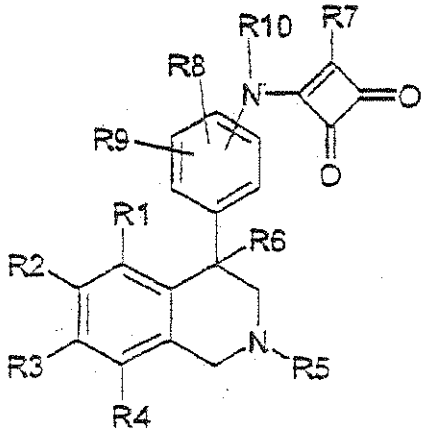
Description

Substituted 4-phenyltetrahydroisoquinolines, method for the production thereof, their use as a medicament, and a medicament containing them

The invention relates to compounds of the type of substituted 4-phenyl-tetrahydroisoquinolines. Medicaments which comprise compounds of this type are useful in the prevention or treatment of various disorders. Thus, the compounds can be employed inter alia for renal disorders such as acute or chronic renal failure, for disorders of biliary function, for respiratory disorders such as snoring or sleep apneas or for stroke.

According to a first aspect, the present invention provides a compound of the formula I



in which the meanings are:

R1, R2, R3 and R4

independently of one another hydrogen, F, Cl, Br, I, CN, NO_2 or $R11\text{-}(C_mH_{2m})\text{-}A_n\text{-}$;

m zero, 1, 2, 3 or 4;

n zero or 1;

R11 hydrogen, methyl, C_pF_{2p+1} or phenyl;

p 1, 2 or 3;

A oxygen, NH, $N(CH_3)$ or $S(O)_q$;

q zero, 1 or 2;

R5 hydrogen, alkyl having 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6 C atoms which may be partly or completely fluorinated, or cycloalkyl having 3, 4, 5 or 6 C atoms;

R6 hydrogen, OH, F, CF_3, methyl, ethyl, isopropyl or cyclopropyl;

R7 hydrogen, alkyl having 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6 C atoms, cycloalkyl having 3,

4, 5 or 6 C atoms, OR12 or NR13R14;

R12 hydrogen, alkyl having 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6 C atoms which may be partly or completely fluorinated, or cycloalkyl having 3, 4, 5 or 6 C atoms;

R13 and R14

independently of one another hydrogen, cycloalkyl having 3, 4, 5 or 6 C atoms; alkyl having 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6 C atoms which may be partly or completely fluorinated, phenyl, phenylalkyl having 1, 2 or 3 C atoms in the alkyl moiety, heteroaryl or heteroarylmethyl, where the phenyl and heteroaryl radicals are unsubstituted or substituted by 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 radicals selected from the group consisting of fluorine, chlorine, methyl, CF_3, methoxy and OH;

and where the alkyl radicals are unsubstituted or are substituted by 1, 2 or 3 radicals selected from the group of alkoxy having 1, 2, 3 or 4 C atoms, NR15R16 and cycloalkyl having 3, 4, 5 or 6 C atoms;

R15 and R16

independently of one another hydrogen or alkyl having 1, 2, 3 or 4 C atoms;

or

R13 and R14

together with the N atom via which they are connected together a 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9-membered ring, where one C atom of the ring may be replaced by an oxygen atom or an NCH_3 group,

R8 and R9

independently of one another hydrogen, F, Cl, OH, CH_3, CH_3O, CF_3, CF_3CH_2O or CH_3SO_2;

R10 hydrogen, methyl or ethyl;

and the pharmaceutically acceptable salts and trifluoroacetates thereof.

Preference is given to compounds of the formula I in which the meanings are

R1, R2, R3 and R4

independently of one another hydrogen, F, Cl, Br, CN or R11-(C_mH_{2m})-A_n-;

m zero or 1;

n zero or 1;

R11 hydrogen, methyl, C_pF_{2p+1}- or phenyl;

p 1 or 2;

A oxygen or $S(O)_q$;

q zero, 1 or 2;

R5 hydrogen, methyl, ethyl or cyclopropyl;

R6 hydrogen or methyl;

R7 OR12 or NR13R14;

R12 hydrogen or alkyl having 1, 2 or 3 C atoms;

R13 and R14

independently of one another hydrogen, alkyl having 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6 C atoms which may be partly or completely fluorinated, cycloalkyl having 3, 4, 5 or 6 C atoms, phenyl, phenylalkyl having 1, 2 or 3 C atoms in the alkyl moiety, heteroaryl or heteroarylmethyl; where the phenyl and heteroaryl radicals are unsubstituted or are substituted by 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 radicals selected from the group consisting of fluorine, chlorine, methyl, CF_3, methoxy and OH;

where the alkyl radicals are unsubstituted or are substituted by 1, 2 or 3 radicals selected from the group of alkoxy having 1, 2, 3 or 4 C atoms, NR15R16 and cycloalkyl having 3, 4, 5 or 6 C atoms;

R15 and R16

independently of one another hydrogen or alkyl having 1, 2, 3 or 4 C atoms;

or

R13 and R14

together with the N atom via which they are connected together a 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 or 8-membered ring, where one C atom of the ring may be replaced by an oxygen atom or an NCH_3 group;

R8 and R9

independently of one another hydrogen, F, Cl or CH_3;

R10 hydrogen or methyl;

and the pharmaceutically tolerated salts and trifluoroacetates thereof.

Particular preference is given to compounds of the formula I in which the

meanings are

R1 and R3

hydrogen;

R2 and R4

independently of one another hydrogen or Cl;

R5 hydrogen, methyl or ethyl;

R6 hydrogen or methyl;

R7 OR12 or NR13R14;

R12 hydrogen or alkyl having 1, 2 or 3 C atoms;

R13 and R14

independently of one another hydrogen, alkyl having 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6 C atoms which may be partly or completely fluorinated, cycloalkyl having 3, 4, 5 or 6 C atoms, phenyl, phenylalkyl having 1, 2 or 3 C atoms in the alkyl moiety, heteroaryl or heteroarylmethyl; where the phenyl and heteroaryl radicals are unsubstituted or are substituted by 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 radicals selected from the group consisting of fluorine, chlorine, methyl, CF_3, methoxy and OH;

where the alkyl radicals are unsubstituted or are substituted by 1, 2 or 3 radicals selected from the group of alkoxy having 1, 2, 3 or 4 C atoms, NR15R16 and cycloalkyl having 3, 4, 5 or 6 C atoms;

R15 and R16

independently of one another hydrogen or alkyl having 1, 2, 3 or 4 C atoms;

or

R13 and R14

together with the N atom via which they are connected together a 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 or 8-membered ring, where one C atom of the ring may be replaced by an oxygen atom or an NCH_3 group;

R8 and R9

independently of one another hydrogen, F, Cl or CH_3;

R10 hydrogen or methyl;

and the pharmaceutically acceptable salts and trifluoroacetates thereof.

One embodiment relates to compounds of the formula I in which R1 is

hydrogen, F, Cl, Br, CN or R11-(C_mH_{2m})-A_n-, where m is zero or 1, n is zero or 1, R11 is hydrogen, methyl, C_pF_{2p+1}- or phenyl, where p is 1 or 2, and A is oxygen or $S(O)_q$, where q is zero, 1 or 2; compounds of the formula I in which R1 is hydrogen are preferred.

A further embodiment relates to compounds of the formula I in which R2 is hydrogen, F, Cl, Br, CN or R11-(C_mH_{2m})-A_n-, where m is zero or 1, n is zero or 1, R11 is hydrogen, methyl, C_pF_{2p+1}- or phenyl, where p is 1 or 2, and A is oxygen or $S(O)_q$, where q is zero, 1 or 2; compounds of the formula I in which R2 is hydrogen or Cl, in particular Cl, are preferred.

A further embodiment relates to compounds of the formula I in which R3 is hydrogen, F, Cl, Br, CN or R11-(C_mH_{2m})-A_n-, where m is zero or 1, n is zero or 1, R11 is hydrogen, methyl, C_pF_{2p+1}- or phenyl, where p is 1 or 2, and A is oxygen or $S(O)_q$, where q is zero, 1 or 2; compounds of the formula I in which R3 is hydrogen are preferred.

A further embodiment relates to compounds of the formula I in which R4 is hydrogen, F, Cl, Br, CN or R11-(C_mH_{2m})-A_n-, where m is zero or 1, n is zero or 1, R11 is hydrogen, methyl, C_pF_{2p+1}- or phenyl, where p is 1 or 2, and A is oxygen or $S(O)_q$, where q is zero, 1 or 2; compounds of the formula I in which R4 is hydrogen or Cl, in particular Cl, are preferred.

A further embodiment relates to compounds of the formula I in which R5 is hydrogen, methyl, ethyl or cyclopropyl, preferably hydrogen, methyl or ethyl.

A further embodiment relates to compounds of the formula I in which R6 is hydrogen or methyl.

A further embodiment relates to compounds of the formula I in which R7 is OR12 or NR13R14, where R12 is hydrogen or alkyl having 1, 2 or 3 C atoms and where R13 and R14 are independently of one another hydrogen, alkyl having 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6 C atoms which may be partly or completely fluorinated, cycloalkyl having 3, 4, 5 or 6 C atoms, phenyl, phenylalkyl having 1, 2 or 3 C atoms in the alkyl moiety, heteroaryl or heteroarylmethyl, where the phenyl and heteroaryl radicals are unsubstituted or substituted by 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 radicals selected from the

group consisting of fluorine, chlorine, methyl, CF_3, methoxy and OH and where where the alkyl radicals are unsubstituted or are substituted by 1, 2 or 3 radicals selected from the group of alkoxy having 1, 2, 3 or 4 C atoms, in particular methoxy, NR15R16, where R15 and R16 are independently of one another hydrogen or alkyl having 1, 2, 3 or 4 C atoms, in particular methyl, and cycloalkyl having 3, 4, 5 or 6 C atoms, in particular cyclopropyl, or where R13 and R14 together with the N atom via which they are connected together form a 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 or 8-membered ring, where one C atom of the ring may be replaced by an oxygen atom or an NCH_3 group, for example R13 and R14 form together with the N atom via which they are connected together a saturated ring such as pyrrolidino, piperidino, perhydroazepino, morpholino, 4-methylpiperazino, in particular pyrrolidino.

A further embodiment relates to compounds of the formula I in which R8 is hydrogen, F, Cl or methyl.

A further embodiment relates to compounds of the formula I in which R9 is hydrogen, F, Cl or methyl.

A further embodiment relates to compounds of the formula I in which R10 is hydrogen or methyl.

Specific preference is given to compounds of the formula I selected from the group:

6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4-[4N-(2-ethoxy-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,
6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4-[3N-(2-ethoxy-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,
6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4-[2N-(2-ethoxy-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,
6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4(S)-[4N-(2-ethoxy-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,
6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4(S)-[3N-(2-ethoxy-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,
6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4(R)-[2N-(2-ethoxy-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,
6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4-[4N-(2-hydroxy-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,

6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4-[3N-(2-hydroxy-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,
6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4-[2N-(2-hydroxy-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,
6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4-[4N-(2-amino-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,
6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4-[3N-(2-amino-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,
6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4-[2N-(2-amino-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,
6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4(S)-[4N-(2-amino-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,
6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4(S)-[3N-(2-amino-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,
6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4(S)-[2N-(2-amino-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,
6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4-[4N-(2-N-cyclohexyl-N-methylamino-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,
6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4-[4N-(2-dimethylamino-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,
6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4-[3N-(2-dimethylamino-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,
6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4(S)-[4N-(2-dimethylamino-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,
6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4(R)-[2N-(2-dimethylamino-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,
6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4(S)-[3N-(2-dimethylamino-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,
6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4(S)-[4N-(2-N-(1-butyl)-N-methylamino-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,
6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4-[4N-(2-dipropylamino-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,
6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4-[4N-(2-(N-isobutyl-N-methylamino)-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,
6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4-[4N-(2-(N-methoxyethyl)-N-methylamino)-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,
6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4(S)-[4N-(2-diethylamino-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,

6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4(S)-[4N-(2-(N-isopropyl-N-methylamino)-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,
6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4-[N-(2-(N-cyclopropylmethyl-N-propylamino)-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,
6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4(S)-[3N-(2-diethylamino-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,
6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4(S)-[3N-(2-N-methyl-N-isopropyl)amino-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,
6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4(S)-[4N-(2N-ethyl-N-isopropyl)amino-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,
6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4(S)-[3N-(2-N-methyl-N-propyl)amino-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,
6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4(S)-[3N-(2-N-pyrrolidino-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,
6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4(S)-[4N-(2-N-cyclopropylamino)-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,
6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4(S)-[4N-(2-N-pyrrolidino-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,
6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4(R)-[2N-(2-N-methyl-N-propylamino)-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,
6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4-[4N-(2-N-benzyl-N-methylamino)-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,
6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4(R)-[2N-(2-diethylamino-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,
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6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4(R)-[2N-(2-N-methyl-N-isopropyl)amino-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,
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6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4-[2N-(2-N-(1-hexylamino)-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,
6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4-[2N-(2-N-isopropylamino-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,

6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4-[2N-(2-N-cyclopentylamino-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,
6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4-[2N-(2N-(2-furylmethyl)amino-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,
6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4-[2N-(2-N-ethylamino-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,
6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4-[2N-(2-N-dimethylaminoethylamino-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,
6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4-[4N-(2-N-ethylamino-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,
6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4-[2N-(2N-(3-picolylmethyl)amino-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,
6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4-[4N-(2N-methylamino-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,
6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4-[4N-(2N-cyclopropylamino-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,
6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4-[4N-(2N-isopropylamino-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,
6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4-[4N-(2N-(2-furylmethyl)amino-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,
6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4-[4N-(2N-dimethylaminoethylamino)-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,
6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4-[4N-(1-hexylamino)-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,
6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4-[4N-(2-picolylamino)-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,
6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4-[4N-2-methylamino-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,
6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4-[4N-(2-ethylamino)-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,
6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4-[3N-(2-(2-furylmethylamino)-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,
6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4-[3N-(2-cyclopentylamino-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,
6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4-[3N-(2-isopropylamino)-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,
6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4-[3N-(2N-dimethylaminoethylamino)-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,

6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4(R)-[2N-(2-isopropylamino-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,
6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4(R)-[3N-(2-methylamino-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,
and
6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4(R)-[2N-(2-methylamino-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline
and the pharmaceutically acceptable salts and trifluoroacetates thereof.

If the compounds of the formula I comprise one or more centers of asymmetry, these may independently of one another have either the S or the R configuration. The compounds may be in the form of optical isomers, of enantiomers, of diastereomers, of racemates or of mixtures in all ratios thereof.

The present invention includes all tautomeric forms of the compounds of the formula I.

Alkyl radicals may be straight-chain or branched. This also applies when they have substituents or occur as substituents of other radicals, for example in fluoroalkyl radicals or alkoxy radicals. Examples of alkyl radicals are methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, isopropyl (= 1-methylethyl), n-butyl, isobutyl (= 2-methylpropyl), sec-butyl (= 1-methylpropyl), tert-butyl (= 1,1-dimethyl-ethyl), n-pentyl, isopentyl, tert-pentyl, neopentyl or hexyl. Preferred alkyl radicals are methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, isopropyl, n-butyl, tert-butyl, n-pentyl, n-hexyl. One or more, for example 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 or 13, hydrogen atoms in alkyl radicals may be replaced by fluorine atoms. Example of such fluoroalkyl radicals are trifluoromethyl, 2,2,2-trifluoroethyl, pentafluoroethyl, heptafluoroisopropyl.

Examples of cycloalkyl radicals are cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, cycloheptyl or cyclooctyl. One or more CH_2 groups in the cycloalkyl radicals may be replaced by O, NH or N-alkyl, for example NCH_3.

Phenyl radicals may be unsubstituted or be substituted one or more times, for example once, twice or three times, by identical or different radicals. This applies likewise to substituted phenyl radicals in groups such as phenylalkyl. Examples of phenylalkyl radicals are benzyl, 1-phenylethyl or

2-phenylethyl. The substituent in monosubstituted phenyl radicals may be in position 2, position 3 or position 4. Disubstituted phenyl may be substituted in position 2,3, position 2,4, position 2,5, position 2,6, position 3,4 or position 3,5. The substituents in trisubstituted phenyl radicals may be in position 2,3,4, position 2,3,5, position 2,4,5, position 2,4,6, position 2,3,6 or position 3,4,5.

