

Antimalarials. 5. α -Dibutylaminomethyl- and α -(2-Piperidyl)-3-quinolinemethanols¹

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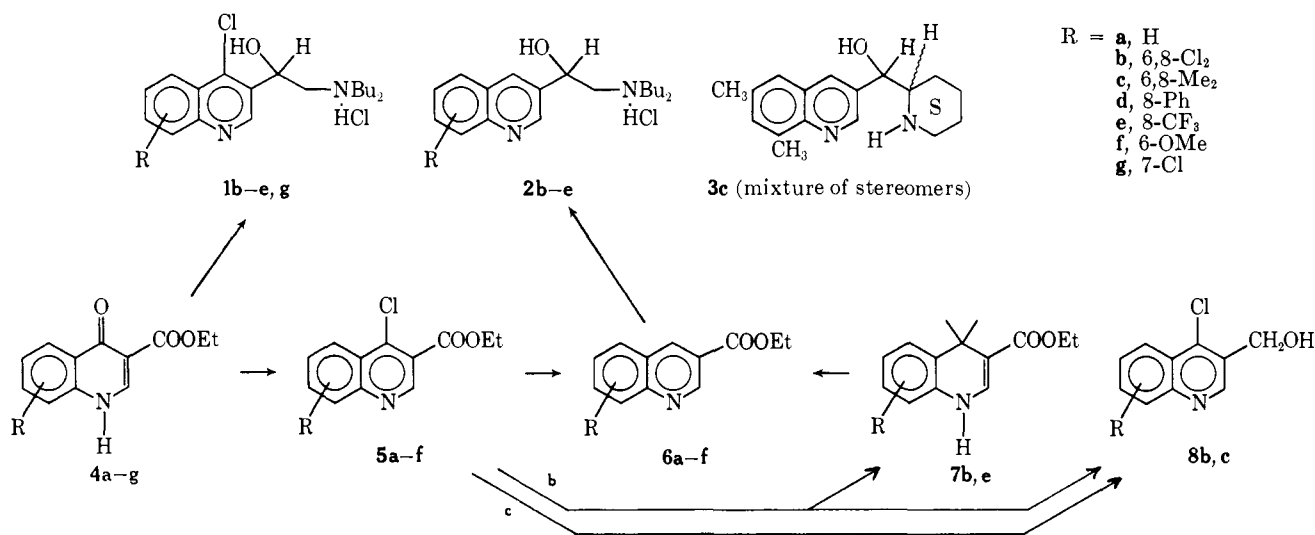
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Eight α -dialkylaminomethyl-3-quinolinemethanols without 2 substituents were synthesized from 4-quinolone-3-carboxylic esters, by conversions into the 4-chloro esters and reductive 4-dechlorinations, and thence through the acids, diazomethyl ketones, and epoxides. Attempts to prepare α -(2-piperidyl) analogs involved complications due to nuclear additions of 2-pyridyllithium and nonselectivity in hydrogenations of the pyridyl ketones. One example, α -(2-piperidyl)-6,8-dimethyl-3-quinolinemethanol, fortuitously, was produced by Pt-H₂ on 4-chloro-6,8-dimethyl-3-quinolyl 2-pyridyl ketone (a diastereoisomeric mixture). These 3-amino alcohols were inactive against *Plasmodium berghei* in mice.

In continuation of the search for improved antimalarials, eight new α -aminoalkyl-3-quinolinemethanols without 2 substituents,^{1b} **1-3**, have been synthesized under the program of moving the amino alcohol group away from the 4 location in quinine and its many synthetic analogs. The hope was to find active drugs with a minimum of the phototoxicity so common to the 2-aryl-4-amino alcohols. As features of possible significance, these compounds lack the quasiconjugation of the amino alcohol group with the quinoline nuclear C \cdots N \cdots C system which is involved in the 4-quinoline amino alcohol series, and they have two rather than three nuclear carbons intervening between the quinoline N and the amino alcohol group.

obtainable by condensation of the appropriate aniline with ethoxymethylenemalonate ester.³ Six 4-chloro esters **5a-f** were made from these by the action of POCl₃.

Reductive 4-dechlorinations of **5** to **6** were accomplished by variations of previously reported hydrogenolyses, using Pd-C⁴ or Raney Ni⁵ as catalyst. In four cases, **5a**, **c**, **d**, and **f**, the dechlorinations proceeded well using 10% Pd-C in glacial AcOH at 50°. However, **5e** under these conditions gave low and nonreproducible yields of **6e** along with an overreduction product, the 1,4-dihydroquinoline **7e**; and when the Pd-C reduction was carried out in ethanolic KOH at 50° the dihydroquinoline **7e** became the chief product (61%). This dihydro compound **7e** in a second step underwent



The starting materials for these synthesis were the 4-quinolone-3-carboxylic esters **4a-g** which were easily

S dehydrogenation in good yield to the desired 3-carboethoxyquinoline **6e**.

Attempted Pd-C and Raney Ni 4-monodehalogenation of the 4,6,8-trichloro derivative **5b** was unsuccessful. However, NaBH₄ reduction of **5b** in cold 2-methoxyethanol gave the dihydro-4-dehalogenated ester **7b** (39%) along with 4,6,8-trichloro-3-quinolinemethanol (**8b**), a result consistent with published observations.^{4,6}

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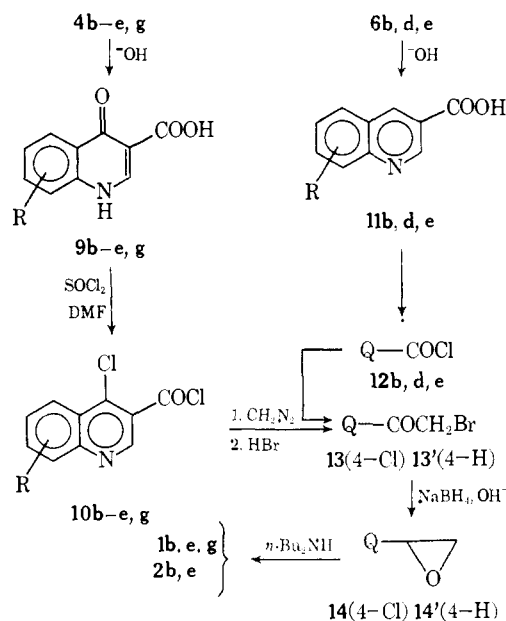
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Subsequent S dehydrogenation of **7b** gave the desired quinoline **6b** (92%).

Interestingly, NaBH⁴ in 2-methoxyethanol did not dehalogenate 6,8-dimethyl-4-chloro-3-carbomethoxyquinoline but instead brought about reduction of the 3-carbomethoxy group to the methanol **8c** (53%).

