## Studies on Cardiotonic Agents. II.<sup>1)</sup> Synthesis of Novel Phthalazine and 1,2,3-Benzotriazine Derivatives

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A series of phthalazine and 1,2,3-benzotriazine derivatives which have heterocyclylpiperidino groups was synthesized and tested for cardiotonic activity in anesthetized dogs. Several 6,7-dimethoxyphthalazine derivatives showed relatively potent cardiotonic activity comparable to that of amrinone.

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Within the last decade a number of novel non-glycoside, non-catecholamine cardiotonic agents have been reported as potential replacements for digitalis in the treatment of congestive heart failure.<sup>2)</sup> In a previous paper,<sup>1)</sup> we described the synthesis and the cardiac stimulant activities of a series of quinazoline derivatives carrying various heterocyclylpiperidines. As a continuation of our investigation, we undertook further studies to prepare other azine derivatives. The Pfizer group reported the 6,7-dimethoxyphthalazine derivative carbazeran (1) (Chart 1) showed

potent cardiotonic activity.<sup>3)</sup> In order to define the structural requirements for cardiotonic activity of the series, we first attempted to carry out replacement of the ethyl carbamate moiety of 1 with various heterocyclic rings which we reported were intermediates of an antihypertensive agent.<sup>4)</sup> We then replaced the 6,7-dimethoxyphthalazine nucleus of 1 with other azines. In this report, we wish to describe the synthesis and cardiotonic activity of various 6,7-dimethoxyphthalazine, 5,7-dimethyl-6-ethoxycarbonylphthalazine and 6,7-dimethoxy-1,2,3-benzotriazine derivatives as shown in Table I.

Chemistry The Pfizer group reported<sup>3)</sup> that 1 was synthesized from 1-chloro-6,7-dimethoxyphtalazine (25) by treatment with the appropriate piperidine. But the reaction of 25 with 1-(4-piperidinyl)-1*H*-benzotriazole (Ia)<sup>4)</sup> under similar reaction condition was very sluggish, and the desired 9 was obtained in poor yield. In order to activate the chlorine atom of 25 as a leaving group, we attempted to introduce

Chart 2

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one more chlorine atom at the 4-position of 25. Thus, treatment of the phthalazinedione (26)<sup>5)</sup> with POCl<sub>3</sub> gave the dichloride (27) which reacted with Ia to afford 3 in 57% yield, followed by catalytic reduction to give 9 in 78% yield from 2 (Chart 2). The 6,7-dimethoxyphthalazine derivatives in Table I were prepared in the same manner.

The 5,7-dimethyl-6-ethoxycarbonylphthalazine derivatives (14, 15) were prepared by reaction of the piperidines  $\{1-(4-\text{piperidinyl})-1,3-\text{dihydro-}2(2H)-\text{benzimidazolone (Ib)}, 1-(4-\text{piperidinyl})-2-\text{imidazolidinone (Ic)}\}^{4)}$  with the chloride (32) which was synthesized in 5 steps from 28. Thus, reduction of  $28^{6}$  with LiAlH<sub>4</sub> gave the lactone (29). No further reduction occurred. Bromination of 29 with bromine in the presence of azobisisobutyronitrile (AIBN) in CCl<sub>4</sub> under reflux, and subsequent hydrolysis and ring closure

with hydrazine hydrate gave the 1-phthalazinone 31, probably *via* monobromide (30), in 15% yield from 29. In proton nuclear magnetic resonance (<sup>1</sup>H-NMR) spectrum, 31 showed signals of 4-H and 8-H of phthalazine ring at 8.33 and 8.14 ppm, respectively. On the other hand, Abuki and Miyazaki<sup>6</sup>) reported the isomeric 4-phthalazinone 33 showed signals of 1-H and 8-H at 8.0 and 7.3 ppm, respectively. From these data, the structure of 31 was assigned as 1-phthalazinone. Chlorination of 31 with POCl<sub>3</sub> and subsequent condensation with Ib in the presence of K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> and KI in dimethylformamide (DMF) at 100 °C afforded 14 (Chart 3).

