

*Anal.* Calcd for  $C_9H_7ClO_4$ : C, 50.37; H, 3.29; Cl, 16.52;  $OCH_3$ , 16.02. Found: C, 50.32; H, 3.36; Cl, 16.30;  $OCH_3$ , 15.92.

**3-Chloro-2-hydroxy-4,6-dimethoxybenzoic Acid (XIV).**—To a solution of 2 g (8.75 mmoles) of 7-chloro-4,6-dimethoxycoumaran-3-one (IX) in 700 ml of anhydrous acetone, 8 g of powdered  $KMnO_4$  was added. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 24 hr, and the resulting brown solid obtained by filtration was washed with acetone, dried at  $120^\circ$  for 15 min, and ground with 40 ml of 10%  $NH_4OH$  solution. The filtrate and washing were combined and added to 100 g of crushed ice, and this mixture was carefully acidified with concentrated  $H_2SO_4$ . The gelatinous-type precipitate was filtered off, dried, and recrystallized from ethyl acetate. The resulting tan needles (0.51 g) melted at  $222.0$ – $223.0^\circ$  dec in accordance with the literature.<sup>9</sup>

**7-Chloro-4-ethoxy-6-methoxycoumaran-3-one (XV).**—To a mixture of 30 g of anhydrous  $K_2CO_3$  and 4.29 g (0.020 mole) of 7-chloro-4-hydroxy-6-methoxycoumaran-3-one (X) in 120 ml of dimethylformamide, a solution of ethyl bromide (3.27 g, 0.030 mole) in 40 ml of dimethylformamide was added. The reaction mixture was slowly heated to  $65^\circ$  and maintained at this temperature for 5 hr. It was then added to 800 ml of ice water, and the resulting red precipitate was washed with water. Recrystallization from aqueous ethanol gave orange-red needles (3.1 g, 63.9%); after recrystallization from 95% ethanol, a melting point of  $180.7$ – $182.2^\circ$  dec was obtained;  $\lambda_{max}^{EtOH}$  210  $m\mu$  ( $\epsilon$  18,927), 235 (18,200), 286 (19,656), 322 (5096);  $\lambda_{max}^{COC=O}$  5.88  $\mu$  ( $C=O$ ).

*Anal.* Calcd for  $C_{13}H_{11}ClO_4$ : C, 54.45; H, 4.57; Cl, 14.61. Found: C, 54.58; H, 4.58; Cl, 14.70.

**7-Chloro-4-ethoxy-6,2'-dimethoxy-6'-methylgris-2'-ene-3,4'-dione (XVI)** was prepared from 10.16 g (0.030 mole) of 7-chloro-4-hydroxy-6,2'-dimethoxy-6'-methylgris-2'-ene-3,4'-dione (V) according to the procedure used in the synthesis of XV. The white solid product (10.1 g, 91.7%) crystallized from benzene-ether in white needles; mp  $213.0$ – $213.5^\circ$ ;  $[\alpha]_D^{25} +322.26$  ( $c$  1.523, acetone);  $\lambda_{max}^{EtOH}$  218  $m\mu$  ( $\epsilon$  23,109), 235 (22,925), 291 (23,659), 328 (5685);  $\lambda_{max}^{COC=O}$  5.85 ( $C=O$ ), 6.02  $\mu$  ( $COC=C$ ); lit.<sup>1</sup> mp  $211$ – $213^\circ$ ,  $[\alpha]_D +324^\circ$ .

**3-Chloro-6-ethoxy-2-hydroxy-4-methoxybenzoic Acid (XVII).**  
**A. From the Oxidation of 7-Chloro-4-ethoxy-6-methoxycoumaran-3-one (XV).**—Compound XV (2.0 g, 8.24 mmoles) was oxidized by the procedure described for oxidation of IX. The product (0.47 g), recrystallized from ethyl acetate, melted at  $210.0$ – $211.7^\circ$  dec;  $\lambda_{max}^{EtOH}$  3.15 (OH), 3.77 (bonded OH), 5.92  $\mu$  ( $C=O$ ).

*Anal.* Calcd for  $C_{10}H_{11}ClO_5$ : C, 48.70; H, 4.50; Cl, 14.38. Found: C, 48.62; H, 4.55; Cl, 14.29.

