yellow needle crystals, mp 142–143°. Anal. ( $C_{16}H_8N_2O$ ) C, H, N. Ethyl p-N-[2-(3-Methylquinoxalinyl)methylene]aminobenzoate (9b).—The aldehyde 8b (3.0 g, 0.017 mole) and ethyl p-aminobenzoate (3.0 g, 0.018 mole) were refuxed in C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub> (50 ml) for 15 hr, using a Dean-Stark H<sub>2</sub>O trap to remove the H<sub>2</sub>O formed. The solution was evaporated to dryness under reduced pressure. The residue was dissolved, using a small amount of EtOAc, and cooled to give fine yellow crystals which were collected (0.7 g, 50°<sub>t</sub>) and recrystallized from EtOAc to give yellow needle crystals, mp 123–124°. Anal. (C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>9</sub>O<sub>2</sub>) C, H, N.

Ethyl p-N-[2-(3-Methylquinoxalinyl)methyl]aminobenzoate (10b).—The Schiff base 9b (0.35 g, 1.1 mmoles) was suspended in absolute MeOH (20 ml) and cooled in an ice bath. To the suspension, NaBH<sub>4</sub> (0.083 g, 2.2 mmoles) was added in small portions within 30 min with stirring. The solution became clear after half of the NaBH<sub>4</sub> had been added and the desired product started to precipitate toward the end of the addition. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for another 3-4 hr. H<sub>2</sub>O (10 ml) was added and the crystals were collected (0.32 g, 91%). For analysis the sample was recrystallized from MeOII to give white needle crystals, mp 143–144°. Anal. (C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>) C, H, N.

Ethyl p-N-[2-(3-Methyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoxalinyl)methyl]aminobenzoate (11b).—PtO<sub>2</sub> (0.5 g) was prereduced in HOAc (20 ml) in a microhydrogenation unit and a solution of 10b (0.5 g, 1.57 numoles) in HOAc (10 ml) was added. The solution was hydrogenated until 2 equiv of H<sub>2</sub> had been absorbed (*ca.* 20 min). The catalyst was removed by filtration and the solvent was removed by lyophilization. The oily residue was dissolved in Et<sub>2</sub>O (15 ml), washed with 5% NaOH appeors solution and H<sub>2</sub>O, and dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>). The solution was evaporated to 5 ml and was found to contain three major components by the. The separation was carried ont in a preparative the plate (Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, Brinkmap, 20  $\times$  20 cm, 1.5 mm thick, petroleum ether-EtOAc 5(1) by multiple-development technique to give 0.2 g (40%) of the desired product as pale yellow flakes after vacuum drying at room temperature. It could not be purified by recrystallization and softened when heated to 50–52°. The ditosylate was prepared according to the general method, mp 196–197°. Anal. (C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>34</sub>N<sub>3</sub>-O<sub>6</sub>S<sub>2</sub>) C, H, N.

Ethyl p-N-[2-(3-Methyl)quinoxalinyl)methyl]-N-thyminylaminobenzoate (22).—The secondary amine 10b (0.57 g, 1.57 mmoles), 5-bromoniethylmracil (0.32 g, 1.57 mmoles), Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (0.16 g, 1.57 mmoles), and a catalytic amount of Nal were refinxed in dry THF (50 ml) for 14 hr. The solution was filtered and the filtrate was evaporated to dryness moder reduced pressure. The residue was collected after cooling and recrystallized from MeOH to give 0.3 g (43%) of white fine crystals, mp 216-217 dec. Anal. (C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>23</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>) C, H, N.

**2**-*p*-Carbethoxyphenyl-**3**-(**5**'-uracil)-**9** - methylhexahydroimidazol1,**5**-*a*|**quinoxaline** (**23**).—The amine 11b (0.18 g. 0.55 numole) and 5-formyluracil (0.07 g, 0.55 mmole) were reflexed in 30 ml of absolute McOH under N<sub>2</sub> for **27** hr. The solution was evaporated to small volume and cooled overnight. The precipitate was collected (0.16 g, 70%) and recrystallized from MeOH-EtOH solvent to give pale yellow fine crystals, mp 237–238°. *Anal.* (C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>25</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>4</sub>) C, H, N.

