

# Novel Schistosomicides. S-2-{[2-(2-Thiazolylcarbamoyl)ethyl]amino}ethyl Hydrogen Thiosulfate and Related Compounds<sup>1</sup>

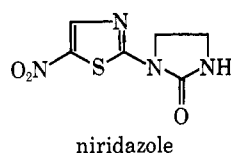
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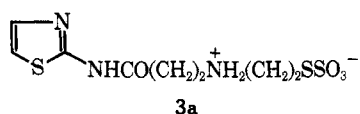
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S-2-{[2-(2-Thiazolylcarbamoyl)ethyl]amino}ethyl hydrogen thiosulfate (**3a**), prepared by alkylation of S-2-aminoethyl hydrogen thiosulfate with 3-chloro-N-2-thiazolylpropionamide (**1**) has been found to be highly effective against infections of *Schistosoma mansoni* in mice and monkeys. The thiol, 3-[(2-mercaptoethyl)amino]-N-2-thiazolylpropionamide·HCl (**8**), prepared from N-2-thiazolyl-1-aziridinepropionamide (**5a**) and H<sub>2</sub>S, had about the same potency as the Bunte salt **3a**. The corresponding disulfide, 3,3'-[dithiobis(ethyleneimino)]bis-(N-2-thiazolylpropionamide) (**7**), was also highly active. The 5-nitro derivative of **3a**, S-2-{[2-[(5-nitro-2-thiazolyl)carbamoyl]ethyl]amino}ethyl hydrogen thiosulfate (**3i**), in mice was approximately 0.5 as active as **3a**. This observation is in striking contrast to results with niridazole wherein the nitro group is essential to activity. The many other analogs and homologs prepared were devoid of activity.

Derivatives of 2-amino-5-nitrothiazole have shown activity against a variety of parasitic infections.<sup>2</sup> The most potent of these, 1-(5-nitro-2-thiazolyl)-2-imidazolidinone (niridazole), has proved particularly effective



against schistosomiasis in man and is also effective against various other human parasites.<sup>3,4</sup> Activity among derivatives of aminonitrothiazole is extremely sensitive to structure. Very minor modifications in the niridazole molecule, for example, serve to eliminate antischistosome activity completely.<sup>5</sup> Generally, the NO<sub>2</sub> group in the 5 position must be present for activity. Thus the desnitro derivative of niridazole is completely devoid of activity against *Schistosoma mansoni* when administered in the diet at 0.25%, a level at which niridazole kills 98% of the worms.<sup>6</sup>



It was indeed surprising to find the structurally unique S-2-{[2-(2-thiazolylcarbamoyl)ethyl]amino}ethyl hydrogen thiosulfate (**3a**) to be extremely potent against *S. mansoni* infections. Neither unnitrated 2-aminothiazole derivatives nor Bunte salts in general have in the past been demonstrated to be active against this parasite. The results reported herein represent studies with this potent schistosomicide and closely related compounds.

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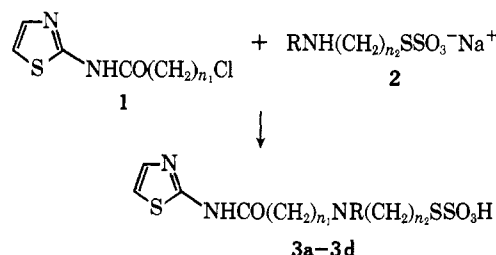
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Chemically, **3a** is an internal Bunte salt having the characteristic zwitterionic structure. The first acid dissociation constant ( $pK_a' = 8$ ) in 67% aq DMF represents ionization of the amine salt, and the second dissociation constant ( $pK_a' > 11.5$ ) results from ionization of the amide H.<sup>7</sup>

Alkylation of sodium S-2-aminoethyl thiosulfate (**2**, R = H;  $n_2 = 2$ ) with 3-chloro-N-2-thiazolylpropionamide (**1**,  $n_1 = 2$ ) as shown in Scheme I resulted in a

SCHEME I



convenient synthesis of **3a**. This method allowed preparation of homolog **3b** (R = H;  $n_1 = 2$ ;  $n_2 = 3$ ) from S-3-aminopropyl hydrogen thiosulfate,<sup>8</sup> and homolog **3c** (R = H;  $n_1 = 5$ ;  $n_2 = 2$ ), a derivative of 6-amino-N-2-thiazolylhexanamide (Table I). The N-Et derivative (**3d**) (R = C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>;  $n_1 = n_2 = 2$ ) was prepared similarly from S-2-ethylaminoethyl hydrogen thiosulfate.<sup>9</sup> Additionally, the method shown in Scheme I was used to prepare analogs in which the 2-thiazolyl group was replaced by 5-methyl-1,3,4-thiadiazol-2-yl, phenyl, 2-benzothiazolyl, and 6-methoxy-8-quinolyl groups (Table I, **13-16**).

