

When II was added to *cis*-dichlorobis(ethylenediamine)cobalt(3+) chloride in MeOH, [7-amino-8-(aminomethyl)-1,2,3,4,4a,4b,5,6,7,8,8a,9-dodecahydro-4a,7-dimethyl-2-phenanthrol]bis(ethylenediamine)cobalt(3+) trichloride β -acetate (ester), IIIa, was produced in 60% yield. The ir and nmr spectra of IIIa were consistent with the assigned structure. Ir maxima reported to be characteristic of Co-N bonds were present.⁴ All elemental analyses for IIIa were within experimental error. Aq sols of IIIa gave 4 particle depressions of the freezing point of H₂O, and IIIa was diamagnetic. Reaction of IIIa with aq NaI yielded IIIb. The ir and nmr spectra of IIIb were consistent with the assigned structure, a 4 particle depression of the freezing point of aq sols was observed, the elemental analyses were within experimental error, and the compd was diamagnetic.

Biological Activity.—The capacity of the test compds to interfere with the incorporation of labeled acetate and/or mevalonate into cholesterol by rat liver homogenate was determined *in vitro* by the method of Dvornik, *et al.*⁵ Any test compd producing 40% inhibition of cholesterol synthesis at 1×10^{-4} M is considered active and worth further work. IIIa was active as a hepatic cholesterol synthesis inhibitor displaying 65% inhibition of cholesterol synthesis. II also was screened in identical fashion, but IIIa was more active than II. II showed only 26% inhibition of cholesterol synthesis. Activity testing continues.

Experimental Section⁶

7-Amino-8-(aminomethyl)-1,2,3,4,4a,4b,5,6,7,8,8a,9-dodecahydro-4a,7-dimethyl-2-phenanthrol β -Acetate (Ester) (II).—

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To a stirred soln of 0.50 g (1.8×10^{-3} mole) of I¹ in 10 ml of CHCl₃ was slowly added 3 ml of concd H₂SO₄; 0.5 g of NaN₃ was added very slowly to this mixture at a rate which kept the temp of the soln below 40°. After the addn was complete, the mixt was warmed to 40° for 2 hr, neutralized with concd NH₄OH at 0–5°, and filtered, and the filtrate was extd 4 times with CHCl₃. Removal of the solvent from the combined exts and recrystn from ligroin (bp 90–120°) yielded 0.20 g (54%) of product: mp 110–112°; $[\alpha]^{24D} -72^\circ$. *Anal.* (C₁₉H₃₂N₂O₂) C, H, N.

7-Amino-8-(aminomethyl)-1,2,3,4,4a,4b,5,6,7,8,8a,9-dodecahydro-4a,7-dimethyl-2-phenanthrol β -Acetate (Ester)·2HCl.—II (1 g, 3.13×10^{-3} mole) was dissolved in 15 ml of dry C₆H₆. HCl gas was bubbled through the soln for 5 min. After filtration and recrystn (H₂O-concd HCl), 1.18 g (96%) of product was obtained: mp 225–227°; neut equiv, calcd, 197; found 195, 198. *Anal.* (C₁₉H₃₄Cl₂N₂O₂) C, H, Cl, N.

Bis derivatives of II (α -naphthylurea, benzenesulfonamide, *p*-chlorobenzamide) were prepd in the same manner as previously reported analogs:² α -naphthylurea, 85% yield (recryst EtOH), mp 230–231° [*Anal.* (C₄₁H₄₆N₄O₄) C, H, N]; benzenesulfonamide, 70% yield (recryst EtOH), mp 147–148° [*Anal.* (C₂₁H₁₇NO₂S₂) C, H, N, S]; *p*-chlorobenzamide, 86% yield (recryst EtOH), mp 111–112° [*Anal.* C₂₁H₁₈Cl₂N₂O₄) C, H, Cl, N].

