pared by the catalytic hydrogenation of a solution of 400 mg (1.53 mmol) of 19 in 50 ml of EtOH and 150 mg of 10% Pd/C at room temperature. After the absorption of hydrogen ceased the reaction mixture yielded 320 mg (90%) of the product, mp 175–178°, which was identical with an authentic sample of o-aminoglutethimide.

2-(p-Hydroxyphenyl)-2-ethylglutarimide (18). A solution of 700 mg (3.3 mmol) of 16 in 20 ml of 2 N H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> was cooled to 5° and diazotized with 480 mg (7 mmol) of NaNO2 dissolved in 2 ml of H<sub>2</sub>O at 5°. The solution of diazonium salt was then added dropwise to 10 ml of boiling H<sub>2</sub>O and the solution was held at reflux for 1 hr and then allowed to cool. The reaction mixture was saturated with NaCl and extracted with  $CH_2Cl_2$  (3 × 50 ml). The organic layer was dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>) and filtered and the solvent evaporated under reduced pressure. The oily residue was recrystallized from  $Et_2O$  to yield 470 mg (61%) of a white crystalline solid: mp 143-144°; ir (KBr) 3240 (OH, NH), 1710, 1680 cm<sup>-1</sup> (C=O imide); NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) & 0.86 (t, 3, CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.68-2.33 (m, 6, CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>) and 2-methylene glutarimide ring), 6.73 (d, 2, H<sub>3</sub> and H<sub>5</sub> arom protons, J = 8.8 Hz, typical A<sub>2</sub>B<sub>2</sub> system of para-substituted benzene), 7.13 (d, 2, H<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>6</sub> arom protons, J = 8.8 Hz), 9.33 (s, 1, OH exchangeable with  $D_2O$ ), 8.3 (s, 1, NH, exchangeable with D<sub>2</sub>O); mass spectrum, M<sup>+</sup> 233. Anal. (C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>) C, H, N.

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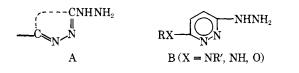
# Synthesis and Antihypertensive Properties of New 3-Hydrazinopyridazine Derivatives

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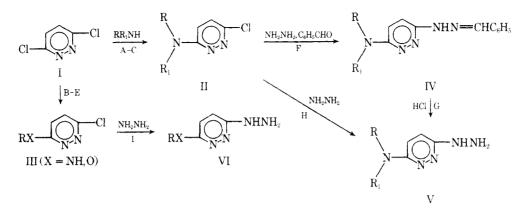
3-Hydrazinopyridazines substituted in position 6 with a primary amine, secondary amine, or an alkoxy group were synthesized and screened for antihypertensive activity. In general, the 6-dialkylamino derivatives are the most active; the (2-hydroxypropyl)methylamino chain provides the best combination of high antihypertensive activity and low toxicity.

The potent and long-lasting antihypertensive activity of hydrazinophthalazines,<sup>1</sup> exemplified by hydralazine and dihydralazine, encouraged the investigation of modified heterocyclic analogs<sup>2</sup> and particularly of six-membered rings containing the essential moiety  $A.^3$  In the case of py-



ridazine series B, various 6-substituted derivatives with alkyl,<sup>4</sup> aryl,<sup>5</sup> methoxy,<sup>6</sup> phenoxy,<sup>6</sup> carbamyl,<sup>7</sup> and hydrazino<sup>8</sup> groups have been synthesized, but only few of them retained interesting hypotensive properties. Compounds of type B in which X is NR', NH, or O had received little attention until a remarkable improvement in activity and decrease in toxicity was recently obtained by replacing RX with a secondary amino residue.<sup>9,10</sup> These results prompted us to undertake a more detailed study designed to define structure-activity relationships and to optimize activity in this class of 6-substituted 3-hydrazinopyridazines.





Chemistry. Scheme I depicts the synthetic routes employed for the preparation of 6-dialkylamino-, 6-aralkylamino-, and 6-cycloalkylamino-substituted 3-hydrazinopyridazines V. A conventional approach<sup>11</sup> involved displacement of one chlorine from 3,6-dichloropyridazine (I) with an appropriate secondary amine. The experimental conditions (see methods A-C) varied depending on the physicochemical properties and reactivity of organic bases. The resulting 6-amino-3-chloropyridazines II (Table I) were then heated with hydrazine; this reaction proved to be much more difficult than that of 6-unsubstituted derivatives due to the deactivating effect of the 6-amino group.<sup>12</sup> The hydrazines V could be directly isolated as hydrochlorides from the reaction mixture (method H), but this was satisfactory only in a few cases and on small-scale preparations. owing to high water solubility of the salts and the ensuing

difficulties in the separation from hydrazine hydrochloride. A more efficient process involved formation of the hydrazones IV (Table III) with benzaldehyde (method F) followed by hydrolysis with hydrochloric acid to give the corresponding hydrochlorides (Table IV).