On the other hand homologs (Scheme I,  $n_1 = 3,4$ ) from 4-chloro-N-2-thiazolylbutyramide and 5-chloro-N-2-thiazolylvaleramide were not obtained using reaction conditions found in Schemes I, II, or III because of facile base-catalyzed conversion of the chloroamides to the corresponding lactams **17**.<sup>10</sup> Reasonable effort

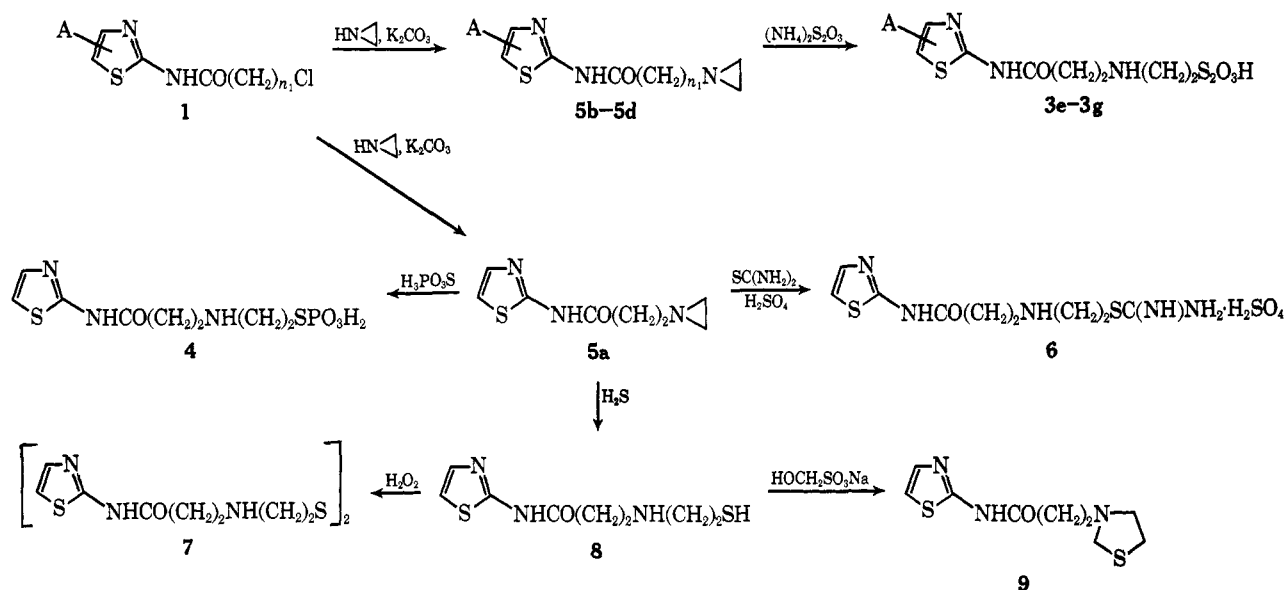
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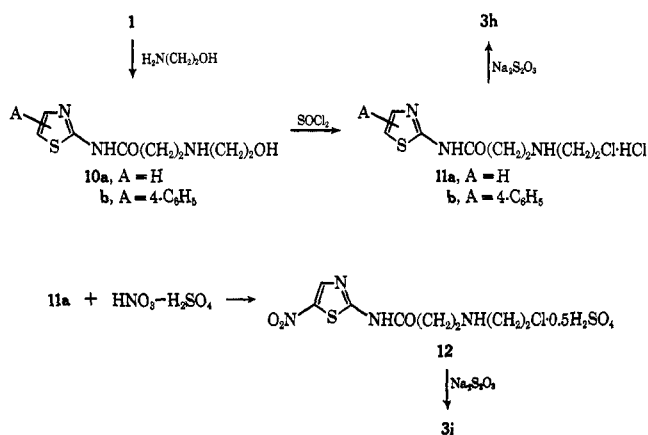
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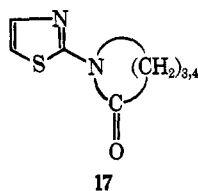
SCHEME II



SCHEME III



given to other approaches also failed to provide these analogs.



