surface of the mucosa; 3 = ulcerations of generalized diffusion, involving two-thirds or more of the whole surface of the mucosa; 4 = perforated ulcers.

Statistics. Percent inhibitions were calculated by comparison to control values, and statistical evaluation was made according to Student's t method.²¹

Acute Lethal Toxicity. Approximate LD_{50} values were determined in CF-1 male mice (Charles River strain), weighing 20–23 g, arranged in groups of three at each dose (30, 100, 300, and 1000 mg/kg). The observation of lethality was continued over a period of 5 days.

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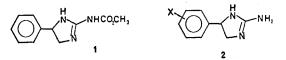
Synthesis and Central Nervous System Properties of 2-[(Alkoxycarbonyl)amino]-4(5)-phenyl-2-imidazolines¹

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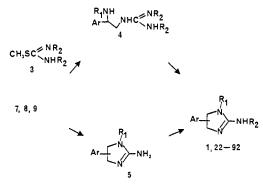
A series of 2-[(alkoxycarbonyl)amino]-4(5)-phenyl-2-imidazolines was prepared and evaluated for central nervous system (CNS) effects (antidepressant, anticonvulsant, muscle relaxant, and depressant) in animal models. Some separation of those CNS activities was achieved through substitutions on the phenyl and imidazoline moieties. Halo-substituted phenyl compounds were among the most potent antidepressants in this series, while imidazole N-alkylation produced compounds with increased depressant effects (loss of righting reflex, mouse behavior). Comparison of in vitro and in vivo data for pairs of 2-[(methoxycarbonyl)amino]-4(5)-phenyl-2-imidazolines and their parent, 2-amino-4(5)-phenyl-2-imidazolines, suggests that the title compounds were prodrugs for the 2-amino-4(5)-phenyl-2-imidazolines in inhibition of norepinephrine reuptake.

Through general screening in the mouse behavior assay we determined that 2-[(methoxycarbonyl)amino]-4phenyl-2-imidazoline (1) demonstrated an antidepressant



profile. Extensive pharmacological reports on compounds 1 and 49 have been published.^{2ab} The parent 2-amino-4-aryl-2-imidazolines 2 had been reported as antihypertensive agents, and several members of that series also exhibited significant CNS activity through the prevention





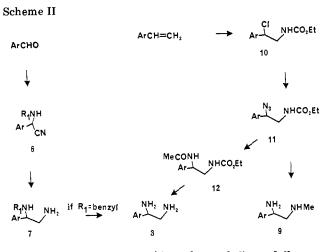
of reserpine-induced ptosis.³ Spurred by the potential therapeutic utility implicit in the animal pharmacology of 1 and also by the structure-activity correlations that had been determined for the parent system 2, we decided to

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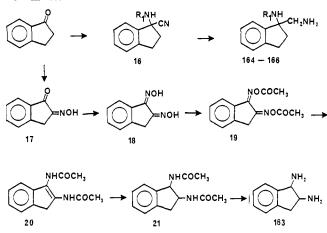


explore modifications of 1⁴ in order to define a full range of substituent effects on biological activity in that system.

The 2-[(alkoxycarbonyl)amino]-4(5)-Chemistry. phenyl-2-imidazolines 1 and 22-102 (Table I) were prepared by condensation of the corresponding phenylethanediamines 7-9 with the bis(alkoxycarbonyl) derivatives of 2-methyl-2-thiopseudourea 3 (Scheme I). The uncyclized intermediates 4 were isolated only in the few cases (Table II, 160-162) for which the formation of imidazolines was apparently slowed by steric hindrance. Typically, the diamines as their dihydrochloride salts were dissolved in water, treated with sodium bicarbonate, and then combined with a solution of the cyclizing agents 3 in organic solvents and reacted either at room temperature for several days or at elevated temperatures for a few hours. The most convenient method for the preparations of compounds 1 and 22–53 $(R_1 = H)$ was found to consist to simply combining solutions of the free amines and of the cyclizing agents in organic solvents (alcohols, ethers, etc.) and collecting the products, which crystallized from these solvents. The N-alkyl analogues 54-92 and 99-101 $(R_1 = alkyl)$, which were much more soluble, required a more extensive workup. Those diamines that did not cyclize easily with 3 were reacted first with cyanogen bromide, and the resulting 2-amino-4(5)-phenylimidazolines 5 were then carbomethoxylated by reaction with dimethyl carbonate. Reaction of 1,2-diaminoindan (163) with cyanogen bromide led to mixtures, from which the product 95 could only be isolated with difficulty. The 2-amino indanoimidazoline 95 was better prepared by fusion of the indandiamine with the sulfate salt of 2-methyl-2-thiopseudousea. Phenolic imidazolines 43, 51, and 74 and the N-(2-hydroxyethyl) analogue 88 were prepared by hydrogenolysis of the O-benzyl-protected precursors 44, 52, 75, and 89, respectively.

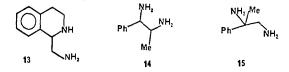
Some additional functional group transformations of phenyl substituents were also carried out after the imidazoline moiety had been fully elaborated. The methylthio substituent of compounds 72 and 80 was oxidized to methylsulfinyl with sodium periodate. The hydroxymethyl group of 76 was oxidized to formyl with manganese dioxide. Further oxidation of the aldehyde function of 78 with manganese dioxide and sodium cyanide in methanol afforded the methyl benzoate 79. We were not successful in converting the aldehyde function of 78 to a nitrile by a number of known methods (dehydration of the oxime with Ac₂O; DCC; trimethyl orthoformate and DCC-Et₃N-CuSO₄).





The method of choice for the preparation of the intermediate primary 1-phenylethanediamines 8 was a Strecker synthesis of benzaldehydes with benzylamine, followed by LAH reduction of the α -amino nitriles 6 and hydrogenolysis of N-benzylamines as discussed by Matier.³ Ammonium chloride was used instead of benzylamine in the Strecker synthesis of the 4-(benzyloxy)phenyl- and the 3,4-(methylenedioxy)phenyl-substituted ethanediamines. The N-benzyl group of compounds 7 was removed by hydrogenolysis over Pd/C. The hydroxyphenyl diamine 126 could be obtained by simultaneous O- and N-debenzylation of diamine 125. The diamine required for the synthesis of the benzylimidazole 102 was obtained via the same sequence of reactions, starting from phenylacetaldehyde.

When the N-alkyl-1-phenyl-1,2-ethanediamines 7 were required, the corresponding alkylamines were used in place of benzylamine in the Strecker synthesis. The same sequence of reactions was applied to the synthesis of 1amino-1-(aminomethyl)indans 164–166, starting from 1indanone. The synthesis of 1-amino-1-(aminomethyl)indan (165) by a slightly different route has been published.⁵ 1,2-Diaminoindan (163) was also prepared from 1-indanone (Scheme III) and was obtained with ease as its dihydrochloride salt (hydrolysis of 21, the diacetyl derivative of 163), a finding at variance with the literature.⁶ The 1-(aminomethyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline (13) was the



intermediate for the imidazolines 100 and 101 and was synthesized from isoquinoline according to Leonard and Leubner.⁷ Two known phenyl-substituted propane-1,2diamines, 14 and 15, were prepared by modifications of published procedures.^{8,9}

Since the hydrogenolysis conditions that are used to effect N-debenzylation (Pd/C) were incompatible with aromatic chlorine and bromine substituents, diamines 8 with these substituents were prepared (Scheme II) starting

