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A series of substituted pyrrolo[2,3-e][1,3,4]thiadiazine 4,4-dioxides is synthesized from 1-substituted-2-amino-3-cyanomethylsulfonyl-4,5-dimethylpyrroles.

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Previous work in our laboratory has involved the synthesis of 1-substituted-2-amino-3-cyanomethylsulfonyl-4,5-dimethylpyrroles I via the condensation of acetoin, a primary amine, and sulfonyldiacetonitrile [1,2]. From these pyrroles, a number of substituted pyrrolo[3,2-b]-[1,4]thiazine 1,1-dioxides II were prepared by cyclization with triethyl orthoformate [2].

We now wish to report the synthesis of a series of substituted pyrrolo[2,3-e][1,3,4]thiadiazine 4,4-dioxides IIIa-f, novel aza-isosteres of II. Upon review of *Chemical Abstracts*, this is only the second reported pyrrolothiadi-

azine system in which the pyrrole nitrogen is not part of the thiadiazine ring, the other being a pyrrolo[2,3-c]-[1,2,6]thiadiazine [3].

In this facile procedure (Scheme 1), derivatives of I in acetic acid were cyclized to the title compounds by treatment with sodium nitrite at room temperature. After stirring 15-20 minutes, the pyrrolo[2,3-e]thiadiazines were isolated by filtration either directly from the reaction mixture, or following dilution with water or diethyl ether (see Experimental). Recrystallization afforded analytically pure samples.

Compound IIIb was subsequently N-alkylated using potassium t-butoxide and dimethyl sulfate in refluxing tetrahydrofuran to yield IVb.

As precursors to these pyrrolo[2,3-e]thiadiazines, we have also synthesized four new 1-substituted-2-amino-3-cyanomethylsulfonyl-4,5-dimethylpyrroles Ic-f via a modification of our original procedure. This modification

Scheme 1

Table 1

Compound No.	Yield (%)	Mp (°C)	<b>R</b> <sub>f</sub> [a]	Recrystallization Solvent	Formula		Anal Calcd.	ysis (%) Found
Ic	70	144-145	0.45 [b]	Methanol	C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>18</sub> ClN <sub>3</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S	C H Cl N	54.61 5.16 10.08 11.94	54.51 5.21 10.01 11.91
Id	61	159-160 dec	0.58 [b]	Methanol	$C_{22}H_{23}N_3O_2S$	S C H N	9.09 67.15 5.89 10.68	9.04 67.22 5.93 10.73
Ie	56	119-120	0.59	Methanol	$C_{14}H_{16}N_4O_2S$	S C H N	8.15 55.24 5.30 18.41	8.24 55.10 5.35 18.49
If	68	87.5-88	0.48 [c]	Methanol/Water (1:1)	$C_{12}H_{20}N_4O_2S$	S C H N	10.53 50.68 7.09 19.70	10.46 50.66 7.11 19.66
Ша	67	200 dec	0.65	EtOAc/Hexane	$C_{12}H_{16}N_4O_2S$	S C H N	11.28 51.41 5.75 19.99	11.22 51.43 5.75 19.84
Шь	100	212 dec	0.60	Methanol	$C_{16}H_{16}N_4O_2S$	S C H N	11.44 58.52 4.91 17.06	11.33 58.25 4.93 16.87
Шс	50	270 dec	0.60	Methanol	$C_{16}H_{15}CIN_4O_2S$	S C H Cl	9.76 52.96 4.17 9.77	9.56 53.04 4.13 9.77
Шđ	96	245-246 dec	0.50 [b]	Methanol	C <sub>22</sub> H <sub>20</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S• 0.75 H <sub>2</sub> O	N S C H N	15.44 8.84 63.21 5.18 13.40	15.34 8.93 63.22 5.21 13.44
IIIe	78	189-190	0.28	Methanol	C₁₄H₁₃N₅O₂S• 0.9 CH₃OH	S C H N	7.67 51.99 4.85 20.35	7.58 51.64 4.68 20.70
IIIf	57	238-240 dec	0.27 [c]	2-Propanol/Acetone (5:1)	$C_{12}H_{17}N_5O_2S$	S C H N	9.32 48.79 5.80 23.71	9.57 48.60 5.99 23.60
IVb	51	199-202	0.72	Methanol	$C_{17}H_{18}N_4O_2S$	S C H N S	10.86 59.63 5.30 16.36 9.36	10.71 59.48 5.28 16.29 9.25

[a] Ethyl acetate unless otherwise indicated. [b] Ethyl acetate/Hexane (1:1). [c] Ethyl acetate/MeOH (2:1).