[7-Amino-8-(aminomethyl)-1,2,3,4,4a,4b,5,6,7,8,8a,9-dodecahydro-4a,7-dimethyl-2-phenanthrol]bis(ethylenediamine)cobalt(3+) Trichloride β -Acetate (Ester)(IIIa).—To 0.625 g (2.19×10^{-3} mole) of *cis*-dichlorobis(ethylenediamine)cobalt(3+) chloride in 30 ml of MeOH was added a soln of 0.70 g (2.19×10^{-3} mole) of II in 10 ml of dry C₆H₆. After stirring for 48 hr, the product was filtered and recrystd from H₂O-EtOH. The yield of gold-colored crystals was 0.80 g (60%); mp 215–217°; λ_{max} 472 m μ ; $[\alpha]^{25D} -7^\circ$; cryoscopic particle no., calcd, 4.00; found, 4.14, 4.11. *Anal.* (C₆C₂₃H₄₈Cl₂N₆O₂) Co, C, H, Cl, N.

[7-Amino-8-(aminomethyl)-1,2,3,4,4a,4b,5,6,7,8,8a,9-dodecahydro-4a,7-dimethyl-2-phenanthrol]bis(ethylenediamine)cobalt(3+) Triiodide β -Acetate (Ester) (IIIb).—IIIa (0.1 g) was dissolved in a min vol of H₂O. A 10-fold excess of NaI was added to the soln. The orange ppt was filtered and recrystd from hot H₂O. The yield of product, mp 256–257°, λ_{max} 475 m μ , was quantitative; cryoscopic particle no., calcd, 4.00; found, 4.02, 4.06. *Anal.* (C₆C₂₃H₄₈I₃N₆O₂) Co, C, H, I, N.

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Where anal. are indicated only by the symbols of the elements or functions, analytical data were within experimental error relative to the calcd values for those elements or functions. Nmr spectra were taken on a Varian A60A spectrometer in CDCl₃ or D₂O. Visible spectra were taken on a Perkin-Elmer 202 spectrophotometer. Optical rotations were measured in a Rudolph Model 62 polarimeter in CHCl₃.

Synthesis and Hypoglycemic Activity of 3-Aryl(or Pyridyl)-5-alkyl(or aryl)amino-1,3,4-thiadiazoles and Some Sulfonylurea Derivatives of 4H-1,2,4-Triazoles

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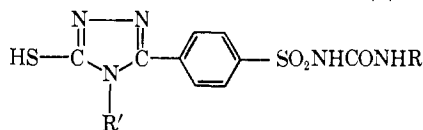
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TABLE I: 2-ARYL-5-ALKYLAMINO(OR ARYLAMINO)THIADIAZOLES

