

rule was the bis-1,1-dimethylhydrazone of terephthalic dialdehyde, mp 162–163°, which gave the following analytical data.

Anal. Calcd for $C_{10}H_{18}N_4$ (218.50): C, 66.02; H, 8.31; N, 25.67. *Fund:* C, 66.40; H, 8.33; N, 25.27.

The hydrazonium iodides of the above mentioned bis-1,1-dimethylhydrazones were prepared by treating these hydrazones with a large excess of methyl iodide. With the bis-hydrazone of 1,5-pentanedione, an immediate, vigorous, exothermic reaction ensued and the product was obtained in 86% yield. In all other instances significant heat evolution was not observed, and the solid products separated after several hours or more. The mono-1,1,1-trimethylhydrazonium iodide of glyoxal bis-1,1-dimethylhydrazone formed rapidly, but the bis derivative could not be prepared even on heating at steam-bath temperature in a pressure bottle for 5 hr. A solid product was obtained on treatment of 1,4-cyclohexanedione bis-1,1-dimethylhydrazone with methyl iodide. However, this product was extremely unstable and could not be purified. The quaternary hydrazonium iodides are given in Table II.

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The Synthesis and Tranquilizer Activity of 2- and 4-Substituted 3,5-Morpholinediones^{1a}

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3,5-Morpholinediones (VI and VIa) possess many of the chemical groupings considered to be efficacious in central nervous system depressants.² 3,5-Morpholinediones, moreover, are isosteric to barbiturates and glutarimides³ and thus may be anticipated to approximate these two chemical classes in their CNS depressant properties. Some 3,5-morpholinediones have in the past been tested for hypnotic activity and for other CNS depressant manifestations.^{3,4}

Heretofore, only a handful of 3,5-morpholinediones had been prepared. The classical preparative method,⁵ utilizing thermally induced cyclizations of diglycolamides (V) (Scheme I) is limited to derivatives free of bulky substituents. New cyclization procedures, herein reported, had to be developed in order to prepare 3,5-morpholinediones bearing bulky substituents in the 2 position.

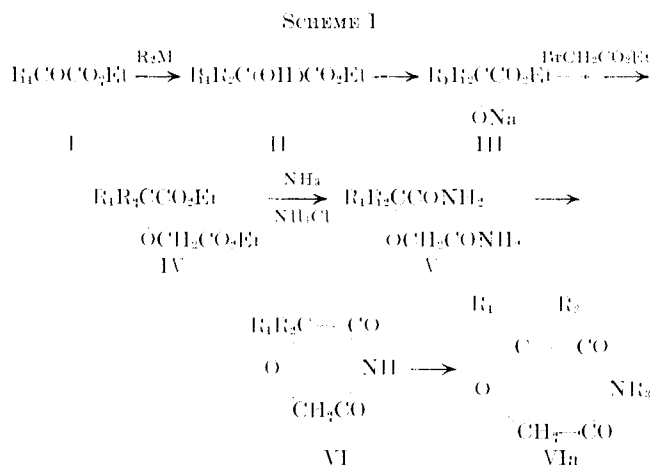
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Animal testing of both known and novel 3,5-morpholinediones (see Table IV) has shown at least one compound, VI-10, comparable to glutethimide⁶ as a pentylenetetrazole antagonist. A good correlation has been demonstrated between pentylenetetrazole antagonist activity in rats and mild tranquilizer activity.⁷

Synthesis.—3,5-Morpholinediones (VI), the cyclic imides of diglycolic acids (VII), were prepared by converting suitably substituted esters (II) of glycolic acid (Table I) to diesters (IV) of diglycolic acid, then to diglycolic diamides (V) (Table II) which were then cyclized to the title products (VI, Scheme I). Cyclization of the diamides (V) was effected by either sublimation from P_2O_5 , or treatment with sodamide, followed by hydrolysis with alcoholic HCl. Simple melting of the diamide was occasionally successful.

N-Methyl groups (R_3) were introduced using diazomethane, converting VI to VIa (Table III). The required substituted glycolic esters II (Table I) were prepared by (a) esterification of commercially available glycolic acids or (b) by treatment of accessible α -keto esters (I) with organometallic reagents.

As an alternative method of preparing N-substituted 3,5-morpholinediones VIa, the anhydrides VIII of diglycolic acids VII were treated with an isothiocyanate⁸ or a suitable amine, then cyclized to VIa (Scheme II).

