2-Ethynyl-2.3.3a.4.5.9b-hexahydro-7-methoxy-3a-methyl-1Hbenz[e]inden-2-ol (19).—The procedure for preparing 18 was used. Starting with the *trans* isomer of 12 (8.0 g) a yield of 7.8 g (87%) of 19 was obtained, bp 134-137° (0.05 mm). Anal. ($C_{17}H_{20}O_2$) C, H.

2.3.3a.4.5.9b-Hexahydro-7-methoxy-2-(2-methyl-1.3-dioxolan-2-yl)-1H-benz[e]inden-2-ol (20).—The method of Nieuwland²² was used to convert 18 into 20. A solution of redistilled BF₃ etherate (2 ml) and HgO (0.5 g) in 15 ml of dry ethylene glycol was added to a solution of 18 (14.2 g) in 90 ml of dry ethylene glycol cooled to -10° . After the addition was complete, the mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature over a period of several hours, stirred overnight, and hydrolyzed. The crude product was recrystallized from C₆H₆-C₆H₁₂ to give 20 (11.5 g, 64%), mp 106–108°. The analysis indicated that only one isomer was present. Anal. (C₁₃H₂₄O₄) C, H.

2,3,3a,4,5,9b-Hexahydro-7-methoxy-3a-methyl-2-(2-methyl-1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)-1H-benz[e]inden-2-ol (21),—The procedure used to prepare 20 from 18 was followed. Starting with 19 (7.9 g) a yield of 8.1 g (91%) was obtained, mp 99–100°. The analysis indicated that only a single isomer was present. Anal. (C₁₃H₂₆O₄) C, H.

 2β -Acetyl-1,2,3,3a β ,4,5,6,8,9.9b β -decahydro-2 α -hydroxy-7Hbenz[e]inden-7-one (22),—Compound 20 was converted into 22 using a procedure outlined previously² for similar compounds. Starting with 20 (6.0 g) a yield of 3.1 g (64%) of 22 was obtained, boiling range 149–152° (0.05 mm). *Anal.* (C₁;H₂₀O₃) C, H.

 2α -Acetyl-1,2,3.3a,4,5,6.8,9,9b α -decahydro-2 β -hydroxy-3 β -methyl-7H-benz[e]inden-7-one (23).—The procedure used to prepare 22 was used. Starting with 21 (6.0 g), a yield of 3.5 g (73%) of the product was obtained, after the initial product was purified by column chromatography using silica gel H as adsorbent, followed by redistillation, boiling range 148–150° (0.05 mm). Anal. (C₁₆H₂₂O₃) C, H.

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Organic Disulfides and Related Substances. XXVIII. Analogs of o-(2-Protoaminoethyldithio)benzoate As Antiradiation Drugs^{1a-c}

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o-(2-Protoaminoethyldithio)benzoate $(1)^2$ has shown promise as an antiradiation drug,^{3a} and two analogous compounds, o-(2-aminoethyldithio)chlorobenzene HCl (2) and o-(2-protoaminoethyldithio)benzenesulfonate (3), also have shown activity.^{3b} Although several other derivatives, isomers, and analogs have been inactive,³ the saturated analogs of 1-3 were desired in order to establish whether the aromatic or the aliphatic system would provide the better basis for further extensions. Disulfides 1-3 were prepared by thioalkylation of the appropriate thiol with 2-amino-

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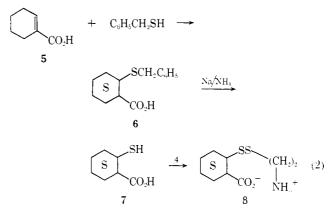
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ethyl 2-aminoethanethiolsulfonate \cdot 2HCl (4), as shown by eq 1,³ and the same approach seemed feasible for the saturated compounds.

