

" For method A see B. R. Baker and W. F. Wood, / . *Med. Chem.,* 11, 650 <sup>*b*</sup> All compds were recrystd from CH<sub>3</sub>OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OH-H<sub>2</sub>O. • All compds were analyzed for C, H, and N. <sup>*d*</sup> See B. R. Baker and M. Cory, J. Med. Chem., 14, 805 (1971), for intermediate carbamate. (1968); for method B see ref 6; yields of anal, pure material,

## Irreversible Enzyme Inhibitors.  $186.^{1,2}$  Irreversible Inhibitors of the C'la Component of Complement Derived from m-(Phenoxypropoxy)benzamidine by Bridging to a Terminal Sulfonyl Fluoride<sup>3</sup>

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A series of 21 derivatives of m-(phenoxypropoxy)-,  $m$ -(phenoxybutoxy)-,  $m$ -(phenoxyethoxy)-, and m-(phenylbutyl)benzamidine bridged from the ortho position of the Ph moiety to a terminal S02F were synthesized, then investigated as irreversible inhibitors of the C'la component of complement. The 2 most effective compds were m-[o-(2-chloro-5-fluorosulfonylphenylureido)phenoxybutoxy]benzamidine (25) and the corresponding propoxy compd (17) which showed  $50\%$  irreversible inhibition of C<sup>7</sup>la at about 5 and 8  $\mu$ *M*, respectively; these 2 compounds were also potent inhibitors of whole complement when assayed by inhibition of lysis of sheep red blood cells by hemolysin and complement.

The possible medicinal utility of inhibitors of serum complement for organ transplantation<sup>4</sup> and in treatment of some arthritic states<sup>4</sup> has been discussed previously.<sup>3,5</sup> The serum complement system involves 11 distinct proteins for killing invading organisms or for lysis of foreign mammalian cells.<sup>4</sup> The most powerful

(4) H. J. Muller-Eberhard, *Advan. Immunol.,* 8, 1 (1968).

inhibitor of serum complement known to date<sup>3</sup> is the benzamidine meta bridged to  $SO_2F(1)$ ; however, 1 is not an irreversible inhibitor of the C'la component of complement.<sup>3</sup> In contrast, the ortho-bridged  $SO_2F$ 



1,  $R = m$ -NHCONHC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>SO<sub>2</sub>F-p 2,  $R = o\text{-NHCOC}_6H_4SO_2F-m$ 

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<sup>(2)</sup> For the previous paper in this series see B. R. Baker and H.-U. Siebeneick, *J. Med. Chem.,* 14, 802 (1971).

<sup>(3)</sup> For the previous paper on complement see B. R. Baker and M. Cory, *ibid.,* 14, 119 (1971).

<sup>(5)</sup> B. R. Baker and E. H. Erickson, *J. Med. Chem.,* 12, 408 (1969).

## TABLE I

INHIBITION OF WHOLE COMPLEMENT AND IRREVERSIBLE INHIBITION<sup>6</sup> OF ITS C'1A COMPONENT BY







TABLE I *(Continued)* 

<sup>a</sup> The technical assistance of Pauline Minton is acknowledged. <sup>b</sup> Inhibitor incubated 10 min at 37° with C'la, then remainder of complement added as previously described.<sup>3</sup> c Lysis of sheep red blood cells by guinea pig complement as previously described.<sup>5</sup> d Lysis by the compd in the absence of complement expressed as per cent of total lysis possible.<sup>5</sup>  *'* Data from ref 3. / Maximum solubility.

2 is a powerful irreversible inhibitor of the C'la component of complement, but is only 0.125 as effective as 1 on the whole complement system.<sup>3</sup> Therefore a study was undertaken to see if the potency of the orthobridged sulfonyl fluoride 2 against whole complement or C'la or both could be increased by molecular manipulation of 2; the results are the subject of this paper.