(Scheme 1 and Experimental) eliminates the use of benzene and reduces the approximate reaction time from 3 hours to 30 minutes while maintaining comparable yields (Table 1).

Structural assignments of all new compounds were made on the basis of elemental analysis, nmr and infrared spectra. This data is presented in Table 1 and the Experimental.

## **EXPERIMENTAL**

Melting points were determined on an Electrothermal melting point apparatus (capillary method) and are uncorrected. The nmr spectra were determined on a Brucker WH-400 spectrometer. Infrared spectra were determined on a Beckman Acculab 4 spectrophotometer using the potassium bromide technique. Elemental analysis were performed by Atlantic Microlab, Inc., Norcross, Georgia. Tlc were performed on Baker Si250F silica plates and visualized under UV light. Sulfonyldiacetonitrile was synthesized according to a literature procedure [4]. Compounds Ia-b have been previously synthesized and reported [2].

The procedure given for the synthesis of **Ie** was utilized in the preparation of **Ic-f**.

2-Amino-3-cyanomethylsulfonyl-4,5-dimethyl-1-(2-pyridyl-methyl)pyrrole (**Ie**).

A mixture of acetoin (1.04 g of an 85% aqueous solution, 0.01 mole) and 2-(aminomethyl)pyridine (1.08 g, 0.01 mole) in toluene (20 ml) was refluxed under a Dean-Stark trap until the evolution of water ceased (10-20 minutes). The toluene was removed *in vacuo* and replaced with ethanol. Sulfonyldiacetonitrile (1.44 g, 0.01 mole) was added and the mixture was refluxed for 10 minutes. Concentration *in vacuo* yielded a dark red oil

which was diluted with methanol (15 ml) and stirred in an ice bath. Addition of water (5 ml) gave a light brown solid (1.69 g, 56%). The product was suspended in methanol (10 ml) and recollected. A sample (0.5 g) was then dissolved in boiling methanol (10 ml), treated with charcoal, filtered and chilled to give light tan crystals, mp 119-120°; ir: v 3435 and 3275 (NH<sub>2</sub>), 2240 (CN), 1300 and 1095 (SO<sub>2</sub>) cm<sup>-1</sup>;  $^{1}$ H nmr (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  1.92 and 2.01 (2s, 6H, -CH<sub>3</sub> at C<sub>4</sub> and C<sub>5</sub>), 4.69 (s, 2H, SO<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>), 5.09 (s, 2H, N-CH<sub>2</sub>), 5.89 (s, 2H, -NH<sub>2</sub>), 6.96 (d, 1H, ArH), 7.29-7.32 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.75-7.79 (m, 1H, ArH), 8.54 (d, 1H, ArH).

2-Amino-1-[2-(4-chlorophenyl)ethyl]-3-cyanomethylsulfonyl-4,5-dimethylpyrrole (Ic).

This compound had ir: v 3465 and 3365 (NH<sub>2</sub>), 2240 (CN), 1290 and 1085 (SO<sub>2</sub>) cm<sup>-1</sup>;  $^{1}$ H nmr (deuteriochloroform):  $\delta$  1.89 and 2.06 (2s, 6H, -CH<sub>3</sub> at C<sub>4</sub> and C<sub>5</sub>), 2.87 (t, 2H, -CH<sub>2</sub>-Ph), 3.84 (t, 2H, N-CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.91 (s, 2H, SO<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>), 6.99 (d, 2H, ArH), 7.25 (d, 2H, ArH).