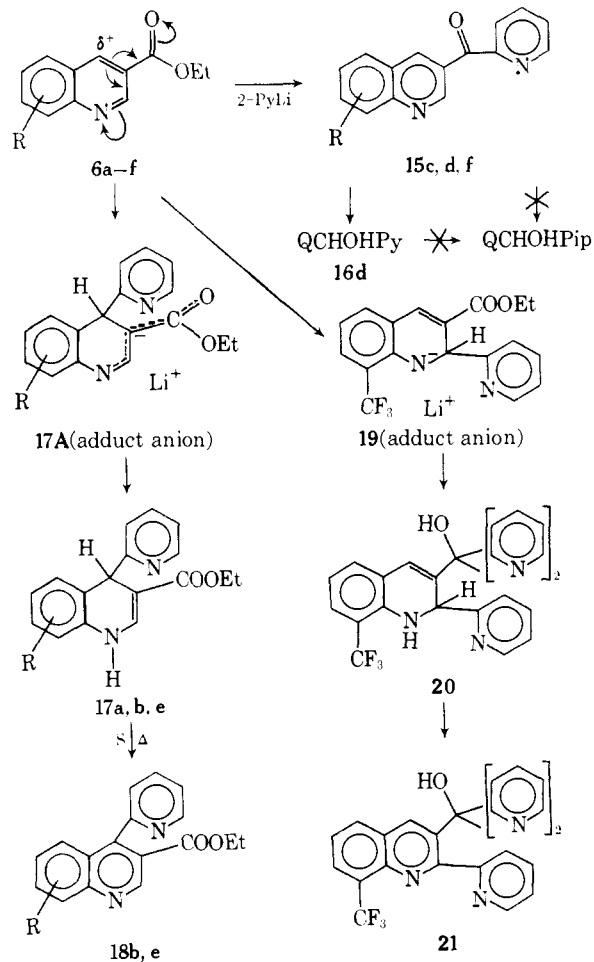
α -Di-*n*-butylaminomethyl-3-quinolinemethanols.—Seven of these, **1b–e**, **g**, and **2b**, **e**, were prepared by adaptations of the standard scheme.⁷ The 3-carbomethoxy-4-quinolones and quinolines **4b–e**, **g** and **6b**, **d**, **e** were converted into the acids **9b–e**, **g** and **11b**, **d**, **e** and then by SOCl₂ into the acid chlorides **10b–e**, **g** and **12b**, **d**, **e**. DMF was required as catalyst in the latter reaction with the quinolones. Diazomethylations of the acid chlorides followed by hydrobromination without isolation of the diazoketones gave the bromo ketones **13** and **13'**. These were converted into the epoxides **14** and **14'** by NaBH₄ reduction and dehydrohalogenation of the resulting bromohydrins by accompanying or subsequently added base. Condensation of the epoxides with *n*-Bu₂NH gave the target amino alcohols **1b–e**, **g** and **2b**, **e**.



α -(2-Piperidyl)-3-quinolinemethanols (3).—The Boykin procedure for the preparation of α -(2-pyridyl)-3-quinolyl ketones from 3-quinolinecarboxylic acids, by addition of 2-pyridyllithium followed by selective catalytic reduction of the pyridyl ring,⁸ was not generally successful. Two of the acids without a substituent in the 4 position, **11d** and **11e**, gave only low yields of the desired 2-pyridyl ketones **15d** and **e**.

The addition of 2-pyridyllithium to 3-carboxylic esters was therefore investigated with interesting results of limited usefulness. To a significant extent addition occurred at the carbomethoxy group of the 6,8-dimethyl, 8-phenyl, and 6-methoxy esters **6c**, **d**, **f**, giving 2-pyridyl ketones **15c**, **d**, **f**, (15, 66, and 66%, respectively). On the other hand, the reactions with the parent ester and the 6,8-dichloro and 8-trifluoromethyl analogs, **6a**, **b**, **e**, gave the 4-(2-pyridyl)-1,4-dihydro-3-

carbomethoxyquinolines **17a**, **b**, **e** in yields of 0.7, 18, and 20%, respectively. The structures **17** were assigned on the basis of elemental analyses, ir and nmr spectra, and S dehydrogenation of two of them (**17b**, **e**) to the 4-pyridyl-3-carbomethoxyquinolines **18b**, **e**. The nmr spectra of the latter, **18b**, **e**, showed characteristic quinoline H-2



protons as sharp singlets at δ 9.58 and 9.46, respectively, which were assignable as such on the basis of the known chemical shifts of δ 9.36 \pm 0.02 for the H-2 protons of 4-phenyl-3-carbomethoxyquinolines⁹ and the distinctively upfield chemical shifts for the H-4 protons of 2-substituted quinolines.¹⁰ Only in the reaction of **6e** was a second product isolated (11%), which appears to be the result of addition of pyridyllithium to the quinoline nucleus, and to which the structure **20**, α -bis(2-pyridyl)-2-(2-pyridyl)-1,2-dihydro-8-trifluoromethyl-3-quinolinemethanol, is tentatively assigned on the basis of elemental analysis, ir, nmr, and mass spectra, and S dehydrogenation to **21** where the nmr spectrum revealed a quinoline H-4 proton at δ 7.59 (see Experimental Section for comparison with nmr of **3c**) and no H-2 proton. In the above and presumably reversible Michael type addition of pyridyllithium to the crossconjugated system of **6** at the highly δ^+ C-4, the expected or necessary adduct anion **17A** would be considerably stabilized by resonance involving the ester CO and would resist further attack at the ester function. On the other hand ad-

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(9) N. D. Heindel, P. D. Kennwell, and C. J. Ohnmacht, *J. Org. Chem.*, **34**, 1168 (1969).

(10) Japan Electron Optics Laboratory Co. Ltd., "JOEL High Resolution NMR Spectra," Sadtler Research Laboratories, Inc., Philadelphia, Pa., 1967.

dition at C-2 would yield intermediate anion **19** in which the ester function is conjugatively free for further reaction. Literature analogies for these reactions are seen in the addition of PhCH_2MgBr ¹¹ and BuLi ¹² to C-2 and C-4 of quinoline itself. The often low material balance in the PhLi additions is evident from Table I where

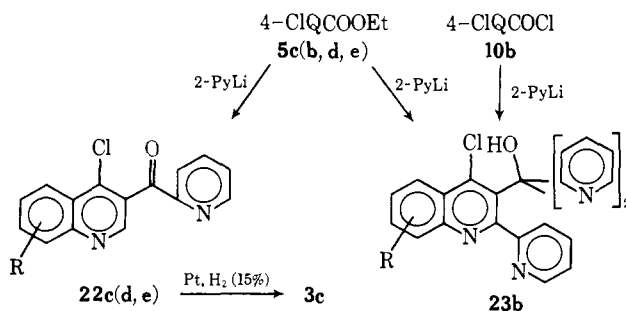
TABLE I
CHEMICAL SHIFTS OF H-2 AND H-4 OF SUBSTITUTED
3-CARBETHOXYQUINOLINES **6**

	R	Products (%)	H-2 δ	H-4 δ
6c	6,8-Me ₂	15c (15)	9.50	8.42
f	6-OCH ₃	15f (66)	9.38	8.73
b	6,8-Cl ₂	16b (18)	9.51	8.74
e	8-CF ₃	16e (20), 20 (11)	9.61	8.89
a	H	16a (0.8)	9.55	8.90
d	8-Ph	15d (66)	9.55	8.90

yields of products are compared with the H-2 and H-4 nmr chemical shifts which are a measure of substituent electronic effects on the two possible sites of initial nuclear attack. The seemingly anomalous behavior of the 8-Ph analog **6d** in respect to prediction based solely on its H-4 nmr chemical shift might be explained in terms of steric hindrance at the quinoline N toward coordination with 2-pyridyllithium.¹³

Unfortunately attempts to hydrogenate selectively the 2-pyridyl nucleus of either pyridyl ketones **15c, d, f** or α -(2-pyridyl)-8-phenyl-3-quinolinemethanol (obtained through NaBH_4 reduction of **15d**) yielded dark mixtures which were shown by tlc to be multicomponent. These results are in contrast to the usually successful reductions of the pyridyl rings of the 2-aryl types⁸ where the 2 substituent appears to permit these selective reductions, probably by sterically decreasing the facility of reduction of the N-containing ring of the quinoline nucleus.

