## **Experimental Section**

All analytical samples had proper uv and ir spectra; each moved as a single spot on Brinkman silica gel GF and gave combustion values for  $\dot{C}$ , H, and N or F within 0.4% of theoretical. Melting points were taken in capillary tubes on a Mel-Temp block and are uncorrected. The physical properties of some compounds are given in Tables **II** and III.

**4-Cyano-3-methylphenol.**—A mixture of 35.5 g (0.25 mole) of 4-chloro-3-methylphenol, 31.3 g (0.35 mole) of  $CuCN<sup>18</sup>$  and 100 ml of dry N-methylpyrrolidone was refluxed with stirring for IS hr. The mixture was concentrated *in vacuo* to near dryness, then stirred with 50 ml of warm  $6 N$  HCl for 30 min. After the addition of a solution of 100 g of FeCl<sub>3</sub>.6H<sub>2</sub>O in 100 ml of H<sub>2</sub>O. the mixture was heated on a steam bath for 1 hr. The cooled

(18) H. J. Barber, *J. Chem. Soc,* 79 (1943).

mixture was extracted with Et.O (four 200-inl portions). The combined extracts were washed with  $H<sub>2</sub>O$ , then evaporated to a residue which was crystallized from  $25 \text{ ml}$  of  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ . One recrystallization from  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and three from  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_6$  gave 15 g (43<sup>e</sup>). of product, mp 134-136° (lit,<sup>19</sup> mp 135-136° from an alternate process). This process has been previously employed for other benzonitriles.<sup>20</sup>

4-Cyano-2-methoxyphenol was synthesized in 80% yield, mp  $S7-S9$ <sup>o</sup>, according to the general method of van  $Es;^{21}$  lit.<sup>22</sup> mp 89-90° from an alternate method.

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# **Irreversible Enzyme Inhibitors. CLVIII.1,2 Effect of Bridge Modification on the Selective Irreversible Inhibition of Dihydrofolic Reductas e from L1210 Mous e Leukemia and Liver by 2,4-Diamino-5-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-6- [p-(m-fluorosulfonylbenzamidomethyl)phenoxymethyl]pyrimidine . II**

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The title compound (1) is an active-site-directed irreversible inhibitor of the dihydrofolic reductase from L1210 mouse leukemia that also showed specificity by its failure to inactivate this enzyme from three normal mouse tissues. However, 1 still had two shortcomings; its  $K_1 = 0.06 \mu M$  was considered too large to be effective in vivo and it showed poor transport through the L1210 cell wall. Thirty variants of the bridge between the pvrimidine and benzenesulfonyl fluoride moieties have now been investigated, such as (1) replacement of the oxymethyl group by thiomethyl,  $(CH_2)_2$ , or  $(CH_2)_4$ , (2) substituent effects on the phenoxy group, (3) variation of the CH<sub>2</sub>NH moiety by NH and  $(CH_2)$ <sub>2</sub>NH, and (4) variation of the amide linkage by CONH, NHCONH, and SO<sub>2</sub>NH in the three previous classes. Sixteen of the compounds showed a predictable decrease in  $I_{60} = 6K_i \leq 0.1 \mu M$ , but specificity was decreased or lost. The best five compounds showed inhibition of L1210 cell culture in the 0.5-1  $\mu$ M range; this range is several magnitudes higher than that shown by the standard compound, 2,4-diamino-5-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-6-methylpyrimidine (35).

One of the types of active-site-directed irreversible inhibitors<sup>4</sup> that can inactivate dihydrofolic reductase from L1210 mouse leukemia with no inactivation of the enzyme from normal mouse liver, spleen, or intestine<sup>5</sup> is 1.<sup>6</sup> The latter with its  $I_{50} = 6K_i = 0.4 \mu M$  was not considered a sufficiently good reversible inhibitor for in vivo activity<sup>5</sup> since too high an intracellular concentration of 1 would be required to form  $50\%$  reversible enzyme complex, the rate-determining species for active-site-directed irreversible inhibition.<sup>7</sup> Furthermore, 1 required the relatively high concentration of 4  $\mu$ *M* for 50% inhibition (ED<sub>50</sub>) of L1210 cell culture,<sup>2</sup> showing insufficient cell wall penetration. Several types of studies, such as 2-4, have been performed to try to increase the effectiveness of reversible inhibition without loss of irreversible specificity; compounds with  $I_{50} = 6K_i$  as good as 0.03  $\mu M$  were obtained, but either

(7) See ref 4, pp 122-129, for the kinetics of irreversible inhibition.