2-Amino-3-cyanomethylsulfonyl-1-(2,2-diphenylethyl)-4,5-dimethylpyrrole (**Id**).

Compound **Id** was isolated by filtration from the cooled reaction mixture. This compound had ir: v 3435 and 3350 (NH<sub>2</sub>), 2245 (CN), 1305 and 1100 (SO<sub>2</sub>) cm<sup>-1</sup>;  $^{1}$ H nmr (deuteriochloroform):  $\delta$  1.88 and 2.09 (2s, 6H, -CH<sub>3</sub> at C<sub>4</sub> and C<sub>5</sub>), 3.85 (s, 2H, SO<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.20-4.28 (m, 3H, N-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH overlapping) 7.13-7.17 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.25-7.35 (m, 6H, ArH).

2-Amino-3-cyanomethylsulfonyl-1-(2-dimethylaminoethyl)-4,5-dimethylpyrrole (If).

This compound had ir: v 3460, 3415 and 3360 (NH<sub>2</sub>), 2240 (CN), 1295 and 1095 (SO<sub>2</sub>) cm<sup>-1</sup>;  $^{1}$ H nmr (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  1.98 and 2.01 (2s, 6H, -CH<sub>3</sub> at C<sub>4</sub> and C<sub>5</sub>), 2.18 (s, 6H, N-(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 2.39 (t, 2H, N-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.77 (t, 2H, N-CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.63 (s, 2H, SO<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>), 5.78 (s, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub>)

The procedure given for the synthesis of **IIIb** was utilized in the synthesis of **IIIa-f**.

3-Cyano-1,7-dihydro-5,6-dimethyl-7-(2-phenylethyl)pyrrolo-[2,3-*e*][1,3,4]thiadiazine 4,4-Dioxide (**IIIb**).

A solution of **Ib** (1.90 g, 6 mmoles) in acetic acid (50 ml) was prepared by warming. At room temperature, sodium nitrite (0.46 g, 6.6 mmoles) in water (2 ml) was added dropwise and the solution was stirred for 15-20 minutes, diluted with ice/water, and the insoluble product was collected and air dried. The orange solid (2.0 g, 100%) was dissolved in boiling methanol, treated with charcoal, filtered and chilled to give a yellow/orange powder, mp 212° dec; ir: v 3220 (NH), 2205 (CN), 1250 and 1080 (SO<sub>2</sub>) cm<sup>-1</sup>;  $^{1}$ H nmr (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  2.03 and 2.12 (2s, 6H, -CH<sub>3</sub> at C<sub>5</sub> and C<sub>6</sub>), 2.90 (t, 2H, -CH<sub>2</sub>-Ph), 4.25 (t, 2H, N-CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.16-7.29 (m, 5H, ArH), 14.2 (broad s, 1H, NH).

7-Butyl-3-cyano-1,7-dihydro-5,6-dimethylpyrrolo[2,3-e][1,3,4]-thiadiazine 4,4-Dioxide (**IIIa**).

This compound had ir: v 3235 (NH), 2205 (CN), 1250 and 1080 (SO<sub>2</sub>) cm<sup>-1</sup>;  $^{1}$ H nmr (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  0.90 (t, 3H, -CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.28 (m, 2H, -CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.55 (m, 2H, N-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.13 and 2.20 (2s, 6H, -CH<sub>3</sub> at C<sub>5</sub> and C<sub>6</sub>), 4.00 (t, 2H, N-CH<sub>2</sub>), 14.2 (broad s, 1H, NH).

7-[2-(4-Chlorophenyl)ethyl]-3-cyano-1,7-dihydro-5,6-dimethylpyrrolo[2,3-*e*][1,3,4]thiadiazine 4,4-Dioxide (**IIIc**).

