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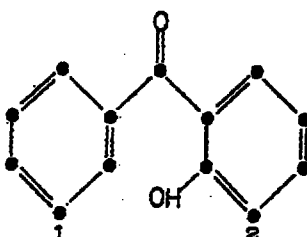
This invention relates to novel leukotriene antagonists which are not only effective as antagonists of the SRS-A leukotrienes (i.e., LTC₄, LTD₄ and LTE₄) but also leukotriene LTB₄. LTB₄ has been indicated as a causative agent in inflammatory diseases such as psoriasis and inflammatory bowel disease.

Research in the area of allergic reactions of the lung has provided evidence that arachidonic acid derivatives formed by the action of lipoxygenases are related to various disease states. Some of these arachidonic acid metabolites have been classified as members of a family of eicosatetraenoic acids termed leukotrienes. Three of these substances are currently thought to be major components of what has been previously called slow reacting substance of anaphylaxis (SRS-A).

Leukotriene B₄ (LTB₄) is a proinflammatory lipid which has been implicated in the pathogenesis of psoriasis, arthritis, chronic lung diseases, inflammatory bowel diseases, and other inflammatory states characterized by the infiltration and aggregation of polymorphonuclear leukocytes. Thus aggregated, the polymorphonuclear leukocytes liberate tissue-degrading enzymes and reactive chemicals causing the inflammation. Antagonism of LTB₄ should therefore provide a novel therapeutic approach to treatment of these conditions.

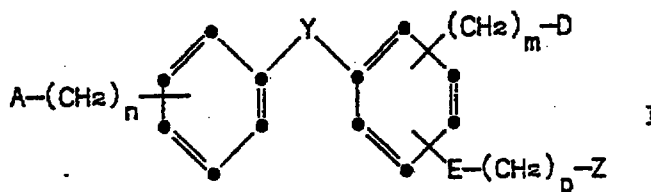
Similarly, antagonists of leukotriene D₄ (LTD₄) have been indicated for treating conditions characterized by the excessive release of LTD₄, including immediate type hypersensitivity reactions such as asthma and shock.

The literature discloses leukotriene antagonists having a core structure of the formula:



Such compounds are set forth in European Patent Specification Nos. 108,592, 132,366 and 132,367. It has been surprisingly discovered that the compounds of the present invention are not only LTD₄ antagonists, but a good many of the claimed compounds are also LTB₄ antagonists. LTB₄ is an important causative agent in chronic inflammatory disease such as psoriasis and inflammatory bowel disease (IBD). Adequate therapy presently does not exist for either psoriasis or IBD.

According to the present invention there are provided novel compounds of the Formula I



and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, wherein A and D are each independently cyano, -CO-OR₁, or 5-tetrazolyl;

n is 0 or 1;

Y is -O-, -CO-, -CH₂CO-, -C(=NOH)-, -CHOH-, -CR₂-, or -C(=CH₂)-

m is 0-3;

E is -O- or -CH₂-;

p is 0-16; and

Z is -H or -G-Q where

G is a bond, -O-, -S(O)_t-, -NH-, or -CH=CH-,

Q is phenyl or phenyl substituted with one or two substituents selected from the group consisting of halo, C₁-C₃ alkyl, C₁-C₃ alkoxy, nitro, amino, trifluoromethyl, hydroxy, and -S(O)_p-, -(C₁-C₃ alkyl);

p* and t are independently 0-2; and

R₁ is a hydrogen atom or C₁ to C₃ alkyl, provided that when m=1, -E-(CH₂)_p-Z may not be hydroxy or methoxy.

The present novel leukotriene antagonists of the present invention can be used in the treatment of inflammation. Also, most of the compounds are LTB₄ antagonists and should therefore also be useful in the treatment of conditions such as psoriasis, inflammatory bowel disease, and allergic disorders such

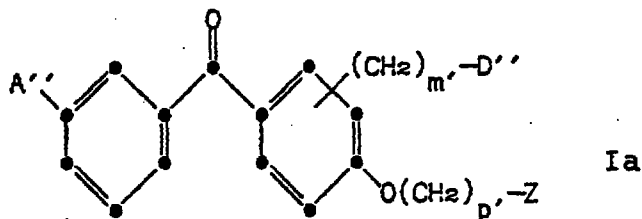
as asthma, where leukotrienes are thought to be causal mediators.

A further aspect of the invention involves intermediates of the above compounds. The intermediates have the structure of Formula I above except that at least one of A and D is a cyano group or a C₁ to C₃ alkyl ester group.

The invention provides separate methods for the treatment of inflammation or asthma, psoriasis and inflammatory bowel disease which comprises administering an effective amount of a compound of Formula I wherein R₁ is a hydrogen atom and neither A nor D is a cyano group, to a mammal so afflicted.

This invention also provides a pharmaceutical formulation which comprises as an active ingredient a tetrazole or carboxylic acid compound of this invention as defined above associated with one or more pharmaceutically acceptable carriers or excipients therefor.

A preferred group of the present leukotriene antagonists are the compounds of Formula Ia:



and pharmaceutically acceptable base addition salts thereof wherein

A'' and D'' are independently -COOH or 5-tetrazolyl,

m' is 0-3, preferably 1 or 2;

p' is 4-12; and

Z is the same as for Formula I.

The following definitions refer to the various terms used throughout this disclosure.

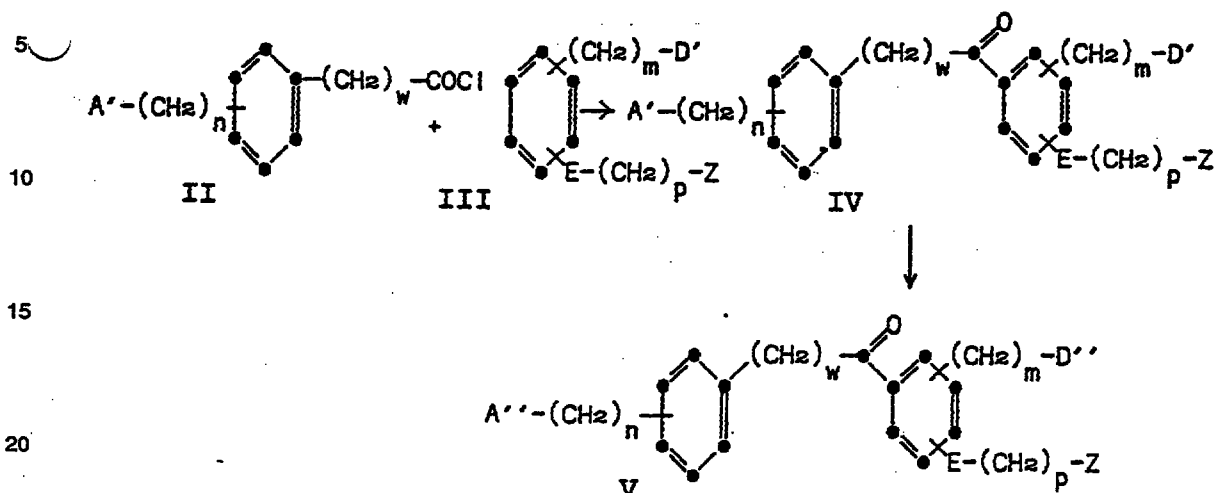
The term "C₁-C₃ alkyl" refers to the straight and branched aliphatic radicals of 1 to 3 carbon atoms such as methyl, ethyl, propyl, and isopropyl. The term "C₁-C₃ alkoxy" refers to methoxy, ethoxy, propoxy, and isopropoxy. The term "halo" refers to fluoro, chloro, bromo, and iodo.

When A or D are carboxylic acid or 5-tetrazolyl moieties, the compounds of this invention include the pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof. Such salts include those derived from inorganic bases, such as ammonium and alkali and alkaline earth metal hydroxides, carbonates, bicarbonates, and the like, as well as salts derived from basic organic amines, such as aliphatic and aromatic amines, aliphatic diamines, hydroxy alkylamines, and the like. Such bases useful in preparing the salts of this invention thus include ammonium hydroxide, potassium carbonate, sodium bicarbonate, calcium hydroxide, methyl amine, diethyl amine, ethylene diamine, cyclohexylamine, ethanolamine, and the like. The potassium and sodium salt forms are particularly preferred.

It is recognized that when Y is -C(=NOH)- or -CHOH-, or when G is -CH=CH-, various stereoisomeric products may exist. This invention is not limited to any particular stereoisomer but includes all possible individual isomers and mixtures thereof.

The compounds of this invention may be prepared according to standard methods known in the art. For example, many of the ketone-containing derivatives of formula I may be prepared according to Scheme I:

Scheme I



wherein:

A' and D' are independently $-COO(C_1-C_3 \text{ alkyl})$ or $-CN$, A'' and D'' are independently $-COOH$ or 5-tetrazolyl, and w is 0 or 1. According to this scheme, an acid chloride of formula II is reacted with benzene derivative III under Friedel-Crafts acylation conditions to provide the corresponding ketone derivative IV. Any of a number of conditions to effect this transformation are known in the art and are operable. A preferred set of conditions comprises the reaction of II and III with a Lewis acid such as aluminum chloride in the presence of a non-reactive solvent, preferably dichloromethane. The reaction is best carried out at temperatures from about 0 to about 25°C and is generally complete within 2-4 hours.

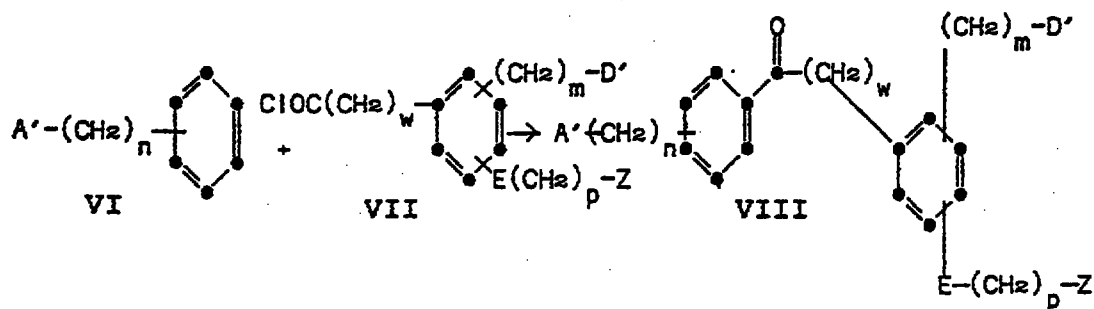
This reaction provides the ester and nitrile derivatives of formula IV which can then be transformed to the corresponding acid and/or tetrazole compounds of formula V according to standard methods. For example, hydrolysis of the esters of formula IV may be accomplished by any of a variety of acidic or basic conditions, preferably under aqueous conditions. Two preferred methods involve the use of lithium hydroxide in a solvent mixture of acetone/water or potassium hydroxide in a mixture of methanol/water. Under the former conditions, hydrolysis is generally complete in about 12-18 hours at temperatures from about 20-30°C whereas the latter reaction is usually complete in one hour at 20-30°C.

Similarly, transformation of the nitriles of formula IV to the corresponding tetrazoles can be accomplished by any of a variety of standard methods. Generally, the nitrile is reacted with an azide reagent in a non-reactive solvent. Preferred conditions include the use of ammonium azide in dimethylformamide or tri-n-butylstannylazide in a non-reactive solvent such as dimethoxyethane or tetrahydrofuran. Under the latter conditions, the reaction is generally heated at or near the reflux temperature of the reaction mixture. The transformation is generally complete under these conditions in 2-3 days.

It is generally preferred, in compounds containing both a nitrile and an ester functionality, that the nitrile group be transformed into a tetrazole before hydrolysis of the ester.

A similar acylation procedure to prepare other ketone derivatives is described in Scheme II:

Scheme II



According to Scheme II, acid chloride VII is employed to acylate benzene derivative VI under the same Friedel-Crafts conditions as described above. This process yields intermediates of formula VIII which can then be transformed to the corresponding acids and tetrazoles by the same methods as described above.

In the special situation where the $-(CH_2)_n-COOH$ group is attached to a carbon atom adjacent to the point of attachment to the carbonyl moiety bridging the two phenyl rings, the modified procedure of Scheme III may be employed.

Scheme III

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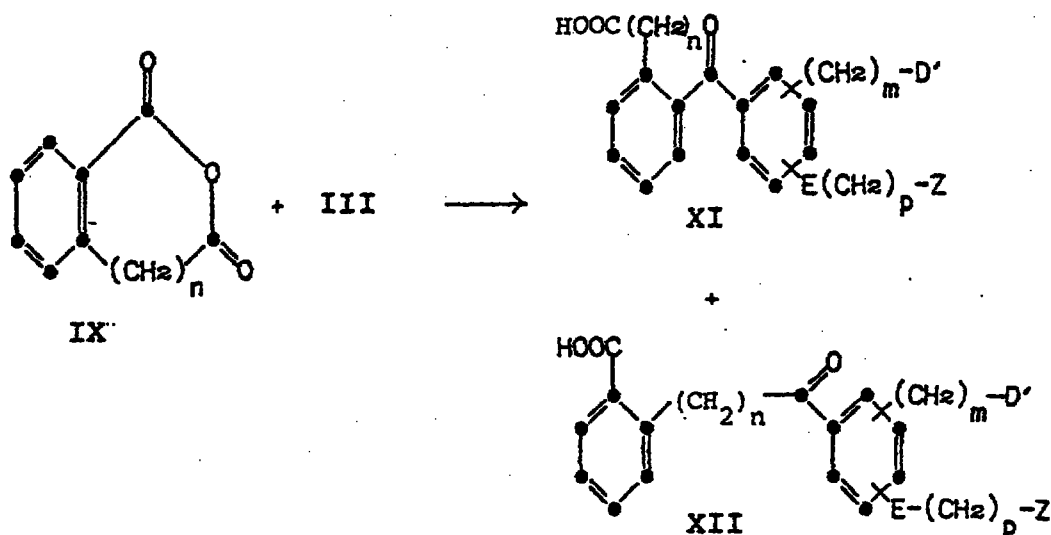
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In this sequence, the cyclic anhydride IX is allowed to react with benzene derivative III to provide both the benzophenone acetic acid of formula XI as well as the phenylethanone derivative of formula XII. These compounds may be separated by standard methods, such as chromatography, and separately transformed into corresponding acids, tetrazoles, esters, etc. by standard techniques. The reaction of IX with III constitutes a modified Friedel-Crafts acylation as disclosed in Schemes I and II above. However, the preferred reaction conditions are generally the same.

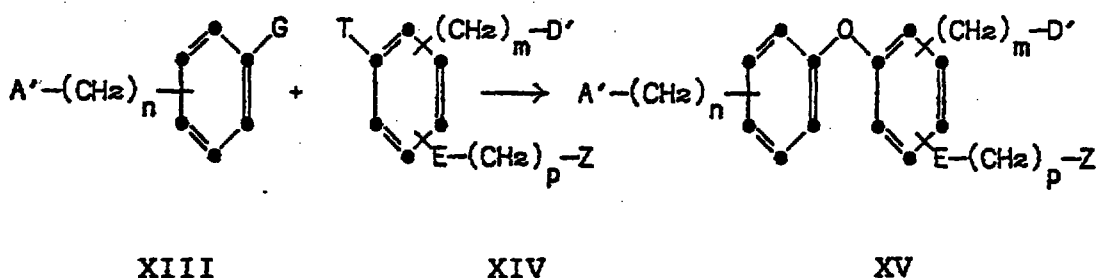
The preparation of the diphenyl ether compounds of this invention (formula I, Y is $-O-$) may be accomplished by any of a number of methods known in the art depending upon the particular substituents and their placement. The most general procedure is that of an Ullmann reaction as summarized in Scheme IV:

Scheme IV

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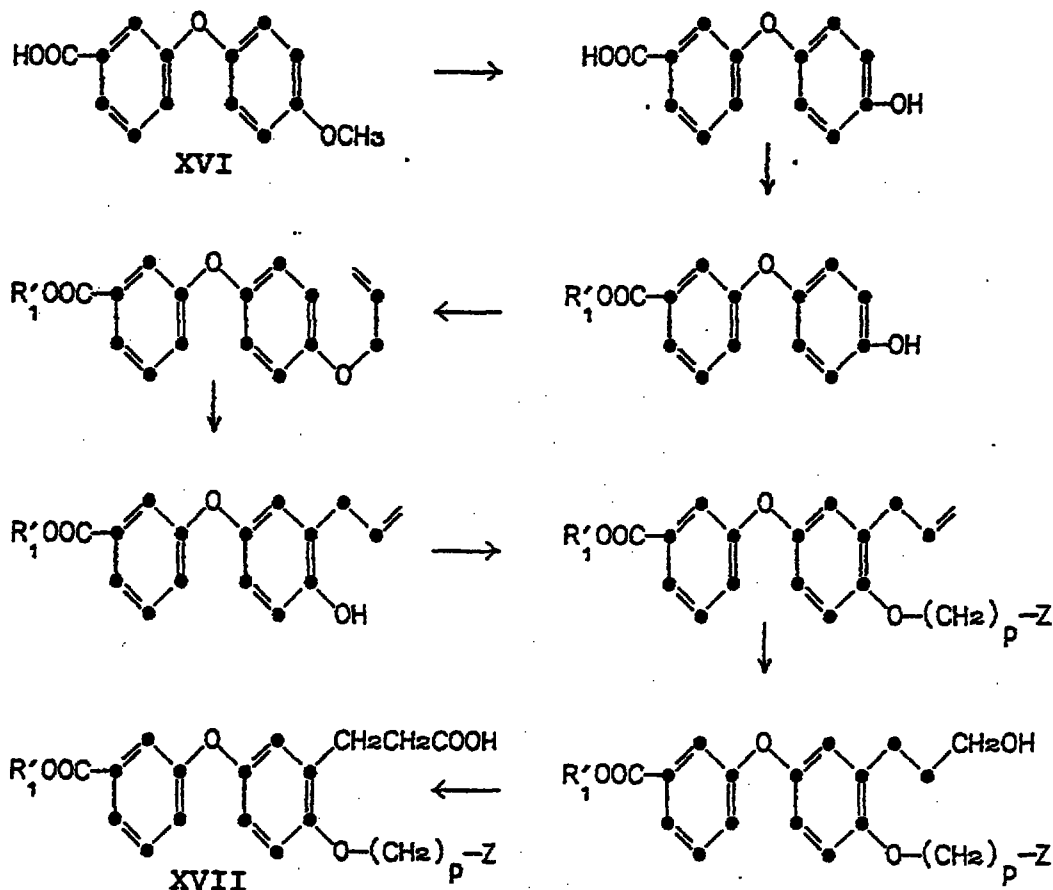


wherein one of G and T is iodo or bromo and the other of G and T is hydroxy. Under these reaction conditions, the phenol of formula XIII or XIV is treated with an alkali metal base of sufficient basicity so as to yield the metal phenolate. This formation is usually performed *in situ*, and the resulting aroxide nucleophile is then treated with the aryl halide of the other of formula XIII or XIV. Coupling to the diaryl ether of formula XV is promoted by the use of copper salts. Many variations on the Ullmann reaction are known in the art and can be employed in effecting the synthesis of compound XV. The compounds of for-

mula XV may be transformed into the corresponding acids and tetrazoles in the same manner as previously described.