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# Irreversible Enzyme Inhibitors. CLXVI.<sup>1,2</sup> Active-Site-Directed Irreversible Inhibitors of Dihydrofolic Reductase Derived from 2,4-Diamino-5-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)pyrimidine with 6 Substituents and Some Factors in Their Cell Wall Transport

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Fourteen 6-substituted derivatives of 2,4-diamino-5-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)pyrimidine were synthesized for comparison with the 6-methyl derivative (1d) (used as a standard) as reversible inhibitors of L1210 dihydrofolic reductase and for kill of L1210 cell culture; the best compounds were the 6-phenylbutyl (5) and 6-( $\alpha$ -naphthylethyl) (6) derivatives. However, 5 and 6 were still 100- and 300-fold less effective then the 6-methyl derivative (1d) against L1210 cell culture. Even less effective were the 6-phenoxymethyl (2) and 6-phenethyl (3) derivatives. In order to determine the effect of an SO<sub>2</sub>F moiety, three of these 6-substituted pyrimidines were converted to irreversible inhibitors. The 6-(p-fluorosulfonyl)phenethyl (17) derivative was an excellent irreversible inhibitor of L1210 dihydrofolic reductase which also showed good specificity with no irreversible inhibition of the enzyme from monse liver; however, 17 was no more effective than the parent 3 against L1210 cell culture. As previously noted in another series of compounds, the SO<sub>2</sub>F moiety slows the rate of cell wall penetration, but increases the effect on the target enzyme when the molecule is an active-site-directed irreversible inhibitor.

Among the numerous active-site-directed irreversible inhibitors<sup>4</sup> of dihydrofolic reductase from L1210 mouse leukemia, a few showed specificity with a low amount of inactivation of the enzyme from normal liver, spleen, and intestine of the mouse; among these selective compounds was  $1a.^{5,6}$  Although 1a was a reasonably specific irreversible inhibitor for the L1210 enzyme, its reversible inhibition of the L1210/DF8 enzyme of  $I_{50} = 6K_i = 0.82 \ \mu M$  was considered to be too high to be useful in vivo.<sup>5</sup> Therefore a series of compounds re-

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lated to 1a with varying bridges to the SO<sub>2</sub>F moiety were synthesized and evaluated.<sup>5,7-13</sup> A number were found to have  $I_{50} = 6 K_i < 0.1 \ \mu M$  in the desired range; for example, 1b and 1c<sup>11</sup> had  $I_{50} = 0.086$  and 0.025  $\mu M$ , respectively.

Most of these compounds have now been measured for their ability to kill L1210 cells in culture;<sup>14</sup> as a first approximation these data can be related to the ability of the compounds to penetrate the L1210 cell wall.<sup>2b,15</sup> The concentrations for 50% cell kill (ED<sub>50</sub>) by **1a-c** were 4, 0.5, and 0.9  $\mu$ M, respectively. As a second approximation, differences in I<sub>50</sub> between compounds can be normalized by comparing ED<sub>50</sub>/I<sub>50</sub> ratios;<sup>15</sup> **1a-c** had ED<sub>50</sub>/I<sub>50</sub> ratios of 5, 6, and 36, respectively. These ratios are poor when compared to the pyrimethamine analog **1d** with R = Me that is used as a standard;<sup>21</sup> **1d** had I<sub>50</sub> = 0.01  $\mu$ M, ED<sub>50</sub> = 2 × 10<sup>-5</sup>  $\mu$ M and ED<sub>50</sub>/I<sub>50</sub> = 0.002.<sup>15</sup>

Since 1a-c and related irreversible inhibitors showed such poor transport compared to 1d, studies were initiated to determine which parts of these large 6 substituents were detrimental to transport. The results are the subject of this paper.

Placement of a phenoxy group on the 6-methyl of 1d gave 2 which was fivefold less effective as a reversible inhibitor of dihydrofolic reductase, but 4  $\times$ 10<sup>5</sup> times less effective than 1d in cell culture (Table I); when the normalized ED<sub>50</sub>/I<sub>50</sub> ratios were compared, 2 was 100,000-fold less effective than the standard, 1d. Comparison of the parent 2 and the irreversible inhibitor 1a derived from it showed that 1a was only 20-fold

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more effective than 2; thus the poor transport of 1a is readily accounted for by the phenoxy substitution on the 6-methyl group of 1d. Similarly, the relatively poor inhibition of L1210 cell culture by 1c is readily accounted for by the comparison of 1c with 3 and 1d; the loss is due to the 15,000-fold loss between 1c and 3.

