

## SYNTHESIS AND PHARMACOLOGICAL TESTING OF SOME NEW DERIVATIVES OF 2,4-(1H,3H)-QUINAZOLINEDIONE (PART II)\*

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سبق تشييد عدد كبير من الإسترات المختلفة من نواة الكينازولين دايون ودراستها أقربازيينا فوجد أن لها فاعلية عالية جدا كمنومات ومضادات التشنجات العصبية وذلك بمقارنتها بمادة الفينوباربيتون. في هذا البحث تم تصميم وتشييد ثلاث وأربعون مركبا جديدا من الإسترات المختلفة من مشتقات نواة الكينازولين دايون وذلك للحصول على مركبات لها فاعلية أعلى مما سبق تشييده. وبدراسة هذه الإسترات أقربازيينا وجد أن أى تغيير فى مجموعة الإستر الموجودة فى الموضع-3 لنواة الكينازولين دايون يؤدي إلى تقليل الفاعلية وكذلك إدخال مجموعة الميثيل فى الموضع رقم (6) لمجموعة البنزين يعطى مركبات لها فاعلية عالية أو متساوية لما سبق تخليقه وإدخال البرومين فى الموضع-6 من البنزين يعطى مركبات عديمة الفاعلية. تم التعرف على هذه المركبات بالتحليل العنصرى للمركبات وكذلك الأشعة تحت الحمراء والرنين النووى المغناطيسى وكذلك مطياف الكتلة.

*A variety of 2,4 (1H, 3H) quinazolinediones were converted into the corresponding potassium salts, and then allowed to react with some halogen-containing compounds. The structures of the derivatives thus prepared, were confirmed by elemental, IR, <sup>1</sup>H-NMR and MS spectral data. Testing for anticonvulsant and hypnotic activities in frogs is also presented.*

### INTRODUCTION

Certain derivatives of 2,4 (1H, 3H) quinazolinediones have been reported to exhibit sedative, tranquilizing, anticonvulsant and hypnotic activities<sup>1-7</sup>. Consequently, it was decided to prepare 2,4 (1H, 3H) quinazolinediones (III, VII-XI) bearing variable substituents at the 1,3 and 6 positions for possible pharmacological screening in an attempt to study the structure-activity relationship.

### EXPERIMENTAL

Melting points were taken on a Griffen melting points apparatus and are uncorrected. Microanalyses were performed at the Central Laboratory, Faculty of Science, Ain Shams University. IR spectra were recorded on a Buck

Scientific 500 IR Spectrophotometer using KBr disc. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker 200 MHz NMR Spectrometer at the Central Laboratory, Faculty of Science, Ain Shams University. MS spectra were recorded at the Microanalytical Center, Faculty of Science, Cairo University, Cairo, Egypt.

According to reported procedures, the following intermediates were prepared: Alkyl chloroacetates<sup>8</sup>, N-alkyl<sup>9</sup> and N-acylanthranilic acids<sup>10-12</sup>, 5-bromo-N-substituted anthranilic acid<sup>13-14</sup>, 2,4-(1H, 3H)-quinazolinedione<sup>15</sup>, 6-substituted 2,4-(1H, 3H)-quinazoline-diones<sup>16</sup>, 1,6-disubstituted 2,4-(1H, 3H)-quinazolinediones<sup>16-20</sup>, potassium salts of certain 1-substituted 2,4-(1H, 3H)-quinazolinediones<sup>5,7</sup>. 1-Substituted-3 (2-hydroxyethyl) 2,4 (1H, 3H)-quinazolinediones<sup>21-23</sup>.

## Potassium salts of 2,4-(1H, 3H) quinazoline-diones

### General procedure

A solution of the appropriate quinazolinedione (I or V) (0.01 mol) in absolute ethanol was treated with alcoholic potassium hydroxide solution (0.02 mol and 0.01 mol respectively). The mixture was stirred for 30 minutes at room temperature and left for further 30 minutes. The potassium salts (II) and (VI) were precipitated, filtered, washed several times with absolute ethanol and then dried.

m.p. (°C): > 300.