The successful and fortuitous synthesis of one example of the desired α -(2-piperidyl)-6,8-dimethyl-3-quinolinemethanol (**3c**), stemmed from the work described below which was designed to obtain target analogs carrying Cl or some other heteroelemental group at position 4. This synthesis proceeded through the quinolone ester **4c** and the 4-chloro-(2-pyridyl) ketone **22c**. This ketone **22c** was unique in undergoing selective hydrogenation of the pyridyl nucleus with simultaneous reductive 4-dechlorination. This uniqueness possibly may be due to a combination of electronic stabilization by the electron-repelling Me groups and a steric effect of the 8-Me not unlike that of a 2-aryl group.



(11) E. Bergmann and W. Rosenthal, *J. Prakt. Chem.*, **135**, 267 (1932).

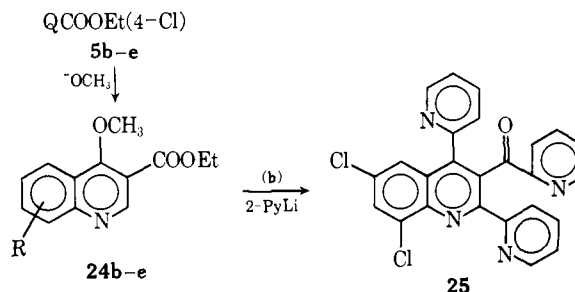
(12) K. Ziegler and H. Zeiser, *Justus Liebigs Ann. Chem.*, **485**, 174 (1931).

(13) (a) A. Kaufmann, P. Dändliker and H. Burkhardt, *Ber.*, **46**, 2929 (1913); (b) J. B. Wommack, T. G. Barbee, Jr., D. J. Tholness, M. A. McDonald and D. E. Pearson, *J. Heterocycl. Chem.*, **6**, 245 (1969).

The target amino alcohol **3c** was shown actually to be a mixture of difficultly separable diastereomers. This fact had not been revealed by tlc and became evident from the nmr spectrum of analytical samples which showed a pair of carbinol α -proton doublets of δ 4.56 ($J = 8$ Hz) and 4.85 ($J = 5$ Hz) in an integration ratio of 59: 41 with total integration for one H^+ . Work on this problem has not been undertaken because of the lack of significant antimalarial activity of the mixture and low priority in the malaria program.

The 4-chloro-3-carbethoxyquinolines **5c, d, and e** reacted with 2-pyridyllithium giving the desired 4-chloro-3-quinolyl 2-pyridyl ketones **22c, d, and e** in 63, 27, and 63% yields, respectively. The 6,8-dichloro analog **5b**, however, gave the 2-pyridyl- α -di-(2-pyridyl)carbinol **23b** (43%; shown by ir (λ 1700 cm^{-1}) to contain a small amount of an unisolated pyridyl ketone). The corresponding acid chloride **10b** gave only the carbinol **23b** in 34% yield.

Approaches to the Synthesis of 4-Methoxy- and 4-Diethylamino-3-quinoline- α -aminomethanols.—4-Methoxy-3-quinolinecarboxylate esters **24b-e** were easily prepared by the action of NaOMe on the 4-chloro esters **5b-e**. A representative of these, **24b**, reacted with 2-pyridyllithium but gave a tripyridyl derivative, 2,4-di-(2-pyridyl)-3-quinolyl 2-pyridyl ketone (**25**, 44%) which evidently was contaminated with a small amount of unidentified material of molecular weight 440 (mass spectrum). The structure of **25** was established by elemental analysis and by ir, mass, and nmr spectra. It is of interest to compare the above reaction with that of PhCH_2MgBr at the 4 position of 2-methoxyquinoline (which did not at the same time displace the 2-MeO group),¹⁴ and to contrast it to the displacement of the EtO group of 2-ethoxyquinoline by BuLi .¹⁵

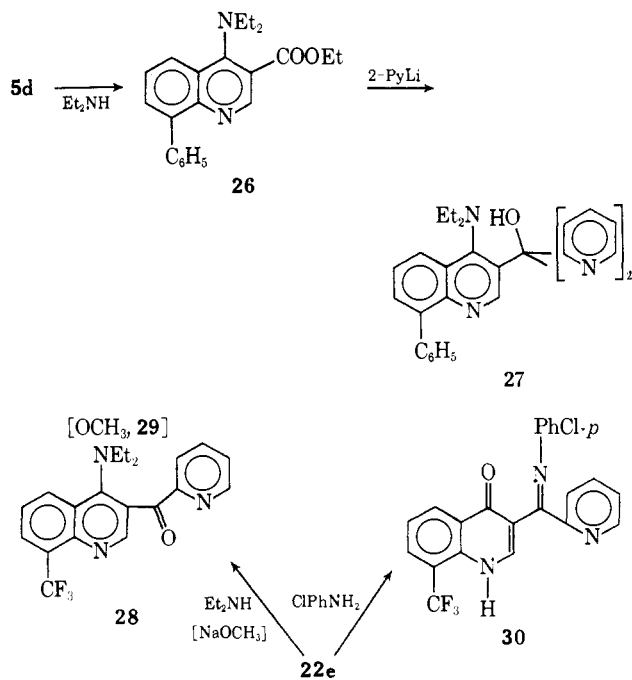


Displacement of the 4-Cl of the 8-Ph ester **5d** by NET_2 gave the 4-diethylamino ester **26** which then upon reaction with 2 equiv of 2-pyridyllithium gave the dipyridyl carbinol **27**.

8-Trifluoromethyl-4-chloro-3-quinolyl 2-pyridyl ketone (**22e**) reacted with Et_2NH and with NaOMe to give the corresponding 4-diethylamino and 4-methoxy derivatives **28** and **29**. However, the desired α -piperidylmethanols were not obtained from these by catalytic reduction. One attempt to prepare a 4-*p*-chloroanilino derivative from the pyridyl ketone **22e** by reaction with *p*-chloroaniline and acidic work-up, involved hydrolysis of the 4-Cl and gave the 4-quinolone ketoanil **30** the structure of which is supported by analysis and nmr and ir spectra.

(14) R. C. Fuson, H. L. Johnson, and E. Greishaber, *J. Org. Chem.*, **16**, 1529 (1951).

