

from ligroin (bp 60–80 °C) to afford pure 33 (0.063 g), mp 83–85 °C.

(*Z*)- α -Methyl-*m*-(trifluoromethyl)cinnamic Acid. A solution of 14 (2 g) in EtOH (250 mL) was irradiated for 60 h as described above to afford a residue whose NMR spectrum showed, in addition to the signal at δ 7.95 of the vinyl proton of 14, a signal at δ 6.92 attributable to the vinyl proton of the (*Z*)-acid. The relative areas of these two signals showed the mixture to consist of the *Z* and *E* isomers in a ratio of about 36:65. However, all attempts to obtain pure (*Z*)-acid from this mixture were unsuccessful.

Pharmacology. Procedures for measuring the anticonvulsant activity and behavioral effects have been previously described.² Icem-CET (SPF Caw) male albino mice, weighing 17–22 g, fasted for 9 h, were used. The test compounds were suspended in 0.5%

methocel (90 C HG 400 cP) and administered by gavage in a volume of 0.2 mL/10 g of body weight, using suspensions at different concentrations. The ED₅₀ values for pentylenetetrazole antagonism were calculated by probit analysis,²⁵ carried out on the results obtained from groups of 20 animals per dose level (four or five doses for each product); animals were given the compounds 30 min before the pentylenetetrazole (130 mg/kg ip).

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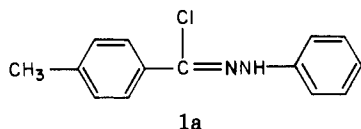
Structure-Activity Relationships in a Broad-Spectrum Anthelmintic Series. Acid Chloride Phenylhydrazones. 1. Aryl Substitutions and Chloride Variations

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The discovery of the broad-spectrum anthelmintic candidate *p*-toluoyl chloride phenylhydrazone was first reported in 1973. This account describes changes in anthelmintic activity with variations in substituents on the phenyl rings and modifications of the chloride moiety. Several congeners in the acid chloride phenylhydrazone series have efficacy against a variety of helminths of domestic animals.

The currently marketed broad-spectrum veterinary anthelmintics include a profusion of benzimidazoles and tetramisole.¹ Benzimidazole-resistant strains of *Haemonchus contortus*, *Trichostrongylus colubriformis*, and *Ostertagia circumcincta* have appeared.² The development of resistance makes discovery of an anthelmintic with a novel biochemical-pharmacological mode of action a high priority for the medicinal chemist with a veterinary helminthology orientation. Our screening and lead evaluation program resulted in the discovery of *p*-toluoyl chloride phenylhydrazone (1a), a compound with outstanding ef-

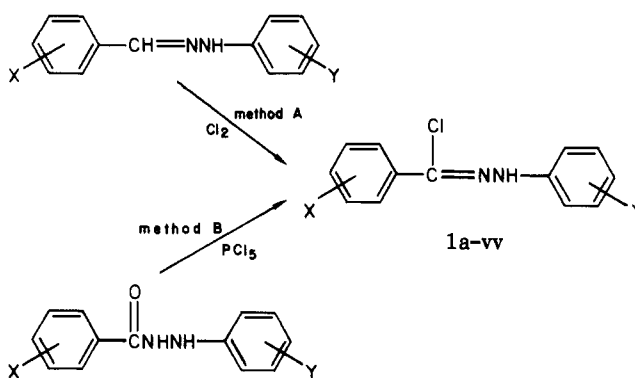


ficacy against common nematode and cestode infections in sheep.³ The chemical structure of 1a represents a radical departure from previously known anthelmintics. therefore, 1a is potentially a prototype of a class of compounds with a novel mode of action. The present paper describes modifications of the *p*-toluoyl chloride phenylhydrazone structure and resultant effects on anthelmintic activity in laboratory and domestic animals.

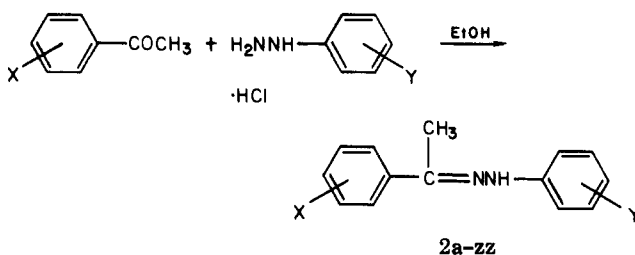
Results

Chemistry. Synthesis of the benzoyl chloride phenylhydrazone 1 was accomplished by either chlorinating the benzaldehyde phenylhydrazone (Scheme I, method A; see preparation of 1ss as an example) or reacting the benzhydrazide with phosphorus pentachloride (method B, see preparation of 1a as an example). The chemistry and characterization data for series 1 have been reported.⁴ The

Scheme I



Scheme II



acetophenone phenylhydrazones 2a-zz were formed by reacting equivalents of the acetophenone and phenylhydrazone under conventional conditions (Scheme II). Chemical and physical characterization data for 2a-zz are found in Table I. Unfortunately, many compounds in this series decompose to dark tars on standing at room temperature or upon attempting to vacuum dry. Structures are assigned on the basis of known chemistry and spectra. The benzophenone phenylhydrazones 3a-f were prepared by essentially the same methods used to form 2. The