The synthetic route to the 1,2,3-benzotriazine derivatives listed in Table II is outlined in Chart 4. The reaction of the benzotriazinone 34<sup>7</sup> with Lawesson's reagent<sup>8</sup> in toluene

TABLE I

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Compd. No.	R¹	R <sup>2</sup>	R <sup>3</sup>	R <sup>4</sup>	Z	Yield (%)	mp (°C) (Crystn. solv.)	Formula	Analysis (%) Calcd (Found)		
No.						(70)	(Crystin. solv.)		С	Н	N
2	MeO	MeO	Н	Cl	1,3-Dihydro-2-oxo-	52	272—275	C <sub>22</sub> H <sub>22</sub> ClN <sub>5</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	59.46	5.10	15.76
					2 <i>H</i> -benzimidazol-1-yl		$(DMF-H_2O)$	· 1/4H <sub>2</sub> O	(59.35	5.05	15.55)
3	MeO	MeO	Н	Cl	1 <i>H</i> -Benzotriazol-1-yl	57	244—245	$C_{21}H_{21}ClN_6O_2$	59.36	4.98	19.78
							$(DMF-H_2O)$		(59.26	5.10	19.70)
4	MeO	MeO	Н	Cl	1,2,3,4-Tetrahydro-	79	267—270 (dec.)	$C_{23}H_{24}CIN_5O_3$	58.53	5.55	14.84
					2-oxo-1-quinazolinyl		$(DMF-H_2O)$	$\cdot$ H <sub>2</sub> O	(58.26	5.31	14.73)
5	MeO	MeO	H	Cl	1,2,3,4-Tetrahydro-	81	224—225	$C_{23}H_{24}CIN_5O_3$	58.53	5.55	14.84
					2-oxo-3-quinazolinyl		$(DMF-H_2O)$	$H_2O$	(58.43	5.71	14.99)
6	MeO	MeO	H	Cl	3,4-Dihydro-2-oxo-	49	247-249	$C_{23}H_{23}CIN_4O_4$	59.55	5.21	12.08
					2H-1,3-benzoxazin-3-yl		$(DMF-H_2O)$	·1/2H <sub>2</sub> O	(59.61	5.03	11.95)
7	MeO	MeO	H	· <b>C</b> 1	2-Oxo-1-imidazolidinyl	43	220 (dec.)	$C_{18}H_{22}ClN_5O_3$	55.17	5.66	17.87
					·		$(DMF-H_2O)$		(55.30	5.80	17.65)
8	MeO	MeO	Н	H	1,3-Dihydro-2-oxo-	$76^{a)}$	173—175 (dec.)	$C_{22}H_{23}N_5O_3$	62.40	5.95	16.54
					2H-benzimidazol-1-yl		(DMF-H <sub>2</sub> O)	·H <sub>2</sub> O	(62.68	5.83	16.71)
9	MeO	MeO	Н	H	1H-Benzotriazol-1-yl	$78^{a}$	221	$C_{21}H_{22}N_6O_2$	64.60	5.68	21.52
					•		(DMF-H <sub>2</sub> O)	21 22 0 2	(64.55	5.60	21.34)
10	MeO	MeO	Н	Н	1,2,3,4-Tetrahydro-	$30^{a)}$	147—148	$C_{23}H_{25}N_5O_3$	65.85	6.01	16.70
					2-oxo-1-quinazolinyl		$(DMF-H_2O)$	23 23 3 3	(65.68	5.73	16.84)
11	MeO	MeO	Н	H	1,2,3,4-Tetrahydro-	$73^{a)}$	200—203	$C_{23}H_{25}N_5O_3$	63.14	6.22	16.01
	1.100				2-oxo-3-quinazolinyl		(DMF-H <sub>2</sub> O)	·H <sub>2</sub> O	(63.25	6.20	16.01)
12	MeO	MeO	Н	Н	3.4-Dihydro-2-oxo-	$78^{a}$	221	$C_{23}H_{24}^{2}N_{4}O_{4}$	65.70	5.75	13.32
	1.100				2H-1,3-benzoxazin-3-yl		(DMF-H <sub>2</sub> O)	23 24 4 4	(65.53	5.83	13.34)
13	MeO	MeO	Н	Н	2-Oxo-1-imidazolidinyl	$72^{a}$	148—152	$C_{18}H_{23}N_5O_3$	57.59	6.71	18.65
10	11100				2 0 1	. –	(MeOH)	·H <sub>2</sub> O	(57.83	6.65	18.32)
14	Me	EtCO <sub>2</sub>	Me	Н	1,3-Dihydro-2-oxo-	63	196 (dec.)	$C_{25}H_{27}N_5O_3$	65.42	6.26	15.26
14	1110	EtCC <sub>2</sub>	1.10		2 <i>H</i> -benzimidazol-1-yl		(DMF-H <sub>2</sub> O)	·3/4H <sub>2</sub> O	(65.40	6.15	15.01)
15	Me	EtCO <sub>2</sub>	Me	Н	2-Oxo-1-imidazolidinyl	54	220—221	$C_{21}H_{27}N_5O_3$	63.45	6.84	17.61
13	1,10	Lico <sub>2</sub>	1,10	**	2 one i middennigi		(AcOEt-Et <sub>2</sub> O)	-212/11503	(63.39	6.87	17.46)