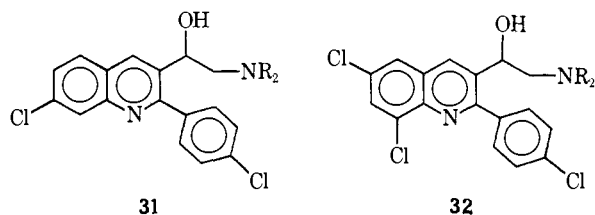
(15) H. Gilman and J. A. Beel, *J. Amer. Chem. Soc.*, **73**, 774, 32 (1951).



Because of unpromising pharmacological tests on the compounds **1**, **2**, and **3**, work on this series and on the several interesting unanswered chemical questions raised, has been suspended.

Biological Activity.—Antimalarial tests on compounds **1–3** were carried out on mice infected with *Plasmodium berghei* according to the method of Rane, *et al.*¹⁶ Defining a drug as active when the mean survival time (MST) of the treated group is more than double that of controls (7.0 ± 0.5 days), and "curative" upon survival up to 60 days, **1–3** exhibited no antimalarial activity at the highest recorded dose level. The increases in survival times at 640 mg/kg in fractions of a day were: **1b**, 0.3; **1c**, 0.1 (at 320 mg/kg); **1d**, 0.4; **1e**, 9.4; **1g**, 0.5; **2b**, 0.5; **2e**, 0.3; and **3c**, 1.0.

In contrast to the above, six α -dialkylaminomethyl-2-*p*-chlorophenyl-3-quinolinemethanols (**31–32**) synthesized by Donovan and Smith^{1d} possessed low antimalarial activities. The most active of these was **32b** which at 640 mg/kg increased the mean survival time 9.4 days.¹⁶ This compound was phototoxic as determined by the method of Rothe and Jacobus; the minimum effective phototoxic dose was below 200 mg/kg in mice administered *ip*.¹⁷ As a point of interest in this series, the 3-amino alcohol group must sterically interfere with the coplanarity and conjugation of the 2-aryl group with the quinoline nucleus, a conjugation with which the high phototoxicities in the 2-aryl-4-quinoline amino alcohols might possibly be associated.



(16) T. S. Osdone, P. B. Russell, and L. Rane, *J. Med. Chem.*, **10**, 431 (1967). Test data were supplied by the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research, Washington, D. C.

(17) W. E. Rothe and D. P. Jacobus, *ibid.*, **11**, 366 (1968).

Experimental Section¹⁸

3-Carboxy- and 3-carboxy-4(1H)-quinolones (4 and 9) were prepared according to published procedures for the parent,^{3a} 8-Ph,^{3b} 6-MeO,^{3a} and 7-Cl^{3c} compounds. Ph_2O was employed as cyclization solvent in all preparations of **4**.

Quinolinecarbonyl Chlorides (10, 12). **A. 4,6,8-Trichloro-3-quinolinecarbonyl Chloride (10b).**—DMF (2 ml) was added to a stirred refluxing slurry of 10 g (0.038 mole) of **9b** and 50 ml of SOCl_2 ; refluxing was continued for 4 hr. Excess SOCl_2 was distilled at atm pressure and the last traces removed by codistillation with dry C_6H_6 . Crystallization of the residue from pet ether (60–110°) gave 9.85 g (86%) of the yellow acid chloride **10b**, mp 145–148°.

B.—**12b** and **e** were prepared as above but without DMF catalyst.

α -Bromomethyl-3-quinolyl ketones (13, 13') were prepared⁷ through but without isolation of the intermediate diazomethyl ketones.

3-Quinolyethylene Oxides (14, 14'). **A. 4,6,8-Trichloro-3-quinolyethylene Oxide (14b).**—To a stirred slurry of 6.9 g (0.02 mole) of bromoethyl 4,6,8-trichloroquinolyl ketone (**13b**) in 50 ml of MeOH was added dropwise, over 10 min, a soln of 1.0 g (0.026 mole) of NaBH_4 , 3 ml of 2 N NaOH, and 10 ml of H_2O . The solid dissolved almost immediately and after 20 min a ppt formed. After an additional 1 hr of stirring the pale yellow product was collected and oven-dried: 4.4 g (82%); mp 131–133°.

B.—A modification of the above procedure was necessary for **14'b** and **e**.

6,8-Dichloro-3-quinolyethylene Oxide (14'b).—A refluxing slurry of 8.74 g (0.0274 mole) of the bromomethyl ketone **13'b** in 50 ml of MeOH was removed from the heat source and stirred while a soln of 2.0 g (0.053 mole) of NaBH_4 in 10 ml of H_2O was added dropwise over 10 min. Addition of 5 ml of 2 N NaOH to the stirred, clear yellow soln caused pptn of **14'b**: 4.84 g (74%); pale yellow; mp 112–115°.

α -Di-*n*-butylaminomethyl-3-quinolinemethanols (1, 2). **α -Di-*n*-butylaminomethyl-4,6,8-trichloro-3-quinolinemethanol (1b).**—A stirred soln of 5.3 g (0.019 mole) of **14b** and 35 ml of *n*- Bu_2NH was heated at 135° for 18 hr. After excess reagent was removed by vac distillation the orange residue was dissolved in dry Et_2O , and **1** was fractionally pptd by Et_2O -HCl (the last fractions tended to gum; total crude yield; 6.28 g (74%); recrystd from EtOH - Et_2O , 4.20 g (49%); mp 178–180° dec.

3-Carboxy-4-chloroquinolines (5) were prepared by the reaction of the 3-carboxyquinolones **4a–g** with POCl_3 (3 moles, 3 hr, reflux); **5a** and **5f**¹⁹ had previously been prepared employing a POCl_3 - PCl_5 mixture.

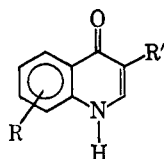
3-Carboxy-8-trifluoromethyl-1,4-dihydroquinoline (7e).—A mixture of 4.0 g (0.013 mole) of **5e**, 0.84 g (0.015 mole) of KOH, 0.4 g of 10% Pd-C, and 25 ml of abs EtOH, was hydrogenated at 55° for 2.5 hr at 3.52 kg/cm². Filtration through Celite, concentration, and filtering gave **7e**: 2.19 g (61%); mp 158–159°; nmr (CDCl_3) δ 7.17 (m, 4), 6.50 (m, 1), 4.25 (m, 2), 3.79 (s, 2), 1.36 (t, 3).

3-Carboxy-6,8-dichloro-1,4-dihydroquinoline (7b).—To a stirred, ice-cooled soln of 6.0 g (0.16 mole) of NaBH_4 in 125 ml of 2-methoxyethanol was added portionwise 19.1 g (0.063 mole) of **5b**. The first addition caused temp rise to 60° and liberation of gas. The remainder of **5b** was then added over 1 hr. The slurry was stirred for 3 hr and the resulting ppt (**5b** and **7b**) was air-dried: 12.17 g (orange); mp 105–180°. Retreatment of this as above with 4 g of NaBH_4 in 125 ml of 2-methoxyethanol for 3 hr yielded 6.61 g (39%) of **7b** (orange): mp 187.5–189.5°; anal. sample (EtOH), mp 196° dec; nmr ($\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 8.64 (m, 1), 7.19 (m, 3), 4.11 (q, 2), 3.67 (s, 2), 1.22 (t, 3). The mother liquors poured into H_2O gave 6.88 g (oven-dried), mp 130–160°. Extraction with refluxing pet ether (bp 60–110°) removed unreacted **5b**: recrystd from EtOH, 2.1 g of **8b** (13%); mp 193–198°.