**Biological Results.**—The compds in Table I were compared by the concn necessary to give  $50\%$  inactivation when incubated with C'la at 37° for 10 min. The reasons why inactivation can be incomplete have been discussed previously.<sup>3</sup>

The first series of compds were derived from  $\theta$ -benzanilide by bridging to benzamidine with  $O(CH_2)_3O$ . Of the 2 parent compds, the  $m$ -SO<sub>2</sub>F derivative 2 was considerably more effective as an irreversible inhibitor of C'la than the corresponding  $p$ -SO<sub>2</sub>F derivative 3.<sup>3</sup> Introduction of a 2-Me (6) substituent on the benzamido moiety of 2 decreased the effectiveness about 2 fold; the  $2-MeO$  (7) reduced activity even more. Activity was enhanced less than 2-fold by introduction of a 2-Cl substituent  $(5)$ . However introduction of 2,4-Cl<sub>2</sub> substituents (8) increased activity 4-fold, 8 being the most active of the benzamide series; in contrast, introduction of 2,4-Me<sub>2</sub> substituents  $(9)$  did not change the activity.

Insertion of a  $\text{CH}_2$  group (10) next to the *p*-benzenesulfonyl fluoride moiety of 3 increased activity at least 8-fold; this activity was maintained when  $CH<sub>2</sub>O$  (11),  $(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>$  (12), or  $(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>4</sub>$  (13) groups were inserted, but activity was not increased.

The second series of compds were derived from an *0* phenylureido substituent (14). The parent  $m$ -SO<sub>2</sub>F derivative 16 was again more effective in inactivating C'la than the  $p$ -SO<sub>2</sub>F derivative (15) by a factor of 16fold. Introduction of a 2-C1 atom (17) on 16 enhanced activity about 2-fold. Introduction of 4-C1 (18), 4-Me (19), or  $2,4-\text{Me}_2$  (20) on 16 considerably reduced the activity. Insertion of a  $\text{CH}_2$  (21) or  $(\text{CH}_2)_2$  (22) group next to the  $p-C_6H_4SO_2F$  moiety of 15 enhanced activity 4-fold.

The most active compd of this phenylureido series was the 2-Cl derivative 17 which showed  $50\%$  inhibition at about  $8 \mu M$ . Therefore this 2-chloro-5-fluorosulfonylphenylureido moiety of 17 was held constant while the length of the  $O(CH_2)_3O$  bridge was varied. The  $O(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>O$  bridge (23) gave an 8-fold less effective compd while the  $O(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>4</sub>O$  bridge (25) increased the effectiveness by a factor of 2. Replacement of the  $O(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>O$  bridge of 16 by  $(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>4</sub>$  (26) decreased effectiveness 4-fold; this result can be attributed to the more restricted ground state conformation of the bridge (B) in 26 than in 16 which apparently restricts 26 from assuming easily the required conformation for maximum binding to the C'la component. The greater efficiency of 16 than of 26 on whole complement can also be rationalized in the same way.

The 2 most active compds in Table I for irreversible inhibition of C'la are the 2-chloro-5-fluorosulfonylphenylureido derivatives, 25 and 17, which gave  $50\%$  inactivation at about 5 and 8  $\mu$ *M*, resp. These 2 compds are also the most effective in Table I on whole complement; however,  $25$  is still only 0.5 as effective as  $1<sup>3</sup>$  on the whole complement system. Since CI is present in large excess in whole complement it is possible that 25 is not active enough to make C'la rate limiting in the whole system assay.

**Chemistry.**—The intermediate substituted m-(phenoxyalkoxy)benzonitriles 28 and 29 were prepared by the previously described alkylation of m-cyanophenol (method A);<sup>6</sup> these were converted to the amidines 30 and 31 through the imino ether hydrochlorides (method B).<sup>7</sup> Catalytic reduction of the  $NO<sub>2</sub>$  group with  $5\%$  Pd/C (method C)<sup>7</sup> gave crystalline aminoamidine salts 32 and 33 which could be acylated to the desired amides or ureas (methods D and E).<sup>3</sup>

The butadiene 34 was prepared by a Wittig reaction of *m*-cyanobenzyltriphenylphosphonium bromide<sup>5</sup> and o-nitrocinnamaldehyde. Catalytic reduction of 34 with Pd/C catalyst (method C) and conversion of the crude oil to the amidine (method  $B$ ) gave  $35$ .

The  $\text{SO}_2\text{F-substituted}$  acyl chlorides and  $O$ -(p-nitrophenyl) carbamates<sup>8</sup> used in methods D and E were prepared in these laboratories by published proce-

(8) B. R.Baker and N. M. J. Vermeulen, *ibid.,* 12, 74 (1969).

<sup>(6)</sup> B. R. Baker and E. H. Erickson, *J. Med. Chem.,* 10, 1123 (1967).