No.	R ₁	Mp. °C ^a (uncor)	Formula	Analyses	Maximum blood sugar redn at 25 mg/kg dose level in rats. % (hr) ^b
R = C ₆ H ₅					
1	<i>n</i> -C ₃ H ₇	82-83	C ₁₁ H ₁₃ N ₃ S	C, H, N	21.7 (7)
R = 4-ClC ₆ H ₄					
2	C ₂ H ₅	186-187	C ₁₀ H ₁₀ ClN ₃ S	C, H, N, S	10.2 (7)
3	C ₃ H ₅	173-174	C ₁₁ H ₁₀ ClN ₃ S	N, S	15.3 (7)
4	<i>n</i> -C ₃ H ₇	153-154	C ₁₁ H ₁₂ ClN ₃ S	N, S	16.8 (7)
5	<i>i</i> -C ₃ H ₇	173	C ₁₁ H ₁₂ ClN ₃ S	C, H, N, S	
6	<i>n</i> -C ₄ H ₉	145-146	C ₁₂ H ₁₄ ClN ₃ S	C, H, N, S	21.7 (7)
7	<i>i</i> -C ₄ H ₉	174-175	C ₁₂ H ₁₄ ClN ₃ S	C, H, N, S	
8	C ₆ H ₁₁	209-211	C ₁₄ H ₁₆ ClN ₃ S	C, H, N, S	15.3 (7)
R = 3-ClC ₆ H ₄					
9	C ₂ H ₅	149-150	C ₁₀ H ₁₀ ClN ₃ S	C, H, N, S	11.7 (7)
10	C ₃ H ₅	116-117	C ₁₁ H ₁₀ ClN ₃ S	C, H, N, S	15.9 (7); 16.7 (24)
11	<i>n</i> -C ₃ H ₇	123-124	C ₁₁ H ₁₂ ClN ₃ S	C, H, N, S	
12	<i>i</i> -C ₃ H ₇	115	C ₁₁ H ₁₂ ClN ₃ S	C, H, N	18.5 (7)
13	<i>n</i> -C ₄ H ₉	109-110	C ₁₂ H ₁₄ ClN ₃ S	C, H, N, S	10.5 (5)
14	<i>i</i> -C ₄ H ₉	103-104	C ₁₂ H ₁₄ ClN ₃ S	C, H, N, S	24.3 (5)
15	C ₆ H ₁₁	144-145	C ₁₄ H ₁₆ ClN ₃ S	N, S	
R = 2-ClC ₆ H ₄					
16	C ₂ H ₅	120-121	C ₁₀ H ₁₀ ClN ₃ S	C, H, N, S	12.3 (7)
17	<i>n</i> -C ₃ H ₇	82-83	C ₁₁ H ₁₂ ClN ₃ S	C, H, N, S ^c	24.8 (5)
R = 3,4,5-(OCH ₃) ₃ C ₆ H ₂					
18	C ₂ H ₅	177-178	C ₁₃ H ₁₇ N ₃ O ₃ S	C, H, N, S	17.3 (7)
19	<i>n</i> -C ₃ H ₇	128	C ₁₄ H ₁₉ N ₃ O ₃ S	C, H, N, S	13.8 (7)
20	<i>i</i> -C ₃ H ₇	145-146	C ₁₄ H ₁₉ N ₃ O ₃ S	C, H, N, S	
21	<i>n</i> -C ₄ H ₉	167-169	C ₁₅ H ₂₁ N ₃ O ₃ S	N, S	
22	<i>i</i> -C ₄ H ₉	163	C ₁₅ H ₂₁ N ₃ O ₃ S	C, H, N, S ^d	15.8 (7)
23	C ₆ H ₁₁	166-167	C ₁₇ H ₂₃ N ₃ O ₃ S	N, S	
24	C ₆ H ₅	191-192	C ₁₇ H ₁₇ N ₃ O ₃ S	C, ^e H, N, S	
R = 2-OH-5-BrC ₆ H ₃					
25	C ₂ H ₅	189-191	C ₁₀ H ₁₀ BrN ₃ OS	C, H, N, S	18.8 (7)
26	C ₃ H ₅	186-188	C ₁₁ H ₁₀ BrN ₃ OS	N, S	
27	<i>i</i> -C ₃ H ₇	183-184	C ₁₁ H ₁₂ BrN ₃ OS	N, S	17.3 (7)