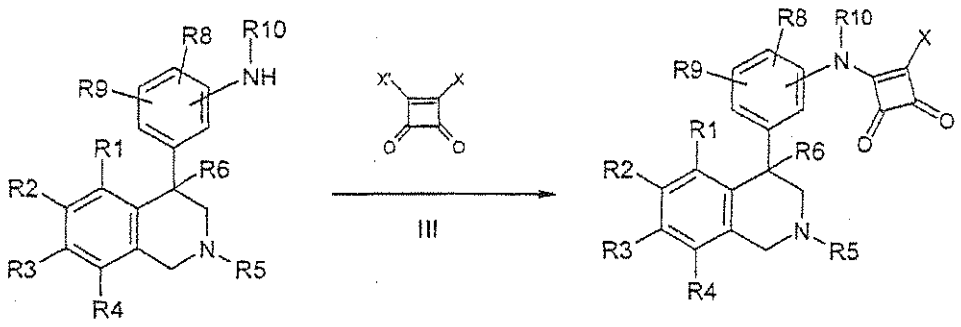
Heteroaryl radicals are aromatic ring compounds in which one or more ring atoms are oxygen atoms, sulfur atoms or nitrogen atoms, e.g. 1, 2, 3 or 4 nitrogen atoms, 1 or 2 oxygen atoms, 1 or 2 sulfur atoms or a combinations of various heteroatoms. The heteroaryl radicals may be attached via all positions, for example via position 1, position 2, position 3, position 4, position 5, position 6, position 7 or position 8. Heteroaryl radicals may be unsubstituted or be substituted one or more times, for example once, twice or three times, by identical or different radicals. This likewise applies to substituted heteroaryl radicals in groups such as heteroarylmethyl. Examples of heteroaryl are 2- or 3-thienyl, 2- or 3-furyl, 1-, 2- or 3-pyrrolyl, 1-, 2-, 4- or 5-imidazolyl, 1-, 3-, 4- or 5-pyrazolyl, 1,2,3-triazol-1-, -4- or 5-yl, 1,2,4-triazol-1-, -3- or -5-yl, 1- or 5-tetrazolyl, 2-, 4- or 5-oxazolyl, 3-, 4- or 5-isoxazolyl, 1,2,3-oxadiazol-4- or 5-yl, 1,2,4-oxadiazol-3- or 5-yl, 1,3,4-oxadiazol-2-yl or -5-yl, 2-, 4- or 5-thiazolyl, 3-, 4- or 5-isothiazolyl, 1,3,4-thiadiazol-2- or -5-yl, 1,2,4-thiadiazol-3- or -5-yl, 1,2,3-thiadiazol-4- or 5-yl, 2-, 3- or 4-pyridyl, 2-, 4-, 5- or 6-pyrimidinyl, 3- or 4-pyridazinyl, pyrazinyl, 1-, 2-, 3-, 4-, 5-, 6- or 7-indolyl, 1-, 2-, 4- or 5-benzimidazolyl, 1-, 3-, 4-, 5-, 6- or 7-indazolyl, 2-, 3-, 4-, 5-, 6-, 7- or 8-quinolyl, 1-, 3-, 4-, 5-, 6-, 7- or 8-isoquinolyl, 2-, 4-, 5-, 6-, 7- or 8-quinazolinyl, 3-, 4-, 5-, 6-, 7- or 8-cinnolinyl, 2-, 3-, 5-, 6-, 7- or 8-quinoxalinyl, 1-, 4-, 5-, 6-, 7- or 8-phthalazinyl. Also included are the corresponding N-oxides of these compounds, for example 1-oxy-2-, -3- or -4-pyridyl. Preference is given in this connection to the 5- or 6-membered heterocycles, for example imidazolyl, pyrazolyl, pyrrolyl, triazolyl, tetrazolyl, thiazolyl, thienyl, furyl, oxazolyl and pyridyl.

If the compounds of the formula I comprise one or more acidic or basic groups or one or more basic heterocycles, the corresponding physiologically or toxicologically acceptable salts also belong to the invention, especially the pharmaceutically utilizable salts. Thus, the compounds of the formula I may be deprotonated on an acidic group and be used for example as alkali metal salts, preferably sodium or potassium

salts, or as ammonium salts, for example as salts with ammonia or organic amines or amino acids. Compounds of the formula I comprising a basic group can also be used in the form of their physiologically tolerated acid addition salts with inorganic or organic acids, for example as hydrochlorides, phosphates, sulfates, methanesulfonates, acetates, lactates, maleates, fumarates, malates, gluconates etc.

The invention also relates to the method described below for preparing the compounds of the formula I.

The compounds of the formula I described herein can be prepared starting from the aniline derivatives of the formula II. For this purpose, compounds of the formula II are reacted with squaric acid derivatives of the formula III



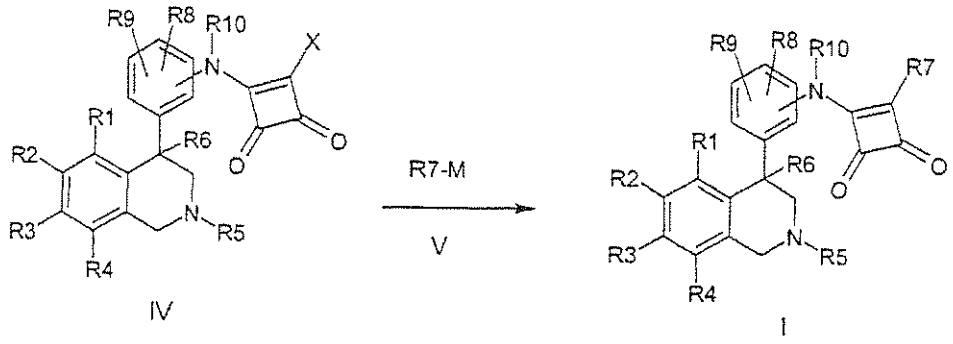
II IV

where the substituents R1, R2, R3, R4, R5, R6, R8, R9 and R10 are as defined above, X is a group which can readily undergo nucleophilic substitution, such as chlorine or phenoxy, or is defined as R7, and X' is a group which can undergo nucleophilic substitution, for example chlorine, phenoxy or alkoxy, for example ethoxy.

The compounds of the formula IV correspond to compounds of the formula I when the substituent X has the meaning of R7.

The squaric acid derivatives of the formula III can be purchased or prepared by methods known from the literature.

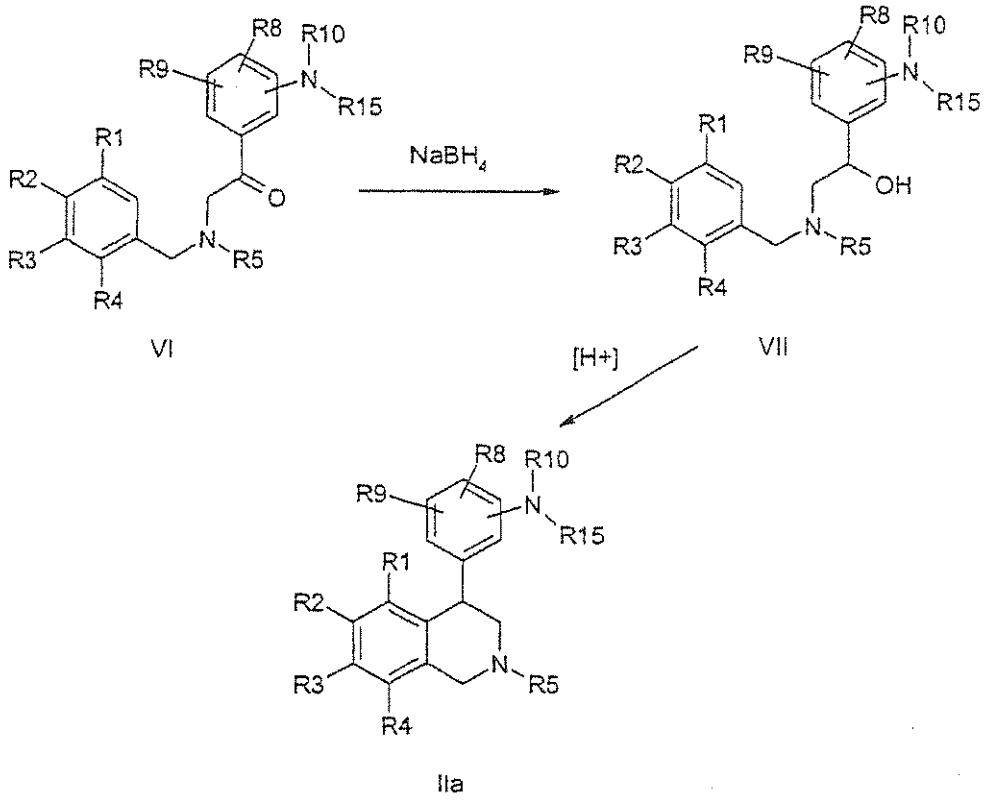
The compounds of the formula IV can additionally be converted in diverse manners by nucleophilic exchange with compounds of the formula V by methods known to the skilled worker into compounds of the invention of the formula I



where R1, R2, R3, R4, R5, R6, R7, R8, R9, R10 and have the abovementioned meaning, X is a group which can undergo nucleophilic substitution, for example chlorine, phenoxy or alkoxy, for example ethoxy, and M is either hydrogen or a metal, in particular an alkali metal or an alkaline earth metal equivalent, for example lithium or Grignard compounds.

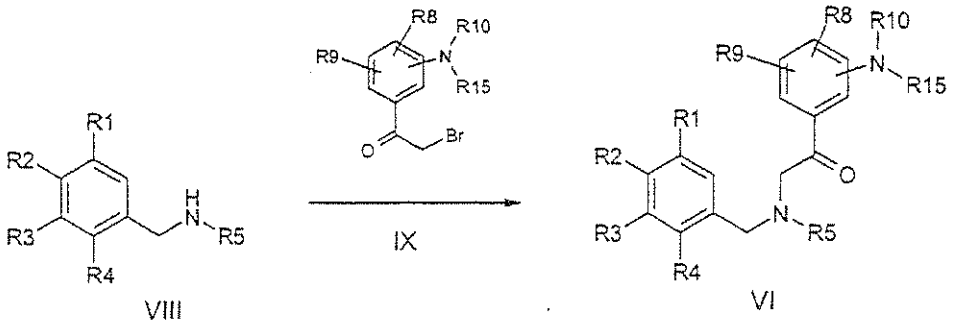
The compounds of the formula V can be purchased or can be prepared by methods known from the literature.

Tetrahydroisoquinolines of the formula II in which R6 is hydrogen (tetrahydroisoquinolines of the formula IIa) can be prepared for example by reduction of the carbonyl group in compounds of the formula VI and subsequent acid-catalyzed cyclization of the corresponding alcohols of the formula VII (cf. Tetrahedron Lett., 1989, 30, 5837; Org. Prep. Proced. Int., 1995, 27, 513) by known methods,



where the substituents R1, R2, R3, R4, R5, R8, R9 and R10 have the abovementioned meaning, and R15 is hydrogen or a nitrogen protective group familiar to the skilled worker, for example an acetyl radical.

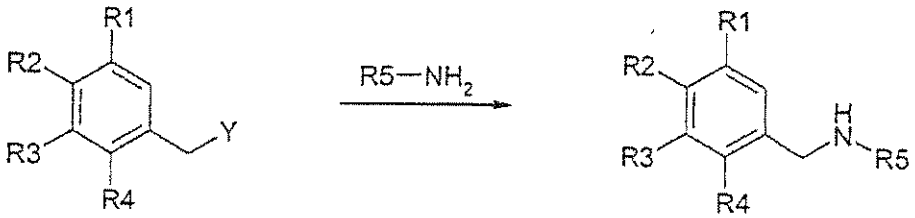
The compounds of the formula VI used above can be prepared in a manner known to the skilled worker by alkylation of the benzylamines of the formula VIII with the appropriately substituted alpha-bromoacetophenone compounds IX



where the substituents R1, R2, R3, R4, R5, R8, R9, R10 and R15 have the abovementioned meaning.

The alpha-bromoacetophenone compounds of the formula IX can be obtained in methods known from the literature from the corresponding acetophenone precursors by bromination as described for example in Jerry March, Advanced Organic Chemistry, Reactions, Mechanisms, and Structure. Second Edition, 7th printing, McGraw-Hill Book Company Japan, Ltd 1983, pages 537-539, Chapter: "Halogenation of Aldehydes and Ketones".

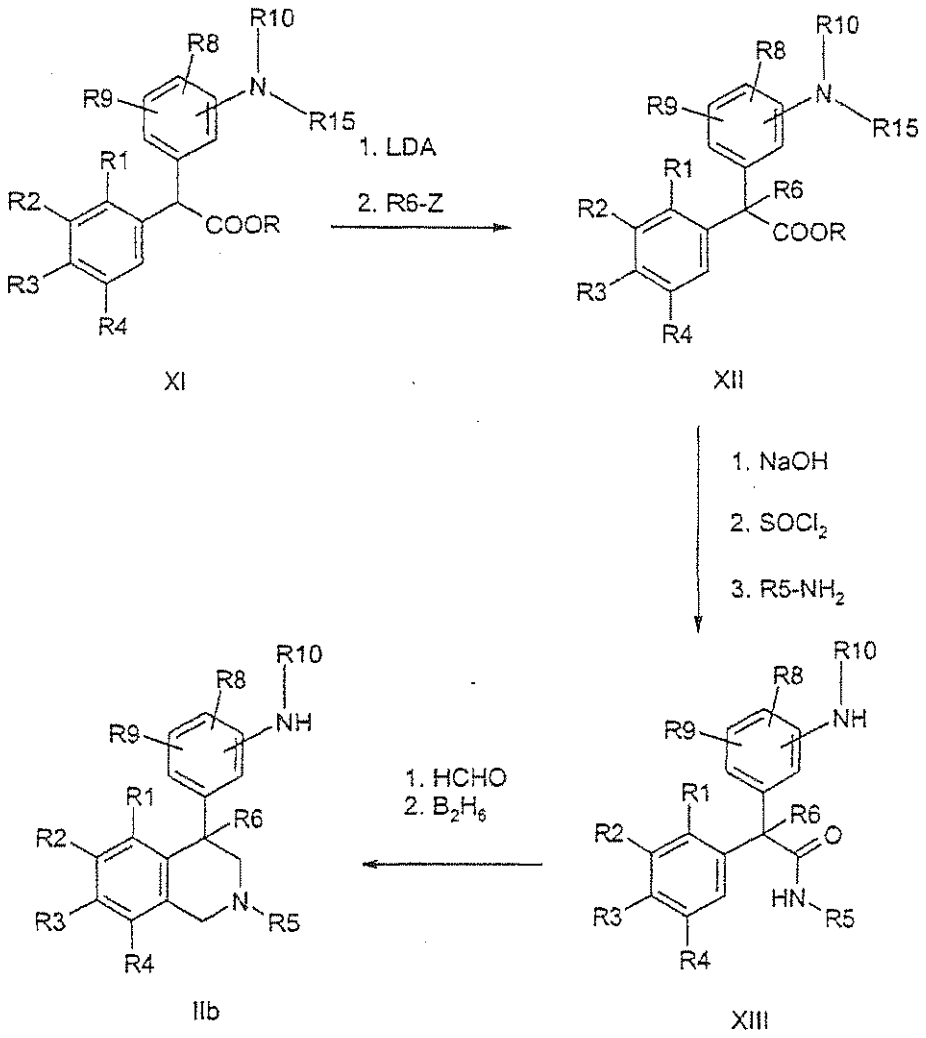
The benzylamine precursors of the formula VIII can, if not purchasable, be synthesized by standard methods known to the skilled worker for example from the corresponding benzyl chlorides or bromides of the formula X and the appropriate amine



X VIII

where R1, R2, R3, R4 and R5 are as defined above, and Y is halogen, for example Cl or Br.

Branched compounds of the formula II in which R6 is not hydrogen (compounds of the formula IIb) can be prepared for example by alkylating the corresponding diphenylacetic esters of the formula XI in the alpha position with R6 by known methods. The resulting compounds of the formula XII can be converted by standard methods into the corresponding amides of the formula XIII, which can be converted in a Pictet-Spengler-analogous reaction into the desired tetrahydroisoquinolines IIb (cf. Tetrahedron; 1987, 43, 439; Chem. Pharm. Bull.; 1985, 33, 340),



where the substituents R1, R2, R3, R4, R5, R6, R7, R8, R9, R10 and R15 have the abovementioned meanings, and where Z is a halogen, for example Cl, Br or I, and R is an alkyl having 1, 2, 3 or 4 C atoms, for example methyl or ethyl.

The compounds R5-NH_2 and R6-Z can be purchased or be prepared by methods known from the literature.

The compounds of the formula XI can, if they are not purchasable, be obtained for example from a corresponding benzyl cyanide, which is phenylated in the alpha position under basic two-phase catalysis with a nitro-substituted fluoro- or chlorobenzene; the resulting alpha-phenylbenzyl cyanide can be hydrolyzed with base or preferably in an acidic medium to the corresponding carboxylic acid XI.

The products and/or intermediates are worked up and, if desired, purified

by the usual methods such as extraction, chromatography or crystallization and the usual dryings.

It has been possible to show that compounds of the formula I are excellent inhibitors of the sodium-hydrogen exchanger (NHE), in particular of the sodium-hydrogen exchanger of subtype 3 (NHE3).

Previously disclosed NHE3 inhibitors are derived for example from compounds of the acylguanidine type (EP825178), norbornylamine type (WO0144164), 2-guanidinoquinazoline type (WO0179186) or benzamidine type (WO0121582, WO017242). Squalamine, which is likewise described as an NHE3 inhibitor (M. Donowitz et al. Am. J. Phsiol. 276 (Cell Physiol. 45): C136-C144) does not according to the current state of knowledge act immediately like the compounds of the formula I, but acts via an indirect mechanism and thus reaches its maximum strength of effect only after one hour. Such NHE3 inhibitors acting via different mechanism are suitable for example as combination partners for the present compounds of the invention.

Tetrahydroisoquinolines as inhibitors of the sodium-hydrogen exchanger of subtype 3 (NHE3) have been described in the applications WO03048129 and DE10312963. The patent application WO03055880 describes the related class of tetrahydroisoquinolinium salt compounds as NHE3 inhibitors. It has now been found, surprisingly, that the compounds of the formula I described herein are likewise potent inhibitors of NHE3 and moreover have advantageous pharmacological and pharmcokinetic properties. Thus, the compounds are notable for improved properties such as, for example, a high selectivity for the sodium-hydrogen exchanger with a negligible effect on hERG potassium channels.