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		position				formula	mp	o, ^a °C	crystn s	olvent ^b	lipophilicity: c
no.	Ar	of Ar	R ₁	R ₂	R,	(free base)	free base	salt ^d	base	salt	$\log k'$
1 22 23	Ph Ph Ph	$4(5) \\ 4(5) \\ 4(5)$	H H H	CO ₂ CH ₃ COCH ₂ CH ₃ CO ₂ CH ₂ CH(CH ₃),	H H H	$\begin{array}{c} C_{11}H_{13}N_{3}O_{2}\\ C_{12}H_{15}N_{3}O_{2}\\ C_{14}H_{19}N_{3}O_{2}\end{array}$	210-211 ^e 210-211 192-193	168	B B I	С	-0.19 0.17 0.94 ^f
$rac{24}{25}$	2-CH ₃ Ph 3-CH ₃ Ph	4(5) 4(5)	H H	CO ₂ CH ₃ CO ₂ CH ₃	H H	$\begin{array}{c} \mathbf{C}_{12}^{14}\mathbf{H}_{15}^{17}\mathbf{N}_{3}\mathbf{O}_{2}^{2}\\ \mathbf{C}_{12}\mathbf{H}_{15}\mathbf{N}_{3}\mathbf{O}_{2}^{2} \end{array} e$	218-219 242-247	117-118 ^g 162-163	D H	BG BG	0.94 ^f 0.16 0.26
$\frac{26}{27}$	4-CH ₃ Ph 2-FPh	$4(5) \\ 4(5)$	H H	CO ₂ CH ₃ CO ₂ CH ₃	H H	$C_{12}H_{15}N_{3}O_{2}$ $C_{11}H_{12}N_{3}O_{2}F$	205-207 203-204	180–184 144–146 <i>°</i>	C C	BG BG	0.26 0.30 -0.09
28 29	3-FPh 2-ClPh	4(5) 4(5)	H H	CO ₂ CH ³ CO ₂ CH ³	H H	$C_{11}H_{12}N_{3}O_{2}F$ $C_{11}H_{12}N_{3}O_{2}Cl$	206-207 $203-204^{e}$	142–143 ^{e, h} 160–162	D D	tG BG	-0.10 0.29
30 3 1	3-ClPh 3-ClPh	4(5) 4(5)	H H	CO ₂ CH ₃ CO ₂ CH(CH ₃),	H H	C ₁₁ H ₁₂ N ₃ O ₂ Cl C ₁₃ H ₁₆ N ₃ O ₂ Cl	197-198 194-196	$163 - 164^{i}$	Ċ C	BG	0.40 ^f 0.95 ^f
32 33	4-ClPh 4-ClPh	$4(5) \\ 4(5)$	H H	CO ₂ CH ₃ CO ₂ (CH ₃) ₅ CH ₃	H H	$C_{11}H_{12}N_{3}O_{2}Cl$ $C_{16}H_{22}N_{3}O_{2}Cl$	220-222 201-203		Ċ A		0.31 2.18 ^f
34 35	2-BrPh 3-BrPh	4(5) 4(5)	H H	CO_2CH_3 CO_2CH_3	H H	$C_{11}H_{12}N_{3}O_{2}Br$ $C_{11}H_{12}N_{3}O_{2}Br$	203–204 207–208	156-159 173-174	C C	BG BG	0.47 0.50^{f}
36 37	3-BrPh 4-(CH ₃) ₂ CHPh	$4(5) \\ 4(5)$	H H	CO ₂ CH ₂ CH ₃ CO ₂ CH ₃	H H	$\begin{array}{c} C_{12}H_{14}N_{3}O_{2}Br\\ C_{14}H_{19}N_{3}O_{2} \end{array}$	191–193 213–215		B C		0.77 ^f ⁰ 0.99 ^f
38 39	$4-(CH_3)_2CHPh$ $4-CH_3(CH_2)_5Ph$	4(5) 4(5)	H H	CO ₂ CH ₂ CH ₃ CO ₂ CH ₃	H H	$C_{15}H_{21}N_{3}O_{2} C_{17}H_{25}N_{3}O_{2}$	200–201 ^j 188–189		D J		1.30^{f} 2.28^{f}
40 41	2-PhPh 2-CH ₃ CH ₂ OPh	$4(5) \\ 4(5)$	H H	CO ₂ CH ₃ CO ₂ CH ₃	H H	$C_{17}H_{17}N_{3}O_{2} C_{13}H_{17}N_{3}O_{3}$	174–177 209–211	155-156	BC I	BG	1.06^{f} 0.55
42 43	3-CH ₃ OPh 4-HOPh	4(5) 4(5)	H H	CO ₂ CH ₃ CO ₂ CH ₃	H H	$C_{12}H_{15}N_{3}O_{3} C_{11}H_{13}N_{3}O_{3}$	176–177 198–199	110-112 ^g 180-183	D C	BG BG	$-0.07 \\ -1.11^{l}$
44 45	4-C ₆ H ₅ CH ₂ OPh 4-CF ₃ Ph	4(5) 4(5)	H H	CO ₂ CH ₃ CO ₂ CH ₃	H H	$C_{18}H_{19}N_{3}O_{3}$ $C_{12}H_{12}N_{3}O_{2}F_{3}$	221-223 229-230		BFI C		0.56
46 47	2,5-(CH ₃) ₂ Ph 2,5-(CH ₃) ₂ Ph	4(5) 4(5)	H H	CO ₂ CH ₃ CO ₂ CH ₂ CH ₃	H H	$C_{13}H_{17}N_{3}O_{2}$ $C_{14}H_{19}N_{3}O_{2}$	$220-222\ 214-216^{e}$	177-178 ^k	D F	BG	0.58 0.88
48 49	2,5-F ₂ Ph 2,6-Cl ₂ Ph	$4(5) \\ 4(5)$	H H	CO_2CH_3 CO_2CH_3	H H	$C_{11}H_{11}N_{3}O_{2}F_{2}$ $C_{11}H_{11}N_{3}O_{2}Cl_{2}$	207-208 235-236	$136-138 \\ 161-164^{e,k}$	CH A	BG BG	$\begin{array}{c} -0.08\\ 0.30\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{c} 50 \\ 51 \end{array}$	3,5-(CH ₃ O) ₂ Ph 3,4-(OH) ₂ Ph	4(5) 4(5)	H H	CO ₂ CH ₃ CO ₂ CH ₃	H H	$C_{13}H_{17}N_{3}O_{4}$ $C_{11}H_{13}N_{3}O_{4}$	202-203	178-179	I	CG	$\begin{array}{c} 0.10 \\ -1.51^{l} \end{array}$
52 53	$3,4-(C_6H_5CH_2O)_2Ph$ $3,4-OCH_2OPh$	$4(5) \\ 4(5)$	H H	CO ₂ CH ₃ CO ₂ CH ₃	H H	$C_{25}H_{25}N_{3}O_{4}$ $C_{12}H_{13}N_{3}O_{4}$	189–191 214–216	136-140 >130 dec ^m	I C	BG C	-0.14
$\begin{array}{c} 54 \\ 55 \end{array}$	Ph Ph	5 5	CH, CH,	CO ₂ CH ₃ CO ₂ CH ₂ CH ₃	H H	$C_{12}H_{15}N_{3}O_{2}$ $C_{13}H_{17}N_{3}O_{2}$	$145 - 147 \\ 135 - 138$	147-149	M J	BG	0.06 0.41
5 6 57	Ph Ph	5 5	CH ₃ CH ₂ CH ₃	$CO_{2}CH_{2}CH(CH_{3})_{2}$ $CO_{2}CH_{3}$	H H	$C_{15}H_{21}N_{3}O_{2} C_{13}H_{17}N_{3}O_{2}$	103–104 115–115.5		J J		1.15 ^f 0.39
58 5 9	2-CH ₃ Ph 3-CH ₃ Ph	5 5	CH ₃ CH ₃	CO ² ₂ CH ³ ₃ CO ₂ CH ³	H H	C ₁₃ H ₁₇ N ₃ O ₂ C ₁₃ H ₁₇ N ₃ O ₂	158–160 <i>°</i> 175–177	144-146	IK IK	BG	0.37 0.49
60 61	2-FPh 2-FPh	5 5	CH ₃ CH ₃	CO_2CH_3 $CO_2(CH_2)_2CH_3$	H H	$\begin{array}{c} \mathrm{C_{12}H_{14}N_{3}O_{2}F}\\ \mathrm{C_{14}H_{18}N_{3}O_{2}F} \end{array}$	178-180 98-101	151-154	IJ J	BG	0.14 0.87 0.77 0.51
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64 65	4-FPh 2-ClPh	5 5	CH, CH,	CO ₂ CH ₂ CH ₃ CO ₂ CH ₃	H H	$C_{13}H_{16}N_{3}O_{2}F$ $C_{12}H_{14}N_{3}O_{2}Cl$	117-120 ^e 153-155	139–141 ⁿ	1 1	BG	0.48 0.51
66	2-ClPh	5	CH,	CO ₂ CH ₂ CH ₃	Н	$C_{13}H_{16}N_3O_2Cl$	117-118.5°	167-170	J	BG	0.82

