**6,8-Dichloro-4-epoxyethyl-2,3-trimethylenequinoline** (7).— A soln of 1 g (0.026 mole) of NaBH<sub>4</sub> in 10 ml of H<sub>2</sub>O and 7 ml of 2 N NaOH, was added dropwise over 10 min to a stirred suspension of 4.65 g (0.013 mole) of nearly pure **6** (above) in 50 ml of MeOH. Stirring for an addl 1.5 hr, cooling for 15 min, filtering, and washing with MeOH gave 3.42 g (94.5%) of **7** (mp 134–139°); recrystd from Et<sub>2</sub>O-hexane, mp 144–145°; ir (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2960, 2980, 3100, none for C=O; nmr (CDCl<sub>3</sub>), 8.02 (1 H, d), 7.71 (1 H, d), 4.26 (1 H, m), 3.10 (5 H, m), 2.17 (2 H, quintuplet). Anal. (C14H<sub>11</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>NO) C, H, N.

5,7-Dichloro-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-cyclopenta[b]quinoline-9-( $\alpha$ -din-butylaminomethyl)methanol HCl (1).—A suspension of 3.6 g of 7 in 12 ml of Bu<sub>2</sub>NH was stirred for 4.5 hr at 105–110°, monitoring disappearance of 7 (4 hr) by tlc (silica gel G, 1:1 Et<sub>2</sub>Ohexane). After evapn *in vacuo* of Bu<sub>2</sub>NH (60°) the oil (5.1 g), dissolved in 150 ml of Et<sub>2</sub>O, was treated with increments of Et<sub>2</sub>O·HCl, each sufficient to give 0.2–0.4 g of 1 (each fraction being washed with Et<sub>2</sub>O). Fractions 1–4 contd decreasing amts of Bu<sub>2</sub>NH·HCl; and 5–8 were largely 1 (2.65 g). Repeated recrystn from EtOH–Et<sub>2</sub>O gave 0.5 g, light tan, mp 160–162° dec; ir (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3440, 3220 (OH), 2960, 2940, 2880 (CH), 2670, 2620, 2530 (NH). Anal. (C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>30</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O·HCl) C, H, N, Cl.

Incidental and Preliminary Experiments. Attempts to add 2-PyLi and MeLi to the 2,3-trimethylenecinchoninic acids were unsuccessful, presumably because of steric interference of the 3-CH<sub>2</sub> group and/or the activity of the 2-CH<sub>2</sub> hydrogens (cf. ref 12).

2,3-Trimethylenecinchoninic acid HCl (11), pptd from Et<sub>2</sub>O, mp 252-255° dec, was treated with PCl<sub>5</sub> (steam bath for 30 min, addn of C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub>, and reflux for 2 hr), giving a ppt presumed to be the acid chloride HCl (12) (sublimed, 8%, mp 245° dec).

**2,3-Trimethylenecinchoninamide** (13) was prepd from 12 by treatment with  $H_2O-NH_3$ ; crystd from EtOH, mp 276-277°; ir (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3330 (s), 3140 (s) (NH<sub>2</sub>), 1688 (C=O). Anal. (C<sub>13</sub>-H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O) C, H.

4-Bromoacetyl-2,3-trimethylenequinoline HBr (14).—CH<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>-Et<sub>2</sub>O with 3 g of 12 (overnight) gave orange cubes of diazo ketone. Treatment with 10 ml of 48% HBr-H<sub>2</sub>O gave 14; crystd from EtOH; 2.1 g (70%); mp 208° dec; ir (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 1730 (C=O), 2500 (NH). Anal. (C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>13</sub>Br<sub>2</sub>NO) N.

**Derivatives of 2,3-trimethylene-4-quinolones** were made by the action of the appropriate aniline on ethyl cyclopentanone-2carboxylate, cyclizing at 250°, and crystn from EtOH:<sup>3b,13</sup> **15**, (a) 6,8-Cl<sub>2</sub>, 26%, mp 305-307° (b) cyclization by refluxing Ph<sub>2</sub>O, recrystd, mp 314-315° (lit.<sup>3b</sup> 313°) [Anal. (C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>9</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>NO) C, H, N]; **16**, 6,8-Me<sub>2</sub>, 60%, mp 326-327° [Anal. (C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NO) N]; **17**, 6-Me, 39%, mp 319-322° [Anal. (C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>13</sub>NO) C, H]; **18**, 8-OMe, 26%, mp 212-213° [Anal. (C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>10</sub>CNO) C, H, N]; **19**, 8-Cl, 21%, mp 269-270° [Anal. (C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>10</sub>CNO) C, H, N]; **20**, 8-F, 15%, mp 292-293° [Anal. (C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>10</sub>FNO) C, H, N].

