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(Table I)	Salt	Vield, %ª	M.p., °C.b	Crystallizing solvent	Empirical formula	Halogen Calcd.	, % Found
19	CH <sub>3</sub> Br	75	181-183	Benzene	C19H36BrNO2°	Br, 20.47	Br, 19.98
<b>20</b>	HC1	65	120-132	EtOAc	$C_{22}H_{32}C1NO_2$	Cl, 9.35	C1. 9.29
21	HC1	56	153 - 154	EtOAc	$C_{19}H_{36}C1NO_2$	Cl, 10.23	Cl, 10.25
22	HC1	81	148.5-150	MeEtCO + EtOAc	$C_{23}H_{34}C1NO_2$	C1, 9.05	Cl, 8.89
22	CH <sub>3</sub> Br	52	164-166	Benzene	$C_{24}H_{36}BrNO_2^p$	Br, 17.74	Br, 17.99
23	HC1	73	153 - 156.5	Me- <i>i</i> -BuCO	$C_{22}H_{32}C1NO_2$	Cl, 9.38	Cl, 9.32
25	HC1	83	108-112	EtOAc	$C_{22}H_{32}C1NO_2$	Cl, 9.38	Cl, 9.48
<b>26</b>	HC1	41	95-97.5	$EtOAc + Et_2O$	$C_{19}H_{36}CINO_2$	Cl, 10.02	Cl, 10.19
27	HC1	75	138-140	EtOAc	$C_{23}H_{34}C1NO_2$	Cl, 9.05	Cl, 8.92
28	HC1	91	137-138	EtOAc	$C_{22}H_{38}C1NO_2$	Cl, 9.28	Cl, 9.25
29	HC1	86	140–141	EtOAc	$C_{22}H_{32}C1NO_2$	Cl, 9.38	Cl, 9.34
30	HC1	89	145.5 - 146.5	MeEtCO + EtOAc	$C_{19}H_{36}C1NO_2$	Cl, 10.02	Cl, 10.10
31	HC1	76	146.5 - 149	MeEtCO	$C_{22}H_{32}C1NO_2$	Cl, 9.38	Cl, 9.38
32	HC1	81	120-125	EtOAc	$C_{21}H_{30}C1NO_2$	Cl, 9.74	C1, 9.70
33	HC1	62	138-144	MeEtCO	$C_{21}H_{32}C1NO_2$	Cl, 9.69	Cl, 9.56
34	HC1	81	96.5-98.5	$EtOAc + Et_2O$	$C_{18}H_{34}C1NO_2$	Cl, 10.68	Cl, 10.59
35	HC1	73	165 - 167	Me <sub>2</sub> CO	$C_{22}H_{32}C1NO_2$	Cl, 9.35	Cl, 9.37
36	HC1	21	148-150	EtOAc	$C_{19}H_{36}ClNO_2$	Cl, 10.23	Cl, 10.23
37	HC1	55	109-112	Tetrahydrofuran + $C_6H_{14}$	$C_{20}H_{38}C1NO_2^{q}$	Cl, 9.85	Cl, 9.75