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from appropriately substituted styrenes, which were converted to β -chloroethyl carbamates 10 as described by Foglia and Swern.¹⁰ The benzylic chlorine of 10 was either subjected to the Gabriel synthesis to yield, after hydrolysis, the primary diamines 8 in low yields or displaced by azide ion to yield the β -azidoethyl carbamates 11. Reduction of the azido function with zinc dust in the presence of acetic anhydride afforded the β -acetamidoethyl carbamates 12, which could be hydrolyzed to the damines 8. The β -azidoethyl carbamates 11 were also utilized as precursors for the N-methyl-2-phenyl-1,2-diaminoethanes (9). This transformation was accomplished by simultaneous reduction of both functional groups with lithium aluminum hydride. As an alternate method, diamine 154 was also prepared by LAH reduction of the methyl amide of phenylglycine.

The bis(carbamate)s 3 were prepared either in situ or were isolated (sometimes admixed with varying amounts of the monocarbamates) by reactions of 2-methyl-2-thiopseudourea with the appropriate alkyl chloroformate and a base.11

Results and Discussion

The study of structure-activity relationships in our series was pursued by three types of structural changes. Phenyl substituents were varied to test for effects of position, bulk, electronic effects, and hydrogen bonding on biological responses.

Substitution on the imidazoline ring itself was changed by increasing the chain length of the carbamate (R_2) and by introduction of alkyl groups, on either one of both possible ring nitrogens (R_1) as well as on the adjacent carbons (R_3) . Finally, rotation around the phenyl-imidazoline bond was constrained by introduction of methylene and ethylene bridges.

Since the physicochemical parameters are covariables in the set of compounds in Table I, and assignment of a single biological activity to a single variable would be tenuous at best. Nonetheless, it is possible to organize the results in Table III along broad generalizations drawn from the sensitivity of a given biological activity to a particular physicochemical variable.

Antidepressant activity, as measured by potency in antagonizing reserpine-induced hypothermia,12 was found to be sensitive to the electronic nature of the aryl group (Ar), to the bulk of the carbamate and of the *p*-aryl substituent, and to lipophilicity. In the nor compounds $(R_1 = H)$, there was generally an inverse relationship of potency to lipophilicity (log k'), whereas in the N-alkyl series, higher lipophilicity was tolerated. Halogen substitution overcame the negative effect of higher lipophilicity, as evidenced especially by comparing compounds 36, 35, and 30 with 25 and by comparing compounds 86 and 83 with 82. Addition of one halogen to Ar generally led to the same or increased potency in the nor and N-alkyl series (27-30, 35, 36, 60-70, and 52, but not 32 and 34). Addition of two halogens substituted in either the 2.6- or 2.5-positions of Ar led to increased potency (48, 49, 85, and 86), whereas 2,3- and 3,5-disubstitution of halogen did not alter potency.

Alkyl substitution of Ar in the ortho and para positions led to decreased potency (24, 26, 37-39, and 58); however, alkyl substitution in the meta position resulted in equiv-

