

Tetraiodophthaloyl Amino Acids

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Aromatic iodo compounds are useful diagnostic agents since iodine is opaque to X-rays and because the particular type of carbon-iodine bonding minimizes generation of iodide ion.¹ Our interest in compounds with maximal content of iodine has prompted preparation of some tetraiodophthaloyl amino acids (Table I) that are

TABLE I
N,N-TETRAIODOPHTHALOYL AMINO ACIDS

Amino acid	Yield, %	Mp, °C	Formula ^a
DL-Alanine	49 ^b	320-321	C ₁₁ H ₉ I ₄ NO ₄
DL-Leucine	3 ^c	275-278	C ₁₄ H ₁₀ I ₄ NO ₄
p-Aminophenyl acetic acid	50 ^b	321-322	C ₁₆ H ₇ I ₄ NO ₄ ^d
DL-Phenylalanine	62 ^b	301-303	C ₁₇ H ₉ I ₄ NO ₄

^a Of N,N-tetraiodophthaloyl derivative. Analyses for iodine were within $\pm 0.4\%$ except where indicated. ^b Crude. ^c Purified. ^d I: calcd, 64.69; found, 64.42.

60-70% in iodine, a level comparable to that found in radiodiagnostic agents.² The syntheses involved treating tetraiodophthalic anhydride with appropriate amino acids at elevated temperature. This procedure is comparable to that used for condensing phthalic anhydride with amino acids.³

Experimental Section⁴

N,N-Tetraiodophthaloyl-DL-alanine.—A warm solution of 1.7 g (0.019 mole) of DL-alanine in 50 ml of HOAc was mixed with a solution of 6.3 g (0.0097 mole) of tetraiodophthalic anhydride in 35 ml of PhNO₂ at 180°. The solution was refluxed for 5 min at 117° and cooled to room temperature where yellow crystals formed. These were filtered and washed (Et₂O, H₂O) to yield 3.52 g (49%) of product, mp 320-321° (from dioxane-H₂O three times). *Anal.* (C₁₁H₉I₄NO₄) I.

N,N-Tetraiodophthaloyl-DL-leucine and N,N-tetraiodophthaloyl-DL-phenylalanine.—A solution of 2.8 g (0.02 mole) of DL-leucine in 100 ml of HOAc was added to a solution of 6.3 g (0.0097 mole) of tetraiodophthalic anhydride in dioxane. The solution was refluxed for 30 min and cooled to yield yellow crystals which were recrystallized twice from dioxane-H₂O to give 0.23 g (3.0%) of N,N-tetraiodophthaloyl-DL-leucine, mp 275-278°. *Anal.* (C₁₄H₁₀I₄NO₄) I. N,N-Tetraiodophthaloyl-DL-phenylalanine was prepared in a similar manner to give a 62% yield of white crystals, mp 301-303° (dioxane-H₂O). *Anal.* (C₁₇H₉I₄NO₄) I.

N,N-Tetraiodophthaloyl-p-aminophenylacetic Acid.—A solution of 1.7 g (0.011 mole) of p-aminophenylacetic acid and 6.3 g (0.0097 mole) of tetraiodophthalic anhydride in 100 ml of PhNO₂ was refluxed for 30 min. After 2 days at room temperature, a dark precipitate formed which was filtered and washed with Et₂O and H₂O to yield 3.9 g (50%) of yellow crystals, mp 321-322° (from dioxane-H₂O, four times). *Anal.* (C₁₆H₇I₄NO₄) I.

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1-Substituted 4-Aryl- (or 4-Aralkyl-) phthalazines

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The disclosures of Laborit and coworkers¹ of the varied pharmacological activities of the aminoalkylpyridazones, together with the new class of synthetic analgetics² incorporating the quinazoline ring system, prompted us to investigate the potential of 1-substituted 4-aryl- (or 4-aralkyl-) phthalazines. The 1-hydrazino³ and 1-diethylaminoalkoxy⁴ derivatives of this general structural type have been reported to have hypotensive and antihistaminic activities, respectively.

All the compounds were prepared by the action of the appropriate agent on the particular chlorophthalazine by the method indicated in Table I. Structures **2**, **3**, **8**, **29**, **31**, and **32** showed weak anorexic properties in starved mice. Compound **13** demonstrated antiinflammatory activity and had an MED of 32 mg/kg (30% inhibition of edema) when tested orally in rats using the carrageenin-induced edema technique.⁵ All the other compounds were found to be devoid of significant pharmacological activity.

Experimental Section⁶

General Preparation of 1-Substituted 4-Aryl- (or 4-Aralkyl-) phthalazines. **Method A.**—A mixture of 1-chloro-4-phenylphthalazine,⁷ amine, and Na₂CO₃ in molar equivalent amounts was refluxed in MIBK for 18 hr and worked up in the usual manner.

