mmol) of 20 in 300 mL of  $H_2O$  and 60 mL of 10% aqueous NaOH was added 216 mg (5.6 mmol) of NaBH<sub>4</sub>. The resulting slurry was stirred for 18 h as a light yellow solution gradually developed. The product was precipitated by the slow addition of 10% aqueous HCl to pH 2.0. The crystals were collected, washed with  $H_2O$ , and dried to give 1.8 g (88%) of product: mp 179–181 °C (acetone/*i*-PrOH); IR (KBr) 2.90 (broad NH and OH), 5.76 and 5.87 (CO), 6.68, 7.16, 7.46, 9.01, 9.16, 11.50  $\mu$ m; mass spectrum, m/e 363. Anal. ( $C_{16}H_{11}Cl_2N_3O_3\cdot 0.25H_2O$ ) C, H, N.

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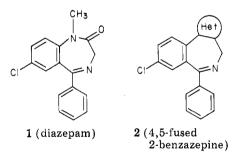
## 2-Benzazepines. 2.<sup>1,2</sup> Thiazolo[5,4-d][2]benzazepines

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As part of a program in the area of annelated 2-benzazepines, several thiazolo[5,4-d][2]benzazepines were prepared. Treatment of the bromo ketones 7–9 with various thio amides gave the thiazoles 10–15, which when treated with methylamine gave the title compounds. The preliminary pharmacology of these compounds showed that they had central nervous system activity similar to the 1,4-benzodiazepines, such as diazepam. The thiazolo[5,4-d][2]benzazepines were also found to bind to the benzodiazepine-receptor complex, indicating that their pharmacological actions are probably related to the 1,4-benzodiazepines.

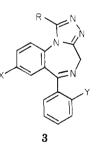
Although an extensive amount of work has been done in the area of 1,4-benzodiazepines, such as diazepam (1), especially in regards to their use as anxiolytic agents,<sup>3</sup> very little information exists on the chemistry and/or pharmacology of the corresponding 1-carbon isoteres, the 2benzazepines, especially 4,5-heterocyclic-fused compounds,  $2.^4$ 



A further impetus toward preparing compounds of general structure 2 was provided by the triazolo-1,4benzodiazepines, 3, discovered by Upjohn.<sup>5</sup> These triazolo-1,4-benzodiazepines, depending on the substituents, have pharmacological profiles ranging from anxiolytics to hypnotics.

One generalization about the activity of the 1,4-benzodiazepines is that along with anxiolytic properties, there is always various degrees of sedation, muscle relaxation, and anticonvulsant, ataxia, and ethanol potentiating ef-

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fects. Therefore, a program in the area of 4,5-heterocyclo-2-benzazepines was undertaken in an attempt to prepare compounds that might show anxiolytic activity with possibly a different profile than the 1,4-benzodiazepines.

The following is an account of the synthesis and pharmacological activity of novel thiazolo[5,4-d][2] benzazepines.

**Chemistry.** The starting materials for the preparation of thiazolo[5,4-d][2]benzazepines were the acetylenic compounds 1-3 described by Trybulski et al.<sup>2</sup> Hydration of 1-3 with formic acid/water in the presence of mercuric sulfate gave the ketones 4-6. Bromination of 4-6 with cupric bromide yielded the bromo ketones 7-9, which condensed readily with thiourea or thioacetamide to give the thiazoles 10-15. Removal of the phthaloyl group by treatment of 10-15 with methylamine gave the thiazolo-[5,4-d][2]benzazepines 16-21; see Scheme I. The melting points and yields for compounds 4-21 are listed in Tables I-III.