6-Alkoxy-3-hydrazinopyridazines (VI, Table V) were prepared by heating I in xylene with the appropriate sodium alkoxide (method D) to give III (X = O), with the exception of **20** which was obtained by heating I with N-(2hydroxyethyl)aniline in anhydrous DMF in the presence of  $K_2CO_3$  (method E). These intermediates **17–20** (Table II) were then allowed to react with hydrazine to afford the products (method I).

The 6-monoalkylamino-substituted compounds 21-24 (Table II) were prepared by heating I with the appropriate primary amine (methods B and C). Since the chlorine atom

| Table I. 3-Chloro-6-dialkyl(cycloalkyl,aralkyl)aminopyridazine | s |
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|     |  |                             |        | U                  |                     |        |  |          |
|-----|--|-----------------------------|--------|--------------------|---------------------|--------|--|----------|
| No. | $-N < \frac{R}{R_1}$   | Mp or bp<br>(mm), °C        | Method | Rxn<br>temp,<br>°C | Crystn<br>solvent   | Yield, | Formula  | Analyses |
| 1   | N(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>   | 103–104 <sup><i>a</i></sup> | A      | 80                 | i-Pr <sub>2</sub> O | 88     | C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>8</sub> ClN <sub>3</sub>         |          |
| 2   | N(CH <sub>3</sub> )(CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> OH)                          | 66-67                       | В      | 105                | Toluene             | 90     | C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>10</sub> ClN <sub>3</sub> O      | C1, N    |
| 3   | Thiomorpholinyl  | 139-141                     | А      | 80                 | EtOH                | 80     | C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>10</sub> ClN <sub>3</sub> S      | C1, N, S |
| 4   | Piperazinyl  | 101-103                     | А      | 80                 | EtOAc               | 40     | $C_8H_{11}CIN_4$                                       | Cl, N    |
| 5   | $N(C_2H_5)_2$  | $51 - 53^{a}$               | С      | 150                | $i - \Pr_2 O$       | 60     | $C_8H_{12}ClN_3$                                       |          |
| 6   | $N(C_2H_5)(CH_2CH_2OH)$  | 136 - 138                   | В      | 110                | <i>i</i> -PrOH      | 55     | C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>12</sub> ClN <sub>3</sub> O•HCl  | C1, N    |
| 7   | $N(CH_3)(CH_2CHOH - CH_3)$   | 82-83                       | В      | 105                | EtOAc               | 95     | C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>12</sub> ClN <sub>3</sub> O      | Cl, N    |
| 8   | $N(C_2H_5)(CH_2CHOH - CH_3)$   | 145-147                     | В      | 110                | $EtOH-Me_2CO$       | 85     | $C_9H_{14}C1N_3O$ •HC1                                 | C1, N    |
| 9   | N(CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> OH)(CH <sub>2</sub> -<br>CHOHCH <sub>3</sub> ) | 69-71                       | В      | 140                | EtOAc               | 68     | $C_9H_{14}ClN_3O_2$                                    | Cl, N    |
| 10  | $N(CH_2CH=CH_2)_2$   | 138–140 (0.5) <sup>b</sup>  | В      | 110                |                     | 96     | $C_{10}H_{12}ClN_3$                                    | C1, N    |
| 11  | х<br>сн.он   | 147-149                     | В      | 135                | <i>i</i> -PrOH      | 35     | $C_{10}H_{14}ClN_3O$ •HCl                              | Cl, N    |
| 12  | NNCH,СН,ОН   | 144-146                     | В      | 110                | EtOH                | 50     | $C_{10}H_{15}ClN_4O$                                   | C1, N    |
| 13  | N(CH <sub>2</sub> CHOHCH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>                             | 143-145                     | В      | 140                | EtOAc               | 38     | $C_{10}H_{16}C1N_{3}O_{2}$                             | C1, N    |
| 14  | $N(C_2H_5)(C_6H_5)$  | 199-201                     | в      | 140                | <i>i</i> -PrOH      | 30     | $C_{12}H_{12}ClN_3 \cdot HCl$                          | Cl, N    |
| 15  | $N(CH_2CH_2OH)(C_6H_5)$  | 160 - 162                   | В      | 140                | EtOH                | 25     | C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>12</sub> ClN <sub>3</sub> O•HCl | CI, N    |
| 16  | $N \longrightarrow N \longrightarrow CI$   | >300                        | А      | 80                 | DMF                 | 30     | $C_{12}H_{12}Cl_2N_6$                                  | Cl, N    |
|     |  |                             |        |                    |                     |        |  |          |