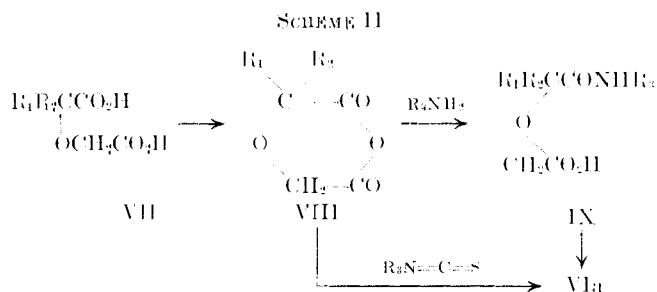


TABLE I
ESTERS OF GLYCOLIC ACIDS (II)
 $R_1R_2C(OH)CO_2C_2H_5$

No.	R ₁	R ₂	Bp, °C (mm)	n _D ²⁰	Method ^a	Yield, %	Formula	% carbon		% hydrogen	
								Calcd	Found	Calcd	Found
I-1	C ₆ H ₅	H ₂ CCH=CH ₂	117 (2.6)	1.5135	B	31	C ₉ H ₈ O ₃	70.9	71.0	7.3	7.3
I-2	C ₆ H ₅	H ₂ CC≡CH	132 (3.7)	1.5180	B	82	C ₁₃ H ₁₄ O ₃	71.6	71.7	6.5	6.7
I-3	C ₆ H ₅	H ₂ CC ₆ H ₅	170–172 (1.4)	1.5535	A	33	C ₁₇ H ₁₈ O ₃	75.5	75.4	6.7	6.8
I-4	C ₂ H ₅	H ₂ CCH=CH ₂ ^b	58–110 (0.7)	1.4584	A	17	C ₉ H ₈ O ₃	62.8	62.9	9.3	9.2
I-5	C ₆ H ₅	H ₂ CCH ₂ CH(CH ₃) ₂	112–125 (1.5)	1.4880	A	26	C ₁₅ H ₂₂ O ₃	72.0	72.5	8.9	9.1

^a A, reaction of an α -keto ester with Grignard reagent containing R₂; B, reaction of an α -keto ester with zinc and alkyl halide of R₂ (Reformatsky reaction). ^b For precursor see K. Vogel and H. Schinz, *Helv. Chim. Acta*, **33**, 116 (1950).

caudal vein after which each rat was observed during 5 sec or more for the occurrence of uninterrupted clonic seizure activity. Rats which fail to exhibit such seizure activity are considered protected. Drugs which afford significant protection under these circumstances are investigated further to establish their respective times of peak effect. The dose effective in preventing pentylentetrazole-induced convulsions in 50% of rats (ED₅₀) and 95% fiducial limits are calculated by the Litchfield and Wilcoxon⁹ graphic log probit method.

Results (See Table IV).—Only one of the compounds in the series demonstrated any significant activity (VI-10). Although its ED₅₀ was less than that of glutethimide, the difference in potency between the two compounds is not statistically significant. Moreover, the ratio of the dose producing signs of neurological deficit to the ED₅₀ in the pentylentetrazole antagonist test was approximately 1.5 for VI-10. This indicates that VI-10 is not a particularly selective pentylentetrazole antagonist and in this respect resembles glutethimide which also possesses a ratio slightly greater than 1.

Experimental Section¹⁰

General Methods for the Preparation of II. Method A. Ethyl α -Phenyl- α -(3-methylbutyl)glycolate (II-5).—A Grignard reagent prepared from 0.28 mole of 1-bromo-3-methylbutane was added dropwise to an ether solution of 0.27 mole of ethyl phenylglyoxalate at 0°. After completion of addition, the mixture was refluxed 2 hr and stripped, and the residue was hydrolyzed with cold, dilute HCl. After extraction with ether, drying, and distillation a 26% yield of II-5 was obtained.

Method B. Ethyl α -Allyl- α -phenylglycolate (II-1).—A mixture of 24 g (0.2 mole) of freshly distilled allyl bromide and 36 g (0.2 mole) of ethyl phenylglyoxalate¹¹ in dry ether was added to 24 g of zinc¹¹ in a 1:1 mixture of tetrahydrofuran–ether (both dry). After several hours of stirring, the black mixture was hydrolyzed with ice and dilute HCl, extracted with ether, dried, and distilled, affording 13.3 g (31%) of II-1.