In order to prepare the cyclohexane analog of 1, it was necessary to synthesize 2-mercapto-1-cyclohexanecarboxylic acid (7). This was accomplished by the addition of α -toluenethiol to cyclohexene-1-carboxylic acid (5) and reduction of the benzyl sulfide (6) to the thiol 7 (eq 2). Others have attempted to prepare 7 by heating thiourea and concentrated



HBr with hexahydrosalicylic acid and then treating with NaOH. However, they were unable to obtain a pure product.⁴ Thioalkylation of 7 with 4 gave 2-(2'protoaminoethyldithio)-1-cyclohexanecarboxylate (8). Although the reaction of α -toluenethiol with 5 would seem more likely to give at the outset trans addition, and therefore 6 as the cis product, the presence of excess hot piperidine in turn would seem likely to have afforded ample opportunity for epimerization to the presumably more stable trans isomer of 6. In any event, the of 7 in two systems showed only a single spot, and prolonged treatment with base failed to effect any apparent change. Only single spots also were seen for the mercury (II) mercaptide of 7 and for disulfide 8. Thus it would seem that a single isomer of **6** resulted, probably the trans.

Thioalkylation of the known trans-2-chlorocyclohexanethiol (9) gave trans-2-aminoethyl 2-chlorocyclohexyl disulfide \cdot HCl (10), the reduced analog of 2 (eq 3),

trans-2-ClC₆H₁₀SH + 4
$$\longrightarrow$$

9
trans-2-ClC₆H₁₀SS(CH₂)₂NH₃+Cl⁻ (3)
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Attempts to prepare the saturated analog of $\mathbf{3}$ were thwarted by a series of unsuccessful attempts to prepare the requisite thiol, 2-mercaptocyclohexanesulfonic acid.

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Thioalkylation of the known α -mercaptocinnamic acid (11) with 4 gave α -(2-protoaminoethyldithio)cinnamate (12; eq 4). Disulfide 12 was of interest as $C_8H_3CH=C(SH)CO_2H + 4 \longrightarrow$

an antiradiation drug since its resemblance to 1 is clear and, particularly, since the method used to synthesize 11 lends itself to the introduction of electrondonating or -withdrawing substituents into the aromatic moiety. Thiol 11 is thought to have a *trans* relationship of the aryl and carboxyl groups,⁵ and 12 therefore probably is the *trans* isomer also.

The antiradiation activities of disulfides 1, 2, 3, 8, 10, and 12 are listed in Table I. These were determined

TABLE 1 ANTIRADIATION ACTIVITIES OF 2-Protoaminoethylditud Compounds

Compt	ALD:0. mg/kg ^h	Drug dose, uig, kg	Vehicle	jrH of solu admin	Survival. 30 days, 572
$1^{i_1,j_2,y_1}$	325	225	CMCTw	7.4^{h}	60 (85)
		112	CMCTw	7.4"	0
2^{i-i}	200	50	NaCl	7.2''	-
		25	NaC)	7.2^{h}	U)
3^{f-f}	>1000	400	CMCTw	6i 7	67(87)
		300	СМСТw	13.7	33
8/ /	>600	250	CMCTw	ti.)	ġ
		125	CMCTw	6.1	ů.
1012	390	ā0	NaCl	4.5	1,1
		25	NaCl	4.5	Ú.
$12^{2/d}$	350	100	CMCTw	6.1	ů.
		50	CMCTw	6.1	u –

^a For details of testing not given in other footnotes, see ref 6. ^b Approximate LD₅₀ for the compound in mice; *cf.* ref 6. ^c CM-CTw = suspension or solution in 0.3% carboxymethyl-cellulose plus 0.1% Tween 80; NaCl = suspension or solution in physiological saline. ^d Fifteen mice with 10 controls, to permit comparison; the figure in parentheses is the *best* survival seen in *any* tests. ^e Drug administered 15 min prior to irradiation. ^d ⁶⁰Ca γ irradiation. ^d In a check at low dosage (6 mice, 6 controls), the survival was 17% (N-irradiation, 20 min after injection of 141 mg/kg of 1 in polyethylene glycol at pH 6). ^b Adjusted pH value. ^c Drug administered 30 min prior to irradiation. ^d Kap

as described previously,⁶ through the kindness of Drs. D. P. Jacobus, T. R. Sweeney, and E. A. Steck, and of Miss Marie Grenan, of the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research, Washington, D. C. The syntheses of **1–3** were reported elsewhere,⁸ but the complete testing results have not been published previously; we feel that the results of Table I supersede an earlier report^{3b} that **3** afforded "good" protection at 50 mg/kg or less.