#### TABLE III (Continued)

<sup>a</sup> The yields of the hydrochlorides are based on the distilled free bases (Table II). The yields of the quaternary salts are based on the pure hydrochlorides. <sup>b</sup> Melting points are uncorrected. <sup>c</sup> See footnote b Table II. <sup>d</sup> Calcd.: C, 62.55; H, 7.64; N, 3.32. Found: C, 62.42; H, 7.87; N, 3.58. <sup>e</sup> Calcd.: C, 61.76; H, 7.40; N, 3.43. Found: C, 61.47; H, 7.66; N, 3.44. <sup>f</sup> Calcd.: C, 62.55; H, 7.64; N, 3.32. Found: C, 61.83; H, 7.17; N, 3.32. <sup>g</sup> Calcd.: C, 57.44; H, 9.11; N, 3.72. Found: C, 56.96; H, 9.09; N, 3.67. <sup>b</sup> Calcd.: C, 62.55; H, 7.64; N, 3.32. Found: C, 62.74; H, 7.70; N, 3.51. <sup>c</sup> Calcd.: C, 63.29; H, 7.85; N, 3.21. Found: C, 63.47; H, 8.00; N, 3.40. <sup>j</sup> Calcd.: C, 62.25; H, 8.07; N, 3.30. Found: C, 62.17; H, 7.87; N, 3.44. <sup>k</sup> Calcd.: C, 58.15; H, 9.76; N, 3.57. Found: C, 67.99; H, 9.59; N, 3.51. <sup>l</sup> The reduced free base was not isolated but was converted to its hydrochloride. <sup>m</sup> Calcd.: C, 63.29; H, 7.85; N, 3.21. Found: C, 63.35; H, 7.69; N, 2.99. <sup>n</sup> Calcd.: C, 62.55; H, 7.64; N, 3.32. Found: C, 62.07; H, 7.85; N, 3.31. Found: C, 58.43; H, 9.30; N, 3.59. Found: C, 58.39; H, 9.51; N, 3.75. <sup>p</sup> Calcd.: C, 63.99; H, 8.06; N, 3.11. Found: C, 64.17; H, 7.84; N, 3.32. <sup>e</sup> Calcd.: N, 3.89. Found: N, 3.91.

ester in 94 ml. (1.0 mole) of isopropyl bromide was heated in a bomb at 100° for 24 hours. Addition of ether to the reaction mixture caused the separation of 15 g. (36%) of crude quaternary salt. This was recrystallized from ethyl acetate giving a product with the properties of the first compound in Table III.

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## Antispasmodics. VII. Aminoethyl Esters of Substituted Glycolic and Acetic Acids

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A series of tertiary aminoethyl esters of  $\alpha$ -substituted mandelic acids has been prepared. Also disubstituted acetic acid esters have been made from hexamethyleneaminoethanol and from several methyl substituted piperidinoethanols. Most of these compounds were less active as antispasmodic or gastric antisecretory agents than those previously reported, but a few have interesting biological properties.

For many years it has been known that aminoalkyl esters of benzilic acid are very active antispasmodics.<sup>1</sup> However their toxicity is usually high. The report by Blicke and Tsao<sup>2</sup> of a remarkably active series of esters of thienylglycolic acids kindled renewed interest in basic esters of  $\alpha$ -hydroxy acids and a number have been reported recently. Since we have found that pyrrolidyl, and methyl substituted pyrrolidyl, ethyl esters of disubstituted acetic acids are good antispasmodic and gastric antisecretory agents<sup>3</sup> it seemed desirable to prepare some substituted glycolic esters of some of these

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amino alcohols. These basic esters were obtained as hydrochlorides and a few were also converted to their methyl bromide salts. They are listed with some of their pharmacological properties in Table I and their physical properties are given in Table II. One of these esters, 2-(2,2-dimethyl-1-pyrrolidyl)ethyl  $\alpha$ -cyclopentylmandelate methyl bromide (U-0371) (No. 7 methyl bromide in Table I), had sufficiently interesting properties to warrant clinical study.

Our study of antispasmodic esters has been extended by the preparation of a number of methyl substituted piperidyl, and hexamethyleniminoethyl esters. The disubstituted acetic acids used to make these esters were those previously found to give good antispasmodics.<sup>3</sup> The salts of these basic