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The 1-substituted aziridines **5** prepared from the haloamides **1** proved to be very useful intermediates in this series (Scheme II). Good yields of **5** were obtained by using ethylenimine as solvent for the displacement in the presence of powdered anhyd  $K_2CO_3$ . The exothermic reaction was allowed to proceed at a temp no higher than  $40^\circ$ . Displacement of halogen under these conditions would be expected to proceed easily in the case of the chloroacetyl derivative, 2-chloro-*N*-2-thiazolylacetamide. However, displacement of unactivated halide requires special reaction conditions,<sup>11</sup> and in the present work successful reactions involving chloropropionamides and ethylenimine no doubt de-

pend on dehydrohalogenation followed by addition of ethylenimine to the substituted acrylamide. The chemical shifts in the nmr spectrum for the aziridine protons of the 1-aziridinepropionamide **5a** were found downfield about 0.3 ppm from shifts usually seen<sup>12</sup> for 1-substituted aziridines. In this manner were obtained **5b** ( $A = H$ ;  $n_1 = 1$ ), **5c** ( $A = 4-CH_3$ ;  $n_1 = 2$ ), and **5d** ( $A = 5-Br$ ;  $n_1 = 2$ ).

Reaction of the 1-substituted aziridines (**5b,c,d**) with  $(NH_4)_2S_2O_3$  in a manner first described by Klayman, *et al.*,<sup>13</sup> effectively produced the corresponding Bunte salts (**3e,f,g**) (Table I). The phosphorothioate **4** analogous to the biologically active thiosulfate **3a** was prepared from **5a** by reaction with methanolic phosphorothioic acid. The preparation of free phosphorothioic acid in MeOH has been described by Brois.<sup>14</sup> Aziridine ring opening of **5a** by thiourea in the presence of  $H_2SO_4$  gave the substituted 2-thiopseudourea **6**.

The thiol **8** and disulfide **7** corresponding to the active Bunte salt **3a** were considered important analogs because they are likely biological degradation products of **3a**. Friedman and coworkers<sup>15</sup> have demonstrated *in vivo* conversion of *S*-2-aminoethyl hydrogen thiosulfate to 2-aminoethanethiol. Preparation of pure samples of **7** and **8**, however, proved challenging. The aziridine **5a** was readily cleaved with  $H_2S$  to give a solid product either as the free base or HCl salt. Both forms were very difficult to purify by recrystallization because of rapid deterioration of the samples in solution. Presumably this thiol is especially sensitive to oxidation. The thiol **8** was successfully prepared by mixing **5a** and  $H_2S$  in abs MeOH below  $-65^\circ$ , and allowing the mixture to warm gradually to room temperature. The HCl salt prepared in *i*-PrOH was rapidly recrystallized from MeOH. Several attempts to prepare the disulfide **7** by oxidation of the thiol **8** resulted in impure products. This compound also deteriorated rapidly in polar solvents giving recrystallized material of very poor quality.

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TABLE I  
S-2-[2-(SUBSTITUTED CARBAMOYL)ALKYL]AMINO}ALKYL HYDROGEN THIOSULFATES  
ArNHCO(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>NR(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>m</sub>SSO<sub>3</sub>H