TABLE I Inhibition of L1210 Dihydrofolic Reductase and L1210 Cell Culture by

| $\mathbf{NH}_2$  |   |             |                    |                              |  |  |  |
|--|---|-------------|--------------------|------------------------------|--|--|--|
|  | $\downarrow$  | 5           |                    |                              |  |  |  |
|  |   |             |                    |                              |  |  |  |
|  | $NH_2$ $R$ $R$  |             |                    |                              |  |  |  |
|  |   | I to a,b    | EDm <sup>c</sup>   |                              |  |  |  |
| No.  | R   | $\mu M$     | $\mu M$            | ${\rm ED}_{50}/{\rm I}_{50}$ |  |  |  |
| la   | p-CH <sub>2</sub> OC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> NHCOC <sub>6</sub> - |             |                    |                              |  |  |  |
|  | $H_4SO_2F-m$  | $0.82^{d}$  | 4                  | <b>5</b>                     |  |  |  |
| 1b   | 4-CH <sub>2</sub> O-2-MeC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> NH-             |             |                    |                              |  |  |  |
|  | $\mathrm{CONHC_6H_4SO_2F}$ -p   | $0.086^{e}$ | 0.5                | 6                            |  |  |  |
| $1\mathrm{c}$  | $p-(CH_2)_2C_6H_4CH_2NHCO-$   |             |                    |                              |  |  |  |
|  | $C_6H_4SO_2F$ -m  | $0.025^{f}$ | 0.9                | 36                           |  |  |  |
| $1 \mathrm{d}^g$   | $CH_3$  | 0.010       | $2 \times 10^{-5}$ | 0.002                        |  |  |  |
| $^{2}$   | $CH_2OC_6H_3$   | 0.047       | 8                  | 200                          |  |  |  |
| 3  | $(CH_2)_2C_6H_5$  | 0.032       | 1                  | 30                           |  |  |  |
| 4  | $(CH_2)_3C_6H_5$  | 0.030       | 0.4                | 10                           |  |  |  |
| 5  | $(CH_2)_4C_6H_3$  | 0.020       | 0.003              | 0.2                          |  |  |  |
| 6  | $(CH_2)_2C_{10}H_7-\alpha$  | 0.080       | 0.05               | 0.6                          |  |  |  |
| 7  | $(CH_2)_2C_{10}H_7-\beta$   | 0.22        | 0.6                | 3                            |  |  |  |
| 8  | $p-(CH_2)_2C_6H_4(CH_2)_2C_6H_5$  | 0.15        | 0.3                | 2                            |  |  |  |
| 9  | $CH_2OC_{10}H_7-\alpha$   | 0.028       | 0.7                | 30                           |  |  |  |
| 10   | $CH_2OC_{10}H_7-\beta$  | 0.060       | 7                  | 100                          |  |  |  |
| 11   | $CH = CHC_6H_3$   | 0.027       | 7                  | 300                          |  |  |  |
| 12   | $CH = CHCH_2C_6H_5$   | 0.020       | 0.7                | <b>40</b>                    |  |  |  |
| 13   | $(CH=CH)_2C_6H_5$   | 0.091       | 0.9                | 10                           |  |  |  |
| 14   | $CH = CHC_{10}H_7 - \alpha$   | 0.039       | 9                  | 200                          |  |  |  |
| 15   | $CH = CHC_{10}H_7 - \beta$  | 0.12        | 0.9                | 8                            |  |  |  |
| a The technical assistance of Diana Shee with these assays i |   |             |                    |                              |  |  |  |

<sup>a</sup> The technical assistance of Diane Shea with these assays is acknowledged. <sup>b</sup>  $I_{50} =$  concentration for 50% inhibition of mouse liver dihydrofolic reductase when assayed with 6  $\mu$ M dihydrofolate and 0.15 M KCl in pH 7.4 Tris buffer as previously described;<sup>5</sup> little difference is seen in reversible inhibition of the enzyme from L1210/DF8 and mouse liver. <sup>c</sup> Concentration for 50% kill of L1210 cell culture. <sup>d</sup> Data from ref 5 on L1210 enzyme. <sup>e</sup> Data from ref 12 on L1210 enzyme. <sup>f</sup> Data from ref 15.