a) Dechlorination step.

TABLE II

Compd.	Z	Yield (%)	mp (°C) (Crystn. solv.)	Formula _	Analysis (%) Calcd (Found)			
No.					С	Н	N	
16	1,3-Dihydro-2-oxo-	79 <sup>a)</sup>	220—223	$C_{21}H_{22}N_6O_3$	55.81	5.35	18.60	
	2 <i>H</i> -benzimidazol-1-yl		(MeOH)	$\cdot$ HCl $\cdot$ 1/2H <sub>2</sub> O	(55.93	5.12	18.39	
17	1 <i>H</i> -Benzotriazol-1-yl	61	201—203	$C_{20}H_{21}N_7O_2$	59.99	5.54	24.48	
	•		$(DMF-H_2O)$	·1/2H <sub>2</sub> O	(60.31	5.41	24.29	
18	1,2,3,4-Tetrahydro-	76	239—241 (dec.)	$C_{22}H_{24}N_6O_3$	62.18	5.81	19.78	
	2-oxo-1-quinazolinyl		$(DMF-H_2O)$	$\cdot 1/4H_2O$	(62.00	5.84	19.62	
19	1,2,3,4-Tetrahydro-	70	290-292 (dec.)	$C_{22}H_{24}N_6O_3$	62.84	5.75	19.99	
	2-oxo-3-quinazolinyl		$(DMF-H_2O)$		(62.45	5.60	19.61	
20	3,4-Dihydro-2-oxo-	$76^{a)}$	168—170	$C_{22}H_{23}N_5O_4$	56.59	5.40	15.00	
	2H-1,3-benzoxazin-3-yl		(MeOH)	$\cdot$ HCl $\cdot$ 1/2H <sub>2</sub> O	(56.45	5.34	14.68	
21	2-Cyanoamino-3,4-dihydro-	69	292-294 (dec.)	$C_{23}H_{24}N_8O_2$	62.15	5.44	25.21	
	3-quinazolinyl		$(DMF-H_2O)$		(61.92	5.36	25.00	
22	(1,3-Dihydro-2-oxo-	79	259261	$C_{22}H_{24}N_6O_3$	62.18	5.81	19.78	
	1H-benzimidazol-1-yl)methyl		$(DMF-H_2O)$	$\cdot 1/4H_2O$	(62.13	5.84	19.57	
23	3,4-Dihydro-2,2-dioxido-	43 <sup>a)</sup>	210-211	$C_{21}H_{24}N_6O_4S$	50.25	5.22	16.74	
	1H-2,1,3-benzothiadiazin-1-yl		(MeOH)	$\cdot$ HCl $\cdot$ 1/2H <sub>2</sub> O	(50.38	5.30	16.50	
24	3,4-Dihydro-2,2-dioxido-	86	207208	$C_{21}H_{24}N_6O_4S$	53.15	5.52	17.71	
	1H-2,1,3-benzothiadiazin-3-yl		$(DMF-H_2O)$	·H <sub>2</sub> O	(53.45	5.30	17.60	

a) As HCl salt.