Yield: almost quantitative.

### 1,3-Bis (alkoxycarbonylmethyl)-6-methyl-2,4 (1H, 3H) quinazolinedione (III)(a-e)

A mixture of dipotassium salt (II) (0.01 mole) and the suitable alkyl chloroacetates (0.02 mole) in DMF (20 ml) was heated on a water bath for two hours. The reaction mixture was cooled, poured into ice-cold water (200 ml), whereupon the crude ester precipitated, filtered and finally recrystallized from ethanol (Table 1).

### 1-Benzyl and 1-benzoyl-3-(alkoxycarbonylmethyl)-6-bromo-2,4 (1H, 3H) quinazoline-diones (VII)(a-j)

A mixture of equimolar quantities of the appropriate potassium salt (VI) (0.01 mole) and the suitable alkyl chloroacetates (0.01 mole) in DMF (20 ml) was heated on a water bath for two hours. The reaction mixture was cooled, poured into cold water, the precipitated ester was filtered and then crystallized from ethanol (Table 1).

### 1-Alkyl-3-substituted 2,4 (1H, 3H)-quinazolinediones (IX)(a-j)

A mixture of equimolar quantities of 1-alkyl-3-(2-hydroxyethyl)-quinazolinedione (VIII) and the appropriate acyl halide (0.01 mole) was heated in absolute ethanol (20 ml) for two hours on a water bath. The reaction mixture was cooled, poured into water, filtered and then crystallized from ethanol (Table 1).

### Ethyl 4-(1-substituted-quinazolin-2,4-dion-3-yl) crotonate (X) and ethyl 6-(1-substituted-quinazolin-2,4-dion-3-yl) hexanoate (XI)

A mixture of the potassium salts (V) (0.01 mole) and ethyl 4-chlorocrotonate (0.01 mole) or ethyl 6-chlorohexanoate (0.01 mole) was heated in DMF (20 ml) on a water bath for 3 hours. The reaction mixture was then cooled, poured into cold water. The solid produced was filtered then crystallized from ethanol to afford the new target esters (X) or (XI) respectively (Table 1).

For the preparation of these new compounds, scheme (I) was adopted.

Structures of all new derivatives of 2,4 (1H, 3H)-quinazolinedione (III, VII-XI) were substantiated from elemental (Table 1) and spectral data (Table 2).

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

5-Methylanthranilic acid was converted into 6-methyl-2,4-(1H, 3H) quinazolinedione (I), the potassium salt (II) of which was allowed to react with alkyl chloroacetates to obtain the final compounds (III). Other pathways for the synthesis of 1,3,6-trisubstituted 2,4-(1H, 3H) quinazolinediones were followed starting with 5-substituted anthranilic acid, which was initially N-alkylated for N-acylated, then reacted with urea to produce the 1,6-disubstituted 2,4 (1H, 3H) quinazolinediones (V), the latter potassium salts (VI) reacted with alkyl chloroacetates to afford VII. Elongation of the side chain at the 3-position of the 2,4 (1H, 3H) quinazolinedione ring system was attempted by allowing (VI) to react with  $\beta$ -chloroethanol to get the  $\beta$ -hydroxyethyl derivatives (VIII), which were finally esterified with acyl halides into the target products (IX). Furthermore, in the same broad line, the potassium salts (VI) were allowed to react with ethyl chlorocrotonate and ethyl  $\omega$ -chlorohexanoate whereupon the respective esters (X and XI) were obtained in good yields.