**4-Bromo-2,3-trimethylenequinolines** were prepd by treating the quinolone<sup>13</sup> with POBr<sub>3</sub> at 120°; crystd from EtOH: **21** (parent compd), 50%, mp 72–73° [Anal. ( $C_{12}H_{10}BrN$ ), C, H, N]; **22**, 6,8-Me<sub>2</sub>, from **16**, 69%, mp 124–125° [Anal. ( $C_{14}H_{14}BrN$ ) C, H].

**4,6,8-Trichloro-2,3-trimethylenequinoline** (23) was prepd by refluxing POCl<sub>3</sub> on 15, crystd from EtOH, 80%, mp 160–162°. Anal. (C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>8</sub>Cl<sub>3</sub>N) C, H, N.

Attempted preparation of 4-lithio-2,3-trimethylenequinolines from 21 and 22 by BuLi and addns to 2-pyridaldehyde were unsuccessful, presumably because of the activities of the  $2\text{-CH}_2$  groups.<sup>12</sup>

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### $N, N^1-\alpha, \omega$ -Alkylenebis(nitroacetamides)

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Some bis(nitroacetamides) with the general structure  $\mathbf{1}$  were required for screening as antispermatogenic

agents. The amides were readily prepared by heating the appropriate amine with the desired nitro ester without solvent and recrystallizing the resulting solid from a suitable solvent.

The compds prepared are listed in Table I. While

TABLE I						
			R		R	
$O_2 NCCONH (CH_2)_n NHCOCNO_2$						
			$\mathbf{R}$		$\mathbf{R}$	
1						
	R	n	Yield, $\%$	Mp, °C	Rxt solv	Formula <sup>a</sup>
1	н	6	34.1	143 - 144	CH₃CN	$\mathrm{C}_{10}\mathrm{H}_{18}\mathrm{N}_4\mathrm{O}_6$
<b>2</b>	Н	8	50.3	147 - 148	$95\% { m EtOH}$	$\mathrm{C}_{12}\mathrm{H}_{22}\mathrm{N}_4\mathrm{O}_6$
3	$CH_3$	<b>2</b>	12.8	183 - 185	CH₃CN	$\mathrm{C}_{10}\mathrm{H}_{18}\mathrm{N}_{4}\mathrm{O}_{6}$
4	$CH_3$	3	21.7	105 - 108	$C_6H_6-n-C_6H_{14}$	$\mathrm{C_{11}H_{20}N_4O_6}$
<b>5</b>	$\mathrm{CH}_3$	4	14.7	207 - 208	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	$\mathrm{C}_{12}\mathrm{H}_{22}\mathrm{N}_4\mathrm{O}_6$
6	$\mathrm{CH}_3$	6	30.6	168 - 170	CH₃CN	$\mathrm{C}_{14}\mathrm{H}_{26}\mathrm{N}_4\mathrm{O}_6$
<b>7</b>	$\mathrm{CH}_3$	8	23.0	138 - 141	CH₃CN	$C_{16}H_{30}N_4O_6$
<sup>a</sup> All compds were anal. for C, H, N.						

no antispermatogenic activity was found in this series anthelmintic activity was discovered. For example, 1 (R = H; n = 6) when administered orally to Swiss mice naturally infected with Aspicularis tetraptera (pinworm) cleared 100% of the mice (5/5 per dose level) at 100 mg/kg per day for 4 days and 1 (R = H; n = 8) cleared 100% of the mice (5/5 per dose level) at 200 mg/kg per day for 4 days; also, 1 (R = CH<sub>3</sub>; n =8) cleared 80% of the mice (4/5 per dose level) infected with the tapeworm Hymenolepis nana at 400 mg/kg per day for 4 days.

#### Experimental Section<sup>1</sup>

 $N,N^{1}$ -Hexamethylenebis(nitroacetamide).—Ethyl nitroacetate (11.2 g, 0.0855 mole) was added to hexamethylenediamine (9.94 g, 0.855 mole). The mixt became hot and liquefied, after which a white solid pptd. The mixt was heated for 3 hr on a steam bath. It slowly turned to a thick orange liquid. The mixt was acidified with alcoholic HCl and poured into H<sub>2</sub>O. The white solid was collected and recrystd from MeCN, mp 147– 148° dec.

The other compds were prepd similarly except that in the case of the compds with no free H  $\alpha$  to NO<sub>2</sub>, 1 equiv of diamine was treated with 2 equiv of nitro ester and the alcoholic HCl treatment was unnecessary.

(1) Melting points were measured in open capillary tubes in a bath and are corrected.

# Tricyclic Heterocycles Derived From 4-Oxo-4,5,6,7-tetrahydrothianaphthenes<sup>1</sup>

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Recently we described the synthesis of a variety of tricyclic heterocycles from 4-oxo-4,5,6,7-tetrahydroin-

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