

This was recrystallized twice from glacial acetic acid-absolute ethanol: wt 154 mg (Table II). Amino acid analysis gave Asp, 1.00; Pro, 1.18; Gly, 1.00; Phe, 1.08; Tyr, 1.10; Bzl-Cys, 0.96; Arg, 1.00; Glu, 1.09; NH₃, 1.80.

Deamino-8-D-arginine-vasopressin (dDAVP, 6). The protected octapeptide 5 (100 mg) was reduced, reoxidized, deionized, lyophilized, and purified as for 1 above: wt 55 mg. It was shown to be homogeneous by thin-layer chromatography and paper electrophoresis at two different pH's (Table II). Amino acid analysis gave Asp, 0.97; Glu, 0.98; Pro, 0.94; Gly, 0.95; Phe, 1.00; Tyr, 0.97; Arg, 0.96; NH₃, 2.20; cystine, 0.42; mixed disulfide of cysteine and β -mercaptopropionic acid, 0.48.

S-Bzl- β -mercaptopropionyl-Tyr(Bzl)-Phe-Thr(Bzl)-Asn-Cys(Bzl)-Pro-D-Arg(Tos)-Gly-NH₂ (7). *tert*-Butyloxy-carbonylglycyl resin (2.74 g, 0.68 mmol of glycine) was treated as described for the synthesis of 3 except that Boc-D-Arg(Tos) and Boc-Thr(Bzl) were used in the first and sixth incorporation steps, respectively. Upon completion of the eight-cycle procedure the protected octapeptide resin was collected and dried in vacuo over P₂O₅: wt 3.06 g. Ammonolytic cleavage of the protected octapeptide resin (2.99 g) followed by extraction with warm (50%) DMF (50 ml) and MeOH (40 ml), evaporation of the solvents, drying, and trituration with 95% ethanol (20 ml) and ether (40 ml) gave 7: wt 244 mg; mp 207–211°. This was recrystallized from glacial acetic acid–95% ethanol: wt 151 mg (Table II). Amino acid analysis gave Asp, 0.97; Thr, 0.93; Gly, 1.00; Arg, 0.97; Pro, 1.06; Tyr, 0.78; Phe, 0.97; Bzl-Cys, 0.92; NH₃, 2.34.

Deamino[4-threonine]-8-D-arginine-vasopressin (dTDAVP, 8). The protected octapeptide 7 (100 mg) was deblocked, reoxidized, deionized, lyophilized, and purified as for 1: wt 34.1 mg (Table III). It was shown to be homogeneous by the usual methods. Amino acid analysis gave Asp, 0.98; Arg, 0.95; Thr, 0.92; Gly, 0.94; Phe, 0.96; Tyr, 0.90; Pro, 1.00; NH₃, 1.5, cystine, 0.32, mixed disulfide of cysteine and β -mercaptopropionic acid, 0.70.

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Antimalarials. 3. 1,2,4-Triazines

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The syntheses of a number of substituted 1,2,4-triazines as potential antimalarials are described. The structural requirements for antimalarial activity are discussed with reference to the substituents of a phenyl group in the 6 position and amino groups at the 3 and 5 positions. Of the compounds tested, 2, 5, and 7 produced cures in mice infected with *Plasmodium berghei*. Compounds 2 [3,5-diamino-6-(4-trifluoromethylphenyl)-1,2,4-triazine], 3, 5, 8, 12, and 37 produced cures in chicks infected with *Plasmodium gallinaceum*.

3,5-Diamino-1,2,4-triazines have been reported to exhibit antimalarial activity.¹ 3,5-Diamino-6-(4'-chlorophenyl)-1,2,4-triazine (1) was also found to be a competitive antagonist of folic acid and folinic acid in the growth of *Lactobacillus casei*, thus confirming the suspected relationship between folic acid antagonists and antimalarial activity.² We, therefore, undertook the synthesis of several 6-substituted 3,5-diamino-1,2,4-triazines to examine the effect of structural changes on the antimalarial activity of this system.

Chemistry. The route employed for the synthesis of 6-aryl- and 6-thienyl-3,5-diamino-1,2,4-triazines 2–10 was previously used in the preparation of related 1,2,4-tri-

azines.^{1,3} This synthetic scheme involves the reaction of an acyl nitrile with aminoguanidine bicarbonate in the presence of 8 N nitric acid and dimethyl sulfoxide. The acyl nitrile aminohydrazone, obtained as nitric acid salts 2a–10a, were cyclized with alcoholic potassium hydroxide to the desired 1,2,4-triazines 2–10.