NH, CI  $\Gamma$  N  $CH_2R_1 \langle (+) \rangle R_2$ 1,  $R_i = O$ ;  $R_2 = CH_2NHCOC_0H_4SO_2F-m$  $2, R_i = CH_{2i}$ ;  $R_2 = CH_2N \text{HCOC}_6H_4\text{SO}_2F$ *m*.  $3, R_1 = O$ ;  $R_2 = NHSO_2C_sH_4SO_2F-m$ 4.  $R_i = CH_2$ ;  $R_2 = NHCOC_6H_4SO_2F_2m$ 

irreversible inhibition or selectivity was decreased.<sup>2,8-10</sup>

Since specificity is most apt to be obtained by bridge modification,<sup>9,11</sup> the following types of compounds have now been made: (1) the  $R_2$  group of 1 and 2 was moved to the *meta* position, (2) analogs of 3 were made with substituents on the phenyl bearing  $R_2$ , (3) the oxygen bridge was replaced by sulfur or  $-(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>$ , and (4) the  $R_2$  bridge of 1 was extended to  $-(CH_2)_2$ . The results are the subject of this paper.

**Assay Results.**—Of the compounds of type 1 in Table

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<sup>(10)</sup> B. R. Baker and N. M. J. Vermeulen, *ibid.*, 12, 82 (1969), paper CXXXVI of this series.

<sup>(11)</sup> See ref 4, pp 172-184, for discussion of the bridge principle of specificity.



No. 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 Ri 0 0  $\overline{O}$ 0 0 0  $\Omega$ 0  $CH<sub>2</sub>$ CH<sub>2</sub>  $CH<sub>2</sub>$ CH<sub>2</sub>  $CH<sub>2</sub>$  $R<sub>2</sub>$  $COC_6H_4SO_2F-m$  $\mathrm{COC}_6\mathrm{H}_4\mathrm{SO}_2\mathrm{F}\cdot p$  $CONHC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>SO<sub>2</sub>F<sub>-m</sub>$  $\mathrm{CONHC}_6\mathrm{H}_4\mathrm{SO}_2\mathrm{F}\text{-}p$  $\text{COMHC}_6\text{H}_3$ -4-Me-3-SO<sub>2</sub>F  $\text{CONHC}_6\text{H}_3\text{-}2\text{-}\text{Cl}_2\text{-}5\text{-}\text{SO}_2\text{F}$  $SO_2C_6H_4SO_2F-m$  $SO_2C_6H_4SO_2F-p$  $COC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>SO<sub>2</sub>F-p$  $\text{CONHC}_6\text{H}_4\text{SO}_2\text{F-}p$  $\text{CONHC}_6\text{H}_4\text{SO}_2\text{F}-m$  $SO_2C_6H_4SO_2F-p$  $SO_2C_6H_4SO_2F-m$ Enzym e source L1210/DF8 Liver L1210/DF8 Liver L1210/UF8 Liver L1210/DF8 Liver  $I_{b0}$  $\mu M$ 0.057 0.066 0.068 0.085 0.054 0.33 0.11 0.056 0.042 0.084 0.080 0.060 0.056 Inhib , *nM*  0.11 0.11 0.13 0.13 0.068 0.34 0.14 0.17 0.17 0.11 0.16 0.75 0.66 1.2 0.22 0.22 0.12 0.12 0.084 0.13 0.084 0.25 0.16 0.24 0.11 0.18 0.11 0.17 Time. min 60 % inactvn<sup>c</sup> 88 46 85 72 93 88 34 95 68 93 7 74 97 93 22 25 54  $17 - 41$ <sup>e</sup> 98 82 98 93 100 92 83 69 84 73  $\mathrm{ED}_{\mathfrak{b} \mathfrak{d},}{}^{d}$ *nM*  6 0.5 0.6 3 1 6  $\overline{2}$ 6 4 0.6  $\overline{2}$ 5 3  $ED<sub>60</sub>$  $I_{50}$ 100 8 9 40 20 20 20 100 100 7 30 90 60