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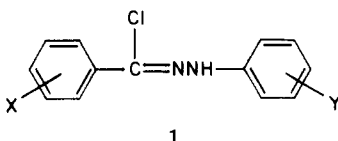
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Table I. Aryl Ketone Phenylhydrazones

no.	X	R	Y	mp, °C	% yield	crystn solvent	formula ^a
2a	4-CH ₃	CH ₃	2,4-Cl ₂	123.4	72	EtOH	C ₁₄ H ₁₄ Cl ₂ N ₂ ^b
2b	4-CH ₃	CH ₃	2,3-Cl ₂	116.0	83	EtOH/H ₂ O	C ₁₅ H ₁₄ Cl ₂ N ₂ ^c
2c	4-CH ₃	CH ₃	2,5-Cl ₂	117.0	84	EtOH/H ₂ O	C ₁₅ H ₁₄ Cl ₂ N ₂ ^d
2d	3-NO ₂	CH ₃	H	127.7 ^e	82	EtOH/H ₂ O	C ₁₄ H ₁₃ N ₃ O ₂
2e	3-NO ₂	CH ₃	2,4,6-Cl ₃	155.4 ^h	69	EtOH/DMF/MeOH	C ₁₄ H ₁₀ Cl ₃ N ₃ O ₂
2f	3-NO ₂	CH ₃	2,3-Cl ₂	168.4	81	EtOH/DMF	C ₁₄ H ₁₁ Cl ₂ N ₃ O ₂
2g	3-NO ₂	CH ₃	2,4-Cl ₂	138.4	94	EtOH/DMF	C ₁₄ H ₁₁ Cl ₂ N ₃ O ₂
2h	3-NO ₂	CH ₃	2,6-Cl ₂	124.3	92	EtOH/DMF/H ₂ O	C ₁₄ H ₁₁ Cl ₂ N ₃ O ₂
2i	3-NO ₂	CH ₃	3,5-Cl ₂	194.1	87	EtOH/DMF/H ₂ O	C ₁₄ H ₁₁ Cl ₂ N ₃ O ₂
2j	3-NO ₂	CH ₃	4-CH ₃ , 3-Cl	133.0	91	EtOH/H ₂ O	C ₁₅ H ₁₄ ClN ₃ O ₂ ^e
2k	3-NO ₂	CH ₃	2-CH ₃ , 3-Cl	158.0	71	EtOH/DMF/H ₂ O	C ₁₅ H ₁₄ ClN ₃ O ₂
2l	3-NO ₂	CH ₃	2-CH ₃ , 4-Cl	159.1	86	EtOH/DMF/H ₂ O	C ₁₅ H ₁₄ ClN ₃ O ₂
2m	3-NO ₂	CH ₃	4-Br	156.7	93	EtOH	C ₁₄ H ₁₂ BrN ₃ O ₂ ^f
2n	2,4-(CH ₃ O) ₂	CH ₃	4-Br	127.7	25	EtOH	C ₁₆ H ₁₇ BrN ₃ O ₂
2o	2,4-(CH ₃ O) ₂	CH ₃	4-CH ₃	142.1	33	EtOH	C ₁₇ H ₂₀ N ₃ O ₂
2p	2,4-(CH ₃ O) ₂	CH ₃	2,4-Cl ₂	112.6	41	EtOH	C ₁₆ H ₁₆ Cl ₂ N ₃ O ₂ ⁱ
2q	2,4-(CH ₃ O) ₂	CH ₃	2,3-Cl ₂	129.5	53	EtOH	C ₁₆ H ₁₆ Cl ₂ N ₃ O ₂
2r	2,4-(CH ₃ O) ₂	CH ₃	3,5-Cl ₂	90.6	86	EtOH	C ₁₆ H ₁₆ Cl ₂ N ₃ O ₂
2s	2,4-(CH ₃ O) ₂	CH ₃	2,6-Cl ₂	109.7	38	EtOH	C ₁₆ H ₁₆ Cl ₂ N ₃ O ₂ ^j
2t	2,4-(CH ₃ O) ₂	CH ₃	2,4,6-Cl ₃	112.9	67	EtOH	C ₁₆ H ₁₅ Cl ₃ N ₃ O ₂
2u	2-OH, 4,5-(CH ₃) ₂	CH ₃	2,4-Cl ₂	184.4	80	EtOH	C ₁₆ H ₁₆ Cl ₂ N ₃ O
2v	2-OH, 4,5-(CH ₃) ₂	CH ₃	3,5-Cl ₂	189.2	76	EtOH	C ₁₆ H ₁₆ Cl ₂ N ₃ O
2w	2-OH, 4,5-(CH ₃) ₂	CH ₃	2,6-Cl ₂	120.8	69	EtOH	C ₁₆ H ₁₆ Cl ₂ N ₃ O
3a	4-CH ₃ O	4-CH ₃ OC ₆ H ₄	2,4-Cl ₂	161.7	70	EtOH/DMF	C ₂₁ H ₁₈ Cl ₂ N ₃ O ₂ ^k
3b	4-CH ₃ O	4-CH ₃ OC ₆ H ₄	2,3-Cl ₂	114.4	60	EtOH	C ₂₁ H ₁₈ Cl ₂ N ₃ O ₂
3c	4-CH ₃ O	4-CH ₃ OC ₆ H ₄	3,4-Cl ₂	112.0	25	EtOH	C ₂₁ H ₁₈ Cl ₂ N ₃ O ₂
3d	4-CH ₃ O	4-CH ₃ OC ₆ H ₄	3,5-Cl ₂	141.2	51	EtOH	C ₂₁ H ₁₈ Cl ₂ N ₃ O ₂
3e	4-CH ₃ O	4-CH ₃ OC ₆ H ₄	2,5-Cl ₂	96.9	69	EtOH	C ₂₁ H ₁₈ Cl ₂ N ₃ O ₂ ^l
3f	4-CH ₃ O	4-CH ₃ OC ₆ H ₄	2,6-Cl ₂	110.7	60	EtOH	C ₂₁ H ₁₈ Cl ₂ N ₃ O ₂ ^l