**B. From the Oxidation of 7-Chloro-4-ethoxy-6,2'-dimethoxy-6'-methylgris-2'-ene-3,4'-dione (XVI).**—A solution of 8.0 g (0.022 mole) of XVI in 1.8 l. of anhydrous acetone was treated with 32 g of powdered  $KMnO_4$  by the procedure described for the oxidation of XV. The acid obtained from this reaction melted at  $204.7$ – $206.7^\circ$  dec after recrystallization from ethyl acetate; mixture melting point with the acid obtained in part A above was  $207.7$ – $209.0^\circ$  dec. The infrared spectrum (in KBr) was superimposable on that of the acid obtained in part A.

**3-Chloro-6-ethoxy-2-hydroxy-4-methoxybenzanilide (XVIII)** was prepared in the customary manner from 0.40 g of 3-chloro-6-ethoxy-2-hydroxy-4-methoxybenzoic acid (XVII) and 1 ml of aniline. Recrystallization from benzene yielded 0.092 g of silky white needles, mp  $210.0$ – $210.5^\circ$ ,  $\lambda_{max}^{NH, OH}$  3.03 (NH, OH) and 6.08  $\mu$  ( $C=O$ ).

*Anal.* Calcd for  $C_{16}H_{16}ClNO_4$ : C, 59.73; H, 5.01; Cl, 11.02; N, 4.35. Found: C, 59.68; H, 5.30; Cl, 11.08; N, 4.53.

**7-Chloro-6,2'-dimethoxy-4-(*p*-methoxybenzyloxy)-6'-methylgris-2'-ene-3,4'-dione (I).**—A benzene solution of freshly prepared and vacuum dried (at  $25^\circ$ ) crude *p*-methoxybenzyl bromide (XI, prepared from 3.45 g (0.025 mole) of anisyl alcohol) was added slowly to a stirred mixture of 6.77 g (0.020 mole) of anhydrous 7-chloro-4-hydroxy-6,2'-dimethoxy-6'-methylgris-2'-ene-3,4'-dione (V), 25 g of anhydrous  $K_2CO_3$ , and 200 ml of anhydrous acetone. After the reaction mixture was refluxed for 16 hr, the solid separated by filtration was washed with two 40-ml portions of boiling acetone and the filtrate and washings were combined and concentrated to dryness. The resulting solid product (8.5 g, 92.5%) was recrystallized from dioxane-absolute ethanol; it melted at  $201.6$ – $202.2^\circ$  dec;  $[\alpha]_D^{25} +246.32$  ( $c$  1.224, dioxane);  $\lambda_{max}^{EtOH}$  231  $m\mu$  ( $\epsilon$  36,712), 292 (22,027), 335 (6425);  $\lambda_{max}^{COC=O}$  5.82 ( $C=O$ ), 6.0  $\mu$  ( $COC=C$ ).

*Anal.* Calcd for  $C_{24}H_{23}ClO_7$ : C, 62.82; H, 5.05; Cl, 7.73. Found: C, 62.69; H, 4.83; Cl, 8.02.

**7-Chloro-4-[3-(*N,N*-diethylcarbamoyl)benzyloxy]-6,2'-dimethoxy-6'-methylgris-2'-ene-3,4'-dione (II)** was prepared from V (3.39 g, 0.010 mole) and XII (3.0 g, 0.011 mole) by the procedure described for the synthesis of I. The crude product (4.7 g, 89.0%), recrystallized from benzene, gave white crystalline plates; mp  $191.0$ – $192.0^\circ$ ;  $[\alpha]_D^{25} +215.41$  ( $c$  1.012, acetone);  $\lambda_{max}^{EtOH}$  214  $m\mu$  ( $\epsilon$  35,641), 235 (29,569), 292 (21,912), 330 (5808);  $\lambda_{max}^{COC=O}$  5.85 ( $C=O$ ), 6.02  $\mu$  ( $COC=C$ ).

*Anal.* Calcd for  $C_{28}H_{26}ClNO_7$ : C, 63.69; H, 5.73; Cl, 6.72; N, 2.65. Found: C, 63.61; H, 5.81; Cl, 6.61; N, 2.51.