Some structural modifications of active 3,5-diamino-1,2,4-triazines were attempted. The reaction of 4 and 5 with *N,N*-dimethylformamide dimethyl acetal in dimethylformamide gave 11 and 12. The reaction of 5 with phenyl isocyanate in refluxing 1,2-dimethoxyethane and 9 with *p*-toluenesulfonyl isocyanate in refluxing pyridine gave the corresponding monoureido derivatives 13 and 14,

Table I. Antimalarial Activity against *P. berghei* in Mice^a

Compd	Dose, mg/kg	T/C	Cures
2	640 ^b	0	2
	320	0	5
	160	0	5
	80	0	5
	40	12.8	4
	20	12.8	2
	10 ^c	6.8	0
5	640	15.4	3
	320	12.2	2
	160 ^c	7.1	0
7	640	9.9	3

^a Five test animals were used. ^b Toxic. ^c Active.Table II. Antimalarial Activity against *P. gallinaceum* in Chicks^a

Compd	Dose, mg/kg	T/C	Cures
2	640	9.9	3
	480 ^b	9.9	1
	240	6.4	1
3	320	2.2	3
	240	1.5	3
4	320 ^c	7.0	0
5	320	3.2	3
	160	3.2	3
	80	1.7	2
12	480	1.5	3
36	640 ^b	4.4	2

^a Five test animals were used. ^b Toxic. ^c Active.

respectively. The structures of 13 and 14 were assigned by analogy to previous reports in the literature that 3-amino-1,2,4-triazines react readily with phenyl isocyanates at ambient temperature to give 1-phenyl-3-[3-(1,2,4-triazinyl)]ureas.⁴ It was not possible to determine whether reaction had occurred at the 3 or 5 position on the basis of the spectral properties obtained (ir and ¹H NMR).

The synthesis of 3-amino-1,2,4-triazines has been previously reported.⁵⁻⁸ Both 6-methyl- (15) and 6-phenyl-3-amino-5-hydroxy-1,2,4-triazine (16) were similarly prepared by the cyclization of aminoguanidine bicarbonate with the appropriate α -keto acid. Compound 17 was obtained by treating 15 with phosphorus pentasulfide in refluxing anhydrous pyridine. 3-Amino-5-(2-diethylaminoethylamino)-6-methyl-1,2,4-triazine (18) was prepared from 17 and refluxing diethylaminoethylamine.

Several 3-amino-1,2,4-triazines 19 and 20 were synthesized from aminoguanidine bicarbonate and the corresponding dicarbonyl compounds in refluxing benzene. Other 3-amino-substituted 1,2,4-triazines 25-30 were prepared by the reaction of 5,6-disubstituted 3-(methylthio)-1,2,4-triazines with amines or hydrazine. The intermediate triazines 23 and 24^{9,10} were obtained by the

methylation (sodium ethoxide, methyl iodide) of 5,6-disubstituted 3-thio-1,2,4-triazines 21 and 22 which, in turn, were prepared from benzil or a substituted benzil and thiosemicarbazide in refluxing acetic acid.

Several 6-substituted 3-thio-2,5-dihydro-1,2,4-triazin-5-ones 31-34 were synthesized via cyclization of the thiosemicarbazone of an α -keto acid in ethanolic sodium ethoxide. The reaction of 31 with ethanolic sodium ethoxide and methyl iodide afforded 6-methyl-3-(methylthio)-4,5-dihydro-1,2,4-triazin-5-one (35) as the sodium salt. Treatment of 6-methyl-3,5-dithio-1,2,4-triazine (36) with sodium ethoxide and methyl iodide gave the 3,5-bis(methylthio) derivative 37. The reaction of 37 with ammonia in methanol at room temperature resulted in the displacement of the 5-thio group to give 38. The structural assignment for compound 38 is based upon the previously reported reaction of 6-methyl-3,5-dithio-1,2,4-triazine with ammonia in alcohol¹¹ and the fact that 17 was shown to undergo facile displacement of the 5-thio group when treated with diethylaminoethylamine. When 37 was treated with 2-phenylethylamine at 200° for 4 h, two products (39 and 40) were obtained. The major product was the monosubstituted compound 39.