TABLE	I	

## PHARMACOLOGICAL ACTIVITIES

No. of base	Formula of base	Salt	Tox- icity LD60, (mg./ kg.) <sup>a</sup>	Antispas- modic activity, (At. I.)b	Anti- secretory activity, ED50 (mg./kg.) <sup>c</sup>
1	C6H6CH(OH)COOCH2CH2CH2CH2CH2CH2CH2	HC1	• •	<0.01	
2	$(C_6H_6)_2C(OH)COOCH_2CH_2NCH_2CH_2CH_2CH_2$	HC1	100	0.19	
3	$(C_{6}H_{5})_{2}C(OH)COOCH_{2}CH_{2}NC(CH_{6})_{2}CH_{2}CH_{3}CH_{2}$	HC1	167	0.12	>1.0
4	$(CH_3)_2CHCH_2CH_3C(C_6H_6)(OH)COOCH_2CH_2NCH_2CH_2CH_2CH_2CH_2$	HC1	64d	0.17	>3.0
5	$(CH_4)_{2}CHCH_{2}CH_{2}C(C_{6}H_{6})(OH)COOCH_{2}CH_{2}NCH(CH_{4})CH_{2}CH_{2}CH_{2}CH_{2}$	HC1	64d	0.5	>3.0
5	(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> CHCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> C(C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>6</sub> )(OH)COOCH <sub>4</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> NCH(CH <sub>4</sub> )CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub>	CH₃Br		1.0	2.0
6	$(CH_4)_2CHCH_2CH_4C(C_6H_5)(OH)COOCH_2CH_2NC(CH_3)_2CH_2CH_4CH_2$	HC1	233	0.14	4.0
7	CH2CH2CH2CH2CHC(C6H6)(OH)COOCH2CH2NC(CH3)2CH2CH2CH2	HC1	1124	1.0	0.5
7	CH2CH2CH2CH2CHC(C6H3)(OH)COOCH2CH2NC(CH3)2CH2CH2CH2	CH3Br	65	0.75	0.2
<b>8</b> 9	$\begin{array}{c} CH_{2}C(C_{6}H_{6})(OH)COOCH_{2}CH_{2}N(CH_{3})(C_{6}H_{6})\\ C_{6}H_{6}CH(CH_{2}OH)COOCH_{2}CH_{2}NCH_{2}CH_{2}CH_{2}CH_{2}CH_{2}\\ \end{array}$	CH₃Br Citrate	167 	2.0 <i>°</i> 0.01	$^{1.0}_{>5.0}$
10	C6H6CH(CH2OH)COOCH2CH2NCH(CH8)CH2CH2CH2CH2	HCI	650	0.2	2.0
11	CH2CH2CH2CH2CHCH(CH2CH2CH3)COOCH2CH2NCH(CH3)CH2CH2CH2CH2	HC1	1504 650	<0.01	
12	CH=CHCH2CH2CH2CHCH(C6H6)COOCH2CH2NCH(CH3)CH2CH2CH2CH2CH2	HC1/	200	0.2	2.0
12	CH=CHCH2CH2CH2CHCH(C6H6)COOCH2CH2NCH(CH3)CH2CH2CH2CH2	CH₃Br	65	0,3 *	1.5
13	CH=CHCH2CH2CHCH(C6H6)COOCH2CH2NCH(CH8)CH2CH2CH2CHCH3	HC1	200		
13	CH=CHCH2CH2CHCH(C6H6)COOCH2CH2NCH(CH1)CH2CH2CH2CH2	CH3Br	65	0.5°	1.0
14	CH2CH2CH2CH2CHCH(CH2CH2CH2)COOCH2CH1NC(CH6)2CH2CH(CH4)CH2CHCH3	HC1	167		>5.0
15	CH2CH2CH2CH2CHCH(CH2CH2CH3)COOCH2CH2NCH2CH2CH2CH2CH2CH2CH2CH3	HC1	100	0.07	• • • • •
16	CH=CHCH2CH2CHCH(C6H6)COOCH2CH2NCH2CH2CH2CH2CH2CH2CH2	HCI	200	0.07	
17	CH=CHCH2CH2CH2CH2CHCH(C6H6)COOCH2CH2NCH2CH2CH2CH2CH2CH2CH2	HC1	300	0.1	
18	$CH_{2}CH_{2}CH_{2}CH_{2}CHCH(C_{6}H_{6})COOCH_{2}CH_{2}N(CH_{3})CH(CH_{3})_{2}$	CH₂Br	65	3.5	0.15
19	$CH = CHCH_2CH_2CHCH(C_6H_6)COOCH_2CH_2N[CH(CH_3)_2]_2$	CH₃Br	65	1.0*	1.0