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| Table II. | 3-Chloro | -6-alkoxy | (alky | lamino | )pyric | lazines |
|-----------|----------|-----------|-------|--------|--------|---------|
|-----------|----------|-----------|-------|--------|--------|---------|

|            |  |    |                      | RX-    |            | Cl                              |        |  |          |
|------------|--|----|----------------------|--------|------------|---------------------------------|--------|--|----------|
|            |  |    |                      |        | III<br>Rxn |                                 |        |  |          |
|            |  |    |                      |        | temp,      | Crystn                          | Yield, |  |          |
| No.        | R  | Х  | Mp, °C               | Method | °C         | solvent                         | %      | Formula  | Analyses |
| 17         | C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>  | 0  | 59-61ª               | D      | 80         | Petr ether                      | 62     | C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>7</sub> ClN <sub>2</sub> O       |          |
| 18         | (CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> NCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> | 0  | 201-203              | D      | 60         | EtOH                            | 30     | C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>14</sub> ClN <sub>3</sub> O•HCl  | C1, N    |
| 19         | (C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> NCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub>   | 0  | 181-183'             | D      | 60         | EtOH                            | 32     | C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>16</sub> ClN <sub>3</sub> O•HCl | C1, N    |
| 20         | C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> NHCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub>                  | 0  | 99-101               | E      | 100        | EtOH                            | 50     | C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>12</sub> ClN <sub>3</sub> O     | C1, N    |
| 21         | HOCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub>  | NH | 133–135°             | в      | 105        | H <sub>2</sub> O                | 78     | C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>8</sub> ClN <sub>3</sub> O       |          |
| 22         | (CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> CH   | NH | 114-116 <sup>d</sup> | С      | 110        | $i - Pr_2O$                     | 88ª    | $C_7 H_{10} C I N_3$                                   |          |
| <b>2</b> 3 | (CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> NCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> | NH | 129-131              | В      | 105        | CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> | 58     | $C_9H_{15}ClN_4$                                       | Cl, N    |
| 24         | (C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> NCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub>   | NH | 80-82                | В      | 110        | $i - \Pr_2 O$                   | 80     | $C_{10}H_{17}ClN_4$                                    | Cl, N    |

<sup>a</sup>Lit.<sup>17</sup> mp 62°. <sup>b</sup>Lit. bp 190-200° (4 mm) for free base: T. Itai and H. Igeta, J. Pharm. Soc. Jpn., 74, 1195 (1954); Chem. Abstr., 49, 14768c (1955). <sup>c</sup>M. Kumagai, Nippon Kagaku Zasshi, 82, 227 (1961); Chem. Abstr., 56, 10139h (1962). <sup>d</sup>Lit. 62% yield and mp 110-112°: D. I. Relyea, J. A. Riddel, and P. O. Tawney, J. Med. Chem., 6, 807 (1963).

of compounds 21-24 could not be displaced by hydrazine,<sup>13</sup> these compounds were converted (Scheme II) with acetic anhydride into the corresponding acetyl derivatives (VII,

Scheme II

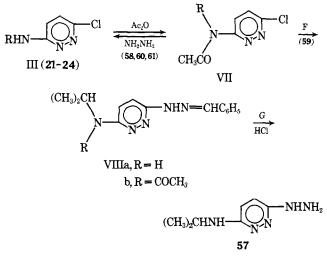


Table VI) to reactivate the halogen atom. Reaction of 59 with hydrazine and subsequently with benzaldehyde (method F) afforded VIIIa or VIIIb depending on the reaction conditions. Hydrolysis of VIIIb with hydrochloric acid provided 3-hydrazino-6-isopropylaminopyridazine (57). However, treatment of compounds 58, 60, and 61 with hydrolysis of the amide linkage. The structures of most compounds (II-VIII) were supported by spectroscopic data (ir and NMR).

**Pharmacology.** The hypotensive activity of compounds **39–57** was assessed in chloralose-urethane anaesthetized cats; blood pressure was continuously measured by a mercury manometer and the compounds were administered by iv route. The antihypertensive activity was determined in unanaesthetized renal hypertensive rats;<sup>14</sup> the compounds were given by gavage and systolic blood pressure was measured by an indirect method<sup>15</sup> before and at 1, 3, 5, 7, and 24 hr after treatment. The activity on blood pressure, determined in the two above tests, was expressed as  $ED_{20}$  (i.e., the dose producing a 20% pressure drop from basal value). At least three dose levels for each compound were

used producing 10-50% pressure drop and three to four animals were used for each dose level.

The approximate ip  $LD_{50}$  was determined in mice. Six dose levels were used and mortality in 7 days was recorded.<sup>16</sup>

Hydralazine was used as the reference drug. The results of the biological tests are given in Table VII.

The following conclusions on structure-activity relationships of 3-hydrazino-6-aminopyridazines V can be drawn. (1) Cycloalkylamino derivatives are slightly more potent (41 and 52) or less toxic (48) than hydralazine. (2) Aralkylaminopyridazines (50 and 51) present no advantage with respect to potency or toxicity. (3) Dialkylamino derivatives (39, 40, 42-47, and 49) are the most interesting compounds. Some (39, 40, 42, 43, and 47) display potent antihypertensive activity with only negligible change of toxicity as compared to hydralazine. Other derivatives (46 and 49) are as active as hydralazine but considerably less toxic. Compounds 44 and 45 display both high potency and low toxicity. These findings suggest that the presence of secondary alcoholic groups in this series may account for the low toxicity, while the high activity may be attributed to the lipophilic chain.