Biological Results. The antimalarial tests were performed at the Leo Rane Laboratory, University of Miami, and supplied to us by the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research. The tests were based upon the relative response of *Plasmodium berghei* malaria in mice¹² to each of the submitted compounds as expressed by the mean survival time of treated animals (MSTT) and the mean survival time of controls (MSTC). A single dose of the test compound was administered subcutaneously 72 h after the mice were infected with trophozoites of *P. berghei*. Untreated animals died within 6-8 days and had a mean survival time (MSTC) of 6.1 days. Treated animals were kept under observation for 60 days. The prolongation of life for 2.5 days was deemed statistically significant. A minimum mean survival time of 12 days was required for the compounds to be considered active. Animals which survived for 60 days and showed no parasitemia were considered cured. Compounds 2-17, 4a-8a, 19-28, 31-37, 39, and 40 were so tested. All compounds were examined at a maximum dose of 640 mg/kg with the exception of compound 2 (320 mg/kg). Compounds 2, 4, 5, and 7 displayed the highest degree of activity against *P. berghei* in mice. These compounds were 1,2,4-triazines that possessed free amino groups in the 3 and 5 positions and a phenyl group at the 6 position which was substituted with one or two electron-withdrawing atoms or groups. The compounds shown in Table I were curative.

Compounds differing only by the absence of one electron-withdrawing atom or group in the 6-phenyl substituent exhibited diminished activity. Compound 19

Table III. Acyl nitrile Aminohydrazone

No.	R	Yield, %	Mp, °C	Crystn solvent	Formula	Analyses ^a
4a	3,4-(CH ₃ O) ₂ -C ₆ H ₃	54	180.5-181	EtOH	C ₁₁ H ₁₄ O ₅ N ₆	C, H, N
5a	3,4-OCH ₂ O-C ₆ H ₃	91	204-205	Me ₂ SO	C ₁₀ H ₁₀ O ₅ N ₆	C, H, N
6a	2-Thienyl	53	170-172	EtOH	C ₇ H ₇ O ₃ N ₆ S	C, H, N
7a	3-Cl-4-CH ₃ -C ₆ H ₃	73	200-201	DMF-EtOH	C ₁₀ H ₁₁ O ₃ N ₆ Cl	C, H, N, Cl
8a	4-CH ₃ SO ₂ -C ₆ H ₃	<i>b</i>				
9a	3,4-(C ₂ H ₅ O) ₂ -C ₆ H ₃	<i>b</i>				
10a	3,4-(CH ₃) ₂ -C ₆ H ₃	<i>b</i>				

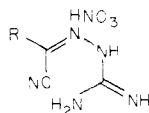
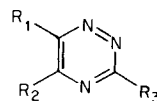
^a Analytical results are within 0.3% of the theoretical values. ^b Crude product used in next step.

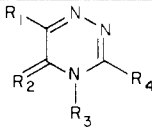
Table IV. 3,5,6-Substituted 1,2,4-Triazines