3-Carboxyquinolines (6). **Catalytic Dehalogenation. 3-Carboxy-8-phenylquinoline (6d).**—The following improved

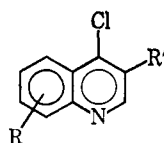
(18) Instruments: (a) Melting points were obtained on a Thomas-Hoover apparatus, uncorrected; (b) anal. were correct $\pm 0.4\%$; Gailbraith Lab. Inc., and Swartzkopf Microanalytical Lab; (c) sublimation of analytical samples was at 10–50° below the mp; (d) satisfactory spectra were obtained, for structural determination where required, and randomly in other cases, (e) ir, Perkin-Elmer 337; (f) nmr, Hitachi P-E R 20; (g) mass spectrograph, Hitachi P-E, RMU 6E.

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TABLE II
 3-FUNCTIONALIZED-4-QUINOLONES


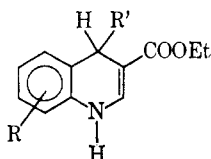
Compd	R	R'	Mp, °C ^a	% yield	Composition ^e
4b	6, 8-Cl ₂	COOEt	305-308 dec ^b	74	C ₁₂ H ₉ Cl ₂ NO ₃
9b	6, 8-Cl ₂	COOH	300 dec ^b	100	C ₁₀ H ₅ Cl ₂ NO ₃
4c	6, 8-Me ₂	COOEt	273-276 dec ^c	68	C ₁₄ H ₁₅ NO ₃
9c	6, 8-Me ₂	COOH	298-300 dec ^b	100	C ₁₂ H ₁₀ NO ₃
4e	8-CF ₃	COOEt	209-213 ^c	83	C ₁₃ H ₁₀ F ₃ NO ₃
9e	8-CF ₃	COOH	235 dec ^d	83	C ₁₁ H ₈ F ₃ NO ₃
30	8-CF ₃	C(2-Py)=NPhCl	199-200.5 ^c	92	C ₂₂ H ₁₃ ClF ₃ N ₃ O ^f

^a Dec, mp decomp. Recryst from: ^b DMF; ^c EtOH. ^d Analytically pure from reaction mixture. ^e Analyzed within ±0.4% for C, H; ^f for C, H, Cl, N.

 TABLE III
 3-FUNCTIONALIZED-4-CHLOROQUINOLINES


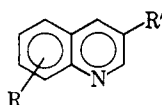
Compd	R	R'	Mp, °C	% yield	Composition ^l
10b	6, 8-Cl ₂	COCl	145-147	90 ^{a,b}	C ₁₀ H ₃ Cl ₄ NO
10c	6, 8-Me ₂	COCl	103-105	38 ^{a,b}	C ₁₂ H ₉ Cl ₂ NO
10d	8-Ph	COCl	125-126.5	90 ^{a,b}	C ₁₆ H ₉ Cl ₂ NO ^m
10e	8-CF ₃	COCl	94-95.5	70 ^{a,b}	C ₁₁ H ₄ Cl ₂ F ₃ NO ^m
10g	7-Cl	COCl	137-139	38 ^{a,b}	C ₁₀ H ₄ Cl ₃ NO
13b	6, 8-Cl ₂	COCH ₂ Br	136-137.5	87 ^c	C ₁₁ H ₃ BrCl ₂ NO
13c	6, 8-Me ₂	COCH ₂ Br	76.5-78	58 ^a	C ₁₃ H ₁₁ BrClNO
13d	8-Ph	COCH ₂ Br	132-133 dec	98 ^d	C ₁₇ H ₁₁ BrClNO ^m
13e	8-CF ₃	COCH ₂ Br	98-99	79 ^c	(crude)
13g	7-Cl	COCH ₂ Br	104-106	83 ^a	C ₁₁ H ₆ BrCl ₂ NO
14b	6, 8-Cl ₂	CH-CH ₂ O	132.5-134	82 ^{a,b}	C ₁₁ H ₆ Cl ₃ NO
14c	6, 8-Me ₂	CH-CH ₂ O	95-96	91 ^a	C ₁₃ H ₁₂ ClNO ⁱ
14d	8-Ph	CH-CH ₂ O	140-141	83 ^{f,b}	C ₁₇ H ₁₂ ClNO ⁱ
14e	8-CF ₃	CH-CH ₂ O	82-83	52 ^e	C ₁₂ H ₇ ClF ₃ NO ^{k,m}
14g	7-Cl	CH-CH ₂ O	153.5-155	83 ^c	C ₁₁ H ₇ Cl ₂ NO
1b	6, 8-Cl ₂	CHOHCH ₂ NBu ₂	181-182 dec	74 ^g	C ₁₉ H ₂₃ Cl ₃ N ₂ O · HCl
1c	6, 8-Me ₂	CHOHCH ₂ NBu ₂	121-123 dec	66 ^g	C ₂₁ H ₃₁ ClN ₂ O · HCl
1d	8-Ph	CHOHCH ₂ NBu ₂	174 dec	90 ^g	C ₂₅ H ₃₁ ClN ₂ O · HCl
1e	8-CF ₃	CHOHCH ₂ NBu ₂	172 dec	56 ^g	C ₂₀ H ₂₆ ClF ₃ N ₂ O · HCl
1g	7-Cl	CHOHCH ₂ NBu ₂	168-170 dec	75 ^g	C ₁₉ H ₂₇ Cl ₃ N ₂ O · HCl
5b	6, 8-Cl ₂	COOEt	109-110	87 ^f	C ₁₂ H ₉ Cl ₃ N ₂ O ^m
5c	6, 8-Me ₂	COOEt	76-77.5	97 ^{f,b}	C ₁₄ H ₁₄ ClNO ^m
5d	8-Ph	COOEt	131-132.5	88 ^f	C ₁₈ H ₁₄ ClNO ^m
5e	8-CF ₃	COOEt	56-57	64 ^h	C ₁₃ H ₉ ClF ₃ N ₂ O ^m
22c	6, 8-Me ₂	COPy	148 dec	63 ^c	C ₁₇ H ₁₈ ClNO ₂
22d	8-Ph	COPy	102-103	27 ^c	C ₂₁ H ₁₃ ClN ₂ O
22e	8-CF ₃	COPy	155	63 ^c	C ₁₆ H ₈ ClF ₃ N ₂ O
8b	6, 8-Cl ₂	CH ₂ OH	196-198	13 ^c	C ₁₀ H ₆ Cl ₃ NO ^m
8c	6, 8-Me ₂	CH ₂ OH	166-169	53 ^c	C ₁₂ H ₁₂ ClNO ^m

Recrystd from: ^a Pet ether (bp 60-110°); ^b sublimed; ^c EtOH; ^d crude, EtOH washed; ^e MeOH; ^f hexane; ^g EtOH-Et₂O; ^h pet ether (bp 30-60°). ⁱ C, calcd 66.81, found 65.99. ^j C: calcd 72.47, found 71.00. ^k C: calcd 52.67, found 52.13. ^l Anal.^{18b} for C, H, N; ^m for C, H only.