NHE3 is found in the body of various species preferentially in the bile, the intestine and the kidney (Larry Fliegel et al., Biochem. Cell. Biol. 76: 735-741, 1998), but has also been detected in the brain (E. Ma et al., Neuroscience 79:591-603).

On the basis of the NHE-inhibitory properties, the compounds of the formula I and their pharmaceutically acceptable salts are suitable for the prevention and treatment of diseases which are caused by activation or by

an activated NHE, and of diseases which are caused secondarily by the NHE-related damage.

In general, the NHE inhibitors described herein can be combined in a beneficial manner with other compounds which likewise regulate the intracellular pH, suitable combination partners being inhibitors of the enzyme group of carbonic anhydratases, inhibitors of the systems transporting bicarbonate ions, such as of the sodium-bicarbonate cotransporter (NBC) or of the sodium-dependent chloride-bicarbonate exchanger, and with other NHE inhibitors with an inhibitory effect on other NHE subtypes, because the pharmacologically relevant pH-regulating effects of the NHE inhibitors described herein can be enhanced or modulated thereby.

The use of the compounds of the invention relates to the prevention and the treatment of acute and chronic diseases in veterinary and human medicine.

According to a second aspect, the present invention provides a compound of the formula I and the pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof as defined above for use as medicament.

The pharmacological effect of the compounds of the formula I is characterized in that they lead to an improvement in the respiratory drive. They can therefore be used for the treatment of impaired respiratory conditions as may occur for example with the following clinical conditions and diseases: impaired central respiratory drive (e.g. central sleep apneas, sudden infant death, postoperative hypoxia), muscle-related respiratory impairments, respiratory impairments following long-term ventilation, respiratory impairments associated with altitude adaptation, obstructive and mixed forms of sleep apneas, acute and chronic pulmonary diseases with hypoxia and hypercapnia. The compounds additionally increase the tone of the muscles in the upper respiratory tract, so that snoring is suppressed. Said compounds are therefore advantageously used for the manufacture of a medicament for the prevention and treatment of sleep apneas and muscle-related respiratory impairments and for the manufacture of a medicament for the prevention and treatment of snoring.

According to a third aspect, the present invention provides the use of a compound of the formula I and/or its pharmaceutically acceptable salts as defined above for the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment or prophylaxis of impairments of respiratory drive, of respiratory disorders, sleep-related respiratory disorders, sleep apneas, of snoring, of acute and chronic renal disorders, of acute renal failure and of chronic renal failure, of impairments of bowel function, of high blood pressure, of essential hypertension, of central nervous system disorders, of disorders resulting from CNS overexcitability, epilepsy and centrally induced spasms or of anxiety states, depressions and psychoses, of ischemic states of the peripheral or central nervous system or of stroke, of acute and chronic damage and disorders of peripheral organs or limbs caused by ischemic or reperfusion events, of atherosclerosis, of impairments of lipid metabolism, of thromboses, of impairments of biliary function, of infestation by ectoparasites, of disorders resulting from endothelial dysfunction, of protozoal diseases, of malaria, of states of shock or of diabetes and late damage from diabetes or of diseases in which cell proliferation represents a primary or secondary cause, for the preservation and storage of transplants for surgical procedures, for use in surgical operations and organ transplantations and for maintaining health and prolonging life.

According to a fourth aspect, the present invention provides the use of a compound of the formula I and/or its pharmaceutically acceptable salts as defined above in combination with other pharmaceuticals or active ingredients for the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment or prophylaxis of impairments of respiratory drive, of respiratory disorders, sleep-related respiratory disorders, sleep apneas, of snoring, of acute and chronic renal disorders, of acute renal failure and of chronic renal failure, of impairments of bowel function, of high blood pressure, of essential hypertension, of central nervous system disorders, of disorders resulting from CNS overexcitability, epilepsy and centrally induced spasms or of anxiety states, depressions and psychoses, of ischemic states of the peripheral or central nervous system or of stroke, of acute and chronic damage and disorders of peripheral organs or limbs caused by ischemic or reperfusion events, of atherosclerosis, of impairments of lipid metabolism, of thromboses, of impairments of biliary function, of infestation by ectoparasites, of disorders

resulting from endothelial dysfunction, of protozoal diseases, of malaria, of states of shock or of diabetes and late damage from diabetes or of diseases in which cell proliferation represents a primary or secondary cause, for the preservation and storage of transplants for surgical procedures, for use in surgical operations and organ transplantations and for maintaining health and prolonging life.

According to a fifth aspect, the present invention provides the use of a compound of the formula I and/or its pharmaceutically acceptable salts as defined above alone or in combination with other pharmaceuticals or active ingredients for the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment or prophylaxis of impairments of the respiratory drive and/or of sleep-related respiratory impairments such as sleep apneas.

According to a sixth aspect, the present invention provides the use of a compound of the formula I and/or its pharmaceutically acceptable salts as defined above alone or in combination with other pharmaceuticals or active ingredients for the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment or prophylaxis of snoring.

According to a seventh aspect, the present invention provides the use of a compound of the formula I and/or its pharmaceutically acceptable salts as defined above alone or in combination with other pharmaceuticals or active ingredients for the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment or prophylaxis of acute or chronic renal disorders, of acute renal failure or of chronic renal failure.

According to an eighth aspect, the present invention provides the use of a compound of the formula I and/or its pharmaceutically acceptable salts as defined above alone or in combination with other pharmaceuticals or active ingredients for the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment or prophylaxis of impairments of bowel function.

According to a ninth aspect, the present invention provides a medicine for human, veterinary or phytoprotective use comprising an effective amount of a compound of the formula I and/or of a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof as defined above.

According to a tenth aspect, the present invention provides a medicine for human, veterinary or phytoprotective use comprising an effective amount of a compound of the formula I and/or of a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof as defined above, in combination with other pharmacological active ingredients or pharmaceuticals.

Combination of an NHE inhibitor of the formula I with a carbonic anhydrase inhibitor (e.g. acetazolamide) may prove to be advantageous, the latter inducing a metabolic acidosis and thus itself increasing respiratory activity, so that an enhanced effect and reduced use of active ingredient can be

achieved.

The compounds of the invention preserve, as a result of their NHE3-inhibitory effect, the cellular energy reserves which are rapidly exhausted during toxic and pathogenic events and thus lead to cell damage or cell death. In this connection, the energy-costly ATP-consuming sodium absorption in the proximal tubule temporarily ceases under the influence of NHE3 inhibitors, and the cell is thus able to survive an acute pathogenic, ischemic or toxic situation. The compounds are therefore suitable for example as pharmaceuticals for the treatment of ischemic noxae, for example of acute renal failure. The compounds are further suitable also for the treatment of all chronic renal disorders and types of nephritis which lead, as a consequence of increased protein excretion, to chronic renal failure. Accordingly, the compounds of the formula I are suitable for the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment of late damage from diabetes, of diabetic nephropathy and of chronic renal disorders, in particular of all renal inflammations (nephritides) which are associated with an increased protein/albumin excretion.

It has emerged that the compounds used according to the invention have a mild laxative effect and accordingly can also be used advantageously as laxatives or if there is a risk of constipation.

The compounds of the invention can further be used advantageously for the prevention and therapy of acute and chronic disorders of the intestinal tract which are induced for example by ischemic states in the intestinal region and/or by subsequent reperfusion or by inflammatory states and events. Such complications may arise for example through deficient intestinal peristalsis as are frequently to be observed for example following surgical interventions, associated with constipation or greatly reduced intestinal activity.

It is possible with the compounds of the invention to prevent the formation of gallstones.

The NHE inhibitors of the invention are generally suitable for the treatment of diseases caused by ischemia and by reperfusion.

The compounds of the invention are, as a result of their pharmacological properties, suitable as antiarrhythmic pharmaceuticals. Owing to their cardioprotective component, the NHE inhibitors are outstandingly suitable for the prophylaxis of infarction and for the treatment of infarction, and for the treatment of angina pectoris, in which case they inhibit or greatly reduce preventively the pathophysiological processes associated with the development of damage induced by ischemia, in particular with the triggering of cardiac arrhythmias induced by ischemia. Because of their protective effects against pathological hypoxic and ischemic situations, the compounds of the formula I used according to the invention can, as a result of inhibition of the cellular Na^+/H^+ exchange mechanism, be used as pharmaceuticals for the treatment of all acute or chronic damage induced by ischemia or diseases induced primarily or secondarily thereby.

This also relates to the use as pharmaceuticals for surgical interventions. Thus, the compounds of the invention can be used in organ transplantations, in which case the compounds can be used both to protect the organs in the donor before and during removal, to protect removed organs for example during treatment with or storage thereof in physiological bath fluids, as well as during transfer into the recipient organism pretreated with compounds of the formula I.

The compounds are likewise valuable pharmaceuticals with a protective effect for carrying out angioplastic surgical interventions for example on the heart as well as on peripheral organs and vessels.

In accordance with their protective effect against damage induced by ischemia, the compounds are also suitable as pharmaceuticals for the treatment of ischemias of the nervous system, especially of the CNS, being suitable for example for the treatment of stroke or of cerebral edema.

Since NHE inhibitors of human tissue and organs protect effectively not only against damage caused by ischemia and reperfusion but also against the cytotoxic effect of pharmaceuticals like those used in particular in cancer therapy and the therapy of autoimmune diseases, combined administration thereof with compounds of the formula I is suitable for reducing or suppressing the cytotoxic effects of a therapy. The reduction in the cytotoxic effects, especially the cardiotoxicity, as a result of

comedication with NHE inhibitors makes it additionally possible to increase the dose of the cytotoxic therapeutic agents and/or to prolong the medication with such pharmaceuticals. The therapeutic benefit of such a cytotoxic therapy can be increased considerably by combination with NHE inhibitors.

The compounds of the formula I are particularly suitable for improving therapy with pharmaceuticals which have an unwanted cardiotoxic component.

In accordance with their protective effect against damage induced by ischemia, the compounds are also suitable as pharmaceuticals for the treatment of ischemias of the nervous system, especially of the central nervous system, being suitable for example for the treatment of stroke or of cerebral edema.

The compounds of the formula I are also suitable for the therapy and prophylaxis of disorders and impairments induced by overexcitability of the central nervous system, in particular for the treatment of epileptiform disorders, centrally induced clonic and tonic spasms, states of mental depression, anxiety disorders and psychoses. The NHE inhibitors of the invention may in this connection be used alone or in combination with other substances having antiepileptic activity or antipsychotic active ingredients, or carbonic anhydratase inhibitors, for example with acetazolamide, and with further inhibitors of NHE or of the sodium-dependent chloride-bicarbonate exchanger (NCBE).

In addition, the compounds of the invention of the formula I are likewise suitable for the treatment of types of shock such as, for example, of allergic, cardiogenic, hypovolemic and bacterial shock.

The compounds of the formula I can likewise be used for the prevention and treatment of thrombotic disorders because, as NHE inhibitors, they are able to inhibit both platelet aggregation itself. In addition, they are able to inhibit or prevent the excessive release of mediators of inflammation and coagulation, in particular of von Willebrand factor and thrombogenic selectin proteins, which takes place following ischemia and reperfusion. It is thus possible to reduce and eliminate the pathogenic effect of thrombogenic and inflammation-relevant factors. The NHE inhibitors of the

present invention can therefore be combined with further anticoagulant and/or thrombolytic active ingredients such as, for example, recombinant or natural tissue plasminogen activator, streptokinase, urokinase, acetylsalicylic acid, thrombin antagonists, factor Xa antagonists, drugs with fibrinolytic activity, thromboxane receptor antagonists, phosphodiesterase inhibitors, factor VIIa antagonists, clopidogrel, ticlopidine etc. Combined use of the present NHE inhibitors with NCBE inhibitors and/or with inhibitors of carbonic anhydratase such as, for example, with acetazolamide is particularly beneficial.

The NHE inhibitors of the invention are additionally notable for a strong inhibitory effect on the proliferation of cells, for example fibroblast cell proliferation and the proliferation of smooth vascular muscle cells. The compounds of the formula I are therefore suitable as valuable therapeutic agents for diseases in which cell proliferation represents a primary or secondary cause, and can therefore used as antiatherosclerotics, agents against chronic renal failure, cancers. They can thus be used for the treatment of organ hypertrophies and hyperplasias, for example of the heart and of the prostate. Compounds of the formula I are therefore suitable for the prevention and treatment of heart failure (congestive heart failure = CHF) and for the treatment and prevention of prostate hyperplasia or prostate hypertrophy.

NHE inhibitors are further notable for a retardation or prevention of fibrotic disorders. They are thus suitable as outstanding agents for the treatment of fibroses of the heart, and of pulmonary fibrosis, hepatic fibrosis, renal fibrosis and other fibrotic disorders.

Since NHE is significantly elevated in essential hypertensives, the compounds of the formula I are suitable for the prevention and treatment of high blood pressure and of cardiovascular disorders. They can be used in this connection alone or with a suitable combination partner for the treatment of high blood pressure and for the treatment of cardiovascular disorders. Thus, for example, one or more diuretics having a thiazide-like action, loop diuretics, aldosterone and pseudoaldosterone antagonists such as hydrochlorothiazide, indapamide, polythiazide, furosemide, piretanide, torasemide, bumetanide, amiloride, triamterene, spironolactone or eplerone, can be combined with compounds of the formula I. The NHE

inhibitors of the present invention can moreover be used in combination with calcium antagonists such as verapamil, diltiazem, amlodipine or nifedipine, and with ACE inhibitors such as, for example, ramipril, enalapril, lisinopril, fosinopril or captopril. Further beneficial combination partners are also β blockers such as metoprolol, albuterol etc., antagonists of the angiotensin receptor and its receptor subtypes such as losartan, irbesartan, valsartan, omapatrilat, gernopatrilat, endothelin antagonists, renin inhibitors, adenosine receptor agonists, inhibitors and activators of potassium channels such as glibenclamide, glimepiride, diazoxide, cromokalim, minoxidil and derivatives thereof, activators of the mitochondrial ATP-sensitive potassium channel (mitoK(ATP) channel), inhibitors of further potassium channels such as of Kv1.5 etc.

As a result of their antiinflammatory effect, NHE inhibitors of the invention can be used as antiinflammatory drugs. Mechanistically notable in this connection is the inhibition of the release of mediators of inflammation. The compounds can thus be used alone or in combination with an antiinflammatory drug for the prevention or treatment of chronic and acute inflammatory disorders. Combination partners which are advantageously used are steroidal and non-steroidal antiinflammatory drugs.

It has additionally been found that NHE inhibitors show a beneficial effect on serum lipoproteins. They can therefore be used for the prophylaxis and regression of atherosclerotic lesions by eliminating a causal risk factor. These include not only the primary hyperlipidemias, but also certain secondary hyperlipidemias like those occurring for example in association with diabetes. In addition, NHE inhibitors lead to a marked reduction in the infarctions induced by metabolic abnormalities and in particular to a significant reduction in the induced infarct size and its severity. NHE inhibitors of the formula I are therefore advantageously used for the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment of hypercholesterolemia; for the manufacture of a medicament for the prevention of atherogenesis; for the manufacture of a medicament for the prevention and treatment of atherosclerosis, for the manufacture of a medicament for the prevention and treatment of diseases induced by elevated cholesterol levels, for the manufacture of a medicament for the prevention and treatment of diseases induced by endothelial dysfunction, for the manufacture of a medicament for the prevention and treatment of atherosclerosis-induced hypertension,

for the manufacture of a medicament for the prevention and treatment of atherosclerosis-induced thromboses, for the manufacture of a medicament for the prevention and treatment of ischemic damage induced by hypercholesterolemia and endothelial dysfunction, and postischemic reperfusion damage, for the manufacture of a medicament for the prevention and treatment of cardiac hypertrophies and cardiomyopathies and of congestive heart failure (CHF), for the manufacture of a medicament for the prevention and treatment of coronary vasospasms and myocardial infarction induced by hypercholesterolemia and endothelial dysfunction, for the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment of said disorders in combinations with hypotensive substances, preferably with angiotension converting enzyme (ACE) inhibitors and angiotensin receptor antagonists. Combination of an NHE inhibitor of the formula I with an active ingredient which lowers the blood lipid level, preferably with an HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor (e.g. lovastatin or pravastatin), where the latter brings about a hypolipidemic effect and thus increases the hypolipidemic properties of the NHE inhibitor of the formula I, represents a favorable combination with enhanced effect and reduced use of active ingredient.

Thus, NHE inhibitors lead to effective protection from endothelial damage of various origins. With this protection of vessels against the syndrome of endothelial dysfunction, NHE inhibitors are valuable pharmaceuticals for the prevention and treatment of coronary vasospasms, peripheral vascular diseases, especially intermittent claudication, atherogenesis and atherosclerosis, left-ventricular hypertrophy and dilated cardiomyopathy, and thrombotic disorders.

NHE inhibitors are additionally suitable for the treatment of non-insulin-dependent diabetes (NIDDM), in which case for example insulin resistance is restrained. It may in this connection be beneficial, for enhancing the antidiabetic efficacy and quality of the effect of the compounds of the invention, to combine them with a biguanide such as metformin, with an antidiabetic sulfonylurea such as glyburide, glimepiride, tolbutamide etc., with a glucosidase inhibitor, with a PPAR agonist such as rosiglitazone, pioglitazone etc., with an insulin product of different administration form, with a DB4 inhibitor, with an insulin sensitizer or with meglitinide.