Other, more complicated, routes for preparing the diaryl ethers may be employed. The particular sequence employed will depend upon the particular substituents desired and the relative position in the molecule. One procedure for preparing some of the more preferred compounds of this invention is summarized in Scheme V:

Scheme V

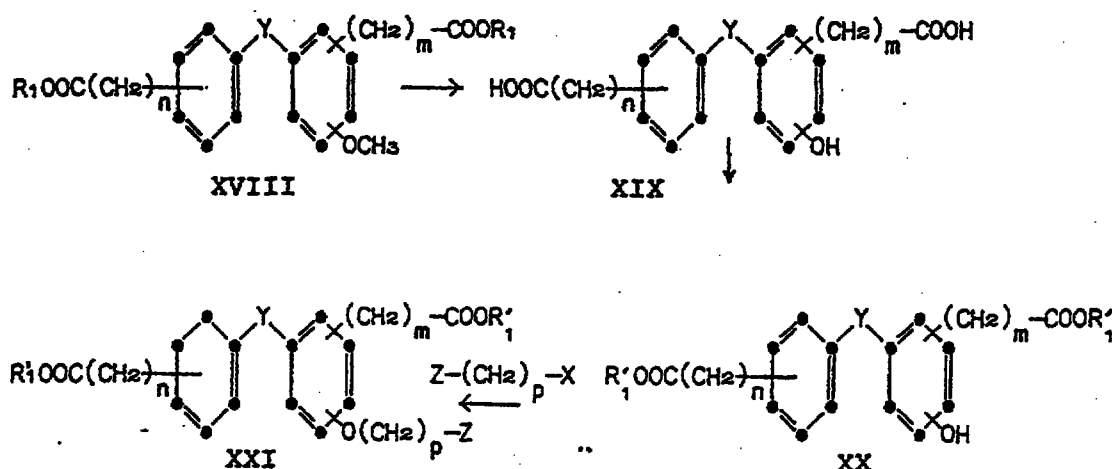


wherein R_1' is C_1 - C_3 alkyl. Scheme V depicts a general method of preparing compounds where there is a propionic acid substituent on a carbon atom adjacent to the $-O(CH_2)_pZ$ functionality. Scheme V is therefore representative of the preparation of similar compounds having other functional groups as depicted in formula I.

According to Scheme V, an anisole derivative such as that represented by formula XVI is dealkylated by standard means to the corresponding phenol (see description below). The carboxylic acid moiety is protected, usually by converting it to an ester derivative. The phenol is alkylated with an allyl halide to provide the corresponding allyl ether. Thermally rearranging the allyl ether (i.e., a Claisen rearrangement) provides a phenol wherein the allyl functionality is on the adjacent carbon atom. The phenol is then alkylated with the appropriate alkyl halide $Z-(CH_2)_pX$, wherein X is a good leaving group such as iodo, bromo, chloro or mesyl, in the presence of a strong base, such as sodium hydride, and preferably in a non-reactive solvent, such as dimethylformamide. The resulting ether is then oxidized first to the corresponding propanol and then to the propionic acid derivative of formula XVII. Interconversions of the acids and esters may be performed by standard methods. Variations of the Scheme will be apparent to those skilled in the art and can, for example, be used to prepare the corresponding acetic acid derivatives, for example, by the oxidative cleavage of the allyl double bond.

Employing some of the same chemical aspects found in Scheme V, additional intraconversions are presented by Scheme VI:

Scheme VI



According to this transformation, the compound of formula XVIII, prepared by any of the other schemes and description which follows is prepared (i.e., Formula I wherein the $-\text{O}(\text{CH}_2)_p\text{-Z}$ functionality is methoxy). The methoxy group is removed by any of a number of methods known in the art to yield the corresponding phenol. One standard method for this transformation is the use of hydrobromic acid in acetic acid or treatment with molten pyridine hydrochloride. These methods usually also transform the carboxylic acid ester to the free carboxylic acid. The carboxylic acids are transformed into the diester compound XX which is treated with base and the appropriate alkylating agent $\text{Z}(\text{CH}_2)_p\text{-X}$ as employed in Scheme V. This alkylation provides the ether of formula XXI which may then be transformed to other derivatives according to other methods as described in this application.

From the above methods of preparing the benzophenone compounds of this invention (formula I, Y is $-\text{CO}-$), compounds having various other Y functionalities may be prepared. For example, the benzophenone can be reduced to the corresponding carbinol (I, Y is $-\text{CHOH}-$). The most convenient method for effecting this transformation is treating the benzophenone with sodium borohydride in a solvent such as ethanol. To reduce the carbinol completely to the diphenylmethane derivative (I, Y is $-\text{CH}_2-$), reduction of the carbinol with hydrogen gas over a catalyst, such as palladium on carbon, is preferred. Standard reaction conditions in non-reactive solvents may be employed; acetic acid is a preferred solvent for this transformation. For either of these reduction steps, it is preferred that the ester intermediate be employed as compared with the carboxylic acid. After reduction, hydrolysis of the ester to the acid may be effected in the normal way.

Similarly, the benzophenone may be transformed into the oxime (Formula I, Y is $-\text{C}(=\text{NOH})-$) upon treatment with hydroxylamine. The hydrochloride of hydroxylamine is usually employed although a non-reactive acid-scavenging solvent, such as pyridine, is best employed. Once again, it is preferred that this transformation be performed on the ester form of the compound with hydrolysis to the carboxylic acid by standard methods to follow.

The ethylene analogs of this invention (I, Y is $-\text{C}(=\text{CH}_2)-$) may also be prepared from the benzophenones according to known methods. This transformation involves a Wittig reaction which is performed on a benzophenone compound before the introduction of any other reactive group, such as a tetrazole moiety or carboxylic acid. Typically, a slight molar excess of an ylid precursor, such as methyl triphenylphosphine bromide, and a strong organic base, such as N-butyllithium, in a non-reactive solvent such as tetrahydrofuran, are employed. After the introduction of the ethene functionality, other derivatizations as previously described may be performed.

The thio derivatives and intermediates of this invention (t is 0) may be transformed into the corresponding sulfoxide (t is 1) compounds upon treatment with a mild oxidizing agent, such as hydrogen peroxide in methanol, meta-chloroperoxybenzoic acid (MCPBA) in methylene chloride at 0°C ., or an alkali metal periodate in aqueous alcohol. The corresponding sulfones (t is 2) are prepared from the thio or sulfoxide compounds on treatment with a strong oxidizing agent such as hydrogen peroxide in acetic acid or m-chloroperoxybenzoic acid in methylene chloride at $20-30^\circ\text{C}$. In addition, various compounds of Formula I can be prepared from other compounds, precursors, or intermediates of Formula I by standard methods such as hydrolysis, esterification, alkylation, oxidation, reduction, and the like, as are well known to those skilled in the art.

Intermediate compounds II, III, VI, VII, IX, XIII, XIV, and XVI, and any other necessary reagents are either commercially available, known in the literature, or can be prepared according to methods known in the art.

The following examples further illustrate the preparation of the intermediates and compounds of this invention. The examples are illustrative only and are not intended to limit the scope of the invention. Where structures were confirmed by infra-red, proton nuclear magnetic resonance, or mass spectral analysis, the compound is so designated by "IR", "NMR", or "MS", respectively.

Example 1

10 3-[3-(Cyanomethyl)-4-(decyloxy)benzoyl]benzoic acid, ethyl ester

To a solution of 1.45 g of isophthalic acid, monoethyl ester monochloride in 25 ml of methylene chloride cooled to 0°C. by means of an external ice bath were added to 2.73 g aluminum chloride. After stirring for an hour, 1.87 g of 2-decyloxybenzyl cyanide were added. The reaction was stirred at 0°C. for 4 hours and then poured into ice water containing hydrochloric acid. After stirring for 1 hour, the layers were separated. The organic layer was washed with a saturated sodium bicarbonate solution, dried over magnesium sulfate, and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by chromatography over silica gel eluting with a 5-30% ethyl acetate in hexane gradient. The appropriate fractions were pooled and concentrated in vacuo to provide 1.1 g of the title product as a colorless oil.

Analysis for $C_{26}H_{35}NO_4$:

Calc.: C, 74.80; H, 7.85; N, 3.12;

Found: C, 75.84; H, 8.83; N, 3.82.

25 Example 2

3-[4-(Decyloxy)-3-(1H-tetrazol-5-ylmethyl)benzoyl]benzoic acid, ethyl ester

A mixture of 1.0 g of the product from Example 1 and 2.2 g of tri-n-butylstannylazide in 30 ml of tetrahydrofuran was heated at reflux for 10 days. The reaction was allowed to cool to ambient temperature. A mixture of hydrochloric acid and methanol was added, and after stirring for 30 minutes, the mixture was concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by chromatography over silica gel eluting with a 30-75% ethyl acetate in hexane gradient which additionally contained 0.05% acetic acid. The appropriate fractions were cooled and concentrated to provide 592 mg of product. Recrystallization from hexane/ethyl acetate provided 580 mg of the desired title product.

Analysis for $C_{28}H_{36}N_4O_4$:

Calc.: C, 68.27; H, 7.37; N, 11.37;

Found: C, 68.56; H, 7.50; N, 11.55.

Example 3

45 3-[4-(Decyloxy)-3-(1-tetrazol-5-ylmethyl)benzoyl]benzoic acid

A mixture of 580 mg of the product from Example 2 and 280 mg of lithium hydroxide in 10 ml of acetone and 1 ml of water were stirred for 6 hours. The mixture was concentrated in vacuo and the resulting residue was partitioned between diethyl ether and water. The layers were separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with diethyl ether. The aqueous layer was acidified with 1N hydrochloric acid and extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate extract was dried over magnesium sulfate and concentrated to dryness. The residue was crystallized from hexane/ethyl acetate to provide 47 mg of the title product, m.p. 147-150°C.

Analysis for $C_{26}H_{32}N_4O_4$:

Calc.: C, 67.08; H, 7.14; N, 12.03;

Found: C, 67.35; H, 7.04; N, 11.76.

Examples 4-14

The following compounds were prepared according to the procedure of Example 1 from the appropriate acid chloride and the corresponding benzene derivative.

65 4. 2-(Decyloxy)-5-[3-(ethoxycarbonyl)benzoyl]benzeneacetic acid, ethyl ester, 45% yield, oil.

Analysis for $C_{30}H_{40}O_6$:

Calc.: C, 72.55; H, 8.12;

Found: C, 72.77; H, 8.13.

5. 5-(Decyloxy)-2-[3-(ethoxycarbonyl)benzoyl]benzeneacetic acid, ethyl ester, 47% yield, oil. NMR.

6. 2-(Decyloxy)-5-[3-(ethoxycarbonyl)benzoyl]benzenepropanoic acid, ethyl ester, 83% yield, oil.

Analysis for $C_{31}H_{42}O_6$:

Calc.: C, 72.91; H, 8.29;

Found: C, 72.69; H, 8.15.

10 7. 2-(Decyloxy)-5-[3-(ethoxycarbonyl)benzoyl]benzenebutanoic acid, ethyl ester, 34% yield, oil. NMR.

8. 2-(Decyloxy)-5-(3-cyanobenzoyl)benzene acetic acid, ethyl ester, 59% yield, oil. NMR, IR, MS.

9. 2-(Decyloxy)-5-(3-cyanomethylbenzoyl)benzenepropionic acid, ethyl ester, 54% yield, oil. NMR.

15 10. 2-(Tetradecyloxy)-5-[3-(ethoxycarbonyl)benzoyl]benzeneacetic acid, ethyl ester, 81% yield, oil. NMR.

11. 2-(Dodecyloxy)-5-[3-(ethoxycarbonyl)benzoyl]benzeneacetic acid, ethyl ester, 5% yield, oil. NMR

12. 5-(3-Cyanobenzoyl)-2-(decyloxy)benzeneacetoneitrile, 61% yield, m.p. 83-85°C.

Analysis for $C_{26}H_{30}N_2O_2$:

20 Calc.: C, 77.58; H, 7.51; N, 6.96;

Found: C, 77.30; H, 7.57; N, 6.72.

13. 2-(Decyloxy)-5-[3-(ethoxycarbonyl)benzoyl]benzenepropionitrile, 92% yield, oil. NMR

14. 2-(Decyloxy)-5-(3-cyanobenzoyl)benzene propanoic acid, ethyl ester, 68% yield, oil. NMR, MS.

25 Examples 15-19

The following compounds were prepared from the corresponding nitrile derivatives according to the procedure of Example 2.

30 15. 2-(Decyloxy)-5-[3-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)benzoyl]benzeneacetic acid, ethyl ester, 16% yield, oil. IR, NMR, MS.

16. 2-(Decyloxy)-5-[3-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl-methyl)benzoyl]benzenepropanoic acid, ethyl ester, 68% yield, oil. NMR.

35 17. [4-(Decyloxy)-3-(1H-tetrazol-5-ylmethyl)phenyl][3-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)phenyl]methanone, 54% yield, m.p. 189-191°C.

Analysis for $C_{26}H_{32}N_8O_2$:

Calc.: C, 63.91; H, 6.60; N, 22.93;

40 Found: C, 64.02; H, 6.52; N, 22.84.

18. [4-(Decyloxy)-3-[2-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)ethyl]phenyl][3-(ethoxycarbonyl)phenyl]methanone, 58% yield, oil. NMR, IR, MS.

19. 2-(Decyloxy)-5-[3-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)benzoyl]benzenepropanoic acid, ethyl ester, 31% yield, m.p. 80-81°C.

45 Analysis for $C_{29}H_{38}N_4O_4$:

Calc.: C, 68.75; H, 7.56; N, 11.06;

Found: C, 68.91; H, 7.82; N, 11.13.

50 The following compounds were prepared from the corresponding esters according to the procedure of Example 3 by substituting potassium hydroxide in aqueous methanol as the base and solvent.

20. 5-(2-Carboxybenzoyl)-2-(decyloxy)benzeneacetic acid, 93% yield, m.p. 192°C with decomposition.

55 Analysis for: $C_{26}H_{32}O_6$:

Calc.: C, 70.86; H, 7.35;

Found: C, 70.95; H, 7.30.

21. 2-(3-Carboxybenzoyl)-5-(decyloxy)benzeneacetic acid, 60% yield, m.p. 92-94°C.

60 Analysis for $C_{26}H_{32}O_6$:

Calc.: C, 70.89; H, 7.32;

Found: C, 70.61; H, 7.19.

22. 5-(3-Carboxybenzoyl)-2-(decyloxy)benzenepropanoic acid, 66% yield, m.p. 114-116°C.

65 Analysis for $C_{27}H_{34}O_6$:

Calc.: C, 71.34; H, 7.54;

Found: C, 71.56; H, 7.79.

23. 5-(3-Carboxybenzoyl)-2-(decyloxy)benzenebutanoic acid, 72% yield, m.p. 158-159°C.

Analysis for $C_{28}H_{36}O_6$:

Calc.: C, 71.77; H, 7.74;

Found: C, 71.48; H, 7.48.

24. 2-(Decyloxy)-5-[3-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)benzoyl]benzeneacetic acid, 45% yield, m.p. = 138-140°C.

Analysis for $C_{26}H_{32}N_4O_6$:

Calc.: C, 67.22; H, 6.94; N, 12.06;

Found: C, 67.32; H, 7.13; N, 11.91.

25. 2-(Decyloxy)-5-[3-(1H-tetrazol-5-ylmethyl)benzoyl]benzenepropanoic acid, 46% yield, m.p. 137-139°C.

Analysis for $C_{28}H_{36}N_4O_4$:

Calc.: C, 68.27; H, 7.37; N, 11.37;

Found: C, 68.47; H, 7.40; N, 11.21.

26. 5-(3-Carboxybenzoyl)-2-(tetradecyloxy)benzeneacetic acid, 4% yield, m.p. 143-147°C.

Analysis for $C_{30}H_{40}O_6$:

Calc.: C, 72.55; H, 8.12;

Found: C, 72.27; H, 7.90.

27. 5-(3-Carboxybenzoyl)-2-(dodecyloxy)benzeneacetic acid, 27% yield, m.p. 144-147°C.

Analysis for $C_{28}H_{36}O_6$:

Calc.: C, 71.77; H, 7.74;

Found: C, 69.86; H, 7.52.

28. 3-[4-(Decyloxy)-3-[2-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)ethyl]benzoyl]benzoic acid, 63% yield, m.p. 160-162°C.

Analysis for $C_{27}H_{34}N_4O_6$:

Calc.: C, 67.90; H, 6.97; N, 11.73;

Found: C, 67.83; H, 7.20; N, 11.54.

29. 2-(Decyloxy)-5-[3-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)benzoyl]benzenepropanoic acid, 95% yield, m.p. 139-140°C.

Analysis for $C_{27}H_{34}N_4O_4$:

Calc.: C, 67.90; H, 6.97; N, 11.73;

Found: C, 67.65; H, 6.93; N, 11.72.

Examples 30 and 31

5-[2-(Carboxymethyl)benzoyl]-2-(decyloxy)benzenepropanoic acid, ethyl ester and 5-[(2-carboxyphenyl)acetyl]-2-(decyloxy)benzenepropanoic acid, ethyl ester.

To a suspension of 3.98 g of aluminum chloride in 100 ml of methylene chloride were added 5.0 g of ethyl 2-decyloxybenzene propanoate. After stirring for 5 minutes, 2.4 g of homophthalic anhydride were added and the reaction was stirred an additional 18 hours. The mixture was poured into an ice/1N hydrochloric acid mixture. When all solids were dissolved, the mixture was extracted 3 times with ethyl acetate. The combined extracts were concentrated to dryness and the residue was purified by chromatography over silica gel eluting with a 20-35% ethyl acetate in hexane gradient yielding the following products:

30. 5-[2-(Carboxymethyl)benzoyl]-2-(decyloxy)benzenepropanoic acid, ethyl ester, 1.3 g, m.p. 110-111°C.

Analysis for $C_{30}H_{40}O_6$:

Calc.: C, 72.55; H, 8.12;

Found: C, 72.10; H, 7.99.

31. 5-[(2-Carboxyphenyl)acetyl]-2-(decyloxy)benzenepropanoic acid, ethyl ester, 0.9 g, oil. NMR

Example 32

5-(2-Carboxybenzoyl)-2-(decyloxy)benzeneacetic acid, ethyl ester

Following the procedure of Examples 30 and 31, phthalic anhydride and ethyl 2-decyloxybenzene acetate were reacted to provide the title product in 8% yield. The product was an oil.

Analysis for $C_{28}H_{38}O_6$:

Calc.: C, 71.77; H, 7.74;

Found: C, 71.54; H, 7.84.

Examples 33-35

- 10 The following products were obtained by hydrolysis of the corresponding esters by using the procedure of Example 3 or that taught for Examples 20-29.

33. 5-[2-(Carboxymethyl)benzoyl]-2-(decyloxy)benzenepropanoic acid, 82% yield, m.p. 177-178°C.

- 15 Analysis for $C_{28}H_{36}O_6$:

Calc.: C, 71.77; H, 7.74;

Found: C, 72.05; H, 7.52.

34. 5-[(2-Carboxyphenyl)acetyl]-2-(decyloxy)benzenepropanoic acid, 75% yield, m.p. 92-95°C.

- 20 Analysis for $C_{28}H_{38}O_6$:

Calc.: C, 71.77; H, 7.74;

Found: C, 71.70; H, 8.00.

35. 5-(2-Carboxybenzoyl)-2-(decyloxy)benzeneacetic acid, 63% yield, m.p. 154-155°C.