TABLE IV
 1,4-DIHYDRO-3-QUINOLINE CARBETHOXYLATES


Compd	R	R'	Mp, °C	% yield	Composition ^f
7b	6, 8-Cl ₂	H	196 dec ^a	39	C ₁₂ H ₁₁ Cl ₂ N ₂ O ₂
7e	8-CF ₃	H	158-159 ^b	61	C ₁₃ H ₁₂ F ₃ N ₂ O ₂
17a	H	2-Py	199-201 ^{a,c}	0.7	C ₁₇ H ₁₆ N ₂ O ₂ ^g
17b	6, 8-Cl ₂	2-Py	221-222 dec ^d	18	C ₁₇ H ₁₄ Cl ₂ N ₂ O ₂
17e	8-CF ₃	2-Py	175-176 ^a	20	C ₁₈ H ₁₅ F ₃ N ₂ O ₂ ^h

Recrystn solvent: ^a EtOH; ^b hexane; ^c sublimed; ^d 2-methoxyethanol. ^e Nmr (CDCl₃) δ 8.56 (d, 1), 7.32 (m, 8), 5.40 (s, 1), 4.10 (m, 2), 1.14 (t, 3). ^f Anal. ^{18b} C, H, N; ^g C: calcd 72.83; found 73.47; ^h for C, H only.

 TABLE V
 3-FUNCTIONALIZED QUINOLINES


Compd	R	R'	Mp, °C	% yield	Composition ^m
6b	6, 8-Cl ₂	COOEt	131-133	96 ^a	C ₁₂ H ₉ Cl ₂ N ₂ O ₂
6c	6, 8-Me ₂	COOEt	80.5-81	51 ^b	C ₁₄ H ₁₅ N ₂ O ₂ ⁿ
6d	8-Ph	COOEt	106-107	54 ^c	C ₁₈ H ₁₅ N ₂ O ₂ ⁿ
6e	8-CF ₃	COOEt	88-89.5	73 ^c	C ₁₃ H ₁₀ F ₃ N ₂ O ₂ ⁿ
6f	6-OMe	COOEt	85-87	66 ^b	C ₁₃ H ₁₃ N ₂ O ₂ ⁿ
11b	6, 8-Cl ₂	COOH	300-301 dec	94 ^d	C ₁₀ H ₅ Cl ₂ N ₂ O ₂ ⁿ
11d	8-Ph	COOH	205-206	70 ^e	C ₁₆ H ₁₁ N ₂ O ₂ ⁿ
11e	8-CF ₃	COOH	208-209	78 ^c	C ₁₁ H ₆ F ₃ N ₂ O ₂ ⁿ
12b	6, 8-Cl ₂	COCl	170-172	92 ^{a,f}	C ₁₀ H ₄ Cl ₂ NO
12e	8-CF ₃	COCl	94-95	56 ^{f,g}	C ₁₁ H ₅ ClF ₃ NO ⁿ
13'b	6, 8-Cl ₂	COCH ₂ Br	197-199 dec	81 ^h	C ₁₁ H ₆ BrCl ₂ NO
13'e	8-CF ₃	COCH ₂ Br	142-143	66 ^c	C ₁₂ H ₇ BrF ₃ NO
14'b	6, 8-Cl ₂	CH-CH ₂	118.5-120	74 ^a	C ₁₁ H ₇ Cl ₂ NO
14'e	8-CF ₃	CH-CH ₂	65-67	72 ^{f,g}	C ₁₂ H ₈ F ₃ NO
2b	6, 8-Cl ₂	CHOHCH ₂ NB ₁ l ₂	65-72 dec	38 ⁱ	C ₁₅ H ₂₆ Cl ₂ N ₂ O · HCl
2e	8-CF ₃	CHOHCH ₂ NB ₂ l ₂	90.5-92 dec	59 ^j	C ₂₀ H ₂₇ F ₃ N ₂ O · HCl
15c	6, 8-Me ₂	COPY	97.5-98	27 ^{a,f}	C ₁₇ H ₁₄ N ₂ O
15d	8-Ph	COPY	118-118.5	66 ^{a,k,l}	C ₂₁ H ₁₄ N ₂ O ⁿ
15e	8-CF ₃	COPY	99-99.5	58 ^{a,l}	C ₁₆ H ₉ F ₃ N ₂ O ⁿ
15f	6-OMe	COPY	129-131.5	66 ^c	C ₁₆ H ₁₁ N ₂ O ₂
3	6, 8-Me ₂	CHOHPip	143-148	15 ^{f,h}	C ₁₇ H ₂₂ N ₂ O
16d	8-Ph	CHOHPy	137.5-138	64 ^c	C ₂₁ H ₁₆ N ₂ O ⁿ

Recrystd from: ^a pet ether (60-100°), ^b (30-60°); ^c EtOH; ^d 2-methoxyethanol; ^e reaction product Et₂O washed; ^f sublimed; ^g hexane; ^h MeCN; ⁱ hygroscopic, not crystd; ^j EtOH-Et₂O; ^k prepared by the action of 2-PyLi on the 3-carboxylate ester; ^l by 2-PyLi on the 3-carboxylic acid (**15d**, 32%). ^m Anal. ^{18b} for C, H, N; ⁿ for C, H only.

method of Kaslow and Clark was used to prepare **6a**.⁴ A suspension of 4.0 g (0.013 mole) of **5d** and 0.6 g of 10% Pd-C in 25 ml of glacial AcOH at 50° was hydrogenated (1 hr, 3.16 kg/cm²). Filtration through Celite, pouring into H₂O with stirring, collection of the ppt by filtration, and crystn from hexane gave 1.92 g (34%), mp 106-107°.

Sulfur Dehydrogenation of a 1,4-Dihydroquinoline. 3-Carbethoxy-6,8-dichloroquinoline (6b).—An intimate mixture of 11.9 g (0.044 mole) of **7b** and 3.13 g (0.097 mole) of S in a Wood's metal bath at 190°, was heated at 230° for 15 min (on fusion H₂S evolved vigorously). Cooling, extraction with 300 ml of refluxing pet ether (60-110°), filtering, concentrating to 125 ml, cooling, and recrystn of the yellow ppt from 250 ml of pet ether gave 11.43 g (96%), mp 132-134°.

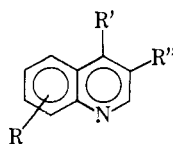
4-Methoxy-3-carbethoxyquinolines (24). 4-Methoxy-6,8-dichloro-3-carbethoxyquinoline (24b).—A soln of 17.5 g (0.058 mole) of **5b** in 300 ml of MeOH was added to a soln of 0.17 mole of

NaOMe in 150 ml of MeOH. After 1-hr reflux the mixture was poured into 2 l. of H₂O giving 13.9 g (80%), oven-dried, mp 141-142.5°.

4-Diethylamino-8-phenyl-3-carbethoxyquinoline (26).—A soln of 6.2 g (0.02 mole) of **5d** and 4.4 g (0.06 mole) of Et₂NH in 100 ml of EtOH was refluxed for 2 hr. Cooling in ice returned 2.25 g (37%) of **5d**. Extraction of the residue from evapn of the filtrate with hexane, filtration to remove Et₂NH · HCl, and evapn to dryness gave 3.1 g of **26**.