Since the cyclohexyl compounds 8 and 10 were inactive, in contrast to the benzenoid compounds 1-3, the benzenoid system evidently is much the more promising. The disappointing inactivity of the interesting prototype 12 shows that the benzenoid system also is more attractive than the cimamyl modification having the 1.1-arrangement of **12**.

Experimental Section⁷

Starting Materials. ThioIsulfonate 4^5 and thioIs 9^9 and 11^{11} were prepared according to reported procedures. All other materials were used as purchased.

Cyclohexene-1-carboxylic Acid (5), $\sim \ln a$ modification of a procedure of Marvel.¹¹ a mixture of cyclohexanecarboxylic acid (192 g, 1.5 mol), PCb (4 ml), and Br₂ (240 g, 1.5 mol) was heated (60–80°, 17 hr). More Br₂ (10 ml) then was added, and heating was continued until no Br₂ color was evident (7 hr more). Recrystallization from perceleum ether gave α -bromocyclohexanecarboxylic acid (253 g, 81 $^{\circ}$ c) mp 54–57°, lit¹² mp 61°).

a-Bromocyclohexincearlioxylic acid (170 g, 0.82 mol) was heated (4.5 hr, 65[±]) with KOH (120 g, 2.14 mol) in MeOH (375 ml). The reaction mixture was cooled and diluted with H₂O (300 ml), aciditicd (pH1), concentrated HCl), and extracted with Et₂O. The extract was dried (MgSO₄). Evaporation of the Et₂O gave 5 as a yellow of (75 g, 72C₄); sharp ir hands a) 1648 (>C=C<) and 1690 (CO₂H) cm⁻¹. This 5 was used without purification.

2-Benzylthio-1-cyclohexanecarboxylic Acid (6). In a method based on one of Schulz and di Vigneand,⁴² α -tohenethid (64 g, 0.52 md) and 5 (65 g, 0.50 md) were heated under reflux (12 hr) in piperdine (130 ml). The yellow solution was cooled, acidified (pH 1, concentrated HC), and extracted with Et₂O (200 ml). The ethereal solution was washed, first with H₂O (100 ml) and then wide 10% NaHCO₅ (500 ml) and with 5% KOH (500 ml). The basic solutions were acidified and extracted (Et₂O). The Et₂O solutions were washed, dried, and concentrated to give 6 in both cases (29 g and 53 g, respectively); 64% yield). Since 6 was at oil, it was characterized as the *p*-tohnidide (13); recrystabilized from DMF H₂O and from EtOH (H₂O, 13 had constant up 120 121°; if (KBr) (3320, 2950, 1665, 1610, 1525, 1450, 820, and 700 cm⁻³, (1,ml), (C₁H₂NOS) (C, H, S).

2-Mercapto-1-cyclohexanecarboxylic Acid (7). The henzyl sulfide 6 (24.68 g, 98.6 mmol) was dissolved in 600 ml of cedistilled fiquid NH: Enough dry Na (8.61 g, 374 g-a)oms) was added to maintain a libre solution for 0.5 hr while the solution was stirred mechanically with a glass paddle. NH_4Cl (ca. 4 g) then was added to dispel the blue color, and the NH_a was swept away with a stream of dry N₁. The white powdery residue was washed with 100 ml of Eb $(1 \text{ and then was dissolved in 50 ml of H}_20)$. The solution was acidified to pH 1 with $10^{c_{f}}$ HCl, and extracted three times with 50-ml portions of Et₂O. The extracts were dried (Na₂SO₂) and evaporated to give a yellow oil (11.95 g, 76C). Distillation gave 7 as a colorless oil (bp 160–163° (12 mm), η^{27}). 1.5098), with appropriate ir absorption. The 7 solidified to a waxy solid map $36/39^{\circ}$ on standing. The (Brinkmann MN-Polygram cellulose nowder, developed with 5-PrOII H₂O NH_4OH , 8(1)1, co. 25% showed only a single spot under uv light $(R_{i}/0.68)$. Likewise, on Brinkmann MN-Polygram MN silica gel (CHCi₈ E(OH, 9)1, *ca*, 25°) only one sput was observed (R_f 0.78): mar (CCl₄), \$ 0.70 (2.50 (m, 9), 2.50 (3.83 (m, 2), 12.13 (s. 1), 2 protons exchangeable with D₂O. (1mol. (C- $H_{12}O_2S(C,H,S$