No.	Ar	n <sub>1</sub>	n <sub>2</sub>	R	Method <sup>a</sup>	Recrystn solvent	Yield, %	Mp, °C <sup>b</sup>	Formula	Analyses
3a	2-Thiazolyl	2	2	H	I	H <sub>2</sub> O	28	224–226 <sup>c</sup>	C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>13</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>3</sub> S <sub>3</sub>	C, H, N, S
3a, K salt	2-Thiazolyl	2	2	H	I	EtOH–Et <sub>2</sub> O	25	166–169	C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>12</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>3</sub> S <sub>3</sub> K	C, H, N
3b	2-Thiazolyl	2	3	H	I	H <sub>2</sub> O	60	203	C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>16</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>3</sub> S <sub>3</sub>	C, H, N
3c	2-Thiazolyl	5	2	H	I	H <sub>2</sub> O, DMF–EtOH	23	202–204	C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>19</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>3</sub> S <sub>3</sub>	C, H, N, S
3d	2-Thiazolyl	2	2	Et	I	H <sub>2</sub> O	55	185–189	C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>17</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>3</sub> S <sub>3</sub>	C, H, N
3e	2-Thiazolyl	1	2	H	II	MeOH	23	193–195	C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>11</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>3</sub> S <sub>3</sub>	C, H, N, S
3f	4-Methyl-2-thiazolyl	2	2	H	II	MeOH	28	196–197	C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>13</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>3</sub> S <sub>3</sub>	C, H, N
3g	5-Bromo-2-thiazolyl	2	2	H	II	EtOH–Et <sub>2</sub> O, MeOH	9	199–200	C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>12</sub> BrN <sub>3</sub> O <sub>3</sub> S <sub>3</sub>	C, H, N
3h	4-Phenyl-2-thiazolyl	2	2	H	III	H <sub>2</sub> O	24	199–204	C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>17</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>3</sub> S <sub>3</sub>	C, H, N
3i	5-Nitro-2-thiazolyl	2	2	H	III	H <sub>2</sub> O	17	228–230	C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>12</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>3</sub> S <sub>3</sub>	C, H, N, S
13	5-Methyl-1,3,4-thiadiazol-2-yl	2	2	H	I <sup>d</sup>	H <sub>2</sub> O, MeOH–H <sub>2</sub> O	5	209–211	C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>14</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>3</sub> S <sub>3</sub>	C, H, N
14	Phenyl	2	2	H	I <sup>d</sup>	H <sub>2</sub> O, DMF–H <sub>2</sub> O, DMF–EtOAc	16	192–199	C <sub>11</sub> H <sub>16</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>3</sub> S <sub>3</sub>	H, N; C <sup>e</sup>
15	2-Benzothiazolyl	2	2	H	I <sup>d</sup>	H <sub>2</sub> O, DMF–EtOH	50	231–232	C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>13</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>3</sub> S <sub>3</sub>	C, H, N; S <sup>f</sup>
16	6-Methoxy-8-quinolyl	2	2	H	I <sup>d</sup>	DMF–EtOH	28	219–220	C <sub>13</sub> H <sub>19</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>3</sub> S <sub>3</sub>	C, H, N, S

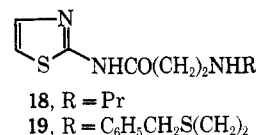
<sup>a</sup> Schemes I, II, and III. <sup>b</sup> Decompn points. <sup>c</sup> Repeated recrystn gave mp 232° dec. <sup>d</sup> N-Aryl-3-chloropropionamides substituted for structure I. <sup>e</sup> C: calcd, 43.40; found 43.94. <sup>f</sup> S: calcd, 26.61; found, 25.72.

Even though **7** as the free base appeared relatively stable in weakly polar solvents, a pure sample was prepared only by using very mild conditions for the ring-opening reaction and the oxidation with H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>. The related thiazolidine **9** prepared from thiol **8** by treatment with sodium formaldehyde bisulfite was stable and easily purified by recrystallization.

The versatile 3-chloropropionamides **1** of 2-aminothiazole and substituted 2-aminothiazoles are intermediates which led to analogs of **3a** by yet another route (Scheme III). Alkylation of 2-aminoethanol with the appropriate 3-chloropropionamides **1** afforded the N-substituted 2-aminoethanols **10a,b**, which were treated with SOCl<sub>2</sub> to give the corresponding N-substituted 2-chloroethylamines **11a,b**. Displacement<sup>16</sup> of chloride by thiosulfate yielded the corresponding Bunte salt **3h** from **11b**.

3-[(2-Chloroethyl)amino]-N-2-thiazolylpropionamide·HCl (**11a**) was used to prepare the 5-nitrothiazole analog of **3a**. The NO<sub>2</sub> compound was considered to be a very important analog because of the requirement of the NO<sub>2</sub> group for biological activity in the niridazole series. Nitration of **11a** gave 3-[(2-chloroethyl)amino]-N-(5-nitro-2-thiazolyl)propionamide hemisulfate (**12**), which in turn was converted to the thiosulfate ester **3i** (Table I) by reaction with Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>. Insertion of the NO<sub>2</sub> group at this late stage in the synthesis proved to be most convenient because of the instability of certain of the nitrothiazole intermediates.

3-Chloro-N-2-thiazolylpropionamide (**1**) was used additionally to alkylate propylamine and 2-(benzylthio)ethylamine, giving **18** and **19**, in order to explore the effects of other structural variations on biological activity.



S-2-[2-(2-Thiazolylcarbonyl)ethyl]amino}ethyl hydrogen thiosulfate (**3a**) and related derivatives described in this communication were supplied to Dr. Paul E. Thompson and coworkers of these laboratories for evaluation against a Puerto Rican strain of *S. mansoni* in mice.<sup>17</sup> As in previous work, drugs were administered in a powdered diet for 7 or 14 days or by gavage in 10 ml/kg per day of aqueous 1% hydroxyethyl- or carboxymethylcellulose for 3 to 10 days. At drug-diet doses of 338 mg/kg per day and greater for 14 days the internal Bunte salt **3a** was well tolerated and left only an occasional live worm (96% reduction in live worm burden). Treatment by gavage in doses of 400 mg/kg per day for 5 days resulted in only a 29% reduction in the worm burden.

