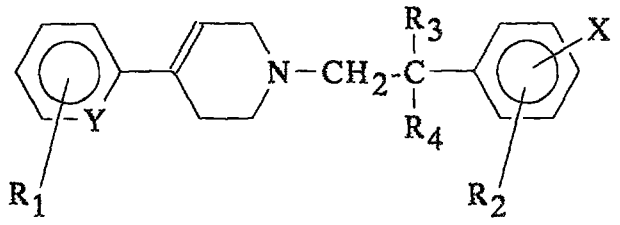
ABSTRACT

The invention relates to compounds of the formula



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in which:

Y is -CH- or -N-;

R_1 is hydrogen, a halogen or a CF_3, (C_1-C_4)alkyl or (C_1-C_4)alkoxy group;

R_2 is a methyl or ethyl group;

R_3 and R_4 are each hydrogen or a (C_1-C_3)alkyl; and

X is:

(a) a (C_1-C_6)alkyl, a (C_1-C_6)alkoxy, a (C_3-C_7)carboxyalkyl, a (C_1-C_4)alkoxycarbonyl(C_1-C_6)alkyl, a (C_3-C_7)carboxyalkoxy or a (C_1-C_4)alkoxycarbonyl-(C_1-C_6)alkoxy;

(b) a radical selected from (C_3-C_7)cycloalkyl, (C_3-C_7)cycloalkoxy, (C_3-C_7)-cycloalkylmethyl, (C_3-C_7)cycloalkylamino and cyclohexenyl, it being possible for said radical to be substituted by a halogen, hydroxyl, (C_1-C_4)-alkoxy, carboxyl, (C_1-C_4)alkoxycarbonyl, amino or mono- or di-(C_1-C_4)-alkylamino; or

(c) a group selected from a phenyl, phenoxy, phenylamino, N-(C_1-C_3)alkyl-phenylamino, phenylmethyl, phenylethyl, phenylcarbonyl, phenylthio, phenylsulfonyl, phenylsulfinyl and styryl, it being possible for said group to be monosubstituted or polysubstituted on the phenyl group by a halogen, CF_3, (C_1-C_4)alkyl, (C_1-C_4)alkoxy, cyano, amino, mono- or di-(C_1-C_4)alkyl-amino, (C_1-C_4)acylamino, carboxyl, (C_1-C_4)alkoxycarbonyl, aminocarbonyl, mono- or di-(C_1-C_4)alkylaminocarbonyl, amino(C_1-C_4)alkyl, hydroxy(C_1-C_4)alkyl or halogeno(C_1-C_4)alkyl;

to a method of preparing them and to the pharmaceutical compositions containing them.

These compounds have neurotrophic and neuroprotective activity.