28	<i>n</i> -C ₄ H ₉	197-198	C ₁₂ H ₁₄ BrN ₃ OS	N, S	15.6 (7)
29	<i>i</i> -C ₄ H ₉	198-199	C ₁₂ H ₁₄ BrN ₃ OS	N, S	
30	C ₆ H ₁₁	188-190	C ₁₄ H ₁₆ BrN ₃ OS	N, S	
31	C ₆ H ₅	292 dec	C ₁₄ H ₁₀ BrN ₃ OS	N, S	
R = 4-NH ₂ SO ₂ C ₆ H ₄					
32	C ₂ H ₅	263	C ₁₀ H ₁₂ N ₄ O ₂ S ₂	C, H, N	18.6 (7); 10.7 (24)
33	C ₃ H ₅	214	C ₁₁ H ₁₂ N ₄ O ₂ S ₂	N, S	12.2 (7)
34	<i>n</i> -C ₃ H ₇	239-240	C ₁₁ H ₁₄ N ₄ O ₂ S ₂	C, H, N	31.1 (7); 5.7 (24)
35	<i>i</i> -C ₃ H ₇	251	C ₁₁ H ₁₄ N ₄ O ₂ S ₂	C, H, N	17.9 (7)
36	<i>n</i> -C ₄ H ₉	207-208	C ₁₂ H ₁₆ N ₄ O ₂ S ₂ H ₂ O	C, H, N	16.5 (7)
37	<i>i</i> -C ₄ H ₉	252	C ₁₂ H ₁₆ N ₄ O ₂ S ₂	C, H, N	24.6 (7)
38	C ₆ H ₁₁	271-272	C ₁₄ H ₁₈ N ₄ O ₂ S ₂	C, H, N	31.3 (7)
39	C ₆ H ₅	277	C ₁₄ H ₁₂ N ₄ O ₂ S ₂	N, S	18.3 (7)
R = 3-Pyridyl					
40	C ₂ H ₅	184-185	C ₉ H ₁₀ N ₄ S	C, H, N, S	
41	C ₃ H ₅	175-176	C ₁₀ H ₁₀ N ₄ S	N, S	
42	<i>n</i> -C ₃ H ₇	162-163	C ₁₀ H ₁₂ N ₄ S	C, H, N, S	19.4 (7)
43	<i>i</i> -C ₃ H ₇	123-124	C ₁₀ H ₁₂ N ₄ S	C, H, N, S	
44	<i>n</i> -C ₄ H ₉	152-153	C ₁₁ H ₁₄ N ₄ S	C, H, N, S	
45	<i>i</i> -C ₄ H ₉	205	C ₁₁ H ₁₄ N ₄ S	C, H, ^f N, S	
46	C ₆ H ₁₁	142-143	C ₁₃ H ₁₆ N ₄ S	C, H, N, S	16.2 (7)
47	C ₆ H ₅	231-233	C ₁₃ H ₁₀ N ₄ S	N	
R = 4-Pyridyl					
48	C ₂ H ₅	174-175	C ₉ H ₁₀ N ₄ S	C, H, ^g N, S	25.5 (7); 14.0 (24)
49	C ₃ H ₅	138	C ₁₀ H ₁₀ N ₄ S	C, H, N, S	
50	<i>n</i> -C ₃ H ₇	135-136	C ₁₀ H ₁₂ N ₄ S	N, S	11.5 (7)
51	<i>i</i> -C ₃ H ₇	145-146	C ₁₀ H ₁₂ N ₄ S	C, H, N, S	18.8 (7)
52	<i>n</i> -C ₄ H ₉	151-152	C ₁₁ H ₁₄ N ₄ S	C, H, N, S	15.7 (7)
53	<i>i</i> -C ₄ H ₉	188-190	C ₁₁ H ₁₄ N ₄ S	C, H, N, S	7.3 (7)
54	C ₆ H ₁₁	217-218	C ₁₃ H ₁₆ N ₄ S	C, H, N, S	15.8 (7)
55	C ₆ H ₅	219-220	C ₁₃ H ₁₀ N ₄ S	C, H, N	30.3 (7); 16.8 (24) ^h
R = 4-NO ₂ C ₆ H ₄					
56	<i>i</i> -C ₃ H ₇	169-170	C ₁₁ H ₁₂ N ₄ O ₂ S	N	28.1 (7); 14.6 (24) ⁱ