A less efficient synthesis of compound 17 started with the alcohol 22 and is outlined in Scheme II. Oxidation of 22 with pyridinium chlorochromate gave the aldehyde 23, which was further oxidized by the method of Corey et al.<sup>6</sup> and gave the methyl ester 24. Condensation of 24 with the anion of acetonitrile gave the keto nitrile 25. Treatment of 25 with cupric bromide gave the bromo ketone 26, which, without purification, was condensed with thiourea to give the thiazole 27. Treatment of 27 with acetic an-

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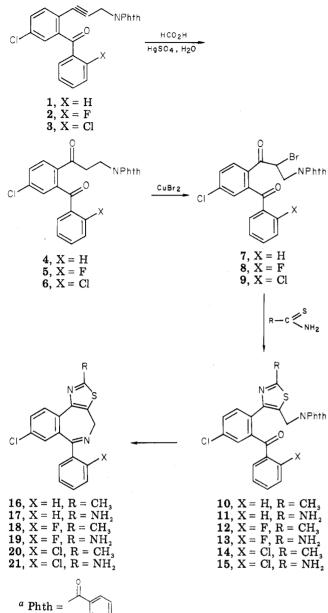


Table I. Phthalimido Ketones 4-6 and the Corresponding Bromo Ketones 7-9

compd	formula <sup><i>a</i></sup>	mp, °C	yield, %
4	C <sub>24</sub> H <sub>16</sub> ClNO <sub>4</sub>	156-157	65 <sup>b</sup>
5	C <sub>24</sub> H <sub>15</sub> ClFNO <sub>4</sub>	154 - 156	87
6	$C_{24}H_{15}Cl_2NO_4$	133 - 134	92
7	C <sub>24</sub> H <sub>15</sub> BrClNO <sub>4</sub>	136-138	57
8	$C_{24}H_{14}BrClFNO_4$	125 - 128	58
9	$C_{24}H_{14}BrCl_2NO_4$	178 - 179	79

<sup>a</sup> C, H, N analyses were within  $\pm 0.4\%$  of the theoretical values. <sup>b</sup> Reference 2.

Table II. Thiazolo Ketones	10-15
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compd	formula <sup><i>a</i></sup>	mp, °C	yield, %
10	C <sub>26</sub> H <sub>17</sub> ClN <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> S	214-216	95
11	$C_{25}H_{16}CIN_{3}O_{3}S$	253 - 255	78
12	C <sub>26</sub> H <sub>16</sub> ClFN <sub>2</sub> Õ <sub>3</sub> S	228-230	99
13	C <sub>25</sub> H <sub>15</sub> ClFN <sub>3</sub> O <sub>3</sub> S	246 - 248	93
14	$C_{26}H_{16}Cl_2N_2O_3S$	238 - 240	98
15	$C_{25}H_{15}Cl_2N_3O_3S^b$	238-240	100

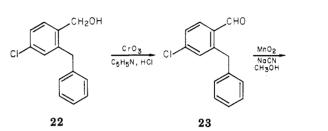
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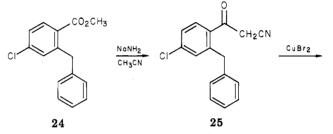
Table III. Thiazolo [5,4-d] [2] benzazepines 16-21

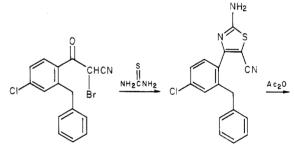
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formula <sup><i>a</i></sup>	mp, °C	yield, %
C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>13</sub> ClN <sub>2</sub> S	128-130	65
$C_{17}H_{12}CIN_{3}S$	244 - 246	53
$C_{18}H_{12}CIFN_{2}S$	147-149	22
	248 - 250	27
	162-161	78
$C_{17}H_{11}Cl_2N_3S$	255 - 257	47
	C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>13</sub> ClN <sub>2</sub> S C <sub>17</sub> H <sub>12</sub> ClN <sub>3</sub> S C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>12</sub> ClFN <sub>2</sub> S C <sub>19</sub> H <sub>11</sub> ClFN <sub>3</sub> S C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>12</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> N <sub>2</sub> S	$\begin{array}{cccc} C_{18}H_{13}ClN_2S & 128-130\\ C_{17}H_{12}ClN_3S & 244-246\\ C_{18}H_{12}ClFN_2S & 147-149\\ C_{17}H_{11}ClFN_3S & 248-250\\ C_{18}H_{12}Cl_2N_2S & 162-161 \end{array}$

<sup>a</sup> See footnote a, Table I.