Besides the acute antidiabetic effects, NHE inhibitors counteract the

development of late complications of diabetes and can therefore be used as pharmaceuticals for the prevention and treatment of late damage from diabetes, such as diabetic nephropathy, diabetic neuropathy, diabetic retinopathy, diabetic cardiomyopathy and other disorders arising as a consequence of diabetes. They can in this connection be advantageously combined with the antidiabetic pharmaceuticals described above under NIDDM treatment. Combination with a beneficial dosage form of insulin may be particularly important in this connection.

NHE inhibitors show, besides the protective effects against acute ischemic events and the subsequent equally acutely stressing reperfusion events, also direct therapeutically utilizable effects against disorders and impairments of the whole mammalian organism which are associated with the manifestations of the chronically progressive aging process and which are also independent of acute states of defective blood supply and may also occur under normal, non-ischemic conditions. These pathological, age-related manifestations induced over the long aging period, such as disease, invalidity and death, which can now be made amenable to treatment with NHE inhibitors, are disorders and impairments which are essentially caused by age-related changes in vital organs and the function thereof and become increasingly important in the aging organism.

Disorders associated with an age-related functional impairment, with age-related manifestations of wear of organs, are, for example, the inadequate response and reactivity of the blood vessels to contraction and relaxation reactions. This age-related decline in the reactivity of vessels to constricting and relaxing stimuli, which are an essential process of the cardiovascular system and thus of life and health, can be significantly eliminated or reduced by NHE inhibitors. An important function and a measure of the maintenance of the reactivity of vessels is the blockade or retardation of the age-related progression of endothelial dysfunction, which can be eliminated highly significantly by NHE inhibitors. NHE inhibitors are thus outstandingly suitable for the treatment and prevention of the age-related progression of endothelial dysfunction, in particular of intermittent claudication. NHE inhibitors are thus outstandingly suitable in addition for the treatment and prevention of heart failure, of congestive heart failure (CHF) and for the treatment and in particular for the prevention of age-related types of cancer.

Combination with hypotensive medicaments such as with ACE inhibitors,

angiotensin receptor antagonists, diuretics, Ca^{2+} antagonists etc. or with metabolism-normalizing medicaments such as cholesterol-lowering agents comes into consideration in this connection. The compounds of the formula I are thus suitable for the prevention of age-related tissue lesions and for maintaining health and prolonging life while maintaining a high quality of life.

The compounds of the invention are effective inhibitors of the cellular sodium-proton antiporter (Na/H exchanger) which in a large number of disorders (essential hypertension, atherosclerosis, diabetes etc.) is also elevated in cells which are easily amenable to measurements, such as, for example, in erythrocytes, platelets or leukocytes. The compounds used according to the invention are therefore suitable as excellent and simple scientific tools, for example in their use as diagnostic aids for diagnosing and distinguishing particular types of hypertension, but also of atherosclerosis, of diabetes and the late complications of diabetes, proliferative disorders etc.

NHE3 inhibitors are further suitable for the treatment of diseases (human and veterinary) induced by bacteria and by protozoa. In the context of diseases caused by protozoa, particular mention should be made of malarial diseases of humans and coccidiosis of poultry.

The compounds are also suitable as agents for controlling sucking parasites in human and veterinary medicine and in crop protection. Preference is given in this connection to the use as agents against blood-sucking parasites in human and veterinary medicine.

Said compounds are therefore advantageously used alone or in combination with other pharmaceuticals or active ingredients for the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment or prophylaxis of impairments of respiratory drive, of respiratory disorders, sleep-related respiratory disorders, sleep apneas, of snoring, of acute and chronic renal disorders, of acute renal failure and of chronic renal failure, of impairments of bowel function, of high blood pressure, of essential hypertension, of central nervous system disorders, of disorders resulting from CNS overexcitability, epilepsy and centrally induced spasms or of anxiety states, depressions and psychoses, of ischemic states of the peripheral or central

nervous system or of stroke, of acute and chronic damage and disorders of peripheral organs or limbs caused by ischemic or reperfusion events, of atherosclerosis, of impairments of lipid metabolism, of thromboses, of impairments of biliary function, of infestation by ectoparasites, of disorders resulting from endothelial dysfunction, of protozoal diseases, of malaria, for the preservation and storage of transplants for surgical procedures, for use in surgical operations and organ transplatations or for the treatment of states of shock or of diabetes and late damage from diabetes or of diseases in which cell proliferation represents a primary or secondary cause, and for maintaining health and prolonging life.

Also claimed is a medicine for human, veterinary or phytoprotective use comprising an effective amount of a compound of the formula I and/or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, together with pharmaceutically acceptable carriers and additives, alone or in combination with other pharmacological active ingredients or pharmaceuticals.

Pharmaceuticals which comprise a compound of the formula I or the pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof can be administered for example orally, parenterally, intramuscularly, intravenously, rectally, nasally, by inhalation, subcutaneously or by a suitable transcutaneous dosage form, the preferred administration depending on the respective manifestation of the disorder. The compounds of the formula I can moreover be used alone or together with pharmaceutical excipients, specifically both in veterinary and in human medicine and in crop protection. The pharmaceuticals comprise active ingredients of the formula I and/or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof generally in an amount of from 0.01 mg to 1 g per dose unit.

The skilled worker is familiar on the basis of his expert knowledge with the excipients suitable for the desired pharmaceutical formulation. Besides solvents, gel formers, suppository bases, tablet excipients and other active ingredient carriers it is possible to use for example antioxidants, dispersants, emulsifiers, antifoams, masking flavors, preservatives, solubilizers or colorants.

For a form for oral administration, the active compounds are mixed with additives suitable for this purpose, such as carriers, stabilizers or inert

diluents, and converted by conventional methods into suitable dosage forms such as tablets, coated tablets, hard gelatin capsules, aqueous, alcoholic or oily solutions. Examples of inert carriers which can be used are gum arabic, magnesia, magnesium carbonate, potassium phosphate, lactose, glucose or starch, especially corn starch. It is moreover possible for the preparation to take place both as dry and as wet granules. Examples of suitable oily carriers or solvents are vegetable or animal oils, such as sunflower oil or fish liver oil.

For subcutaneous, percutaneous or intravenous administration, the active compounds used are converted, if desired with the substances usual for this purpose, such as solubilizers, emulsifiers or further excipients, into solution, suspension or emulsion. Examples of suitable solubilizers are: water, physiological saline or alcohols, e.g. ethanol, propanol, glycerol, as well as sugar solutions such as glucose or mannitol solutions, or also a mixture of the various solvents mentioned.

Suitable as pharmaceutical formulation for administration in the form of aerosols or sprays are for example solutions, suspensions or emulsions of the active ingredient of the formula I in a pharmaceutically acceptable solvent such as, in particular, ethanol or water, or a mixture of such solvents. The formulation may, if required, also comprise other pharmaceutical excipients such as surfactants, emulsifiers and stabilizers, and a propellant gas. Such a preparation normally comprises the active ingredient in a concentration of about 0.1 to 10, in particular of about 0.3 to 3% by weight.

The dosage of the active ingredient of the formula I to be administered and the frequency of administration depend on the potency and duration of action of the compounds used; additionally also on the nature and severity of the disease to be treated and on the gender, age, weight and individual response of the mammal to be treated.

On average, the daily dose of a compound of the formula I for a patient weighing about 75 kg is at least 0.001 mg/kg, preferably 0.1 mg/kg, to a maximum of 30 mg/kg, preferably 1 mg/kg, of body weight. In acute situations, for example immediately after suffering apneic states at high altitude, higher doses may also be necessary. Up to 300 mg/kg per day

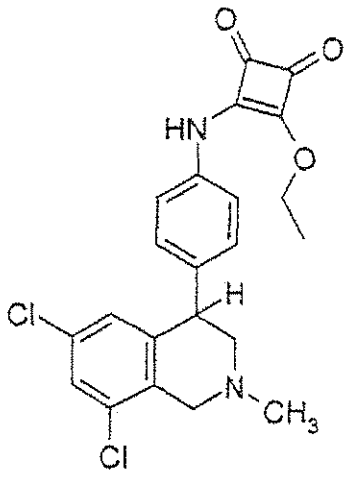
may be necessary in particular on i.v. administration, for example for an infarct patient in intensive care. The daily dose can be divided into one or more, for example up to 4, single doses.

Descriptions of experiments and examples

List of abbreviations used:

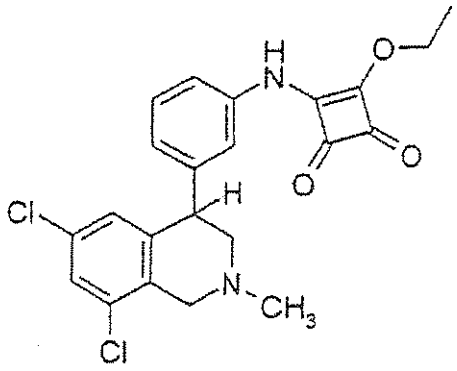
ADMET	adsorption – distribution – metabolism – excretion – toxicology
MeOH	methanol
MPRC	Cartridge L-026-30; S160 40-63 μm; Super Vario Flash; max. press. 3 bar Götec-Labortechnik GmbH
solv.	solvent
THF	tetrahydrofuran

Example 1: 6,8-Dichloro-2-methyl-4-[N-(2-ethoxy-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline



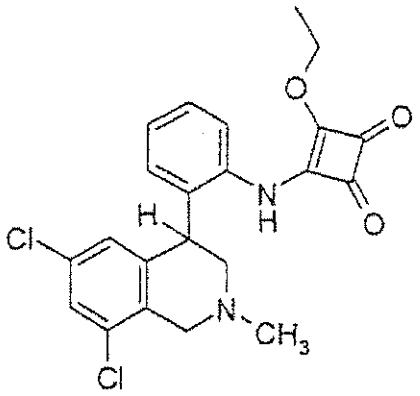
320 mg of 1,2-diethoxy-3,4-dioxo-1-cyclobutene (diethyl squarate) were added to a solution of 0.58 g of 4-(4-aminophenyl)-6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline in 40 ml of anhydrous ethanol and, after stirring at room temperature for 48 hours, the precipitate was filtered off. Colorless crystalline solid, decomposition point: 240°C.

Example 2: 6,8-Dichloro-2-methyl-4-[3N-(2-ethoxy-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline



69.2 mg of 1,2-diethoxy-3,4-dioxo-1-cyclobutene (diethyl squarate) were added to a solution of 0.125 g of 4-(3-aminophenyl)-6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline in 40 ml of anhydrous ethanol and, after stirring at room temperature for 48 hours, the solvent was distilled under reduced pressure in a rotavapor. The oily residue was separated by MPRC chromatography with a solvent mixture of equal parts by volume of ethyl acetate and toluene. Yellow crystalline solid, m.p. 188-194°C.

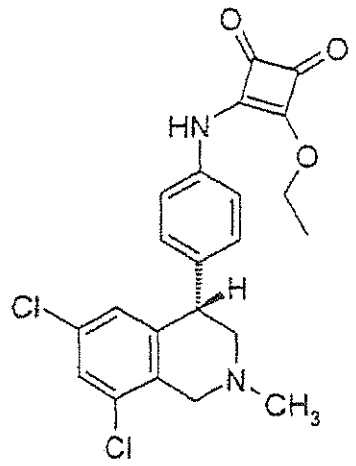
Example 3: 6,8-Dichloro-2-methyl-4-[2N-(2-ethoxy-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline



0.07 ml of 1,2-diethoxy-3,4-dioxo-1-cyclobutene (diethyl squarate) was added to a solution of 150 mg of 4-(2-aminophenyl)-6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline in 10 ml of anhydrous ethanol and, after stirring at room temperature for 70-80 hours, the solvent was removed by distillation under reduced pressure in a rotavapor. The residue was dissolved in a little ethyl acetate and left to stand at room temperature for about 4 hours and in a refrigerator at 0-5°C overnight. The crystalline

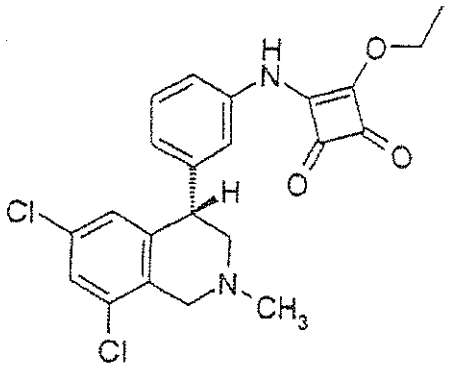
precipitate was filtered off. Colorless crystalline solid, m.p. 152-155°C.

Example 4: 6,8-Dichloro-2-methyl-4(S)-[4N-(2-ethoxy-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline



0.28 g of 1,2-diethoxy-3,4-dioxo-1-cyclobutene (diethyl squarate) was added to a solution of 0.51 g of 4(S)-(4-aminophenyl)-6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline in 40 ml of anhydrous ethanol and stirred at room temperature for 6 hours, and the solvent was removed by distillation under reduced pressure in a rotavapor. The residue crystallized under diisopropyl ether. Colorless crystalline solid, m.p. 208-212°C.

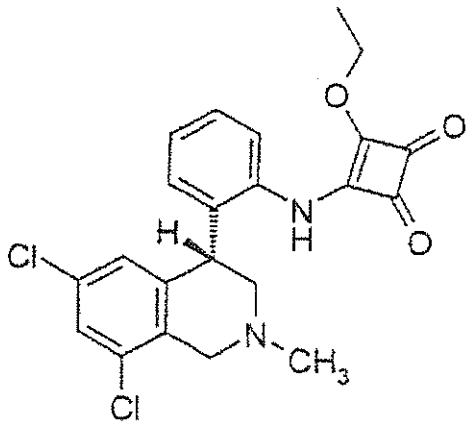
Example 5: 6,8-Dichloro-2-methyl-4(S)-[3N-(2-ethoxy-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline



0.2 g of 1,2-diethoxy-3,4-dioxo-1-cyclobutene (diethyl squarate) was added to a solution of 0.366 g of 4(S)-(3-aminophenyl)-6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-

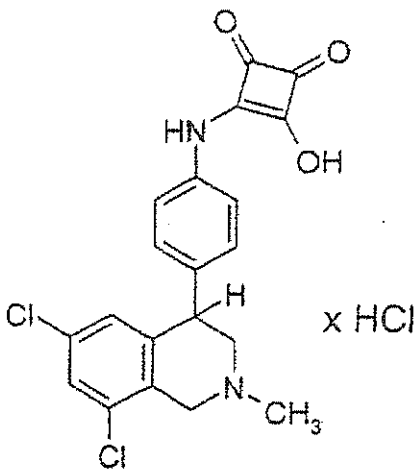
1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline in 25 ml of anhydrous ethanol and stirred at room temperature for 6 hours, and the solvent was removed by distillation under reduced pressure in a rotavapor. The residue crystallized under diisopropyl ether. Colorless crystalline solid, m.p. 198-202°C.

Example 6: 6,8-Dichloro-2-methyl-4(R)-[2N-(2-ethoxy-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline



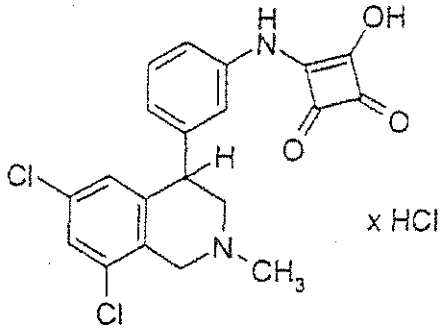
0.309 ml of 1,2-diethoxy-3,4-dioxo-1-cyclobutene (diethyl squarate) was added to a solution of 0.64 g of 4(R)-(2-aminophenyl)-6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline in 40 ml of anhydrous ethanol and stirred at room temperature for 50-60 hours, and the solvent was removed by distillation under reduced pressure in a rotavapor. The residue crystallized under diisopropyl ether. Colorless crystalline solid, m.p. 205-210°C.

Example 7: 6,8-Dichloro-2-methyl-4-[4N-(2-hydroxy-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline hydrochloride



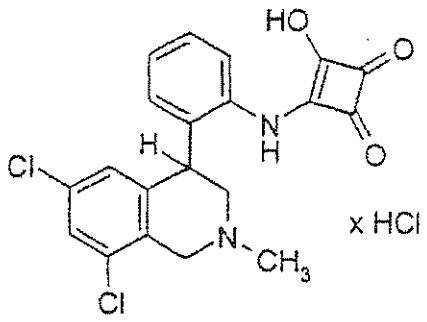
A solution of 97.3 mg of lithium hydroxide hydrate ($LiOHxH_2O$) in 15 ml of H_2O was added to a solution of 100 mg of 6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4-[4N-(2-ethoxy-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline (Example 1) in 15 ml of THF, and the mixture was boiled with a reflux condenser for 15 hours. The THF was evaporated in a rotavapor and the aqueous solution was treated with 2N HCl. The resulting suspension was stirred at room temperature for about 1 hour and the precipitate was filtered off. Colorless crystalline product, m.p. >310°C.

Example 8: 6,8-Dichloro-2-methyl-4-[3N-(2-hydroxy-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline hydrochloride



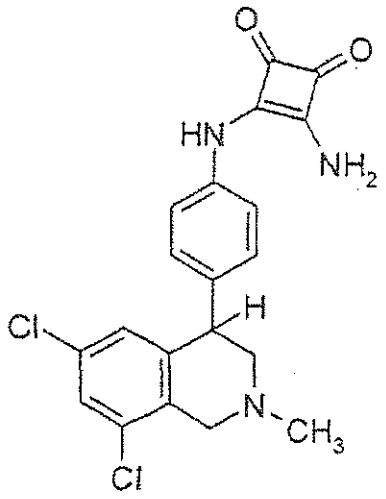
was obtained in analogy to the method described in Example 7 from 6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4-[3N-(2-ethoxy-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline. Solid which sublimes above 110°C.