^a All compds are crystd from dil EtOH. ^b Mean values of 6 rats. ^c Anal. S calcd, 12.62; found, 12.04. ^d Anal. S calcd, 9.90; found, 9.43. ^e Anal. C calcd, 59.32; found, 59.88. ^f Anal. H calcd, 5.98; found, 5.39. ^g Anal. H calcd, 4.85; found, 5.36. ^h All mice survived at 3 g/kg dose (oral). ⁱ All mice survived at 1 g/kg, and 50% and 80% mortality at 2 and 3 g/kg doses (oral), resp.

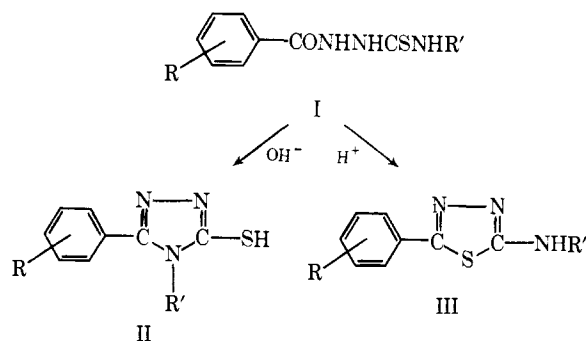
TABLE II
5-*p*-(1-ALKYLUREIDOSULPHONYL)PHENYL-4-ALKYL-4*H*-1,2,4-TRIAZOLE-3-THIOLS



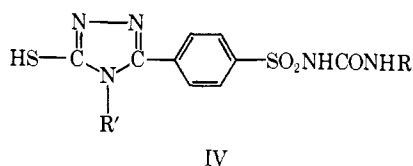
No.	R	R'	Mp, °C (uncor)	Formula ^a	Max blood sugar redn at a dose level of 25 mg/kg in rats, % (hr) ^b
57	<i>n</i> -C ₄ H ₉	C ₂ H ₅	205	C ₁₃ H ₂₁ N ₃ O ₃ S ₂	20.8 (5); 5.6 (24)
58	C ₆ H ₁₁	C ₂ H ₅	195-196	C ₁₇ H ₂₃ N ₃ O ₃ S ₂	17.6
59	<i>n</i> -C ₄ H ₉	<i>n</i> -C ₃ H ₇	204-205	C ₁₆ H ₂₃ N ₃ O ₃ S ₂	14.3 (7)
60	C ₆ H ₁₁	<i>n</i> -C ₃ H ₇	205-206	C ₁₈ H ₂₅ N ₃ O ₃ S ₂	7.9 (5)
61	<i>n</i> -C ₄ H ₉	<i>n</i> -C ₄ H ₉	197	C ₁₇ H ₂₅ N ₃ O ₃ S ₂	14.5 (7)
62	C ₆ H ₁₁	<i>n</i> -C ₄ H ₉	194-195	C ₁₉ H ₂₇ N ₃ O ₃ S ₂	13.2 (7)
63	<i>n</i> -C ₄ H ₉	C ₆ H ₁₁	213-214	C ₂₀ H ₂₇ N ₃ O ₃ S ₂	15.9 (7)
64	C ₆ H ₁₁	C ₆ H ₁₁	215-216	C ₂₁ H ₂₉ N ₃ O ₃ S ₂	9.5 (5)

^a Analyzed correctly for C, H, N and yields varied from 58 to 84%. ^b Tested by the method described.¹

among them possess blood sugar lowering properties. 5-*p*-Chlorophenyl-4-ethyl-4*H*-1,2,4-triazole-3-thiol (II, R = *p*-Cl; R' = C₂H₅) and 4-ethyl-5-*p*-sulfamoylphenyl-4*H*-1,2,4-triazole-3-thiol (II, R = *p*-SO₂NH₂; R' = C₂H₅) were the most active and had prolonged duration of action.¹ The intermediate thiosemicarbazides, whose cyclization under alkaline condition gave these 2 active compds, were also found to possess significant activity. Hence it was thought interesting to cyclize various thiosemicarbazides (I) under acidic condition to obtain thiadiazoles (III) and study them for possible hypoglycemic property. Also, the SO₂NH₂



group of II (R = *p*-SO₂NH₂; R' = C₂H₅) offered the possibility of being converted into the corresponding sulfonylureas, a class of substances which have already afforded clinically useful hypoglycemic agents. Accordingly, compds of type IV have also been prepared and studied.



R = *n*-C₄H₉ or C₆H₁₁
R' = C₂H₅, *n*-C₃H₇, *n*-C₄H₉, or C₆H₁₁

Chemistry.—The requisite 1,4-disubstituted thiosemicarbazides¹⁻⁵ were cyclized by heating with concd

H₂SO₄ at 50° by the method of Hoggarth⁶ (Table I). The sulfonylureas (Table II) were prepared by condensing the 4-ethyl-5-*p*-sulfamoylphenyl-4*H*-1,2,4-triazole-3-thiol with the requisite isocyanates by lit. methods⁷ (Table II).