- 25 Analysis for $C_{26}H_{32}O_6$:

Calc.: C, 70.89; H, 7.32;

Found: C, 70.98; H, 7.06.

- 30 Examples 36-38

The following compounds were prepared from the corresponding acid chloride and the appropriate benzene derivative according to the procedure of Example 1.

- 35 36. 2-(Octyloxy)-5-[3-(ethoxycarbonyl)benzoyl]benzeneacetic acid, ethyl ester, 15% yield, oil. NMR

37. 2-(Decyloxy)-5-[4-(methoxycarbonyl)benzoyl]benzeneacetic acid, ethyl ester, 46% yield, oil. NMR.

38. 2-(Hexyloxy)-5-[3-(ethoxycarbonyl)benzoyl]benzeneacetic acid, ethyl ester, 12% yield, oil. NMR.

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Example 39

2-(Octyloxy)-5-[[3-(ethoxycarbonyl)phenyl]hydroxymethyl]benzeneacetic acid, ethyl ester

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To a solution of 220 mg of 2-(octyloxy)-5-[3-(ethoxycarbonyl)benzoyl]benzeneacetic acid, ethyl ester, in 25 ml of ethanol were added 20 mg of sodium borohydride. After 3 hours of stirring, 5 ml of water and 2 ml of hydrochloric acid were added. After stirring for 15 minutes, additional water was added until the solution turned cloudy. The mixture was poured into ethyl acetate and water. The layers were separated, the organic layer was washed three times with water, and the combined water extracts were back extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate extracts were combined, dried over magnesium sulfate, and concentrated to dryness providing 190 mg of the desired title product as a colorless oil. NMR.

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Examples 40-43

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The following compounds were prepared from the corresponding benzophenones according to the procedure of Example 39.

- 60 40. 2-(Decyloxy)-5-[[3-(ethoxycarbonyl)phenyl]hydroxymethyl]benzeneacetic acid, ethyl ester, 100% yield, oil.

Analysis for $C_{30}H_{42}O_6$:

Calc.: C, 72.26; H, 8.49;

Found: C, 72.49; H, 8.78.

- 65 41. 2-(Decyloxy)-5-[[3-(ethoxycarbonyl)phenyl]hydroxymethyl]benzenepropanoic acid, ethyl ester,

79% yield, oil. NMR.

42. 2-(Decyloxy)-5-[[4-(methoxycarbonyl)phenyl]hydroxymethyl]benzeneacetic acid, ethyl ester, 51% yield. NMR.

43. 2-(Hexyloxy)-5-[[3-(ethoxycarbonyl)phenyl]hydroxymethyl]benzeneacetic acid, ethyl ester, 68% yield, oil. NMR.

Examples 44-48

The following compounds were prepared from the corresponding esters by either the procedure of Example 3 or the alternate procedure described for Examples 20-29.

44. 5-[[3-Carboxyphenyl]hydroxymethyl]-2-(octyloxy)benzeneacetic acid, 32% yield, m.p. 136-138°C.

Analysis for $C_{24}H_{30}O_6$:

Calc.: C, 69.55; H, 7.30;

Found: C, 69.33; H, 7.34.

45. 5-[[3-Carboxyphenyl]hydroxymethyl]-2-(decyloxy)benzeneacetic acid, 54% yield, m.p. 123.5-125°C.

Analysis for $C_{26}H_{34}O_6$:

Calc.: C, 70.56; H, 7.74;

Found: C, 70.60; H, 7.74.

46. 5-[[3-Carboxyphenyl]hydroxymethyl]-2-(decyloxy)benzenepropanoic acid, 80% yield, m.p. 147-149°C.

Analysis for $C_{27}H_{36}O_6$:

Calc.: C, 71.03; H, 7.95;

Found: C, 71.24; H, 7.94.

47. 5-[[4-Carboxyphenyl]hydroxymethyl]-2-(decyloxy)benzeneacetic acid, 58% yield, m.p. 140-141°C.

Analysis for $C_{26}H_{34}O_6$:

Calc.: C, 70.56; H, 7.74;

Found: C, 71.48; H, 7.06.

48. 5-[[3-Carboxyphenyl]hydroxymethyl]-2-(hexyloxy)benzeneacetic acid, 37% yield, m.p. 132-135°C.

Analysis for $C_{22}H_{26}O_6$:

Calc.: C, 68.38; H, 6.78;

Found: C, 68.26; H, 6.73.

Example 49

5-[[3-Ethoxycarboxyphenyl]methyl]-2-(decyloxy)benzenepropanoic acid, ethyl ester

A solution of 820 mg of 2-(decyloxy)-5-[[3-(ethoxycarbonyl)phenyl]hydroxymethyl]benzenepropanoic acid, ethyl ester, in 20 ml of acetic acid and 0.5 ml of sulfuric acid was subjected to catalytic hydrogenation in the presence of palladium on carbon for approximately 18 hours. The reaction mixture was filtered, ethyl acetate was added to the filtrate, and the organic mixture was washed with water. The organic layer was dried over magnesium sulfate and concentrated to dryness. The residue was purified by preparative TLC on silica eluting with 15% ethyl acetate/hexane providing 151 mg of the desired title product as a pale yellow oil. NMR.

Example 50

5-[[3-Carboxyphenyl]methyl]-2-(decyloxy)benzenepropanoic acid

The title compound was prepared from the corresponding ethyl ester by the alternate hydrolysis taught for Examples 20-29 in 22% yield, m.p. 146-148°C.

Analysis for $C_{27}H_{36}O_5$:

Calc.: C, 73.61; H, 8.24;

Found: C, 74.96; H, 9.03.

Example 51

5-[(3-Ethoxycarbonylphenyl)(hydroxyimino)methyl]-2-(decyloxy)benzenepropanoic acid, ethyl ester

A mixture of 1.1 g of 2-(decyloxy)-5-[3-(ethyloxycarbonyl)benzoyl]benzenepropanoic acid, ethyl ester and 220 mg of hydroxylamine hydrochloride in 25 ml of pyridine was heated at 70°C. for approximately 18 hours. The reaction was allowed to cool to ambient temperature, ethyl acetate was added, and the solution was washed several times with 1N hydrochloric acid and water. The organic layer was dried over sodium sulfate and concentrated in vacuo to provide 1.04 g of the desired title product as an oil. NMR.

Example 52

5-[(3-Carboxyphenyl)(hydroxyimino)methyl]-2-(decyloxy)benzenepropanoic acid

The title compound was prepared from a corresponding diester of Example 51 upon hydrolysis according to the procedure of Example 3. The desired product was recovered in 81% yield and had a melting point of 163-165°C.

Analysis for $C_{27}H_{35}NO_6$:

Calc.: C, 69.06; H, 7.51; N, 2.98;

Found: C, 68.94; H, 7.22; N, 2.74.

The title product was also prepared in 81% yield directly from 5-(3-carboxybenzoyl)-2-(decyloxy)benzenepropanoic acid upon treatment with hydroxylamine hydrochloride according to the procedure of Example 51.

Example 53

5-[1-(3-Ethoxycarboxyphenyl)ethenyl]-2-(decyloxy)benzene propanoic acid, ethyl ester

A suspension of 840 mg of methyl triphenylphosphine bromide in 20 ml of dried tetrahydrofuran was treated with 1.2 ml of a 1.6M solution of n-butyllithium in hexane. After stirring for approximately 3 hours at room temperature, a solution of 1.0 g of 5-(decyloxy)-2-[3-(ethoxycarbonyl)benzoyl]benzenepropanoic acid, ethyl ester in 10 ml of dry tetrahydrofuran was added. After stirring for approximately 18 hours, the reaction was filtered and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified over silica gel eluting with a 0-15% ethyl acetate in hexane gradient. The appropriate fractions were pooled and concentrated to provide 600 mg of the desired title product. The proton NMR spectrum was consistent with the structure of the desired product.

Example 54

5-[1-(3-Carboxyphenyl)ethenyl]-2-(decyloxy)benzenepropanoic acid

The title product was prepared from the diester of Example 53 upon treatment with lithium hydroxide according to the procedure of Example 3. The overall yield was 14% and the final product had a melting point of 74-78°C.

Analysis for $C_{28}H_{36}O_5$:

Calc.: C, 74.31; H, 8.02;

Found: C, 74.18; H, 7.73.

Example 55

5-[3-(Ethoxycarbonyl)phenoxy]-2-(decyloxy)benzenepropanoic acid

A. Preparation of 3-(4-methoxyphenoxy)benzoic acid.

To a suspension of 10.6 g of silver oxide in 75 ml of water were added 7 g of sodium hydroxide. Ten grams of 3-(4-methoxyphenoxy)benzaldehyde were added in dropwise fashion and the reaction mixture was heated to 60-70°C. for one hour. The mixture was filtered, the filtrate was acidified to pH 2 with hy-

drochloric acid, and the resulting precipitate was recovered by filtration. Crystallization from ethanol/water afforded 6.6 g of the desired subtitle intermediate, m.p. 141-143°C.

Analysis for $C_{14}H_{12}O_4$:

Calc.: C, 68.85; H, 4.95;

Found: C, 68.75; H, 4.83.

B. Preparation of 3-(4-hydroxyphenoxy)benzoic acid.

A mixture of 73 g of 3-(4-methoxyphenoxy)benzoic acid, 300 ml of 48% hydrobromic acid, and 600 ml of acetic acid was heated at reflux for 48 hours. The reaction mixture was allowed to cool to ambient temperature, poured into cold water, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic extracts were dried and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was crystallized from ethyl acetate/hexane providing 39.41 g of the desired subtitle intermediate, m.p. 172-174°C.

Analysis for $C_{13}H_{10}O_4$:

Calc.: C, 67.82; H, 4.38;

Found: C, 67.99; H, 4.64.

C. Preparation of 3-(4-hydroxyphenoxy)benzoic acid, ethyl ester.

A solution of 4.9 g of 3-(4-hydroxyphenoxy)benzoic acid, 1 ml of sulfuric acid, and 50 ml of ethanol were heated at reflux for 18 hours. The mixture was cooled to 25°C. and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was dissolved in a diethyl ether, washed with water, dried over sodium sulfate and concentrated in vacuo providing 5.2 g of the desired subtitle intermediate. The proton NMR spectrum was consistent with the structure of the desired product.

D. Preparation of 3-(4-allyloxyphenoxy)benzoic acid, ethyl ester.

To a solution of 5.17 g of the product from Example 55C above in 100 ml of dimethylformamide were added 0.79 g of a 60% dispersion of sodium hydride in mineral oil. After stirring for one hour, 2.39 g of allyl bromide were added. The mixture was stirred overnight. Ethyl acetate was added, the mixture was washed several times with a saturated sodium chloride solution, dried over sodium sulfate, and concentrated to dryness providing 4.97 g of the desired subtitle product. The NMR spectrum was consistent with the structure of the desired product.

E. Preparation of 3-(3-allyl-4-hydroxyphenoxy)benzoic acid, ethyl ester.

A solution of 4.97 g of 3-(4-allyloxyphenoxy)benzoic acid, diethyl ester in 25 ml of N,N-diethylaniline was heated to 210°C. for about 2 hours. After cooling, ethyl acetate was added to the mixture, and the organic solution was washed several times with water. The organic layer was dried over sodium sulfate and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by chromatography over silica gel eluting with a 10-30% ethyl acetate in hexane gradient. The appropriate fractions were combined and concentrated in vacuo to provide 3.13 g of the desired subtitle intermediate. The NMR spectrum was consistent with the structure of the desired product.

F. Preparation of 3-(3-allyl-4-decyloxyphenoxy)benzoic acid, ethyl ester.

To a solution of 3.13 g of the intermediate of Example 55E in 150 ml of dimethylformamide were added 0.44 g of a 60% dispersion of sodium hydride in mineral oil. After stirring for 1 hour, 2.9 g of decyl iodide were added. The reaction was heated at 65°C. for 18 hours. After cooling to ambient temperature, ethyl acetate was added and the organic layer was washed several times with a saturated sodium chloride solution, dried and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified over silica gel eluting with a 5-15% ethyl acetate in hexane gradient. The appropriate fractions were combined and evaporated providing 3.69 g of the desired subtitle intermediate. The NMR spectrum was consistent with the structure of the desired product.

G. Preparation of 3-[4-decyloxy-3-(3-hydroxypropyl)phenoxy]benzoic acid, ethyl ester.

A solution of 1.85 g of the intermediate from Example 55F was dissolved in dry tetrahydrofuran and cooled to 0°C. Under a nitrogen atmosphere, 8.4 ml of a 0.5M solution of 9-borabicyclo[3.3.1]nonane in tetrahydrofuran were added and the reaction was stirred for 18 hours while allowing the solution to come to room temperature. The mixture was again cooled to 0°C. and 10 ml of a 3N aqueous solution of sodium acetate were added followed by the addition of 6.3 ml of 30% hydrogen peroxide. After stirring for 6 hours, the layers were separated. The organic layer was dried over sodium sulfate and concentrated in

vacuo. The residue was purified by chromatography over silica gel eluting with a 5-25% ethyl acetate in hexane gradient. Upon concentration of the appropriate fractions, 1.2 g of the desired subtitle intermediate were obtained.

H. Preparation of 5-(3-ethoxycarbonylphenoxy)-2-(decyloxy)benzenepropanoic acid.

Two hundred milligrams of the intermediate from Example 55G were dissolved in diethyl ether. The solution was cooled to 0°C. and approximately 3 ml of Jones reagent were added. The reaction was stirred for 18 hours allowing the temperature to rise to room temperature. Diethyl ether and water were added, the layers were separated, and the organic layer was washed with a sodium bisulfite solution. The organic layer was dried and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by preparative thin layer chromatography eluting with 30% ethyl acetate and hexane providing 38 mg of the desired title product.

Example 56

5-(3-Carboxyphenoxy)-2-(decyloxy)benzenepropanoic acid

A solution of 510 mg of 5-(3-ethoxycarbonylphenoxy)-2-(decyloxy)benzenepropanoic acid in 20 ml of ethanol was treated with an excess of potassium hydroxide in a small amount of water. After stirring for 18 hours, the solution was concentrated in vacuo. Diethyl ether and water added, the layers were separated, and the aqueous layer was acidified with 1N hydrochloric acid. The aqueous layer was extracted with diethyl ether, and this extract was dried over sodium sulfate and concentrated in vacuo. Two crystallizations from ethyl acetate/hexane provided 200 mg of the desired title product, m.p. 102-104°C.

Analysis for $C_{26}H_{34}O_8$:

Calc.: C, 70.56; H, 7.74;

Found: C, 71.28; H, 7.32.

5-[3-(Ethoxycarbonyl)benzoyl]-2-methoxybenzenepropanoic acid, ethyl ester

Following the procedure of Example 1, 30.6 g of isophthalic acid monoethyl ester monochloride and 30 g of ethyl 2-methoxybenzene propanoate were treated with 57 g of aluminum chloride in dichloromethane to provide 53.6 g of the desired title product, as an oil.

Analysis for $C_{22}H_{24}O_8$:

Calc.: C, 68.74; H, 6.29;

Found: C, 68.61; H, 6.50.

Example 58

5-(3-Carboxybenzoyl)-2-hydroxybenzenepropanoic acid

A mixture of 41.5 g of 5-[3-(ethoxycarbonyl)benzoyl]-2-methoxybenzenepropanoic acid, ethyl ester and 410 g of pyridine hydrochloride were heated at 180°C. for 4 hours. After cooling, water was added to the mixture while hot. As the mixture cooled, the title product precipitated from solution. Filtration of the solids and crystallization from ethanol/water provided 31.1 g of the title product, m.p. 197-200°C.

Analysis for $C_{17}H_{14}O_8$:

Calc.: C, 64.97; H, 4.49;

Found: C, 65.24; H, 4.73.

Example 59

5-[3-(Ethoxycarbonyl)benzoyl]-2-hydroxybenzenepropanoic acid, ethyl ester

The product from Example 58 was heated for 4 days at reflux in ethanol in which one milliliter of sulfuric acid had been added. The mixture was cooled to ambient temperature and concentrated in vacuo. Ethyl acetate was added to the residue and the organic solution was washed with water, dried over sodium sulfate, and concentrated in vacuo. Purification by chromatography over silica gel eluting with ethyl acetate/hexane provided 21.52 g of the desired title product which crystallized on standing, m.p. 68-70°C.

Analysis for $C_{21}H_{22}O_8$:

Calc.: C, 68.10; H, 5.99;
Found: C, 67.93; H, 5.91.

Example 60

2-[6-(Phenylhexyl)oxy]-5-[3-(ethoxycarbonyl)benzoyl]benzenepropanoic acid, ethyl ester

To a solution of 2.89 g of 5-[3-(ethoxycarbonyl)benzoyl]-2-hydroxybenzenepropanoic acid, ethyl ester in dimethylformamide were added 370 mg of a 50% dispersion of sodium hydride in mineral oil. After stirring for one hour at room temperature, two grams of the mesyl ester of 6-phenylhexanol were added. The reaction mixture was heated to 65°C. and stirred overnight. After cooling, the mixture was added to ethyl acetate, washed several times with a saturated sodium chloride solution, dried over sodium sulfate, and evaporated to dryness. Purification of the resulting solid over silica gel eluting with a 0-2% ethyl acetate in hexane gradient provided 1.88 g of the desired title product as an oil.

Analysis for $C_{33}H_{36}O_6$:
Calc.: C, 74.74; H, 7.16;
Found: C, 74.26; H, 7.27.

Examples 61-72

The following compounds were prepared from the appropriate phenol and corresponding mesylate according to the procedure of Example 60.

61. 2-[6-Phenylhex-5-enyl]oxy]-5-[3-(ethoxycarbonyl)benzoyl]benzenepropanoic acid, ethyl ester, 64% yield, oil.

Analysis for $C_{33}H_{36}O_6$:
Calc.: C, 74.98; H, 6.86;
Found: C, 75.22; H, 7.09.

62. 5-[3-(Ethoxycarbonyl)benzoyl]-2-[4-(phenylthio)butoxy]benzenepropanoic acid, ethyl ester, 42% yield, oil.

Analysis for $C_{31}H_{34}O_6$:
Calc.: C, 69.64; H, 6.41;
Found: C, 68.39; H, 6.14.

63. 5-[3-(Ethoxycarbonyl)benzoyl]-2-(4-phenoxybutoxy]benzenepropanoic acid, ethyl ester, 59% yield, oil. Analysis for $C_{31}H_{34}O_7$:

Calc.: C, 71.80; H, 6.61;
Found: C, 71.81; H, 6.41.

64. 5-[3-(Ethoxycarbonyl)benzoyl]-2-[[6-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-hexenyl]oxy]benzenepropanoic acid, ethyl ester, 39.8% yield, oil.

Analysis for $C_{34}H_{38}O_7$:
Calc.: C, 73.10; H, 6.86;
Found: C, 70.47; H, 7.04.

65. 5-[3-(Ethoxycarbonyl)benzoyl]-2-[[6-(4-methoxyphenyl)hexyl]oxy]benzenepropanoic acid, ethyl ester, 66.5% yield, oil.

Analysis for $C_{34}H_{40}O_7$:
Calc.: C, 72.83; H, 7.19;
Found: C, 72.21; H, 7.72.

66. 2-[[6-(4-Chlorophenyl)hexyl]oxy]-5-[3-(ethoxycarbonyl)benzoyl]benzenepropanoic acid, ethyl ester, 46.7% yield, oil.