Example 9: 6,8-Dichloro-2-methyl-4-[2N-(2-hydroxy-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline hydrochloride



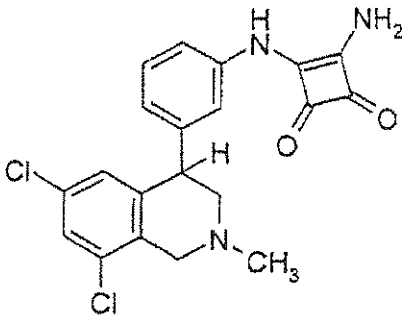
was obtained in analogy to the method described in Example 7 from 6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4-[2N-(2-ethoxy-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline. Crystalline solid, m.p. >310°C.

Example 10: 6,8-Dichloro-2-methyl-4-[4N-(2-amino-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline



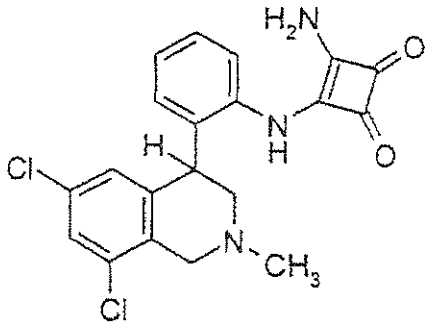
100 mg of a suspension of 6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4-[4N-(2-ethoxy-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline (Example 1) in 3 ml of methanol was stirred with 3 ml of a methanolic ammonia solution at room temperature for 3 hours, and the crystals were filtered off and washed with a little methanol. Colorless crystalline substance, m.p. >310°C.

Example 11: 6,8-Dichloro-2-methyl-4-[3N-(2-amino-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline



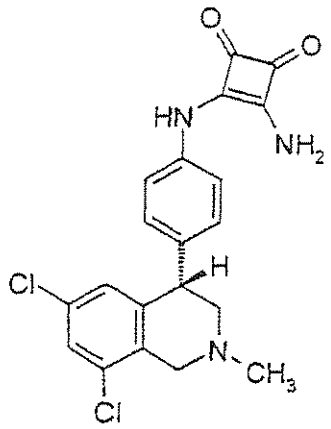
was obtained in analogy to the method described in Example 10 by reacting 6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4-[3N-(2-ethoxy-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline with methanolic ammonia solution. Colorless crystalline substance, m.p. >310°C.

Example 12: 6,8-Dichloro-2-methyl-4-[2N-(2-amino-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline



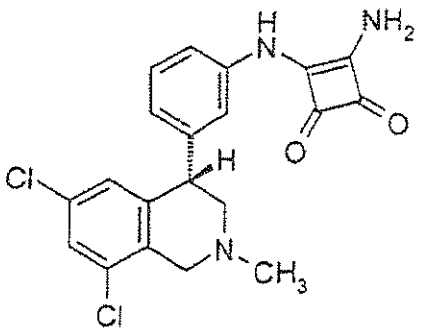
was obtained in analogy to the method described in Example 10 by reacting 6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4-[2N-(2-ethoxy-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline with methanolic ammonia solution. Colorless crystalline substance, decomposition point above 170°C.

Example 13: 6,8-Dichloro-2-methyl-4(S)-[4N-(2-amino-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline



was obtained in analogy to the method described in Example 10 by reacting 6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4(S)-[4N-(2-ethoxy-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline with methanolic ammonia solution. Colorless crystalline substance, m.p. >310°C.

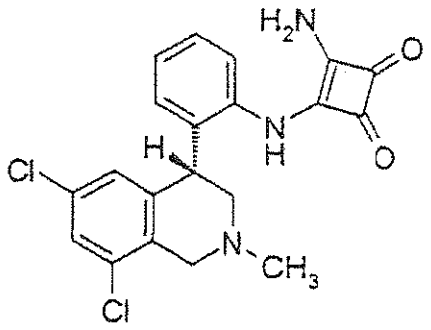
Example 14: 6,8-Dichloro-2-methyl-4(S)-[3N-(2-amino-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline



was obtained in analogy to the method described in Example 10 by reacting 6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4(S)-[3N-(2-ethoxy-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline with methanolic ammonia solution. Colorless crystalline substance, decomposition point above 190°C.

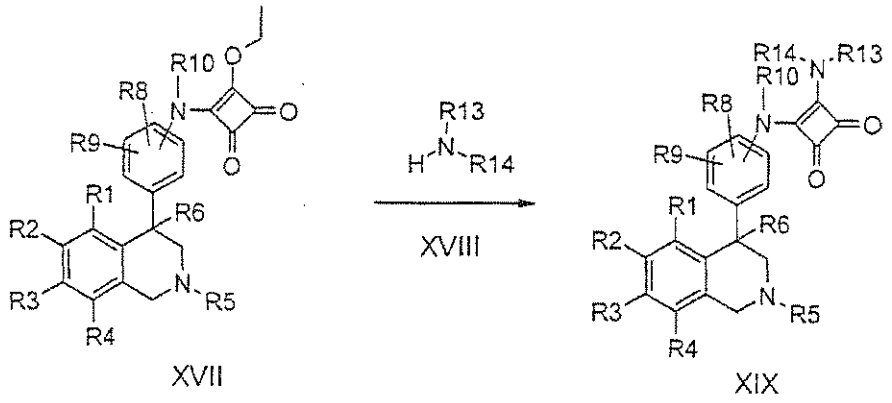
Example 15: 6,8-Dichloro-2-methyl-4(R)-[2N-(2-amino-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline

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was obtained in analogy to the method described in Example 10 by reacting 6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4(R)-[2N-(2-ethoxy-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline with methanolic ammonia solution. Colorless crystalline substance, m.p. 215-220°C.

Example 16: General method for preparing 4-[N-(2-amino-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolines (XIX)



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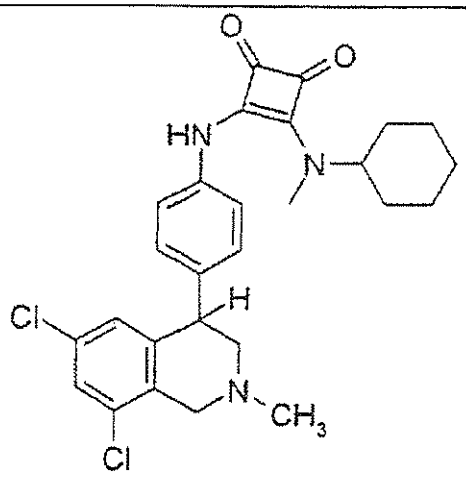
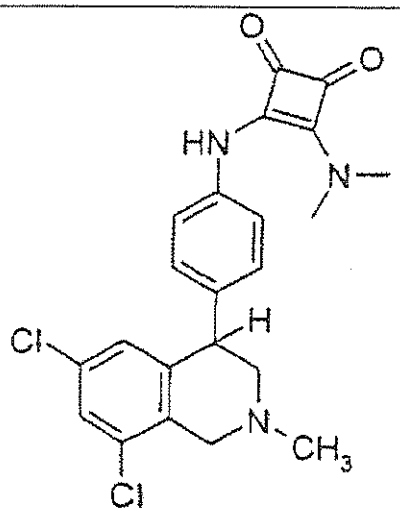
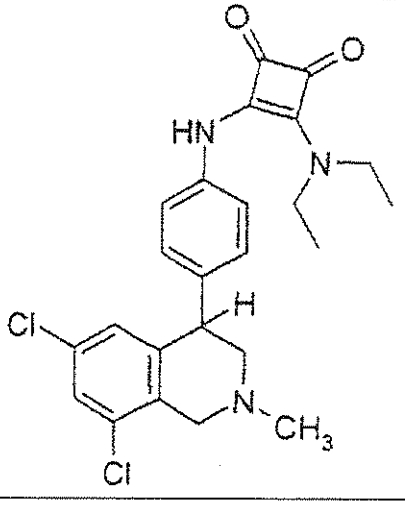
1-2 mmol of amine of the formula XVIII were added to a solution or suspension of 1 mmol of a squaric ester of the formula XVII in 50-100 ml of anhydrous methanol, and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature or with gentle heating for 3-24 hours, following the progress of the reaction by thin-layer chromatography or LC-MS analysis. The final product XIX was removed by filtration and washed with a little methanol if the compound separated as precipitate out of the solution (variant a).

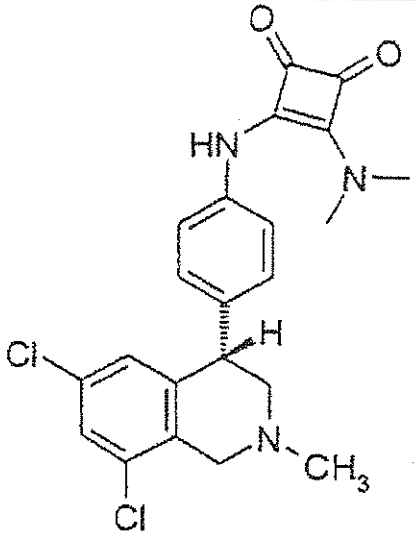
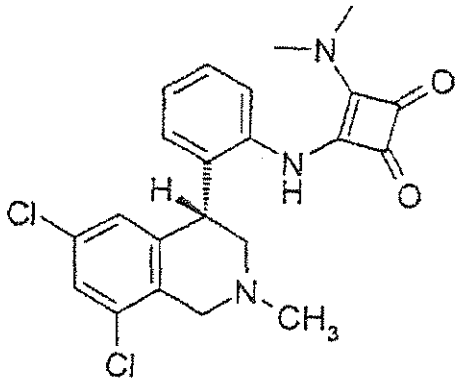
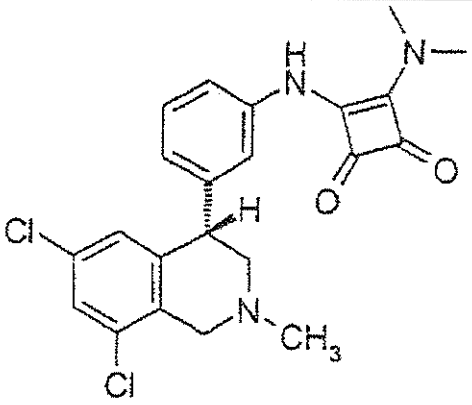
If the final product precipitate could not be isolated as precipitate, the solvent was removed by distillation under reduced pressure in a rotavapor, and the usually oily residue was induced to crystallize under a solvent such as, for example, under diisopropyl ether (variant b).

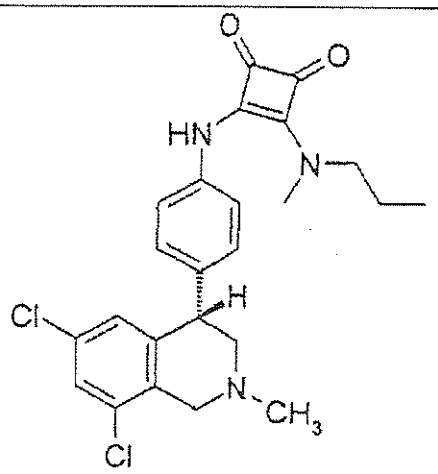
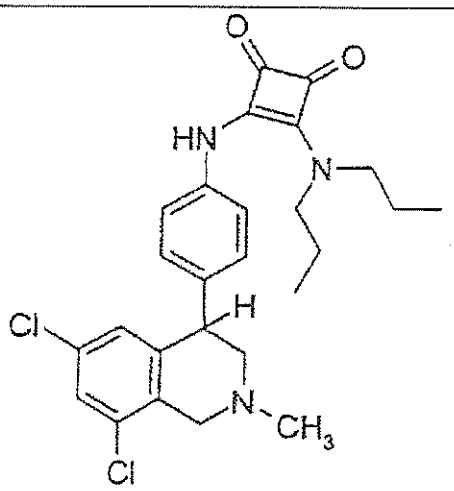
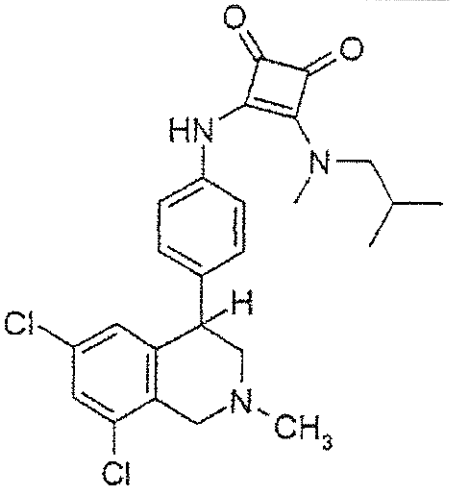
In other cases, the residue was purified by preparative MPRC

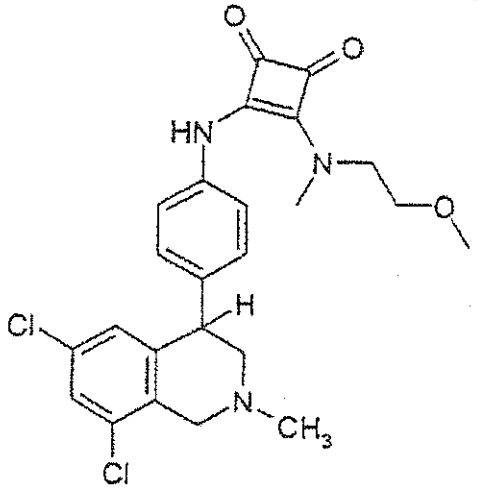
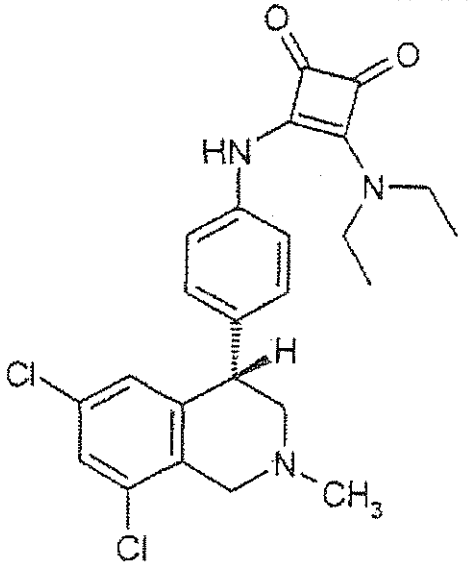
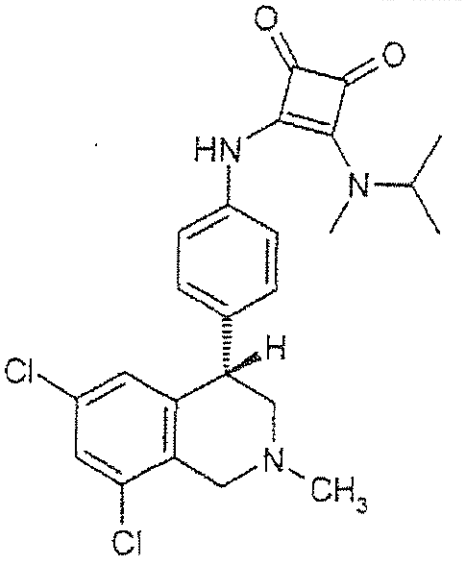
chromatography to take place (variant c), using a mixture A) of 10 parts by volume of methylene chloride or B) 1 part of methanol or a mixture of 10 parts by volume of ethyl acetate, 5 parts by volume of n-heptane, 5 parts by volume of methylene chloride, 5 parts by volume of methanol and 1 part by volume of 28% strength ammonia.