Hypoglycemic Activity.—All compds were tested for hypoglycemic activity in normal fasting rats by the method already described.¹ Many compds from the first series showed significant blood sugar lowering, while in the second series, the conversion of the sulfamoyl group into sulfonylureas led to considerable loss of activity.

Contrary to our earlier observations in the triazole series,¹ in which C₂H₅ as substituent gave the most active compds, here it afforded the least active ones. Among the substituents at position 2 of the thiadiazole ring, the activity was in the order of *p*-sulfamoylphenyl > 4-pyridyl > *p*-nitrophenyl. Compounds **34**, **38**, **55**, and **56** were the most active in the present series. It was interesting to note that *N*¹-*p*-chlorophenyl-*N*⁴-ethylthiosemicarbazide which reduced the blood sugar level by 25%, on cyclization under alkaline condition gave a mercaptotriazole derivative possessing increased activity (53.7% lowering)¹ while its thiadiazole derivative (2) had much lower activity (10.2% lowering). Similarly, *N*¹-*p*-sulfamoylphenyl-*N*⁴-ethylthiosemicarbazide, possessing good hypoglycemic activity, (32% lowering) on conversion to the thiadiazole derivative (**32**) was rendered less active (18.6% lowering), while its triazole derivative was highly active (45% blood sugar lowering).¹

Isoxazole and pyrazole derivatives with potent hypoglycemic activity have been described as rapidly producing resistance.⁸ We have, therefore, examined **55** for possible development of resistance. No significant difference in activity was seen after continued administration of the drug for 9 days (29.5% lowering), but thereafter a rapid emergence of resistance was noted. On the 11th day, the activity was almost half (15.0% lowering) as much as in the first 9 days. Withdrawal of the drug for a week and restarting it showed the resistance to be progressive (only 11.7% lowering on 19th day).

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Experimental Section⁹

2-(4-Pyridyl)-5-n-propylaminothiadiazole.—*N*¹-Isonicotinoyl-*N*⁴-*n*-propylthiosemicarbazide (2.38 g, 0.01 mole) was added to concd H₂SO₄ (5 ml) in small portions. The mixt was shaken vigorously to form an homogeneous soln and set aside (30 min). It was then poured in ice water and neutralized (Na₂CO₃). The product was collected and crystd (EtOH), to form yellow shining needles. Other compds (Table I) were prepd similarly.

5-*p*-(1-Cyclohexylureidosulfonyl)phenyl-4-ethyl-4*H*-1,2,4-triazole-3-thiol.—4-Ethyl-5-*p*-sulfamoyl-phenyl-4*H*-1,2,4-triazole-3-thiol (2.15 g, 0.01 mole) was dissolved in dry Me₂CO (50 ml). To this soln were added anhyd K₂CO₃ (4.0 g) and cyclohexyl isocyanate (1.5 ml), and the mixt was refluxed on steam bath for 8 hr. Acetone was distd off, and the residue was dissolved in H₂O, filt'd, cooled, and acidified (HCl), when a sticky material sepd which solidified after long standing. It was filt'd, washed (H₂O), and crystd (EtOH). Other sulfonylureas were prepd by following the above procedure.

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Potential Acetylcholinesterase Reactivators.

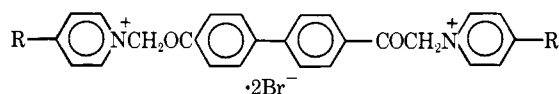
p,p'-Biphenyl and 1,4-BenzeneDisubstituted Oximes^{1a,b}

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In 1954 Long and Schueler² reported the potent AChE inhibition caused by *p,p'*-bis(pyridiniumacetyl)-biphenyl dibromide (**1a**). Later, the relative AChE inhibition of a series of substituted pyridinium and *N*-methylpiperidinium compds was determined.³ These studies suggested that *p,p'*-bis(substituted acetyl)-biphenyl possessed desirable features for binding with AChE.