Further pharmacological evaluation of compound 44 showed that in renal hypertensive dogs it displays an antihypertensive action even at the dose of 0.1 mg/kg po. Haemodynamics studies in anaesthetized dogs revealed that it reduces peripheral resistances and increases aortic, femoral, and coronary blood flow. This compound is presently undergoing clinical studies in man.

In the 3-hydrazino-6-alkoxypyridazine series our results suggest that substitution with oxygen at position 6 may lead to compounds with lower toxicity.

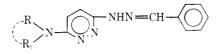
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Melting points were determined with a Büchi capillary apparatus and are uncorrected. All compounds were identified by NMR and ir spectroscopy. Where analyses are indicated only by symbols of the elements, analytical results obtained for those elements were within  $\pm 0.4\%$  of the theoretical values.

6-Substituted 3-Chloropyridazines II and III. Method A. 3-Chloro-6-(tetrahydro-1,4-thiazino)pyridazine (3). A mixture of 8.7 g (58 mmol) of 3,6-dichloropyridazine and 12 g (116 mmol) of tetrahydro-1,4-thiazine in 45 ml of EtOH was refluxed for 3 hr and then evaporated in vacuo to dryness. The residue was triturated with  $H_2O$ , filtered, and recrystallized to give 10 g of 3.

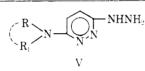
Method B. 3-Chloro-6-[(2-hydroxyethyl)methylamino]pyridazine (2). To 90 g (1.2 mol) of (2-hydroxyethyl)methylamine

Table III. 3-Benzylidenehydrazino-6-alkyl(cycloalkyl,aralkyl)aminopyridazines



|     | R-   |                      | IV                | Viold       |  |          |
|-----|--|----------------------|-------------------|-------------|--|----------|
| No. | $N_{R_i}$  | Mp, °C               | Crystn<br>solvent | Yield, $\%$ | Formula  | Analyses |
| 25  | N(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>   | 229-232              | EtOH <sup>a</sup> | 12          | C <sub>13</sub> H <sub>15</sub> N <sub>5</sub>       | С, Н, N  |
| 26  | $N(C_2H_5)_2$  | 202–205 <sup>b</sup> | MeOH              | 15          | $C_{15}H_{19}N_5$                                    | С, Н, N  |
| 27  | $N(C_2H_5)(CH_2CH_2OH)$  | 195-198              | EtOH <sup>a</sup> | 27          | $C_{15}H_{19}N_5O$                                   | C, H, N  |
| 28  | $N(CH_3)(CH_2CHOHCH_3)$  | 230-232              | <i>i</i> -PrOH    | 23          | C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>19</sub> N <sub>5</sub> O•HCl | C1, N    |
|     |  | dec                  |                   |             |  |          |
| 29  | $N(C_2H_5)(CH_2CHOHCH_3)$  | 155 - 157            | EtOH (80%)        | 25          | $C_{16}H_{21}N_5O$                                   | С, Н, N  |
| 30  | $N(CH_2CH_2OH)(CH_2CHOHCH_3)$  | 168 - 170            | MeOH              | 30          | $C_{16}H_{22}N_5O_2$                                 | С, Н, N  |
| 31  | $N(CH_2CH - CH_2)_2$   | 173 - 175            | EtOH              | 37          | $C_{17}H_{19}N_5$                                    | C, H, N  |
| 32  | c-N(CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> NCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> OH | 240 - 243            | EtOH              | 13          | C <sub>17</sub> H <sub>22</sub> N <sub>6</sub> O     | C, H, N  |
| 33  | N(CH <sub>2</sub> CHOHCH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>                                   | 184 - 187            | $EtOH^{a}$        | 32          | $C_{17}H_{23}N_5O_2$                                 | C, H, N  |
| 34  | $N(C_2H_5)(C_6H_5)$  | 202 - 204            | EtOH              | 30          | $C_{19}H_{19}N_5$                                    | C, H, N  |
| 35  | $N(CH_2CH_2OH)(C_6H_5)$  | 199-201              | $EtOH^{a}$        | 58          | $C_{19}H_{19}N_5O$                                   | C, H, N  |
| 36  | $N(CH_2CH_2OH)(CH_2C_6H_5)$  | 224-226              | Dioxane           | 16          | $C_{20}H_{21}N_{5}O$                                 | C, H, N  |
| 37  | $N(CH_2C_6H_5)CH_2CH_2N(C_2H_5)_2$   | 181-183              | EtOH              | 26          | $C_{24}H_{30}N_6$                                    | C, H, N  |
| 38  | $N \longrightarrow N \longrightarrow N \longrightarrow N H N = CHC_{1}H_{1}$           | 315–319<br>dec       | AcOH              | 13          | $C_{26}H_{26}N_{10}$                                 | C, H, N  |

<sup>a</sup>Hydrazine monohydrate was used rather than the anhydrous reagent. <sup>b</sup>Lit. mp 197-203°: E. Bellasio and G. Maffii, S. African Patent 67 07,803 (1968); Chem. Abstr., 70, 68395h (1969).