Method B.—A mixture of the appropriate chlorophthalazine,⁷ amine, and Na₂CO₃ in molar equivalent amounts was heated in DMSO at 160° (**9** and **14** were heated at 130°) for 2-3 hr and worked up in the usual manner.

Method C.—A mixture of the appropriate chlorophthalazine,⁷ amine, and Na₂CO₃ in molar equivalent amounts in DMSO was heated in a sealed pressure bottle for 4 hr (compound **38** was heated for 16 hr) on a steam bath and worked up in the usual manner.

Method D.—A solution of 1-chloro-4-phenylphthalazine⁷ in excess amine was heated at 130-160° (**11** and **13** were heated at 200 and 60°, respectively) for 3-4 hr and worked up in the usual manner.

Method E.—A solution of the sodium alkoxide in the alcohol and the appropriate chlorophthalazine⁷ was refluxed for 2-3 hr and worked up in the usual manner.

Method F.—The 1-chloro-4-phenylphthalazine⁷ was added to a solution of the sodium cycloalkoxide (prepared with NaH) in DMF and heated at 70-80° for 3 hr.

Method G.—A mixture of the 1-chloro-4-phenylphthalazine,⁷ amine, and Na₂CO₃ in molar equivalent amounts was refluxed in DMSO for 3 hr and worked up in the usual manner.

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TABLE I: 1-SUBSTITUTED 4-ARYL- (OR 4-ALKYL-) PHTHALAZINES

No.	R	n	X	Mp, °C	Crystn solvent ^a	Formula	Analyses ^b	Method ^c
1	MeNH	0	H	195-197	A	C ₁₅ H ₁₃ N ₃	C, H, N	C
2	Me ₂ N	0	H	111-113	B	C ₁₆ H ₁₅ N ₃	C, H, N	C
3	EtNH	0	H	150-151	C-D	C ₁₆ H ₁₅ N ₃	C, H, N	C
4	<i>n</i> -PrNH	0	H	103-104	E-D	C ₁₇ H ₁₇ N ₃	C, H, N	C
5	<i>i</i> -PrNH	0	H	191-192	A-B	C ₁₇ H ₁₇ N ₃	C, H, N	C
6	HO(CH ₂) ₂ NH	0	H	161-163	C	C ₁₆ H ₁₅ N ₃ O	C, H, N	D
7	Me ₂ N(CH ₂) ₂ NH	0	H	126-129	A-B	C ₁₈ H ₂₀ N ₄	C, H, N	D
8	Me ₂ N(CH ₂) ₃ NH	0	H	257-259	E	C ₁₉ H ₂₂ N ₄ ·2HCl·H ₂ O	C, H, Cl, N	B
9	<i>i</i> -PrCH ₂ NH	0	H	143-144	C	C ₁₈ H ₁₉ N ₃	C, H, N	B
10	C ₆ H ₅ (CH ₂) ₂ NH	0	H	147-149	C	C ₂₂ H ₁₉ N ₃	C, H, N	D
11	C ₆ H ₅ CH ₂ NH	0	H	219-220	C	C ₂₁ H ₁₇ N ₃	C, H, N	D
12	[CH ₃ (CH ₂) ₃] ₂ N	0	H	173-175	A	C ₂₂ H ₂₇ N ₃ ·HCl	C, H, Cl, N	D
13	C ₆ H ₅ NH ^d	0	H	188-190	C	C ₁₇ H ₁₅ N ₃	C, H, N	D
14	C ₆ H ₉ NH ^e	0	H	189-191	E-B	C ₁₉ H ₁₉ N ₃	C, H, N	B
15	C ₆ H ₁₁ NH ^f	0	H	303-305	F	C ₂₀ H ₂₁ N ₃ ·HCl	C, H, N	G
16	C ₄ H ₈ N ^g	0	H	106-108	E-D	C ₁₈ H ₁₇ N ₃ ·0.25H ₂ O ^h	C, H, N	D
17	C ₈ H ₁₆ N ^h	0	H	152-153	C	C ₁₉ H ₁₉ N ₃	C, H, N	A
18	C ₈ H ₁₆ NO ⁱ	0	H	159-160	E-D	C ₁₉ H ₁₉ N ₃ O	C, H, N	A
19	C ₄ H ₈ NO ^j	0	H	192-194	C	C ₁₇ H ₁₇ N ₃ O	C, H, N	D
20	C ₅ H ₁₁ N ₂ ^k	0	H	155-158	C	C ₁₉ H ₂₀ N ₄	C, H, N	D
21	C ₁₀ H ₁₃ N ₂ ^l	0	H	217-219	F	C ₂₄ H ₂₂ N ₄	C, H, N	D
22	C ₁₁ H ₁₄ NO ^m	0	H	208-210	C	C ₂₃ H ₂₃ N ₃ O	C, H, N	G
23	C ₁₁ H ₁₃ ClNO ⁿ	0	H	232-234	F	C ₂₅ H ₂₂ ClN ₃ O	C, H, N	G
24	EtO	0	H	91-93	B	C ₁₆ H ₁₄ N ₂ O	C, H, N	E
25	<i>n</i> -PrO	0	H	71-73	B	C ₁₇ H ₁₆ N ₂ O	C, H, N	E
26	<i>i</i> -PrO	0	H	102-104	F-D	C ₁₇ H ₁₆ N ₂ O	C, H, N	E
27	C ₃ H ₉ O ^o	0	H	120-121	B	C ₁₉ H ₁₈ N ₂ O	C, H, N	F
28	C ₆ H ₁₁ O ^o	0	H	111-113	F-D	C ₂₀ H ₂₀ N ₂ O	C, H, N	F
29	<i>i</i> -PrNH	0	Cl	199-202	F-B	C ₁₇ H ₁₆ ClN ₃	C, H, Cl, N	C
30	Me ₂ N(CH ₂) ₂ NH	0	Cl	265-267	F-G	C ₁₈ H ₁₉ ClN ₄ ·2HCl	C, H, Cl, N	B
31	Me ₂ N(CH ₂) ₃ NH	0	Cl	269-270	F-G	C ₁₉ H ₂₁ ClN ₄ ·2HCl	C, H, Cl, N	B
32	C ₆ H ₅ NH ^d	0	Cl	189-191	A	C ₁₇ H ₁₄ ClN ₃	C, H, Cl, N	C
33	EtO	0	Cl	156-157	A-B	C ₁₆ H ₁₃ ClN ₂ O	C, H, Cl, N	E
34	<i>i</i> -PrO	0	Cl	122-124	B	C ₁₇ H ₁₅ ClN ₂ O	C, H, Cl, N	E
35	Cl ^o	0	Cl	190-191	A-B	C ₁₅ H ₁₂ Cl ₂ N ₂	C, H, Cl, N	
36	<i>i</i> -PrNH	1	H	229-231	F-G	C ₁₈ H ₁₉ N ₃ ·HCl	C, H, Cl, N	C
37	Me ₂ N(CH ₂) ₃ NH	1	H	234-236	E-G	C ₂₀ H ₂₁ N ₄ ·2HCl	C, H, Cl, N	B
38	C ₆ H ₅ NH ^d	1	H	149-150	A-B	C ₁₈ H ₁₇ N ₃	C, H, N	C
39	<i>i</i> -PrO	1	H	91-93	B	C ₁₈ H ₁₇ N ₂ O	C, H, N	E