**7-Chloro-6,2'-dimethoxy-4-(3,7-dimethyl-6-octenyl-1-oxy)-6'-methylgris-2'-ene-3,4'-dione (III)** was prepared from V (6.8 g, 0.020 mole) and XIII (4.6 g, 0.021 mole) by the procedure described for the synthesis of I except that dimethylformamide was employed as the solvent and the reaction temperature was held at  $25^\circ$  for 1 hr and  $70^\circ$  for 4 hr. The crude product (7.8 g, 80.0%) crystallized from 80% methanol in the form of white crystalline plates; mp  $136.5$ – $137.5^\circ$ ;  $[\alpha]_D^{25} +252.33$  ( $c$  0.988, acetone);  $\lambda_{max}^{EtOH}$  218  $m\mu$  ( $\epsilon$  24,327), 235 (23,135), 291 (22,658), 327 (5963);  $\lambda_{max}^{COC=O}$  5.82 ( $C=O$ ), 6.02  $\mu$  ( $COC=C$ ).

*Anal.* Calcd for  $C_{28}H_{38}ClO_4$ : C, 65.47; H, 6.97; Cl, 7.43. Found: C, 65.42; H, 6.91; Cl, 7.60.

**7-Chloro-6-methoxy-4-(*p*-methoxybenzyloxy)coumaran-3-one (VI)** was prepared from X (2.15 g, 0.010 mole) and XI (2.61 g, 0.013 mole) by the procedure described for the synthesis of III. The solid product (3.1 g, 92.6%) was recrystallized from dioxane giving the analytical sample; mp  $182.6$ – $183.2^\circ$  dec;  $\lambda_{max}^{EtOH}$  232  $m\mu$  ( $\epsilon$  26,446), 285 (17,408), 322 (5021);  $\lambda_{max}^{COC=O}$  236  $m\mu$  ( $\epsilon$  23,768), 283 (18,914), 317 (5858);  $\lambda_{max}^{NH}$  5.87  $\mu$  ( $C=O$ ).

*Anal.* Calcd for  $C_{27}H_{27}ClO_5$ : C, 60.99; H, 4.52; Cl, 10.59. Found: C, 60.94; H, 4.76; Cl, 10.55.

**7-Chloro-4-[3-(*N,N*-diethylcarbamoyl)benzyloxy]-6-methoxycoumaran-3-one (VII)** was prepared from X (2.15 g, 0.010 mole) and XII (2.97 g, 0.011 mole) by the procedure described for the synthesis of III. The product (2.9 g, 71.8%) was recrystallized from ethyl acetate giving cream-colored microcrystalline needles; mp  $141.0$ – $143.0^\circ$  dec;  $\lambda_{max}^{EtOH}$  208  $m\mu$  ( $\epsilon$  37,157), 235 (26,252), 286 (19,790), 320 (6866);  $\lambda_{max}^{COC=O}$  5.87 ( $C=O$ ), 6.18  $\mu$  ( $COC=C$ ).

*Anal.* Calcd for  $C_{27}H_{27}ClNO_5$ : C, 62.45; H, 5.49; Cl, 8.78; N, 3.47. Found: C, 62.69; H, 5.46; Cl, 9.00; N, 3.50.

**7-Chloro-6-methoxy-4-(3,7-dimethyl-6-octenyl-1-oxy)coumaran-3-one (VIII)** was prepared from X (2.15 g, 0.010 mole) and XIII (2.63 g, 0.012 mole) by the procedure described for the synthesis of III. The product (2.1 g, 59.5%) was recrystallized from methanol, yielding the analytical sample; mp  $75.2$ – $76.0^\circ$ ;  $\lambda_{max}^{EtOH}$  209  $m\mu$  ( $\epsilon$  20,643), 235 (18,349), 285 (18,173), 320 (4940);  $\lambda_{max}^{COC=O}$  5.85  $\mu$  ( $C=O$ ).

*Anal.* Calcd for  $C_{27}H_{33}ClO_4$ : C, 64.67; H, 7.14; Cl, 10.05. Found: C, 64.67; H, 7.05; Cl, 10.05.

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## The Synthesis of *p*-Guanidinobenzamidines

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Phenethylbiguanide hydrochloride (**1**) is a clinically effective drug for the control of selected cases of diabetes.<sup>1</sup> We have sought to develop for hypoglycemic

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filtered, and stored at 5° overnight. The solid which separated was collected and dried at 120° in a vacuum oven. The product consisted of 55 g (29%) of colorless prisms, mp 238–240°.