Analysis for $C_{33}H_{37}ClO_6$:
Calc.: C, 70.14; H, 6.60;
Found: C, 73.04; H, 7.26.

67. 5-[3-(Ethoxycarbonyl)benzoyl]-2-[[6-(4-(fluorophenyl)hexyl]oxy]benzenepropanoic acid, ethyl ester, 56% yield, oil.

Analysis for $C_{33}H_{37}O_6$:
Calc.: C, 72.24; H, 6.80;
Found: C, 72.50; H, 7.28.

68. 5-[3-(Ethoxycarbonyl)benzoyl]-2-[[6-(4-methylmercaptophenyl)-5-hexenyl]oxy]benzenepropanoic acid, ethyl ester, 70% yield, oil.

Analysis for $C_{34}H_{38}O_6S$:

Calc.: C, 71.05; H, 6.66;

Found: C, 71.19; H, 6.85.

69. 5-[3-(Ethoxycarbonyl)benzoyl]-2-[[6-(3-methoxyphenyl)-5-hexenyl]oxy]benzenepropanoic acid, ethyl ester, 41% yield, oil. IR, MS, NMR.

70. 5-[3-(Ethoxycarbonyl)benzoyl]-2-[[6-(2-methoxyphenyl)-5-hexenyl]oxy]benzenepropanoic acid, ethyl ester, 18% yield, oil. MS, IR, NMR.

71. 5-[3-(Ethoxycarbonyl)benzoyl]-2-[[6-(3-methoxyphenyl)hexyl]oxy]benzenepropanoic acid, ethyl ester, 94% yield, oil. MS, IR, NMR.

72. 5-[3-(Ethoxycarbonyl)benzoyl]-2-[[6-(2-methoxyphenyl)hexyl]oxy]benzenepropanoic acid, ethyl ester, 93% yield, oil. NMR.

Example 73

5-[3-(Ethoxycarbonyl)benzoyl]-2-[4-(phenylsulfinyl)butoxy]benzenepropanoic acid, ethyl ester

A solution of 317 mg of the compound of Example 62 in methylene chloride was cooled to -78°C . With stirring, 127 mg of meta-chloroperbenzoic acid were added to the reaction solution. After stirring 5 minutes, the external cooling bath was removed and stirring continued for ten additional minutes. Several drops of dimethylsulfide were added followed by ethyl acetate. The solution was washed with a sodium bicarbonate solution, dried over sodium sulfate, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by preparative thin layer chromatography providing 143 mg of the title product as an oil.

Analysis for $C_{31}H_{34}O_7S$:

Calc.: C, 67.62; H, 6.22;

Found: C, 69.39; H, 6.05.

Example 74

5-[3-(Ethoxycarbonyl)benzoyl]-2-[4-(phenylsulfonyl)butoxy]benzenepropanoic acid, ethyl ester

Following the general procedure of Example 73, 326 mg of the sulfide from Example 62 were treated with 262 mg of MCPBA at room temperature for two hours providing 252 mg of the title product as an oil.

Analysis for $C_{31}H_{34}O_8S$:

Calc.: C, 65.75; H, 6.00;

Found: C, 64.71; H, 5.95.

Examples 75-87

The following compounds were prepared from the corresponding diesters according to the procedure of Examples 20-29.

75. 5-(3-Carboxybenzoyl)-2-[6-(phenylhexyl)oxy]benzenepropanoic acid, 62% yield, m.p. $99-101^{\circ}\text{C}$.

Analysis for $C_{29}H_{30}O_6$:

Calc.: C, 73.40; H, 6.37;

Found: C, 73.66; H, 6.41.

76. 5-(3-Carboxybenzoyl)-2-[6-(phenyl-5-hexenyl)oxy]benzenepropanoic acid, 70% yield, m.p. $125-128^{\circ}\text{C}$.

Analysis for $C_{22}H_{26}O_6$:

Calc.: C, 73.71; H, 5.97;

Found: C, 73.92; H, 5.71.

77. 5-(3-Carboxybenzoyl)-2-[4-(phenylsulfinyl)butoxy]benzenepropanoic acid, 17% yield, m.p. $135-137^{\circ}\text{C}$.

Analysis for $C_{27}H_{26}O_7S$:

Calc.: C, 65.57; H, 5.20;

Found: C, 66.60; H, 5.60.

78. 5-(3-Carboxybenzoyl)-2-[4-(phenylsulfonyl)butoxy]benzenepropanoic acid, 92.5% yield, m.p. 197-199°C.

5 Analysis for $C_{27}H_{26}O_8S$:

Calc.: C, 63.52; H, 5.13;

Found: C, 63.43; H, 4.93.

79. 5-(3-Carboxybenzoyl)-2-[[6-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-hexenyl]oxy]benzenepropanoic acid, 64% yield, m.p. 151-152°C.

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Analysis for $C_{30}H_{30}O_7$:

Calc.: C, 71.70; H, 6.02;

Found: C, 71.46; H, 6.11.

80. 5-(3-Carboxybenzoyl)-2-[[6-(4-methoxyphenyl)hexyl]oxy]benzenepropanoic acid, 53.9% yield, m.p. 100-102°C.

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Analysis for $C_{30}H_{32}O_7$:

Calc.: C, 71.41; H, 6.39;

Found: C, 71.57; H, 6.22.

81. 2-[[6-(4-Chlorophenyl)hexyl]oxy]-5-(3-carboxybenzoyl)benzenepropanoic acid, 75% yield, m.p. = 119-121°C.

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Analysis for $C_{29}H_{29}ClO_6$:

Calc.: C, 68.43; H, 5.74;

Found: C, 68.55; H, 5.42.

82. 5-(3-Carboxybenzoyl)-2-[[6-(4-fluorophenyl)hexyl]oxy]benzenepropanoic acid, 51% yield, m.p. = 118-120°C.

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Analysis for $C_{29}H_{29}FO_6$:

Calc.: C, 70.72; H, 5.93;

Found: C, 70.97; H, 6.21.

83. 5-(3-Carboxybenzoyl)-2-[[6-(4-methylmercaptophenyl)-5-hexenyl]oxy]benzenepropanoic acid, 74% yield, m.p. = 138-141°C.

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Analysis for $C_{30}H_{30}O_8S$:

Calc.: C, 69.48; H, 5.83;

Found: C, 69.70; H, 5.92.

84. 5-(3-Carboxybenzoyl)-2-[[6-(3-methoxyphenyl)-5-hexenyl]oxy]benzenepropanoic acid, 45% yield, m.p. = 122-125°C.

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Analysis for $C_{30}H_{30}O_7$:

Calc.: C, 71.70; H, 6.02;

Found: C, 71.94; H, 6.18.

85. 5-(3-Carboxybenzoyl)-2-[[6-(2-methoxyphenyl)-5-hexenyl]oxy]benzenepropanoic acid, 33% yield, m.p. = 132-136°C.

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Analysis for $C_{30}H_{30}O_7$:

Calc.: C, 71.70; H, 6.02;

Found: C, 71.98; H, 6.07.

86. 5-(3-Carboxybenzoyl)-2-[[6-(3-methoxyphenyl)hexyl]oxy]benzenepropanoic acid, 76% yield, m.p. = 88-90°C.

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Analysis for $C_{30}H_{32}O_7$:

Calc.: C, 71.41; H, 6.39;

Found: C, 71.62; H, 6.61.

87. 5-(3-Carboxybenzoyl)-2-[[6-(2-methoxyphenyl)hexyl]oxy]benzenepropanoic acid, 74% yield, m.p. = 125-127°C.

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Analysis for $C_{30}H_{32}O_7$:

Calc.: C, 71.41; H, 6.39;

Found: C, 71.67; H, 6.56.

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Examples 88-89

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The following compounds were prepared from the compound of Example 68 following the procedures of Examples 73 and 74, respectively.

88. 5-[3-(Ethoxycarbonyl)benzoyl]-2-[[6-(4-methylsulfinylphenyl)-5-hexenyl]oxy]benzenepropanoic acid, ethyl ester, 73% yield, oil.

Analysis for $C_{34}H_{38}O_7S$:

Calc.: C, 69.19; H, 6.43;

Found: C, 69.00; H, 6.73.

89. 5-[3-(Ethoxycarbonyl)benzoyl]-2-[[6-(4-methylsulfonylphenyl)-5-hexenyl]oxy]benzenepropanoic acid, ethyl ester, 68% yield, oil.

Analysis for $C_{34}H_{38}O_8S$:

Calc.: C, 67.31; H, 6.31;

Found: C, 67.14; H, 6.54.

Example 90-91

The following compounds were prepared from the corresponding diesters according to the procedure employed in Examples 20-29.

90. 5-(3-Carboxybenzoyl)-2-[[6-(4-methylsulfinylphenyl)-5-hexenyl]oxy]benzenepropanoic acid, 71.8% yield, m.p. = 119-122°C.

Analysis for $C_{30}H_{30}O_7S$:

Calc.: C, 67.40; H, 5.66;

Found: C, 67.96; H, 5.55.

91. 5-(3-Carboxybenzoyl)-2-[[6-(4-methylsulfonylphenyl)-5-hexenyl]oxy]benzenepropanoic acid, 70% yield, m.p. = 148-150°C.

Analysis for $C_{30}H_{30}O_8S$:

Calc.: C, 65.44; H, 5.49;

Found: C, 65.68; H, 5.45.

The compounds of Formula I should be useful in treating any condition, including clinical conditions, which is characterized by the excessive release of leukotrienes B_4 or D_4 . These conditions include immediate type hypersensitivity reactions such as asthma. Evidence obtained over the past few years has shown the presence of leukotrienes in sputum of patients with chronic bronchitis (Turnbull, *et al.*, *Lancet* II, 526 (1977)) and cystic fibrosis (Cromwell, *et al.*, *Lancet* II, 164 (1981)), suggesting a role of leukotrienes in the pathology of those diseases. Furthermore, Lewis and colleagues [*Int. J. Immunopharmacology*, 4, 85 (1982)] have recently detected material in rheumatoid synovial fluid that reacts antigenically with antibody to LTD_4 . This may hallmark the existence of leukotriene permeability factors that, together with LTB_4 , augment the inflammatory process in the diseased joints. Therefore, the compounds described in this invention should also alleviate some of the symptoms of chronic bronchitis and cystic fibrosis and possibly rheumatoid arthritis by virtue of their ability to antagonize leukotrienes.

The term "excessive release" of leukotrienes refers to an amount of leukotrienes sufficient to cause the particular condition associated with such amount. The amount of leukotriene which is considered to be excessive will depend on a variety of factors, including the specific leukotriene(s) involved, the amount of leukotriene required to cause the particular condition, and the species of the mammal involved. As will be appreciated by those skilled in the art, the success of treating a mammal suffering from or susceptible to a condition characterized by an excessive release of leukotrienes with a compound of formula I will be measured by the regression or prevention of the symptoms of the condition.

Leukotriene D_4 antagonism was demonstrated the following test procedure:

Male, Hartley guinea pigs weighing 200-450 grams were killed by decapitation. A section of terminal ileum was removed, the lumen cleaned, and the tissue divided into 2.5 cm segments. The ilea were mounted in 10 ml tissue baths containing Krebs-bicarbonate solution of the following composition in mmoles/liter: KCl, 4.6; $CaCl_2 \cdot 2H_2O$, 1.2; KH_2PO_4 , 1.2; $MgSO_4 \cdot 7H_2O$, 1.2; NaCl, 118.2; $NaHCO_3$, 24.8; and dextrose, 10.0. The bath fluid was maintained at 37°C. and aerated with 95 percent oxygen and 5 percent CO_2 . In addition, the buffer contained $1 \times 10^{-6}M$ atropine to reduce ileal spontaneous activity. Isometric measurements were made with a Grass FT03C force-displacement transducer and recorded on a Grass polygraph as change in grams of force. A passive force of 0.5 g was applied to the tissues. After an appropriate equilibration period, single submaximal control responses to pure LTD_4 were obtained. Following a five minute exposure of the ileum to an experimental drug, the control concentration of LTD_4 was added to the tissue bath. The response of the ileum to LTD_4 in the presence of the drug was compared to

the response in the absence of the drug.

A more detailed analysis of LTD₄ antagonism was then made. In these experiments, cumulative concentration-response curves were obtained to LTD₄ in guinea pig ileum and trachea. This was followed by a 30 minute incubation with various concentrations of the experimental drug. The concentration response curve to LTD₄ was then repeated in the presence of the antagonist. Only one concentration of antagonist was used on a single tissue. K_B values were calculated by the method of Furchgott [Ann. N.Y. Acad. Sci., 139, 553 (1967)] using the following equation.

$$K_B = \frac{[\text{Antagonist}]}{\text{Dose Ratio} - 1}$$

Dose ratio refers to the concentration of agonist required to elicit 50 percent of the maximal response (ED₅₀) in the presence of the antagonist divided by the ED₅₀ in the absence of the antagonist. Calculations were performed with the aid of a computer and a digital plotter. The pA₂ is then calculated as the negative log of K_B when the slope of the Schild plot is not significantly different from unity.

The testing of the compounds of the Formula I is summarized in Table I.

Table I

Antagonism of LTD₄ by
Compounds of Formula I

Compound of Example No.	pA ₂ *
3	6.3
7	6.8
20	6.0
21	5.85
22	5.71
24	6.4
25	6.2
28	6.49
29	6.02
33	5.94
34	5.72
45	5.7
48	5.1
52	6.18
56	6.32
66	6.24

* -Estimated

The compounds of this invention are also receptor antagonists of leukotriene B₄. As such, they are capable of blocking the biological effects of this leukotriene such as neutrophil aggregation, chemotaxis, and degranulation, as demonstrated in the following test systems.

LTB₄ Induced Aggregation Assay

Neutrophils were elicited by intraperitoneally injecting 20 ml of Dulbecco's calcium and magnesium deficient phosphate buffered saline (PBS) containing 2% oyster glycogen into each of two male Hartley guinea pigs. Eighteen hours later, cells accumulating in the peritoneal cavity were harvested by washing the peritoneum with approximately 100 ml of PBS containing 10 units/ml of heparin. The cells were centrifuged at 200 g for 8 min. and the supernatant fluid discarded. Erythrocytes present in the pellet were lysed by vigorous agitation of the cells in 9 ml of ice-cold distilled water for approximately 30 seconds. Physiological osmolarity was restored by adding 1.5 ml of 0.6 M KCl. Twelve milliliters of PBS were added and the resuspended cells centrifuged at 200 g for 8 min. at 4°. The pellet was resuspended in 5 ml PBS. The cell

concentration was determined and additional buffer added to make the concentration 1×10^7 cells per ml. This isolation procedure resulted in cell populations of $\geq 90\%$ neutrophils and $\geq 90\%$ viability.

The aggregation assay was carried out by measuring the amount of LTB_4 induced cell aggregation with a Payton single channel aggregometer, model 300B. The apparatus was calibrated by placing a cuvette containing the cell suspension in it and adjusting the zero knob so that the recorder pen rested at 1 mV. A cuvette containing 20% less cells was then inserted into the aggregometer and the output knob adjusted so that the recorder pen rested at 9 mV. With these settings an 8 mV change causes the recorder pen to move 200 mm. When conducting an assay, 0.5 ml of cell suspension (5×10^6 cells) was added to each cuvette. Five microliters of a solution of test compound were then added. Most compounds were initially dissolved in DMSO at $1 \times 10^{-2}\text{M}$ and then diluted appropriately with PBS so that the test compound concentration was 1×10^{-5} to $1 \times 10^{-7}\text{M}$ and the test DMSO concentration was 0.1% or less. A few of the more water insoluble compounds were first dissolved in DMSO at 1 to $6 \times 10^{-3}\text{M}$ and then diluted appropriately with PBS. The test concentration of DMSO was never higher than 1%. After a 2 minute equilibration period of cells and test compound, $5 \mu\text{l}$ of a solution containing CaCl_2 (100 mM) and MgCl_2 (50 mM) were added. One minute later, $5 \mu\text{l}$ of PBS containing LTB_4 ($3 \times 10^{-7}\text{M}$) were added. The change occurring in the amount of light transmitted during the subsequent minute was measured. In the absence of test compound, this amount of LTB_4 usually caused a change in the recorder pen position of 120-150 mm. During a typical experiment, several measurements of the amount of aggregation induced by LTB_4 were made and an average value determined. The effect of a test compound on this aggregation was determined by the following formula:

$$\text{Percent Inhibition} = \frac{\text{Aggregation with } \text{LTB}_4 - \text{Aggregation with } \text{LTB}_4 + \text{Compound}}{\text{Aggregation with } \text{LTB}_4} \times 100$$

The results of these experiments are summarized in Table II.

Table II
Inhibition of LTB₄ Induced Aggregation

	<u>Example No.</u>	<u>Drug Concentration*</u>		
		<u>10⁻⁵M</u>	<u>10⁻⁶M</u>	<u>10⁻⁷M</u>
5				
10	3	-	84	2
	20	-	78	32
	22	-	-	83
15	23	92	46	-
	29	-	72	14
20	33	-	94	45
	45	77	11	-
	46	-	73	7
25	47	80	50	2
	52	94	89	38
	54	-	88	12
30	75	93	69	15
	79	92	87	46
	81	76	63	8
35	90	85	79	9

40 Inhibition of Binding of ³H-LTB₄ to Peripheral Human Neutrophils

45 The effectiveness of compounds to inhibit the binding of leukotriene B₄ to a specific receptor on the membrane of human neutrophils was measured by using an adaptation of a radio-ligand binding assay developed by Goldman and Goetzl, *J. Immunol.*, **129**, 1600 (1982). Other investigators have developed similar assays (see, e.g., Kreisler, *et al.*, *J. Exp. Med.*, **157**, 628 (1983) and Lin, *et al.*, *Prostaglandins*, **28**, 837 (1984)).

50 Cells used in the assay were isolated by standard techniques of centrifugation on Ficoll-Hypaque, dextran 70 sedimentation and hypotonic lysis. The following procedure was used. Freshly-prepared buffy coat layers from two individuals were obtained from a local blood donor center. The cells were mixed and diluted to 484 ml with phosphate buffered saline containing heparin (10 units/ml) and heat-inactivated calf serum (5%). This was divided into 20 ml aliquots and the aliquots layered on top of Ficoll-Paque (12 ml). The material was then centrifuged at 500 g for 40 minutes at room temperature. The resulting upper layer of platelets and mononuclear cells was discarded. The lower layer containing erythrocytes and neutrophils was retained. Buffer was added (1 ml per 4 ml of lower layer) and the suspension mixed. For each milliliter of this mixture, 0.33 ml of 6% Macrodex was added. After stirring, the cells were allowed to sediment for 1 hour at 37°C. The resulting erythrocyte pellet was discarded and the neutrophil enriched supernatant fluid centrifuged at 500 g for 10 minutes at 4°C. Erythrocytes still present in this cell pellet were lysed by incubating the cells with 5-8 ml ice-cold distilled water for 30-45 seconds. Subsequently, the volume was made up to 50 ml by addition of ice-cold buffer and the cells resuspended. The suspension was then centrifuged at 300 g for 10 minutes at 4°C. The cells were finally resuspended at a cell density of 2 × 10⁷ cells/ml in the assay buffer. This buffer consisted of Hanks' balanced salt solution and 0.1% ovalbumin (pH 7.3). This isolation procedure resulted in cell preparations of ≥90% neutrophils and ≥90% viability.