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Table II.	Diamine Intermediat	es for 2-Imidazolines and	Diamine Derivatives
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			Ar NHR1			
			NHR2			
no.	Ar	\mathbf{R}_{1}	- R ₂	formula	mp or bp (mmHg), ^{<i>a</i>} °C	crystn solvent ^b
110	2-CH ₃ Ph	CH ₂ Ph	Н	C ₁₆ H ₂₀ N ₂ ·2HCl	263-267 ^c	A
111	2-CH ₃ Ph	H	H	C ₉ H ₁₄ N ₂ ·2HCl	281-287	tCG
112	2-FPh	CH_2Ph	H	$C_{15}H_{17}N_{2}F \cdot 2HCl$	226-229°	B
$\begin{array}{c} 113\\114 \end{array}$	2-FPh 3-FPh	H CH,Ph	H H	$\begin{array}{c} C_{8}H_{11}N_{2}F\cdot 2HCl\\ C_{15}H_{17}N_{2}F\cdot 2HCl \end{array}$	260–263 238–241 <i>°</i>	B BG
$114 \\ 115$	3-FPh	H	H	$C_{15}H_{17}N_{2}F \cdot 2HCI$ $C_{8}H_{11}N_{2}F \cdot 2HCI$	298-300	AG
116	2-BrPh	Ĥ	H	$C_8H_{11}N_2Br \cdot 2HCl$	295-299°	ĉ
117	3-BrPh	H	Н	$C_8H_{11}N_2Br 2HCl$	284-289	HCl
118	4-(CH ₃) ₂ CHPh	CH ₂ Ph	Н	$C_{18}H_{24}N_2 \cdot 2HCl$	240-243°	BG
119	$4-(CH_3)_2CHPh$	H ·	Н	$C_{11}H_{18}N_2$ 2HCl	286-288	tG
120	$4-CH_3(CH_2)_5Ph$	CH₂Ph	H	$C_{21}H_{30}N_2 \cdot 2HCl$	240-242°	C
121	$4 - CH_3 (CH_2)_5 Ph$	H	H	$C_{14}H_{24}N_{2}$ 2HCl	215-230	B
122	2-PhPh	H CH Ph	H H	$C_{14}^{\dagger}H_{16}N_{2}\cdot 2HCl$	$290-292^{d}$	B BG
$\begin{array}{c} 123 \\ 124 \end{array}$	2-CH ₃ CH ₂ OPh 2-CH ₃ CH ₂ OPh	CH₂Ph H	H	$C_{17}H_{22}N_2O \cdot 2HCl C_{10}H_{16}N_2O \cdot 2HCl$	155–160 <i>°</i> 199–200	ADG
$124 \\ 125$	4-PhCH ₂ OPh	CH ₂ Ph	H	$C_{22}H_{24}N_2O 2HCl$	213-216 ^c	P
126	4-HOPh	H	H	$C_8H_{12}N_2O\cdot 2HCl^e$	270 dec	Ā
127	2,5-(CH ₃) ₂ Ph	CH ₂ Ph	Н	$\mathbf{C}_{17}\mathbf{H}_{22}\mathbf{N}_{2}\cdot 2\mathbf{HCl}$	245-250°	Р
128	$2,5-(CH_3)_2Ph$	H	H	$C_{10}H_{16}N_2 \cdot 2HCl$	332-334	AC
129	$2,5-F_2Ph$	CH₂Ph	H	$C_{15}H_{16}N_{2}F_{2}\cdot 2HCl$	234-238°	BG
130	$2,5-F_2Ph$	H	H	$C_8H_{10}N_2F_2$ 2HCl	298-302	B
131	$3,5-(CH_{3}O)_{2}Ph$	CH ₂ Ph	H	$C_{17}H_{22}N_2O_2 \cdot 2HCl$	224-227 <i>°</i>	P
1 32 1 3 3	$3,5-(CH_3O)_2Ph$ $3,4-OCH_2OPh$	H. H	H H	$C_{10}H_{16}N_{2}O_{2} \cdot 2HCl$ $C_{9}H_{12}N_{2}O_{2} \cdot 2HCl$	291–294 285–288 ^f	B BG
134	Ph	ĊH,	H	$C_9H_{14}N_2 \cdot 2HCl$	242-244	B
135	Ph	CH ₃ CH ₂	H	$C_{10}H_{16}N_2 \cdot 2HCl$	226-229	ĀD
136	2.CH,Ph	CH ₃	Н	$C_{10}^{10}H_{16}^{10}N_2^{2}g$	125-130 (25) ^c	
137	3-CH₃Ph	CH,	Н	$C_{10}H_{16}N_2$ 2HCl	200-202	AC
138	2·FPh	CH,	H	C ₉ H ₁₃ N ₂ F·2HCl	235 - 237	AG
139	3-FPh	CH ₃	H	$C_9H_{13}N_2F \cdot 2HCl$	234-238	BC
$140 \\ 141$	4-FPh 2-ClPh	CH ₃	H H	$C_{H_{13}N_2}$ 2HCl	199-203	B
$\begin{array}{c} 141 \\ 142 \end{array}$	3-ClPh	CH, CH,	н Н	C ₉ H ₁₃ N ₂ Cl·2HCl C ₉ H ₁₃ N ₂ Cl·2HCl	258-262 204-207	B B
143	4.ClPh	CH ₃	Ĥ	$C_9H_{13}N_2Cl 2HCl$	250-253	B
144	3-CH ₃ OPh	CH ₃	H	$C_{10}H_{16}N_2O$ 2HCl	239-241	B
145	2-CH ₃ SPh	CH,	H	$C_{10}^{10}H_{16}^{10}N_{2}^{2}S \cdot 2HCl$	177-180	\mathbf{D} .
146	4-CH ₃ SPh	CH ₃	Н	$C_{10}H_{16}N_{2}S \cdot 2HCl$	149-151	D
147	4-PhCH ₂ OPh	(CH ₃) ₂ CH	H	$C_{18}H_{24}N_2O \cdot 2HCl$	233 ^h	D
148	$4 \cdot \text{HOCH}_2\text{Ph}$	CH ₃	H	$C_{10}H_{16}N_2O \cdot 2HCl$	205-206 ^{<i>i</i>}	BD
$\begin{array}{c} 149 \\ 150 \end{array}$	2,3-(CH₃)₂Ph 2,3-Cl,Ph	CH ₃ CH ₃	H H	$C_{11}H_{18}N_2$ 2HCl	278 - 281 272 - 275	B B
151	3,5-Cl,Ph	CH ₃	H	C ₉ H ₁₂ N ₂ Cl ₂ ·2HCl C ₉ H ₁₂ N ₂ Cl ₂ ·2HCl	246-249	B
15 2	2,6-Cl ₂ Ph	CH,	Ĥ	$C_9H_{12}N_2Cl_2 \cdot 2HCl$	267-269	B
153	Ph	PhCH ₂ OCH ₂ CH ₂	н	C ₁₇ H ₂₂ N ₂ O·2HCl	179-181	ē
154	Ph	H	CH ₃	C ₉ H ₁₄ N ₂ ·2HCl	202-206	BG
155	3-ClPh	H	CH,	C ₉ H ₁₃ N ₂ Cl 2HCl	190-194	AD
156	2,6-Cl ₂ Ph	H	CH,	C ₉ H ₁₂ N ₂ Cl ₂ ·2HCl	248-250 °	D
157	3-ClPh 3 BrPh	COCH ³	$CO_2CH_2CH_3$	$C_{13}H_{17}N_2O_3Cl$	148-149	F
158 15 9	3-BrPh 2,6-Cl₂Pn	COCH, COCH,	$CO_2CH_2CH_3$ $CO_2CH_2CH_3$	$C_{13}H_{17}N_2O_3Br$	$157 - 158^{j}$ 135 - 137	tI
160	4-PhCH,OPh	PhCH ₂	$CO_2CH_2CH_3$ $C(=NCO_2CH_3)NHCO_2CH_3$	$C_{13}H_{16}N_2O_3Cl_2 \\ C_{27}H_{30}N_4O_5$	135 - 137 114 - 116 k	$_{ m J}^{ m tH}$
161	2,6-Cl ₂ Ph	CH ₃	$C(=NCO_2CH_3)NHCO_2CH_3$	$C_{14}H_{18}N_4O_4Cl_2$	147-149°	A
162	Ph	PhCH ₂ OCH ₂ CH ₂	$C(=NCO_{2}CH_{3})NHCO_{2}CH_{3}$	$C_{22}H_{28}N_4O_5$ HCl	164-165	Ċ

^a A satisfactory C, H, and N analysis for all compounds, except where otherwise noted. ^b A = MeOH; B = EtOH; C = iPrOH; D = MeCN; F = EtOAc; G = Et₂O; H = toluene; I = benzene; J = cyclohexane; HCl = constant-boiling HCl; P = precipitated by the addition of 2-propanol-concentrated HCl to the filtrate of the worked-up LAH reduction; t = tritiated with hot solvent. ^c Satisfactory analysis was not obtained. ^d The precursor N-benzylamine was not isolated. ^e Obtained by hydrogenolysis of 125. ^f N: calcd, 11.06; found, 10.65. ^g A salt was not prepared. ^h H: calcd, 6.27; found, 6.98. ⁱ N: calcd, 11.06; found, 10.47. ^j C: calcd, 47.47; found, 46.90. ^k C: calcd, 66.10; found, 66.52.

alent potency (25 and 59). The addition of a phenyl substituent resulted in a loss in potency (40). Para substitution of a hydroxymethyl or a carboxaldehyde group gave very active compounds (76-78). Addition of an oxygen or sulfur substituent to the aryl group resulted in a loss in activity (41-44, 50-53, 71-74, 80, and 81). No clear trend was evident in a comparison of N-alkyl compounds 54, 68, and 85 with their positional isomers 90-92 for any of the biological screens. Separation of aryl and imidazoline rings by CH₂ did not eliminate antidepressant activity (102).

Anticonvulsant activity, as measured by maximal electroshock antagonism,13 and muscle-relaxant activity, as measured by antagonism of etonitazene-induced rigidity,¹⁴

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			RINH	x R ₂		
no.	Х	R ₁	R ₂	formula	mp, ^a °C	crystn solvent ^t
163	H	H	NH,	C ₉ H ₁₂ N ₂ ·2HCl	300-305	AB
164	NH,CH,	PhCH,	н	$C_{17}H_{20}N_{2} \cdot 2HCl$	$210 - 212^{c}$	C
165	NH,CH,	Н	H	$C_{10}^{1}H_{14}^{2}N_{2}^{2}$ 2HCl	$2\overline{18}$ -220	Č
166	NH,CH,	CH,	Н	$C_{11}^{10}H_{16}^{10}N_2 \cdot 2HCl$	217 - 218	B

^a A satisfactory C, H, and N analysis for all compounds, except where otherwise noted. ^b A = MeOH; B = EtOH; C = *i*-PrOH. ^c C: calcd, 62.77; found, 63.48.

tended to follow many of the correlates of antidepressant activity. Thus, in the absence of overriding effects, there was an inverse relationship of anticonvulsant activity and lipophilicity. For the nor compounds, the optimal carbamate chain length was methoxy (except for 36), and for the N-methyl compounds, longer chains were tolerated. Relative to the standard compounds shown in Table IV, anticonvulsant and muscle-relaxant activity never reached high levels in this series.