<sup>a</sup> Unless otherwise indicated the compounds were administered to mice intraperitoneally. The values are approximations with an accuracy of about +100% to -50%. <sup>b</sup> Unless otherwise indicated the antispasmodic activity was determined on isolated rabbit intestine by the method of Magnus [Arch. ges. Physiol. (Pflügers), 102, 123 (1904); *ibid.*, 103, 515 (1904)]. The results are expressed as the ratio of the activity of the compound to that of atropine sulfate (Atropine Index). <sup>c</sup> The gastric antisecretory activity was determined in pyrolic ligation rats [F. E. Visscher, P. H. Seay, A. P. Tazelaar, Jr., W. Veldkamp and M. J. VanderBrook, J. Pharmacol. Exp. Therap., 10, 188 (1954)]. It is expressed as the effective dose in Thiry-Vella dogs [O. H. Plant, J. Pharmacol. Exptl. Therap., 16, 311 (1921)]. This atropine index is not strictly comparable with that determined by the method of Magnus. <sup>J</sup> See footnote p, Table II.

esters were in general, less active antispasmodic and antisecretory agents (Table I) than the previously reported pyrrolidyl analogs. The physical properties of the bases and salts are given in Table II. A few other miscellaneous esters are also included in the tables. One of these (No. 18) is the methyl bromide salt of a base previously reported.<sup>4</sup> It has exceptionally high antispasmodic and antisecretory activity. The esters of the disubstituted acetic acids were prepared in the usual way<sup>8</sup> through the acid chlorides. The preparations of the intermediate acids and amino alcohols if not previously reported are given in the experimental section. Since acid chlorides cannot readily be made from hydroxy acids most of the esters of these acids were prepared by heating a mixture of the acid and the aminoethyl chloride hydrochloride with an excess of potassium carbonate. The free basic esters were not isolated but were converted to hydrochlorides. An example is given in the Experimental section.

The methyl bromide quaternary salts were prepared by liberating the free base from the purified

(4) R. B. Moffett, J. H. Hunter and E. H. Woodruff, J. Org. Chem., 15, 1013 (1950).

hydrochloride and then treating with methyl bromide.<sup>3</sup>

Most of the compounds reported here can exist in several stereoisomeric forms. However, for the most part, no attempt was made to separate or resolve them (see footnote p of Table II).

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#### Experimental

2-(2,2-Dimethyl-1-pyrrolidyl)-ethyl Chloride Hydrochloride.—Hydrogen chloride gas was passed into a cooled solution of 85.9 g. (0.6 mole) of 2-(2,2-dimethyl-1-pyrrolidyl)-ethanol<sup>4</sup> in 250 ml. of dry benzene until the solution was strongly acid. Then 118.9 g. (1.0 mole) of thionyl chloride was slowly added. The mixture was heated on a steam-bath for one hour and allowed to stand overnight. The white crystalline precipitate was collected, washed with benzene and ether and dried. The remainder of the product was precipitated by the addition of ether to the filtrate. The combined yield was nearly quantitative,

<sup>(5)</sup> R. B. Moffett and J. L. White, ibid., 17, 407 (1952).