1a, R = H

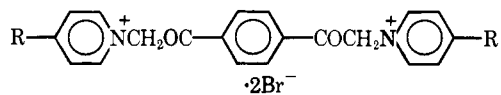
1b, R = CH=NOH

As part of our continuing studies on AChE reactivators, *p,p'*-bis(pyridinium-4-aldoxime acetyl)biphenyl dibromide (**1b**) and *syn,syn*-1,4-bis(pyridinium-4-carbaldoxime acetyl)benzene (**2a**) were synthesized, the oxime configurations assigned, and the reactivator potency determined relative to TMB-4 (**3a**), 2- and 4-pyridinecarbaldoximes methylhalides (PAM's).

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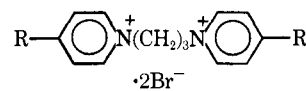
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2a, R = CH=NOH

2b, R = H



3a, R = CH=NOH

3b, R = H

The configuration assignment are based upon the work of Poziomek and coworkers⁴ who synthesized and characterized *syn*- and *anti*-4-pyridinecarbaldoxime and the corresponding methiodides. Kirtz, *et al.*,⁵ reported that 4-PAM had 0.01 the potency of 2-PAM. In our labs,^{1a} the *syn*-4-PAM was found to be 0.01 the potency of 2-PAM. Using combined nmr and biochemical assay techniques, it was possible to determine that **2a** and **3a** are *syn,syn'*. Since the starting oxime and the method of synthesis are the same for **1b**, it may be inferred that the configuration of **1b** is also *syn,syn'*.

1b, **2a**, and **3a** were evaluated for their ability to reactivate electric eel AChE inhibited with diethylphosphorylthiocholine according to the procedure previously described.^{1a} Pralidoxime (2-pyridinecarbaldoxime methyl chloride, 2-PAM) was utilized as the standard. Since the effectiveness of an AChE reactivator is limited by its ability to inhibit AChE, the inhibitor potency of **1b**, **2a**, **3a**, and 2-PAM together with the inhibitor potency of the corresponding nor-oximino compds (**1a**, **2b**, and **3b**) was determined. The reactivation and inhibition data is summarized in Table I.

TABLE I
REACTIVATION AND INHIBITION OF ELECTRIC EEL AChE

	Relative potency as reactivator	ID ₅₀ ^b
2-PAM	1.0	8.1 × 10 ⁻⁴
1b	0.63 (0.62-0.64) ^a	9.9 × 10 ⁻⁷
1a		6.6 × 10 ⁻⁹
2a	0.55 (0.46-0.64) ^a	2.7 × 10 ⁻⁶
2b		8.7 × 10 ⁻⁷
3a	4.8 (4.2-5.4) ^a	6.4 × 10 ⁻⁴
3b		1.9 × 10 ⁻³

^a 95% fiducial limits. ^b Molar concentration at which the enzyme is 50% inhibited.

TABLE II

No.	% yield	Mp. °C	Formula ^a	Synthesis method
1b	70	235-237	C ₂₈ H ₂₄ N ₄ O ₄ Br ₂	A
2a	75	203-205 dec	C ₂₂ H ₂₀ N ₄ O ₄ Br ₂	A
2b	80	220 dec	C ₂₀ H ₁₈ N ₂ O ₂ Br ₂	A
3a		246 ^b		b
3b	51	228-231 ^c	C ₁₃ H ₁₆ N ₂ Br ₂	A

^a All compds analyzed corrected for C, H, N. ^b Lit. 238-241° [E. J. Poziomek, B. F. Hackley, and G. M. Steinberg, *J. Org. Chem.*, **23**, 714 (1958)]. ^c Lit. 220-221° [J. Hartwell and M. H. Pogorelsken, *J. Amer. Chem. Soc.*, **72**, 2040 (1950)].

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