Several types of substitution resulted in loss of anticonvulsant and muscle-relaxant activity. Introduction of substituents in the para position of Ar was deleterious for these activities. As had been observed in the antidepressent screen, oxygen and sulfur substitution of the aryl group had a deleterious effect on anticonvulsant activity; however, muscle-relaxant properties were not adversely affected as long as that substituent was not in the para position. The one exception was compound 73, perhaps because of its highly hydrophilic methylsulfinyl substituent. Halophenyl- and alkylphenyl-substituted analogues showed no pattern.

The fused compounds 95-101, which have the planes of the phenyl and imidazoline rings fixed relative to each other, were synthesized with the hope of gaining some insight into conformational requirements for biological activity. The lack of antidepressant activity with the indanoimidazoline 96 contrasts sharply with the good levels of activity shown by its closest relatives among the nonfused compounds 24, 94, and 1. This result indicated that 79 might be fixed in an undesirable conformation for eliciting antidepressant activity. The isoquinolinoimidazoline 100, on the other hand, was nearly as active as its closest nonfused relative, 58. For the spiro compounds 98 and 99, there were no really close relatives among the nonfused compounds; however, considering that 93, the only other compound that was substituted in the benzylic position, was not highly active suggested that the relative conformation of the two rings in 98 and 99 was compatible with receptor requirements. The conformation of the two rings of spiro compounds 98 and 99 is similar to the least hindered rotamers of the highly active di-ortho-substituted analogues 49, 85, and 92 and the orthosubstituted N-methyl analogues 58 and 65. It can also be seen from $\log k'$ values that differences in lipophilicity probably do not play a significant role for 98 and 99.

If a compound was classified as a depressant in the mouse behavior assay, it was investigated further for its effects on the loss of righting reflex (LRR).¹⁵ Several compounds were moderately active in this assay, and one of these, 82, exhibited a very clean depressant profile. In

general, compounds with higher lipophilicity possessed higher CNS-depressant and higher muscle-relaxant properties (40, 56, 62, 66, 67, 69, 72, 82, and 83). Exceptions to this are compounds where a single, large substituent was placed on either the imidazoline portion of the molecule (23, 33, and 87) or on the para position of the phenyl substituent (37–39). Here again, a larger carbamate side chain (R_2) was better tolerated in the *N*-alkyl (R_1) series. This becomes evident in a comparison of compounds 23 and 56.

Tricyclic antidepresants (TCA's) and many newer non-TCA's are characterized by their ability to inhibit the uptake of 5-hydroxytryptamine (5-HT) and norepinephrine (NE).^{12,16} This inhibition can be measured, for example, in brain slices in vitro¹⁷ or in vivo in the mouse heart.¹⁸

Table V contains a comparison of in vivo and in vitro data for three pairs of 2-(alkoxycarbonyl)amino-substituted phenylimidazolines 1, 49, and 66 and their corresponding 2-amino parents 109, 108, and 103. The dose responsiveness in either one of the two in vivo tests (reserpine hypothermia and inhibition of NE uptake in the mouse heart) within each pair differ by a factor of 5 at most. For the two in vitro reuptake assays, on the other hand, there is much greater difference between the members of each pair. This difference is more striking for NE reuptake than for 5-HT reuptake. These data suggested that the carbamates are hydrolyzed in vivo and thereafter exert their antidepressant activity through inhibition of NE uptake. Carbamates bearing varying alkyl chains on the same 2aminoimidazoline (for example, 1, 22, and 23) nevertheless may still show a widely different response in an oral antidepressant assay, perhaps due to different rates of hydrolyses and differing prehydrolysis distribution. It was also concluded by nearest-neighbor analysis that the carbamates were prodrugs (antidepressant activity) for the 2-aminoimidazolines.²⁵ However, we have not done any direct biotransformation studies, and there was no temporal trend in the reserpine hypothermia reversal.

However tempting it is to accept a prodrug explanation for how these carbamates might exert their antidepressant effect, one may not extend this explanation to cover the anticonvulsant and muscle-relaxant effects of these compounds. The difference observed between 1 and 109 and between 91 and 107 in maximal electroshock antagonism activity and between 91 and 107 in etonitazene-induced rigidity (the 2-carbamates are more active there than the

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2-amino parents) point to a different role for the (alkoxycarbonyl)amino group. We therefore conclude that the 2-(alkoxycarbonyl)amino-substituted arylimidazolines are not prodrugs for the 2-amino-4-arylimidazolines when it comes to manifesting anticonvulsant and muscle-relaxant activity.

Experimental Section

Pharmacology. Mouse Behavior Test.¹⁹ Male Simonsen (ICR) fBR mice weighing 18-24 g were given a 3, 10, 30, 100, 300, or 1000 mg/kg ip dose of the compound and evaluated in groups of three. Test compounds were administered as aqueous solutions in all animal models.

Loss of Righting Test. Male Simonsen (ICR) fBR mice weighing 18–24 g were tested in groups of ten following administration of compound. Righting ability before (unaroused) and after (aroused) rapid rolling in the investigator's hands was determined. The ED₅₀ values were calculated by the technique of Litchfield and Wilcoxon.²⁰ The aroused/unaroused ratio differentiates the nature of depressants. A ratio approaching unity suggests sedative hypnotic activity, while larger ratios (2–6) suggest anxiolytic and neuroleptic activities.¹⁵

 LD_{50} . Male Simonsen (ICR) fBR mice weighing 18–24 g were tested in groups of ten to determine the LD_{50} and 95% confidence limit.²⁰ In many cases, the LD_{50} was also estimated from deaths up to 7 days after drug administration in the mouse behavior test.

Reserpine Hypothermia Antagonism.²¹⁻²³ Male HLa (ICR) BR mice weighing 18–24 g were dosed ip in groups in eight with 5 mg/kg of reserpine 2 h prior to oral compound administration. Rectal temperatures were determined hourly; 1–4-h thermia was determined by an analysis of variance.

Maximal Electroshock Antagonism.²⁴ Male HLa (ICR) BR mice in groups of eight to ten of were administered compound, ip, 15 min prior to a transcorneal electroshock (50 mA, 0.2 s). Abolition of the tonic hind-limb extension was used as the end point for a quantal analysis by the Litchfield and Wilcoxon²⁰ method for the ED₅₀.

Etonitazene-Rigidity Antagonism.¹⁴ Male HLa (SD) BR rats weighing 70–100 g were tested in groups of ten. Compound was administered at 60 mg/kg, ip, 15 min prior to 0.0125 mg/kg of etonitazene, subcutaneously. At 5, 10, and 15 min after the etonitazene, rats were rated for trunk (3 points) and hind-limb (2 points) rigidity. ED₅₀s were determined when results at 60 mg/kg indicated a significant degree of activity. Results were quantalized by rating active, if the total score for each rat was reduced at least 60% as compared to etonitazene control animals.

Inhibition of [³H]Norepinephrine (NE) Uptake into Mouse Heart.¹³ Test compounds were administered ip prior to radioactive NE (iv, mice). At 3 h after the [³H]NE, the hearts were removed, washed, weighed, and dissolved in Protosol. The samples were then counted, and the disintegrations per minute per milligram of tissue was determined. The dose-response curves were determined from linear regressions.

Inhibition of [³H]Norepinephrine and [¹⁴C]Serotonin (5-HT) Uptake by Rat Brain Slices in Vitro.¹⁷ Rat cerebral cortex slices were incubated at 37 °C in Krebs-Henseleit buffer to produce a concentration of 5 mg of tissue per millilter of buffer. Doses of test compound were added prior to the addition of either

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0.2 μ Ci of [³H]NE (3.8 × 10⁻⁸M) or 0.005 μ Ci of [¹⁴C]-5-HT (3.8 × 10⁻⁸ M). Control samples were incubated without dosing, while blanks were incubated at 4 °C. After 20 min the incubation was terminated by filtration, and radioactivity in the tissue slices was determined. The IC₅₀s were calculated from the linear regression of the inhibition of the uptake.