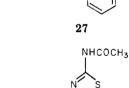
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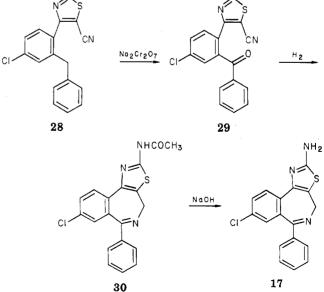












hydride gave 28, which was oxidized to the ketone 29. Hydrogenation of 29 with Raney nickel as catalyst gave

Table IV. Pharmacological Activity of Compounds 16-21

compd	antimetrazole: <sup>a</sup> ED <sub>50</sub> , mg/kg po	[ <sup>3</sup> H]diazepam binding: <sup>b</sup> IC <sub>50</sub> , nm
16	63 (43-92)	32
17	7.4(4-11)	10.5
18	30 (21-43)	7.8
19	7.7(5.5-10.4)	2.8
20	50 (31-140)	4.1
21	9.3 (2.3-33)	1.6
diazepam	1.0	5.0

<sup>a</sup> The test compound, dispersed in 5% acacia, was administered to three male CF-1 per dose level. One hour later, metrazole (70 mg/kg) was administered iv. The dose at which 50% of the animals are protected from convulsive seizures is expressed as the  $ED_{so}$ . <sup>b</sup> Interaction in vitro at benzodiazepine receptors was evaluated with [<sup>3</sup>H]diazepam in the binding assay according to the procedure of Möhler, H.; Okada, T. Life Sci. 1977, 20, 2101.

directly the cyclized 2-benzazepine **30**. Basic hydrolysis of **30** gave the amine **17**, identical with the product prepared by the method of Scheme I.

Pharmacology. The thiazole-2-benzazepines 16-21 were evaluated in both the [<sup>3</sup>H]diazepam binding assay and in the antimetrazole test (prevention of metrazoleinduced convulsions). These results are shown in Table IV, along with the comparative data for diazepam. The three amino compounds 17, 19, and 21 were all more active than the corresponding methyl compounds 16, 18, and 20 in the antimetrazole test. This trend of the amino compounds being more potent than the corresponding methyl compounds was also evident in the [3H]diazepam binding assays. In general, the thiazolo-2-benzazepines were less active than other heterocyclic-fused 2-benzazepines.<sup>7</sup> The introduction of a 2'-halogen substituent did not markedly improve the antimetrazole activity (compare 16, 18, 20 and 17, 19, 21). This is in contrast to the 1,4-benzodiazepines in which a rank order of activity for 2'-substituents is F > Cl > H. Compound 17 was evaluated in a few secondary screens and gave the following profile: foot shock, inactive; inclined screen, inactive; rotorod  $ED_{50} = 28 \text{ mg/kg}; LD_{50}$ > 1000 mg/kg. The corresponding values for diazepam were: foot shock, 10 mg/kg; inclined screen, 25 mg/kg; rotorod  $ED_{50} = 3.2 \text{ mg/kg}$ ;  $LD_{50} > 1000 \text{ mg/kg}$ . These data would indicate that compound 17 should have less muscle relaxation and ataxic properties than diazepam. In conclusion, 1,4-benzodiazepine-type activity has been demonstrated for thiazolo-2-benzazepines. The 2-methyl compounds 16, 18, and 20 were considered too weak in the antimetrazole test to be considered for further development, and the potential for mutagenicity with the 2-amino compounds 17, 19, 21 precluded their further development. The acetylated compound 30 had an antimetrazole value of  $ED_{50} = 15 \text{ mg/kg} (11-20 \text{ mg/kg})$ , which was weaker than the corresponding amine 17. The amides of the other two amines 19 and 21 were not prepared.