The activity in this series proved to be extremely structure specific. Thus substitution in the thiazole ring (**3f–3h**) provided compounds devoid of schistosomicidal activity at doses of 154–243 mg/kg per day for 14 days, except for the 5-nitro derivative **3i** which in mice was approximately 0.5 as active as **3a** (63% reduction

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in live worm burden at 354 mg/kg per day for 14 days). This observation is in striking contrast to the results with niridazole wherein the NO<sub>2</sub> group is essential to activity.

Replacement of the thiazole ring with other heterocycles (13, 15, 16) or Ph (14) also provided inactive compounds. Homologs 3b,c,e and the *N*-Et derivative 3d were also devoid of activity.

Modification of the S-covering function with the thiazolidine ring (9), the 2-thiopseudourea (6), and a thioether (19) likewise resulted in complete loss of activity. The thiol 8 and disulfide 7, however, were essentially as effective as 3a when administered to mice. Thiol 8 in the diet caused 76% reduction in live worm burden at 296 mg/kg per day for 14 days, and by gavage it was more active than 3a, giving 90% reduction at 400 mg/kg per day for 5 days. The disulfide 7 caused 92% reduction at 400 mg/kg per day by gavage for 5 days. Surprisingly the phosphorothioate 4 with its labile S-P bond retained only minimal activity resulting in 22% of worm reduction when administered in the diet at 345 mg/kg per day for 14 days.

In an effort to improve absorption of the drug, 3a was examined as its K and Na salts. The K salt of 3a administered by gavage for 5 days at 400 mg/kg per day in mice reduced the worm burden 60%. Furthermore, gavage administration of 3a in sufficient aq Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> to form the Na salt and to temporarily buffer the stomach of the mice, at 800 mg/kg per day for 10 days was curative (100% reduction in live worm burden) and for 5 days reduced the worm burden 98%.

Compound 3a was also examined against the Puerto Rican strain of *S. mansoni* in Rhesus monkeys. At 400 mg/kg per day for 5 days 3a strongly suppressed egg production but was not curative. When the drug was solubilized in aq Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> containing sufficient Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> to buffer the stomach, 400 mg/kg per day for 5 or 10 days was curative but caused diarrhea in the monkeys. The disulfide 7 given as a suspension in 1% hydroxyethylcellulose without any buffer was curative in the monkey when administered at 400 mg/kg per day for 5 days.

Thus, S-2-[2-(2-thiazolylcarbamoylethyl)amino]-ethyl hydrogen thiosulfate is a potent schistosomicide of unique structure, and the benign nature of its known side effects encourages clinical evaluation in man.

## Experimental Section<sup>18,19</sup>

**S-2-[2-(2-Thiazolylcarbamoylethyl)amino]ethyl Hydrogen Thiosulfate (3a).**—A refluxing mixt containing 54 g (0.30 mole) of sodium S-2-aminoethyl thiosulfate<sup>16</sup> (2), 1 g of KI, and 300 ml of abs EtOH was treated in portions over about 3 hr with 30 g (0.16 mole) of 3-chloro-*N*-2-thiazolylpropionamide<sup>20</sup> (1). The mixt was heated under reflux for 2 days, neutralized to pH 7 with glacial AcOH, and coned nearly to dryness under vacuum. A slurry of the residue in H<sub>2</sub>O was filtered and the water-insol solid was washed with Et<sub>2</sub>O and dried to give 24.5 g of crude material, mp 196–200°. Three recrystns from H<sub>2</sub>O resulted in 13.7 g (28%) of 3a: mp 224–226° dec;<sup>21</sup> pK<sub>a</sub>' = 8, >11.5 (67% aq

DMF); solubility in mg/ml (pH), 29.5 (0.3), 11.9 (0.5), 4.3 (1.1), 1.54 (2.0), 1.31 (4.3), 1.34 (5.9), 1.51 (6.9), 2.12 (7.6), 4.7 (8.3), 21.7 (8.8), 39.0 (9.2), 149 (9.5).

**Potassium S-2-[2-(2-Thiazolylcarbamoylethyl)amino]ethyl Thiosulfate.**—A suspension of 15.6 g (0.50 mole) of 3a in 200 ml of H<sub>2</sub>O was treated with 50.5 ml of 0.99 *N* KOH. The Bunte salt was solubilized by stirring the mixt for 2 hr at room temp. The solvent was removed under vacuum and the dry residue was washed with Me<sub>2</sub>CO and dried giving 10.8 g of solid, mp 165–170° dec. Pptn from EtOH–Et<sub>2</sub>O resulted in 4.4 g (25%) of the K salt of 3a, mp 166–169° dec.