Studies were then made to see what large groups could be placed on the 6-methyl group of 1d that would give good transport characteristics, but would also allow building an irreversible inhibitor. As the phenyl group was increased in distance from two CH<sub>2</sub> (3) to three CH<sub>2</sub> (4) or four CH<sub>2</sub> (5), the ED<sub>50</sub>/I<sub>50</sub> became more effective in a ratio of 30, 10, 0.2, respectively; that is, the 6-phenylbutylpyrimidine (5) was 300-fold more effective against L1210 cell culture than the 6-phenethylpyrimidine (3).

Conversion of the 6-phenethyl group of **3** to a 6-( $\alpha$ -naphthylethyl)pyrimidine (**6**) increased transport effectiveness by a factor of 50-fold over **3**; the corresponding 6-( $\beta$ -naphthylethyl)pyrimidine (**7**) was only twofold more effective than **3** in cell culture and tenfold more effective when normalized by comparison of ED<sub>50</sub>/I<sub>50</sub>. Similar trends were seen when the phenoxymethyl moiety of **2** was converted to  $\alpha$ -naphthyloxymethyl (**9**) or  $\beta$ -naphthyloxymethyl (**10**).

Placement of a phenylethyl group on the para posi-

## TABLE II Inhibition<sup>4</sup> of Dihydrofolic Reductase by



| No. | 13   | Enzyme      | $I_{50}$ , $h_{\mu}M$ | Inhib "V | Time, | °o<br>inactyn <sup>d</sup> | FD50. <sup>c</sup> u 1/ | EDso. 1so |
|-----|--|-------------|-----------------------|----------|-------|----------------------------|-------------------------|-----------|
| 16  | CH2OC6H2SO2F-p   | L1210/DF8   | 0.021                 | 0.10     | 60    | 43                         | 1                       | 50        |
|     |  | Liver       |                       | 0.10     | 60    | s                          | -                       |           |
| 17  | $(CH_2)_2C_6H_4SO_2F-p$  | L1210/DF8   |                       | 0.08     | 2, 30 | 89, 89                     | 0.6                     | 200       |
|     | . ,  | Liver       | 0.040                 | 0.12     | 60    | 0                          |                         |           |
| 18  | $CH = CHC_6H_4SO_2F-p$   | L1210/DF8   |                       | 0.24     | 60    | 33                         | 98                      | 800       |
|     |  | Liver       | 0.12                  | 0.36     | 60    | 5                          |                         |           |
| 19  | p-(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> (CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> SO <sub>2</sub> F- $p$ | L1210/DF8   | 1).046                | 0.16     | 2, 4  | 97, 99                     | 2                       | .5()*     |
|     |  |             |                       | 0.046    | 60    | 84                         |                         |           |
|     |  | Liver       |                       | 0.16     | 60    | 52                         |                         |           |
|     |  |             |                       | 0.046    | 6(1   | 5                          |                         |           |
| 20  | p-CII=CHC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> CH=CHC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> -   |             |                       |          |       |                            |                         |           |
|     | $\mathrm{SO}_2\mathrm{F}$ - $p$  | L1210/DF8   |                       | 0.60     | 60    | 36                         | 4                       | [1)       |
|     |  | Liver       | 0.30                  | 0.90     | 60    | 20                         |                         |           |
| 21  | $p_{-}(CH_2)_{2}C_{6}H_{4}(CH_2)_{2}C_{6}H_{4}SO_{2}F-m$   | L1210/DF8   | 0.036                 | 0.072    | 60    | 92                         | 0.1                     | 3         |
|     |  | Liver       |                       | 0.11     | 60    | 67                         |                         |           |
| 22  | $m - (CH_2)_2 C_6 H_4 (CH_2)_2 C_6 H_4 SO_2 F - p$   | m L1210/DF8 | 0.024                 | 0.05     | 60    | 82                         | 0.9                     | 40        |
|     |  | Liver       |                       | 0.07     | 60    | 6                          |                         |           |
| 23  | m-CH=CHC6H₄CH=CHC6H₄-  | L1210/DF8   | 0.31                  | 0.62     | 60    | 69                         |                         |           |
|     | $SO_2F$ - $p$  | Liver       |                       | 0.62     | 60    | 0                          |                         |           |

 $a \sim See$  corresponding footnotes in Table I. *<sup>d</sup>* Enzyme 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> *<sup>e</sup>* From a six-point time study.<sup>5</sup>

