

Fig. 1.-Infrared spectra: curve A, symmetrical diphenyl dithiolphthalate; curve B, unsymmetrical diphenyl dithiolphthalate; curve $C$, mixture of symmetrical and unsymmetrical diphenyl dithiolphthalate; curve $D$, symmetrical di-( $p$-nitrophenyl) dithiolphthalate; curve E , unsymmetrical di-( $p$-nitrophenyl) dithiolphthalate; curve $F$, mixture of symmetrical and unsymmetrical di-( $p$-nitrophenyl) dithiolphthalate. All spectra were determined in solid potassium bromide.
ride. The mixture was stirred mechanically at $25^{\circ}$ for 18 hours. After the methylene chloride was removed by distillation under reduced pressure, the residue was taken up in 40 ml . of benzene and extracted with successive $40-\mathrm{ml}$. portions of $5 \%$ hydrochloric acid, $5 \%$ sodium bicarbonate and water. After drying and removal of the solvent, the residue was crystallized from 10 ml . of absolute ethanol; $0.40 \mathrm{~g} .(75 \%)$, m.p. $109-110^{\circ}$. One recrystallization raised the melting point to $112-113^{\circ}$.

The mixed melting point with authentic ethyl phthalimidoacetate was undepressed.
Treatment of Tryptophan Ethyl Ester with Symmetrical Di-( $p$-nitrophenyl) Dithiolphthalate.-Triethylamine ( 0.6 ml ., 4.6 mmoles) in 20 ml . of methylene chloride was added dropwise with stirring to a solution of 0.66 g . ( 2.3 mmoles ) of tryptophan ethyl ester hydrochloride and 0.50 g . ( 2.3 mmoles) of symmetrical di-( $p$-nitrophenyl) dithiolphthalate in 45 ml . of methylene chloride. The mixture was stirred for 12 hours at $25^{\circ}$. After the methylene chloride was evaporated under reduced pressure, the residue was taken up in 50 ml . of benzene and extracted successively with 50 mll . portions of water, $5 \%$ hydrochloric acid and finally again with water. After drying and removal of the solvent, the residue was crystallized from benzene; 0.60 g . $(60 \%)$, m.p. 191-192.5 ${ }^{\circ}$. An analytical sample was prepared by two recrystallizations from benzene.
Anal. Calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{20} \mathrm{H}_{12} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{6} \mathrm{~S}_{2}$ : C, $54.55 ; \mathrm{H}, 2.75$. Found: C, $54.46 ;$ H, 3.04 .
The infrared spectrum has only the carbonyl stretching frequency at $1760 \mathrm{~cm} .^{-1}$ characteristic of a $\gamma$-lactone.
The mixed melting point of I and $\mathrm{II}, \mathrm{R}=p-\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{NO}_{2}$, was $160-165^{\circ}$ (depressed).
Treatment of Glycine with Symmetrical Di-( $p$-nitrophenyl) Dithiolphthalate.-A mixture of 0.85 g . (1.15 millimoles) of glycine, 0.50 g . ( 1.15 mmoles ) of the symmetrical isomer I ( $\mathrm{R}=p-\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{NO}_{2}$ ), and 0.096 g . ( 1.15 mmoles) of sodium bicarbonate in a solution of 50 ml . of dioxane and 3.0 ml . of water was stirred at $25^{\circ}$ for 18 hours. Hydrogen peroxide ( 0.30 ml . of $30 \%$ ) was added with continued stirring for 1 hour. After the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure, the residue was treated with 20 ml . of warm water and the yellow solid was collected by filtration. One recrystallization from benzene gave fine, yellow needles; 0.2 g . ( $40 \%$ ), m.p. 191-192.5 ${ }^{\circ}$. The aqueous filtrate was distilled under reduced pressure, the colorless solid remaining was recrystallized from water; 0.052 g. (24\%), m.p. 193-194 ${ }^{\circ}$.

The mixed melting point with authentic phthaloylglycine (m.p. 194 ${ }^{\circ}$ ) was undepressed.

The infrared spectrum of the yellow, crystalline product shows only the band for the $\gamma$-lactone and a mixed melting point with the original symmetrical isomer was depressed.

Isomerization of I to II ( $\mathrm{R}=p-\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{NO}_{2}$ ).-A solution of 0.50 g . ( 1.14 mmoles) of symmetrical di-( $p$-nitrophenyl) dithiolphthalate and 3.0 ml . ( 1.14 mmoles ) of triethylamine in 30 ml . of methylene chloride was stirred mechanically for 18 hours at $25^{\circ}$. The solution was extracted with two 30 ml . portions of $5 \%$ hydrochloric acid and once with 30 ml . of water. After drying, the methylene chloride was evaporated under reduced pressure and the residual yellow solid recrystallized from benzene; 0.15 g . ( $30 \%$ ) of fine, yellow needles was obtained, m.p. $188-189^{\circ}$. The mixed melting point with starting material was undepressed. The infrared spectra were identical.
The benzene mother liquor, on storage in a refrigerator, for one week deposited 0.20 g . ( $40 \%$ ) of yellow needles, $\mathrm{m} . \mathrm{p}$. $158-163^{\circ}$. The infrared spectrum has strong bands in the carbonyl absorption region corresponding to $I$ ( 1670 $\mathrm{cm} .^{-1}$ ) and II ( $1760 \mathrm{~cm} .^{-1}$ ).
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## Local Anesthetics. VI. ${ }^{1}$ Alkamine Ethers of Alkyl Hydroxybenzoates