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No. of base from Table I Salt		Vield, %ª	M.p., °C.b	Crystallizing solvent	Empirical formula	Halogen, % Calcd. Found <sup>e</sup>		Nitrogen, % Calcd. Found ¢	
1	HCld	35°	144-144.5	<i>i</i> -PrOH	$C_{14}H_{20}C1NO_3$	Cl, 12.41	Cl, 12.30	4.90	4.95
<b>2</b>	$HCl^{d}$	28°	173-173.5	i-PrOH + MeEtCO	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>24</sub> C1NO <sub>3</sub>	Cl, 9.80	Cl, 9.71	3.87	4.11
3	HCl	70	143 - 145	MeEtCO + EtOAc	$C_{22}H_{28}C1NO_3$	Cl, 9.09	Cl, 9.01	3.59	3.79
4	HCld	60	161 - 161.5	MeEtCO	$C_{19}H_{30}C1NO_3$	Cl, 9.97	Cl, 9.54		
5	HCl <sup>h</sup>	61	140-141	$EtOAc + Et_2O$	$C_{20}H_{32}C1NO_3$	Cl, 9.59	Cl, 9.58		
<b>5</b>	CH₃Br	70	148-151	Benzene	C21H34BrNO3 <sup>i</sup>	Br, 18.65	Br, 18.32	3.27	3.14
6	HC1	81	113.5 - 116	EtOAc + Heptane	$C_{21}H_{34}CINO_3$	Cl, 9.23	Cl, 9.39	3.65	3.91
7	$\mathrm{HCl}^{i}$	60	162 - 163.5	MeEtCO	$C_{21}H_{32}C1NO_3$	Cl, 9.29	Cl, 9.17	3.67	3.83
7	CH₃Br	60	192 - 194	i-PrOH + MeEtCo	C <sub>22</sub> H <sub>34</sub> BrNO <sub>3</sub>	Br, 18.13	Br, 18.16	• •	
8	CH₃Br <sup>k</sup>		195 - 197	EtOH	C <sub>19</sub> H <sub>24</sub> BrNO <sub>3</sub> <sup>1</sup>	Br, 20.27	Br, 20.05	3.55	3.60
9	Citrate <sup>d</sup>		•••••••	EtOH	$C_{21}H_{29}NO_{10}$			3.08	3.12
10	HCl	<b>27</b>	139–141	MeOH + MeEtCO	$C_{16}H_{24}C1NO_3$	Cl, 11.30	Cl, 11.40	4.46	4.65
11	HC1"	80°	130.5 - 132	EtOAc	$C_{18}H_{34}C1NO_2$	Cl, 10.68	Cl, 10.66		
12	HCl"	$98^p$	$142.5$ – $143.5^p$	Acetone	$C_{22}H_{32}C1NO_2$	Cl, 9.41	Cl, 9.40	• •	••
12	CH₃Br	$92^q$	140 - 143	EtOH + MeEtCO	$C_{23}H_{34}BrNO_2$	Br, 18.31	Br, 18.38	3.21	3.21
13	HCl	· . '	120 - 122	MeEtCO	$C_{22}H_{32}CINO_2^u$	Cl, 9.38	Cl, 9.15	3.71	3.98
13	CH₃Br		135–137	Benzene	$C_{23}H_{34}BrNO_2^{v}$	Br, 18.31	Br, 18.30	3.21	3.57
14	HCl		124 - 134	i-PrOH + MeEtCO	$C_{21}H_{40}C1NO_2$	Cl, 9.24	Cl, 9.51	••	• •
15	HC1	71 <sup>w</sup>	156 - 158	MeEtCO + EtOAc	$C_{18}H_{34}C1NO_2$	Cl, 10.68	Cl, 10.94	• •	• •
16	HC1	$76^x$	110-118	EtOAc	$C_{21}H_{80}C1NO_2$	Cl, 9.74	Cl, 9.80		
17	HCl	$75^{y}$	143.5 - 144.5	MeEtCO	$C_{22}H_{32}C1NO_2$	Cl, 9.38	Cl, 9.35	• •	• •
18	CH₃Br	63 <b>*</b>	197 - 199	$EtOH + Et_2O$	$C_{20}H_{32}BrNO_2^{aa}$	Br, 20.06	Br, 20.15	3.52	3.43
19	CH₃Br	3200	177-179	$EtOH + Et_2O$	C <sub>23</sub> H <sub>36</sub> BrNO <sub>2</sub> <sup>cc</sup>	Br, 18.23	Br, 17.91	3.20	3.34