## **Experimental Section**

Melting points were determined in open capillary tubes and are corrected. Infrared spectra were determined on a Beckmann IR-9 or a Perkin-Elmer 621 grating spectrometer; mass spectra were determined on a CEC-21-100 instrument; and nuclear magnetic resonance spectra were performed on either a Varian A-60 or HA-100 spectrometer, with tetramethylsilane as an internal standard. Generally, only the main spectral peaks are reported, although all spectral data were consistent with the assigned structures. Merck silica gel 60, 70–230 mesh, was used for all column chromatography separations. Either anhydrous sodium sulfate or magnesium sulfate was used for drying of organic solutions.

2-[3-[4-Chloro-2-(2-fluorobenzoyl)phenyl]-3-oxopropyl]-1*H*-isoindole-1,3(2*H*)-dione (5). A stirred suspension of 1 g (0.01 mol) of mercuric sulfate in 55 mL of formic acid, 5 mL of H<sub>2</sub>O, and 50 mL of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> was treated at room temperature over 5 min with 20.9 g (0.05 mol) of 2. After stirring for 40 min, the mixture was poured into 250 mL of ice-water and extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, and the extract was dried and evaporated in vacuo. Crystallization of the residue from 50 mL of 10% AcOEt in ether gave 19 g (87%) of light tan solid. Recrystallization of a sample from 2:1 CH<sub>3</sub>OH/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> solution gave white crystals: mp 154-156 °C; IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 1776, 1718, 1687, 1675 cm<sup>-1</sup>; NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  3.29 (2 H, t, J = 16 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.96 (2 H, t, J = 12 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>), 6.9-7.95 (11 H, m, aromatic).

By the same procedure, compounds 4 and 6 were prepared from 1 and 3, respectively.

**2-[3-(2-Benzoyl-4-chlorophenyl)-2-bromo-3-oxopropyl]**-**1H-isoindole-1,3(2H)-dione (7).** A stirred mixture of 36 g (0.086 mol) of 4, 36 g (0.161 mol) of cupric bromide, 888 mL of THF, 48 mL of AcOEt, and 48 mL of CHCl<sub>3</sub> was refluxed for 30 min, cooled, diluted with about 800 mL of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, and filtered. The green filtrate was washed with H<sub>2</sub>O, dried, and concentrated at reduced pressure to give a yellow gum, which crystallized from ether to give 24.2 g (57%) of off-white crystals. Recrystallization of a sample from a 2:1 mixture of EtOH and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> gave white crystals: mp 136-138 °C; UV max 219 nm ( $\epsilon$  58 100), 240 (sh, 22000), 255/7 (16600), 295 (sh, 5300); IR (KBr) 1775, 1718, 1708, 1685 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

By the same procedure, compounds 8 and 9 were prepared from 5 and 6, respectively.

2-[[4-(2-Benzoyl-4-chlorophenyl)-2-methyl-5-thiazolyl]methyl]-1*H*-isoindole-1,3(2*H*)-dione (10). A mixture of 7.5 g (0.015 mol) of 7, 2.25 g (0.03 mol) of thioacetamide, and 105 mL of 10% sulfur dioxide in DMF was heated on a steam bath under a drying tube for 1 h. The reddish-orange solution was poured over ice, and the resulting reddish-brown solid was collected by filtration, washed with H<sub>2</sub>O, and air-dried to give 6.7 g (95%) of 10. Recrystallization of a sample from EtOH/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> gave offwhite needles: mp 214-216 °C; IR (KBr) 1771, 1711, 1671, 1615 cm<sup>-1</sup>; NMR (Me<sub>2</sub>SO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  2.26 (3 H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.93 (2 H, s, CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.20-7.88 (12 H, m, aromatics).

By the same procedure, compounds 12 and 14 were prepared from 8 and 9, respectively.