TABLE III

| Physical Properties of |   |                 |                   |                      |  |  |
|------------------------|---|-----------------|-------------------|----------------------|--|--|
|                        |   | NH <sub>2</sub> | NH2<br>NH2<br>R   | 1                    |  |  |
|                        |   | <b>TI</b> (1 1  | Yield,            |                      |  |  |
| No.                    | R   | Method          | 12                | Mp, •C               | Formula  |  |
| 2                      | $CH_2OC_6H_5$   | А               | $50^a$            | 175-177              | $C_{17}H_{14}Cl_2N_4O$   |  |
| 3                      | $(CH_2)_2C_6H_5$  | C               | $S\tilde{a}^{b}$  | 194 - 195            | $C_{18}H_{16}Cl_2N_4$  |  |
| 4                      | $(CH_2)_3C_6H_5$  | С               | .).) <sup>e</sup> | 251– $254$ dec       | $\mathrm{C_{19}H_{18}Cl_2N_4} \cdot 0.5\mathrm{H_2SO_4}$   |  |
| 5                      | $(CH_2)_4C_6H_5$  | $\mathbf{C}$    | $60^{\circ}$      | 248 - 250            | $C_{20}H_{20}Cl_2N_4 \cdot 0.5H_2SO_4$   |  |
| 6                      | $(CH_2)_2C_{10}H_7-\alpha$  | С               | $48^{b}$          | 196-200              | $C_{22}H_{18}Cl_2N_4$  |  |
| $\overline{i}$         | $(CH_2)_2C_{10}H_7-\beta$   | С               | $69^{d}$          | 180 - 182            | $C_{22}H_{18}Cl_2N_4$  |  |
| 8                      | $p-(CH_2)_2C_6H_4(CH_2)_2C_6H_5$  | $\mathbf{C}$    | $28^{6}$          | >265 dec             | $C_{26}H_{24}Cl_2N_4 \cdot 0.5H_2SO_4 \cdot 0.5H_2O$   |  |
| 9                      | $CH_2OC_{10}H_7-\alpha$   | А               | 63*               | 167 - 169            | $C_{21}H_{16}Cl_2N_4O$   |  |
| 10                     | $CH_2OC_{10}H_7-\beta$  | А               | $50^{b}$          | 158 - 160            | $C_{21}H_{16}Cl_2N_4O$   |  |
| 11                     | CH=CHC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub>                                      | В               | $45^{a}$          | 244 - 245            | $C_{18}H_{14}Cl_2N_4$  |  |
| 12                     | CH=CHCH <sub>2</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub>                      | В               | 32a               | $>198  \mathrm{dec}$ | $C_{19}H_{16}Cl_2N_4 \cdot 0.5H_2SO_4$   |  |
| 13                     | $(CH=CH)_2C_6H_5$   | В               | $63^{7}$          | >189                 | $C_{20}H_{16}Cl_2N_4 \cdot 0.5H_2SO_4 \cdot 0.5EtOH$   |  |
| 14                     | $CH = CHC_{10}H_{7} - \alpha$   | В               | 45°               | 245 - 248            | $C_{22}H_{16}Cl_2N_4$  |  |
| 15                     | $CH = CHC_{10}H_7 - \beta$  | В               | 69¢               | 171-199              | $C_{z2}H_{16}Cl_2N_4$  |  |
| 29a                    | p-CH=CHC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> CHO-p                              | D               | 46 <sup>c</sup>   | >300 dec             | $C_{19}H_{14}Cl_2N_4O \cdot 0.5H_2SO_4 \cdot 0.5H_2O$  |  |
| 29b                    | p-CH=CHC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> CHO-m                              | D               | $52^{3}$          | >300 dec             | C <sub>19</sub> H <sub>14</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O · 0.5H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> |  |
| 30a                    | p-CH=CHC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> CH=CHC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> | В               | 776               | >290 dec             | $C_{26}H_{20}Cl_2N_4$  |  |

<sup>a</sup> Recrystallized from EtOH. <sup>b</sup> Recrystallized from EtOH- $H_2O$ . <sup>c</sup> Recrystallized from MeOEtOH- $H_2O$ . <sup>d</sup> Recrystallized from EtOH- $H_2O$ , <sup>d</sup> Recrystallized from EtOH- $H_2O$ , <sup>d</sup> Recrystallized from MeOEtOH- $H_2O$ . <sup>d</sup> Recrystallized from MeOEtOH. <sup>d</sup> Recrystallized from MeOEtOH.

tion of the 6-phenethyl group of 3 gave 8; the latter was only threefold better in inhibiting L1210 cell culture than the parent 3 and 15-fold better when  $ED_{50}/I_{\rm 30}$  ratios were compared.