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The synthesis of alkamine ethers of the three isomeric series of hydroxybenzoic esters is reported. The lower alkyl esters have local anesthetic properties, and the higher esters are fungistatic.

Only a few carboalkoxyphenyl alkamine ethers have been reported in the literature ${ }^{2}$ and none of

[^0]these include cyclic aminoalkyl ethers. In view of the advantages of the 4 -morpholinyl group in aminoalkyl aryl ethers, ${ }^{1}$ it appeared desirable to study its effect when combined with a carboalkoxy on the ring. The lower members first prepared were shown to exhibit local anesthetic effect, and

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 mine analysis.

Table IV
Benzoic Ester Alkamine Sulfides,

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| A-No. | R | ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C} \text {. B.p. }$ | Mm. | ${ }^{\text {Mo.p., }}$ | $n^{20}$ D | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Yield, } \\ & \% \end{aligned}$ | Formula |  | $\frac{\text { On }}{\text { onaly }}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { s, \% } \\ & \text { Hydr } \\ & \text { Halcd. } \end{aligned}$ | $\underset{1 \text { lound }}{ }$ |
| 6553 | $2-\mathrm{CH}_{3}$ |  |  | 173-175 |  | 87 | $\mathrm{C}_{15} \mathrm{H}_{21} \mathrm{NO}_{3} \mathrm{~S} \cdot \mathrm{HCl}$ | 54.29 | 54.35 | 6.68 | 6.77 |
| 6564 | $4-\mathrm{CH}_{3}$ |  |  | 171-172 |  | 81 | $\mathrm{C}_{15} \mathrm{H}_{21} \mathrm{NO}_{3} \mathrm{~S} \cdot \mathrm{HCl}$ | 54.29 | 54.43 | 6.68 | 6.93 |
| 7649 | $2-\mathrm{C}_{4} \mathrm{H}_{9}(n)$ | 194-195 | 0.18 |  | 1.5508 | 71 | $\mathrm{C}_{18} \mathrm{H}_{27} \mathrm{NO}_{3} \mathrm{~S}$ | 64.06 | 64.10 | 8.01 | 7.80 |

Table II

| Hydroxybenzoic Esters, ho |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Posi- tion | R | ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. B.p | Mm . | ${ }^{\text {M }}$. C ., | nD | $t$ | Yield, | Formula |  | $\underset{\text { on }}{ } \mathrm{A}_{2}$ | $\mathrm{es},$ |  |
| 2 | $\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{13}{ }^{\text {a }}$ | 109 | 0.7 |  | 1.5019 | 25 | 91 | $\mathrm{C}_{13} \mathrm{H}_{18} \mathrm{O}_{3}$ | 70.24 | 70.53 | 8.16 | 8.21 |
| 2 | $n-\mathrm{C}_{7} \mathrm{H}_{15}$ | 113 | . 25 |  | 1.4980 | 27.5 | 69 | $\mathrm{C}_{14} \mathrm{H}_{20} \mathrm{O}_{3}$ | 71.16 | 71.09 | 8.53 | 8.48 |
| 2 | $n-\mathrm{C}_{9} \mathrm{H}_{19}{ }^{6}$ | 141-144 | 7 |  | 1.4825 | 25 | 55 | $\mathrm{C}_{16} \mathrm{H}_{24} \mathrm{O}_{3}$ | 72.69 | 75.04 | 9.15 | 10.32 |
| 2 | $n-\mathrm{C}_{10} \mathrm{H}_{21}{ }^{\text {b }}$ | 144 | . 55 |  | 1.4918 | 22 | 46 | $\mathrm{C}_{16} \mathrm{H}_{26} \mathrm{O}_{3}$ | 73.34 | 74.20 | 9.42 | 9.93 |
| 3 | $n-\mathrm{C}_{3} \mathrm{H}_{7}$ | 118-123 | . 1 | 32-33 | 1.5292 | 24 | 85 | $\mathrm{C}_{10} \mathrm{H}_{i 2} \mathrm{O}_{3}$ | 66.65 | 66.46 | 6.73 | 6.51 |
| 3 | $n-\mathrm{C}_{4} \mathrm{H}_{9}$ | 152-154 | . 4 |  | 1.5233 | 24 | 90 | $\mathrm{C}_{11} \mathrm{H}_{14} \mathrm{O}_{3}$ | 68.02 | 68.07 | 7.27 | 7.11 |
| 3 | $n-\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{H}_{11}$ | 172 | . 1 |  | 1.5180 | 24.5 | 81 | $\mathrm{C}_{12} \mathrm{H}_{18} \mathrm{O}_{3}$ | 69.21 | 69.09 | 7.75 | 7.80 |
| 3 | $n-\mathrm{C}_{7} \mathrm{H}_{15}{ }^{\text {b }}$ | 185-186 | 1.0 |  | 1.5103 | 25.5 | 63 | $\mathrm{C}_{14} \mathrm{H}_{20} \mathrm{O}_{3}$ | 71.16 | 71.97 | 8.53 | 8.68 |
| 4 | $\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{H}_{3}{ }^{\text {a }}$ | 175-178 | 0.5 |  | 1.5178 | 26.5 | 87 | $\mathrm{C}_{13} \mathrm{H}_{18} \mathrm{O}_{3}$ | 70.24 | 70.75 | 8.16 | 8.50 |
| 4 | $n-\mathrm{C}_{8} \mathrm{H}_{17}{ }^{\text {b }}$ | 182-188 | 0.5 | 39-41 |  |  | 68 | $\mathrm{C}_{15} \mathrm{H}_{22} \mathrm{O}_{3}$ | 71.97 | 72.40 | 8.86 | 9.00 |