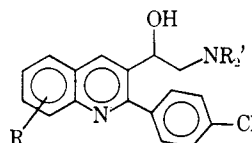
2-Pyridyllithium Reactions. A. With Carboxylic Acids 11 d,e. 2-Pyridyl 8-Phenyl-3-quinolyl Ketone (15d).—To a stirred soln of 2-pyridyllithium^{3b,20} (from 11 g of 2-bromopyridine in 150 ml of anhyd Et₂O at -70° under N₂) was added rapidly

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TABLE VI
 3-FUNCTIONALIZED-4-SUBSTITUTED QUINOLINES


Compd ^a	R	R'	R''	Mp. °C	% yield ^b	Composition ^k
24b	6, 8-Cl ₂	OMe	COOEt	141.5–143	80 ^{c,d}	C ₁₃ H ₁₁ Cl ₂ NO ₃ ⁱ
24c	6, 8-Me ₂	OMe	COOEt	83.5–85	56 ^{d,e}	C ₁₅ H ₁₇ NO ₃ ⁱ
24d	8-Ph	OMe	COOEt	135.5–136	87 ^c	C ₁₉ H ₁₇ NO ₃ ⁱ
24e	8-CF ₃	OMe	COOEt	79.5–80	70 ^c	C ₁₄ H ₁₂ F ₃ NO ₃ ⁱ
18b	6, 8-Cl ₂	Py	COOEt	100–101.5	48 ^f	C ₁₇ H ₁₂ Cl ₂ N ₂ O ₂
18e	8-CF ₃	Py	COOEt	64–66	15 ^f	C ₁₈ H ₁₃ F ₃ N ₂ O ₂
26	8-Ph	NEt ₂	COOEt	72–74	72 ^e	C ₂₂ H ₂₄ N ₂ O ₂ ⁱ
27 ^o	8-Ph	NEt ₂	C(OH)Py ₂	200–201	14 ^f	C ₃₀ H ₂₈ N ₄ O
28	8-CF ₃	NEt ₂	COPy	130.5–131	60 ^f	C ₂₀ H ₁₈ F ₃ N ₃ O
29	8-CF ₃	OMe	COPy	172.5–174	37 ^{c,d}	C ₁₇ H ₁₁ F ₃ N ₂ O ₂
29 ^a	6, 8-Cl ₂	Cl	C(OH)Py ₂ ^h	197–199	34 ^{i,j}	C ₂₃ H ₁₆ Cl ₃ N ₄ O

^a Py = 2-pyridyl. ^b Recryst from: ^c MeOH; ^d sublimed; ^e hexane; ^f EtOH. ^g Nmr (CDCl₃) δ 10.86 (s, 1), 8.87 (s, 1), 8.47 (d, 2), 7.51 (m, 14), 3.40 (m, 4), 1.05 (t, 6). ^h Also carries 2-(2-Py). ⁱ Prepared from acid chloride. ^j Prepared from ester, 47%. ^k Anal.^{18b} for C,H,N; ^l for C,H only.

 TABLE VII^a
 α-DIALKYLAMINOMETHYL-2-(p-CHLOROPHENYL)-3-QUINOLINEMETHANOLS^a


Compd ^a	R	R'	Mp. °C	% yield	Composition ^c
31a	7-Cl	Et	113–115	72	C ₂₁ H ₂₂ Cl ₂ N ₂ O
31b	7-Cl	Bu	185–186.5	76	C ₂₅ H ₃₀ Cl ₂ N ₂ O · HCl
31c	7-Cl	Heptyl	171–172.5	62	C ₃₁ H ₄₂ Cl ₂ N ₂ O · HCl
32a	6, 8-Cl ₂	Et	133–134	83	C ₂₁ H ₂₁ Cl ₃ N ₂ O
32b	6, 8-Cl ₂	Bu	227.5–230	71	C ₂₅ H ₂₅ Cl ₃ N ₂ O · HCl
32c	6, 8-Cl ₂	Heptyl	162–164.5 ^b	73	C ₃₁ H ₄₁ Cl ₃ N ₂ O · HCl

^a Synthetic route: 6-Cl-isatin, *p*-Cl-propiphenone → Q-3-CH₃, 4-COOH → Q-3-CH₃ → Q-3-COOH → Q-COCl → Q-COCHN₂ → Q-COCH₂Br → Q-CHOHCH₂Br → Q-CH—CH₂ → 31 and 32. ^b Solidifying and again melting at 177–178°. ^c Anal.^{18b} C,H,Cl,N.



2.48 g (0.01 mole) of 11d. After 10 min 50 ml of anhyd THF (distd from CaH₂) was added, and stirring at -70° was continued for 3 hr. The mixture was allowed to warm to 40° and 100 ml of H₂O was added rapidly. After filtration to remove the insol pyridyl ketone (other such ketones are sol in Et₂O) the Et₂O layer was washed twice with H₂O and evapd under reduced pressure, giving additional 15d: recrystd from abs EtOH, 1.0 g (32%); mp 118–118.5°.

B. With Esters.—A THF soln of the ester was added to a two- to threefold excess of 2-pyridyllithium. Usually the product was isolated by evaporation of the Et₂O and crystallization of the residue from EtOH. In the prepn of 22d and 27, unreacted starting material crystallized first from EtOH. In a slightly different work-up, before further purification was carried out, unreacted starting ester was extracted from crude 15c and 17b with petroleum pentane (30–60°) and hexane, respectively.

8-Trifluoromethyl-4-(2-pyridyl)-1,4-dihydroquinoline (17e).—Reaction of ester 6e (3.4 g, 0.013 mole), work-up as above, and fractional crystallization from EtOH yielded two products: 20, 0.50 g (11%), mp 238.5–240°; ir (KBr disk), 3300 cm⁻¹ (C-OH; no CO band); [Anal. (C₂₄H₁₈F₃NO) H, N; C: calcd 67.82; found 66.87; mol, wt calcd and found 393 (mass spectroscopy).] and 17e, 0.88 g (20%), mp 175–176°; nmr (CDCl₃), δ 8.56 (d, 1), 7.32 (m, 8), 5.40 (s, 1), 4.10 (m, 2), 1.14 (t, 3). Compound 20 was dehydrogenated by S to yield a small amount of 21, identified on the basis of the nmr spectrum which exhibited a sharp singlet at δ 7.59 (H-4) and an aromatic multiplet (δ 6.58–8.58).

2-Pyridyl 2,4-Di(2-pyridyl)-6,8-dichloro-3-quinolyl Ketone (25).—The 2-pyridyllithium reaction mixture was stirred for only

1 hr after addition of the ester 24b. Crystallization from EtOH gave 44% of starting ester 24b. Evaporation of the filtrate and column chromatography of the residue on Florisil (MeOH in C₆H₆-gradient elution) gave a red amorphous solid which contained trapped solvent (by nmr). Crystallization from acetone (upon slow evaporation) gave 25 (yellow, true yield 45%); mp 234–238°; recrystd from MeCN, mp 239–241°, mol wt, calcd and found 457 (mass spectroscopy). Anal. C₂₅H₁₄Cl₂N₄O: H, ^{18b} N, ^{18b} C, calcd, 65.66, found 66.28.