Compound **HIc** was isolated directly from the chilled reaction mixture. This compound had ir: v 3205 (NH), 2205 (CN), 1240 and 1075 (SO<sub>2</sub>) cm<sup>-1</sup>;  $^{1}$ H nmr (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  2.07 and 2.12 (2s, 6H, -CH<sub>3</sub> at C<sub>5</sub> and C<sub>6</sub>), 2.91 (t, 2H, -CH<sub>2</sub>-Ph), 4.23 (t, 2H, N-CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.21 (d, 2H, ArH), 7.36 (d, 2H, ArH), 14.2 (broad s, 1H, NH).

3-Cyano-7-(2,2-diphenylethyl)-1,7-dihydro-5,6-dimethylpyrrolo[2,3-e][1,3,4]thiadiazine 4,4-Dioxide (IIId).

This compound had ir: v 3220 (NH), 2205 (CN), 1240 and 1085 (SO<sub>2</sub>) cm<sup>-1</sup>;  $^{1}$ H nmr (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): 1.90 and 2.07 (2s, 6H, -CH<sub>3</sub> at C<sub>5</sub> and C<sub>6</sub>), 4.35 (t, 1H, -CH-Ph<sub>2</sub>), 4.72 (d, 2H, N-CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.19-7.29 (m, 10H, ArH), 14.1 (broad s, 1H, NH).

3-Cyano-1,7-dihydro-5,6-dimethyl-7-(2-pyridylmethyl)pyrrolo-[2,3-*e*][1,3,4]thiadiazine 4,4-Dioxide (**III**e).

Compound **IIIe** precipitated during the reaction and was isolated following dilution with ice/water. This compound had ir: v 3520 (NH), 2210 (CN), 1260 and 1100 (SO<sub>2</sub>) cm<sup>-1</sup>;  $^{1}$ H nmr (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  2.05 and 2.15 (2s, 6H, -CH<sub>3</sub> at C<sub>5</sub> and C<sub>6</sub>), 5.43 (s, 2H, N-CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.26 (d,1H, ArH), 7.32 (t, 1H, ArH), 7.81 (t, 1H, ArH), 8.45 (d, 1H, ArH).

3-Cyano-7-(2-dimethylaminoethyl)-1,7-dihydro-5,6-dimethylpyr rolo[2,3-*e*][1,3,4]thiadiazine 4,4-Dioxide (**IIIf**).

Compound **IIIf** was isolated by diluting with diethyl ether, chilling, and decanting. The oily solid was then crystallized from 2-propanol. This compound had ir: v 3520 (NH), 2185 (CN), 1220 and 1080 (SO<sub>2</sub>) cm<sup>-1</sup>;  $^{1}$ H nmr (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  2.12 and 2.20 (2s, 6H, -CH<sub>3</sub> at C<sub>5</sub> and C<sub>6</sub>), 2.86 (s, 6H, N-(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 3.37 (t, 2H, N-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.40 (t, 2H, N-CH<sub>2</sub>).

3-Cyano-1,7-dihydro-1,5,6-trimethyl-7-(2-phenylethyl)pyrrolo-[2.3-e][1,3.4]thiadiazine 4,4-Dioxide (IVb).

To a solution of **IIIb** (0.70 g, 2.13 mmoles) in dry THF (10 ml) was added potassium t-butoxide (0.251 g, 2.24 mmoles). After stirring 15 minutes, dimethyl sulfate (0.296 g, 2.35 mmoles) was added and the mixture was refluxed for 2 hours. Concentration *in vacuo* gave a solid which was dissolved in boiling methanol (100 ml), treated with charcoal, filtered, and chilled to give an orange/brown solid (0.37 g, 51%). A sample (0.1 g) was again recrystallized from methanol (20 ml) to yield fine orange needles, mp 199-202°; ir: v 2180 (CN), 1270 and 1100 (SO<sub>2</sub>) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H nmr (deuteriochloroform):  $\delta$  2.02 and 2.27 (2s, 6H, -CH<sub>3</sub> at C<sub>5</sub> and C<sub>6</sub>), 2.93 (t, 2H, -CH<sub>2</sub>-Ph), 4.17 (s, 3H, N-CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.26 (t, 2H, N-CH<sub>2</sub>), 6.93-6.96 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.22-7.26 (m, 3H, ArH).

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