2-[[2-Amino-4-(2-benzoyl-4-chlorophenyl)-5-thiazolyl]methyl]-1*H*-isoindole-1,3(2*H*)-dione (11). A stirred solution of 10 g (0.02 mol) of 7 and 2 g (0.026 mol) of thiourea in 60 mL of EtOH, protected by a drying tube, was refluxed for 1 h. The yellow solution was poured over ice and diluted with H<sub>2</sub>O. The pale yellow solid was collected by filtration, washed with H<sub>2</sub>O, and air-dried on the funnel to give 7.4 g (78%) of product. Recrystallization of a sample from CH<sub>3</sub>OH/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> gave pale yellow crystals: mp 253-255 °C; IR (KBr) 3425, 1775, 1713, 1658, 1620 cm<sup>-1</sup>; NMR (Me<sub>2</sub>SO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  4.68 (2 H, s, CH<sub>2</sub>), 6.73 (2 H, s, NH<sub>2</sub>), 7.05-7.87 (12 H, m, aromatics).

By the same procedure, compounds 13 and 15 were prepared from 8 and 9, respectively.

8-Chloro-2-methyl-6-phenyl-4*H*-thiazolo[5,4-*d*][2]benzazepine (16). A mixture of 6.7 g (0.014 mol) of compound 10, 56 mL of 40% aqueous CH<sub>3</sub>NH<sub>2</sub>, and 80 mL of EtOH was stirred at room temperature for 2 h. The dark solution was evaporated in vacuo, and the residue was partitioned between CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>O. The organic phase was dried and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was stirred with boiling ether, cooled, and filtered. Evaporation of the filtrate gave a dark gum, which was filtered over silica gel with a solution of 2% AcOEt in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, followed by 5% AcOEt in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. Evaporation of the latter fractions gave 4.4 g of dark oil, which crystallized on standing. Recrystallization from ether/petroleum ether gave 3 g (65%) of tan crystals. A second recrystallization of a sample gave off-white prisms: mp 128-130 °C; IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 1610, 1701 cm<sup>-1</sup>; NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  2.72 (3 H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.47 (2 H, s, CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.30-8.07 (8 H, m, aromatic).

By the same procedure, compounds 18 and 20 were prepared from 12 and 14, respectively.

8-Chloro-6-phenyl-4*H*-thiazolo[5,4-*d*][2]benzazepin-2amine (17). A mixture of 6 g (0.0127 mol) of compound 11, 120

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mL of 40% aqueous CH<sub>3</sub>NH<sub>2</sub>, and 180 mL of EtOH was stirred at room temperature for 1.5 h. Evaporation in vacuo gave a gum, which crystallized from a small amount of CH<sub>3</sub>OH to give 2.2 g (53%) of tan crystals. Recrystallization of a sample from EtOH/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> gave pale yellow prisms: mp 244-246 °C dec; MS, m/e 325 (M<sup>+</sup>), 297, 290, 266.

By the same procedure compounds 19 and 21 were prepared from 13 and 15, respectively.

**2-Benzyl-4-chlorobenzaldehyde (23).** To a solution of 99.4 g (0.43 mol) of  $22^8$  in 1 L of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> was added 276 g (1.28 mol) of pyridinium chlorochromate. After stirring for 1 h at room temperature, the mixture was diluted with 3 L of a 1:1 mixture of Et<sub>2</sub>O and petroleum ether (bp 30–60 °C). The inorganic solids were removed by filtration, and the filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure to give 90.5 g (91%) of 23 as an oil, which was used without further purification.

Methyl 2-Benzyl-4-chlorobenzoate (24). A solution of 5.51 g (0.11 mol) of NaCN in 550 mL of CH<sub>3</sub>OH was added to 5.2 g (0.023 mol) of 23. Following the addition of 40 g (0.45 mol) of MnO<sub>2</sub>, the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 6 h. The inorganic salts were removed by filtration, and the filtrate was concentrated in vacuo. The residue was partitioned with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>O. The organic phase was separated, dried, and concentrated to give 5.2 g (87%) of 24 as an oil. The analytical sample was prepared by bulb distillation and obtained as a faint yellow oil: bp ~175 °C (0.3 mm); IR (neat) 1727 (C=O) cm<sup>-1</sup>; NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  3.75 (s, 3 H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.33 (s, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.05–7.90 (m, 8 H, aromatics). Anal. (C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>13</sub>ClO<sub>2</sub>) C, H.