<sup>(7)</sup> B. R. Baker and E. H. Erickson, *ibid.,* 11, 245 (1968).

TABLE II PHYSICAL CONSTANTS OF





**Example 19 C(N11)** N11 Epickite (C112),  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{1}{2}$  and  $\frac{$ aniline using acyl chloride;<sup>3</sup><br>c See ref 9 for starting acid. E, acylation of substituted aniline using N-substituted O-p-nitrophenyl carbamate.<sup>3</sup> **b** Anal. C, H, N " Recrystd from H<sup>2</sup> 0. *'* Acid chloride, commercially available. *<sup>f</sup>* Recrystd from 50% aq EtOH. *«* See ref 2 for starting acid. \* See ref 10 for starting acid. ' See ref 11 for starting acid. ' See ref 12 for starting acid. \* Recrystd from 95% EtOH. ' See ref 8 for procedure, mp 149-150°; K. 1). Kopple *J. Amer. Chem. Soc.,* 79, 6442 (1957). "• Recrystd from 50% aqueous MeOC<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>OH. " See ref 8 for starting carbamate. <sup>"</sup> Recrystd from 50% aqueous Me<sub>2</sub>CO. " See Experimental Section. " See ref 3 for starting carbamate. *'* Recrystd from EtOH. ' See ref 13 for starting carbamate. *'* Recrystd from EtOAc. " Recrystd from C6H6. <sup>v</sup> Yield based upon the starting butadiene 34.

dures<sup>2,3,8-13</sup> (see Table II). The only new intermediate was the carbamate for 21 which was prepared by fluorosulfonation of N-benzylacet amide to give  $36$ , acid hydrolysis of the Ac group to 37, then reaction with *p*nitrophenyl chloroformate to give 38<sup>3</sup> (see Experimental Section).

## **Experimental Section**

Melting points were detd in capillary tubes on a Mel-Temp block and are uncor. All anal, samples had ir spectra compatible with their assigned structures and moved as a single spot on tic on Brinkmann silica gel GF or polyamide MN234; each gave combustion values for C, H, and N within 0.4% of theory.

1- $(m-Cyanophenyl)$ -4- $(o\text{-nitrophenyl})$ butadiene  $(34)$ .—To 45.6 g (0.10 mole) of 3-cyanobenzvltriphenylphosphonium bro- $\text{mide}^5$  in 250 ml of dry  $\text{DMF}$  was added 12.4 g of  $\text{DBN}$  (0.10 mole) and 17.7  $g(0.10 \text{ mole})$  of  $o$ -nitrocinnamaldehyde. The resulting dark soln was stirred at ambient temp for 16 hr, then poured into  $250$  ml of H<sub>2</sub>O. The mixt was chilled, and the product was collected. Two recrystns from 2-methoxyethanol gave 19.2 g  $(70\%)$  of yellow cryst, mp 169–171°. *Anal.*  $(C_{17}H_{12}N_2O_2)$  C, H, N.

 $N-(p-FluorosulfonyIbenzyI)acetamide (36) was prepd in 29%$ yield by fluorosulfonation of N-benzylacetamide at  $-10^{\circ}$  in FSO<sub>3</sub>H.<sup>3</sup> Recrystn from C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub> gave white cryst, mp 119-120°. The nmr spectrum was consistent with para substitution. *Anal.*   $(C_9H_{10}FNO_3S)$  C, H, N.

p-Fluorosulfonylbenzylamine  $HCI$  (37) was prepd in 53% yield by acid hydrolysis of 36.<sup>3</sup> Recrystn from EtOH gave white  $\text{cryst, mp 238–240°}.$  Anal.  $(\text{C}_7\text{H}_8\text{FNO}_2\text{S} \cdot \text{HCl}) \text{C, H, N}.$ 

 $O-(p$ -Nitrophenyl) N- $(p$ -Fluorosulfonylbenzyl)carbamate (38) was prepd<sup>8</sup> in  $23\%$  yield from 37 and p-nitrophenyl chloroformate. Recrystn from C6H6 gave white cryst, mp 171-173°. *Anal.*  $(C_{14}H_{11}FN_{2}O_{6}S)$  C, H, N.

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<sup>(12)</sup> B. R.Baker and W. F.Wood, / , *Med. Chem.,* 12, 211 (1969).

<sup>(13)</sup> B. R.Baker and N. M.J. Vermeulen, *ibid.,* 12, 79 (1969).