|     |  |                                      |        | Yield,                                 |  |              |
|-----|--|--------------------------------------|--------|--|--|--------------|
| No. | $R_{t}$  | Mp, °C <sup><i>a</i>, <i>b</i></sup> | Method | ~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~ | Formula  | Analyses     |
| 39  | N(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>   | 233-235                              | G      | 88                                     | C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>11</sub> N <sub>5</sub> •2HCl  | C, H, N; Cl° |
| 40  | $N(CH_3)(CH_2CH_2OH)$  | 210-212                              | Н      | 12                                     | $C_7H_{13}N_5O\cdot 2HCl$                            | C, H, Cl, N  |
| 41  | Thiomorpholinyl  | 212 - 214                            | Н      | 38                                     | $C_8H_{13}N_5S$ •2HCl                                | C, H, Cl, N  |
| 42  | $N(C_2H_5)_2$  | 234 - 236                            | G      | 80                                     | $C_8H_{15}N_5$ •2HCl                                 | C, H, Cl, N  |
| 43  | $N(C_2H_5)(CH_2CH_2OH)$  | 193-195                              | G      | 67                                     | C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>15</sub> N <sub>5</sub> O•2HCl | C, H, Cl, N  |
| 44  | $N(CH_3)(CH_2CHOHCH_3)$  | 206-209                              | G      | 85                                     | C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>15</sub> N <sub>5</sub> O•2HCl | C, H, Cl, N  |
| 45  | $N(C_2H_5)(CH_2CHOHCH_3)$  | 208-210                              | G      | 92                                     | $C_9H_{17}N_5O\cdot 2HCl$                            | C, H, Cl, N  |
| 46  | $N(CH_2CH_2OH)(CH_2CHOHCH_3)$  | 178 - 180                            | G      | 40                                     | $C_9H_{17}N_5O_2\cdot 2HCl$                          | C, H, Cl, N  |
| 47  | $N(CH_{2}CH_{2}CH_{2})_{2}$  | $214 - 217^{d}$                      | G      | 75                                     | $C_{10}H_{15}N_{5}$ •2HCl                            | C, H, Cl, N  |
| 48  | c-N(CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> NCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> OH | 240 - 242                            | G      | 90                                     | $C_{10}H_{18}N_6O\cdot 3HC1$                         | C, H, Cl, N  |
| 49  | N(CH <sub>2</sub> CHOHCH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>                                   | 190-192                              | G      | 61                                     | $C_{10}H_{19}N_5O_2 \cdot 2HC1$                      | C, H, Cl, N  |
| 50  | $N(C_2H_5)(C_6H_5)$  | 221 - 223                            | G      | 65                                     | $C_{12}H_{15}N_5 \cdot 2HC1$                         | C, H, Cl, N  |
| 51  | $N(CH_2CH_2OH)(C_6H_5)$  | 190-192                              | G      | 82                                     | $C_{12}H_{15}N_5O$ •2HCl                             | C, H, Cl, N  |
| 52  | $N \longrightarrow N \longrightarrow NHNH$   | 257-259                              | G      | 68                                     | $C_{12}H_{18}N_{10}$                                 | С, Н, N      |

<sup>a</sup>With decomposition. <sup>b</sup>All compounds were recrystallized from EtOH, with the exception of 52 which was transformed in base and crystallized from H<sub>2</sub>O. <sup>c</sup>Cl: calcd, 31.35; found, 30.25. <sup>a</sup>P. L. Anderson, W. J. Houlihan, and R. E. Manning, German Offen. 2.002.107 (1970); Chem. Abstr., 73, 66596n (1970).

heated at 105°, 89.4 g (0.60 mol) of 3,6-dichloropyridazine was added with stirring in small portions over a period of 2 hr. When addition was complete, stirring was continued at 105–110° for 30 min; then the resulting brown mixture was dissolved in 80 ml of H<sub>2</sub>O and continuously extracted with EtOAc for 20 hr. The organic extract was dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and the solvent evaporated. The residue was triturated with Et<sub>2</sub>O, filtered, and recrystallized from toluene to yield 101 g of 2.

Method C. 3-Chloro-6-diethylaminopyridazine (5). A mixture of 12 g (80.5 mmol) of 3,6-dichloropyridazine and 60 ml of anhydrous diethylamine was heated in a stainless bomb at 150° for 4 hr. After cooling, the excess of base was evaporated; the residue was taken up with  $H_2O$ , filtered, and crystallized to give 5.