The vinyl intermediates in the synthesis of **3–7** were **11–15**, respectively. In each case, the vinyl intermediate was less effectively transported than the corresponding reduction product, the biggest difference being

300-fold between 6 and 14 and the smallest difference being between 7 and 15; thus, decreasing the conformational flexibility of the 6 side chain led to poorer transport characteristics.

In order to determine the effect on transport of conversion to an irreversible inhibitor, three of the compounds (2, 3, 8) in Table I were selected mainly on the basis of ease of synthesis; results are listed in Table



II. The fluorosulfonylphenoxymethyl derivative (16) was a rather poor irreversible inhibitor of the dihydrofolic reductase from L1210 mouse leukemia; 16 was fourfold more effective than the parent 2 when their  $ED_{50}/I_{50}$  ratios were compared. In contrast, the fluorosulfonylphenethyl derivative (17) was an excellent irreversible inhibitor of L1210 dihydrofolic reductase with good specificity; that is, 17 showed no inactivation of the mouse liver enzyme. Even though 17 was an excellent irreversible inhibitor it was essentially no more effective than its parent 3 against L1210 cell culture. These results with 16 and 17 support the previous experience with the SO<sub>2</sub>F moiety;<sup>2b</sup> that is, the SO<sub>2</sub>F moiety decreases rate of transport but increases the effect on the target inside the cell when it is part of an active-site-directed irreversible inhibitor.<sup>4</sup>

When 8 was converted to the  $SO_2F$  derivative, the resultant 19 was an excellent irreversible inhibitor of L1210 dihydrofolic reductase; however, transport was greatly decreased by a factor of >25. Therefore the terminal fluorosulfonylphenethyl group of 19 was moved to the *meta* position to give 22. The latter was also an excellent irreversible inhibitor of L1210 dihydrofolic reductase with good specificity; however, transport of both 19 and 22 were still poor. When the  $SO_2F$  group of 19 was moved to the *meta* position, the resultant 21 was an excellent irreversible inhibitor and cell wall transport was about 20-fold more effective; in fact 21 was the most effective compound against L1210 cell culture in Table II.

It seems unlikely that other members of this series of 6-substituted pyrimidines would give more effective  $SO_2F$  derivatives against L1210 cell culture. Therefore the more potent **5** and **6** were not converted to their  $SO_2F$  derivatives since they would be much more laborious to synthesize than compounds previously shown to be highly effective against L1210 in cell culture.<sup>2b</sup>

**Chemistry.**—The compounds in Tables I and II were synthesized by appropriate modification of routes previously used.<sup>7,9</sup> Condensation of  $24^{16}$  with the appropriate phenol gave inhibitors which can be generalized by structure 25 (Scheme I). Wittig reaction of  $26^{\circ}$  with the appropriate aldehyde and 1,5-

(16) B. R. Baker, P. C. Huang, and R. B. Meyer, Jr., J. Med. Chem., 11, 475 (1968), paper CXVI of this series.



" All compounds gave analyses for C, H, F within 0.4% of theory. "For starting 4-fluorosulfonylphenol see W. Steinkopf, J. Prakt. Chem., 117, 1 (1927). "Recrystallized from EtOH-H<sub>4</sub>O. "For starting 4-fluorosulfonylbenzyltriphenylphosphonium bromide see B. R. Baker and G. J. Lourens, J. Med. Chem., 11, 666 (1968). "Recrystallized from EtOH-THF. "Recrystallized from i-PrOH THF. "For starting 3-fluorosulfonylbenzyltriphenylphosphonium bromide see ref 2b. "Recrystallized from MeOEtOH." Recrystallized from EtOH.

diazabicyclo [4.3.0]nonenc<sup>17</sup> (DBN) as the base gave inhibitors with general structure **27**; hydrogenation of **27** with  $PtO_2$  catalyst gave inhibitors of type **28**.