2x	2-CF ₃	CH ₃	2,4-Cl ₂	48.4	66	EtOH/H ₂ O	C ₁₅ H ₁₁ Cl ₂ F ₃ N ₂ ^m
2y	2-CF ₃	CH ₃	2,3-Cl ₂	99.1	43	EtOH/H ₂ O	C ₁₅ H ₁₁ Cl ₂ F ₃ N ₂ ^m
2z	2-CF ₃	CH ₃	2-CH ₃ , 3-Cl	119.4	67	EtOH	C ₁₆ H ₁₄ ClF ₃ N ₂ ⁿ
2aa	2-CF ₃	CH ₃	2-CH ₃ , 4-Cl	93.3	69	EtOH	C ₁₆ H ₁₄ ClF ₃ N ₂
2bb	4-C ₂ H ₅ O	CH ₃	2,3-Cl ₂	119.9	74	EtOH	C ₁₆ H ₁₆ Cl ₂ N ₃ O
2cc	4-C ₂ H ₅ O	CH ₃	3,5-Cl ₂	136.0	80	EtOH	C ₁₆ H ₁₆ Cl ₂ N ₃ O
2dd	4-C ₂ H ₅ O	CH ₃	3,4-Cl ₂	111.7	46	EtOH	C ₁₆ H ₁₆ Cl ₂ N ₃ O
2ee	4-CN	CH ₃	2,4,6-Cl ₃	160.5	81	EtOH/DMF	C ₁₅ H ₁₀ Cl ₃ N ₃
2ff	4-CN	CH ₃	4-Br	178.7	68	EtOH/DMF	C ₁₅ H ₁₂ BrN ₃
2gg	4-NO ₂	CH ₃	2,4-(NO ₂) ₂	264.8 ^o	72	dioxane/DMF	C ₁₄ H ₁₁ N ₃ O ₄
2hh	4-NO ₂	CH ₃	H	136.7 ^p	87	EtOH/H ₂ O	C ₁₄ H ₁₃ N ₃ O ₂
2ii	4-NO ₂	CH ₃	2-CH ₃ , 4-Cl	182.1	90	EtOH/H ₂ O	C ₁₅ H ₁₄ ClN ₃ O ₂ ^q
2ij	4-NO ₂	CH ₃	2-CH ₃ , 3-Cl	187.9	91	EtOH/H ₂ O	C ₁₅ H ₁₄ ClN ₃ O ₂
2kk	4-CN	CH ₃	2,4-Cl ₂	205.4	85	EtOH/DMF	C ₁₅ H ₁₁ Cl ₂ N ₃
2ll	4-CN	CH ₃	2,3-Cl ₂	163.8	84	EtOH/DMF	C ₁₅ H ₁₁ Cl ₂ N ₃
2mm	4-CN	CH ₃	3,5-Cl ₂	226.0	78	EtOH/DMF	C ₁₅ H ₁₁ Cl ₂ N ₃
2nn	4-CN	CH ₃	2,6-Cl ₂	127.6	87	EtOH/DMF	C ₁₅ H ₁₁ Cl ₂ N ₃
2oo	4-CN	CH ₃	2,5-Cl ₂	157.4	70	EtOH/DMF	C ₁₅ H ₁₁ Cl ₂ N ₃
2pp	4-CN	CH ₃	3,4-Cl ₂	193.3	72	EtOH/DMF	C ₁₅ H ₁₁ Cl ₂ N ₃
2qq	3-CF ₃	CH ₃	2,4-Cl ₂	111.6	91	EtOH	C ₁₅ H ₁₁ Cl ₂ F ₃ N ₂
2rr	4-Cl	CH ₃	2,4-Cl ₂	136.6 ^r	75	EtOH/DMF/H ₂ O	C ₁₄ H ₁₁ Cl ₃ N ₂
2ss	4-Cl	CH ₃	2,3-Cl ₂	131.1	78	EtOH/DMF/H ₂ O	C ₁₄ H ₁₁ Cl ₃ N ₂
2tt	4-Cl	CH ₃	3,5-Cl ₂	126.6	50	EtOH/H ₂ O	C ₁₄ H ₁₁ Cl ₃ N ₂
2uu	4-Cl	CH ₃	2,5-Cl ₂	80.1	70	EtOH/DMF/H ₂ O	C ₁₄ H ₁₁ Cl ₃ N ₂
2vv	4-Cl	CH ₃	4-CH ₃ , 3-Cl	97.3	62	EtOH	C ₁₅ H ₁₄ Cl ₂ N ₂
2ww	4-Cl	CH ₃	2-CH ₃ , 4-Cl	124.9	78	EtOH	C ₁₅ H ₁₄ Cl ₂ N ₂ ^s
2xx	4-F	CH ₃	2,4-Cl ₂	114.5	87	EtOH/H ₂ O	C ₁₄ H ₁₁ Cl ₂ FN ₂
2yy	4-F	CH ₃	2,3-Cl ₂	144.6	83	EtOH/H ₂ O	C ₁₄ H ₁₁ Cl ₂ FN ₂
2zz	4-F	CH ₃	3,4-Cl ₂	109.3	76	EtOH/H ₂ O	C ₁₄ H ₁₁ Cl ₂ FN ₂
4a	H	CF ₃	2,6-Cl ₂	100.2	10	Skelly B	C ₁₄ H ₉ Cl ₂ F ₃ N ₂
4b	H	CF ₃	2,3-Cl ₂	93.1	65	Skelly B	C ₁₄ H ₉ Cl ₂ F ₃ N ₂
4c	H	CF ₃	2,4-Cl ₂	45.8	74	MeOH	C ₁₄ H ₉ Cl ₂ F ₃ N ₂
4d	H	CF ₃	2,5-Cl ₂	81.0	66	Skelly B	C ₁₄ H ₉ Cl ₂ F ₃ N ₂
4e	H	CF ₃	3,4-Cl ₂	81.3	75	Skelly B	C ₁₄ H ₉ Cl ₂ F ₃ N ₂
4f	H	CF ₃	3,5-Cl ₂	104.7	76	Skelly B	C ₁₄ H ₉ Cl ₂ F ₃ N ₂
4g	H	CF ₃	2-CH ₃ , 3-Cl	108.2	71	Skelly B	C ₁₅ H ₁₂ ClF ₃ N ₂
4h	H	CF ₃	2-CH ₃ , 4-Cl	74.8	62	Skelly B	C ₁₅ H ₁₂ ClF ₃ N ₂