Table III. Biological Activity of Some Phthalazine and 1,2,3-Benzotriazine Derivatives in Anesthetized Dogs (n=2)

C LN	Cardiotonic activity					
Compd. No.	$LVdP/dt$ max ( $\Delta$ %)	Relative potency <sup>a</sup>				
2	NE					
3	7.8	0.13				
4	35.3	0.63				
5	10.0	0.16				
6	5.2	0.09				
8	18.6	0.64				
9	NE					
10	NE					
11	27.4	0.95				
12	14.8	0.51				
15	15.8	0.51				
16	NE					
17	NE					
18	NE					
19	28.2	1.01				
20	4.2	0.40				
21	30.4	0.59				
22	12.0	0.45				
23	13.1	0.59				
24	NE					

a) Compared to the percent increase in LVdP/dt max observed with amrinone (1 mg/kg) in the same dogs. NE: no effect.

afforded the thione (35). Methylation of 35 with MeI in alkaline medium gave the methyl sulfide (36) which was oxidized to give the methyl sulfone (37) by treatment with KMnO<sub>4</sub> in a mixture of CHCl<sub>3</sub> and 70% AcOH. The compound 37 was immediately used in the next reaction without further purification because of its low stability. This compound was completely degraded at 40 °C within 1 h,

even in the crystalline state. Reaction of 37 with 3-(4-piperidinyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2-oxo-3-quinazoline (Id)<sup>4)</sup> in dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO) at room temperature afforded 19 in 70% yield.

**Biological Results** Cardiotonic activity of the compounds listed in Tables I and II was evaluated in anesthetized open chest dogs using procedures previously described. The results of the test compounds were determined by measuring percent increase in maximum dP/dt of left ventricular pressure (LVdP/dt max,  $\Delta$ %) after i.v. administration (1 mg/kg) in anesthetized mongrel dogs of either sex (8—15 kg, n=2). The potency of cardiotonic activity of the test compounds was compared with amrinone (1.0 mg/kg i.v.). Relative potency was calculated as the ratio of the LVdP/dt max of each compound to that of amrinone (3) (amrinone = 1) in the same dogs.

Results of the experiment are summarized in Table III. As regards effects of the substituents on piperidine ring, introduction of the 1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2-oxo-3-quinazolinyl group (11, 19) conferred relatively potent activity comparable to that of amrinone. We previously reported that 3-[1-(6,7-dimethoxy-4-quinazolinyl)-4-piperidinyl]-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinazolin-2-one<sup>1)</sup> showed potent cardiotonic activity. These findings suggest that the 1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2-oxo-3-quinazolinyl group was preferable for improved activity.

Other 6,7-dimethoxyphthalazine, 5,7-dimethyl-6-ethoxy-carbonylphthalazine and 1,2,3-benzotriazine derivatives, however, were generally less potent than amrinone and the 6,7-dimethoxyquinazoline derivatives.<sup>1)</sup>

## Experimental

All melting points were determined on a micro melting point apparatus

(Yanagimoto) and are uncorrected. Infrared (IR) spectra were measured on a Shimadzu IR-27G spectrophotometer. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra were measured on a Varian EM-390 and a JNM-PS-100 spectrometer using trimethylsilane (TMS) as an internal standard.