No.	R ₁	R ₂	R ₃	Yield, %	Mp, °C	Crystn solvent	Formula	Analyses ^a
3	<i>m</i> -CF ₃ -C ₆ H ₄	NH ₂	NH ₂	39	199-201		C ₁₀ H ₈ N ₅ F ₃	C, H, N
4	3,4-(CH ₃ O) ₂ -C ₆ H ₃	NH ₂	NH ₂	91	279-280	Me ₂ SO	C ₁₁ H ₁₃ O ₂ N ₅	C, H, N
5	3,4-OCH ₂ O-C ₆ H ₃	NH ₂	NH ₂	81	215-215.5	Me ₂ SO	C ₁₀ H ₉ O ₂ N ₅	C, H, N
6	2-Thienyl	NH ₂	NH ₂	85	275-276	Me ₂ SO-H ₂ O	C ₇ H ₇ N ₅ S	C, H, N
7	3-Cl-4-CH ₃ -C ₆ H ₃	NH ₂	NH ₂	63	225-226	EtOH	C ₁₀ H ₁₀ N ₅ Cl	C, H, N
8	4-CH ₃ SO ₂ C ₆ H ₄	NH ₂	NH ₂	33	316-318	Me ₂ SO	C ₁₀ H ₁₁ N ₅ O ₂ S	C, H, N
9	3,4-(C ₂ H ₅ O) ₂ -C ₆ H ₃	NH ₂	NH ₂	78	245-246	1. Me ₂ SO 2. EtOH	C ₁₃ H ₁₇ N ₅ O ₂	C, H, N
10	3,4-(CH ₃) ₂ -C ₆ H ₃	NH ₂	NH ₂	32 ^b	198-198.5	EtOH	C ₁₁ H ₁₃ N ₅	C, H, N
11	3,4-(CH ₃ O) ₂ -C ₆ H ₃	N=CHN(CH ₃) ₂	N=CHN(CH ₃) ₂	90	198-199	Acetone	C ₁₇ H ₂₃ N ₇ O ₂	C, H, N
12	3,4-OCH ₂ O-C ₆ H ₃	N=CHN(CH ₃) ₂	N=CHN(CH ₃) ₂	79	230-231	Acetone	C ₁₆ H ₁₉ N ₇ O ₂	C, H, N
13	3,4-(CH ₃ O) ₂ -C ₆ H ₃	NH ₂	NHCONHC ₆ H ₅ ^c	49	243-244	1. C ₅ H ₅ N 2. Acetone	C ₁₇ H ₁₄ N ₆ O ₃	C, H, N
14	3,4-OCH ₂ O-C ₆ H ₃	NH ₂	NHCONHSO ₂ C ₆ H ₄ -4-CH ₃ ^c	7	240-243.5 ^d	EtOH	C ₂₁ H ₂₄ N ₆ O ₅ S	C, H, N
18	CH ₃	NH(CH ₂) ₂ N(C ₂ H ₅) ₂	NH ₂	55	137-138	C ₆ H ₆	C ₁₀ H ₂₀ N ₆	C, H, N
19	CH ₃	CH ₃	NH ₂	21	203-205 ^d	EtOH	C ₅ H ₈ N ₄	C, H, N
20	C ₆ H ₅	C ₆ H ₅	NH ₂	64	172-173 ^e	EtOH	C ₁₅ H ₁₂ N ₄	C, H, N
21	C ₆ H ₅	C ₆ H ₅	SH	50	228-230 ^f	EtOH-H ₂ O	C ₁₅ H ₁₁ N ₃ S	C, H, N
22	4-CH ₃ O-C ₆ H ₄	4-CH ₃ O-C ₆ H ₄	SH	55 ^g	248-250	HOAc	C ₁₇ H ₁₅ N ₃ O ₂ S	C, H, N
23	C ₆ H ₅	C ₆ H ₅	SCH ₃	85 ^h	118-119	EtOH	C ₁₆ H ₁₃ N ₃ S	C, H, N
24	4-CH ₃ O-C ₆ H ₄	4-CH ₃ O-C ₆ H ₄	SCH ₃	55 ⁱ	135-137	EtOH	C ₁₈ H ₁₇ N ₃ O ₂ S	C, H, N
25	C ₆ H ₅	C ₆ H ₅	NHCH ₂ C ₆ H ₅	82	190-191	EtOH	C ₂₂ H ₁₈ N ₄	C, H, N
26	C ₆ H ₅	C ₆ H ₅	NHCH ₂ C ₆ H ₄ -4-Cl	34	175-177	EtOH	C ₂₂ H ₁₇ N ₄ Cl	C, H, N
27	C ₆ H ₅	C ₆ H ₅	NHCH ₂ C ₆ H ₃ -2,4-Cl ₂	62	178-179	EtOH	C ₂₂ H ₁₆ N ₄ Cl ₂	C, H, N
28	4-CH ₃ O-C ₆ H ₄	4-CH ₃ O-C ₆ H ₄	NHNH ₂	57	171-173	MeOH	C ₁₇ H ₁₇ N ₅ O ₂	C, H, N
29	4-CH ₃ O-C ₆ H ₄	4-CH ₃ O-C ₆ H ₄	NHCH ₂ C ₆ H ₄ -3-Cl	51	192-193	EtOH	C ₂₄ H ₂₁ N ₄ O ₂ Cl	C, H, N
30	C ₆ H ₅	C ₆ H ₅	NHCH ₂ CH ₂ C ₆ H ₅	70	144-146	EtOH	C ₂₃ H ₂₀ N ₄	C, H, N
36	CH ₃	SH	SH	56	217.5-219	H ₂ O	C ₄ H ₈ N ₃ S ₂	C, H, N
37	CH ₃	SCH ₃	SCH ₃	47	78-79.5	EtOH	C ₆ H ₆ N ₃ S ₂	C, H, N, S
38	CH ₃	NH ₂	SCH ₃	28	174.5-175	1. EtOH-C ₆ H ₆ 2. EtOH-H ₂ O 3. H ₂ O	C ₅ H ₈ N ₄ S	C, H, N, S
39	CH ₃	NH(CH ₂) ₂ C ₆ H ₅	SCH ₃	47	142-143	1. EtOH-H ₂ O 2. Chromato- graphy	C ₁₃ H ₁₆ N ₄ S	C, H, N
40	CH ₃	NH(CH ₂) ₂ C ₆ H ₅	NH(CH ₂) ₂ C ₆ H ₅	20	147-148	1. EtOH-H ₂ O 2. Chromato- graphy	C ₂₀ H ₂₃ N ₅	C, H, N