<sup>a</sup> The technical assistance of Diane Shea and Sharon Lafler with these assays is acknowledged.  $b = b$  I<sub>50</sub> = concentration for 50% inhibition when measured with 6 *nM* dihydrofolate and 0.15 *M* KCl at pH 7.4 as previously described.<sup>5</sup>*<sup>c</sup>* Enzyme was incubated with inhibitor at 37° in pH 7.4 Tris buffer containing 60  $\mu$ M TPNH, then the remaining enzyme was assayed as previously described.<sup>5</sup> d Concentration for  $50\%$  inhibition of L1210 cell culture.  $\bullet$  Difficulty was encountered in determining the zero-time point.<sup>5</sup>

I, ten (5, 6-9, 13-17) showed the desired  $I_{50} = 6K_i \leq I$ 0.1  $\mu$ *M* and gave good irreversible inhibition of the dihydrofolic reductase from L1210. Unfortunately, none showed complete specificity by failure to inactivate the mouse liver enzyme; the greatest selectivity was shown by 9. When measured for their ability to inhibit L1210 cells in culture,<sup>12</sup> the best  $ED_{50}$ 's  $(0.5-1 \mu M)$  were shown by 6, 7, and 9, although the range in the whole table was only about tenfold.

Of the compounds of types 2-4 in Table II, six **(22, 25–29**) showed the desired  $I_{50} = 6K_i \leq 0.1 \mu M$  as expected and gave good irreversible inhibition of the LI210 enzyme; however, all six also showed extensive inactivation of the mouse liver enzyme. The best compounds for inhibition of L1210 cell culture were **25, 27**, and **29**, which showed  $ED_{50}$ 's in the range of 0.5–0.7  $\mu$ *M.* Since this range is several magnitudes less effective than 35 with  $\bar{E}D_{50} = 2 \times 10^{-5} \mu M$ ,<sup>13</sup> the compounds in Tables I and II are transported too inefficiently through the L1210 cell wall to be effective. No



generalizations on the best structures for transport were apparent from the data in Tables I and II.

Studies of other bridge modifications on the 6 position of the pyrimidine ring are continuing to see if irreversible inhibitors with good specificity and good L1210 cell wall transport can be obtained.

**Chemistry.**—Alkylation of 36<sup>14</sup> with m-cyanophenol in DMF in the presence of  $K_2CO_3^{15}$  afforded 37 (Scheme I). Hydrogenation of 37 in acid solution with Adams catalyst gave 39.<sup>9</sup> Reaction of 39 with the appropriate acid chloride<sup>9</sup> or O-(p-nitrophenyl)-N-phenylurethan<sup>15, 16</sup> gave irreversible inhibitors of type  $\overline{42}$  (5-12 in

<sup>(12)</sup> We wish to thank Dr. Florence White of the CCNSC for these data obtained by Dr. Philip Himmelfarb of Arthur D. Little, Inc.

<sup>(13)</sup> B. R. Baker and R. B. Meyer, Jr., *J. Med. Chem.,* 12, 668 (1969), paper CLIV of this series.

<sup>(14)</sup> B. R. Baker, P. C. Huang, and R. B. Meyer, Jr., *ibid.,* 11, 475 (1968), paper CXVI of this series.

<sup>(15)</sup> B. R. Baker and N. M. J. Vermeulen, *ibid.,* 12, 74 (1969), paper CXXXIV of this series.

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#### TABLE II: INDIBITION<sup>&</sup> OF DIHYDROFOLIC REDUCTASE BY





<sup>4rd</sup> See corresponding footnotes in Table I. *C*Enzyme data from ref 15. *CEnzyme data from ref 10. CEnzyme data from ref* 5.

Table I). By a similar route employing  $p$ -hydroxyphenylacetonitrile and 36 via 46 and 47, inhibitors of type  $48$  (29–34 in Table II) were prepared.

When 36 was alkylated with a 4-nitrophenol bearing either a 2-Cl or 3-Me group, 38 was obtained;<sup>6,15</sup> reduction of 38 to 40 was followed by conversion to inhibitors of type 41 (24-28 in Table II). Similarly, alkylation of  $36$  with *p*-acetamidothiophenol afforded 43 which was hydrolyzed to 44 with base, then converted to  $45 = 19$  with *m*-fluorosulfonylphenyl isocyanate.