To determine whether 7 could be epimerized, a sample (0.08 g, 1.5 mmed) was stirred (120 hr) at $co, 25^\circ$ with KOH (0.06 g, 1.1 s)

(7) Multing points, determined in expillarly tubes using a Hershberg-type stirred-liquid apparation are corrected. Boiling points are uncorrected. Elements) analyses were by ballvraith Microanalytical Laboratories, Knoseville, Teon. In spectra were obtained using a Beckman Model IR 10 spectropolotionic with films of liquids and KHr pellets of solids: bands reported were at least of medium intensity. Nur spectra were durated using a Varian Model A-60 spectrometer (MeiSi): purchase of this instrument was assisted by Departmental NSF Grant GP-1683. Solvents were evaporated under reduced pressure using a paraty evaporator. Except where therewise stated, the spins were developed by exposure to be value to therwise stated, the spins were developed by exposure to be value in a sealed container. Where analyses are indicated only by symbols of the elements, analytical results for those elements were within $\pm 0.4\%$ of the theoretical values.

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mmol) in $H_2O(10 \text{ ml})$. Acidification gave thiol 7, which showed no change by ir or tlc.

Mercury (II)Bis(2-carboxy-1-cyclohexyl Mercaptide) (14).— Thiol 7 (20 mg, 0.12 mmol) in 2 ml of EtOH was treated with au excess of 10% Hg(CN)₂ solution in EtOH. The mercaptide 14 precipitated on cooling, and recrystallization from EtOH-H₂O gave colorless plates (13.6 mg, 42%); mp 160-161°; ir (KBr) 3500-2400, 1690, 1440, 1400, 1240, and 1200 cm⁻¹, the on Brinkmanu MN Polygram (polyamide) developed in MeOH at *ca*. 25° showed only a single spot under uv light (R_t 0.24). Anal. $C_{11}H_{22}HgO_4S_2$) C, H, S.

2-(2'-Protoaminoethyldithio)-1-cyclohexanecarboxylate (8).— Thiol 7 (1.02 g, 6.4 mmol) in 6 ml of EtOH was added during 10 min to a stirred solution of 4 (1.64 g, 6.4 mmol) in 4 ml of 1:7 EtOH-H₂O. After 4 hr at ca. 25°, a cold solution of KOH (0.71 g, 12.7 mmol) in 5 ml of H₂O was added, and the mixture was stirred at 0° for 0.3 hr. In order to initiate precipitation, Et₂O (1 ml) was added. After 2 hr at 0° a white solid separated. Disulfide 8 was collected and washed with H₂O and with EtOH. A white powder resulted (0.86 g, 57%); mp 217-219° dec. Recrystallization from H₂O (100°) gave 8 as colorless plates with mp 230° dec. The of 8 on Eastman Chromagram Type K301R (silica gel) developed with EtOH-H₂O-NH₄OH (25:3:4)¹⁴ at ca. 25° showed only a single spot (R_f 0.55); ir (KBr) 3200-2200, 1610, 1510, 1400, and 1275 cm⁻¹. Anal. (C₉H₁₇NO₂S₂) C, H, N, S.