## Pharmacological testing

### 1- Hypnotic activity

Hypnotic activity of the new compounds was primarily determined in frogs by the





**Table 1:** 1,3,6-trisubstituted 2,4 (1H,3H) quinazolidinedione derivatives.

Comp. No.	Z	R	R'	M.P °C	Yield %	Molecular formula	M. wt.	Analysis Calcd./found		
								C%	H%	N%
III-a	CH <sub>3</sub>	-	CH <sub>3</sub>	90-1	76	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>16</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>6</sub>	320	56.25 56.30	5.00 5.10	8.75 8.60
b	CH <sub>3</sub>	-	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	88-9	77	C <sub>17</sub> H <sub>20</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>6</sub>	348	58.62 58.60	5.74 5.60	8.04 8.10
c	CH <sub>3</sub>	-	C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>7</sub> (n)	70-1	45	C <sub>19</sub> H <sub>24</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>6</sub>	376	60.63 60.60	6.38 6.40	7.44 7.40
d	CH <sub>3</sub>	-	C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>7</sub> (iso)	105	72	C <sub>19</sub> H <sub>24</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>6</sub>	376	60.63 60.50	6.38 6.30	7.44 7.60
e	CH <sub>3</sub>	-	C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>9</sub> (n)	68-9	62	C <sub>21</sub> H <sub>28</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>6</sub>	404	62.37 62.20	6.93 6.80	6.93 7.00
VII-a	Br	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> CH <sub>2</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub>	110	42	C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>15</sub> BrN <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	403	53.59 53.70	3.72 3.80	6.94 6.90
b	Br	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> CH <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	125-6	44	C <sub>19</sub> H <sub>17</sub> BrN <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	417	54.67 54.70	4.07 4.00	6.71 6.90
c	Br	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> CH <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>7</sub> (n)	112	45	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>19</sub> BrN <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	431	55.68 56.00	4.40 3.80	6.49 6.40
d	Br	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> CH <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>7</sub> (iso)	143-4	67	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>19</sub> BrN <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	431	55.68 55.70	4.40 4.00	6.49 6.70
e	Br	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> CH <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>9</sub> (n)	75	52	C <sub>21</sub> H <sub>21</sub> BrN <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	445	56.62 57.00	4.71 4.40	6.29 6.30
f	Br	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> CO	CH <sub>3</sub>	130	53	C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>13</sub> BrN <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	417	51.79 51.80	3.11 3.20	6.71 6.70
g	Br	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> CO	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	112-3	65	C <sub>19</sub> H <sub>15</sub> BrN <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	431	52.90 53.00	3.48 3.30	6.49 6.50
h	Br	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> CO	C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>7</sub> (n)	115-6	45	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>17</sub> BrN <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	445	53.93 54.00	3.82 3.80	6.29 6.50
i	Br	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> CO	C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>7</sub> (iso)	125-6	55	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>17</sub> BrN <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	445	53.93 53.60	3.82 3.50	6.29 6.00
j	Br	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> CO	C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>9</sub> (n)	95	85	C <sub>21</sub> H <sub>19</sub> BrN <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	459	54.90 55.00	4.13 4.00	6.10 6.30
IX-a	H	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub>	97	70	C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>16</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	276	60.86 60.76	5.79 5.80	10.14 10.00
b	H	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	100	80	C <sub>19</sub> H <sub>18</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	338	67.45 67.80	5.32 5.30	8.28 8.30
c	H	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> CH <sub>2</sub>	75-6	77	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>20</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	352	68.18 68.30	5.68 5.50	7.95 7.60