^a Unless otherwise indicated, analyses for the elements C, H, and N were obtained within $\pm 0.4\%$ of the theoretical values. All compounds had reasonable IR spectra. ^b N: calcd, 9.56; found, 9.15. ^c C: calcd, 61.43; found, 60.79. ^d C: calcd, 61.43; found, 60.91. ^e C: calcd, 59.31; found, 58.90. ^f C: calcd, 50.38; found, 49.93. ^g Literature¹ mp 125-128 °C. ^h Literature⁹ mp 156-157 °C. ⁱ N: calcd, 8.76; found, 8.24. ^j C: calcd, 56.64; found, 56.19. ^k C: calcd, 62.84; found, 62.29. ^l C: calcd, 62.84; found, 62.33. ^m C: calcd, 51.87; found, 51.41. ⁿ C: calcd, 58.81; found, 58.33. ^o Literature¹¹ mp 268-269 °C. ^p Literature¹² mp 132 °C. ^q N: calcd, 13.84; found, 14.28. ^r Literature¹⁴ mp 150 °C. ^s N: calcd, 9.56; found, 9.14.

Table II. Anthelmintic Evaluation of Benzoyl Chloride Phenylhydrazones (1) in the Mouse



no.	X	Y	dose, (mg/mouse)/day	% clearance ^a		
				<i>S. obvelata</i>	<i>N. dubius</i>	<i>H. nana</i>
1a	4-CH ₃	H	0.25	100	20	
1b	H	H	0.45		100	40
1c	4-Cl	H	6.1	toxic		
1d	3,4-Cl ₂	H	7.5		100	
1e	4-NO ₂	H	7.5		0	0
1g	3-CF ₃	H	1.87		0	75
1h	4-I	H	1.87	100	80	
1i	3-CH ₃	H	0.12		0	0
1j	3-Cl	H	1.87	100	100	
1k	4-(CH ₃) ₂ CH	H	0.47	0	0	
1l	2,4-Cl ₂	H	0.47	0	0	
1m	2-Cl, 4-NO ₂	H	7.5	0	0	
1n	2-Cl	H	1.87	20	40	
1o	3,5-Cl ₂	H	0.57	25	0	
1p	2,3,4,5,6-F ₅	H	0.45	0	0	
1q	4-Br	H	0.47		100	100
1u	H	4-NO ₂	7.5		0	
1w	H	2,4,6-Cl ₃	1.87	20	80	
1x	H	2-CH ₃	0.47	0	100	
1y	H	4-Cl	0.47	80	100	
1bb	H	2,4,5-Cl ₃	3.75	33	0	
1ee	H	2-CH ₃ , 4-Cl	7.5	0	0	
1nn	3,4-Cl ₂	2,4,6-Cl ₃	7.5		0	0
1oo	2,6-Cl ₂	2,4,6-Cl ₃	7.5		0	0
1vv	4-SCH ₃	H	1.87	100	100	
1ss	3-Cl	2,4,6-Cl ₃	7.5	100	50	
1uu	3-CH ₃ , 4-NO ₂	H	3.75	100	80	
1tt	4-Br	2,4,6-Cl ₃	3.75	40	0	
1cc	H	2,4-Br ₂	0.32	0	0	
1dd	4-C ₄ H ₉ O	H	1.5	100		100

^a Five mice treated 4 days orally; no values cited means there were no parasites.

chemical and physical characterization data for 3 are also found in Table I.

Synthesis of 2,2,2-trifluoroacetophenone hydrazones (4) was accomplished by a modification of the method of Simons⁵ and Sykes.⁶ Except for the 2,4-dinitrophenylhydrazone of 2,2,2-trifluoroacetophenone, all the compounds prepared in this series are novel. The chemical and physical characterization data are found in Table I. The 2,4-dinitrophenylhydrazone of 2,2,2-trifluoroacetophenone has been reported by Simons as having mp 94.5–95.5 °C and by Sykes as having mp 106–107.5 °C. From our studies (see Experimental Section) we believe the compound reported by both Simons and Sykes is the syn isomer (isomer A, mp 106.6 °C) 4k. It is probable that

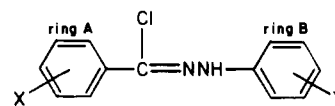
we were able to isolate both the syn and the anti isomer 4j and 4k respectively, because we worked up the reaction product after a 24-h reaction rather than 1 week as did both Simons and Sykes. At 24 h both the kinetically favored product 4k and the thermodynamically favored product 4j were present. An interpretation of our observations is represented in Scheme III. Isomer A and isomer B differ significantly in melting points and in their ultraviolet and infrared spectra but give, within experimental error, identical combustion analyses for C₁₄H₉F₃N₄O₄. Isomer B is readily converted to isomer A in alcohol containing a trace of mineral acid.

The other hydrazones of 2,2,2-trifluoroacetophenone (4a–i) were isolated in only one isomeric form. Apparently in these situations the kinetically controlled product, the anti isomer, is also the thermodynamically favored product.

The bis(phenylhydrazones) of phenylglyoxal (5a–c) were prepared by reacting the phenylhydrazine with the α,α -dichloroacetophenone.