***N*-2-Thiazolyl-1-aziridinepropionamide (5a).**—To a mixt of 36.2 g (0.26 mole) of powdered anhyd K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> and 500 ml of ethylenimine cooled in an ice bath was added 50 g (0.26 mole) of 3-chloro-*N*-2-thiazolylpropionamide (1). The cooling bath was removed until the reaction temp had risen spontaneously to 30°. After 10 min at 25–30°, the mixt was coned, and the solid residue was extd 3 times with boiling Me<sub>2</sub>CO and 2 times with boiling C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub>. The combined exts were filtered through Celite, and the filtrate was coned to 500–600 ml and chilled. The crude solid was recrystd from Me<sub>2</sub>CO to give 38 g (74%) of 5a: mp 145–147.5°; ir (KBr) 1673 cm<sup>-1</sup> (C=O); nmr (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 2.67 (m, 4, CO(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>N), 1.83 and 1.24 ppm (2 m, 4, N(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>). Anal. (C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>11</sub>N<sub>3</sub>OS) C, H, N.

**S-2-[2-(2-Thiazolylcarbamoylethyl)amino]ethyl Dihydrogen Phosphorothioate (4).**—A soln of 5.0 g (0.025 mole) of 5a in 400 ml of MeOH was cooled to -40° and added slowly with stirring to 30 ml of ca. 0.8 *M* methanolic H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>3</sub><sup>14</sup> which had been dild with 100 ml of MeOH and cooled to -40°. The temp had increased to -5° by the end of the addn. The mixt was filtered giving 0.4 g of solid. The filtrate immediately became cloudy and it was refiltered through Celite. This filtrate was allowed to stand at room temp for 0.5 hr before being refiltered to give 1.8 g of white solid, mp 130–135° dec. The resulting filtrate was allowed to stand for an addnl 0.5 hr giving 1.1 g of 4, mp 130–135°. Anal. (C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>PS<sub>2</sub>) Calcd: C, 30.86; H, 4.53; N, 13.50. Found: C, 30.38; H, 4.82; N, 12.46.

**2-[2-(2-Thiazolylcarbamoylethyl)amino]ethyl-2-thiopseudourea Sulfate (6).**—To a soln of 3.0 g (0.015 mole) of *N*-2-thiazolyl-1-aziridinepropionamide and 1.1 g (0.015 mole) of thiourea in 40 ml of MeOH at 0–5° was added dropwise a soln of 0.8 ml of coned H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> in 10 ml of MeOH. The white ppt which sepd was filtered and dried to give 4.7 g of crude product, mp 160–170° dec. The solid was very sparingly sol and resisted attempts to recryst it. After washing the solid with hot DMF followed by hot EtOH, and then Et<sub>2</sub>O there remained 1.6 g (30%) of 6, mp 166–168°. Anal. (C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N<sub>3</sub>OS<sub>2</sub>·H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) C, H, N; S: calcd, 25.90; found, 24.95.

**3-[(2-Mercaptoethyl)amino]-*N*-2-thiazolylpropionamide·HCl (8).**—To a mixt of 5.0 g (0.025 mole) of 5a and 20 ml of abs EtOH cooled in a Dry Ice–Me<sub>2</sub>CO bath was added a soln of approx 2.5 g of H<sub>2</sub>S in 30 ml of abs EtOH cooled to -65°. The reaction mixt was allowed to warm to room temp, kept at that temp for 3 hr, and then evapd under reduced pressure below 25° to give a solid residue of 3-[(2-mercaptoethyl)amino]-*N*-2-thiazolylpropionamide. This was dissolved in *i*-PrOH, treated with 6.2 ml of a soln of HCl in *i*-PrOH (4 *N*), and the solid that pptd was isolated and purified by crystn twice from 250 ml of MeOH giving 2.5 g (37%) of 8, mp 200–201° dec. Anal. (C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N<sub>3</sub>OS<sub>2</sub>·HCl) C, H, N; SH: calcd, 12.35; found, 11.54.