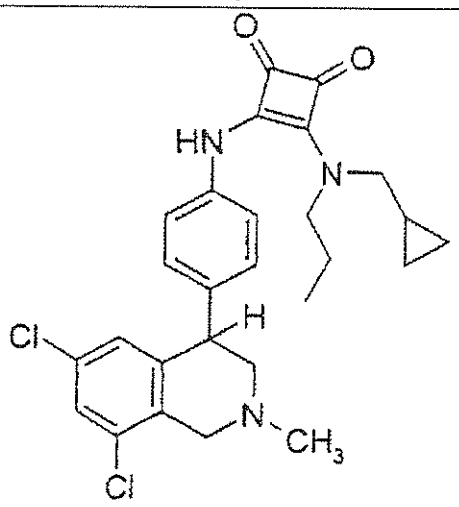
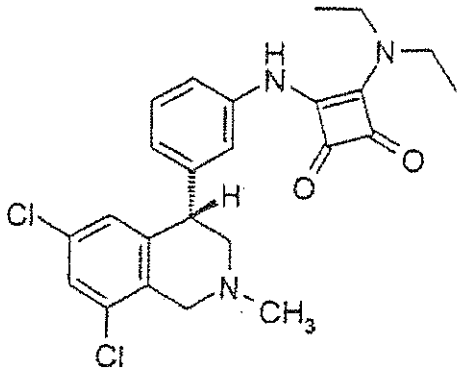
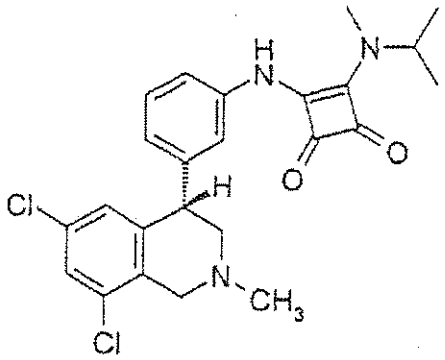
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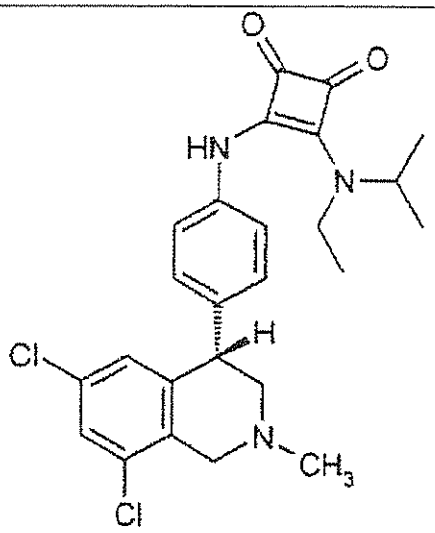
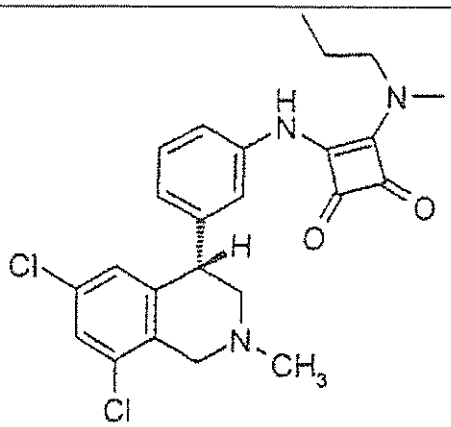
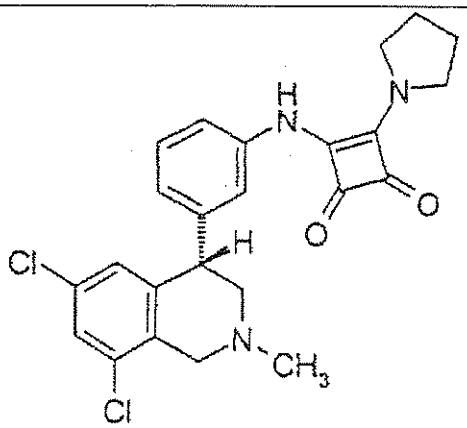
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18	6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4-[4N-(2-dimethylamino-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-isoquinoline		Variant b, crystallization from ethyl acetate	208-214
19	6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4-[4N-(2-diethylamino-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-isoquinoline		Variant b, crystallization from a mixture of ethyl acetate and diisopropyl ether	275-280

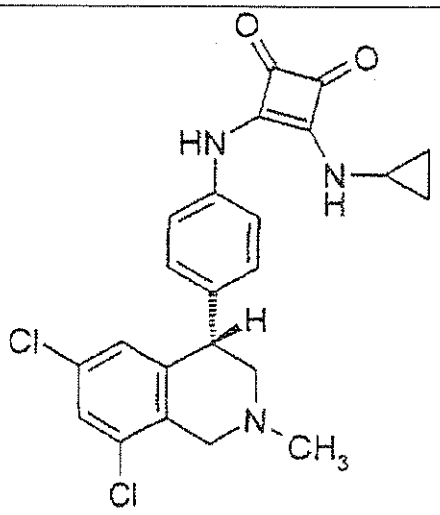
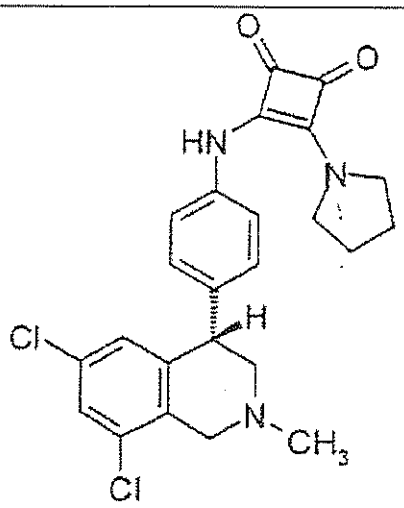
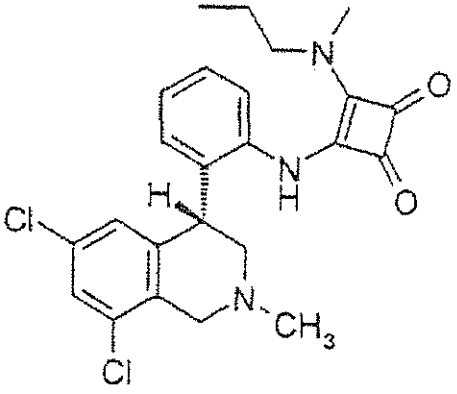
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21	6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4(R)-[2N-(2-dimethylamino-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-isoquinoline		Variant c, MPRC in B), then crystallization from ethyl acetate	236-240
22	6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4(S)-[3N-(2-dimethylamino-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-isoquinoline		Variant c, MPRC in B), then crystallization from ethyl acetate	decomposition point 140°C

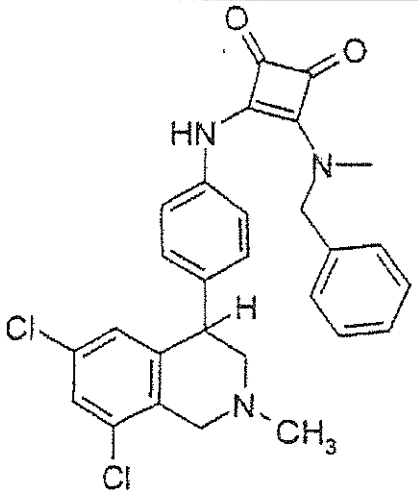
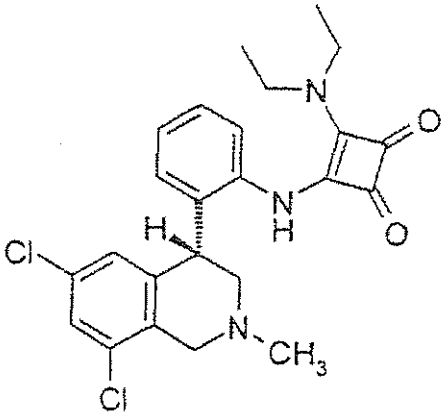
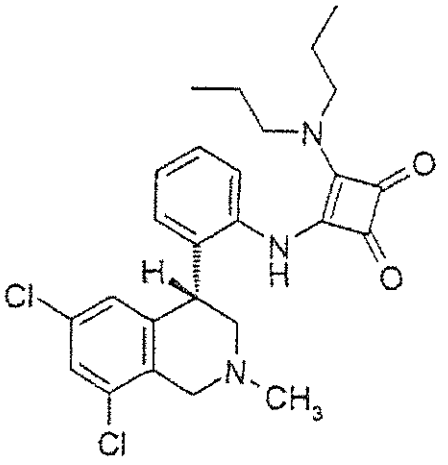
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24	6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4-[4N-(2-dipropylamino-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-isoquinoline		Variant c, MRPC in B)	decomposition point at 130°C
25	6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4-[4N-(2-(N-isobutyl-N-methylamino)-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-isoquinoline		Variant c, MPRC in B)	>310

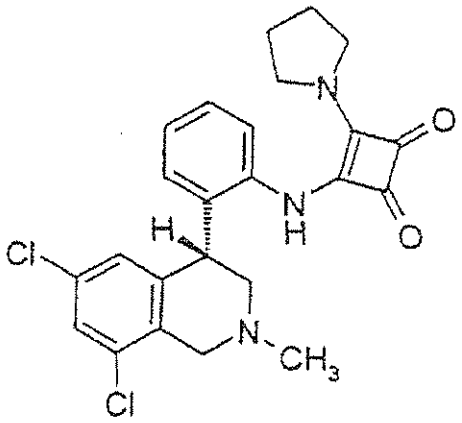
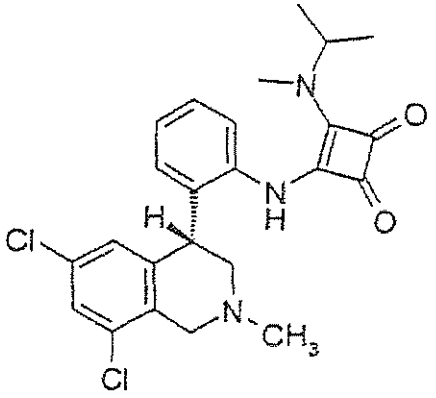
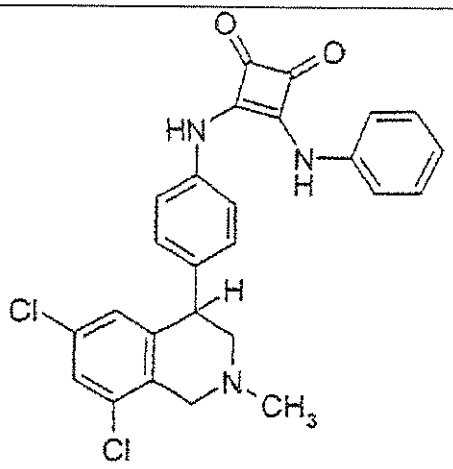
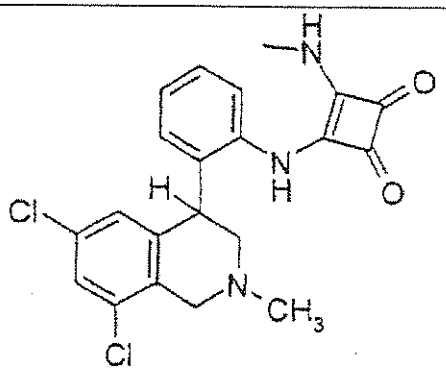
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27	6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4(S)-[4N-(2-diethylamino-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-isoquinoline		Variant c, MPRC in B), then crystallization from diisopropyl ether/ethyl acetate	220-225
28	6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4(S)-[4N-(2-(N-isopropyl-N-methylamino)-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-isoquinoline		Variant c, MPRC in B), then crystallization from diisopropyl ether/ethyl acetate	165-175 (decompo-sition)

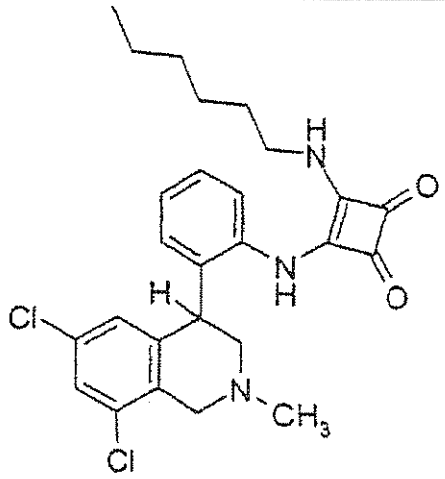
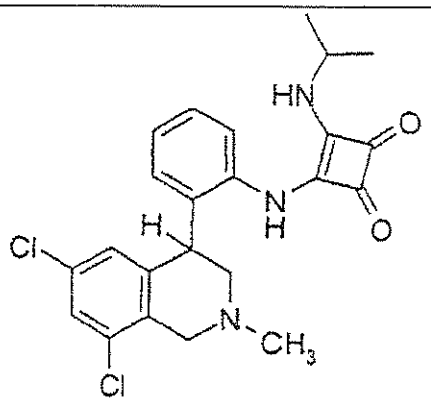
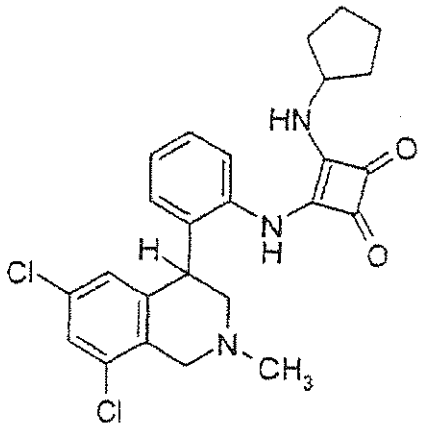
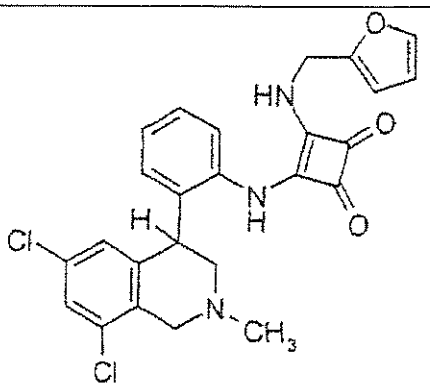
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30	6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4(S)-[3N-(2-diethylamino)-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-isoquinoline		Variant c, MPRC in A), then crystallization from water	125-135
31	6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4(S)-[3N-(2-N-methyl-N-isopropyl)amino-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-isoquinoline		Variant c, MPRC in A), then crystallization from water	135-150

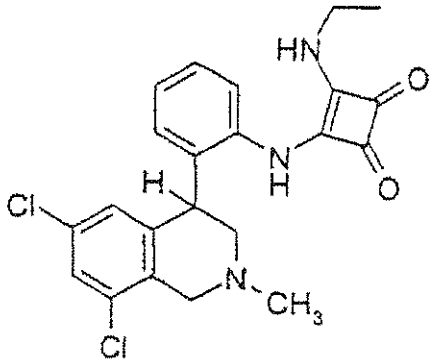
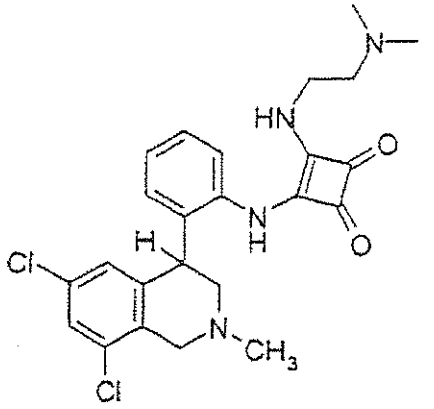
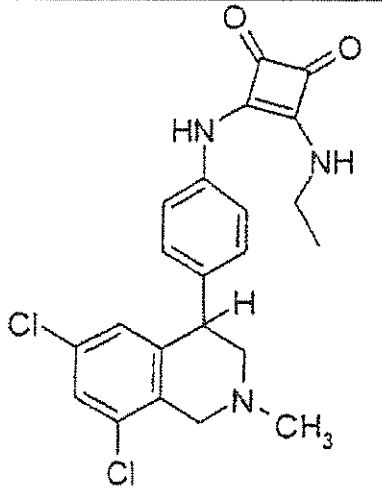
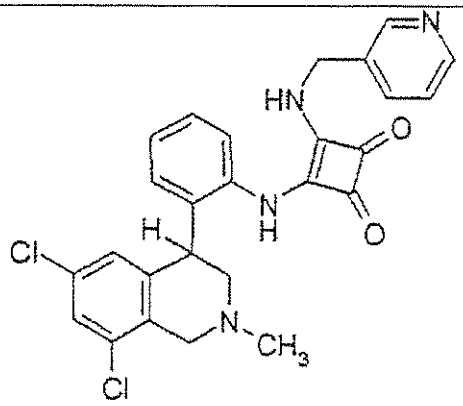
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33	6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4(S)-[3N-(2-N-methyl-N-propylamino)-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-isoquinoline		Variant c, MPRC in A), then crystallization from water	135-140
34	6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4(S)-[3N-(2-N-pyrrolidino-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-isoquinoline		Variant c, MPRC in A), then crystallization from water	138-143

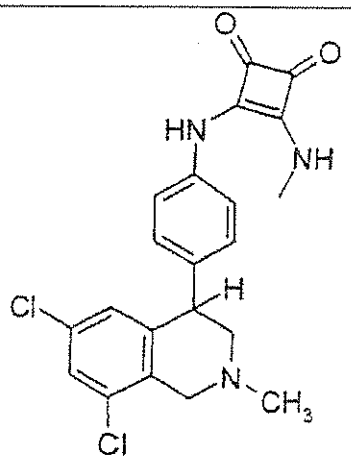
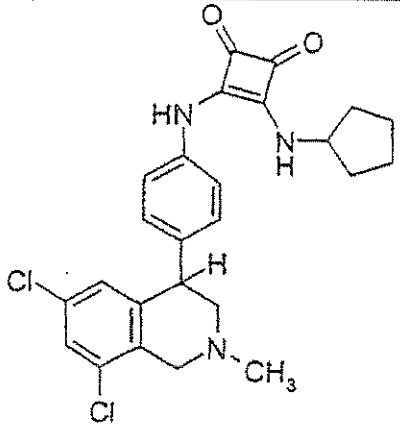
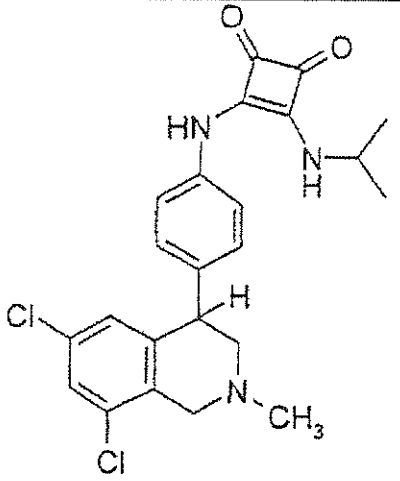
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37	6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4(R)-[2N-(2-N-methyl-N-propylamino)-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-isoquinoline		Variant a	236-240