## TABLE II PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

<sup>a</sup> In cases where the free basic esters were isolated the yields of the hydrochlorides are based on the distined free bases. When the bases were not isolated the yields are based on the acid from which the esters were prepared. The yields of the methyl bromide salts are based on the purified hydrochlorides. <sup>b</sup> Melting points are uncorrected. <sup>c</sup> Analyses are by Mr. William A. Struck and staff of our analytical chemistry laboratory. <sup>d</sup> The intermediate 2-(1-pyrrolidyl)-ethyl chloride and hydrochloride has been reported [J. B. Wright, H. G. Kolloff and J. H. Hunter, THIS JOURNAL, **70**, 3098 (1948)]. <sup>e</sup> This com-pound was prepared by Dr. James H. Hunter in these laboratories by the reaction of the appropriate acid with 2-(1-pyrro-lidyl)-ethyl chloride (footnote d) by the method of R. R. Burtner and J. W. Cusic, THIS JOURNAL, **65**, 262 (1943). <sup>c</sup> Calcd.: <sup>c</sup> The intermetical content of the appropriate acid with 2-(1-pyrro-lidyl)-ethyl chloride (footnote d) by the method of R. R. Burtner and J. W. Cusic, THIS JOURNAL, **65**, 262 (1943). <sup>c</sup> Calcd.: <sup>c</sup> The intermetical content of the appropriate acid. <sup>c</sup> Calcd. <sup>c</sup> Calcd. <sup>c</sup> The intermetical content of the appropriate acid. <sup>c</sup> The intermetical content of the appropriate acid. <sup>c</sup> Calcd. <sup>c</sup> The intermetical content of the appropriate acid. <sup>c</sup> The intermetical content of the appropriate acid. <sup>c</sup> Calcd. <sup>c</sup> The intermetical content of the appropriate acid. <sup>c</sup> The intermeti hydrochloride has been reported [J. B. Wright, H. G. Kolloff and J. H. Hunter, THIS JOURNAL, **70**, 3098 (1948)]. \* This compound was prepared by Dr. James H. Hunter in these laboratories by the reaction of the appropriate acid with 2-(1-pyrro-lidyl)-ethyl chloride (footnote d) by the method of R. B. Burtner and J. W. Cusic, THIS JOURNAL, **65**, 202 (1943). / Caled.: C, 58.84; H, 7.04. Found: C, 58.85; H, 6.98. \* Caled.: C, 66.38; H, 6.68. Found: C, 66.40; H, 6.77. \* The inter-mediate 2-(2-methyl-1-pyrrolidyl)-ethyl chloride hydrochloride has been reported [H. G. Kolloff, J. H. Hunter, E. H. Woodruff and R. B. Moffett, THIS JOURNAL, **71**, 3988 (1949)]. \* Caled.: C, 58.87; H, 8.00. Found: C, 58.77; H, 8.14. <sup>†</sup> The intermediate *a*-cyclopentylmandelic acid has been reported [J. H. Biel, H. L. Friedman, H. A. Leiser and E. P. Sprengeler, THIS JOURNAL, **74**, 1485 (1952)]. \* The corresponding hydrochloride (Labotropin) was obtained from the Fallek Products Co. <sup>†</sup> Caled.: C, 57.87; H, 6.38. Found: C, 57.82; H, 6.27. \* The hydrochloride failed to crystallize. It was converted to the acid citrate which crystallized from ethanol. The product however was a very hygroscopic solvate without definite melting point. Drying in a vacuum desiccator removed the solvent and gave a glass with the correct analy-sis. \* The requisite 2-(2-methyl-1-piperidyl)-ethanol has been reported [R. O. Clintou, V. J. Salvador and S. C. Laskowski, THIS JOURNAL, **71**, 3086 (1949). \* The intermediate free base was isolated in 93% yield, bp. 131° (0.7 mm.), *m*<sup>2</sup>D 1.4733. *Anal*. Caled. for C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>48</sub>NO: N, 4.71. Found: N, 4.69. \* The intermediate free base was isolated in 93% yield, bp. 164° (0.07 mm.), *m*<sup>2</sup>D 1.5274. *Anal*. Caled. for C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>10</sub>NO: N, 4.13. Found: N, 4.13. This was converted to the hydro-chloride (m.p. about 132°) in 98% yield. By fractional crystallization from acetone and ethyl acetate two diastereoisomers were isolated. The '*a*' isomer found Cl, 941. The '3' isomer m.p. 131-132.5°. The analysis given in the table is for t