Wittig reaction of **26** with a sixfold excess of terephthalaldehyde or isophthalaldehyde and DBN<sup>17</sup> gave intermediates **29** which were isolated as the hemisulfate. A second Wittig reaction of **29** with the appropriate benzyltriphenylphosphonium bromide and DBN<sup>17</sup> gave **30**, which on catalytic reduction with PtO<sub>2</sub> catalyst gave inhibitors of type **31**.

*p*-Fluorosulfonylbenzaldehyde<sup>15</sup> **33** was synthesized by oxidation of *p*-fluorosulfonyltoluene via the diacetate **32**.

### **Experimental Section**

All analytical samples had proper nv and ir spectra and moved as a single spot on Brinkmann silica gel GF; each gave combustion values for C, H, or N and F within 0.4% of theoretical. Melting points were taken in capillary tubes on a Mel-Temp block and are uncorrected.

*p*-Fluorosulfonylbenzal diacetate  $(32)^{18}$  was synthesized according to the general method of Nishimura.<sup>19</sup> Recrystallization from EtOH gave  $40^{\circ}c$  yield, mp 70–7)°. *Anal.* (C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>11</sub>FO<sub>6</sub>S) C, H, F.

p-Fluorosulfonylbenzaldehyde (33).»—A mixture of 10 g (34

mmoles) of **32**, 10 bil of C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>3</sub>OH, 30 ml of H<sub>2</sub>O, and 35 ml of 12 N HCl was refined for 4 hr. The cooled reaction was filtered and the solid washed with cold H<sub>2</sub>O. Two recrystallizations from Et<sub>2</sub>O gave 3.6 g (56 %) of white crystals, mp 58–60°. Anal. (C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>3</sub>FO<sub>3</sub>S) C, H.

Method A has been previously described.<sup>7</sup>

Method B. 2,4-Diamino-5-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-6-styrylpyrimidine (11).—To a stirred solution of 1.2 g (2 mmoles) of 26 and 0.21 g (2 mmoles) of benzaldehyde in 20 ml of DMF protected from moisture was added 0.25 g (2 mmoles) of 1,5-diazabicyclo-[4,3,0]nonene.<sup>37</sup> After 16 hr at ambient temperature the mixture was diluted with 20 ml of H<sub>2</sub>O. The light yellow product was collected on a filter and washed with H<sub>2</sub>O. Recrystallization from EiOH with the aid of decolorizing carbon gave 0.32 g ( $45C_i$ ), mp 244–245°. See Tables III and IV for additional data and other compounds prepared by this method.

Method C. 2.4-Diamino-5-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-6-(phenethyl)pyrimidine (3). —A mixture of 210 mg (0.59 mmole) of 11 and 100 ml of MeOEtOII was shaken with H<sub>2</sub> at 2–3 atm in the presence of 60 mg of PtO<sub>2</sub> for 3 hr when reduction was complete. The filtered solution was evaporated *in racuo*. Recrystallization from EtOH-H<sub>2</sub>O gave 180 mg ( $85C_{c}$ ) of white crystals, mp 194–195°. See Tables III and IV for additional data and other compounds prepared by this method.

Method D. 2,4-Diamino-5-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-6-(*p*-formylstyryl)pyrimidine (29a).—To a stirred solution of 2.4 g (4 mmoles) of 26 and 3.2 g (24 mmoles) of 1,4-phthalaldehyde in 35 ml of DMF protected from moisture was added dropwise 0.50 g (4 mmoles) of 1,5-diazabicyclo[4,3,0]nonene<sup>15</sup> in 5 ml of DMF. After being stirred at room temperature for 20 hr, the mixture was added to a cold solution of 50 ml of 2 X H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The precipitate was collected and washed with H<sub>2</sub>O. The yellow solid was leached with 30 ml of boiling EtOH to remove excess 1,4-phthalaldehyde. Recrystallization from MeOEtOH-H<sub>2</sub>O gave 0.80 g  $(46t_{1}^{-})$  mp >300°. See Table III for additional data.

<sup>(17) 11.</sup> Oediger, H. Kabbe, F. Möller, and K. Eiter, Chem. Ber., 99, 2012 (1966).

<sup>(18)</sup> This compound was first synthesized in this laboratory by G. J. Lourens, Pb.D. Thesis, University of California at Santa Barbara, 1968.

<sup>(19)</sup> T. Nishimura, "Organic Syntheses," Coll. Vol. IV, John Wiley & Sons, Inc., New York, N. Y., 1963, p 713.