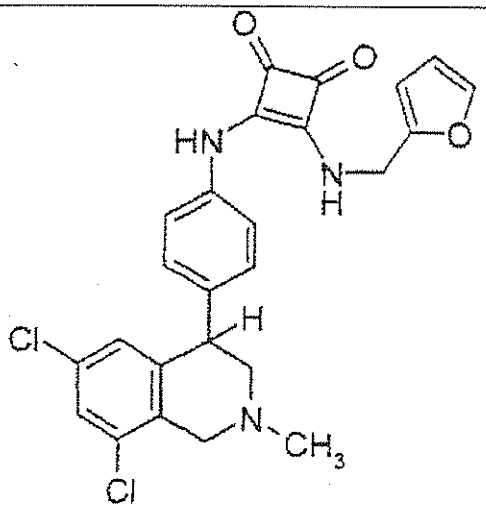
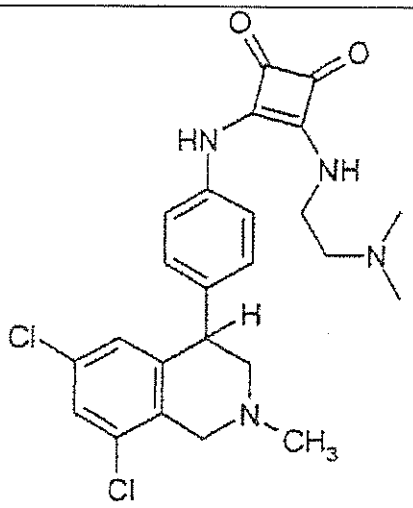
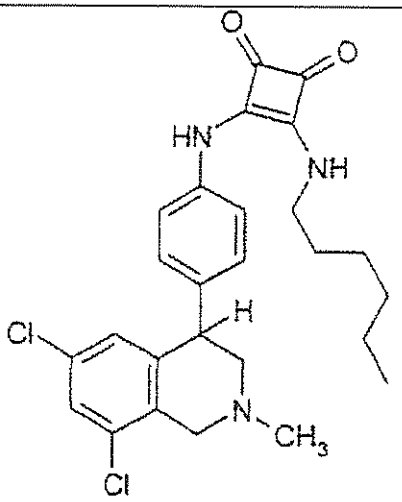
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39	6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4(R)-[2N-(2-diethylamino-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-isoquinoline		Variant b, crystallization from ethyl acetate	246-250
40	6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4(R)-[2N-(2-N,N-dipropylamino)-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-isoquinoline		Variant c, MPRC in A), then crystallization from water	190-194

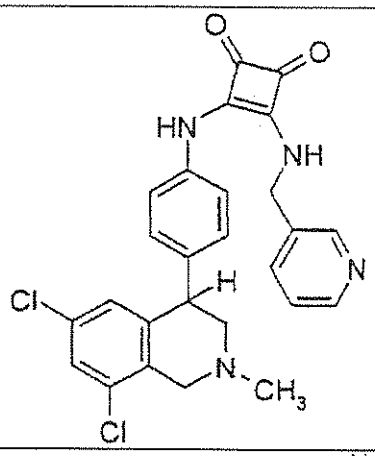
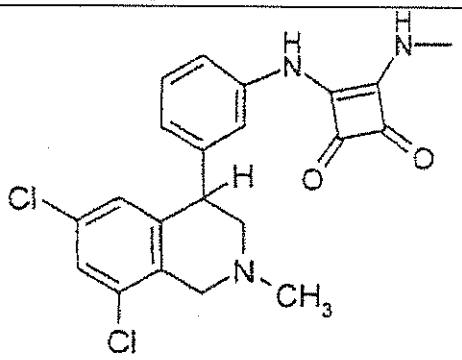
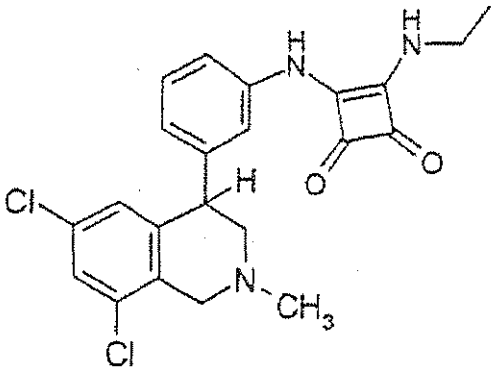
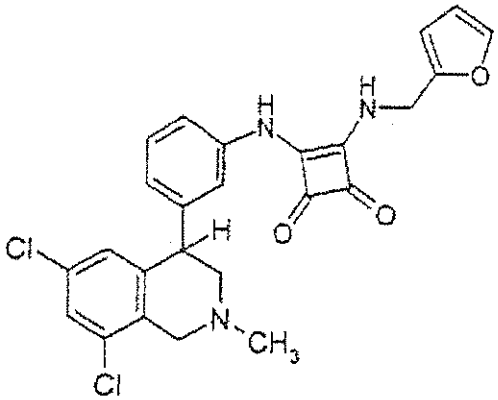
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42	6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4(R)-[2N-(2-N-methyl-N-isopropyl)amino-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-isoquinoline		Variant c, MPRC in A), then crystallization from water	210-214
43	6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4-[4N-(2-N-phenylamino-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-isoquinoline		Variant b, crystallization from ethyl acetate	288-294
44	6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4-[2N-(2-N-methylamino-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-isoquinoline		Variant c, MPRC in A), then crystallization from a little ethyl acetate	224-230

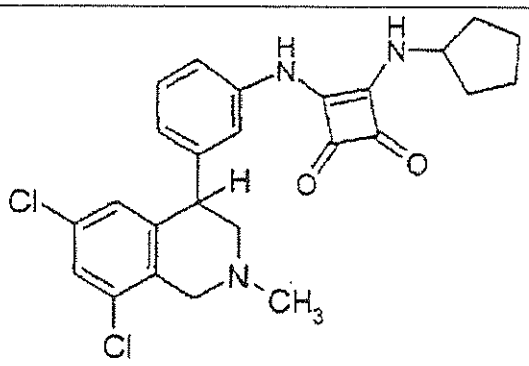
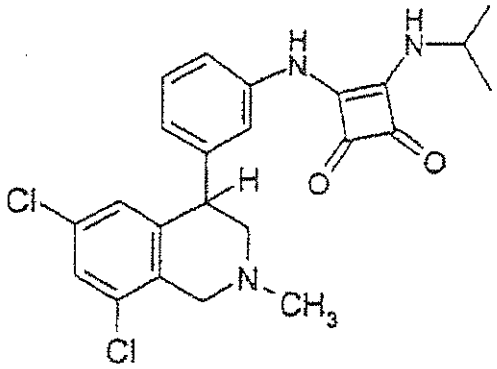
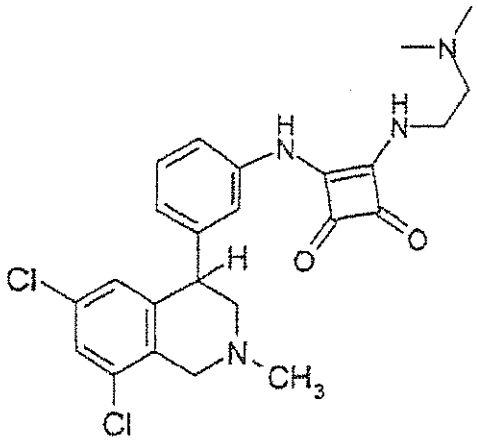
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46	6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4-[2N-(2-N-isopropylamino-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-isoquinoline		Variant c, MPRC in A), then crystallization from a little ethyl acetate	238-241
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49	6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4-[2N-(2-N-ethylamino-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-isoquinoline		Variant c, MPRC in A), then crystallization from a little ethyl acetate	205-208
50	6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4-[2N-(2-N-dimethylaminoethyl amino-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-isoquinoline		Variant c, MPRC in A), then crystallization from a little ethyl acetate	208-211
51	6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4-[4N-(2-N-ethylamino-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-isoquinoline		Variant a	292-297
52	6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4-[2N-(2N-(3-picolylmethyl)amino-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-isoquinoline		Variant c, MPRC in A), then crystallization from a little ethyl acetate	244-246

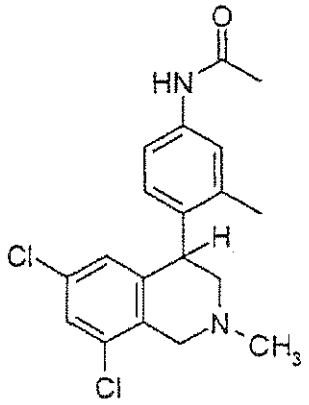
53	6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4-[4N-(2N-methylamino-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-isoquinoline		Variant a	328-334
54	6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4-[4N-(2N-cyclopropylamino-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-isoquinoline		Variant a	300-304
55	6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4-[4N-(2N-isopropylamino-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-isoquinoline		Variant a	268-272

56	6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4-[4N-(2N-(2-furylmethyl)amino-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-isoquinoline		Variant a	264-268
57	6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4-[4N-(2N-dimethylaminoethyl amino)-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-isoquinoline		Variant a	262-266
58	6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4-[4N-(1-hexylamino)-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-isoquinoline		Variant a	234-238

59	6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4-[4N-(3-picolylamino)-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-isoquinoline		Variant a	288-290
60	6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4-[4N-2-methylamino-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-isoquinoline		Variant a	295-298
61	6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4-[4N-(2-ethylamino)-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-isoquinoline		Variant a	decomposition at 200°C
62	6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4-[3N-(2-(2-furylmethylamino)-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-isoquinoline		Variant a	decomposition at 200°C

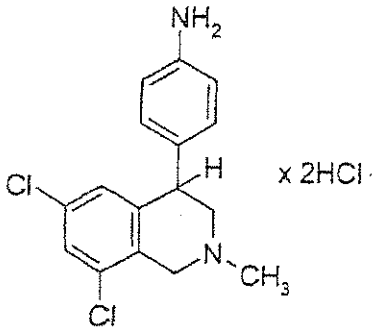
63	6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4-[3N-(2-cyclopentylamino-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-isoquinoline		Variant a	248-252
64	6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4-[3N-(2-isopropylamino)-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-isoquinoline		Variant a	240-244
65	6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4-[3N-(2N-dimethylaminoethyl amino)-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-isoquinoline		Variant a	198-200

Example 66: 6,8-Dichloro-2-methyl-4-[4-acetylamino-2-methylphenyl]-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline



was obtained by dropwise addition of 0.4 ml of concentrated sulfuric acid (96%) to a solution of 125 mg of 1-(4-acetylamino-2-methylphenyl)-2-[N-(2,4-dichlorobenzyl)-N-methylamino]ethanol in 3 ml of anhydrous dichloromethane. The two-phase mixture was stirred at room temperature for 5 hours and then poured onto ice, made strongly alkaline with 2N aqueous NaOH and extracted several times with dichloromethane. Washing of the organic phase with water and drying over sodium sulfate were followed by removal of the solvent by distillation, chromatography of the residue on a silica gel column with a mixture of equal parts of ethyl acetate and toluene and renewed distillation of the solvent under reduced pressure in a rotavapor. Crystalline solid, m.p. 182-185°C.

Example 67: 4-[4-Amino-2-methylphenyl]-6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline dihydrochloride

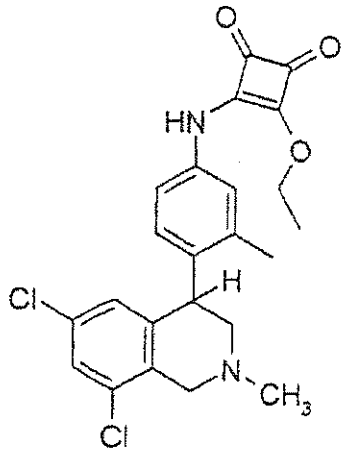


was obtained by boiling a suspension of 0.05 g of 6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4-[4-acetylamino-2-methylphenyl]-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline (Example 66) in a mixture of 2 ml of water and 2 ml of concentrated hydrochloric acid for 2 hours and leaving to stand at room temperature overnight, resulting in

a clear solution. Removal of the aqueous acid by distillation resulted in the bishydrochloride as colorless crystalline compound. m.p. (decomposition) 250-260°C.

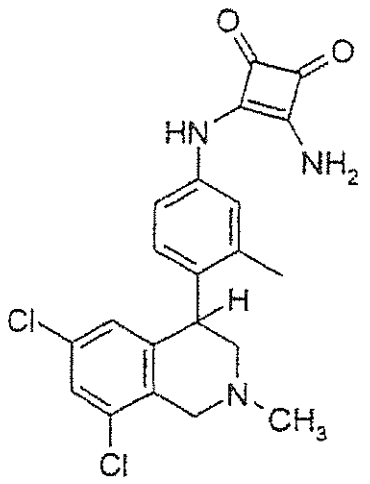
The 6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4-[4-amino-2-methylphenyl]-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline was obtained as free base by treating an aqueous solution of 6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4-[4-amino-2-methylphenyl]-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline dihydrochloride with NaOH, by filtering off the preciptate, washing with water and drying. Amorphous solid with decomposition above 70°C.

Example 68: 6,8-Dichloro-2-methyl-4-[4N-(2-ethoxy-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino-2-methylphenyl]-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline



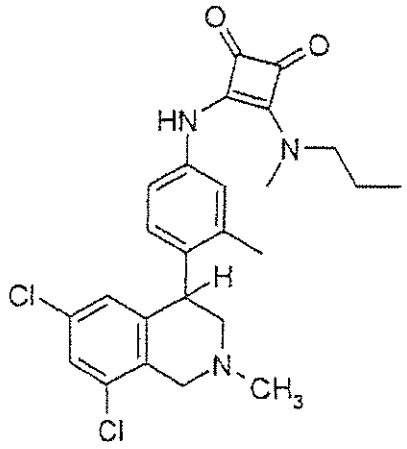
110 mg of 1,2-diethoxy-3,4-dioxo-1-cyclobuten (diethyl squarate) were added to a solution of 0.2 g of 4-[4-amino-2-methylphenyl]-6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline dihydrochloride in 15 ml of anhydrous ethanol and, after stirring at room temperature for 20-25 hours, the precipitate was filtered off. Colorless crystalline solid, m.p.: 235-240°C.

Example 69: 4-[4N-(2-Amino-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino-2-methylphenyl]-6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline



was obtained by adding 4 ml of a saturated solution of ammonia in methanol to a suspension of 100 mg of 6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4-[4N-(2-ethoxy-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino-2-methylphenyl]-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-isoquinoline (Example 68). After stirring at room temperature for 5 hours and leaving to stand overnight, the crystals were filtered off and washed with methanol. m.p. 315-318°C.

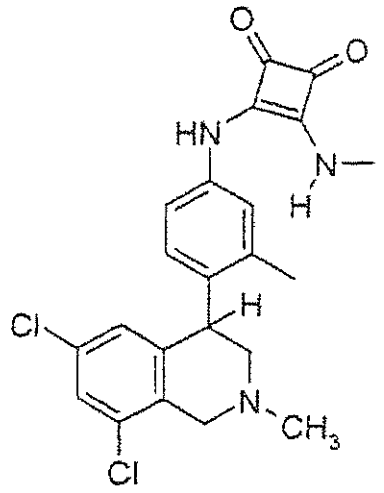
Example 70: 6,8-Dichloro-2-methyl-4-[4N-(2N-methyl-2N-propylamino-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino-2-methylphenyl]-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline



was obtained in analogy to the method indicated in Example 16 from 6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4-[4N-(2-ethoxy-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino-2-methylphenyl]-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline and N-1-propyl-N-methylamine. Crystalline solid, m.p. 158-163°C.

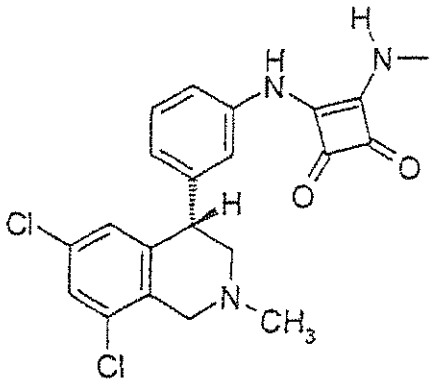
Example 71: 6,8-Dichloro-2-methyl-4-[4N-(2N-methylamino-3,4-

dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino-2-methylphenyl]-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline



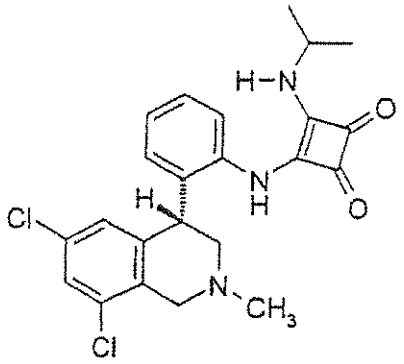
was obtained in analogy to the method indicated in Example 16 from 6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4-[4N-(2-ethoxy-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino-2-methylphenyl]-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline and methylamine. Crystalline solid, m.p. >310°C.

Example 72: 6,8-Dichloro-2-methyl-4(R)-[3N-(2-methylamino-3,4-dioxo-cyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline



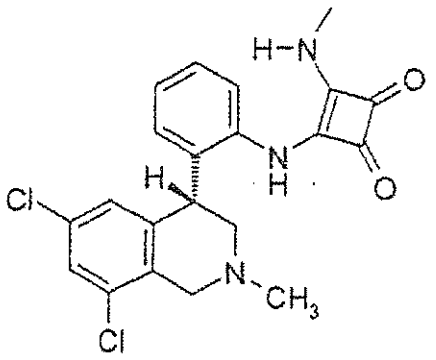
was obtained in analogy to the method indicated in Example 16 from 6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4(S)-[3N-(2-ethoxy-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline (Example 5) and methylamine. Crystalline solid, m.p. > 310°C.