***p*-Guanidinobenzonitrile.**—To a boiling solution of 39.1 g (0.18 mole) of **5** in 500 ml of water was added a solution of 7.0 g (0.18 mole) of NaOH in 25 ml of water. Upon cooling, colorless crystals, 18.8 g (65%), mp 200–203°, separated. A sample was recrystallized three times from ethanol, affording colorless prisms, mp 216–217° dec.

*Anal.* Calcd for C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>5</sub>N<sub>4</sub>: C, 59.98; H, 5.03; N, 34.98. Found: C, 60.09; H, 5.18; N, 34.60.

**Methyl *p*-Guanidinobenzimidate Dihydrochloride (6).**—To 200 ml of cold saturated methanolic HCl in a pressure bottle was added 30 g of *p*-guanidinobenzonitrile. The mixture was shaken at room temperature for 24 hr. The solid was collected, washed with ether, and dried, affording 44 g (88%) of colorless crystals, mp 287–288° dec. The material was used without purification.

***p*-Guanidinobenzamide Dihydrochloride (7).** **A.**—A solution of 1.0 g (3.8 mmoles) of methyl **6** and 10 ml of cold saturated methanolic NH<sub>3</sub> was allowed to stand at room temperature for 5 hr. The solvent was removed on a steam bath under a stream of nitrogen leaving a colorless solid residue. Three recrystallizations from water provided 0.31 g (33%) of colorless needles, mp 293° dec.

*Anal.* Calcd for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>10</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>3</sub>: C, 38.41; H, 5.23; Cl, 28.34; N, 28.00. Found: C, 38.20; H, 5.48; Cl, 27.93; N, 27.77.

**B.**—A solution of 13.6 g (0.08 mole) of *p*-aminobenzamide hydrochloride,<sup>6</sup> 32.0 ml of 3 *N* ethanolic HCl, 80 ml of water, and 6.2 ml (0.075 mole) of 50% aqueous cyanamide was heated under reflux for 6 hr. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure on a steam bath, and the oily residue was triturated with ethanol. The residual solid amounted to 9.7 g (52%) of colorless crystals, mp 291–297°. Recrystallization from water gave 3.6 g of product, mp 295–296° dec, undepressed upon admixture with a sample prepared as in method A, above.

***p*-N-Ethylamidophenylguanidine Diperchlorate (9).**—A solution of 100 ml of methanol, 25 ml of ethylamine, and 10.0 g (0.038 mole) of methyl *p*-guanidinobenzimidate dihydrochloride was stored in a pressure bottle at room temperature for 12 hr. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the residual oil was treated with 40 ml of 3 *N* ethanolic HCl. The solid which separated amounted to 8.80 g of colorless crystals, mp 250–260°. This solid was dissolved in 10 ml of water, and 7 ml of 70% HClO<sub>4</sub> was added. The precipitate which formed consisted of 8.80 g (57%) of colorless crystals, mp 211–212°. Three recrystallizations from water provided the analytical sample, mp 213–214°.

*Anal.* Calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>12</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: C, 29.57; H, 4.22; Cl, 17.46; N, 17.24. Found: C, 30.11; H, 4.61; Cl, 17.21; N, 17.50.

**1-*p*-Cyanophenyl-3-ethyl-2-thiourea (10).**—A solution of 5.90 g (0.05 mole) of *p*-aminobenzonitrile, 4.35 g (0.05 mole) of ethyl isothiocyanate, and 20 ml of dimethyl sulfoxide was heated on a steam bath for 4 hr. The dark solution was poured into 250 ml of water, and the solid, mp 93–105°, which separated was collected. Two crystallizations from benzene gave 6.25 g (61%) of fine colorless needles, mp 132–133°.

*Anal.* Calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>11</sub>N<sub>2</sub>S: C, 58.53; H, 5.40; N, 20.48; S, 15.59. Found: C, 58.55; H, 5.40; N, 20.35; S, 15.42.

In other runs, a crystalline modification, mp 116–117°, was obtained and employed with equal success in subsequent reactions.

***N*-*p*-Cyanophenyl-*N*'-ethylchloroformamide (11).**—To a cold solution of 4.90 g (0.024 mole) of 1-*p*-cyanophenyl-3-ethyl-2-thiourea in 50 ml of glyme was added 1.8 ml (2.9 g, 0.024 mole) of thionyl chloride. A solid immediately separated, then became oily, and after stirring for 2 days, solidified to 6.0 g of a pale yellow powder, mp 120–129° dec. A sample was recrystallized from acetonitrile for analysis, affording pale yellow crystals, mp 130–140° dec.