Method D. 3-Chloro-6-(3-dimethylaminopropoxy)pyridazine Hydrochloride (18). To 9.2 g (0.40 g-atom) of sodium in 140 ml of dry xylene, 45.5 g (0.44 mol) of 3-dimethylamino-1-propanol was slowly added and the mixture was heated to the reflux temperature until reaction was complete. The resulting solution was then cooled to 60° and a solution of 59.6 g (0.40 mol) of 3,6dichloropyridazine in 100 ml of dry xylene was added with stirring

#### Table V. 3-Hydrazino-6-alkoxy- and -6-alkylaminopyridazines

|     | RX-NNNHNH <sub>2</sub>   |    |             |        |                    |        |  |                          |  |  |  |
|-----|--|----|-------------|--------|--------------------|--------|--|--------------------------|--|--|--|
|     |  |    |             | VI     | Crystn             | Yield, |  |                          |  |  |  |
| No. | R  | X  | Mp, °C      | Method | solvent            | %      | Formula  | Analyses                 |  |  |  |
| 53  | C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>  | 0  | 151-153     | I      | Me <sub>2</sub> CO | 15     | C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>14</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sup>a</sup> | С, Н, N                  |  |  |  |
| 54  | (CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> NCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> | 0  | 210–212 dec | I      | MeOH               | 23     | C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>17</sub> N <sub>5</sub> O•2HCl         | C, H, Cl, N              |  |  |  |
| 55  | $(C_2H_5)_2NCH_2CH_2$  | 0  | 201–203 dec | I I    | <i>i</i> -PrOH     | 24     | $C_{10}H_{19}N_5O\cdot 2HCl$                                 | C, H, Cl, N              |  |  |  |
| 56  | C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> NHCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub>                                  | 0  | 189–192 dec | I      | EtOH               | 46     | C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>15</sub> N <sub>5</sub> O•2HCl        | C, H, Cl; N <sup>b</sup> |  |  |  |
| 57  | (CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> CH   | NH | 225 dec     | I      | EtOH               | 14     | C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>13</sub> N <sub>5</sub> •2HCl          | C, H, Cl, N              |  |  |  |

<sup>a</sup>Isolated as isopropylidene derivative. <sup>b</sup>N: calcd, 22.00; found, 22.94.

| Tabl | e VI. I | 3-Chl | oro-6-(N | <i>l</i> -acety | 1-N-a | lky. | lamino | )pyridazines |
|------|---------|-------|----------|-----------------|-------|------|--------|--------------|
|      |         |       |          |                 |       |      |        |              |

|                      | $\begin{array}{c} R \\ CH_{3}CO \end{array} N - O \\ N N \\ N$          |  |                                     |                       |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |
|----------------------|--|--|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|---|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| No.                  | R  | Mp or<br>bp (mm), °C   | VII<br>Crystn<br>solvent            | Yield,<br>%           | Formula   | Analyses                                      |  |  |  |  |  |
| 58<br>59<br>60<br>61 | $CH_{3}COOCH_{2}CH_{2}$ $(CH_{3})_{2}CH$ $(CH_{3})_{2}NCH_{2}CH_{2}CH_{2}$ $(C_{2}H_{5})_{2}NCH_{2}CH_{2}$ | 155-160 (0.5) <sup>a</sup><br>96-99<br>152-154<br>145 (0.25) | <i>i</i> -Pr <sub>2</sub> O<br>EtOH | 95°<br>52<br>42<br>78 | C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>12</sub> ClN <sub>3</sub> O <sub>3</sub><br>C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>12</sub> ClN <sub>3</sub> O<br>C <sub>11</sub> H <sub>17</sub> ClN <sub>4</sub> O•HCl <sup>4</sup><br>C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>19</sub> ClN <sub>4</sub> O | Cl, N°<br>C, H, Cl, N<br>Cl, N<br>C, H, Cl, N |  |  |  |  |  |

<sup>a</sup>This compound partially decomposed by distillation on a bulb tube apparatus. An analytical sample was obtained by chromatography on silica gel (CHCl<sub>3</sub>-MeOH, 9:1). <sup>b</sup>As crude material. <sup>c</sup>Cl: calcd, 13.76; found, 14.26. N: calcd, 16.30; found, 15.51. NMR peaks (CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$  ppm) at 7.92 and 7.62 AB q (J = 9.1 Hz, 2 H pyridazine ring hydrogens), 4.33 br s (4 H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>N), 2.30 s (3 H, CH<sub>3</sub>CON), 1.98 s (3 H, CH<sub>3</sub>COO). <sup>a</sup>Prepared from the corresponding base in Me<sub>2</sub>CO by adding ethereal HCl.

over a period of 15 min. After addition was complete, stirring was continued at the same temperature for 10 hr. The reaction mixture was cooled and extracted with dilute HCl. The aqueous phase was made basic with 50% NaOH and extracted with  $Et_2O$ . The ether solution was dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and treated with ethereal HCl. The precipitate was filtered and twice recrystallized from EtOH to give 18·HCl.

Compound 17 was directly obtained from I and EtONa in EtOH according to the procedure of Takabayashi.<sup>17</sup>

Method E. 3-(2-Anilinoethoxy)-6-chloropyridazine Hydrochloride (20). A suspension of 2.98 g (20 mmol) of 3,6-dichloropyridazine, 3.76 g (27.4 mmol) of N-(2-hydroxyethyl)aniline, and 10.3 g (74.6 mmol) of finely powdered  $K_2CO_3$  in 40 ml of anhydrous DMF was heated with stirring at 100° for 10 hr. After cooling, the insoluble salts were removed by filtration and the filtrate was evaporated to dryness in vacuo. The residue was taken up with CHCl<sub>3</sub>, washed with H<sub>2</sub>O, and dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>). The solvent was evaporated to dryness. The residue was triturated with Et<sub>2</sub>O and crystallized from EtOAc to give 2.5 g (50%) of 20, mp 98-101°.