3-Oxo-3-(4-chloro-2-benzylphenyl)propanenitrile (25). A solution of NaNH<sub>2</sub> in NH<sub>3</sub> was prepared from 0.76 g (33.2 mmol) of Na and 40 mL of liquid  $NH_3$ . A solution of 1.36 g (33.2 mmol) of CH<sub>3</sub>CN in 2 mL of Et<sub>2</sub>O was then added, followed by a solution of 4.33 g (16.6 mmol) of 24 in 5 mL of Et<sub>2</sub>O. After stirring for 1 h, the mixture was warmed on the steam bath to remove the NH<sub>3</sub>. Ether was added at intervals in order to maintain a constant volume. After standing overnight, the reaction mixture was poured over ice and washed with AcOEt. The aqueous phase was acidified with 6 N HCl and extracted with AcOEt. The organics were dried and concentrated. The residue was filtered through silica gel with an ether-hexane mixture to give 3.45 g (77%) of 25. An analytical sample was prepared by recrystallization from CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/hexane and obtained as buff needles: mp 85-87 °C; IR (KBr) 2265 (CN), 1690 (C=O) cm<sup>-1</sup>; NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  3.76 (s, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>CN), 4.23 (s, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.00-7.58 (m, 8 H, aromatics). Anal. (C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>12</sub>ClNO) C, H, N.

2-Amino-4-(2-benzyl-4-chlorophenyl)-5-thiazolecarbonitrile (27). A mixture of 15 g (0.056 mol) of 25, 22.5 g (0.101 mol) of cupric bromide, 8.4 g (0.056 mol) of 1,2-epoxy-3-phenoxypropane, 560 mL of THF, 30 mL of AcOEt, and 30 mL of CHCl<sub>3</sub> was refluxed with stirring for 5 h. The mixture was cooled, diluted with 750 mL of  $CH_2Cl_2$ , and filtered. The green filtrate was washed with water, dried, and evaporated in vacuo to give 26 as an oil. After 26 was dissolved in 150 mL of EtOH and 4.5 g (0.059 mol) of thiourea was added, the solution was protected by a drying tube and refluxed for 2 h. Evaporation of the solvent at reduced pressure gave an oil, which crystallized after washing successively with  $Et_2O$  and  $H_2O$  to give 5.3 g of tan crystals. Another 2.5 g of crystals was obtained by reworking the Et<sub>2</sub>O wash to give a total yield of 7.8 g (43%). Recrystallization of a sample from EtOH (15 mL/g) gave off-white prisms: mp 210-212 °C; IR (KBr) 3370, 3285, 3120, 2225, 2210 cm<sup>-1</sup>; UV max (EtOH) 215 nm (sh,  $\epsilon$  25 300), 247 (11 000), 303 (8300); NMR (Me\_2SO- $d_6)$   $\delta$ 4.08 (s, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 6.90-7.40 (m, 8 H, aromatic), 8.18 (s, 2 H, NH<sub>2</sub>); MS, m/e 324 (M<sup>+</sup>). Anal. (C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>12</sub>ClN<sub>3</sub>S) C, H, N.