Chemistry. Melting points were determined on a Thomas-Hoover apparatus and are uncorrected. The structures of all compounds are supported by NMR spectroscopy (Varian A60 and HA 100). IR spectra were recorded (Perkin-Elmer 217B) for all compounds except diamines and their salts (110-156 and 163-166). Elemental analyses (C, H, and N) were obtained for all final products and their precursor diamines. The results are within $\pm 0.4\%$ of the theoretical values, except where noted (footnotes in Tables I-III). The lipophilicities were measured as described (footnotes in Table I).

N,N-Bis(methoxycarbonyl)-2-methyl-2-thiopseudourea (3, $\mathbf{R}_2 = \mathbf{CO}_2\mathbf{CH}_3$). A mixture containing 150 g of 2-methyl-2thiopseudourea sulfate (0.54 mol), 215 mL of methyl chloroformate (2.77 mol), and 800 mL of water was stirred rapidly while external cooling from an ice-water bath was supplied. A solution of 172 g of sodium hydroxide (4.3 mol) in 800 mL of water was added at a rate sufficient to keep the reaction temperature between 15 and 22 °C. The pH was checked occasionally and was found to be mildly alkaline, except toward the end, when it became strongly basic. The addition took 2 h, and the product was extracted into two 400-mL portions of methylene chloride. The combined extracts were concentrated, and the product was recrystallized from 200 mL of MeOH, affording 115 g (52%) of the bis(carbamate): mp 98-101 °C (lit.¹¹ mp 100-102 °C); IR 1750, 1650, 1585 cm⁻¹.

2-Amino-1-(methylamino)-1-[4-(hydroxymethyl)phenyl]ethane Dihydrochloride (148). A mixture of 16.5 g (0.121 mol) of p-(hydroxymethyl)benzaldehyde, 10 mL of H₂O, 80 mL of MeCN, 10 g of NaCN (0.204 mol), and 14 g of methylamine hydrochloride (0.207 mol) was stirred for 20 h. The mixture was then concentrated to half volume under reduced pressure and below 30 °C. The solid was extracted with ether, and the combined extracts were concentrated to yield 19.5 g of the α -methyl amino nitrile, mp 51-54 °C. A sample was recrystallized from ether: mp 58-59 °C; IR 3260, 2220 cm⁻¹. A slurry of 8.4 g of LAH (0.221 mol) in 400 mL of ether was refluxed for 3 h and then cooled to -10 °C. To this was added under stirring a solution of the α -methyl amino nitrile in 120 mL of THF, while the reaction temperature was kept below -5 °C. The reaction was then stirred at 15 °C for 16 h and worked up by the careful addition of 40 mL of saturated sodium sulfate. The inorganic solids were filtered off, and the filtrate was concentrated. The residual oil was dissolved in 50 mL of EtOH and, under cooling and swirling, combined with a solution of 8 g of HCl (0.22 mol) in 120 mL of EtOH. The white crystals that separated on standing overnight were collected and dried under vacuum at 80 °C, affording 11.8 g (38%) of the p-(hydroxymethyl)phenyl-substituted diamine, dihydrochloride, mp 188-191 °C. A sample was recrystallized from MeOH, mp 204-205 °C.

Ethyl [2-Acetamido-2-(3-bromophenyl)ethyl]carbamate (158). Ethyl [2-azido-2-(3-bromophenyl)ethyl]carbamate (11, Ar = 3-BrPh) was prepared as described for the unsubstituted phenyl analogue. A solution consisting of 13.5 g of the azido compound (43 mmol), 13 mL of Ac₂O (137 mmol), 4 mL of AcOH (70 mmol), 70 mL of benzene, and 250 mL of THF was stirred mechanically. An excess of zinc dust (35 g) was added in portions over a period of 1 h, and stirring was continued for additional 2 h. The mixture was treated with 500 mL of EtOAc, 300 mL of water, and solid NaHCO₃ and then filtered after 1 h of stirring. The organic phase was separated, dried (K₂CO₃), and concentrated. The yellow solid was trituated with 100 mL of benzene, affording 7.0 g (49%) of pure, white product: mp 157-158 °C; IR 3320, 3290, 1690, 1645, 1550 cm⁻¹.

1-(3-Bromophenyl)-1,2-diaminoethane Dihydrochloride (117). A solution of 6.9 g of the acetamide 158 (21 mmol) in 50 mL of concentrated HCl was heated at reflux (135–140 °C, oil bath) for 16 h. Some product crystallized while the mixture was boiling. The crystallization was completed by cooling of the mixture in an ice bath. The crystals were collected, washed with 2-propanol-ether mixtures, and dried under vacuum at 100 °C. There was 5.9 g of pure product (98%), mp 284–289 °C.