65 The radio-ligand binding assay was conducted by incubating neutrophils (1 × 10⁷ cells) with 0.1-0.2 nM

^3H -LTB₄ (sp. act. 150-220 Curies/mmol) and test compound ($1 \times 10^{-5}\text{M}$ and $1 \times 10^{-6}\text{M}$) for 10 minutes at 4°C. The amount of bound ^3H -LTB₄ was then measured and compared with the amount bound in the absence of test compound. The assay was carried out in microcentrifuge tubes by adding first 10 μl test compound dissolved in DMSO, followed by adding 20 μl ^3H -LTB₄ diluted in assay buffer, and finally adding 500 μl of the cell suspension. At the end of the 10 minutes incubation, 300 μl of a mixture of dibutyl and dinonyl phthalate (7:2) were added and the tubes centrifuged for 2 minutes in a micro-centrifuge. The radioactivity bound to the cell pellet was measured by scintillation spectroscopy. Appropriate corrections for nonspecific bonding of ^3H -LTB₄ were made. The results are reported in Table III.

Table III

LTB₄ Binding Inhibition

<u>Example No.</u>	<u>Drug Concentration*</u>		
	<u>10^{-5}M</u>	<u>10^{-6}M</u>	<u>10^{-7}M</u>
2	-11	14	-
3	76	26	-
4	-5	-1	-
12	3	-1	-
15	-13	1	-
17	81	20	-
20	71	35	-
21	74	23	-
22	95	62	17
23	87	52	4
24	93	28	-
26	63	10	-
27	80	18	-
28	96	55	-
29	98	71	11
32	19	-6	-
33	100	79	17
35	53	2	-
40	-14	-10	-
44	41	11	-
45	78	19	-
46	91	55	13
47	59	2	-
48	10	-10	-

Table III cont'd.
LTB₄ Binding Inhibition

	<u>Example No.</u>	<u>Drug Concentration*</u>		
		<u>10⁻⁵M</u>	<u>10⁻⁶M</u>	<u>10⁻⁷M</u>
10	50	88	41	-
	52	92	61	17
15	54	71	37	-3
	56	88	41	-
	75	97	82	36
20	76	96	91	36
	77	22	8	-
	78	18	4	-
25	79	100	97	92
	80	105	98	68
30	81	106	91	42
	82	104	81	22
	83	103	79	18
35	84	99	91	49
	85	101	97	86
	86	95	88	46
40	87	100	91	34
	90	98	96	90
	91	98	88	60

* percent inhibition

The compounds or formulations of the present invention may be administered by the oral and rectal routes, topically, parenterally, e.g., by injection and by continuous or discontinuous intra-arterial infusion, in the form of, for example, tablets, lozenges, sublingual tablets, sachets, cachets, elixirs, gels, suspensions, aerosols, ointments, for example, containing from 1 to 10% by weight of the active compound in a suitable base, soft and hard gelatin capsules, suppositories, injectable solutions and suspensions in physiologically acceptable media, and sterile packaged powders adsorbed onto a support material for making injectable solutions. Advantageously for this purpose, compositions may be provided in dosage unit form, preferably each dosage unit containing from about 5 to about 500 mg (from about 5 to 50 mg in the case of parenteral or inhalation administration, and from about 25 to 500 mg in the case of oral or rectal administration) of a compound of Formula I. Dosages of from about 0.5 to about 300 mg/kg per day, preferably 0.5 to 20 mg/kg, of active ingredient may be administered although it will, of course, readily be understood that the amount of the compound or compounds of Formula I actually to be administered will be determined by a physician, in the light of all the relevant circumstances including the condition to be treated, the choice of compound to be administered and the choice of route of administration and therefore the above preferred dosage range is not intended to limit the scope of the present invention in any way.

The formulations of the present invention normally will consist of at least one compound of Formula I

mixed with a carrier, or diluted by a carrier, or enclosed or encapsulated by an ingestible carrier in the form of a capsule, sachet, cachet, paper or other container or by a disposable container such as an ampoule. A carrier or diluent may be a solid, semi-solid or liquid material which serves as a vehicle, excipient or medium for the active therapeutic substance.

Some examples of the diluents or carrier which may be employed in the pharmaceutical compositions of the present invention are lactose, dextrose, sucrose, sorbitol, mannitol, propylene glycol, liquid paraffin, white soft paraffin, kaolin, fumed silicon dioxide, microcrystalline cellulose, calcium silicate, silica, polyvinylpyrrolidone, cetostearyl alcohol, starch, modified starches, gum acacia, calcium phosphate, cocoa butter, ethoxylated esters, oil of theobroma, arachis oil, alginates, tragacanth, gelatin, syrup, methyl cellulose, polyoxyethylene sorbitan monolaurate, ethyl lactate, methyl and propyl hydroxybenzoate, sorbitan trioleate, sorbitan sesquioleate and oleyl alcohol and propellants such as trichloromonofluoromethane, dichlorodifluoromethane and dichlorotetrafluoroethane. In the case of tablets, a lubricant may be incorporated to prevent sticking and binding of the powdered ingredients in the dies and on the punch of the tableting machine. For such purpose there may be employed for instance aluminum, magnesium or calcium stearates, talc or mineral oil.

Preferred pharmaceutical forms of the present invention are capsules, tablets, suppositories, injectable solutions, creams and ointments. Especially preferred are formulations for inhalation application, such as an aerosol, and for oral ingestion.

The following formulation examples may employ as active compounds any of the compounds of this invention. The examples are illustrative only and are not intended to limit the scope of the invention in any way.

Example 92

Hard gelatin capsules are prepared using the following ingredients:

	<u>Quantity (mg/capsule)</u>
[4-(Decyloxy)-3-(1H-tetrazol-5-ylmethyl)phenyl][3-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)phenyl]methanone, disodium salt	250
Starch	200
Magnesium stearate	10

The above ingredients are mixed and filled into hard gelatin capsules in 460 mg quantities.

Example 93

A tablet is prepared using the ingredients below:

	<u>Quantity (mg/tablet)</u>
5-(3-Carboxybenzoyl)-2-{[6-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-hexenyl]oxy}-benzenepropanoic acid, potassium salt	250
Cellulose, microcrystalline	400
Silicon dioxide, fumed	10
Magnesium stearate	5

The components are blended and compressed to form tablets each weighing 665 mg.

Example 94

An aerosol solution is prepared containing the following components:

	<u>Weight %</u>
5-(3-Carboxybenzoyl)-2-{{6-(4-methoxy-phenyl)hexyl}oxy}benzenepropanoic acid, dipotassium salt	0.25
Ethanol	30.00
Propellant 11 (trichlorofluoromethane)	10.25
Propellant 12 (Dichlorodifluoromethane)	29.75
Propellant 114 (Dichlorotetrafluoroethane)	29.75

The active compound is dissolved in the ethanol and the solution is added to the propellant 11, cooled to -30°C. and transferred to a filling device. The required amount is then fed to a container and further filled with the pre-mixed propellants 12 and 114 by means of the cold-filled method or pressure-filled method. The valve units are then fitted to the container.

Example 95

Tablets each containing 60 mg of active ingredient are made up as follows:

5-(3-Carboxybenzoyl)-2-{{6-(4-methyl-sulfinylphenyl)-5-hexenyl}oxy}-benzenepropanoic acid	60 mg
Starch	45 mg
Microcrystalline cellulose	35 mg
Polyvinylpyrrolidone (as 10% solution in water)	4 mg
Sodium carboxymethyl starch	4.5 mg
Magnesium stearate	0.5 mg
Talc	<u>1 mg</u>
Total	150 mg

The active ingredient, starch and cellulose are passed through a No. 45 mesh U.S. sieve and mixed thoroughly. The solution of polyvinylpyrrolidone is mixed with the resultant powders which are then passed through a No. 14 mesh U.S. sieve. The granules so produced are dried at 50-60°C. and passed through a No. 18 mesh U.S. sieve. The sodium carboxymethyl starch, magnesium stearate and talc, previously passed through a No. 60 mesh U.S. sieve, are then added to the granules which, after mixing, are compressed on a tablet machine to yield tablets each weighing 150 mg.

Example 96

Capsules each containing 80 mg of medicament are made as follows:

5-(3-Carboxybenzoyl)-2-{[6-(4-methylsulfonylphenyl)-5-hexenyl]-oxy}benzenepropanoic acid	80 mg
Starch	59 mg
Microcrystalline cellulose	59 mg
Magnesium stearate	2 mg
Total	200 mg

The active ingredient, cellulose, starch and magnesium stearate are blended, passed through a No. 45 mesh U.S. sieve, and filled into hard gelatin capsules in 200 mg quantities.

Example 97

Suppositories each containing 225 mg of active ingredient are made as follows:

5-(3-Carboxyphenoxy)-2-(decyloxy)- benzenepropanoic acid 225 mg
Unsaturated or saturated fatty acid glycerides to 2,000 mg

The active ingredient is passed through a No. 60 mesh U.S. sieve and suspended in the fatty acid glycerides previously melted using the minimum heat necessary. The mixture is then poured into a suppository mold of nominal 2 g capacity and allowed to cool.

Suspensions each containing 50 mg of medicament per 5 ml dose are made as follows:

5-[(3-Carboxyphenyl)(hydroxyimino)methyl]-2-(decyloxy)benzenepropanoic acid 50 mg
Sodium carboxymethyl cellulose 50 mg

Sugar 1 g

Methyl paraben 0.05 mg

Propyl paraben 0.03 mg

Flavor q.v.

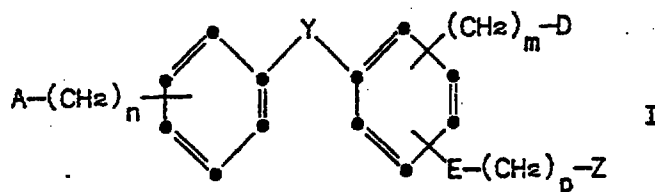
Color q.v.

Purified water to 5 ml

The medicament is passed through a No. 45 mesh U.S. sieve and mixed with the sodium carboxymethyl-cellulose, sugar, and a portion of the water to form a suspension. The parabens, flavor and color are dissolved and diluted with some of the water and added, with stirring. Sufficient water is then added to produce the required volume.

Claims for the Contracting States: AT, BE, CH, DE, FR, GB, IT, LI, LU, NL

1. A compound of the Formula I



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein A and D are each independently cyano, a group of the formula $-\text{COOR}_1$, or 5-tetrazolyl;

n is 0 or 1;

Y is $-\text{O}-$, $-\text{CO}-$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{CO}-$, $-\text{C}(=\text{NOH})-$, $-\text{CHOH}-$, $-\text{CH}_2-$, or $-\text{C}(=\text{CH}_2)-$;

m is 0-3;

E is $-\text{O}-$ or $-\text{CH}_2-$;

p is 0-16; and

Z is $-\text{H}$ or $-\text{G-Q}$, where

G is a bond, $-\text{O}-$, $-\text{S}(\text{O})_2-$, $-\text{NH}-$, or $-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-$,

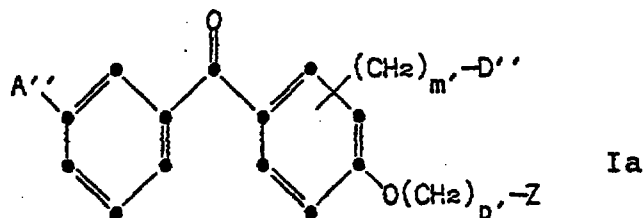
Q is phenyl or phenyl substituted with one or two substituents selected from the group consisting of

halo, C₁-C₃ alkyl, C₁-C₃ alkoxy, nitro, amino, trifluoromethyl, hydroxy, and -S(O)_p- , -(C₁-C₃ alkyl);

p" and t are independently 0-2;

R₁ is a hydrogen atom or C₁ to C₃ alkyl, provided that when m=1, -E-(CH₂)_p-Z may not be hydroxy or methoxy.

2. A compound as claimed in claim 1 of the Formula Ia



or a pharmaceutically acceptable base addition salt thereof wherein

A" and D" are independently -COOH or 5-tetrazolyl,

m' is 1 or 2;

p' is 4-12;

and Z is the same as Formula I.

3. A compound of Formula I as claimed in claim 1 which is [4-(decyloxy)-3-(1H-tetrazol-5-ylmethyl)phenyl][3-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)phenyl]methanone, 5-(3-carboxybenzoyl)-2-[[6-(4-methoxyphenyl)hexyl]oxy] benzenepropanoic acid, 5-(3-carboxybenzoyl)-2-[[6-(4-methylsulfinylphenyl)-5-hexenyl]oxy] benzenepropanoic acid, or 5-(3-carboxybenzoyl)-2-[[6-(4-methylsulfonylphenyl)-5-hexenyl]oxy] benzenepropanoic acid or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

4. 5-(3-Carboxybenzoyl)-2-[[6-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-(E)-hexenyl]oxy] benzenepropanoic acid or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

5. A pharmaceutical formulation which comprises a compound as claimed in any one of the claims 1 to 4, wherein R₁ is a hydrogen atom and neither A nor D is a cyano group, or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof, associated with one or more pharmaceutically-acceptable carriers or excipients therefor.

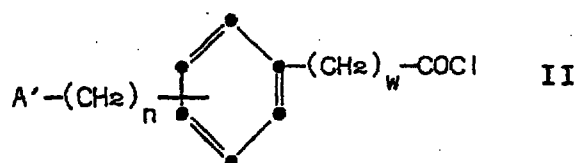
6. A compound of Formula I as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 4, wherein R₁ is a hydrogen atom and neither A nor D is a cyano group, or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof, for use in the treatment of inflammation.

7. A compound of Formula I as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 4, wherein R₁ is a hydrogen atom and neither A nor D is a cyano group, or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof, for use in the treatment of psoriasis.

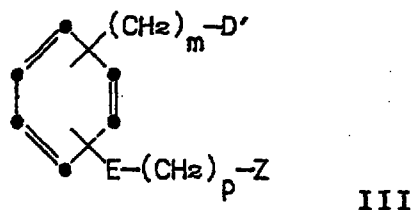
8. A compound of Formula I as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 4, wherein R₁ is a hydrogen atom and neither A nor D is a cyano group, for use in the treatment of inflammatory bowel disease.

9. A process for preparing a compound of the Formula I as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 4 which comprises

a) reacting a compound of Formula II

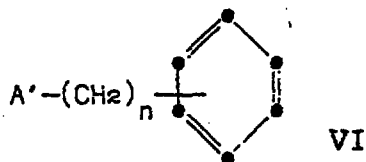


wherein A' is -COO(C₁ to C₃ alkyl) or cyano, n is the same as in Formula I and w is 0 or 1; with a compound of Formula III

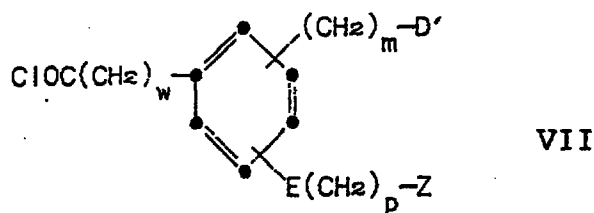


wherein D' is a group of the formula -COO-(C₁ to C₃ alkyl) or cyano, and m, E, p, and Z are the same

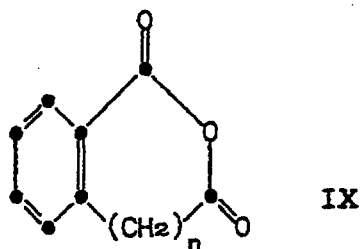
as for Formula I, in the presence of a Lewis acid catalyst to give a compound of Formula I wherein y is a group of the formula -CO- and -CH₂CO-, and A and D are independently a group of the formula -COO(C₁ to C₃ alkyl) or cyan;
b) reacting a compound of Formula VI



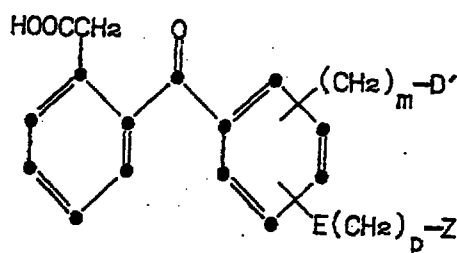
wherein A' is cyano or a group of the formula -COO(C₁ to C₃ alkyl) and n is the same as claim 1, with a compound of Formula VII



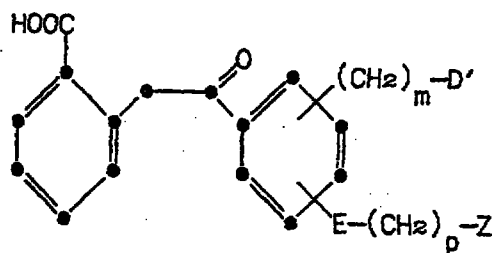
wherein w is 0 or 1, D is cyano or a group of the formula -COO(C₁ to C₃ alkyl) and m, E, p, and Z are the same as for Formula I in the presence of a Lewis acid catalyst to produce a compound of Formula I wherein A and D are independently cyano or a group of the formula -COO(C₁ to C₃ alkyl) and y is a group of the formula -CO- or -COCH₂-,
c) reacting a compound of the Formula IX



wherein n is defined for Formula I with a compound of Formula III above in the presence of a Lewis acid catalyst in a chlorinated hydrocarbon solvent to produce compounds of Formula I, more specifically compounds of Formula I that have the Formulas XI and XII:



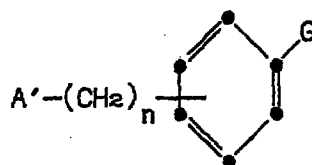
XI



XII

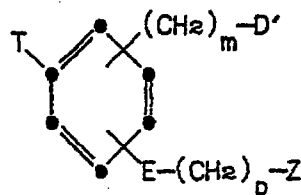
wherein D' is cyano or a group of the formula $-\text{COO}(\text{C}_1 \text{ to } \text{C}_3 \text{ alkyl})$ and m, E, p, and Z are the same as Formula I;

d) reacting a compound of Formula XIII:



XIII

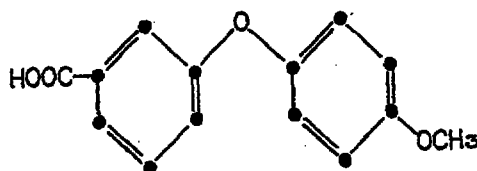
wherein A' is cyano or a group of the formula $-\text{COO}(\text{C}_1 \text{ to } \text{C}_3 \text{ alkyl})$ and n is the same as Formula I, with a compound of Formula XIV



XIV

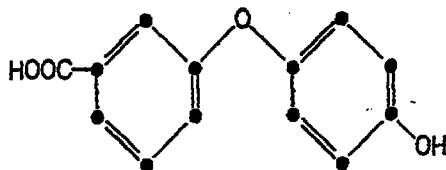
wherein D' is cyano or a group of the formula $-\text{COO}(\text{C}_1 \text{ to } \text{C}_3 \text{ alkyl})$, m, E, p, and Z are the same as Formula I and in Formulas XIII and XIV one of G and T is iodo or bromo and the other of G and T is hydroxy, by first treating the reaction mixture with an alkali metal base to form the alkali metal phenolate at G or T then adding the aryl halide (wherein G or T is iodo or bromo) and optionally adding copper salts, to produce a compound of Formula I wherein y is -O-, A and D are independently cyano or a group of the formula $-\text{COO}(\text{C}_1 \text{ to } \text{C}_3 \text{ alkyl})$, and n, m, p, E, and Z are the same as Formula I;

e) demethylating a compound of the formula XVI

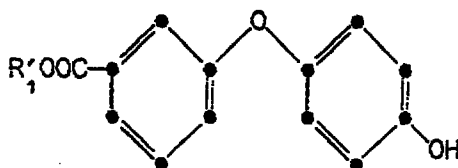


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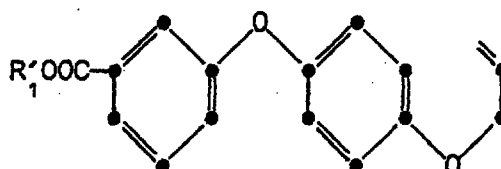
with either hydrobromine acid in acetic acid or molten pyridine hydrochloride to produce a compound of the formula