${ }^{a}$ The hexyl alcohol used was a sample obtained from a German source; configuration not known. beparation from a by-product, probably the dialkyl ether, was very difficult. The final products from these were satisfactory. Herz, This Journal, $67,2271(1941)$, las reported a number of pure alkyl salicylates, including $n$-octyl.
the work was then extended to include the three isomeric series, higher alkyl esters and other cyclic and non-cyclic amines. In Table I are listed the compounds synthesized, with appropriate physical data. Table II gives similar data for those hydroxybenzoic esters not found in the literature. A limited study was made of the effect of other substituents in the ring, and such compounds are reported in Table III. Similar derivatives of $p$ aminosalicylic acid have recently been reported by Grimme and Schmitz. ${ }^{3}$

A few compounds in which sulfur replaces the cther oxygen are reported in Table IV.

The local anesthetic properties were studied by Dr. J. L. Schmidt and his group, and the fungistatic and bacteriostatic effects by Dr. W. E. Grundy and his group at Abbott Laboratories. The lower 111embers exhibit local anesthetic effects of the procaine type. The higher members are markedly fungistatic, but their activity is vitiated by the presence of serum.

## Experimental

Esters of Hydroxybenzoic Acids.-These were prepared i, the usual way by refluxing with the appropriate alcohol in the presence of an acid catalyst. Stulfuric acid was used in most cases, but liydrogen chloride would probably be more desirable because of the formation of dialkyl ethers which are hard to separate in the case of the higher alcohols. From such a reaction, di- $n$-octyl ether was isolated, boiling at about $160^{\circ}$ at $14 \mathrm{~mm} ., n^{25} \mathrm{D} 1.4249$.
. nal. Calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{16} \mathrm{H}_{24} \mathrm{O}: \mathrm{C}, 79.26 ; \mathrm{H}, 14.14$. Found: C, 79.56; H, 13.84.

Alkamine Ethers. A.-The sodium or potassium salt of the phenol was formed by reaction with an equivalent of the nicta? alcoholate in the appropriate alcohol. The alcohol wats the same as that used to form the ester, thus avoiding atty pussibility of ester interchange. The aminoalkyl halide
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was then added and the product refluxed, usually only a few hours, until a test showed the product no longer to be strongly alkaline. Most of the alcohol was removed under reduced pressure, and the residue partitioned between water and an appropriate organic solvent. The organic layer was separated, dried and distilled to remove the solvent and finally to ptrify the basic ether ester; in some cases the hydrochloride was formed in the organic solvent and further purified by recrystallization.
B. -Several of the alkamine ethers were prepared via the alkyl $\omega$-bromoalkoxybenzoates. These bromides were synthesized by a modification of the method of Marvel and Tannenbaum, ${ }^{4}$ using an alcohol as the solvent and replacing the sodium hydroxide by the appropriate sodium alcoholate. By distillation of the alcohol from the reaction mixture, extraction of the residue with ether and evaporation of the ether, a crude product was obtained. Solid methyl 4 -( $\beta$ -bromocthoxy)-benzoate was obtained by extraction of the crude material with hot petroleum ether. The liquid alkyl 2 -( $\omega$-bromoalkoxy)-benzoates were recovered by vacuum distillation of the crude oil. The products obtained in these cases were not analytically pure, but were suitable for reaction with an excess of the appropriate annine. Method B was used only for compounds as indicated in Table I.

In the case of esters with larger alkyl groups, difficulties were encountered because of the solubility of these alcohols in organic solvents and their boiling points close to those of the ether esters. In these cases repeated distillation of the bases, or recrystallization of the hydrochlorides was necessary to obtain the pure ether esters.

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