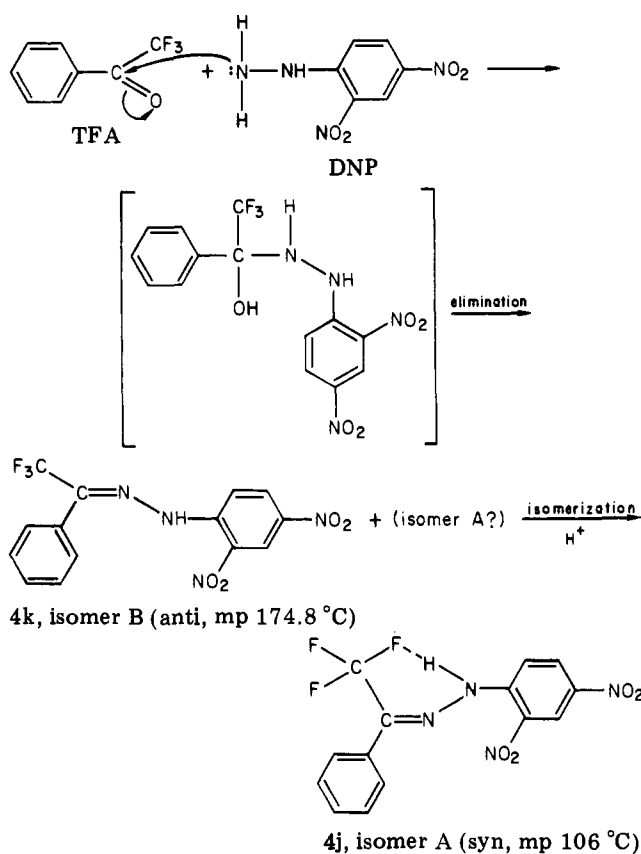
Discussion

Structure–Activity Relationships. We, like many other investigators, use a laboratory animal as the host for initial or primary screening of chemicals for anthelmintic effects. Many of our benzoyl chloride phenylhydrazones (1) were evaluated for activity against three mouse hel-



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Scheme III



minths, *Syphacia obvelata*, *Nematospiroides dubius*, and *Hymenolepis nana* (Table II). The dosage used was generally the highest dose [up to 7.5 (mg/mouse)/day] which did not elicit toxic effects on the mouse. In some instances, availability of drug was a determining consideration. Examination of the data set (Table II) reveals no tendencies for any one species to be more susceptible or refractory than the other to this class of compounds. The most active compounds in the mouse model are **1d,h,j,q,y,dd,vv,uu**. The structural features required to give the superior anthelmintic activity in the benzoyl chloride phenylhydrazone series are meta and/or para halogen, alkoxy, alkyl, or alkylthio substituent(s) in ring A. These groups have moderately positive π and slightly positive or negative σ . The high activity of the disubstituted compound **1uu** is perplexing. That is, the single substituted analogues of **1uu**, **1e**, and **1i** are two of the least active compounds tested. The inactivity of **1i** could be because of the low dose tested [0.12 (mg/mouse)/day]. The good anthelmintic activity of **1uu** in comparison to **1e** is possibly caused by a moderation of the strong positive σ of the NO_2 moiety by steric inhibition of resonance and slightly negative σ of the methyl group. Noteworthy is the lack of activity of any compound with an ortho substituent in the A ring. Except for the *p*-chloro compound **1y** and *o*-methyl analogue **1x**, any substituent in the B ring gave compounds with little or no activity (**1u,ee**, etc). Multiple substitution in the B ring like in the A ring decreases activity. There does not appear to be the detrimental ortho effect operating in the B-ring substitution as is apparent in the A-ring case.

One of the primordial questions of this study was whether the acid chloride fragment or "active" chlorine is a necessary structural feature for anthelmintic activity in the benzoyl chloride phenylhydrazones. To attempt to answer this question, we replaced the chlorine ($+\sigma^*$, $+\pi$) of **1** with a methyl group ($\sigma^* = 0$, $+\pi$) to afford **2** and then

a trifluoromethyl moiety ($+\sigma^*$, $+\pi$) to give **4**. Other chlorine variations included replacement with a 4-methoxyphenyl (**3**) and a phenylhydrazone methine group (**5**). Anthelmintic evaluation of these compounds revealed a remarkable lack of activity when compared to our candidate benzoyl chloride phenylhydrazone series. Unfortunately, most of the B-ring unsubstituted compounds (compounds best in series 1) in series 2 and 3 were unstable and, therefore, not tested. Replacement of the chlorine with a *p*-methoxyphenyl (**3**) or phenylhydrazonomethine moiety (**5**) also resulted in inactive compounds.

Having detected a series of compounds (**1**) active against helminths of a laboratory animal, our next series of experiments involved evaluation of the benzoyl chloride phenylhydrazones (**1**) against helminths of the dog. The results of these studies are found in Table III.

In general, the substituents and substituent patterns of the benzoyl chloride phenylhydrazones (**1**), which gave highly active compounds in the mouse model, also gave the best anthelmintic activity in the dog. The most active compounds have a single methyl (**1a**), trifluoromethyl (**1g**), alkoxy (**1dd**), or methylthio (**1vv**) in the para or meta position of ring A. That is, substituents having positive σ with positive π or slightly negative σ with positive π enhance anthelmintic effects. Any substitution of the B ring or disubstitution of A ring gave compounds with inferior anthelmintic activities.

The benzoyl chloride phenylhydrazones (**1**) were evaluated in sheep harboring a broad spectrum of helminths. Review of the sheep anthelmintic data found in Table IV suggests that this class of compounds had a wide spectrum of anthelmintic activities. The compounds most active against helminths of the mouse and dog were also found to be efficacious for treatment of gastrointestinal parasites in sheep (i.e., **1a-c,g,dd,vv**). Compounds where the A ring was unsubstituted or substituted with groups with $+\pi$ and slightly $-\sigma$ or $+\sigma$ had the highest and most broad-spectrum anthelmintic activity. Likewise, the substituents and/or substitution patterns which gave the inferior anthelmintic effects in the dog and mouse were also less efficacious in the sheep.

An important question in using a model in chemotherapeutic (such as anthelmintic) evaluations is whether or not the activities of the model correlate with results or activities in the target animals for which one is designing compounds. In the present study we tested ten compounds against helminths of the mouse, dog, and/or sheep. We found five (**1dd,vv,w,g,a**) active in the mouse and also in the dog and sheep. One compound (**1p**) was inactive against mouse helminths but active against dog and sheep worms. Another compound (**1u**) was inactive against mouse worms and then also inactive against the helminths in dogs and sheep. Three other compounds (**1b,h,uu**) were found active in the mouse screen and then tested either in the dog or sheep. All three of these were also active in the target host. In summary, we found for the benzoyl chloride phenylhydrazone series the mouse model to be generally predictive of anthelmintic results one could expect in dogs and sheep.