**N-[4-(2-Benzyl-4-chlorophenyl)-5-cyanothiazol-2-yl]**acetamide (28). A stirred suspension of 16.6 g (0.051 mol) of 27 in 85 mL of Ac<sub>2</sub>O was heated under reflux for 45 min. After cooling, the solution was poured into 800 mL of ice–water with stirring. Stirring was continued for 45 min, and all lumps were crushed. The off-white solid was collected by filtration, washed with H<sub>2</sub>O, and air-dried to give 18.7 g (100%) of 28. Recrystallization of a sample from EtOH (10 mL/g) gave off-white prisms, which melted at 183–185 °C and again at 196–197 °C after resetting: IR (KBr) 3275, 2215, 1698, 1525 cm<sup>-1</sup>; UV max (EtOH) 215 nm (sh,  $\epsilon$  24 100), 252 (19 800), 291 (9400); NMR (Me<sub>2</sub>SO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  2.24 (s, 3 H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.08 (s, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 6.85–7.45 (m, 8 H, aromatic), 12.95 (br s, 1 H, NH). Anal. (C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>14</sub>ClN<sub>3</sub>OS) C, H, N.

N-[4-(2-Benzoyl-4-chlorophenyl)-5-cyanothiazol-2-yl]acetamide (29). A stirred mixture of 18 g (0.0492 mol) of 28, 36 g (0.12 mol) of sodium dichromate, and 540 mL of AcOH was refluxed under a drying tube for 15 h. The mixture was poured, with stirring, into 1200 mL of ice-water to give a light green solid. After filtering, the solid was washed with H<sub>2</sub>O and air-dried on the funnel to give 14.7 g of crude 29. The mixture was chromatographed over silica gel and eluted first with 2% AcOEt in  $CH_2Cl_2$  and then with 10% AcOEt in  $CH_2Cl_2$  to give 3.2 g of starting material and 5.1 g (27%) of 29. Recrystallization of a sample from ether/petroleum ether gave white plates: mp 228-230 °C; IR (KBr) 3235, 3170, 2215, 1674, 1663, 1545 cm<sup>-1</sup>; UV max (EtOH) 237 nm (¢ 29600), 254 (31400), 285 (sh, 11500), 315 (sh,  $\epsilon$  6800); NMR (Me<sub>2</sub>SO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  2.15 (s, 3 H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 7.25–7.85 (m, 8 H, aromatic), 12.76 (br s, 1 H, NH); MS, m/e 381 (M<sup>+</sup>). Anal. (C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>12</sub>ClN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S) C, H, N.

**N**-(8-Chloro-6-phenyl-4*H*-thiazolo[5,4-*d*][2]benzazepin-2-yl)acetamide (30). A mixture of 3.1 g (0.008 mol) of 29, Raney nickel (2 teaspoonfuls), and 125 mL of EtOH was shaken with hydrogen at 18 psi for 2 h. After the mixture was filtered to remove the catalyst, the filtrate was concentrated in vacuo to give 2.6 g of 30 as a gum. Crystallization from a small amount of EtOH gave 1.1 g (37%) of nearly white crystals. Recrystallization of a sample from EtOH gave 30 as white microneedles: mp 270–274 °C dec; IR (KBr) 3400, 3325, 1692, 1675, 1652, 695; UV max (EtOH) 228 nm ( $\epsilon$  57700), 276/7 (24960), 340 (3670); NMR (Me<sub>2</sub>SO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  2.17 (s, 3 H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.41 (s, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.30–8.03 (m, 8 H, aromatic), 12.25 (br s, 1 h, NH); MS, *m/e* 367 (M<sup>+</sup>). Anal. (C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>14</sub>ClN<sub>3</sub>OS) C, H, N.

8-Chloro-6-phenyl-4*H*-thiazolo[5,4-*d*][2]benzazepin-2amine (17), from 30. A stirred suspension of 0.6 g (0.00164 mol) of powdered 30, in 10 mL of 2 N NaOH, was heated at reflux under argon for 1 h. The mixture was cooled and filtered. The off-white solid was washed with H<sub>2</sub>O and air-dried to give 0.5 g of 17. Pure product (0.25 g, 47%) was obtained after preparatory chromatography, followed by crystallization from Et<sub>2</sub>O. Recrystallization from EtOH/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> solution gave pale yellow prisms: mp 244–246 °C dec; MS, m/e 325 (M<sup>+</sup>). Anal. (C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>12</sub>ClN<sub>3</sub>S) C, H, N.

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