1,4-Dichloro-6,7-dimethoxyphthalazine (27) A solution of 26 (19.0 g, 86 mmol) in POCl<sub>3</sub> (45 ml) was refluxed for 2 h. The reaction mixture was evaporated under reduced pressure and the residue was poured into ice-water (150 ml). The precipitated crystals were collected by filtration, washed with water and dried to give crude 27 (16.0 g, 72%) which was used in the next reaction without further purification. An analytical sample was recrystallized from DMF-water, mp 195—200 °C (dec.). *Anal.* Calcd for  $C_{10}H_8Cl_2N_2O_2$ : C, 46.36; H, 3.11; N, 10.81. Found: C, 46.39; H, 3.23; N, 10.58. IR (KBr): 1600, 1510 cm<sup>-1</sup>. NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 7.36 (2H, s, Ar-H), 3.95 (6H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>O).

General Procedure for the Synthesis of 4-Chloro-6,7-dimethoxy-1-(4-heterocyclyl-1-piperidinyl)phthalazines. (1-[1-(4-Chloro-6,7-dimethoxyphthalazin-1-yl)-4-piperidinyl]-1H-benzotriazole (3) A mixture of 27 (2.0 g, 7.7 mmol), 1-(4-piperidinyl)-1H-benzotriazole (Id) (2.6 g, 9.9 mmol),  $K_2CO_3$  (3.0 g) and KI (0.1 g) in DMF (10 ml) was stirred for 15 h at 100 °C. The reaction mixture was poured into water. The precipitates were collected by filtration, washed with water and dried to give crude crystals of 3 which were recrystallized from DMF-water to obtain 1.9 g (68%) of 3. IR (KBr): 1600, 1500 cm<sup>-1</sup>. NMR (DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$ : 8.13 (2H, m, Ar-H), 7.55 (4H, m, Ar-H), 5.38 (1H, m, piperidine), 4.10 (6H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>O), 3.80—1.60 (8H, m, piperidine). Compounds 2, 4—7 were obtained in the same manner as described above. The yields, melting points and elemental analysis data are shown in Table I.

General Procedure for the Synthesis of 6,7-Dimethoxy-1-(4-heterocyclyl1-piperidinyl)phthalazines. 1-[1-(6,7-Dimethoxyphthalazin-1-yl)-4-piperidinyl]-1*H*-benzotriazole (9) A suspension of 3 (1.4 g, 3.8 mmol) and 10% Pd on carbon (0.2 g) in AcOH (30 ml) was stirred under atmospheric pressure of  $H_2$  for 3 h at 40 °C. The catalyst was filtered off and the filtrate was concentrated, then adjusted to pH 10 with 1 N NaOH. The precipitated crystals were collected by filtration, washed and dried to give crude crystals of 9 which were recrystallized from DMF-water afforded 9 (1.0 g, 67%). IR (KBr):  $1600 \, \mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ . NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 9.12 (1H, s, Ar-H), 8.10 (1H, m, Ar-H), 7.60—7.12 (5H, m, Ar-H), 4.90 (1H, m, piperidine), 4.10 (6H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>O), 3.60—1.70 (8H, m, piperidine). Compounds 8, 10—13 were obtained in the same manner as described above. The yields, melting points and elemental analysis data are shown in Table I.