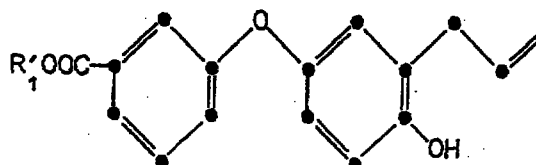
which compound in turn is esterified to give a compound of the formula



wherein R_1' is a C_1 to C_3 alkyl group or a carboxy protecting group, which structure in turn is alkylated with allylic chloride or allylic bromide to give a compound of the formula



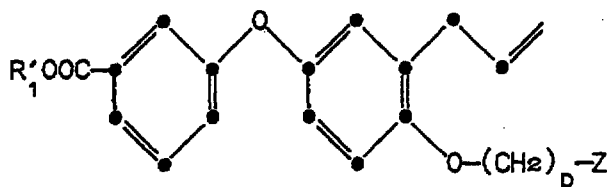
wherein R_1' has the same meaning as above; which structure is heated in an inert solvent to rearrange to a compound of the formula



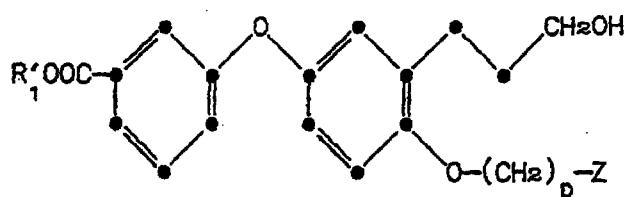
wherein R_1' is the same as above, which compound is in turn alkylated with an alkylating agent of the formula



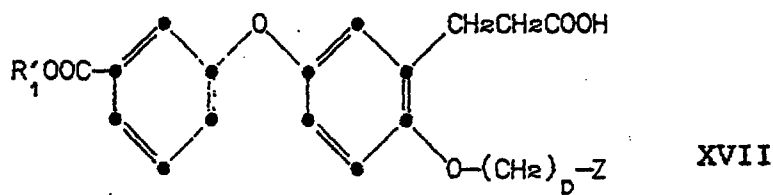
wherein X is iodo, bromo, chloro or a mesyl group, and Z and p are the same as Formula I, optionally in the presence of a strong base, to give a compound of the formula



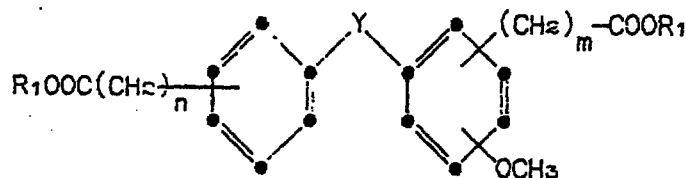
wherein R_1' is as described above and Z and p are the same as Formula I; which compound in turn is oxidized first to an alcohol of the formula



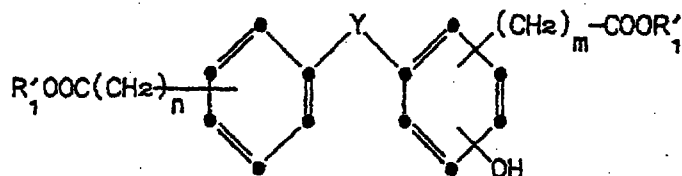
wherein R_1' is as described above and p and Z is as described for Formula I then oxidized to a compound of Formula I of the Formula XVIII:



wherein p and Z are the same as Formula I and R_1' is as defined above;
f) demethylating a compound of the Formula



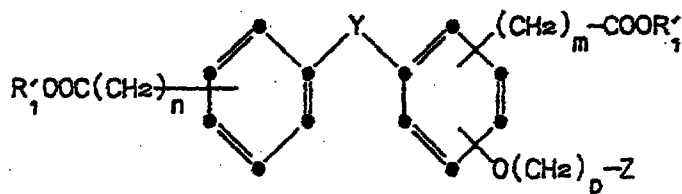
wherein R_1 is C_1 to C_3 alkyl and y and m are the same as Formula I; with hydrobromic acid in acetic acid or molten pyridine hydrochloride; then reacting the demethylated compound with esterifying reagents that protect the carboxy groups to produce a compound of Formula



wherein m and n are as for Formula I and R_1' is a carboxy protecting group, which compound is in turn reacted with an alkylating agent of the formula

$Z-(CH_2)_p-X$

wherein X is a good leaving group such as chloro, bromo, iodo or mesyl and Z and p are the same as Formula I to produce a compound of the Formula



wherein p , m , and n are the same as Formula I and R_1' is a carboxy protecting group;
g) reacting a compound of the Formula I wherein y is a group of the formula $-CO-$ or $-CH_2CO-$ with a

borohydride hydrogenating reagent to produce a compound of claim 1 wherein y is $-\text{CH}_2\text{CHOH}-$ or $-\text{CHOH}-$;

h) reacting a compound of Formula I wherein y is a group of the formula $-\text{CH}_2-$ with hydrogen gas in the presence of a (optionally supported) transition metal catalyst; or

i) reacting a compound of Formula I wherein y is a group of the formula $-\text{CO}-$ with hydroxylamine to produce a compound of claim 1 wherein y is a group of the formula $-\text{C}(=\text{NOH})-$;

j) reacting a compound of Formula I wherein y is a group of the $-\text{CO}-$ under standard Wittig reaction conditions to produce a compound of Formula I wherein y is a group of the formula $-\text{C}(=\text{CH}_2)-$;

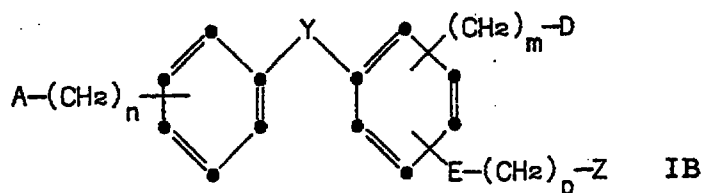
k) oxidizing a compound of Formula I wherein G is a group of the formula $-\text{S}(\text{O})_{t-1}$ wherein with an oxidizing agent to produce a compound of Formula I wherein G is a group of the formula $-\text{S}(\text{O})_t$ wherein t is 1 or 2;

l) oxidizing a compound of Formula I wherein Z is a group of the formula $-\text{G}-\text{Q}$ and wherein Q is phenyl substituted with one or two groups of the formula $-\text{S}(\text{O})_{p''-1}$ $-(\text{C}_1 \text{ to } \text{C}_3 \text{ alkyl})$ with an oxidizing agent to give the corresponding compound of Formula I wherein Q is a phenyl group substituted with one or two groups of the formula $-\text{S}(\text{O})_{p''}-(\text{C}_1-\text{C}_3 \text{ alkyl})$ wherein p'' is one or two;

m) esterifying a compound of Formula I where at least one of A and D is a group of the formula $-\text{COOH}$ with a C_1 to C_3 alkyl esterifying agent to produce a compound of Formula I wherein at least one of A and D is a group of the formula $-\text{COO}(\text{C}_1 \text{ to } \text{C}_3 \text{ alkyl})$;

n) deesterifying a compound of Formula I where at least one of A and D is a group of the formula $-\text{COO}(\text{C}_1 \text{ to } \text{C}_3 \text{ alkyl})$ by hydrolysis to produce a compound of Formula I wherein at least one of A and D is a group of the formula $-\text{COOH}$ or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof; or

o) reacting a compound of the Formula IB



or pharmaceutically-acceptable salts thereof, wherein at least one of A or D is a cyano group and the other is $-\text{COOR}_1$ or 5-tetrazolyl;

n is 0 or 1;

Y is $-\text{O}-$, $-\text{CO}-$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{CO}-$, $-\text{C}(=\text{NOH})-$, $-\text{CHOH}-$, $-\text{CH}_2-$, or $-\text{C}(=\text{CH}_2)-$;

m is 0-3;

E is $-\text{O}-$ or $-\text{CH}_2-$;

p is 0-16; and

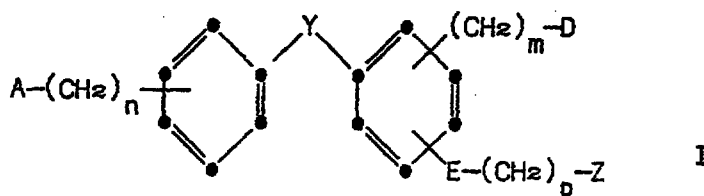
Z is $-\text{H}$ or $-\text{G}-\text{Q}$, where

G is a bond, $-\text{O}-$, $-\text{S}(\text{O})_t$, $-\text{NH}-$, or $-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-$,

R_1 is a hydrogen atom or C_1 to C_3 alkyl;

Q is phenyl or phenyl substituted with one or two substituents selected from the group consisting of halo, C_1-C_3 alkyl, C_1-C_3 alkoxy, nitro, amino, trifluoromethyl, hydroxy, and $-\text{S}(\text{O})_{p''}-(\text{C}_1-\text{C}_3 \text{ alkyl})$, and p'' and t are independently 0-2; with an azide reagent such as sodium azide to produce a compound of Formula I wherein at least one of A or D is a 5-tetrazolyl group.

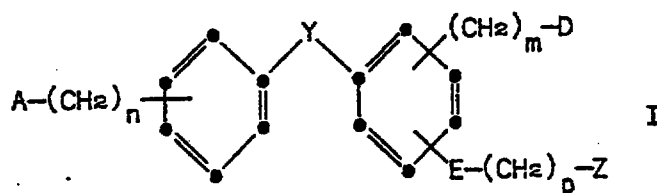
10. A compound of the Formula I



as defined in Claim 1, wherein one of A or D is a cyano group or a group of the formula $-\text{COO}(\text{C}_1 \text{ to } \text{C}_3 \text{ alkyl})$ and the other of A or D is $-\text{COOR}_1$, a cyano group or 5-tetrazolyl.

Claims for the Contracting State : ES

1. A process for preparing a compound of the Formula I



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein A and D are each independently cyano, a group of the formula $-\text{COOR}_1$, or 5-tetrazolyl;

n is 0 or 1;

Y is $-\text{O}-$, $-\text{CO}-$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{CO}-$, $-\text{C}(\text{=NOH})-$, $-\text{CHOH}-$, $-\text{CH}_2-$, or $-\text{C}(\text{=CH}_2)-$;

m is 0-3;

E is $-\text{O}-$ or $-\text{CH}_2-$;

p is 0-16; and

Z is $-\text{H}$ or $-\text{G-Q}$, where

G is a bond, $-\text{O}-$, $-\text{S}(\text{O})_t-$, $-\text{NH}-$, or $-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-$,

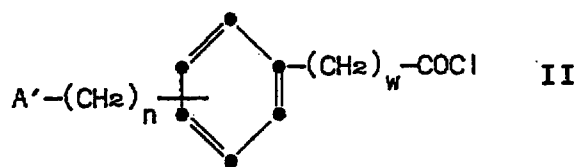
Q is phenyl or phenyl substituted with one or two substituents selected from the group consisting of halo, C_1 - C_3 alkyl, C_1 - C_3 alkoxy, nitro, amino, trifluoromethyl, hydroxy, and $-\text{S}(\text{O})_{p''}-(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_3 \text{ alkyl})$;

p'' and t are independently 0-2;

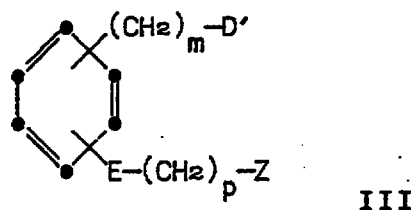
R_1 is a hydrogen atom or C_1 to C_3 alkyl, provided that when $m=1$, $-\text{E}(\text{CH}_2)_p-\text{Z}$ may not be hydroxy or

methoxy; which comprises

a) reacting a compound of Formula II

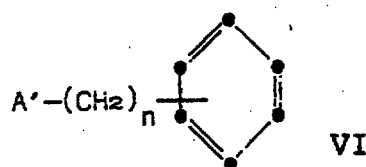


wherein A' is $-\text{COO}(\text{C}_1 \text{ to } \text{C}_3 \text{ alkyl})$ or cyano, n is the same as in Formula I and w is 0 or 1; with a compound of Formula III

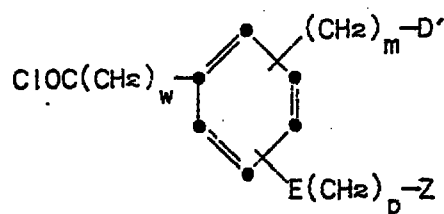


wherein D' is a group of the formula $-\text{COO}(\text{C}_1 \text{ to } \text{C}_3 \text{ alkyl})$ or cyano, and m, E, p, and Z are the same as for Formula I, in the presence of a Lewis acid catalyst to give a compound of Formula I wherein y is a group of the formula $-\text{CO}-$ and $-\text{CH}_2\text{CO}-$, and A and D are independently a group of the formula $-\text{COO}(\text{C}_1 \text{ to } \text{C}_3 \text{ alkyl})$ or cyano;

b) reacting a compound of Formula VI

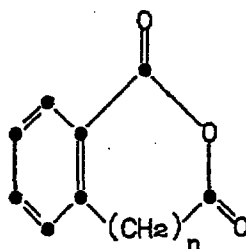


wherein A' is cyano or a group of the formula $\text{COOH}(\text{C}_1 \text{ to } \text{C}_3 \text{ alkyl})$ and n is the same as claim 1, with a compound of Formula VII



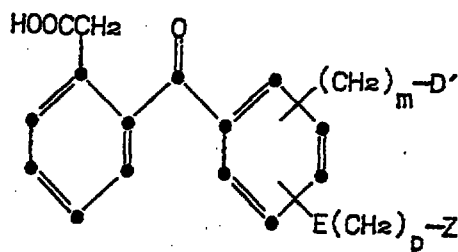
VII

wherein w is 0 or 1, D is cyano or a group of the formula $-\text{COO}(\text{C}_1 \text{ to } \text{C}_3 \text{ alkyl})$ and m, E, p, and Z are the same as for Formula I in the presence of a Lewis acid catalyst to produce a compound of Formula I wherein A and D are independently cyano or a group of the formula $-\text{COO}(\text{C}_1 \text{ to } \text{C}_3 \text{ alkyl})$ and y is a group of the formula $-\text{CO}-$ or $-\text{COCH}_2-$,
c) reacting a compound of the Formula IX

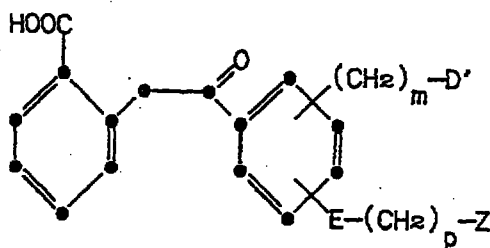


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wherein n is defined for Formula I with a compound of Formula III above in the presence of a Lewis acid catalyst in a chlorinated hydrocarbon solvent to produce compounds of Formula I, more specifically compounds of Formula I that have the Formulas XI and XII:

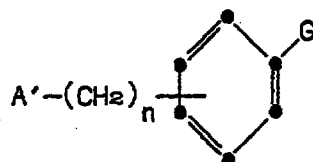


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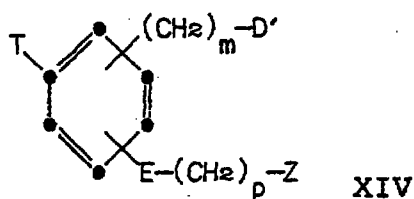
XII

wherein D' is cyano or a group of the formula $-\text{COO}(\text{C}_1 \text{ to } \text{C}_3 \text{ alkyl})$ and m, E, p, and Z are the same as Formula I;
d) reacting a compound of Formula XIII:

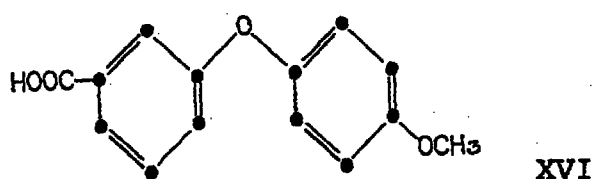


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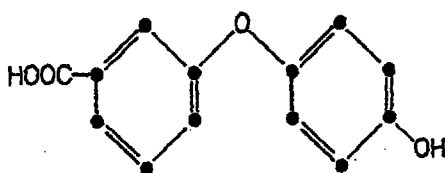
wherein A' is cyano or a group of the formula $-\text{COO}(\text{C}_1 \text{ to } \text{C}_3 \text{ alkyl})$ and n is the same as Formula I, with a compound of Formula XIV



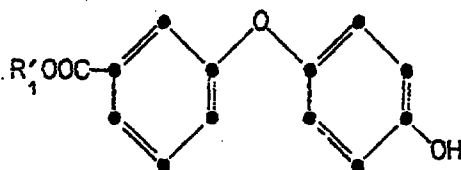
wherein D' is cyano or a group of the formula $\text{COO}(\text{C}_1 \text{ to } \text{C}_3 \text{ alkyl})$, m, E, p, and Z are the same as Formula I and in Formulas XIII and XIV one of G and T is iodo or bromo and the other of G and T is hydroxy, by first treating the reaction mixture with an alkali metal base to form the alkali metal phenolate at G or T then adding the aryl halide (wherein G or T is iodo or bromo) and optionally adding copper salts, to produce a compound of Formula I wherein y is -O-, A and D are independently cyano or a group of the formula $-\text{COO}(\text{C}_1 \text{ to } \text{C}_3 \text{ alkyl})$, and n, m, p, E, and Z are the same as Formula I;
e) demethylating a compound of the formula XVI



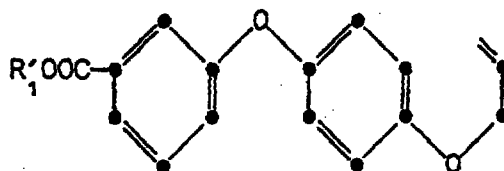
with either hydrobromine acid in acetic acid or molten pyridine hydrochloride to produce a compound of the formula



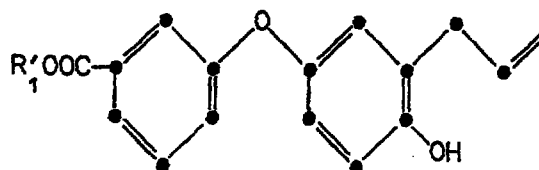
which compound in turn is esterified to give a compound of the formula



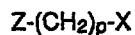
wherein R₁' is a C₁ to C₃ alkyl group or a carboxy protecting group, which structure in turn is alkylated with allylic chloride or allylic bromide to give a compound of the formula