**3,3'-[Dithiobis(ethyleneimino)]bis(*N*-2-thiazolylpropionamide) (7).**—To a mixt of 10 g (0.048 mole) of 5a and 50 ml of anhyd MeOH cooled in a Dry Ice–Me<sub>2</sub>CO bath was added a soln of approx 5 g of H<sub>2</sub>S in 100 ml of MeOH cooled to -45°. The mixt was allowed to warm to room temp and filtered to remove any insol material. The filtrate was coned under reduced pressure for 15 min without external heating, and the conc was filtered by gravity to remove the pptd solid. To the clear filtrate was added 2.5 ml of 30% H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, and the resulting mixt was kept undisturbed at room temp for 30 min. After decantation, the cryst product was collected, washed with MeOH, and dried under reduced pressure over P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> to give 3.2 g (29%) of 7, mp 67–75°. Anal. (C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>24</sub>N<sub>6</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S<sub>4</sub>) C, H, N, S.

***N*-2-Thiazolyl-3-thiazolidinepropionamide (9).**—The thiol 8 as the free base was prepd from 9.8 g (0.05 mole) of 5a. To a soln of 8 in 50 ml of MeOH was added a slurry of 67 g (0.5 mole) of sodium formaldehyde bisulfite in 50 ml of H<sub>2</sub>O. The mixt

slightly exothermic reaction had subsided the mixt was heated for 2 hr at 50°, giving 75% of 9a, mp 225° dec, or 53% of 9a, mp 229–230° dec.

(18) Melting points were determined using a Thomas-Hoover melting point apparatus and are uncorrected.

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was heated under reflux for 3 hr and then concd to dryness under vacuum. A soln of the residue in 600 ml of H<sub>2</sub>O was extd with two 300-ml portions of EtOAc. The combined exts were dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>) and concd to give 5.4 g of solid residue which was recrystd from a mixt of 80 ml of EtOAc and 80 ml of 2,2,3-trimethylpentane to give 3.8 g (31%) of **9**: mp 132.5–135° (softened at 119° and then resolidified before melting); nmr (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  4.08 ppm (s, 2, NCH<sub>2</sub>S). *Anal.* (C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N<sub>3</sub>OS<sub>2</sub>) C, H, N, S.

**3-Chloro-N-2-(substituted thiazolyl)propionamides (1) (Method, Ref 20).** **3-Chloropropionanilide.**<sup>22</sup>—3-Chloro-N-(6-methoxy-8-quinolyl)propionamide, mp 101–103° (lit.<sup>23</sup> mp 104°). 3-Chloro-N-(4-methyl-2-thiazolyl)propionamide was obtained in 35% crude yield using 0.88 mole of 2-amino-4-methylthiazole; the recrystd (EtOH) material melted at 147.5–151.5°. *Anal.* (C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>9</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>OS) C, H, N. N-(5-Bromo-2-thiazolyl)-3-chloropropionamide was obtained in 44% crude yield from 0.1 mole of amine; the recrystd (EtOH) material melted at 223–225° dec. *Anal.* (C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub>BrClN<sub>2</sub>OS) C, H, N. 3-Chloro-N-(4-phenyl-2-thiazolyl)propionamide was obtained in 43% yield using 0.4 mole of amine, mp 165–168°. *Anal.* (C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>11</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>OS) C, H, N. 3-Chloro-N-(5-methyl-1,3,4-thiadiazol-2-yl)propionamide was obtained in 75% yield using 0.1 mole of amine, mp 195–196°. *Anal.* (C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>ClN<sub>3</sub>OS) C, H, N. Crude 6-chloro-N-2-thiazolylhexanamide, mp 120–123°, and N-2-benzothiazolyl-3-chloropropionamide, mp 182–184°, were used.

**2-[(1-Aziridinyl)acylamino]thiazole (5) (Method, See 5a).**—N-2-Thiazolyl-1-aziridineacetamide (**5b**) was obtained in 48% yield from 17.7 g (0.1 mole) of 2-chloro-N-2-thiazolylacetamide;<sup>24</sup> mp 147–150°. *Anal.* (C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>9</sub>N<sub>3</sub>OS) C, H, N. N-(4-Methyl-2-thiazolyl)-1-aziridinepropionamide (**5c**) was obtained in 78% yield from 10.2 g (0.05 mole) of 3-chloro-N-(4-methyl-2-thiazolyl)propionamide, mp 140–143°. *Anal.* (C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N<sub>3</sub>OS) C, H, N. N-(5-Bromo-2-thiazolyl)-1-aziridinepropionamide (**5d**) was obtained in 38% yield using 10.8 g (0.04 mole) of N-(5-bromo-2-thiazolyl)-3-chloropropionamide, mp 149–156°. *Anal.* (C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>10</sub>BrN<sub>3</sub>OS) C, H, N.