5,7-Dimethyl-6-ethoxycarbonyl-1(2H)-phthalazinone (31) LiAlH<sub>4</sub> (5.7 g, 150 mmol) was added portionwise to a solution of 28 (40.0 g, 136 mmol) in tetrahydrofuran (THF) (200 ml) and the mixture was stirred for 30 min at room temperature. The reaction mixture was poured into ice-water, the whole was extracted with CHCl<sub>3</sub>, and the organic layer was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and evaporated to dryness. The residual oil was purified by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, 500 g, CHCl<sub>3</sub>) to afford oily **29** (16.0 g, 48%). IR (KBr): 1770, 1745 cm<sup>-1</sup>. NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 7.45 (1H, s, Ar-H), 5.21 (2H, s,  $-CH_2$ -), 4.45 (2H, q, J = 6 Hz,  $-OC\underline{H}_2CH_3$ ), 2.36, 2.28 (3H, each, s,  $CH_3$ ), 1.44 (3H, t, J=6 Hz,  $-OCH_2CH_3$ ). Bromine (5.6 g, 70 mmol) was added dropwise to a boiling solution of 29 (16.0 g, 65 mmol) and AIBN (0.1 g) in CCl<sub>4</sub> (100 ml) with stirring over a 2 h period. The reaction mixture was concentrated and the residue was suspended in water (150 ml), then heated at 100 °C for 1 h. Hydrazine hydrate (8 ml) was added to the mixture and stirred for 1 h at 60 °C. The precipitates were collected by filtration, washed with water, dried to give crude crystals of 31 which were recrystallized with DMF-water to afford pure 31 (5.2 g, 31%), mp 190-192 °C. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: C, 63.39; H, 5.74; N, 11.37. Found: C, 63.22; H, 5.59; N, 11.40. IR (KBr): 1720, 1650 cm<sup>-1</sup>. NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 10.92 (1H, br, NH), 8.33 (1H, s, Ar-H), 8.14 (1H, s, Ar-H), 4.48 (2H, q, J = 6 Hz,  $-OCH_2CH_3$ ), 2.55, 2.42 (3H, each, s, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.44 (3H, t, J=6Hz,

**1-Chloro-5,7-dimethyl-6-ethoxycarbonylphthalazine** (32) A suspension of 31 (4.0 g, 16 mmol) in POCl<sub>3</sub> (20 ml) was stirred for 15 min at 90 °C. The reaction mixture was evaporated under reduced pressure and the residue was poured into crushed ice and extracted with AcOEt. The organic layer was washed with water, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and evaporated to dryness. The oily residue was purified by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, 120 g, 0.5% MeOH–CHCl<sub>3</sub>). The product was crystallized from iso-PrOH–hexane to afford 32 (3.0 g, 70%), mp 167 °C. *Anal.* Calcd for  $C_{13}H_{13}ClN_2O_2$ : C, 58.99; H, 4.95; N, 10.58. Found: C, 58.78; H, 5.03; N, 10.60. IR (KBr): 1730 cm<sup>-1</sup>. NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 9.53 (1H, s, Ar-H), 7.98 (1H, s, Ar-H), 4.52 (2H, q, J = 6 Hz,  $-OCH_2CH_3$ ). 2.72, 2.55 (3H, each, s, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.33 (3H, t, J = 6 Hz,  $-OCH_2CH_3$ ).

General Procedure for the Synthesis of 5,7-Dimethyl-6-ethoxycarbonyl-

1-(4-heterocyclyl-1-piperidinyl)phthalazines. 1-[1-(5,7-Dimethyl-6-ethoxy-carbonyl-1-phthalazinyl)-4-piperidinyl]-1,3-dihydro-2(2H)-benzimidazolone (14) A mixture of 32 (0.13 g, 0.50 mmol), Ib (0.13 g, 0.50 mmol),  $K_2CO_3$  (70 mg) and KI (10 mg) in DMF (10 ml) was stirred for 15 h at 100 °C. The reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure, then the residue was purified by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, 10 g, 4% MeOH-CHCl<sub>3</sub>) to afford 14 (0.14 g, 63%) as crystals which were recrystallized from DMF-water. IR (KBr): 1730, 1690 cm<sup>-1</sup>. NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 10.10 (1H, s, NH), 9.32 (1H, s, Ar-H), 7.70 (1H, s, Ar-H), 7.00 (4H, m, Ar-H), 4.60 (1H, m, piperidine), 4.42 (2H, q, J = 7 Hz, J - OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.22—1.80 (8H, m, piperidine), 2.62, 2.48 (3H, each, s, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.41 (3H, J = 7 Hz, J - OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>). Compound 15 was obtained in the same manner as described above. The yields, melting points and elemental analysis data are shown in Table I.