Table IV.	In vivo CNS	Activities of 2-Substituted	4(5)-Aryl-2-imidazolines
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	mouse	loss of righ	ting reflex ^b	Ar/Unar			MES ED_{50} , b, d	
compd	behavior act. ^a	unaroused	aroused	LRR ratio	LD ₅₀ , ^b mg/kg ip	HYPO c	mg/kg ip	$\mathrm{ED}_{\mathrm{so}}, b, d \mathrm{mg/kg}$ in
1	ST-D wk				303 (231-396)	++	54 (49-63)	111 (76-207)
22	D wk				500f	(+)	75 (69-82)	+
23	D wk				700^{f}	Ì	I	+
24	D	144 (105-175)	172 (156-187)	1.19	300 ^f	+	~ 55	
5	D	100 (80-112)	157 (138-179)	1.57	500 f	$+ + \mathbf{V}$	~100	51 (38-65)
26	D wk	,	()	-101	$>1000^{f}$	(+)	I	+
27	D ""	210 (188-235)	234 (209-262)	1.11	255 (199-326)	+++	54 (46-66)	++
28	б	210 (100 200)	201 (200 202)	1,11	200 100 020)	++	70 (59-86)	36 (16-76)
29	D	200^{f}			500^{f}	++	$\sim 50^{\circ}$	30 (10-70)
30	D wk	200			300^{f}	++	48 (36-61)	40 (26-53)
30 31	D WK				300,			40 (20-53)
31 32	ST wk				500^{f}	+	79 (64-97)	
32						+ T	~ 200	+
33	D wk				200^{f}	I	I	I
34					aaaf	+	62 (52-77)	49 (37-89)
35	D wk				300 ^f	++	~68	28 (16-50)
6						+ + +	I	++
37	D wk				500^{f}	I	I	
88	D wk				200^{f}	I	I	+
39	D wk				200^{f}	I	I	+
10	D	70^{f}			200^{f}	(+)		++
11	D	155(132 - 181)	125(118 - 143)	1.24	700^{f}	Í	Ι	++
42	D	182 (170-193)	197 (183-213)	1.08	700 ^f	I	I	58 (37-117)
13	I		· · · · ·		700^{f}	+	I	- (-)
1 5	D wk				700 ^f	(+)	I	I
46	D wk				700^{f}	Ì	~100	-
17	2					-	T	58 (38-98)
18	D wk				>300 ^f	+++	49 (31-60)	++
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	ST-D				200^{f}	1 + +	107 (57-164)	• + + P
54	ST-D ST-D	100 ^f			200^{f}	+++	78 (59-118)	P
55		41 (32-49)	76(67-86)	1.85	247 (209-291)		70 (54-90)	r 31 (23-41)
5 6	D		10(01-00)	1.00		(+)	66 (49-88)	
57	D	84 (74-96)			117 (100–137) 200 ⁷	++		+
58	D	00 (00 100)	140 (101 170)	1.05		+	68 (58-78)	~82
59	D	90 (80-102)	149 (131–170)	1.65	475 (317-608)	++	89 (78-125)	++
5 0	D wk				254 (190-340)	++	74 (55-110)	I
51	D C	11 / 4	FF (00 - 50)	F 0.	500 f	+	23(18-29)	+++
32	D-ST	11 (4-26)	55 (38-78)	5.2	700^{f}	+ +	23 (18-30)	30 (14-74)
63					anaf	+++	I (30)	I
64	ST-D				200 ^{<i>f</i>}	+++	~100	+
65	D	49 (44-54)	92 (83-102)	1.90	238 (207-274)	+ +	28 (24-34)	37 (23-63)
66	D	30 (27-34)	64 (58-71)	2.14	200^{f}	+ + +	28 (26-35)	37 (24-50)
67	D-ST	46 (35-60)	67 (55-82)	1.45	700 ^f	+ + V	35 (31-39)	29 (18-43)
68	D	200 <i>f</i>	. ,		300 ^f	++	~100	++
69	D	70^{f}			300 ^f	+++	74 (56-98)	59 (44-75)
70	D				200 <i>f</i>	++	66 (49-88)	I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I
71	D	100 (89-112)	144 (116-179)	1.44	250 ^f	(+)	128(96-213)	60 (44-80)
72	D	70 <i>f</i>	()		200^{f}	I	I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I	++
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81 82 83 84 85	D wk D	41 (34-49)	66 (60-72)	1.63	>1000 ^f 300 ^f	I I ++ ++ ++	I 70 (53-87) 30 (23-37) 44 (38-49)	I 32 (20-46) 23 (16-31) +++
86 87 88	D wk D wk				500 ^f 200 ^f	+++ I ++	45 (35-57) ~100	+ + 58 (41-92)
90 91 92 93	ST-D D wk				200 ^f 200 ^f	++ +++ ++ +	I 31 (17-37) 22 (20-24) I	58 (39-89)
94 96 98 99 100 101	ST wk D wk D D wk D ST-D	200 ^f			200 <i>f</i> 700 <i>f</i> 700 <i>f</i> 300 <i>f</i> 200 <i>f</i> 200 <i>f</i>	++ I + (+) I	~90 44 (34-52) 75 (65-84) I	++ 61 (40->100) I
102 103 104 107 108 109	ST wk ST-D				70 ^f 300 ^f	+ +++ ++ ++ +++ +++	I I I I	++ + ++
amitriptyline imipramine doxepin phenytoin viloxazine diazepam	ST-D ST-D D ST-D ST-D D	40 (37-43) 67 (49-81)	43 (41-51) 136 (121-168)	1.14 2.0	$\begin{array}{c} 70 \ (65 - 76) \\ 85 \ (70 - 99) \\ 50 \ (33 - 75) \\ 700^{f} \\ 200^{f} \\ 321 \ (206 - 502) \end{array}$	+++ +++ I ++	14 (10-18) 15 (11-20) 16 (11-22) 6 (4-8) 17 (15-20) 7 (5-9)	8 (5-14) 6 (4-10) 7 (5-9) ++ 1 (1-3)
chlordiazepoxide phenobarbital	D D D	53 (44-64) 60 (55-65)	130 (121-108) 140 (114-172) 107 (95-121)	$2.64 \\ 1.78$	254 (223-290) 222 (188-349)	I	15 (13-18)	,5 (3-9) 22 (16-42)

^a Mouse behavior test profiles: D = depressant; ST = stimulant; C = convulsant; wk = weak; I = inactive. ^b 95% confidence limits in parentheses. ^c Antagonism of reserpine-induced hypothermia. Minimum oral dose producing a significant reversal: (+) = > 20 mg/kg; + = 5-20 mg/kg; + = 0.5-2.5 mg/kg; + + = < 0.5 mg/kg; $V = \text{excessive variability in data; I = inactive at highest dose tested (50 mg/kg). ^d Maximal electroshock antagonism (MES). ^e Antagonism of etonitazene-induced rigidity. ED₅₀ or results at 60 mg/kg, ip, coded as follows: <math>+ = 10-30\%$ reduction; + = 30-70% reduction; + + = >70% reduction; P = rigidity was potentiated by compound. ^f Data estimated from mouse behavior experiment.

Table V. Comparative Biological Test Results of 2·[(Alkoxycarbonyl)amino]- and 2-Aminoimidazolines

	in vivo reserpine ^a hypothermia	in vivo NE (mouse heart):	in vitro, IC_{50} , $^{b} \times 10^{-7}$ M		
compd	(po, mouse)	ED_{so} , mg/kg, ip	NE	5-HT	
1	1.25 (55)	1.3 (0.4-4.9)	1600	>1000	
109	<10 (60)	0.3 (0.1-0.6)	1	310	
49	0.15 (52)	14.2(5.1-42)	>1000	>1000	
108	0.15 (80)	6.5 (3.7-12)	1	78	
66	0.15 (62)	34 (13-133)	300	1500	
103	0.15 (57)	18.3 (5.1-73)	5	300	
amitryptyline	0.15 (64)	4.4(2.8-6.9)	25	85	
imipramine	0.63(44)	6.7(3.1-15)	38	53	

^a Minimum active dose, milligrams per kilogram (percent reversal at 10 mg/kg). ^b Molar concentration that causes 50% inhibition of norepinephrine and 5-hydroxytryptamine uptake, respectively, in rat brain slices.

1-Amino-2-(methylamino)-1-phenylethane (154). A mixture of 6.1 g of ethyl (2-chloro-2-phenylethyl)carbamate (10, Ar = Ph)(27 mmol) and 2 g of NaN₃ (31 mmol) in 50 mL of Me₂SO was stirred at 70 °C for 16 h. The mixture was poured into water, and the organic material was extracted with benzene. The benzene was dried over K₂CO₃ and evaporated under vacuum to leave 5.7 g of ethyl(2-azido-2-phenylethyl)carbamate: IR (film) 2100, 1710, 1525, 1250 cm⁻¹. GLC analysis (3% SE-30) showed this product to be free of starting material. A slurry of 2 g of LAH (52 mmol) in 200 mL of ether was stirred in an ice bath, and the β -azidoethyl carbamate in 50 mL of ether was added dropwise. The mixture was refluxed overnight, cooled, and treated dropwise with 2 mL of H₂O, 2 mL 15% NaOH, and finally 3.6 mL of H₂O and stirred for an additional 2 h. The solids were removed by filtration, and the filtrate was concentrated and distilled, affording 2.1 g (52%) of 154: bp 70-73 °C (0.5 mm). A sample of 1 g of the diamine (6.7 mmol) was dissolved in 5 mL of ethanol that contained 0.5 g of HCl (14 mmol), and the dihydrochloride salt was precipitated by the addition of ether. There was 1.45 g of pure product, mp 202-206 °C.

cis-1,2-Indandiamine. A solution of 3.95 g of cis-1,2-diacetamidoindan, mp 211-212 °C (lit.⁶ mp 209-210 °C) (17 mmol) in 60 mL of concentrated HCl was refluxed for 15 h. A small amount of dark brown flakes was removed by filtration through a glass sintered funnel, and from the filtrate there was spontaneous crystallization of 2.52 g of the product dihydrochloride, mp 304-308 °C dec (darkening <280 °C). An additional 0.55 g, mp 298-303 °C dec, was obtained when the mother liquor was concentrated and the residue was treated with 2-propanol. The total yield was 3.07 g (82%). The free amine was liberated by treatment of the dihydrochloride salt in MeOH solution with 2 equiv of MeONa. The solution was filtered, the filtrate was concentrated, and the indandiamine was distilled, bp ~80 °C (0.01 mm). The distillate solidified, mp 43-47 °C (lit.⁶ mp 153-154 °C) and turned green on storage.