^a A = EtOAc, B = Skellysolve B (bp 60-80°), C = MeCN, D = H₂O, E = *i*-PrOH, F = EtOH, G = Et₂O. ^b Analytical results obtained for the indicated elements were within $\pm 0.3\%$ of the theoretical values. ^c Anal. (compound 16) H₂O: calcd, 1.61; found, 1.98 (Karl Fischer). ^d See Experimental Section. ^e C₆H₅ = cyclopropyl. ^f C₆H₉ = cyclopentyl. ^g C₆H₁₁ = cyclohexyl. ^h C₄H₈N = piperidino. ⁱ C₅H₁₀N = piperidino. ^j C₅H₁₀NO = 4-hydroxypiperidino. ^k C₄H₈NO = morpholino. ^l C₃H₇N₂ = 4-methylpiperazino. ^m C₁₀H₁₃N₂ = 4-phenylpiperazino. ⁿ C₁₁H₁₄NO = 4-hydroxy-4-phenylpiperidino. ^o C₁₁H₁₃ClNO = 4-*p*-chlorophenyl-4-hydroxypiperidino. ^p See ref 7.

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Stereoisomeric 2,2'-Bithiiranes

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In the course of the work on bifunctional alkylating agents the title compounds were prepared by reaction

of (2*R*:3*R*)-, (2*S*:3*S*)-, and *meso*-1,2:3,4-diepoxybutane¹ with KSCN, a known method² for the transformation of epoxides to episulfides. The mechanism of this conversion implies Walden inversions,² which in the present case afforded change in configuration at both of the two asymmetrical carbon atoms. The stereoisomeric 2,2'-bithiiranes polymerized readily. Only fresh sublimated samples were free of polymers. For this reason the biological properties of the compounds are not evaluated.

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