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Table V. 3,4,5,6-Substituted 1,2,4-Triazines



No.	R ₁	R ₂	R ₃	R ₄	Yield, %	Mp, °C	Crystn solvent	Formula	Analyses ^a
15	CH ₃	O	H	NH ₂	100	>300 ^b	H ₂ O	C ₄ H ₆ N ₄ O	
16	C ₆ H ₅	O	H	NH ₂	30	335-338	H ₂ O	C ₉ H ₈ N ₄ O·H ₂ O	C, H
17	CH ₃	S	H	NH ₂	9	>315 dec	H ₂ O	C ₂ H ₆ N ₃ S	C, H, N, S
31	CH ₃	O	H	SH	59	217.5-218.5	H ₂ O	C ₄ H ₆ N ₃ OS	C, H, N, S
32	(CH ₂) ₂ CO ₂ H	O	H	SH	100	212-213.5	H ₂ O	C ₆ H ₇ N ₃ O ₃ S	C, H, N, S
33	CH ₂ C ₆ H ₄ -4-OH	O	H	SH	61	230-231.5	EtOH-H ₂ O	C ₁₀ H ₈ N ₃ O ₂ S	C, H, N, S
34	C ₆ H ₅	O	C ₂ H ₅	SH	20	205-206	EtOH-H ₂ O	C ₁₁ H ₁₁ N ₃ OS	C, H, N, S
35	CH ₃	O	Na	SCH ₃	33	299-300 dec	Acetone	C ₅ H ₆ N ₃ OSNa	C, H, N, S

^a Analytical values are within 0.3% of the theoretical values. ^b Lit.⁶ mp > 300°.

which had no phenyl group in the 6 position and only one amino group showed reduced activity. When one or both of the free amino groups were derivatized or protected, activity was diminished as in compounds 11-14. Compounds 3, 4, 10, 12, and 19 increased the mean survival time of the test mice (IMST) by 4.6 (640 mg/kg), 11.7 and 10.1 (640 and 320 mg/kg), 4.9 (640 mg/kg), 5.9 (640 mg/kg), and 4.2 days (640 mg/kg), respectively. The remaining compounds were inactive. Compounds 8, 20, 31, 36, 37, and 6a were toxic and, of these, five contained sulfur. Compounds 12 (48 mg/kg, maximum dose), 8, 19, 31, 32 (100 mg/kg), 5, 5a, 37 (160 mg/kg), 3-5, 7, 15, 34 (320 mg/kg), and 2 (480 mg/kg) were tested against *Plasmodium gallinaceum* in chicks as described for *P. berghei* in mice. Several of the compounds were active (Table II).

All other compounds were inactive. Compounds 2, 3, 5, and 8 possessed free amino groups in the 3 and 5 positions and a phenyl group at the 6 position substituted with electron-withdrawing atoms or groups. Compound 12 was similar to 5 but possessed dimethylformamido groups instead of amino groups at the 3 and 5 positions. While this compound displayed reduced activity in mice, it exhibited the same curative ratio (3/5) as 5 in chicks. Compound 37 produced 2/5 cures but was toxic. The remaining compounds were inactive.

Experimental Section

General Procedures. Melting points were determined with a Mel-Temp or Thomas-Hoover apparatus and are uncorrected. Microanalyses were performed by Midwest Microlab, Ltd., Indianapolis, Ind., or Galbraith Laboratories, Knoxville, Tenn. Analytical results (C, H, N, X) were within 0.3% of the theoretical values. Melting points, recrystallization solvents, percentage yields, and analytical results are given in Tables III-V.

The structures assigned were supported by ir spectra recorded on Perkin-Elmer 137 or 521 spectrophotometers and NMR spectra recorded on Varian A-60A or HA-100D spectrometers.

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