m.p. 201-202°. A sample recrystallized from isopropyl alcohol gave the same melting point.

Anal. Caled. for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>17</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>N: N, 7.07; Cl, 35.79. Found: N, 6.98; Cl, 35.84.

 $\alpha$ -Isoamylmandelic Acid.—Isoamylmagnesium bromide was prepared from 34 g. (1.4 moles) of magnesium turnings and 211 g. (1.4 moles) of isoamyl bromide in 500 ml. of dry tetrahydrofuran. This solution was slowly siphoned into a solution of 97.6 g. (0.65 mole) of benzoylformic acid in 200 ml. of dry tetrahydrofuran contained in a 2-1. flask, fitted with a stirrer and reflux condenser, and cooled in an ice-

bath. When the addition of the Grignard reagent was complete the mixture was stirred at room temperature for one hour. At this point a test for Grignard reagent with Michler's ketone was negative. The mixture was poured into ice-water, acidified with hydrochloric acid, and extracted with ether. The ether solution was extracted with aqueous sodium carbonate. This basic solution was treated with decolorizing charcoal, filtered and acidified. The product was crystallized from hexane, and then from ethanolwater giving 28 g. (19.4%) of  $\alpha$ -isoamylmandelic acid, m.p. 125.5-126.5°.

Calcd. for C13H18O3: C, 70.22; H, 8.16; neut. Anal. equiv., 222.3. Found: C, 70.29; H, 7.86; neut. equiv., 224.3.

2-(2,2-Dimethyl-1-pyrrolidyl)-ethyl a-Isoamylmandelate Hydrochloride.—A mixture of 8.0 g. (0.036 mole) of  $\alpha$ -isoamylmandelic acid, 7.15 g. (0.036 mole) of 2-(2,2-dimethyl-1-pyrrolidyl)-ethyl chloride hydrochloride, 21 g. (0.15 mole) of anhydrous potassium carbonate, and 100 inl. of methyl isobutyl ketone6 was heated under reflux for eight hours. Water was added and the solution was ex-tracted with ether. The ether solution was dried over anhydrous potassium carbonate and filtered. Hydrogen chloride gas was passed in until the solution tested strongly acid. The hydrochloride separated as an oil which crystallized on standing. It was recrystallized from a mixture of ethyl acetate and ether giving 11.2 g. (81%) of product, m.p. 109-115°. A second recrystallization from ethyl acetate

(6) In one run acetone was used as a solvent but no appreciable reaction occurred in 20 hours. In the preparation of the other  $\alpha$ hydroxy acid esters (Table II) acetone or methyl ethyl ketone were satisfactory.

and Skellysolve C raised the melting point to 113.5-116°.