**3-[(2-Hydroxyethyl)amino]-N-2-thiazolylpropionamide (10a).**—A mixt of 38 g (0.20 mole) of 3-chloro-N-2-thiazolylpropionamide (**1**) and 160 ml of 2-aminoethanol was stirred at 50–60° for 4 hr. The chilled mixt was filtered and the solid was recrystd from *i*-PrOH to give 19.6 g (45%) of **10a**, mp 139–142°. The ir, nmr, and uv spectra were as expected. *Anal.* (C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S) C, H, N.

**3-[(2-Chloroethyl)amino]-N-2-thiazolylpropionamide·HCl (11a).**—To 250 ml of cold (0–10°) SOCl<sub>2</sub> was added slowly 25 g (0.12 mole) of **10a**. The mixt was stirred at 25° for 18 hr and then at 50–60° for 1 hr. Concn and two recrystns of the residue from EtOH gave 15 g (48%) of **11a**, mp 222–224°. *Anal.* (C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>12</sub>ClN<sub>3</sub>OS·HCl) C, H, N.

**3-[(2-Chloroethyl)amino]-N-(5-nitro-2-thiazolyl)propionamide**

**Hemisulfate (12).**—Solid **11a** (15 g, 0.55 mole) was added portionwise with stirring at –10 to 0° to 45 ml of concd H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The mixt was allowed to warm to 15° whereupon soln of the solid was effected. Red fuming HNO<sub>3</sub> (3 ml) was then added dropwise with vigorous stirring while maintaining the temp below 5°. The clear amber soln was allowed to warm to 25° under ambient conditions and was slowly heated to 55° and maintained at 50–60° for 3 hr. The cooled soln was poured onto 200 g of ice, and the resulting finely divided solid was sepd and washed with a small portion of cold H<sub>2</sub>O. A soln of 22 g (two-thirds of crude solid) in hot H<sub>2</sub>O was treated with charcoal and chilled to give 9.8 g (50%) of glistening pale yellow crystals, mp 165–167°. A 3-g portion was recrystd from 65 ml of H<sub>2</sub>O giving 1.9 g of **12**, mp 170–172°. The uv spectrum was as expected. *Anal.* (C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>11</sub>ClN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>5</sub>S·0.5H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) C, H, Cl, N.

**3-[(2-Hydroxyethyl)amino]-N-(4-phenyl-2-thiazolyl)propionamide (10b).**—Reaction of 8 g (0.03 mole) of 3-chloro-N-(4-phenyl-2-thiazolyl)propionamide (**1**) with 2-aminoethanol as in the prepn of **10a**, gave a 49% yield of **10b** after recrystn from C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub>, mp 131–135°. *Anal.* (C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S) C, H, N.

**S-2-[(2-[(4-Phenyl-2-thiazolyl)carbamoyl]ethyl)amino]ethyl Hydrogen Thiosulfate (3h).**—A 1.5-g lot of **3h** was obtained by reaction<sup>9</sup> in 125 ml of 80% aq EtOH of 6.5 g of Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>·5H<sub>2</sub>O with 5.5 g (0.16 mole) of crude 3-[(2-chloroethyl)amino]-N-(4-phenyl-2-thiazolyl)propionamide·HCl (**11b**) (2.9 g of **10b** and 1.2 g of SOCl<sub>2</sub> in 50 ml of DMF gave 1 g of **11b**, mp 207–210°).

**3-[(2-Benzylthio)ethyl]amino]-N-2-thiazolylpropionamide·HCl (19).**—A mixt contg 9.5 g (0.05 mole) of 3-chloro-N-2-thiazolylpropionamide (**1**) and 16.7 g (0.1 mole) of 2-(benzylthio)ethylamine<sup>25</sup> in 500 ml of MeOH was heated under reflux for 4 hr and was then concd to dryness. The residue was washed with H<sub>2</sub>O and twice recrystd from *i*-PrOH to give 2.4 g (13%) of the secondary amine·HCl, mp 181–184°. *Anal.* (C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>3</sub>OS<sub>2</sub>·HCl·0.67H<sub>2</sub>O) C, H, Cl, N, H<sub>2</sub>O.

**3-(Propylamino)-N-2-thiazolylpropionamide·HCl (18).**—A mixt of 20 g (0.11 mole) of 3-chloro-N-2-thiazolylpropionamide (**1**) in ca. 100 ml of PrNH<sub>2</sub> was heated under reflux for 3 hr. The excess PrNH<sub>2</sub> was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was recrystd from H<sub>2</sub>O–Me<sub>2</sub>CO to give 13 g (50%) of the secondary amine·HCl, mp 233–235°. *Anal.* (C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>3</sub>OS·HCl) C, H, N.

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