General Preparation of IV. Ethyl α -Phenyl- α -(3-methylbutyl)- α -carbomethoxymethoxyacetate (IV-4). Williamson Reaction.—To a suspension of 3.15 g (0.08 mole) of sodamide in dry toluene was added, in a dropwise manner, a dry toluene solution of 20.2 g (0.08 mole) of ethyl α -phenyl- α -(3-methylbutyl)glycolate (II-5) and the mixture was stirred and refluxed for 3 hr. A toluene solution of 20 g (0.13 mole) of methyl bromoacetate was added dropwise to the opaque mixture, and the mixture was stirred, refluxed for 3 hr, cooled, and washed with water. Distillation afforded a 16% yield of IV-4.

General Method of Preparation of V. α -Phenyl- α -propargyl-diglycolamide (V-2).—A mixture of 5.50 g (0.02 mole) of ethyl

α -phenyl- α -propargyl- α -carbomethoxymethoxyacetate (IV-2) and 0.2 g of NH₄Cl was cooled in a Pyrex tube in Dry Ice–solvent as excess liquid NH₃ was introduced. While still immersed in Dry Ice, the tube was sealed and placed in an iron container, rocked several times in order to mix the two liquid phases, and allowed to stand undisturbed at 60° for 7 days. The sealed tube was again immersed in Dry Ice, then carefully broken open, and its volatile contents were allowed to evaporate. A white solid residue remained, which, when recrystallized from methanol, afforded a 73% yield of V-2.

General Preparation of VI. 2-Phenyl-2-propargyl-3,5-morpholinedione (VI-8). Method A.—A suspension of 0.46 g (0.0002 mole) of α -phenyl- α -propargyl-diglycolamide (V-2) and excess sodamide in dry benzene was stirred and refluxed for 2 hr. Refluxing for more than 2 hr resulted in the formation of a red-orange side product. The suspension was stripped of benzene under mild vacuum, and the gray powder residue then was refluxed for 1 hr in 30 ml of 50% ethanol, acidified with 8 ml of concentrated HCl.¹² The orange ether extract was stripped and the semisolid residue (VI-8) (60% yield) was recrystallized from benzene–ligroin.

Method B.—An intimate solid mixture of 0.15 g (0.0006 mole) of V-2, excess P₂O₅, and trace amounts of Cu powder was sublimed at 170° under vacuum for several hours.¹³ The sublimate was dissolved in ether–benzene, washed with water, and allowed to evaporate slowly. The yield was less than 20%.

Method C. N-Methyl-2,2-dimethyl-3,5-morpholinedione (VI-a-7).—After several unsuccessful attempts at preparing this compound from 2,2-dimethyl-3,5-morpholinedione¹⁴ (VI-7) employing reagents such as dimethyl sulfate and methyl iodide, diazomethane was found to methylate VI-7. A dry ether solution of CH₂N₂ (from 2.4 g of N-nitrosomethylurea) was added to 1.64 g (0.01 mole) of VI-7 in dry ether, and the solution was allowed to stand for 2 days at 10°. After filtration, the filtrate was distilled to afford a 20% yield of VI-a-7.

Method D. N-Benzyl-3,5-morpholinedione (VI-a-9).—To 6.30 g (0.05 mole) of diglycolic anhydride¹⁴ an equimolar quantity of benzylamine (5.5 g) was added rapidly,¹⁵ and the mixture was stirred vigorously. The cooled crystalline product of addition, the amide acid (IX-1), was then heated at 160–175° (2.5 mm) for¹⁶ 3.5 hr, and finally distilled at 147°. The colorless distillate solidified as 3.2 g (27%) of a solid waxy material.

Method E. N-Phenyl-2,2-dimethyl-3,5-morpholinedione (VI-a-5).—A mixture of 3.24 g (0.22 mole) of α , α -dimethyldiglycolic acid anhydride¹⁴ (VIII-2) and 3.20 g (0.22 mole) of phenyl isothiocyanate was refluxed in dry pyridine for 20 hr.⁸ After removal of the pyridine, the viscous residue was distilled between 35 and 72° (3.2 mm), the distillate solidifying in the receiver. Recrystallization from ethanol afforded pure white crystals of VI-a-5 in 12% yield.