Experimental Section

Infrared spectra were measured with a Perkin-Elmer 256 spectrophotometer. ^1H NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian EM-300X. Melting points were obtained with a Mettler FP1

Table III. Anthelmintic Evaluation of Benzoyl Chloride Phenylhydrazones (1) in Dogs

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no.	X	Y	oral dose/ treatment	% reduction in EPG ^a			
				<i>Ancylostoma</i>	<i>Uncinaria</i>	<i>Toxascaris</i>	<i>Trichuris</i>
1a	4-CH ₃	H	200/1	100	100	100	100
1a	4-CH ₃	H	250/1	100	100		
1a	4-CH ₃	H	275/1	100	99.8		
1g	3-CF ₃	H	100/1	100	100	100	
1h	4-I	H	100/1		41	0	
1h	4-I	H	200/1		63	100	
1p	2,3,4,5,6-F ₅	H	75/1		100	71.4	
1u	H	4-NO ₂	100/1	0	0		
1w	H	2,4,6-Cl ₃	175/1	31	26		
1w	H	2,4,6-Cl ₃	200/1	87	59	67	
1ii	H	3,5-Cl ₂	50/1		57	40	
1jj	H	3,4-Cl ₂	100/1	0	0	0	
1pp	2-CH ₃	2,4,6-Cl ₃	100/1	0	20	100	
1dd	4-C ₄ H ₉ O	H	10/2	92	75		
1dd	4-C ₄ H ₉ O	H	20/1	86	86		
1dd	4-C ₄ H ₉ O	H	20/3	0	100		
1dd	4-C ₄ H ₉ O	H	25/1	100	67		
1uu	3-CH ₃ , 4-NO ₂	H	100/1		0		
1uu	3-CH ₃ , 4-NO ₂	H	200/1		55		
1vv	4-SCH ₃	H	150/1	84	91	100	
1vv	4-SCH ₃	H	50/1	91	86	69	
1vv	4-SCH ₃	H	100/1	94	99		

^a No values cited means there were no parascites.

melting point apparatus (heating rate of 1 °C/min), and melting ranges were measured with a Thomas-Hoover melting point apparatus. Elemental analyses were performed by the Physical and Analytical Chemistry Department of The Upjohn Company.

2,2,2-Trifluoroacetophenone 1-Naphthylhydrazone (4i). To 105 mL of 50% H₂SO₄ was added 5.84 g (0.03 mol) of 1-naphthylhydrazone hydrochloride, followed by 105 mL of EtOH with stirring. To this solution was added 5.22 g (0.03 mol) of 2,2,2-trifluoroacetophenone, and the mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 48 h. The solid which separated was collected, washed with H₂O, and dried to afford 7.0 g of rust-colored powder. The crude material was crystallized from Skellysolve B to give 5.28 g (56% of theory¹⁶) of 4i as rose-colored needles: mp 109.1 °C; IR ν_{\max} 3325 (NH), 3055 and 3015 (aromatic CH), 1600 (C=N), 1582, 1526, and 1486 (aromatic C=C), 1360 (CF₃). Anal. (C₁₈H₁₃F₃N₂) H, N; C: calcd, 58.78; found, 58.31.

2,2,2-Trifluoroacetophenone 2,4-Dinitrophenylhydrazones (4j and 4k). By the procedure employed to prepare 2,2,2-trifluoroacetophenone 1-naphthylhydrazone, 5.22 g (0.03 mol) of 2,2,2-trifluoroacetophenone and 5.94 g (0.03 mol) of 2,4-dinitrophenylhydrazine furnished 10.0 g (94% of theory) of crude 2,4-dinitrophenylhydrazone. The crude material was suspended in 100 mL of boiling absolute EtOH. The mixture was filtered. The insoluble material (isomer B) was washed with 2 × 25 mL of absolute EtOH. The combined filtrate and washings were chilled. The solid which deposited was collected and dried: yield 4.18 g (39% of theory) of isomer A (4j) as yellow crystals; mp 106.6 °C; IR ν_{\max} 3290 (NH), 3110, 3070 (aromatic CH), 1621 (C=N), 1600, 1571, 1547, 1531, 1514, 1507, and 1494 (aromatic C=C), 1344 (NO₂). Anal. (C₁₄H₉F₃N₄O₄) C, H; N: calcd, 15.82; found, 16.29.

The EtOH-insoluble material from above was crystallized from EtOAc to afford 2.3 g (22% of theory) of isomer B (4k) as yellow platelets: mp 174.8 °C; IR ν_{\max} 3310 (NH), 3120 and 3110 (aromatic CH), 1621 (C=N), 1600, 1590, 1571, 1552, 1512, 1505, and 1495 (aromatic C=C), 1345 (NO₂). Anal. (C₁₄H₉F₃N₄O₄) C, H, N.

4'-Methylacetophenone 3,4-Dichlorophenylhydrazone (2a). A mixture of 4.03 g (0.03 mol) of 4'-methylacetophenone, 6.41 g

(0.03 mol) of 3,4-dichlorophenylhydrazine hydrochloride, and 100 mL of EtOH was refluxed for 1 h. The solid which separated was collected and then recrystallized from EtOH to afford 6.31 g (72% of theory) of 2a as white cotton-like needles: mp 123.4 °C; IR ν_{\max} 3375 (NH), 3020 (aromatic CH), 2918 (methyl CH), 1599 (C=N), 1495 and 1455 (aromatic C=C), 1270 and 1240 (CN). Anal. (C₁₅H₁₄Cl₂N₂) C, H; N: calcd, 9.56; found, 9.15. Synthesis of 2a typifies the method used to prepared series 2 found in Table I.