trans-2-Aminoethyl 2-Chlorocyclohexyl Disulfide HCl (10).— The thiol 9 (1.51 g, 10 mmol) and 4 (2.57 g, 10 mmol) were stirred in 20 ml of 2:1 EtOH-H:O for 0.5 hr at $ca. 25^\circ$. Evaporation below 30° gave a white residue, which was dissolved in 25 ml of H₂O and was extracted with 50 ml of Et₂O to remove unchanged 9. The aqueous layer then was shaken with 50 ml of Et₂O while 10 ml of an iced aqueous solution of KOH (1.7 g, 30 mmol) was added. The H₂O layer was extracted twice more with Et₂O. Each organic layer was backwashed with H₂O and immediately shaken with the same portion of 1.0 ml of 12 N HCl in 10 ml of H₂O cooled in an ice bath. The HCl solution then was treated with 5 ml more of 12 N HCl. Precipitation of 10 occurred immediately. The crude 10 was isolated by filtration, washed with hexane (20 ml), and carefully dried in a desiccator (CaCl₂). Disulfide 10 was washed with Me₂CO and dried under reduced pressure; 0.53 g (20%), mp 148-150°.

pressure: 0.53 g (20%), mp 148–150°. The of 10 on Eastman Chromagram (Type K301R) developed with 95% EtOH at *ca*. 25° showed only a single spot (R_t 0.42); ir (KBr) 3200–2300, 1575, 1500, 1440, and 725 cm⁻¹. Anal. (C₅H₄-Cl₂NS₂) C, H, Cl, S.

 α -(2-Protoamineethyldithio)cinnamate (12).—Thiol 11 (23.00 g, 0.13 mol) in 200 ml of EtOH was added with stirring to 4 (35.00 g, 0.13 mol) in 120 ml of 1:1 EtOH-H₂O. The mixture was stirred for 4 hr at *ca*. 25°. Evaporation below 30° gave a paste, which was dissolved in 100 ml of H₂O. A cold solution of KOH (14.1 g, 0.25 mol) in 100 ml of H₂O was added slowly. A red oil separated. The mixed oil and H₂O were washed with 100 ml of EtO. The aqueous layer was decanted from the oil, which then solidified. Recrystallization from H₂O (100°) gave 12 as a red-orange powder having np 135-138° dec; 9.27 g (28%): ir (KBr) 3100-2200, 1600, 1540, 1450, 1340, 850, 780, 750, and 680 cm⁻¹. An identical sample (by ir) was recrystallized repeatedly from H₂O to give 12 having constant mp 136-138° dec. *Anal.* (C₁₁H₁₈NO₃S₂) C, H, N, S.

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Effect of Organic Compounds on Reproductive Processes. VIII. Methanesulfonyloxyacetyl Derivatives of Diamines

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For some time we have been interested in the effects of various alkylating agents on the reproductive processes of houseffies and mice. Certain N,N-bis(aziridineacetyl)- α,ω -diamine derivatives were effective as chemosterilants for houseflies¹ and some acted as sterilants for male mice.² These amides seemed to be less toxic than the corresponding urea derivatives³ and we were anxious to replace the aziridine alkylating function with another one, namely, the methanesulfonate group. A series of these derivatives was synthesized from the corresponding hydroxyacetyl derivatives and evaluated for its effects on the reproduction of houseflies and mice. Tables I and II summarize the chemical data on the carbomethoxyacetyl and hydroxyacetyl intermediates and Table III summarizes the data on the final methanesulfonates.