α , α -Biphenylenediglycolamide (V-5).—9-Hydroxy-9-fluorene-carboxylic acid was prepared from phenanthraquinone following the method of Bistrzycki¹⁷ in 60% yield and then converted to the methyl ester as reported by Staudinger,¹⁸ in 86% yield. Treatment of the ester's sodio derivative with methyl or ethyl bromoacetate afforded the diglycolates IV-5 and IV-6, respectively, in 37 and 43% yields. Quantitative yields (4.7 g) of the diamide were obtained either by dissolving 5.20 g (0.017 mole)

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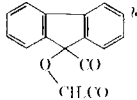
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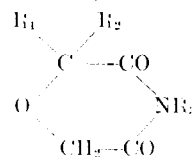
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TABLE II
NOVEL DERIVATIVES OF DIGLYCOLIC ACIDS (IV AND V)
YOCCH₂OCH₂R₁R₂COX

No.	R ₁	R ₂	X	Y	Bp (mm) or mp, °C	n _D ²⁰	Method ^a	% yield	Formula	% carbon		% hydrogen		% nitrogen	
										Calcd	Found	Calcd	Found	Calcd	Found
IV-1	H ₂ CCH=CH ₂	C ₆ H ₅	OEt	OMe	151-151 (0.4)	1.5069	C	11	C ₆ H ₂₀ O ₅	65.7	65.6	6.9	7.0		
V-1	H ₂ CCH=CH ₂	C ₆ H ₅	NH	NH	137.0-138.3		E	97	C ₂₅ H ₁₆ N ₂ O ₃	62.9	62.7	6.5	6.6	11.3	11.4
IV-2	H ₂ CC≡CH	C ₆ H ₅	OEt	OMe	170-172 (1.7)	1.5103	C	39	C ₁₆ H ₁₈ O ₅	66.2	67.0	6.3	6.5		
V-2	H ₂ CC≡CH	C ₆ H ₅	NH ₂	NH ₂	201.0-202.6		E	73	C ₂₃ H ₁₄ N ₂ O ₃	63.4	63.7	5.7	5.8	11.4	11.7
V-3	H ₂ CC ₆ H ₅	C ₆ H ₅	NH ₂	NH ₂	219.1-220.6		E	55	C ₂₇ H ₁₈ N ₂ O ₃	68.5	68.7	6.1	6.3	9.4	9.4
IV-4	CH ₂ CH ₂ CHMe ₂	C ₆ H ₅	OEt	OMe	160-174 (1.5)	1.4930	C	16	C ₁₈ H ₂₆ O ₅	67.0	67.0	8.1	8.1		
IV-5			OMe	OMe	98.2-99.1		C	37	C ₁₈ H ₁₆ O ₅	69.3	69.3	5.2	5.2		
IV-6			OMe	OEt	96.5-97.8		D	43	C ₁₉ H ₁₈ O ₅	70.0	70.4	5.6	5.9		
V-5			NH ₂	NH ₂	252.9-253.4		E	99	C ₁₆ H ₁₉ N ₂ O ₃	68.1	68.3	5.0	5.0	9.9	9.8
IV-7	C ₆ H ₅ ^c	C ₆ H ₅	OEt	OEt	170-193 (2.0)	1.5340	D	42	C ₂₀ H ₂₂ O ₅	70.1	70.9	6.5	6.6		
V-7	C ₆ H ₅	C ₆ H ₅	NH ₂	NH ₂	195.8-197.1		D	35	C ₂₆ H ₁₆ N ₂ O ₃	67.6	67.8	5.7	5.6	9.9	10.0
IX-1	C ₆ H ₅	C ₆ H ₅	OH	NH ₂	185.7-186.9		...	10	C ₁₆ H ₁₅ NO ₄	67.4	67.3	5.3	5.2	4.9	4.9

^a A, Williamson reaction between II and ethyl chloroacetate; B, Williamson reaction between II and ethyl bromoacetate; C, Williamson reaction between II and methyl bromoacetate; D, treatment of diester IV with alcoholic NH₃; E, treatment of diester IV with liquid NH₃ in sealed tube. ^b For precursors see ref 17 and 18. ^c For precursors see S. Acerez, *Ber.*, **37**, 2766 (1904).