Table 1: Continued

Comp. No.	Z	R	R'	M.P °C	Yield %	Molecular formula	M.wt.	Analysis Calcd./found		
								C%	H%	N%
d	H	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> -Cl(p)	135	90	C <sub>19</sub> H <sub>17</sub> ClN <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	372.5	61.20 61.30	4.56 4.50	7.51 7.30
e	H	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> -NO <sub>2</sub> (p)	220	85	C <sub>19</sub> H <sub>17</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>6</sub>	383	59.53 59.60	4.43 4.50	10.90 11.00
f	H	CH <sub>2</sub> CH=CH <sub>2</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub>	70-1	82	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>16</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	288	62.50 62.50	5.55 5.30	9.72 10.00
g	H	CH <sub>2</sub> CH=CH <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	110	55	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>18</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	350	68.57 68.70	5.14 5.00	8.00 7.90
h	H	CH <sub>2</sub> CH=CH <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> CH <sub>2</sub>	90-1	45	C <sub>21</sub> H <sub>20</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	364	69.23 69.00	5.49 5.50	7.69 8.00
i	H	CH <sub>2</sub> CH=CH <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> -Cl(p)	175	76	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>17</sub> ClN <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	384.5	62.41 62.25	4.42 4.42	7.28 7.00
j	H	CH <sub>2</sub> CH=CH <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> -NO <sub>2</sub> (p)	200	50	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>17</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>6</sub>	395	60.75 61.00	4.30 4.00	10.63 10.60
X-a	H	CH <sub>3</sub>	-	50	76	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>16</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	288	62.50 62.50	5.55 5.50	9.72 9.50
b	H	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	-	80-1	69	C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>18</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	302	63.57 63.40	5.96 6.00	9.27 9.00
c	H	C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>7</sub> (n)	-	61-1	75	C <sub>17</sub> H <sub>20</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	316	64.55 64.50	6.32 6.30	8.86 9.00
d	H	CH <sub>2</sub> CH=CH <sub>2</sub>	-	55	76	C <sub>17</sub> H <sub>18</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	314	64.96 65.00	5.73 6.00	8.91 9.00
e	H	C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>9</sub> (n)	-	75-6	80	C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>22</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	330	65.45 65.40	6.66 6.50	8.48 8.50
f	H	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>11</sub>	-	100-1	75	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>24</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	356	67.41 67.40	6.74 6.50	7.88 7.80
g	H	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> CH <sub>2</sub>	-	70	85	C <sub>21</sub> H <sub>20</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	364	69.23 69.00	5.49 5.50	7.69 8.00
h	H	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> CO	-	65	92	C <sub>21</sub> H <sub>18</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	378	66.66 60.50	4.76 4.50	7.40 7.30
i	H	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	-	154-5	87	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>18</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	350	68.57 68.60	5.14 5.00	8.00 8.00

Table 1: Continued

Comp. No.	Z	R	R'	M.P °C	Yield %	Molecular formula	M.wt.	Analysis Calcd./found		
								C%	H%	N%
XI-a	H	CH <sub>3</sub>	-	70	65	C <sub>17</sub> H <sub>22</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	318	64.15 64.00	6.91 7.00	8.80 9.00
b	H	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	-	45	62	C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>24</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	332	65.06 65.00	7.22 7.50	8.43 8.40
c	H	C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>7</sub> (n)	-	60	76	C <sub>19</sub> H <sub>26</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	346	65.89 66.00	7.51 7.60	8.09 8.00
d	H	CH <sub>2</sub> CH=CH <sub>2</sub>	-	65	83	C <sub>19</sub> H <sub>24</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	344	66.27 66.50	6.97 7.00	8.13 8.00
e	H	C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>9</sub> (n)	-	65	60	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>28</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	360	66.66 66.00	7.77 8.00	7.77 7.50
f	H	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>11</sub>	-	120-1	70	C <sub>22</sub> H <sub>30</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	386	68.39 68.30	7.77 5.50	7.25 7.30
g	H	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> CH <sub>2</sub>	-	65	75	C <sub>23</sub> H <sub>26</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	394	70.05 70.00	6.59 6.80	7.10 7.00
h	H	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> CO	-	57	80	C <sub>23</sub> H <sub>24</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	408	67.64 67.50	5.88 6.00	6.86 7.00
i	H	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	-	61	65	C <sub>22</sub> H <sub>24</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	380	69.47 69.50	6.31 6.20	7.36 7.20

righting reflex method using phenobarbitone as a reference drug<sup>24</sup>. Groups of six frogs were injected in the dorsal lymph sac with the test compounds or phenobarbitone in three graded doses. The animals were observed until loss of righting reflex and for further three hours later. The animal was considered asleep, if it showed loss of righting reflex during 60 minutes. The percentage of hypnotic response was calculated for each dose. The results of hypnotic activity are shown in Table (3).