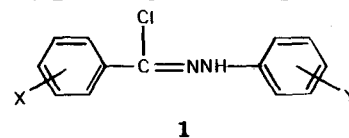
4,4'-Dimethoxybenzophenone 2,4-Dichlorophenylhydrazone (3a). A mixture of 7.26 g (0.03 mol) of 4,4'-dimethoxybenzophenone, 6.41 g (0.03 mol) of 2,4-dichlorophenylhydrazine hydrochloride, 50 mL of absolute EtOH, and 50 mL of MeOH was stirred at room temperature for 18 h. The mixture was heated to boiling and diluted with sufficient DMF to give a solution. The hot solution was slowly cooled to give, after collecting and drying, 8.39 g (70% of theory) of 3a as large amber crystals: mp 161.7 °C; IR ν_{\max} 3345 (NH), 3065, 3035, and 3010 (aromatic CH), 2965, 2935, and 2835 (methyl CH), 1608 (C=N), 1596, 1574, 1522, 1496, and 1464 (aromatic C=C), 1291, 1271, and 1243 (CN and aromatic CO), 1029 (aliphatic CO). Anal. (C₂₁H₁₈Cl₂N₂O₂) H, N; C: calcd, 62.84; found, 62.29. Preparation of 3a in representative of the procedure used to synthesize series 3 found in Table I.

2,4-Dichlorophenylglyoxal Bis(2,6-dichlorophenylhydrazone) (5a). To 50 mL of 85% H₃PO₄ was added 6.4 g (0.03 mol) of 2,6-dichlorophenylhydrazine hydrochloride at 75 °C. Absolute EtOH (50 mL) was then added with cooling. To this solution was added 7.74 g (0.03 mol) of 2,2,2',4'-tetrachloroacetophenone at room temperature, and the mixture was stirred for 5 days. The reaction mixture was diluted to 500 mL volume with H₂O. The solid which separated was collected and recrystallized from EtOH-Skellysolve B: yield 3.57 g (46% of theory) of 5a as yellow crystals; mp 103.9 °C; IR ν_{\max} 3320 and 3310 (NH), 3090 (aromatic CH), 1588 (C=N), 1577, 1535, 1496, 1474, and 1455 (aromatic C=C), 1278 and 1250 (CN). Anal. (C₂₀H₁₂Cl₆N₄) C, H; Cl: calcd, 40.98; found, 41.78; N: calcd, 10.75; found, 9.99.

2,4-Dichlorophenylglyoxal Bis(3,5-dichlorophenylhydrazone) (5b). By the procedure used to prepare 5a, 4.27 g (0.02 mol) of 3,5-dichlorophenylhydrazine hydrochloride and 5.46 g (0.02 mol) of 2,2,2',4'-tetrachloroacetophenone gave, after recrystallizing from EtOAc-Skellysolve B, 1.80 g (35% of theory)

(16) No attempt was made to optimize yields. The yields reported are isolated yield.

Table IV. Anthelmintic Evaluation of Benzoyl Chloride Phenylhydrazones (1) in Sheep



no.	X	Y	dose, mg/kg	rte	% reduction of EPG ^a								
					<i>Haemon- chus</i>	<i>Oster- tagia</i>	<i>Tricho- strongylus</i>	<i>Oesopha- stomun</i>	<i>Trich- uris</i>	<i>Strongy- loides</i>	<i>Nemato- dirus</i>	<i>Monie- zia</i>	<i>Cooperia</i>
1a	4-CH ₃	H	100	po	84	96	73	100	29	99	100		100
1a	4-CH ₃	H	150	po	100	100	98	79	25	100	100	100	
1a	4-CH ₃	H	200	po	100	100	100	100	0	37	100		
1a	4-CH ₃	H	300	po	100	100	100	100	0	100	100		
1a	4-CH ₃	H	400	po	100	100	100		0	100	100		
1b	H	H	100	po	87	95	100	89	0	100	100		
1c	4-Cl	H	100	po	100	100	99	100	0	100	100		
1g	3-CF ₃	H	100	po	98	98	97	100	35	98	100		100
1g	3-CF ₃	H	200	po	99	100	99	100	0	100	100	100	100
1g	3-CF ₃	H	250	po	84	86	71	91	57	59	29		
1g	3-CF ₃	H	350	po		100	100	100	0	100	100		
1g	3-CF ₃	H	400	po	100	100	100	100	62	100	100	100	100
1g	3-CF ₃	H	450	po	100	100	100		0	100			
1j	3-Cl	H	150	po	toxic								
1p	2,3,4,5,6-F ₅	H	200	po	85	93	0	100	10	93			
1p	2,3,4,5,6-F ₅	H	400	po	96	95	96		88	99			
1u	H	4-NO ₂	100	po	0	33	57	0	100	58	0	100	
1w	H	2,4,6-Cl ₃	250	po	98	100	98	95	63	95	82		
1w	H	2,4,6-Cl ₃	325	po	99	98	33		0	79			
1w	H	2,4,6-Cl ₃	400	po	85	100	77		14			100	100
1w	H	2,4,6-Cl ₃	450	po	94	100	100	0	29	100	63		
1dd	4-C ₄ H ₉ O	H	100	po	100	100	100	100	100	32			
1dd	4-C ₄ H ₉ O	H	200	po	100	100	100	100		100			
1dd	4-C ₄ H ₉ O	H	150	ip	81		0	71		0			
1ff	H	2,3,4-Cl ₃	100	po	0	0	0	0	0	95			89
1il	H	3,5-Cl ₂	100	po	97	100	100	0	100	45			
1jj	H	3,4-Cl ₂	100	po	toxic								
1pp	2-CH ₃	2,4,6-Cl ₃	100	po	85	67	14	11	0	85			33
1vv	4-SCH ₃	H	100	po	98	98	98	100	25	100	100		
1vv	4-SCH ₃	H	300	po	100	100	100		73	100	100		
1vv	4-SCH ₃	H	400	po	100	100	100	100	38	100	100	100	100

^a No values cited means no parasites.

of **5b** as green fine crystals; mp 227.6 °C dec; IR ν_{\max} 3300 (NH), 3085 (aromatic CH), 1599 (C=N), 1568, 1553, 1541, 1518, 1488, and 1450 (aromatic C=C), 1270 and 1233 (CN). Anal. (C₂₀H₁₂Cl₆N₄) C, H, N.

