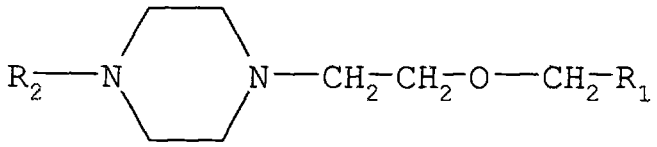
ABSTRACT

Novel substituted [2-(1-piperazinyl)ethoxy]methyl compounds.

The present invention relates to novel substituted [2-(1-piperazinyl)-ethoxy]methyl compounds of formula



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in which

R_1 represents a $-CONH_2$, -CN, -COOH, -COOM or $-COOR_3$ group, M being an alkali metal and R_3 being an alkyl radical having from 1 to 4 carbon atoms; and

R_2 represents a hydrogen atom or a group $-COR_4$ or $-R_5$, where R_4 is chosen from the groups $-OR_6$ or $-R_7$, in which

R_5 represents an allyl or alkylaryl radical,

R_6 represents a linear or branched alkyl radical having from 1 to 4 carbon atoms, a haloalkyl, alkylaryl, alkylnitroaryl or alkylhaloaryl radical, and

R_7 represents a haloalkyl radical,

to a process for the preparation of these compounds, and to their use for the preparation of compounds which are themselves valuable intermediates for the preparation of 2-[2-[4-[(4-chlorophenyl)phenylmethyl]-1-piperazinyl]ethoxy]-acetic acid or 2-[2-[4-[bis(4-fluorophenyl)methyl]-1-piperazinyl]ethoxy]-acetic acid and/or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.