## 2- The anticonvulsant activity

For evaluation of the anticonvulsant activity, the method of soaji-Echaqueod Lim was used<sup>25</sup>. Frogs (*Bufo-Regularis* from Egypt) were used as experimental animals. Phenobarbitone sodium was used as a reference compound. Pentylenetetrazol was used as a convulsion

inducer. The test compounds were suspended in water (water for injection) by the aid of few drops of Tween-80, phenobarbitone sodium and pentylenetetrazol were dissolved in water (water for injection) containing few drops of the same suspending agent. Frogs weighing 15-30 gm were randomly arranged in groups each 6 animals. Each of three graded doses of the test compounds as well as phenobarbitone were injected in the dorsal lymph sac of a group of animals. Forty-five minutes later, a convulsive dose of pentylenetetrazol (320 mg/kg) was injected in each animal. The animals were observed for further one hour for the occurrence of an episode of tonic convulsion. Animal not exhibited such convulsion during the observation time were considered protected, the results of anticonvulsant activity are shown in Table (4).



**Table 2:** Spectral data of the new compounds (III, VII-XI).

Comp. No.	Spectral data IR (cm <sup>-1</sup> ), <sup>1</sup> HNMR (δ, ppm), Mass (m/z, %)
III-a	<b>IR:</b> 1765, 1745 (CO of the esters at positions 1 and 3), 1715 (CO at position-4), 1675 (CO at position-2 of the quinazoinedione ring system).
III-b	<b><sup>1</sup>HNMR:</b> 1.22 (2t, 6H, 2-CH <sub>2</sub> -CH <sub>3</sub> ), 1.5 (s, 3H, -CH <sub>3</sub> ), 4.2 (2q, 4H, 2-CH <sub>2</sub> -CH <sub>3</sub> ), 4.75 (s, 2H, N-CH <sub>2</sub> -CO at position-1), 4.90 (s, 2H, N-CH <sub>2</sub> -CO at position-3), 7.30-8.50 (m, 4H, aromatic protons).
VII-b	<b>IR:</b> 1749 (CO of the ester), 1700 (CO at position-4), 1660 (CO at position-2 of the quinazolinedione ring system). <b><sup>1</sup>HNMR:</b> 1.39 (t, 3H, CH <sub>2</sub> -CH <sub>3</sub> ), 3.91 (q, 2H, CH <sub>2</sub> -CH <sub>3</sub> ), 4.98 (s, 2H, N-CH <sub>2</sub> -CO), 5.44 (s, 2H, N-CH <sub>2</sub> -C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> ), 7.30-8.50 (m, 8H, aromatic protons).
IX-a	<b>IR:</b> 1715 (CO of the OCO-CH <sub>3</sub> group), 1700 (CO at position-4), 1650 (CO at position-4), 1650 (CO at position-2 of the quinazolinedione ring system). <b>MS:</b> 276 (C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>16</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> , 12.52, M <sup>+</sup> ), 252 (C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>16</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> , 100, Base peak), 217 (C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>13</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> , 50.44), 190 (C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>10</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> , 59.44), 189 (C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>9</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> , 30.80), 162 (C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>6</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> , 40.00), 132 (C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>4</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O, 15.1)
X-b	<b>IR:</b> 2990-2875 (CH stretching of the aliphatic side chain at position-3), 1745 (CO of the ester), 1700 (CO at position-4), 1660 (CO at position-2 of the quinazolinedione ring system). <b><sup>1</sup>HNMR:</b> 1.30 (t, 3H, CH <sub>2</sub> -CH <sub>3</sub> ), 4.00-4.2 (m, 1H (allylic system), CH <sub>2</sub> -CH-CH <sub>2</sub> -), 4.8 (q, CH <sub>2</sub> -CH <sub>3</sub> ), 5.10-5.30 (2d, 4H, N-CH <sub>2</sub> -CH= and =CH-CH <sub>2</sub> -CO), 7.30-8.50 (m, 9H, aromatic protons).
XI-b	<b>IR:</b> 2995-2800 (CH <sub>2</sub> stretching of the aliphatic side chain at position-3), 1740 (CO of the ester) 1700 (CO at position-4) 1650 (CO at position-2 of the quinazolinedione ring system). <b><sup>1</sup>HNMR:</b> 1.20 (t, 3H, CH <sub>2</sub> -CH <sub>3</sub> ), 1.30-1.60 (m, 2H, -CH <sub>2</sub> -CH <sub>2</sub> -CH <sub>2</sub> ), 2.35 (t, 2H, -CH <sub>2</sub> -CH <sub>2</sub> -CO), 3.70 (s, 3H, N-CH <sub>3</sub> ), 4.10-4.40 (m, 4H, CO-CH <sub>2</sub> -CH <sub>3</sub> and N-CH <sub>2</sub> ), 7.30-8.3 (m, 4H, aromatic protons).