2-Amino-5-(2,6-dichlorophenyl)-1-methyl-2-imidazoline Hydrobromide (104). 2-Amino-1-(methylamino)-1-(2,6-dichlorophenyl)ethane dihydrochloride (152; 5.56 g, 19.05 mmol) was dissolved in some water and then made alkaline with excess NaOH, and the free amine was extracted into toluene. The combined extracts were filtered, and the filtrate was concentrated. The residue was dissolved in 20 mL of MeOH, and 2.02 g of cyanogen bromide (19.07 mmol) was added. The clear solution was allowed to stand at 20 °C for 6 h, concentrated on a stirring hot plate to 25 mL, diluted with 100 mL of EtOH, and concentrated again to about 25 mL. The crystallization that had started while the mixture was still hot was allowed to continue by standing at 20 °C for 16 h. The crystalline 2-aminoimidazoline hydrobromide was collected, washed with ethanol, and dried to yield 5.1 g (82%): mp 317-319 °C; IR 1670, 1605 cm⁻¹.

5-(2,6-Dichlorophenyl)-2-[(methoxycarbonyl)amino]-1methyl-2-imidazoline (85). A sample of 1 g of the 2-aminoimidazoline hydrobromide salt 104 (3.08 mmol) was converted into the free base (extracted from aqueous NaOH into toluenemethylene chloride; concentrated) and was refluxed with 20 mL of dimethyl carbonate for 1 h. After standing at 20 °C for 16 h, the mixture was concentrated and purified by column chromatography (silica gel 60; 2.5% MeOH in Et₂O) to afford 160 mg (17%) of the carbamate 85, mp 178-182 °C. A sample was recrystallized from MeOH: mp 180-182 °C; IR 1640, 1605 cm⁻¹. 2-Aminoindano[1,2-d]imidazoline (95). A mixture of 1.65 g of the indandiamine 163 (11 mmol) and 1.54 g of 2-methyl-2thiopseudousea sulfate (5.5 mmol) in a small flask was immersed in a 230 °C oil bath and stirred magnetically. After a few minutes, there was some smoking and foaming, and the mixture solidified and was kept an additional 5 min at 230 °C. The solid was refluxed with 20 mL of MeOH, cooled, and collected. There was 1.58 g (64%) of the product as the sulfate salt: darkening at >300 °C and melting at 315-320 °C. The more water-soluble hydrochloride salt was prepared by stirring the sulfate in water with Amberlite ion-exchange resin CG-400, chloride form. The resin was removed by filtration, and the filtrate was concentrated to dryness. The product hydrochloride salt was trituated with 2propanol, collected, and dried: mp 297-298 °C; IR 1675, 1600 cm⁻¹.

5-(2-Chlorophenyl)-2-[(ethoxycarbonyl)amino]-1methyl-2-imidazoline (66). To a solution of 2.9 g of 2-amino-1-(methylamino)-1-(2-chlorophenyl)ethane dihydrochloride (141; 11.5 mmol) in some water was added saturated NaHCO₃ to a pH of about 7 and 80 mL of 2-propanol. This solution was combined with a solution of 2.8 g of the bis(ethoxycarbonyl) derivative of 2-methyl-2-thiopseudourea (12 mmol) in 50 mL of chloroform, and the mixture was stirred at 20 °C for 3 days and then concentrated to a small volume under reduced pressure. The addition of 50 mL of 1 N HCl resulted in a clear solution, which was washed several times with ether. The product was precipitated by the addition of saturated sodium bicarbonate to the acidic solution, collected, stirred with fresh water, and collected again to yield, after drying, 2.1 g, mp 104-107 °C. Recrystallization from 25 mL of cyclohexane afforded 1.93 g (60%) of pure carbamate: mp 117-118.5 °C; IR 1645, 1615 cm⁻¹.

The hydrochloride salt was obtained when 1.7 g (6.05 mmol) of the free amine was dissolved in 20 mL of EtOH that contained \sim 400 mg of HCl (\sim 11 mmol), and the solution was diluted with ether until just barely cloudy (\sim 200 mL). Scratching with a glass rod caused crystallization of the salt (1.5 g): mp 167–170 °C dec; IR 1745, 1625, 1605 cm⁻¹.

2-[(Isobutoxycarbonyl)amino]-4(5)-phenyl-2-imidazoline (23). The bis(isobutyl carbamate) of 2-methyl-2-thiopseudourea was prepared in situ by stirring a slurry of 2.5 g (9 mmol) of 2-methyl-2-thiopseudourea sulfate and 4 g (29 mmol) of isobutyl chloroformate in 8 mL of water in an ice bath for 2 h while adding 5.5 mL of 20% NaOH in three portions. The bis(carbamate) was extracted into chloroform (30 mL) and combined with a solution consisting of 3 g (14.3 mmol) of 1-phenylethane-1,2-diamine dihydrochloride, 12 mL of 10% NaOH, and 30 mL of 2-propanol. The mixture was stored for 10 days and then concentrated under vacuum, and the residue was dissolved in 100 mL of 0.5 N HCl. The solution was washed four times with ether and twice with toluene, and the product (1.84 g) was precipitated by the addition of saturated NaHCO₃, mp 184–187 °C. One recrystallization from 20 mL of benzene yielded 1.5 g (40%) of pure product, mp 192–193 °C; IR 3400, 1665, 1625 cm⁻¹.

2-[(Methoxycarbony1)amino]indano[1,2-d]-2-imidazoline (**96**). Solutions of 2.28 g of the bis(methoxycarbonyl) derivative of 2-methyl-2-thiopseudourea (3, $R_2 = CO_2CH_3$; 11 mmol) in 200 mL of MeOH and 1.65 g of the indandiamine 163 (11 mmol) in 50 mL of EtOH were combined and stored at 20 °C for 16 h. The pure product that had crystallized was collected (1.51 g, mp 232-234 °C dec), and the mother liquor yielded an additional 0.41

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g (mp 227-230 °C dec) when it was concentrated to 50 mL (total yield 1.92 g, 74%): IR 3360, 1630 cm⁻¹.

4(5)-(3,4-Dihydroxyphenyl)-2-[(methoxycarbonyl)amino]-2-imidazoline (51). A solution of 1.2 g of the HCl salt of the 3,4-bis(benzyloxy)phenyl-substituted imidazoline 52 in 50 mL of EtOH was hydrogenated at 40 lb of pressure over 0.5 g of 5% Pd/C overnight. The catalyst was removed by filtration, and the filtrate was concentrated to dryness. The solid was dissolved in 2-propanol, and the product was precipitated by the addition of ether, yielding 0.6 g (81.5% yield) of pure product as the hydrochloride salt, mp 178-179 °C dec; IR 1760, 1635, 1620 cm⁻¹.

Reaction of Diamine 125 with 3 ($\mathbf{R}_2 = \mathbf{CO}_2\mathbf{Me}$). A solution of 4.6 g (11.4 mmol) of the diamine dihydrochloride in approximately 25 mL of water was treated with saturated NaHCO₃ to pH 8–9. This solution combined with a solution of 3.9 g (19 mmol) of N,N'-bis(methoxycarbonyl)-2-methyl-2-thiopseudourea in 70 mL of 2-propanol and 70 mL of chloroform. After standing at ambient temperature for 4 days, the mixture was concentrated to a small volume. The solid was collected and recrystallized once from 150 mL of 2-propanol and once from 200 mL of cyclohexane. There was 3.15 g (64%) of the noncyclized addition product 160: IR 3330, 1740, 1630 cm⁻¹; the NMR spectrum exhibits two COOCH₃ signals.

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