**2**-(2,2,4,6-Tetramethyl-1-piperidyl)-ethanol.—A mixture of 141.2 g. (1 mole) of 2,2,4,6-tetramethylpiperidine (obtained from Shell Development Co.) and 80.5 g. (1 mole) of ethylene chlorohydrin was slowly heated until the temperature reached 155°. After cooling an excess of 50% sodium hydroxide solution was added and the mixture was extracted repeatedly with ether. The ether solution was dried over potassium carbonate. After removing the solvent the product was distilled, b.p.  $120^{\circ}$  (12 mm.),  $n^{25}$ D 1.4761. The yield was 62.2 g. (34%).

Anal. Caled. for C11H23NO: N, 8.10. Found: N, 8.04, 8.23.

2-(Hexamethyleneimino)-ethanol.-This was prepared by a procedure similar to that described above using 49.6 g. (0.5 mole) of hexamethyleneimine and 40.3 g. (0.5 mole) of ethylene chlorohydrin. The product was distilled, b.p. 103° (15 mm.),  $n^{25}$ D 1.4826.

Anal. Caled. for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO: C, 67.10; H, 11.97; N, 9.78. Found: C, 67.52; H, 11.89; N, 9.91.

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# $\beta,\gamma$ -Dihalopropylamines. I. 1-Amino-2,3-dichloropropanes and 1,4-Diamino-2,3-dichlorobutanes

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The hydrochlorides of 1-piperidino, 1-dimethylamino and 1-dibenzylamino-2,3-dichloropropane have been prepared by chlorine addition to the corresponding allylamine hydrochlorides. Compared with 2-piperidino-1,3-dichloropropane hydrochloride is thermally more stable. These compounds react slowly with piperidine to produce triaminopropanes. The dihydrochlorides of 1,4-dipiperidino, 1,4-bis-dimethylamino and 1,4-di-morpholino-2,3-dichlorobutane have been prepared by chlorine addition to the corresponding 1,4-diaminobutene dihydrochlorides. These compounds have been synthesized for pharmacological testing as anti-tumor agents, etc.

As a part of a general program concerned with the syntheses of potential anti-cancer agents it seemed of interest to obtain for pharmacological testing a series of compounds having the functional group arrangement represented by the general formulas A and/or C.1



The relationship of the structural arrangements of A and C to that present in the nitrogen mustards is apparent.

Compounds A and C might be expected to be converted to the same potentially pharmacologically important<sup>2,3</sup> intermediate quaternary ethylen-

(1) The ability of various  $\beta$ -haloethylamines to rearrange to quaternary ethylene immonium ions and subsequently to an isomeric  $\beta$ haloethylamine has been adequately demonstrated in the literature; see for example: (a) N. H. Cromwell and D. J. Cram, THIS JOURNAL, 65, 301 (1943); (b) N. H. Cromwell and I. H. Witt, ibid., 65, 308 (1943); (c) N. H. Cromwell, et al., ibid., 75, 5384 (1953); (d) E. M. Schultz, C. M. Robb and J. M. Sprague, ibid., 69, 188 (1947); (e) J. F. Kerwin, et al., ibid., 69, 2961 (1947); (f) P. D. Bartlett, S. D. Ross and C. G. Swain. ibid., 69, 2971 (1947); (g) S. D. Ross, ibid., 69, 2982 (1947); (b) C. Golumbic, J. S. Fruton and M. Bergmann, J. Org. Chem., 11, 518 (1946).

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A possible method of synthesis for compounds of structures A and C involves reaction of the corresponding aminodiols with thionyl chloride. Previous communications from this Laboratory have reported the development of methods of synthesis of aminodiols,  $-\dot{C}(OH)\dot{C}(OH)\dot{C}N$ , which might

serve as precursors for  $\beta, \gamma$ -dichloroamines of type A,4

Many investigators<sup>1d-f,5</sup> have reported the successful conversion of  $\beta$ -aminoalcohols with thionyl chloride to  $\beta$ -chloroamines. Others<sup>6</sup> have apparently experienced difficulties in attempting

to convert aminodiols,  $-\dot{C}(OH)\dot{C}(N<)\dot{C}-OH$ , to

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