**6,7-Dimethoxy-4-(3H)-1,2,3-benzotriazinethione (35)** A suspension of **34** (25.0 g, 121 mmol) and Lawesson's reagent<sup>8)</sup> (49.0 g, 122 mmol) in toluene (700 ml) was stirred for 4 h at 100 °C. The precipitates were collected by filtration and washed with MeOH to afford crude crystals of **35** (21.0 g, 78%). The crystals were used in the next reaction without further purification. An analytical sample was recrystallized from DMF-water, mp 255—256°C. *Anal.* Calcd for  $C_9H_9N_3O_2S$ : C, 48.42; H, 4.06; N, 18.82. Found: C, 48.35; H, 4.22; N, 18.69. IR (KBr): 1505 cm<sup>-1</sup>. NMR (DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$ : 16.04 (1H, br s, NH), 7.83 (1H, s, Ar-H), 7.60 (1H, s, Ar-H), 4.03, 4.00 (2H, each, s, CH<sub>3</sub>O).

6,7-Dimethoxy-4-methylthio-1,2,3-benzotriazine (36) MeI (6.0 ml, 96 mmol) was added dropwise to a stirred solution of 35 (21.0 g, 94 mmol) in  $2 \,\mathrm{N}$  NaOH (100 ml) and MeOH (200 ml), and the reaction mixture was stirred for 2 h at room temperature. The precipitated crystals were collected by filtration and washed with water to afford crude crystals of 36 (20.0 g, 89%). The crystals were used in the next reaction without further purification. An analytical sample was recrystallized from DMF-water, mp 171—173 °C (dec.). Anal. Calcd for  $C_{10}H_{11}N_3O_2S$ : C, 50.62; H, 4.67; N, 17.71. Found: C, 50.24; H, 4.75; 17.59. IR (KBr): 1600, 1515 cm<sup>-1</sup>. NMR (DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$ : 7.71 (1H, s, Ar-H), 7.17 (1H, s, Ar-H), 4.06, 4.03 (3H, each, s, CH<sub>3</sub>O), 2.80 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>S).

6,7-Dimethoxy-4-methylsulfonyl-1,2,3-benzotriazine (37) KMnO<sub>4</sub> (5.0 g) was added portionwise to a mixture of 36 (3.0 g, 13 mmol) in 70% AcOH (150 ml) and CHCl<sub>3</sub> (60 ml) with ice-cooling and stirred for 30 min. To the reaction mixture was added 30%  $\rm H_2O_2$  until the mixture was clear. CHCl<sub>3</sub> was removed by evaporation under reduced pressure below 35 °C. The precipitates were collected by filtration, washed successively with water, MeOH and Et<sub>2</sub>O and dried under reduced pressure at room temperature for 15 min to afford crude crystals of 37 (2.8 g, 83%). IR (KBr): 1500 cm<sup>-1</sup>. The crude 37 was used immediately in the next reaction without further purification because of its low stability even in the crystalline state.

General Procedure for the Synthesis of 6,7-Dimethoxy-4-(4-heterocyclyl-1-piperidinyl)-1,2,3-benzotriazines. 3-[1-(6,7-Dimethoxy-1,2,3-benzotriazin-4-yl)-4-piperidinyl]-3,4-dihydro-2(1H)-quinazolinone (19) A mixture of 37 (1.0 g, 3.7 mmol), Id·HCl (1.0 g, 3.7 mmol) and Et<sub>3</sub>N (1.1 ml, 8.0 mmol) in DMSO (7 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 18 h. The reaction mixture was poured into water and the precipitates were collected by filtration. Recrystallization from DMF-water afforded 19 (12.0 g, 70%). IR (KBr):  $1660 \, \mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ . NMR (DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$ : 9.20 (1H, s, NH), 7.57—6.74 (6H, m, Ar-H), 4.50 (1H, m, piperidine), 4.34 (2H, s, -CH<sub>2</sub>-), 4.00 (6H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>O), 3.50—1.70 (8H, m, piperidine). Compounds 16—28, 20—24 were obtained in the same manner as described above. The yields, melting points and elemental analysis data are shown in Table II.

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