₅ | Mp., °C | Color ^a | Infrared data (cm ⁻¹) | $\lambda_{\text{max}}^{\text{MeOH}}$, m μ (ϵ) | Formula | Calcd., % | | | Found, % | | |
|-------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|----------------------|---|---|---|-----------|------|------|----------|------|------|
| | | | | | | | C | H | S | C | H | S |
| 2a (51) | 0.50 | 189-191 | Magenta prisms | 1610, 1510, 1440 | 385 (17,200), ^b 282 (11,200), ^b 355 (10,700) ^{b,c} | C ₁₅ H ₉ O ₄ S | 73.79 | 4.85 | 8.56 | 73.32 | 4.54 | 8.51 |
| 2b (84) | 0.38 | 163-164 | Magenta prisms | 1770, 1615 1600, 1510 | 381 (14,100), 276 (11,500) | C ₁₅ H ₉ O ₄ S | 66.25 | 4.32 | 9.81 | 66.23 | 4.35 | 9.64 |
| 2c (85) | 0.71 | 181-185 | Purple rods | 1760, 1600, 1546, 1505 | 373 (16,800), 278 (11,900) | C ₁₅ H ₉ O ₄ S | 67.05 | 4.75 | 9.40 | 67.30 | 4.81 | 9.34 |
| 2d (38.4) | 0.50 | 93 and 110-112 (dimorphous) | Purple-black rods | 1770, 1620, 1602, 1550, 1520 | 377 (16,300), 285 (12,600) | C ₁₅ H ₉ O ₄ S | 68.47 | 5.47 | 8.69 | 68.63 | 5.86 | 8.58 |

^a The color is undoubtedly due to solid-state and association phenomena, for it was imparted only to very concentrated solutions and was unmeasurable in the region 400-600 m μ employing 10⁻³ to 10⁻⁵ M solutions of the isoflavthiones **2** in methanol, benzene, and hexane. ^b Benzene, not methanol, was the solvent. ^c Shoulder.

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XVIII. Synthesis of New Alkylating Agents¹

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The preparation of a number of potential biological alkylating agents and related compounds is reported.

Experimental Section³

2-[p-[Bis(2-chloroethyl)amino]phenyl]-5-alkyl-1,3,4-oxadiazole.—Following the procedure of Ainsworth,⁴ 2.0 g of *p*-[bis(2-chloroethyl)amino]benzhydrazide⁵ was heated to reflux in 15 ml of the appropriate, freshly distilled, triethylorthoalkyl ester. The mixture was refluxed overnight and the excess orthoester was removed *in vacuo*. The oxadiazoles were recrystallized from ethanol-water and are shown in Table I.

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| $\text{R}-\begin{array}{c} \text{O} \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ \text{N}=\text{N} \end{array}-\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{N}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{Cl})_2-p$ | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-------------|------------|-----------|------|-------|----------|------|-------|--|
| R | Yield, % | Mp., °C | Calcd., % | | | Found, % | | | |
| | | | C | H | N | C | H | N | |
| H ^a | 55 | 68-70 | 50.36 | 4.58 | 14.69 | 50.56 | 4.60 | 14.62 | |
| CH ₃ | 79 | 122-125 | 52.01 | 5.04 | 14.00 | 52.11 | 5.13 | 13.92 | |
| C ₂ H ₅ | 84 | 109-113 | 53.14 | 5.45 | 13.37 | 53.35 | 5.58 | 13.12 | |

^a We should like to thank Dr. D. W. Alwani for assistance with this compound. This compound was inactive⁷ against Walker carcinosarcoma.

1,4-Bis[(2-chloroethyl)thio]-2,3,5,6-tetrafluorobenzene. A mixture of 1 g of 1,4-bis[(2-hydroxyethyl)thio]-2,3,5,6-tetrafluorobenzene⁶ and 5 ml of SOCl₂ was refluxed for 3 hr and the excess SOCl₂ was removed *in vacuo* to give 1.3 g of solid, mp 110-116°. Recrystallization from ethanol gave white needles, mp 114-116°.

Anal. Calcd for C₁₀H₈F₄Cl₂S₂: C, 35.40; H, 2.37; F, 22.40; Cl, 20.90; S, 18.90. Found: C, 35.30; H, 2.75; F, 22.06; Cl, 20.85; S, 18.90.

This compound was inactive⁷ against Walker carcinosarcoma 256.

Diethyl [Bis(2-hydroxyethyl)amino]methylenemalonate.—A mixture of 5.07 g (0.048 mole) of bis(2-hydroxyethyl)amine and

10.5 g (0.048 mole) of diethyl ethoxymethylenemalonate in 60 ml of absolute ethanol was refluxed for 1 hr and the solvent was removed *in vacuo* to give an oil. Distillation gave 9.9 g (74%) of liquid, bp 58-61° (0.8 mm).

Anal. Calcd for C₁₂H₂₁NO₆: C, 52.35; H, 7.69; N, 5.09. Found: C, 52.09; H, 7.66; N, 4.89.

This compound was inactive⁷ against Sarcoma 180 and L1210 lymphoid leukemia.

[Bis(2-hydroxyethyl)amino]methylenemalononitrile.—Using a similar procedure 8.6 g (98%) of solid, mp 86-87° (from ethanol), was obtained.

Anal. Calcd for C₁₁H₁₁N₃O₂: C, 53.03; H, 6.12; N, 23.19. Found: C, 52.86; H, 5.93; N, 23.32.

This compound was inactive⁷ against L1210 lymphoid leukemia and S91 Cloudman melanoma and only very slightly (T/C = 61% at 500 mg/kg) active against Sarcoma 180.

Ethyl [Bis(2-chloroethyl)amino]methylenecyanoacetate.—A solution of 0.05 mole of ethyl ethoxymethylenecyanoacetate and bis(2-chloroethyl)amine (from 0.05 mole of its hydrochloride) in benzene was refluxed for 6 hr. Removal of the solvent *in vacuo* gave an oil which was chromatographed on acid-washed alumina and the solid eluted was recrystallized from ethanol to give 4.7 g (36%) of solid, mp 56-59°.

Anal. Calcd for C₁₀H₁₃Cl₂N₂O₂: C, 45.30; H, 5.32; N, 10.57; Cl, 26.74. Found: C, 45.31; H, 5.42; N, 10.52; Cl, 26.78.

This compound was inactive⁷ against Walker carcinosarcoma 256. The hydroxyethyl analog of this compound⁸ was inactive⁷ against L1210 lymphoid leukemia and Friend virus leukemia and only slightly active (T/C = 65% at 62 mg/kg) against Heptoma 129. Preliminary attempts to convert this hydroxyethyl compound directly to the chloroethyl compound with SOCl₂ failed.

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XIX. Some 5-(ω -Chloroacylamino)quinolines and 4- and 5-(ω -Chloroacylamino)isoquinolines¹

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