TABLE III
NOVEL 3,5-MORPHOLINEDIONES (VI AND VIg)



VI	R ₁	R ₂	R ₃	Bp (mm) or mp, °C	n _D ²⁰	Method ^a	% yield	Formula	% carbon		% hydrogen		% nitrogen	
									Calcd	Found	Calcd	Found	Calcd	Found
1	C ₆ H ₅	C ₆ H ₅	H	111.5-112.5	...	B	15	C ₁₆ H ₁₄ NO ₃	71.9	72.0	4.9	4.9	5.2	5.2
						A	6							
2	CH ₂ CH=CH ₂	C ₆ H ₅	H	97.4-98.2	...	A	83	C ₁₃ H ₁₃ NO ₄	67.5	67.3	5.7	5.8	6.1	6.1
3	C ₆ H ₅	C ₆ H ₅	CH ₃	59.8-60.9	...	C	57	C ₁₇ H ₁₅ NO ₄	72.6	73.0	5.4	5.6	5.0	5.0
a-4	CH ₃ ^c	CH ₃	C ₂ H ₄ C ₆ H ₅	134-138 (4.5)	1.5204	D	25	C ₁₉ H ₁₇ NO ₃	68.0	68.3	6.9	6.9	5.7	5.8
a-5	CH ₃	CH ₃	C ₆ H ₅	95.1-96.0		E	12	C ₁₂ H ₁₁ NO ₃	65.7	65.9	6.0	6.0	6.4	6.3
a-6	CH ₃	CH ₃		60-62 (1.7)	1.4868	D	31	C ₂₃ H ₂₂ N ₂ O ₃	57.7	57.7	8.2	8.4	10.4	10.3
a-7	H ₃ C	H ₃ C	CH ₃	52 (1.7)	1.4682	C	28.1	C ₇ H ₁₁ NO ₄	53.5	53.2	7.0	7.0	8.9	8.9
S	C ₆ H ₅	CH ₂ C≡CH	H	149.1-150.5	...	A	60	C ₁₃ H ₁₁ NO ₃	68.1	68.1	4.9	5.0	6.1	5.9
						B	20							
a-9	H	H	CH ₂ C ₆ H ₅	53.1-54.0	...	D	27	C ₉ H ₁₁ NO ₃	64.4	64.4	5.4	5.5	6.8	6.8
10	C ₆ H ₅ ^c	CH ₃	H	78.9-80.2		A	85	C ₉ H ₁₁ NO ₄	64.4	64.6	5.4	5.5	6.8	6.8
11	C ₆ H ₅ ^d	H	H	120.1-121.3		F	15	C ₉ H ₈ NO ₄	62.8	63.1	4.8	4.9	7.3	7.2

^a A, treatment of V with NaNH₂, then aqueous HCl; B, sublimation of V from I₂O₅; C, treatment of VI with CH₂N₂; D, treatment of anhydride VIII with amine, then heat; E, treatment of anhydride VIII with C₆H₅NCS; F, heating amide V at melting point. ^b For precursors see ref 5c. ^c For precursors: H. Wron and E. Wright, *J. Chem. Soc.*, **119**, 798 (1921). ^d For precursors see ref 5a.

TABLE IV
PENTYLENETETRAZOLE ANTAGONIST ACTIVITY
OF 3,5-MORPHOLINEDIONES

No.	—Pentylenetetrazole— antagonist act.		Rat dosage, mg/kg
	Dose, mg/kg <i>po</i>	% of rats protected	
VI-1	100	0	200, NOE ^a
VI-2	50	0	...
VI-a-3			300, NOE
VI-a-4	100	0	300, 3/3 exophthalmos 1/3 miosis
VI-a-5	100	20	300, NOE
VI-a-6	100	0	300, NOE
VI-7	82	0	300, NOE
VI-8	25	0	...
VI-a-9	100	17	300, NOE
VI-10	ED ₅₀ = 33.75 mg/kg		Ataxia ED ₅₀ = ~50 mg/kg
VI-11	100	0	100, miosis, vocali- zation when touched

^a NOE = no overt effects.

of IV-5 in methanol and passing dry NH₃ through the solution, or by sealing 3.60 g (0.01 mole) of IV-5 in a Pyrex tube with excess liquid NH₃ and allowing the tube to remain at 80° for 4 days. Recrystallization from methanol gave 3.1 g (99%) of pure cylindrical crystals. All attempts at cyclizing the diamide to the morpholinedione failed.