2-Pyridyl 4-Diethylamino-8-trifluoromethyl-3-quinolyl Ketone (28).—A soln of 1 g (2.96 mmoles) of 21e and 0.896 g (11.8 mmoles) of Et₂NH in 15 ml of EtOH was refluxed for 1 hr. Ice-bath cooling gave 0.67 g (60%) of crude 28.

2-Pyridyl 8-Trifluoromethyl-4(1H)-3-quinolonyl Ketone 4-Chlorophenylimine (30).—A mixture of 2 g (5.95 mmoles) of 22d and 2.3 g (18 mmoles) of 4-chloroaniline in 75 ml of EtOH was refluxed for 1 hr. Concentrated HCl (1 ml) was added and refluxing continued for another hour. The mixture was cooled and quenched in ice-H₂O containing excess KOH. Crystallization of the ppt from EtOH gave 2.34 g (92%): nmr (DMSO)-d₆ δ 9.56 (s, 1), 8.79 (s, 1), 8.64 (d, 2), 8.25 (d, 1), 7.71 (m, 4), 6.81 (m, 4).

α-(2-Piperidyl)-6,8-dimethyl-3-quinolinemethanol (Stereoisomer Mixture 3c).—A slurry of 9.0 g of 22c (0.03 mole), 250 ml of abs EtOH, 6 ml of concd HCl, and 0.75 g of PtO₂ was hydrogenated at 3.15 kg/cm². After absorption of 5H₂, filtration through Celite, and concn to 30 ml, the soln was dild with H₂O and basified (NaOH). The Et₂O extract of the gummy ppt was washed with H₂O, dried (MgSO₄), and evapd. Treatment of the residual gum in 50 ml of Me₂CO with 75 ml of hexane and

cooling gave 3.12 g (28%), mp 115–131°. Recrystallization from pet ether (60°–110°) and sublimation [150°(0.1 mm)] gave 1.23 g (15%), mp 143–148° (sinters at 135°). An analytical sample was prepared by recrystn from MeCN: mmr (CDCl₃)

δ 8.83 (d, 1, $J = 2.5$ Hz, H-2), 7.86 (q, 1, $J = 2.5$ Hz, nonequiv H-4 of diastereomers): 7.32 (s, 2), 4.85 (d, 0.41, $J = 5$ Hz), 4.56 (d, 0.59, $J = 8$ Hz), 4.21 (s, 2, NH, OH), 2.75 (s, 3), 2.46 (s, 3), 2.7 (m, 3), 1.45 (m, 6).

L(S)- and D(R)-3-Amino-1-phenylpyrrolidines. Stereoselective Antagonists for Histamine and Acetylcholine Receptors *in Vitro*

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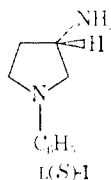
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Studies leading to the synthesis of L(S)-3-amino-1-phenylpyrrolidine (**1**) and related L(S)- and D(R)-3-ethylamino analogs **11** are described. An ORD investigation is presented which defines the absolute configurations of intermediates and final products. Biological evaluation *in vitro* of racemic **11** shows both antihistaminic and anticholinergic activities. Pure L(S)-**11** exhibits a tenfold increase in antihistamine potency over D(R)-**11**. Essentially all of the anticholinergic activity is found in the D(R)-**11** enantiomorph. Other preliminary biological data obtained *in vivo* are also discussed.

Among biologically active compounds the arrangement of atoms >NCCR, where R = aryl, acyl-X, aryl-X, or some heterocycle and X = C, O, or N, is of major importance. This unit is found in such agonists as acetylcholine and norepinephrine; antagonists having a similar arrangement of atoms are exemplified by the cholinergic blocking agents and antihistamines. In other words, many autonomic drugs may be generally classified as β -aminoethyl analogs.

As part of a program designed to synthesize compounds of known absolute configuration for purposes of characterizing biological receptors on the basis of their stereoselective affinity towards various enantiomorphs, we explored a synthesis for optically pure L(S)-3-amino-1-phenylpyrrolidine analogs (**1**). This compound contains the units H₂N-C*-CN(Ph)- and H₂N-C*-C-CN(Ph)- with an asymmetric center (C*) located on the C α to the -NH₂ group. In this communication we report the synthesis of **1** from L(S)-aspartic acid (**2**), an optical rotatory dispersion investigation which defines the structures and absolute configurations of intermediates and final products, and some of our preliminary biological results *in vivo* and *in vitro* with two selected enantiomorphs of **1**.



Results and Discussion

Synthetic Aspects.—L(S)-Aspartic acid (**2**) serves as starting material. Initially, **2** was converted in 80% yield to the carbobenzoxy (Cbz) derivative (**3a**) through reaction with benzyl chloroformate in the presence of MgO in H₂O.¹ Derivatization of the amino group is required in order to render the amino N-

less nucleophilic and prevent its participation in subsequent reactions. The Cbz group was first investigated since it is easily removed under conditions employing mineral acid or by catalytic hydrogenation.^{1,2} The Cbz derivative **3a** is converted into the corresponding anhydride **4a** by heating in Ac₂O. Reaction of anhydride **4a** with PhNH₂ in abs EtOH affords a mixture of α - and β -anilides (**5a** and **6a**), respectively.^{3,4} The β -anilide **6a** is readily separated from the α isomer by selective crystallization from EtOH.^{3,5} Heating the anilide mixture with Ac₂O affords Cbz-L(S)- α -amino-N-phenylsuccinimide (**7a**) in 70% yield. However, all attempts to remove the Cbz group under a variety of reaction conditions either afforded starting **7a** or products resulting from hydrolysis of the imide ring. Hydrogenation over Pd² in abs MeOH afforded the diketopiperazine dimer **8**; similar results were obtained by hydrogenation over Pd in HOAc-H₂O or EtOH-HOAc under analogous conditions.

Since the Cbz group proved difficult to remove without destruction of the imide system, we resorted to use of the *tert*-butyloxycarbonyl (Boc) group which is more easily hydrolyzed under acidic conditions.⁶ Reaction of L(S)-aspartic acid (**2**) with *tert*-butyl azidoformate affords the Boc derivative **3b**. Heating **3b** in AcOH affords the anhydride **4b**. Reaction of **4b** with PhNH₂ in abs EtOH leads to the intermediate α - and β -anilides (**5b** and **6b**), respectively, in a combined yield of 40%. The anilide mixture is heated with Ac₂O affording the desired Boc-L(S)- α -amino-N-phenylsuccinimide (**7b**). Reaction of **7b** in CF₃CO₂H, followed by treatment with Amberlite IRA-400 ion-exchange resin (RN(CH₃)₃⁺Cl⁻) yields a mixture of the HCl salts of imide **9** and anilide **10**. However, short reaction of Boc-L(S)- α -amino-N-phenylsuccinimide (**7b**) with HCl gas in CHCl₃-C₆H₆ (3:1) affords L(S)- α -amino-N-phenyl-

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