Wittig condensation of  $49^{10}$  with *p*-nitrocinnamaldehyde<sup>17</sup> in DMF in the presence of DBN (1,5-diazabicyclo [4.3.0] nonene)<sup>18</sup> afforded  $50^{\circ}$  (Scheme II). Hy $d$ rogenation<sup>9</sup> to 52 was followed by conversion to inhibitors of type 53 (20, 21 in Table II). Similarly, Wittig condensation of 49 with  $m$ -cyanobenzaldehyde afforded 51 which was reduced to 54 and converted to inhibitors of type  $55$  (13-17 in Table I).

## **Experimental Section**

All analytical samples had proper nv and ir spectra; each moved as a single spot on the with Brinkmann silica gel GF and gave combustion values for C, H, and N or F within 0.4 $\mathcal{C}_c$  of give contrasts on a mean of the points were taken in capillary tubes on a Mel-Temp block and are uncorrected. The physical properties of some compounds are listed in Tables III-V.

6-(p-Acetamidophenylthiomethyl)-2,4-diamino-5-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)pyrimidine (43) Hydrochloride.---A mixture of 1.74  $g$  (5 mmoles) of 36,<sup>14</sup> 0.90  $g$  (5.4 mmoles) of *p*-acetamidothiophenol, 0.69 g (5 mmoles) of  $K_2CO_3$ , and 20 ml of DMF was stirred at ambient temperature for 14 hr. The mixture was diluted with several volumes of H<sub>2</sub>O; the solid was collected on a filter, washed (H<sub>2</sub>O), dried, and dissolved in THF. The solution was treated with HCl gas, then the product was collected by filtration. Two recrystallizations from EtOH gave 1.2 g  $(50\%)$  of white crystals which gradually decomposed over 192<sup>o</sup>. Anal.  $(C_{19}H_{17}Cl_2N_5OS \cdot HCl \cdot 0.5H_2O) C$ , H, N.

6-(p-Aminophenylthiomethyl)-2,4-diamino-5-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)pyrimidine (44) Dihydrochloride.—A mixture of 0.53 g

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TABLE III: PHYSICAL PROPERTIES OF





" Method A: see method A in ref 15; B: for Wittig conditions see ref 9; C: for hydrogenation conditions see ref 9 and 2. *\** Recrystallized from EtOH-THF. *<sup>c</sup>* One spot on tic in EtOH, but solvation varied. \* Gradually decomposes starting at this temperature. • Recrystallized from MeOEtOH.

TABLE IV: PHYSICAL PROPERTIES OF





<sup>a</sup> Method D: the same as method C in ref 6; E: the same as method E in ref 15; F: the same as method C in ref 15. *b* Decomposition gradually occurred over a wide range starting at the temperature indicated.  $\circ$  *Anal.* C, H, F.  $\circ$  Recrystallized from MeO-EtOH-H20. « Recrystallized from EtOH.

TABLE V: PHYSICAL PROPERTIES OF





 $a$ <sup>-c</sup> See corresponding footnotes in Table IV.  $a$  Recrystallized once from EtOH–THF and once from MeOEtOH–H<sub>2</sub>O.  $a$  Recrystallized from  $MeO\rightarrow H_2O$ .



 $44, R = H$ 45,  $R = R'SO<sub>2</sub>F$ 

 $47. R = CH_2NH_2$ 48.  $R = CH_2NHR'SO_2F$ 



 $(1.1 \text{ mmoles})$  of 43, 10 ml of EtOH, 2 ml of H<sub>2</sub>O, and 2.5 ml of 50% aqueous NaOH was refluxed with stirring for 4 hr. Most of the solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the residue was stirred with  $15$  ml of  $H_2O$ . The solid was collected on a filter, dissolved in THF, and treated with HCl gas. The product was collected on a filter and washed with THF, yielding 0.48 g  $(95\%)$  which showed one spot on the in  $1:9$  EtOH-CHCI<sub>3</sub> and gave a positive Bratton-Marshall test for aromatic amine;<sup>19</sup> satisfactory analytical results were not obtained due to variable solvation.

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