Example 73: 6,8-Dichloro-2-methyl-4(R)-[2N-(2-methylamino-3,4-dioxo-cyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline



was obtained in analogy to the method indicated in Example 16 from 6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4(R)-[2N-(2-ethoxy-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline (Example 6) and isopropylamine. Crystalline solid, m.p. 268-270°C.

Example 74: 6,8-Dichloro-2-methyl-4(R)-[2N-(2-methylamino-3,4-dioxo-cyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline



was obtained in analogy to the method indicated in Example 16 from 6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4(R)-[2N-(2-ethoxy-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline (Example 6) and methylamine. Crystalline solid, m.p. 265°C.

Pharmacological data:

Description of assay: determination of the NHE-inhibitory effect

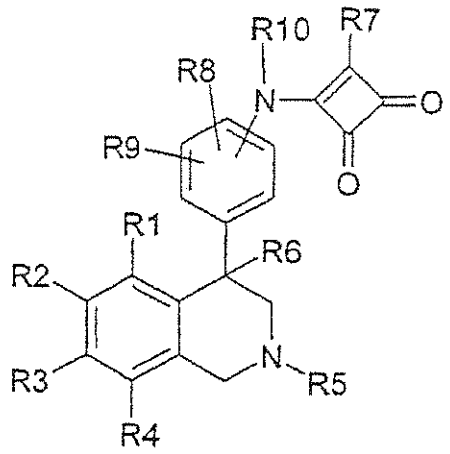
In this assay, the recovery of the intracellular pH (pH_j) after an acidification

which occurs even under bicarbonate-free conditions with functional NHE was determined. To this end, the pH_j was determined using the pH-sensitive fluorescent dye BCECF (calbiochem, the precursor BCECF-AM was employed). The cells were initially loaded with BCECF. The BCECF fluorescence was determined in a ratio fluorescence spectrometer (Photon Technology International, South Brunswick, N.J., USA) with excitation wavelengths of 505 and 440 nm and an emission wavelength of 535 nm and converted into the pH_j using calibration plots. The cells had been incubated in NH_4Cl buffer (pH 7.4) for the BCECF loading (NH_4Cl buffer: 115 mM NaCl, 20 mM NH_4Cl, 5 mM KCl, 1 mM $CaCl_2$, 1 mM $MgSO_4$, 20 mM Hepes, 5 mM glucose, 1 mg/ml BSA; a pH of 7.4 was adjusted with 1 M NaOH). The intracellular acidification was induced by adding 975 µl of an NH_4Cl-free buffer (see below) to 25 µl aliquots of the cells incubated in NH_4Cl buffer. The subsequent rate of pH recovery was recorded for two minutes with NHE1, five minutes with NHE2 and three minutes with NHE3. To calculate the inhibitory power of the tested substances, the cells were initially investigated in buffers with which there was complete or absolutely no pH recovery. For complete pH recovery (100%), the cells were incubated in Na^+-containing buffer (133.8 mM NaCl, 4.7 mM KCl, 1.25 mM $CaCl_2$, 1.25 mM $MgCl_2$, 0.97 mM Na_2HPO_4, 0.23 mM NaH_2PO_4, 5 mM Hepes, 5 mM glucose, a pH of 7.0 was adjusted with 1 M NaOH). To determine the 0% value, the cells were incubated in an Na^+-free buffer (133.8 mM choline chloride, 4.7 mM KCl, 1.25 mM $CaCl_2$, 1.25 mM $MgCl_2$, 0.97 mM K_2HPO_4, 0.23 mM KH_2PO_4, 5 mM Hepes, 5 mM glucose, a pH of 7.0 was adjusted with 1 M NaOH). The substances to be tested were made up in the Na^+-containing buffer. The recovery of the intracellular pH at each tested concentration of a substance was expressed as a percentage of the maximum recovery. The IC_{50} of the respective substance for the individual NHE subtypes was calculated from the percentages of pH recovery using the Sigma Plot program.

Example	IC50 (μM)
18	0.26
19	1.15
22	0.0985
23	0.31
24	2.49
25	2.81
26	1.70
27	0.21
28	0.26
29	7.14
30	0.14
31	0.13
32	0.68
33	0.031
34	0.052
36	0.23
37	0.85
38	8.0
39	1.52
40	0.24
41	0.11
42	0.15

Claims

1. A compound of the formula I



I

in which the meanings are:

R1, R2, R3 and R4

independently of one another hydrogen, F, Cl, Br, I, CN, NO_2 or R11-(C_mH_{2m})-A_n-;

m zero, 1, 2, 3 or 4;

n zero or 1;

R11 hydrogen, methyl, C_pF_{2p+1} or phenyl;

p 1, 2 or 3;

A oxygen, NH, $N(CH_3)$ or $S(O)_q$;

q zero, 1 or 2;

R5 hydrogen, alkyl having 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6 C atoms which may be partly or completely fluorinated, or cycloalkyl having 3, 4, 5 or 6 C atoms;

R6 hydrogen, OH, F, CF_3, methyl, ethyl, isopropyl or cyclopropyl;

R7 hydrogen, alkyl having 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6 C atoms, cycloalkyl having 3, 4, 5 or 6 C atoms, OR12 or NR13R14;

R12 hydrogen, alkyl having 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6 C atoms which may be partly or completely fluorinated, or cycloalkyl having 3, 4, 5 or 6 C atoms;

R13 and R14

independently of one another hydrogen, cycloalkyl having 3, 4, 5 or 6 C atoms; alkyl having 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6 C atoms which may be partly or completely

fluorinated, phenyl, phenylalkyl having 1, 2 or 3 C atoms in the alkyl moiety, heteroaryl or heteroarylmethyl, where the phenyl and heteroaryl radicals are unsubstituted or substituted by 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 radicals selected from the group consisting of fluorine, chlorine, methyl, CF_3, methoxy and OH;

and where the alkyl radicals are unsubstituted or are substituted by 1, 2 or 3 radicals selected from the group of alkoxy having 1, 2, 3 or 4 C atoms, NR15R16 and cycloalkyl having 3, 4, 5 or 6 C atoms;

R15 and R16

independently of one another hydrogen or alkyl having 1, 2, 3 or 4 C atoms;

or

R13 and R14

together with the N atom via which they are connected together a 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9-membered ring, where one C atom of the ring may be replaced by an oxygen atom or an NCH_3 group,

R8 and R9

independently of one another hydrogen, F, Cl, OH, CH_3, CH_3O, CF_3, CF_3CH_2O or CH_3SO_2;

R10 hydrogen, methyl or ethyl;

and the pharmaceutically acceptable salts and trifluoroacetates thereof.

2. A compound of the formula I as claimed in claim 1, in which the meanings are

R1, R2, R3 and R4

independently of one another hydrogen, F, Cl, Br, CN or $R11\text{-}(C_mH_{2m})\text{-}A_n$-;

m zero or 1;

n zero or 1;

R11 hydrogen, methyl, C_pF_{2p+1}- or phenyl;

p 1 or 2;

A oxygen or $S(O)_q$;

q zero, 1 or 2;

R5 hydrogen, methyl, ethyl or cyclopropyl;

R6 hydrogen or methyl;

R7 OR12 or NR13R14;

R12 hydrogen or alkyl having 1, 2 or 3 C atoms;

R13 and R14

independently of one another hydrogen, alkyl having 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6 C atoms which may be partly or completely fluorinated, cycloalkyl having 3, 4, 5 or 6 C atoms, phenyl, phenylalkyl having 1, 2 or 3 C atoms in the alkyl moiety, heteroaryl or heteroarylmethyl; where the phenyl and heteroaryl radicals are unsubstituted or are substituted by 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 radicals selected from the group consisting of fluorine, chlorine, methyl, CF_3, methoxy and OH;

where the alkyl radicals are unsubstituted or are substituted by 1, 2 or 3 radicals selected from the group of alkoxy having 1, 2, 3 or 4 C atoms, NR15R16 and cycloalkyl having 3, 4, 5 or 6 C atoms;

R15 and R16

independently of one another hydrogen or alkyl having 1, 2, 3 or 4 C atoms;

or

R13 and R14

together with the N atom via which they are connected together a 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 or 8-membered ring, where one C atom of the ring may be replaced by an oxygen atom or an NCH_3 group;

R8 and R9

independently of one another hydrogen, F, Cl or CH_3;

R10 hydrogen or methyl;

and the pharmaceutically tolerated salts and trifluoroacetates thereof.

3. A compound of the formula I as claimed in claim 1 and/or 2, in which the meanings are

R1 and R3

hydrogen;

R2 and R4

independently of one another hydrogen or Cl;

R5 hydrogen, methyl or ethyl;

R6 hydrogen or methyl;

R7 OR12 or NR13R14;

R12 hydrogen or alkyl having 1, 2 or 3 C atoms;

R13 and R14

independently of one another hydrogen, alkyl having 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6 C atoms which may be partly or completely fluorinated, cycloalkyl having 3, 4, 5 or 6 C atoms, phenyl, phenylalkyl having 1, 2 or 3 C atoms in the alkyl moiety, heteroaryl or heteroarylmethyl; where the phenyl and heteroaryl radicals are unsubstituted or are substituted by 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 radicals selected from the group consisting of fluorine, chlorine, methyl, CF_3, methoxy and OH;

where the alkyl radicals are unsubstituted or are substituted by 1, 2 or 3 radicals selected from the group of alkoxy having 1, 2, 3 or 4 C atoms, NR15R16 and cycloalkyl having 3, 4, 5 or 6 C atoms;

R15 and R16

independently of one another hydrogen or alkyl having 1, 2, 3 or 4 C atoms;

or

R13 and R14

together with the N atom via which they are connected together a 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 or 8-membered ring, where one C atom of the ring may be replaced by an oxygen atom or an NCH_3 group;

R8 and R9

independently of one another hydrogen, F, Cl or CH_3;

R10 hydrogen or methyl;

and the pharmaceutically acceptable salts and trifluoroacetates thereof.

4. A compound of the formula I as claimed in one or more of claims 1 to 3 selected from the group

6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4-[4N-(2-ethoxy-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,

6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4-[3N-(2-ethoxy-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,

6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4-[2N-(2-ethoxy-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,

6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4(S)-[4N-(2-ethoxy-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-

yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,
6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4(S)-[3N-(2-ethoxy-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,
6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4(R)-[2N-(2-ethoxy-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,
6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4-[4N-(2-hydroxy-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,
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6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4-[2N-(2-hydroxy-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,
6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4-[4N-(2-amino-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,
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6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4(S)-[4N-(2-amino-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,
6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4(S)-[3N-(2-amino-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,
6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4(S)-[2N-(2-amino-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,
6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4-[4N-(2-N-cyclohexyl-N-methylamino-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,
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6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4-[3N-(2-dimethylamino-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,
6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4(S)-[4N-(2-dimethylamino-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,
6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4(R)-[2N-(2-dimethylamino-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,
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6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4-[4N-(2-(N-methoxyethyl)-N-methylamino)-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,
6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4(S)-[4N-(2-diethylamino-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,
6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4(S)-[4N-(2-(N-isopropyl-N-methylamino)-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,
6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4-[N-(2-(N-cyclopropylmethyl-N-propylamino)-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,
6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4(S)-[3N-(2-diethylamino-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,
6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4(S)-[3N-(2-N-methyl-N-isopropyl)amino-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,
6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4(S)-[4N-(2N-ethyl-N-isopropyl)amino-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,
6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4(S)-[3N-(2-N-methyl-N-propyl)amino-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,
6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4(S)-[3N-(2-N-pyrrolidino-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,
6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4(S)-[4N-(2-N-cyclopropylamino)-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,
6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4(S)-[4N-(2-N-pyrrolidino-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,
6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4(R)-[2N-(2-N-methyl-N-propylamino)-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,
6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4-[4N-(2-N-benzyl-N-methylamino)-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,
6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4(R)-[2N-(2-diethylamino-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,
6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4(R)-[2N-(2-dipropylamino)-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,
6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4(R)-[2N-(2-N-pyrrolidino-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,
6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4(R)-[2N-(2-N-methyl-N-isopropyl)amino-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,
6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4-[4N-(2-N-phenylamino-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-

yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,
6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4-[2N-(2-N-methylamino-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,
6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4-[2N-(2-N-(1-hexylamino)-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,
6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4-[2N-(2-N-isopropylamino-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,
6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4-[2N-(2-N-cyclopentylamino-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,
6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4-[2N-(2N-(2-furylmethyl)amino-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,
6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4-[2N-(2-N-ethylamino-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,
6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4-[2N-(2-N-dimethylaminoethylamino-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,
6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4-[4N-(2-N-ethylamino-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,
6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4-[2N-(2N-(3-picolylmethyl)amino-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,
6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4-[4N-(2N-methylamino-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,
6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4-[4N-(2N-cyclopropylamino-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,
6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4-[4N-(2N-isopropylamino-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,
6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4-[4N-(2N-(2-furylmethyl)amino-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,
6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4-[4N-(2N-dimethylaminoethylamino)-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,
6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4-[4N-(1-hexylamino)-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,
6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4-[4N-(2-picolylamino)-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,
6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4-[4N-2-methylamino-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,
6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4-[4N-(2-ethylamino)-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,
6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4-[3N-(2-(2-furylmethylamino)-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-

yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,
6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4-[3N-(2-cyclopentylamino-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,
6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4-[3N-(2-isopropylamino)-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,
6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4-[3N-(2N-dimethylaminoethylamino)-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,
6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4(R)-[2N-(2-isopropylamino-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,
6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4(R)-[3N-(2-methylamino-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline,
and
6,8-dichloro-2-methyl-4(R)-[2N-(2-methylamino-3,4-dioxocyclobuten-1-yl)amino]phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline
and the pharmaceutically acceptable salts and trifluoroacetates thereof.

5. A compound of the formula I and the pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof as claimed in one or more of claims 1 to 4 for use as medicament.

6. The use of a compound of the formula I and/or its pharmaceutically acceptable salts as claimed in one or more of claims 1 to 4 for the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment or prophylaxis of impairments of respiratory drive, of respiratory disorders, sleep-related respiratory disorders, sleep apneas, of snoring, of acute and chronic renal disorders, of acute renal failure and of chronic renal failure, of impairments of bowel function, of high blood pressure, of essential hypertension, of central nervous system disorders, of disorders resulting from CNS overexcitability, epilepsy and centrally induced spasms or of anxiety states, depressions and psychoses, of ischemic states of the peripheral or central nervous system or of stroke, of acute and chronic damage and disorders of peripheral organs or limbs caused by ischemic or reperfusion events, of atherosclerosis, of impairments of lipid metabolism, of thromboses, of impairments of biliary function, of infestation by ectoparasites, of disorders resulting from endothelial dysfunction, of protozoal diseases, of malaria, of states of shock or of diabetes and late damage from diabetes or of diseases in which cell proliferation represents a primary or secondary cause, for the preservation and storage of transplants for surgical

procedures, for use in surgical operations and organ transplantations and for maintaining health and prolonging life.

7. The use of a compound of a compound of the formula I and/or its pharmaceutically acceptable salts as claimed in one or more claims 1 to 4 in combination with other pharmaceuticals or active ingredients for the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment or prophylaxis of impairments of respiratory drive, of respiratory disorders, sleep-related respiratory disorders, sleep apneas, of snoring, of acute and chronic renal disorders, of acute renal failure and of chronic renal failure, of impairments of bowel function, of high blood pressure, of essential hypertension, of central nervous system disorders, of disorders resulting from CNS overexcitability, epilepsy and centrally induced spasms or of anxiety states, depressions and psychoses, of ischemic states of the peripheral or central nervous system or of stroke, of acute and chronic damage and disorders of peripheral organs or limbs caused by ischemic or reperfusion events, of atherosclerosis, of impairments of lipid metabolism, of thromboses, of impairments of biliary function, of infestation by ectoparasites, of disorders resulting from endothelial dysfunction, of protozoal diseases, of malaria, of states of shock or of diabetes and late damage from diabetes or of diseases in which cell proliferation represents a primary or secondary cause, for the preservation and storage of transplants for surgical procedures, for use in surgical operations and organ transplantations and for maintaining health and prolonging life.

8. The use of a compound of the formula I and/or its pharmaceutically acceptable salts as claimed in one or more of claims 1 to 4 alone or in combination with other pharmaceuticals or active ingredients for the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment or prophylaxis of impairments of the respiratory drive and/or of sleep-related respiratory impairments such as sleep apneas.

9. The use of a compound of the formula I and/or its pharmaceutically acceptable salts as claimed in one or more of claims 1 to 4 alone or in combination with other pharmaceuticals or active ingredients for the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment or prophylaxis of snoring.

10. The use of a compound of the formula I and/or its pharmaceutically

acceptable salts as claimed in one or more of claims 1 to 4 alone or in combination with other pharmaceuticals or active ingredients for the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment or prophylaxis of acute or chronic renal disorders, of acute renal failure or of chronic renal failure.

11. The use of a compound of the formula I and/or its pharmaceutically acceptable salts as claimed in one or more of claims 1 to 4 alone or in combination with other pharmaceuticals or active ingredients for the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment or prophylaxis of impairments of bowel function.

12. A medicine for human, veterinary or phytoprotective use comprising an effective amount of a compound of the formula I and/or of a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof as claimed in one or more of claims 1 to 4.

13. A medicine for human, veterinary or phytoprotective use comprising an effective amount of a compound of the formula I and/or of a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof as claimed in one or more of claims 1 to 4, in combination with other pharmacological active ingredients or pharmaceuticals.