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$Bis(c_{ARBOMETHOXYACETYL}) diamines,\\ CH_{3}OCOCH_{2}CONH(CH_{2})_{n}NHCOCH_{2}OCOCH_{3}$

	Yield,		Recrystn	
n	%	Mp, °C	solvent	$Formula^{\alpha}$
6	37	187.5-188.5	H ₂ O	$C_{14}H_{24}N_2O_6$
7	44	159-160	$H_{2}O$	$C_{15}H_{26}N_2O_6$
8	47	l47.5–l48.5	Dioxane + H2O	$C_{16}H_{28}N_2O_6$
9	47	116-118	Dioxane + H ₂ O	$C_{13}H_{30}N_2O_6$
10	49	117.5-119	$EtOH + H_2O$	$C_{18}H_{32}N_2O_6$
11	60	95.5-97	$EtOH + H_2O$	$\mathrm{C}_{19}\mathrm{H}_{34}\mathrm{N}_{2}\mathrm{O}_{6}{}^{b}$
12	37	122.5-124.5	Dioxane + H ₂ O	C10H36N2O6
p-CH ₂ C ₆ H ₄ CH ₂		214-216.5	Dioxane + H2O	$C_{16}H_{20}N_2O_6{}^c$
m-CH ₂ C ₆ H ₄ CH ₂	36	142.5-143.5	$MeOH - Et_2O$	$C_{16}H_{20}N_2O_6$
^a All comp	ounds	were analyze	ed for C. H. N.	^b C: caled.

59.0; found, 58.5. C: calcd, 57.2; found, 57.7.

TABLE II Bis(hydroxyacetyl)diamines, HOCH₂CONH(CH₂)₅NHCOCH₂OH

n	Yield, $\%$	Mp. ℃C ^a	Formula ^d
6	25	126 - 129	${ m C_{10}H_{20}N_2O_4}$
7	78	115 - 116	$C_{11}H_{22}N_2O_4$
8	75	116 - 117.5	$\mathrm{C}_{12}\mathrm{H}_{24}\mathrm{N}_{2}\mathrm{O}_{4}$
9	82	126 - 127	$\mathrm{C}_{13}\mathrm{H}_{26}\mathrm{N}_{2}\mathrm{O}_{4}$
10	83	122.5 - 123.5	$\mathrm{C}_{14}\mathrm{H}_{28}\mathrm{N}_{2}\mathrm{O}_{4}$
11	93	122 - 123	$\mathrm{C}_{15}\mathrm{H}_{30}\mathrm{N}_{2}\mathrm{O}_{4}$
12	74	$129.5 - 131^{b}$	$\mathrm{C_{16}H_{32}N_2O_4}$
p-CH ₂ C ₆ H ₄ CH ₂	95	225-227°	$\mathrm{C}_{12}\mathrm{H}_{16}\mathrm{N}_{2}\mathrm{O}_{4}$

^a All recrystallizations were from H_2O except for those noted. ^b Recrystallized from EtOH- H_2O . ^c Recrystallized from dioxane- H_2O . ^d See Table I, footnote a.

TABLE III

Bis(METHANESULFONYLOXYACETYL)DIAMINES, H₄CSO₂OCH₂CONH(CH₂)₂NHCOCH₂OO₂SCH₃

Compd	n	Yield, $\%$	Mp, °C ^{<i>a</i>}	$Formula^b$
1	7	31	103.5 - 106	$C_{13}H_{26}N_2O_8S_2$
2	8	39	127 - 129	${ m C_{14}H_{28}N_2O_8S_2}$
3	9	33	109-113	${ m C}_{15}{ m H}_{80}{ m N}_2{ m O}_8{ m S}_2$
4	10	33	120 - 124	$\mathrm{C}_{16}\mathrm{H}_{32}\mathrm{N}_{2}\mathrm{O}_{8}\mathrm{S}_{2}$
5	11	57	115 - 118	$C_{17}H_{34}N_2O_8S_2$
6	12	75	127 - 130	${ m C_{18}H_{36}N_2O_8S_3}$

^a Recrystallized from Me₂CO-Et₂O. ^b See Table I, footnote a.

Experimental Section

N,N'-Bis(carbomethoxyacetyl)- α,ω -alkylenediamines.—A solution of carbomethoxyacetyl chloride (0.04 mol) in 100 ml of C₆H₈ was added slowly to the diamine (0.02 mol) dissolved in 100 ml of C₆H₆, and 5 g of anhydrous K₂CO₃ was suspended in the same solvent. The reaction mixture was stirred at room tem-

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