Base (1 g) in EtOH was treated with dry HCl. The hydrochloride was filtered and recrystallized from EtOH.

3-Benzylidenehydrazino-6-aminopyridazines IV. Method F. 3-Benzylidenehydrazino-6-[N-(2-hydroxyethyl)-2-hydroxypropylamino]pyridazine (30). A mixture of 18.5 g (0.80 mol) of 3-chloro-6-[N-(2-hydroxyethyl)-2-hydroxypropylamino]pyridazine (8) and 125 ml of 95% hydrazine was gently refluxed with stirring for 3 hr under N<sub>2</sub>. After cooling, the excess of hydrazine was removed in vacuo from the resulting solution (*caution!*). The residue was treated twice with EtOH and the solvent was evaporated in vacuo. The resulting oil was dissolved in 240 ml of EtOH, 35 ml of benzaldehyde and 24 g of finely powdered K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> were added, and the mixture was refluxed for 2 hr. The solvent was evaporated in vacuo and the residue was taken up with Et<sub>2</sub>O, filtered, and triturated with H<sub>2</sub>O to remove the alkaline salts. The crude product was recrystallized from EtOH to yield 7.6 g of 30.

Compound 25 was synthesized according to method F, but  $K_2CO_3$  was not used. For compound 38, AcOH was used as solvent for the crude hydrazino derivative instead of EtOH.

6-Amino-3-hydrazinopyridazines V. Method G. 3-Hydrazino-6-[N-(2-hydroxyethylanilino)]pyridazine Dihydrochloride (51). A stirred solution of 3-benzylidenehydrazino-6-[N-(2hydroxyethylanilino)]pyridazine (35, 4.5 g, 13.5 mmol) in 150 ml of 15% HCl was refluxed and the benzaldehyde which formed was distilled off under N<sub>2</sub>. Additional 15% HCl was used to keep the initial volume, and refluxing was continued until the hydrolysis was complete (~4 hr). The solution was evaporated to dryness in vacuo and the residue was taken up twice with EtOH and then evaporated. The dry residue was crystallized from EtOH to give 3.52 g of 51.

Method H. 3-Hydrazino-6-(tetrahydro-1,4-thiazino)pyridazine Dihydrochloride (41). A mixture of 7.89 g (36.6 mmol) of 3chloro-6-(tetrahydro-1,4-thiazino)pyridazine (3) and 75 ml of NH<sub>2</sub>NH<sub>2</sub>·H<sub>2</sub>O was refluxed for 4 hr and then cooled. The solution was evaporated to dryness in vacuo and the residue was crystallized from EtOH to give 3.4 g of 41 as the free base: mp 142-146°. The product was dissolved in CH<sub>3</sub>OH and treated with methanolic HCl. The solvent was evaporated in vacuo and the residue was twice recrystallized from EtOH to afford 3.95 g of 41.

3-Alkoxy-6-hydrazinopyridazines VI. Method I. 3-(2-Diethylaminoethoxy)-6-hydrazinopyridazine Dihydrochloride (55). A mixture of 8.0 g (35 mmol) of 3-chloro-6-(2-diethylaminoethoxy)pyridazine (19) as free base and 80 ml of  $\rm NH_2\rm NH_2\rm H_2\rm O$  in 35 ml of EtOH was refluxed for 5 hr and the resulting solution was evaporated in vacuo. The oil residue was taken up several times with EtOH and the solvent evaporated to remove the last traces of hydrazine hydrate. The resulting oil was dissolved in EtOH, cooled, and acidified to Congo Red with ethereal HCl. The solvent was evaporated in vacuo; the residue was taken up again in *i*-PrOH and concentrated in vacuo to dryness. The solid residue was heated in 140 ml of *i*-PrOH and filtered on Celite to remove some insoluble salts. The filtrate was cooled at 0° overnight to give 2.5 g of 55.

3-(N-Acetyl-N-alkylamino)-6-chloropyridazines VII. (N-Acetyl-N-isopropylamino)-6-chloropyridazine (59). A mixture of 15 g (87.5 mmol) of 3-chloro-6-isopropylaminopyridazine (22) and 150 ml of  $Ac_2O$  was heated at 90° for 6 hr and the resulting