**Table 3:** Hypnotic activity of 2,4(1H,3H) quinazolinedione derivatives.

Comp. No.	Dose mg/kg	Protection %	Onset Time Min.	ED <sub>50</sub>	Relative Potency	Comp. No.	Dose mg/kg	Protection %	Onset Time Min.	ED <sub>50</sub>	Relative Potency
IIIa	50	33.3	20	75	2.6	XIId	50	33.3	30	94	2.1
	100	66.6					100	50			
	150	100					100				
b	50	33.3	20	75	2.6	e	100	33.3	30	150	1.33
	100	66.6					200	66.6			
	150	100					300	100			
c	50	33.3	20	43	4.6	f	200	33.3	45	273	0.72
	100	50					300	50			
	150	100					400	100			
d	25	26.6	25	43	4.6	g	100	33.3	45	150	1.33
	50	50					200	66.6			
	100	100					300	100			
e	50	33.3	30	75	2.6	h	200	33.3	45	250	0.8
	100	66.6					300	66.6			
	150	100					400	100			
XIa	100	33.3	40	150	1.33	i	50	33.3	25	94	2.1
	200	66.6					100	50			
	300	100					200	100			
b	100	33.3	40	150	1.33	p*	150	33.3	35	200	1.00
	200	66.6					250	66.6			
	300	100					300	100			
c	100	33.3	30	150	1.33						
	200	50									
	300	100									

\* Phenobarbitone.



**Table 4:** Anticonvulsant activity of 2,4(1H,3H) quinazolinedione derivatives.

Comp. No.	Dose mg/kg	Protection %	ED <sub>50</sub>	Relative Potency	Comp. No.	Dose mg/kg	Protection %	ED <sub>50</sub>	Relative Potency	
IIIa	50	50	50	1.8	XIId	150	33.3	225	0.4	
	100	66.6				300	66.6			
	175	100				400	100			
b	50	16.6	100	0.9	e	150	33.3	225	0.4	
	100	50				300	66.6			
	150	100				400	100			
c	50	33.3	75	1.2	g	200	33.3	275	0.36	
	100	66.6				300	50			
	150	100				400	100			
d	25	33.3	40	2.2	i	150	33.3	200	0.5	
	50	66.6				250	66.6			
	100	100				350	100			
e	50	33.3	75	1.2	p*	75	33.3	100	1.0	
	100	66.6				125	66.6			
	150	100				200	100			
XIa	200	33.3	27.5	0.36						
	300	50								
	400	100								
b	150	33.3	200	0.50						
	250	66.6								
	350	100								
c	150	16.6	275	0.36						
	300	50								
	400	100								

\* Phenobarbitone.

#### Structure activity relationship

From the results of the pharmacological testing (Tables 3 and 4), it has been shown that the introduction of an electron repelling methyl group at the 6-position of the 2,4-(1H, 3H)-quinazolinedione ring system has no influence on the pharmacological activity. On the other hand, substitution of this CH<sub>3</sub> group at the 6-position by an electron withdrawing bromide atom practically inhibited the pharmacological activity

of the original compounds. Furthermore, insertion of a propionate, crotonate, or hexonate esters at the 3-position through elongation of the side chain was found to decrease the anti-convulsant and hypnotic activities relative to our previous results concerning the Ethyl 1-ethyl- and 1-benzyl-2,4-(1H, 3H) quinazolinedion-3-yl acetate<sup>5,7</sup>, which has been proved to be the most potent anticonvulsant and hypnotic compounds out of these series.

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