2,4-Dichlorophenylglyoxal Bis(2,5-Dichlorophenylhydrazone) (5c). By the method used to synthesize **5a**, 4.27 g (0.22 mol) of 2,5-dichlorophenylhydrazine hydrochloride and 5.16 g (0.02 mol) of 2,2,2',4'-tetrachloroacetophenone gave, after recrystallizing from benzene-Skellysolve B, 2.24 g (27% of theory) of **5c** as orange fine crystals: mp 208.2 °C; IR ν_{\max} 3350 and 3355 (NH), 3100 (aromatic CH), 1590 (C=N), 1547, 1523, 1500, 1474, and 1457 (C=C stretch), 1264, 1255, and 1241 (CN). Anal. (C₂₀H₁₂Cl₆N₄) C, H, N.

m-Chlorobenzoyl Chloride 2,4,6-Trichlorophenylhydrazone (1ss). To a suspension of 11.52 g (0.05 mol) of *m*-chlorobenzaldehyde phenylhydrazone in 300 mL of glacial HOAc at ambient temperature was added 11.7 mL (0.25 mol) of Cl₂ with stirring. An exothermic reaction ensued. The mixture was cooled to 20 °C, stirred for 0.5 h, and then filtered. The crude product was crystallized from Skellysolve B to afford 13.4 g (73% of theory) of **1ss** as white crystals, mp 127-128 °C. Anal. (C₁₃H₇Cl₅N₂) C, H, Cl, N.

p-Toluoyl Chloride Phenylhydrazone (1a). To 5.89 g (0.026 mol) of *p*-toluic acid phenylhydrazide in 100 mL of CCl₄ was added 6.25 g (0.03 mol) phosphorus pentachloride. The mixture was cautiously heated to reflux. After 2 h, the mixture was cooled and then chilled in an ice bath. To this mixture was added dropwise 13.18 g (0.14 mol) of phenol in 60 mL of CCl₄ with stirring over 0.5 h. Stirring was continued at 0 °C for 0.75 h, and then the mixture was concentrated in vacuo to dryness. The residue was suspended in cold (0 °C) MeOH and filtered. The crude product was dissolved in 25 mL of hot CH₂Cl₂, diluted with 25 mL of Skellysolve B, and concentrated to 30 mL total volume. Cooling gave yellow plates: yield 4.36 g (68% of theory); mp 134-136 °C. Anal. (C₁₄H₁₃ClN₂) C, H, Cl, N.

Anthelmintic Evaluations. The various compounds were evaluated for preliminary anthelmintic activity in mice and, if active, also in dogs and sheep.

Mice naturally parasitized with *Syphacia obvelata* were experimentally infected with *Nematospiroides dubius* and *Hymenolepis nana*. After a prepatency period of 2 weeks, the mice were allotted to treated and control groups. The compounds were formulated for intraperitoneal and oral treatments by grinding the material with a mortar and pestle and then suspending the finely ground material in a sterile aqueous vehicle consisting of 0.10% carboxymethylcellulose, 0.04% polysorbate 80, and

0.0042% polyparaben. The treatment(s) was then administered to the animals on a milligram per kilogram of body weight basis. Each suspension 0.1 mL, was orally administered via cannula or intraperitoneally administered via a 20-gauge hypodermic needle; each mouse received the treatment once a day for 4 days. Two days after the final treatment, all of the mice were necropsied and examined for the presence or absence of the parasites. Ratios were developed for the treated and control mice based on the absence of the three parasites. Activity was then determined by comparing the ratios of the treated mice and the nontreated controls. The percent clearance was found by subtracting the percent clearance, if any, of the controls from the apparent percent clearance of the treatment groups. A compound found to give 50% or greater clearance of one or more of the mouse parasites was further evaluated for activity in dogs and/or lambs.

Compounds were evaluated in naturally parasitized lambs. Anthelmintic activity was determined by the clinical test method (i.e., significant decrease in posttreatment helminth egg counts). The McMaster technique was used to determine the number of eggs per gram (EPG) of fecal material from each animal. Three pretreatment and three posttreatment egg count determinations were made on each animal. One animal was used for each compound and/or for each dosage regimen for each compound.

Each compound was finely ground with a mortar and pestle and then suspended by sonication in approximately 50 mL of the sterile vehicle as described previously. The suspension was administered orally using a stomach tube. Alternatively, the finely ground test compound was weighed and placed in gelatin capsules. The capsules were administered orally via a balling gun. Compounds active against one or more of the parasites of mice were also evaluated against hookworms and ascarids of dogs. Dogs naturally infected with *Toxascaris leonina* (ascarids) were experimentally infected with a mixed culture of *Ancylostoma caninum* and *Uncinaria stenocephala* larva. Test compounds were finely ground, weighed, and placed in gelatin capsules for oral administration. Three pre- and three posttreatment egg count determinations were made during the course of each experiment. A significant decrease in the posttreatment egg counts was the criteria used to determine activity.

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Quantitative Structure-Selectivity Relationships. Comparison of the Inhibition of *Escherichia coli* and Bovine Liver Dihydrofolate Reductase by 5-(Substituted-benzyl)-2,4-diaminopyrimidines

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In our previous publication (Blaney, J. M.; Dietrich, S. W.; Reynolds, M. A.; Hansch, C. *J. Med. Chem.* 1979, 22, 614), correlation equations were presented for the inhibition of bovine liver and *Escherichia coli* dihydrofolate reductase (DHFR) by 5-(substituted benzyl)-2,4-diaminopyrimidines. These equations brought out differences in the way these two enzymes interact with substituents, which explain the high selectivity of drugs like trimethoprim. We have tested and further developed these equations in this report. It is of particular interest that our previously published correlation equation for *E. coli* DHFR accurately predicted the potency of a commercial competitor of trimethoprim (tetroxoprim) now in clinical use. We believe that new and effective competitors for trimethoprim can be designed by means of the two correlation equations.

In our recent study^{2,3} of the inhibition of DHFR from bovine liver and *E. coli* by benzylpyrimidines I, we for-

mulated the quantitative structure-activity relationships (QSAR) of eq 1 and 2. *C* in these equations is the molar