Table VII. Activity Data

|                  |                                     | thetized<br>atsª            |                                      | hyper-<br>ve rats <sup>b</sup> |                                   |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| No.              | ED <sub>20</sub> ,°<br>mg/<br>kg iv | Rel<br>potency <sup>d</sup> | ED <sub>20</sub> , °<br>mg/<br>kg po | Rel<br>potency⁴                | LD <sub>50</sub> ,<br>mg/kg<br>iv |
| 39               | 0.01                                | 10                          | 2                                    | 5                              | 50                                |
| 40               | 0.02                                | 5                           | 1                                    | 10                             | 150                               |
| 41               | 0.03                                | 3                           | 3                                    | 3                              | 100                               |
| 42               | 0.01                                | 10                          | 0.5                                  | 20                             | 80                                |
| 43               | 0.02                                | 5                           | 2                                    | 5                              | 150                               |
| 44               | 0.02                                | 5                           | 1                                    | 10                             | 600                               |
| 45               | 0.03                                | 3                           | 1                                    | 10                             | 600                               |
| 46               | 0.1                                 | 1                           | 20                                   | 0.5                            | 1000                              |
| 47               | 0.01                                | 10                          | 1.5                                  | 7                              | 100                               |
| 48               | 0.1                                 | 1                           | 20                                   | 0.5                            | 700                               |
| 49               | 0.3                                 | 3                           | 20                                   | 0.5                            | 1000                              |
| 50               | 0.1                                 | 1                           | 5                                    | 2                              | 100                               |
| 51               | 0.04                                | 2.5                         | 5                                    | 2                              | 100                               |
| 52               | 0.05                                | 2                           | 5                                    | 2                              | 150                               |
| 53               | 0.05                                | 2                           | 5                                    | 2                              | 100                               |
| 54               | 0.1                                 | 1                           | 5                                    | 2                              | 700                               |
| 55               | 0.1                                 | 1                           | 5                                    | 2                              | 700                               |
| 56               | 0.07                                | 0.7                         | 5                                    | 2                              | 80                                |
| 57               | 0.1                                 | 1                           | 1.5                                  | 7                              | 150                               |
| Hydrala-<br>zine | 0.1                                 | 1                           | 10.0                                 | 1                              | 100                               |

<sup>a</sup>Basal mean blood pressure, 130–150 mmHg. <sup>b</sup>Basal systolic blood pressure, 216  $\pm$  2.9 (SD) mmHg (mean of 360 rats). <sup>c</sup>Dose producing a 20% pressure drop from basal value. The maximal effect was reached 20–30 min after administration in cats and 1–3 hr after administration in rats. <sup>a</sup>Ratio ED<sub>20</sub> of hydralazine/ED<sub>20</sub> of test compound.

dark solution was concentrated in vacuo. The residue was taken up with H<sub>2</sub>O, made alkaline with 15% K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, and extracted several times with CHCl<sub>3</sub>. The combined extracts were washed with an aqueous solution of 5% HCl saturated with NaCl and then with a saturated NaCl solution and finally dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. After evaporation, the solid residue was crystallized to give 9.5 g of **59**.

3-(N-Acetyl-N-isopropylamino)-6-benzylidenehydrazinopyridazine (VIIIb). Reaction of 3 g of 59 and 30 ml of 95% hydrazine at room temperature for 1 hr (method F) gave 1.55 g (37%) of VIIIb, mp 248–251° (from EtOH). Anal. ( $C_{16}H_{19}N_5O$ ) C, H, N.

When the same reaction was performed at the reflux temperature for 2 hr, the *deacetyl* compound VIIIa was isolated in 15% yield: mp 202-204°. Anal.  $(C_{14}H_{17}N_5)$  C, H, N.

Reactions of compounds 58, 60, and 61 with 95% hydrazine under various conditions gave no condensation products and only the corresponding deacetylated derivatives 21, 23, and 24 were isolated from the reaction mixture.

3-Hydrazino-6-isopropylaminopyridazine dihydrochloride (57) was prepared by method G from VIIIb (10 g, 33.6 mmol) and 300 ml of 15% HCl and recrystallized from EtOH.

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# Quinoxaline Studies. 23.<sup>1a</sup> Potential Antimalarials. Substituted 5,8-Dimethoxyquinoxalines<sup>1b</sup>

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Two series of 2,3-disubstituted 5,8-dimethoxy-6-[N-( $\omega$ -dimethylaminoalkyl)amino]quinoxalines were prepared: the first series with identical 2,3-substituents H, CH<sub>3</sub>, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-4-Cl, and CH<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>; and the second with identical styryl groups CH=CHC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>, CH=CHC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-4-Cl, CH=CHC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub>-3,4-Cl<sub>2</sub>, CH=CHC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-4-F, CH=CHC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-4-CF<sub>3</sub>, and CH=CHC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-4-NO<sub>2</sub>. None of the substances possessed antimalarial activity; several were toxic at highest dosage levels.

Previously reported<sup>2</sup> quinoxalinemethanols, unlike many quinolinemethanols, were without antimalarial capacity. It has been postulated<sup>3-8</sup> that the antimalarial activity of the quinoline compounds is due to quinoid materials formed in the host. It was hoped, therefore, that suitably substituted 5,8-dimethoxyquinoxalines would be especially easily transformed in vivo into the corresponding quinoxalinequinones, which might possess antimalarial qualities. And further, unpublished data related to earlier work<sup>2</sup> indicated that styryl derivatives of quinoxaline possessed some anti-