Infrared Spectra of 3,5-Morpholinediones.—Infrared spectra of N-unsubstituted 3,5-morpholinediones VI have the following set of bands in common, and which seem to be characteristic of VI; ν (in CCl₄H) 2.9 (N-H str), 3.05–3.25, 5.79 a single wide band with shoulders (C=O str), 6.6, 6.92, 7.2, 7.5, 7.7, 7.9, 8.1 (str and broad), 8.3–8.5, 8.8, 9.05 μ .

The N-substituted (VIa) 3,5-morpholinediones differ from VI in that the 2.9- μ band is missing, and the carbonyl region has two bands at *ca.* 5.72 and 5.93 μ rather than a single band.

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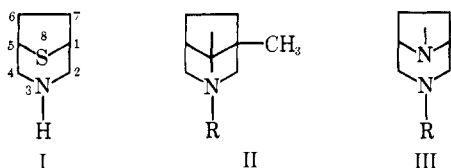
Some Derivatives of 8-Thia-3-azabicyclo[3.2.1]octane

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Compounds containing the 8-thia-3-azabicyclo[3.2.1]octane ring system have been described by Turner and Hill,² and Horak,³ but the unsubstituted parent compound (I) and its N-substituted derivatives have not been previously reported. The preparation



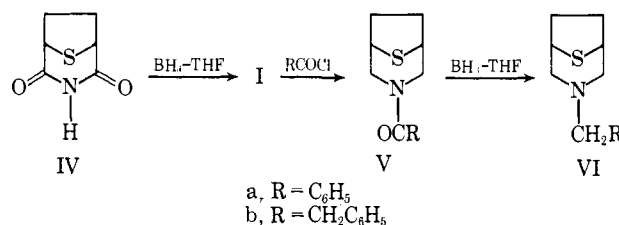
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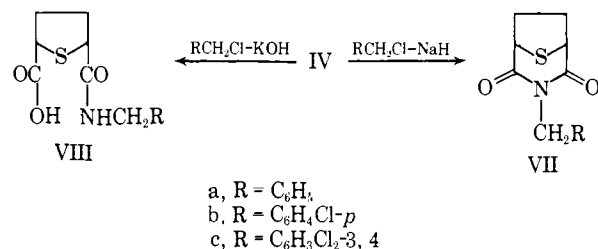
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of these compounds was undertaken because of the reported hypotensive properties of 3-aza-1,8,8-trimethylbicyclo[3.2.1]octane (II)⁴ and a variety of other interesting pharmacological properties of 3,8-diazabicyclo[3.2.1]octanes (III).⁵

Compound I was obtained in 75% yield by the reduction of IV³ with diborane in tetrahydrofuran. Acylation under Schotten-Baumann conditions proceeded smoothly to give the N-benzoyl (Va) and the N-phenylacetyl (Vb) derivatives. The N-benzyl (VIa) and N-phenethyl (VIb) derivatives were obtained by the diborane reduction of Va and Vb, respectively (see Table I).



Compound VIa was also prepared by first treating IV with sodium hydride and benzyl chloride in dimethylformamide to give the N-benzyl-2,4-dioxo derivative (VIIa), followed by diborane reduction. When



the benzylation was performed in ethanolic potassium hydroxide, as described by Horak,³ the thiazine ring was cleaved and the tetrahydrothiophene derivative (VIIIa) was isolated. Similar results were obtained with the *p*-chlorobenzyl and 3,4-dichlorobenzyl derivatives.

Oxidation of IV with hydrogen peroxide in glacial acetic acid gave 8-thia-3-azabicyclo[3.2.1]octane-2,4-dione 8,8-dioxide (IX). Reaction of I with *p*-nitrobenzenesulfonyl chloride gave the 3-*p*-nitrophenylsulfonyl compound (X), which was subsequently reduced to the 3-(*p*-aminophenylsulfonyl)-8-thia-3-azabicyclo[3.2.1]octane (XI).

Pharmacology.—The effectiveness of the compounds reported herein as possible hypotensive agents was measured on anesthetized cats. The drugs were dissolved in saline solution and injected intravenously in doses of 2, 5, 10, and 100 mg/kg of body weight.

Of the compounds tested, only Va and Vb were of interest, showing a sustained moderate decrease in blood pressure at 100 mg/kg. Compounds VIa, VIb, VIIIa, and VIIIc caused an unsustained fall in blood pressure, whereas X produced a slight, sustained *hypertensive* effect. The other compounds were inactive.

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