*Anal.* Calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>10</sub>ClN<sub>3</sub>: C, 57.83; H, 4.85; Cl, 17.08; N, 20.23. Found: C, 58.16; H, 4.81; Cl, 15.95; N, 20.49.

**1-*p*-Cyanophenyl-3-ethylcarbodiimide (13).**—A suspension of 2.05 g (0.01 mole) of 1-*p*-cyanophenyl-3-ethyl-2-thiourea, 4.32 g (0.02 mole) of mercuric oxide, and 100 ml of ether was shaken for 8 hr. The mixture was filtered, and the solvent was distilled under reduced pressure leaving a colorless oil, which was used without purification. The infrared spectrum exhibits bands at 4.50 (—C≡N) and 4.65 μ (N=C=N).

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**1-*p*-Cyanophenyl-3-ethylguanidine Hydrochloride (12).** **A.**—To a cold saturated solution of NH<sub>3</sub> in 250 ml of dioxane was added with stirring 25 g (0.12 mole) of crude *N*-*p*-cyanophenyl-*N*'-ethylchloroformamide. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 20 hr, heated on a steam bath for 1 hr, and filtered. The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure to an oil which was taken up in 30 ml of 3 *N* ethanolic HCl. The solution was concentrated to an oil, which was triturated with acetonitrile. The solid was collected, washed with acetonitrile and ether, and dried, leaving 8.70 g (32%) of colorless crystals, mp 185–186°. A sample was twice recrystallized from ethanol, providing colorless prisms, mp 185–186°.

*Anal.* Calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>12</sub>ClN<sub>4</sub>: C, 53.45; H, 5.83; Cl, 15.78; N, 24.93. Found: C, 53.30; H, 6.09; Cl, 15.71; N, 24.69.

**B.**—Ammonia was bubbled through a solution of *N*-*p*-cyanophenyl-*N*'-ethylcarbodiimide (prepared from 19.5 g of 1-*p*-cyanophenyl-3-ethyl-2-thiourea) in 1 l. of ether for 30 min. The white solid which separated was collected and consisted of 8.0 g of the crystalline base. This solid was treated with 20 ml of hot 3 *N* ethanolic HCl. Upon cooling 6.4 g (30% yield, based upon thiourea) of colorless crystals, mp 191–192°, separated. The infrared spectrum of the compound was identical with that of the analytical sample prepared in method A, above.

**Methyl *p*-Ethylguanidinobenzimidate Dihydrochloride (14).**—A cold solution of 100 ml of dry ether and 6 ml of methanol was saturated with HCl at 0°, and 1.80 g (0.008 mole) of 1-*p*-cyanophenyl-3-ethylguanidine hydrochloride was added. The mixture was shaken at room temperature in a stoppered pressure bottle for 4 hr, and allowed to stand overnight. The solid which separated was collected, washed with ether, and dried, affording 2.10 g (89%) of an off-white solid, mp 114–120° dec.

**1-*p*-Amidinophenyl-3-ethylguanidine Dinitrate (15).**—To 50 ml of cold saturated methanolic NH<sub>3</sub> was added with stirring 5.0 g (0.017 mole) of **14**. After 1 hr at 0° and 2 hr at room temperature, the solid was collected and added to 25 ml of saturated aqueous NaNO<sub>3</sub>. Colorless crystals, mp 180–185°, separated. Two recrystallizations from water provided 3.6 g (64%) of colorless prisms, mp 206–207°. A small portion was twice recrystallized from water, affording the analytical sample, mp 205–206°.

*Anal.* Calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: C, 36.25; H, 5.17; N, 29.60. Found: C, 36.33; H, 5.44; N, 29.81.

## The Chemical Structure of a Cocarcinogen and of Phorbol Isolated from Croton Oil

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In a recent paper Arroyo and Holcomb<sup>1</sup> confirmed our earlier findings<sup>2,3</sup> on the isolation and identification of the cocarcinogenic principle A1 (C<sub>36</sub>H<sub>56</sub>O<sub>8</sub>) from croton oil. Compound A1 is one of eight cocarcinogens so far isolated as pure compounds and characterized chemically as well as biologically.<sup>4,5</sup> By partial synthesis A1 has been identified<sup>6</sup> as one of two possible

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