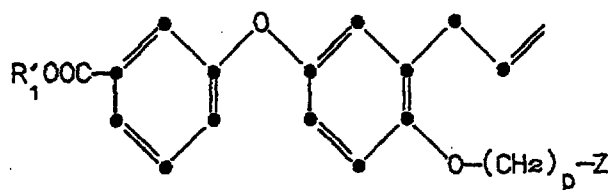
wherein R₁' has the same meaning as above; which structure is heated in an inert solvent to rearrange to a compound of the formula



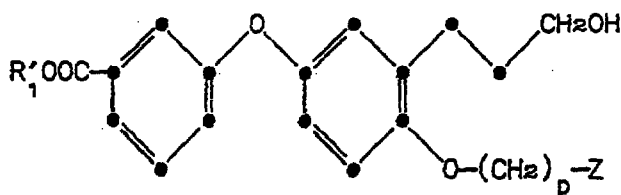
10 wherein R_1' is the same as above which compound is in turn alkylated with an alkylating agent of the formula



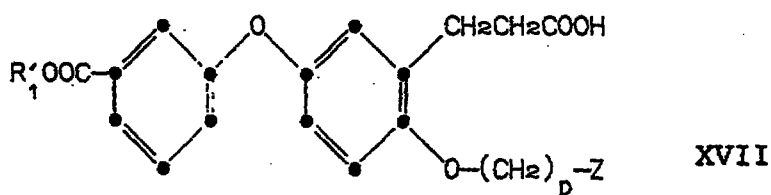
15 wherein X is iodo, bromo, chloro or a mesyl group, and Z and p are the same as Formula I, optionally in the presence of a strong base, to give a compound of the formula



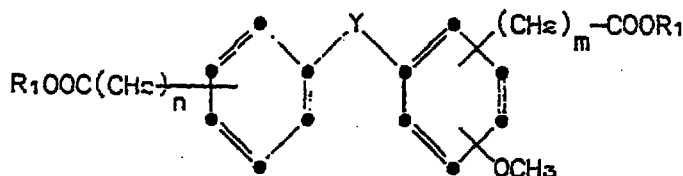
20 wherein R_1' is as described above and Z and p are the same as Formula I; which compound in turn is oxidized first to an alcohol of the formula



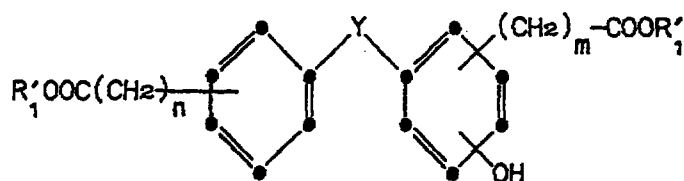
30 wherein R_1' is as described above and p and Z is as described for Formula I then oxidized to a compound of Formula I of the Formula XVII:



40 wherein p and Z are the same as Formula I and R_1' is as defined above;
f) demethylating a compound of the Formula



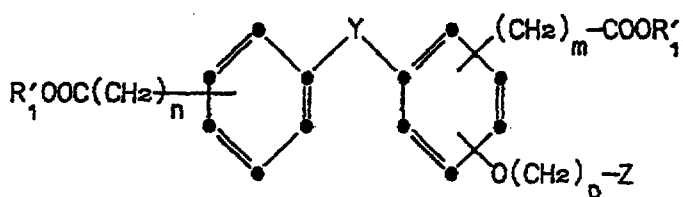
55 wherein R_1 is C_1 to C_3 alkyl and y and m are the same as Formula 1; with hydrobromic acid in acetic acid or molten pyridine hydrochloride; then reacting the demethylated compound with esterifying reagents that protect the carboxy groups to produce a compound of Formula



wherein m and n are as for Formula I and R_1' is a carboxy protecting group, which compound is in turn-reacted with an alkylating agent of the formula



wherein X is a good leaving group such as chloro, bromo, iodo or mesyl and Z and p are the same as Formula I to produce a compound of the Formula



wherein p, m, and n are the same as Formula I and R_1' is a carboxy protecting group;

g) reacting a compound of the Formula I wherein y is a group of the formula $-CO-$ or $-CH_2CO-$ with a borohydride hydrogenating reagent to produce a compound of claim 1 wherein y is $-CH_2CHOH-$ or $-CHOH-$;

h) reacting a compound of Formula I wherein y is a group of the formula $-CH_2-$ with hydrogen gas in the presence of a (optionally supported) transition metal catalyst; or

i) reacting a compound of Formula I where y is a group of the formula $-CO-$ with hydroxylamine to produce a compound of claim 1 wherein y is a group of the formula



j) reacting a compound of Formula I wherein y is a group of the $-CO-$ under standard Wittig reaction conditions to produce a compound of Formula I wherein y is a group of the formula $-C(=CH_2)-$;

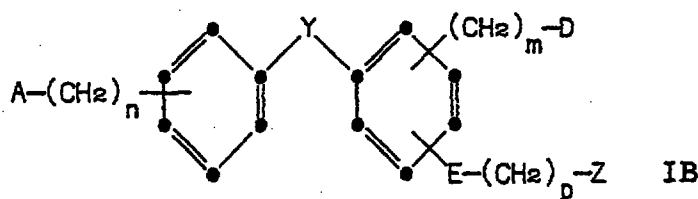
k) oxidizing a compound of Formula I wherein G is a group of the formula $-S(O)_{t-1}$ wherein with an oxidizing agent to produce a compound of Formula I wherein G is a group of the formula $-S(O)_t-$ wherein t is 1 or 2;

l) oxidizing a compound of Formula I wherein Z is a group of the formula $-G-Q$ and wherein Q is phenyl substituted with one or two groups of the formula $-S(O)_{p''}-1-(C_1 \text{ to } C_3 \text{ alkyl})$ with an oxidizing agent to give the corresponding compound of Formula I wherein Q is a phenyl group substituted with one or two groups of the formula $-S(O)_{p''}-(C_1-C_3 \text{ alkyl})$ wherein p'' is one or two;

m) esterifying a compound of Formula I where at least one of A and D is a group of the formula with a C_1 to C_3 alkyl esterifying agent to produce a compound of Formula I wherein at least one of A and D is a group of the formula $-COO(C_1 \text{ to } C_3 \text{ alkyl})$;

n) deesterifying a compound of Formula I where at least one of A and D is a group of the formula $-COO(C_1 \text{ to } C_3 \text{ alkyl})$ by hydrolysis to produce a compound of Formula I wherein at least one of A and D is a group of the formula $-COOH$ or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof; or

o) reacting a compound of the Formula IB



or pharmaceutically-acceptable salts thereof, wherein at least one of A or D is a cyano group and the other is -COOR₁ or 5-tetrazolyl;

n is 0 or 1;

Y is -O-, -CO-, -CH₂CO-, -C(=NOH)-, -CHOH-, -CH₂-, or -C(=CH₂)-;

m is 0-3;

E is -O- or -CH₂-;

p is 0-16; and

Z is -H or -G-Q, where

G is a bond, -O-, -S(O)_t-, -NH-, or -CH=CH-,

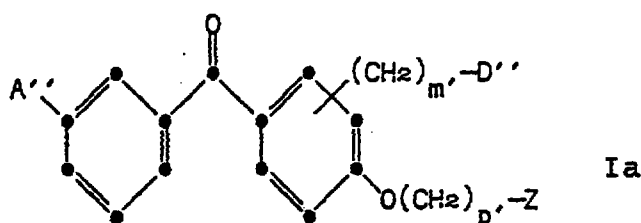
R₁ is a hydrogen atom or C₁ to C₃ alkyl;

Q is phenyl or phenyl substituted with one or two substituents selected from the group consisting of halo, C₁-C₃ alkyl, C₁-C₃ alkoxy, nitro, amino, trifluoromethyl, hydroxy, and -S(O)_{p'}-(C₁-C₃ alkyl), and

p' and t are independently 0-2;

with an azide reagent such as sodium azide to produce a compound of Formula I wherein at least one of A or D is a 5-tetrazolyl group.

2. A process according to claim 1 for preparing a compound of the Formula Ia



or a pharmaceutically acceptable base addition salt thereof wherein

A'' and D'' are independently -COOH or 5-tetrazolyl,

m' is 1 or 2;

p' is 4-12;

and Z is the same as Formula I.

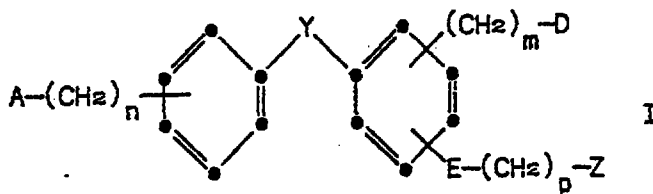
3. A process according to claim 1 for preparing a compound of Formula I which is [4-(decyloxy)-3-(1H-tetrazol-5-ylmethyl)phenyl][3-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)phenyl]methanone, 5-(3-carboxybenzoyl)-2-[[6-(4-methoxyphenyl)hexyl]oxy]benzenepropanoic acid, 5-(3-carboxybenzoyl)-2-[[6-(4-methylsulfonylphenyl)-5-hexenyl]oxy]benzenepropanoic acid, or 5-(3-carboxybenzoyl)-2-[[6-(4-methylsulfonylphenyl)-5-hexenyl]oxy]benzenepropanoic acid or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

4. A process according to claim 1 for preparing 5-(3-Carboxybenzoyl)-2-[[6-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-(E)-hexenyl]oxy]benzenepropanoic acid or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

5. A process for preparing a pharmaceutical formulation which comprises admixing a compound of Formula (I), or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof, as defined in any one of claims 1 to 5, with one or more pharmaceutically acceptable carriers or excipients therefor.

Claims for the Contracting States: GR

1. A process for preparing a compound of the Formula I



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein A and D are each independently cyano, a group of the formula -COOR₁, or 5-tetrazolyl;

n is 0 or 1;

Y is -O-, -CO-, -CH₂CO-, -C(=NOH)-, -CHOH-, -CH₂-, or -C(=CH₂)-;

m is 0-3; E is -O- or -CH₂-;

p is 0-16; and

Z is -H or -G-Q, where

G is a bond, -O-, -S(O)_t-, -NH-, or -CH=CH-,



or pharmaceutically-acceptable salts thereof, wherein at least one of A or D is a cyano group and the other is $-\text{COOR}_1$ or 5-tetrazolyl;

n is 0 or 1;

Y is $-\text{O}-$, $-\text{CO}-$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{CO}-$, $-\text{C}(=\text{NOH})-$, $-\text{CHOH}-$, $-\text{CH}_2-$, or $-\text{C}(=\text{CH}_2)-$;

m is 0-3;

E is $-\text{O}-$ or $-\text{CH}_2-$;

p is 0-16; and

Z is $-\text{H}$ or $-\text{G}-\text{Q}$, where

G is a bond, $-\text{O}-$, $-\text{S}(\text{O})_2-$, $-\text{NH}-$, or $-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-$,

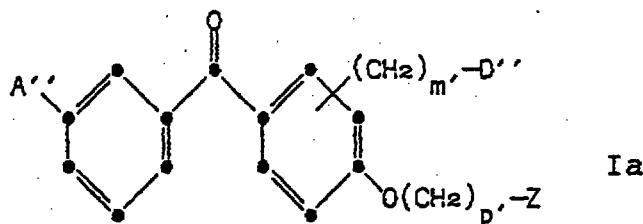
R_1 is a hydrogen atom or C_1 to C_3 alkyl;

Q is phenyl or phenyl substituted with one or two substituents selected from the group consisting of halo, C_1 - C_3 alkyl, C_1 - C_3 alkoxy, nitro, amino, trifluoromethyl, hydroxy, and $-\text{S}(\text{O})_2-(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_3 \text{ alkyl})$, and

p' and t are independently 0-2;

with an azide reagent such as sodium azide to produce a compound of Formula I wherein at least one of A or D is a 5-tetrazolyl group.

2. A process according to claim 1 for preparing a compound of the Formula Ia



or a pharmaceutically acceptable base addition salt thereof wherein

A'' and D' are independently $-\text{COOH}$ or 5-tetrazolyl,

m' is 1 or 2;

p' is 4-12;

and Z is the same as Formula I.

3. A process according to claim 1 for preparing a compound of Formula I which is [4-(decyloxy)-3-(1H-tetrazol-5-ylmethyl)phenyl][3-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)phenyl]methanone,

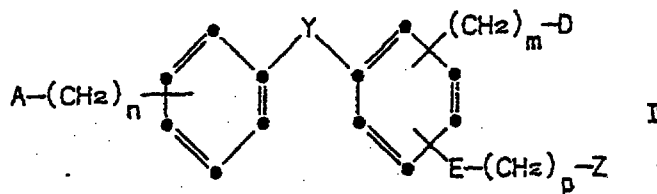
5-(3-carboxybenzoyl)-2-[[6-(4-methoxyphenyl)hexyl]oxy]benzenepropanoic acid, 5-(3-carboxybenzoyl)-2-[[6-(4-methylsulfinylphenyl)-5-hexenyl]oxy]benzenepropanoic acid, or 5-(3-carboxybenzoyl)-2-[[6-(4-methylsulfonylphenyl)-5-hexenyl]oxy]benzenepropanoic acid or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

4. A process according to claim 1 for preparing 5-(3-Carboxybenzoyl)-2-[[6-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-(E)-hexenyl]oxy]benzenepropanoic acid or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

5. A process for preparing a pharmaceutical formulation which comprises admixing a compound of Formula (I), or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof, as defined in any one of claims 1 to 5, with one or more pharmaceutically acceptable carriers or excipients therefor.

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1. A process for preparing a compound of the Formula I



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein A and D are each independently cyano, a group of the formula $-\text{COOR}_1$, or 5-tetrazolyl;

n is 0 or 1;

Y is $-\text{O}-$, $-\text{CO}-$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{CO}-$, $-\text{C}(=\text{NOH})-$, $-\text{CHOH}-$, $-\text{CH}_2-$, or $-\text{C}(=\text{CH}_2)-$;

m is 0-3; E is $-\text{O}-$ or $-\text{CH}_2-$;

p is 0-16; and

Z is $-\text{H}$ or $-\text{G}-\text{Q}$, where

G is a bond, $-\text{O}-$, $-\text{S}(\text{O})_2-$, $-\text{NH}-$, or $-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-$,

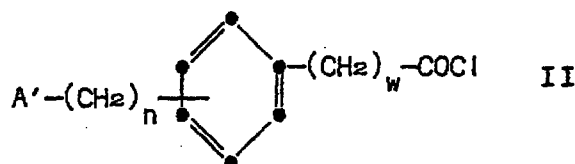


Q is phenyl or phenyl substituted with one or two substituents selected from the group consisting of halo, C₁-C₃ alkyl, C₁-C₃ alkoxy, nitro, amino, trifluoromethyl, hydroxy, and -S(O)_p-(C₁-C₃ alkyl);

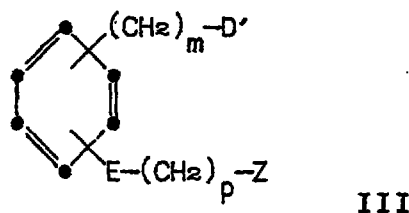
p" and t are independently 0-2;

R₁ is a hydrogen atom or C₁ to C₃ alkyl—provided that when m=1, -E(CH₂)_p-Z may not be hydroxy or methoxy; which comprises

a) reacting a compound of Formula II

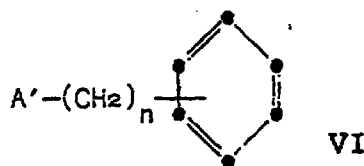


wherein A' is -COO(C₁ to C₃ alkyl) or cyano, n is the same as in Formula I and w is 0 or 1; with a compound of Formula III

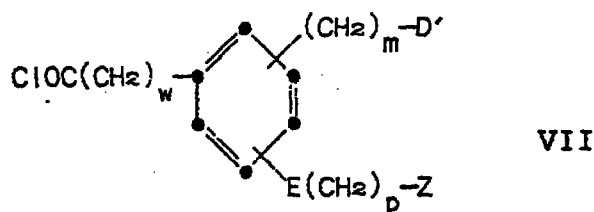


wherein D' is a group of the formula -COO-(C₁ to C₃ alkyl) or cyano, and m, E, p, and Z are the same as for Formula I, in the presence of a Lewis acid catalyst to give a compound of Formula I wherein y is a group of the formula -CO- and -CH₂CO-, and A and D are independently a group of the formula -COO(C₁ to C₃ alkyl) or cyano;

b) reacting a compound of Formula VI

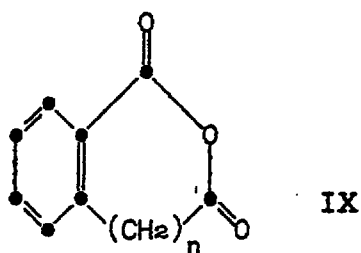


wherein A' is cyano or a group of the formula -COO(C₁ to C₃ alkyl) and n is the same as claim 1, with a compound of Formula VII

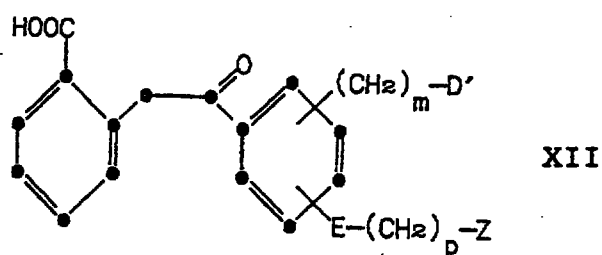
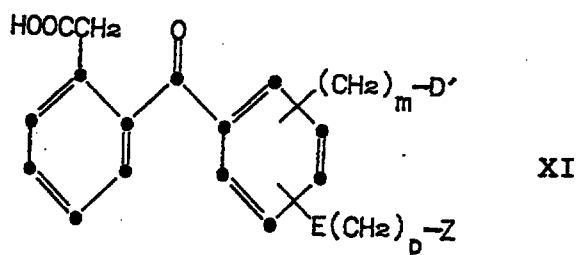


wherein w is 0 or 1, D is cyano or a group of the formula -COO(C₁ to C₃ alkyl) and m, E, p, and Z are the same as for Formula I in the presence of a Lewis acid catalyst to produce a compound of Formula I wherein A and D are independently cyano or a group of the formula -COO(C₁ to C₃ alkyl) and y is a group of the formula -CO- or -COCH₂-;

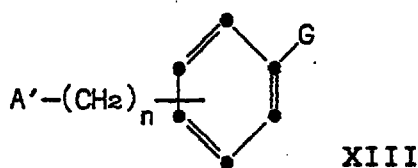
c) reacting a compound of the Formula IX



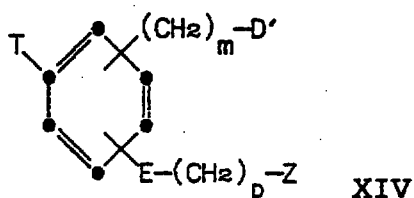
wherein n is defined for Formula I with a compound of Formula III above in the presence of a Lewis acid catalyst in a chlorinated hydrocarbon solvent to produce compounds of Formula I, more specifically compounds of Formula I that have the Formulas XI and XII:



wherein D' is cyano or a group of the formula $-\text{COO}(\text{C}_1 \text{ to } \text{C}_3 \text{ alkyl})$ and m, E, p, and Z are the same as Formula I;
d) reacting a compound of Formula XIII:



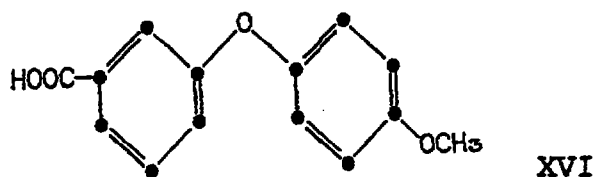
wherein A' is cyano or a group of the formula $-\text{COO}(\text{C}_1 \text{ to } \text{C}_3 \text{ alkyl})$ and n is the same as Formula I, with a compound of Formula XIV



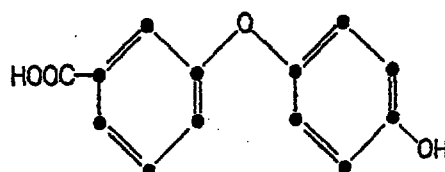
wherein D' is cyano or a group of the formula $\text{COO}(\text{C}_1 \text{ to } \text{C}_3 \text{ alkyl})$, m, E, p, and Z are the same as Formula I and in Formulas XIII and XIV one of G and T is iodo or bromo and the other of G and T is hydroxy, by first treating the reaction mixture with an alkali metal base to form the alkali metal phenolate at G or T then adding the aryl halide (wherein G or T is iodo or bromo) and optionally adding copper



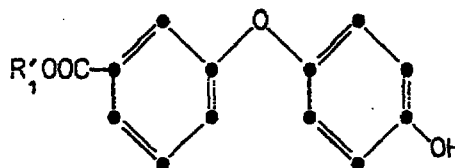
salts, to produce a compound of Formula I wherein y is -O-, A and D are independently cyano or a group of the formula -COO(C₁ to C₃ alkyl), and n, m, p, E, and Z are the same as Formula I;
e) demethylating a compound of the formula XVI



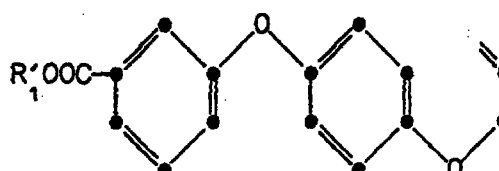
with either hydrobromine acid in acetic acid or molten pyridine hydrochloride to produce a compound of the formula



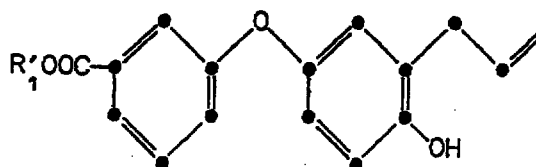
which compound in turn is esterified to give a compound of the formula



wherein R₁' is a C₁ to C₃ alkyl group or a carboxy protecting group, which structure in turn is alkylated with allylic chloride or allylic bromide to give a compound of the formula



wherein R₁' has the same meaning as above; which structure is heated in an inert solvent to rearrange to a compound of the formula

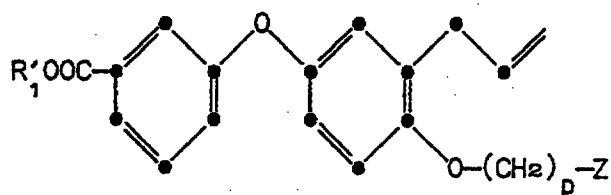


wherein R₁' is the same as above, which compound is in turn alkylated with an alkylating agent of the formula

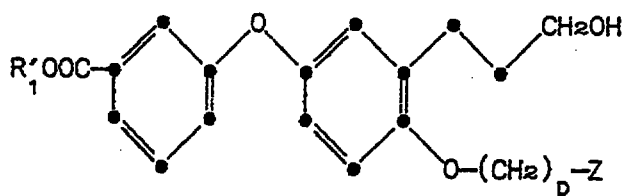




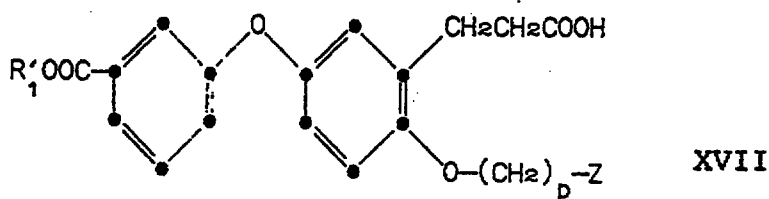
wherein X is iodo, bromo, chloro or a mesyl group, and Z and p are the same as Formula I, optionally in the presence of a strong base, to give a compound of the formula



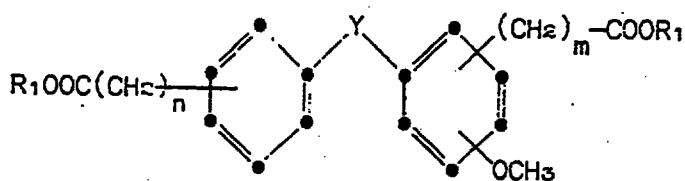
wherein R₁' is as described above and Z and p are the same as Formula I; which compound in turn is oxidized first to an alcohol of the formula



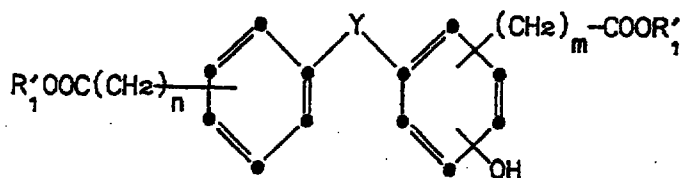
wherein R₁' is as described above and p and Z is as described for Formula I then oxidized to a compound of Formula I of the Formula XVII:



wherein p and Z are the same as Formula I and R₁' is as defined above;
f) demethylating a compound of the Formula



wherein R' is C₁ to C₃ alkyl and y and m are the same as Formula I; with hydrobromic acid in acetic acid or molten pyridine hydrochloride; then reacting the demethylated compound with esterifying reagents that protect the carboxy groups to produce a compound of Formula



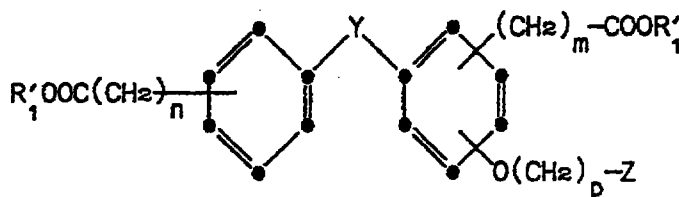
wherein m and n are as for Formula I and R₁' is a carboxy protecting group, which compound is in turn reacted with an alkylating agent of the formula

Z-(CH₂)_p-X

wherein X is a good leaving group such as chloro, bromo, iodo or mesyl and Z and p are the same as



Formula I to produce a compound of the Formula



wherein p, m, and n are the same as Formula I and R₁' is a carboxy protecting group;

g) reacting a compound of the Formula I wherein y is a group of the formula -CO- or -CH₂CO- with a borohydride hydrogenating reagent to produce a compound of claim 1 wherein y is -CH₂CHOH- or -CHOH-;

h) reacting a compound of Formula I wherein y is a group of the formula -CH₂- with hydrogen gas in the presence of a (optionally supported) transition metal catalyst; or

i) reacting a compound of Formula I wherein y is a group of the formula -CO- with hydroxylamine to produce a compound of claim 1 wherein y is a group of the formula -C(=NOH)-;

j) reacting a compound of Formula I wherein y is a group of the -CO- under standard Wittig reaction conditions to produce a compound of Formula I wherein y is a group of the formula -C(=CH₂)-;

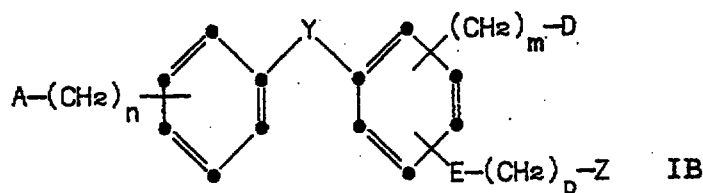
k) oxidizing a compound of Formula I wherein G is a group of the formula -S(O)_{t-1} wherein with an oxidizing agent to produce a compound of Formula I wherein G is a group of the formula -S(O)_t wherein t is 1 or 2;

l) oxidizing a compound of Formula I wherein Z is a group of the formula -G-Q and wherein Q is phenyl substituted with one or two groups of the formula -S(O)_{p'-1}-(C₁ to C₃ alkyl) with an oxidizing agent to give the corresponding compound of Formula I wherein Q is a phenyl group substituted with one or two groups of the formula -S(O)_{p'}-(C₁-C₃ alkyl) wherein p' is one or two;

m) esterifying a compound of Formula I where at least one of A and D is a group of the formula -COOH with a C₁ to C₃ alkyl esterifying agent to produce a compound of Formula I wherein at least one of A and D is a group of the formula -COO(C₁ to C₃ alkyl);

n) deesterifying a compound of Formula I where at least one of A and D is a group of the formula -COO(C₁ to C₃ alkyl) by hydrolysis to produce a compound of Formula I wherein at least one of A and D is a group of the formula -COOH or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof; or

o) reacting a compound of the Formula IB



or pharmaceutically-acceptable salts thereof, wherein at least one of A or D is a cyano group and the other is -COOR₁ or 5-tetrazolyl;

n is 0 or 1;

Y is -O-, -CO-, -CH₂CO-, -C(=NOH)-, -CHOH-, -CH₂-, or -C(=CH₂)-;

m is 0-3;

E is -O- or -CH₂-;

p is 0-16; and

Z is -H or -G-Q, where

G is a bond, -O-, -S(O)_t-, -NH-, or -CH=CH-,

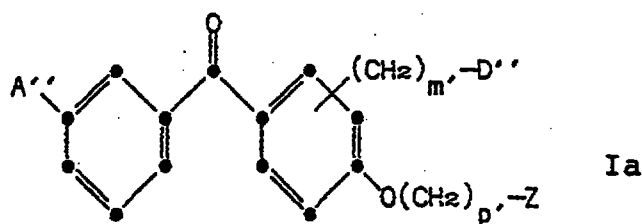
R₁ is a hydrogen atom or C₁ to C₃ alkyl;

Q is phenyl or phenyl substituted with one or two substituents selected from the group consisting of halo, C₁-C₃ alkyl, C₁-C₃ alkoxy, nitro, amino, trifluoromethyl, hydroxy, and -S(O)_{p'}-(C₁-C₃ alkyl), and

p' and t are independently 0-2;

with an azide reagent such as sodium azide to produce a compound of Formula I wherein at least one of A or D is a 5-tetrazolyl group.

2. A process according to claim 1 for preparing a compound of the Formula Ia

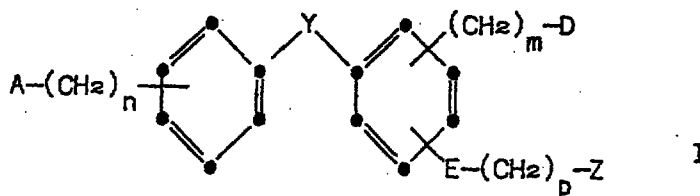


or a pharmaceutically acceptable base addition salt thereof wherein A'' and D'' are independently -COOH or 5-tetrazolyl, m' is 1 or 2; p' is 4-12; and Z is the same as Formula I.

3. A process according to claim 1 for preparing a compound of Formula I which is [4-(decyloxy)-3-(1H-tetrazol-5-ylmethyl)phenyl][3-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)phenyl]methanone, 5-(3-carboxybenzoyl)-2-[[6-(4-methoxyphenyl)hexyl]oxy]benzenepropanoic acid, 5-(3-carboxybenzoyl)-2-[[6-(4-methylsulfinylphenyl)-5-hexenyl]oxy]benzenepropanoic acid, or 5-(3-carboxybenzoyl)-2-[[6-(4-methylsulfonylphenyl)-5-hexenyl]oxy]benzenepropanoic acid or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

4. A process according to claim 1 for preparing 5-(3-Carboxybenzoyl)-2-[[6-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-(E)-hexenyl]oxy]benzenepropanoic acid or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

5. A compound of the Formula I

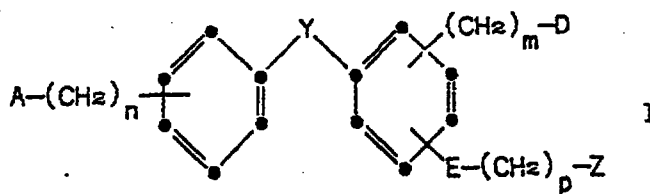


wherein one of A or D is a cyano group or a group of the formula -COO(C₁ to C₃ alkyl) and the other of A or D is -COOR₁, a cyano group or 5-tetrazolyl.

6. A process for preparing a pharmaceutical formulation which comprises admixing a compound of Formula (I), or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof, as defined in any one of claims 1 to 5, with one or more pharmaceutically acceptable carriers or excipients therefor.

Patentansprüche für die benannten Vertragsstaaten: AT, BE, CH, FR, GB, IT, LI, LU, NL

1. Verbindung der Formel I



oder ein pharmazeutisch verträgliches Salz davon,
worin

A und D jeweils unabhängig voneinander Cyano-, -COOR₁ oder 5-Tetrazolyl bedeuten;

n den Wert 0 oder 1 hat;

Y die Bedeutung -O-, -CO-, -CH₂CO-, -C(=NOH)-, -CHOH-, -CH₂- oder -C(=CH₂)- hat;

m einen Wert von 0-3 hat;

E die Bedeutung -O- oder -CH₂- hat;

p einen Wert von 0-16 hat; und

Z die Bedeutung -H oder -G-Q hat, worin

G eine Bindung, -O-, -S(O)_r-, -NH- oder -CH=CH- hat,

Q Phenyl oder Phenyl, das mit einem oder zwei Substituenten, die aus der Gruppe Halogen, C₁-C₃-Al-



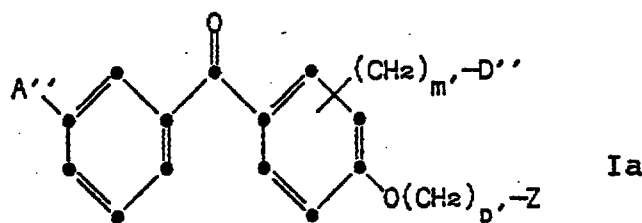
kyl, C₁-C₃-Alkoxy, Nitro, Amino, Trifluormethyl, Hydroxy und -S(O)_p-(C₁-C₃-Alkyl) ausgewählt sind, substituiert ist, bedeutet;

p^{*} und t unabhängig voneinander einen Wert von 0-2 haben;

und R₁ ein Wasserstoffatom oder C₁-C₃-Alkyl bedeutet,

mit der Massgabe, dass, wenn m = 1, -E-(CH₂)_p-Z nicht Hydroxy oder Methoxy bedeuten kann.

2. Verbindung nach Anspruch 1 der Formel Ia



oder ein pharmazeutisch verträgliches Basenadditionssalz davon, worin A^{*} und D^{*} jeweils unabhängig voneinander -COOH oder 5-Tetrazolyl bedeuten;

m' den Wert 1 oder 2 hat;

p' den Wert 4-12 hat;

und Z die gleiche Bedeutung wie in Formel I hat.

3. Verbindung der Formel I nach Anspruch 1, wobei es sich um [4-(Decyloxy)-3-(1H-tetrazol-5-ylmethyl)-phenyl]-[3-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)-phenyl]-methanon, 5-(3-Carboxybenzoyl)-2-[[6-(4-methoxyphenyl)-hexyl]-oxy]benzolpropansäure, 5-(3-Carboxybenzoyl)-2-[[6-(4-methylsulfinylphenyl)-5hexenyl]-oxy]benzolpropansäure oder 5-(3-Carboxybenzoyl)-2-[[6-(4-methylsulfonylphenyl)-5-hexenyl]-oxy]benzolpropansäure oder ein pharmazeutisch verträgliches Salz davon handelt.

4. 5-(3-Carboxybenzoyl)-2-[[6-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-(E)-hexenyl]oxy]-benzolpropansäure oder ein pharmazeutisch verträgliches Salz davon.

5. Pharmazeutische Zubereitung, die eine Verbindung nach einem der Ansprüche 1 bis 4 enthält, worin R₁ ein Wasserstoffatom und keiner der Reste A und D eine Cyanogruppe bedeutet, oder ein pharmazeutisch verträgliches Salz davon, zusammen mit einem oder mehreren pharmazeutisch verträglichen Trägerstoffen oder Verdünnungsmitteln hierfür.

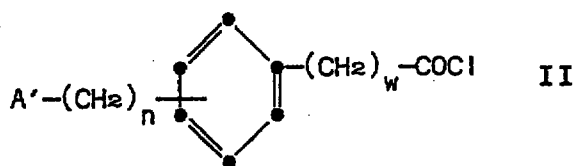
6. Verbindung der Formel I nach einem der Ansprüche 1 bis 4, worin R₁ ein Wasserstoffatom und keiner der Reste A und D eine Cyanogruppe bedeutet, oder ein pharmazeutisch verträgliches Salz davon, zur Verwendung bei der Behandlung von Entzündungen.

7. Verbindung der Formel I nach einem der Ansprüche 1 bis 4, worin R₁ ein Wasserstoffatom bedeutet und keiner der Reste A und D eine Cyanogruppe bedeutet, oder ein pharmazeutisch verträgliches Salz davon zur Verwendung bei der Behandlung von Psoriasis.

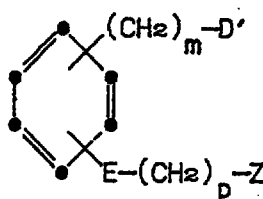
8. Verbindung der Formel I nach einem der Ansprüche 1 bis 4, worin R₁ ein Wasserstoffatom und keiner der Reste A und D eine Cyanogruppe bedeutet, zur Verwendung bei der Behandlung von entzündlichen Darmerkrankungen (inflammatory bowel disease).

9. Verfahren zur Herstellung einer Verbindung der Formel I nach einem der Ansprüche 1 bis 4, das folgendes umfasst:

a) Umsetzen einer Verbindung der Formel II



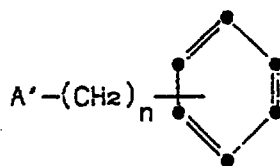
in der A' die Bedeutung -COO(C₁-C₃-Alkyl) oder Cyano hat, n die gleiche Bedeutung wie in Formel I hat und w den Wert 0 oder 1 hat; mit einer Verbindung der Formel III



III

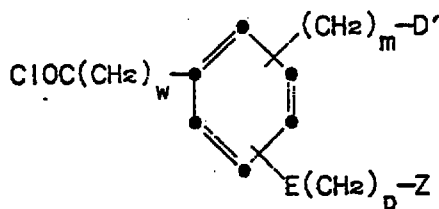
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15 worin D' eine Gruppe der Formel $-\text{COO}(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_3\text{-Alkyl})$ oder Cyano hat, und m, E, p und Z die gleiche Bedeutung wie in Formel I haben, in Gegenwart eines Lewis-Säure-Katalysators unter Bildung einer Verbindung der Formel I, in der y eine Gruppe der Formel $-\text{CO}-$ und $-\text{CH}_2\text{CO}-$ bedeutet und A und D unabhängig voneinander einen Rest der Formel $-\text{COO}(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_3\text{-Alkyl})$ oder Cyano bedeuten;

b) Umsetzen einer Verbindung der Formel VI



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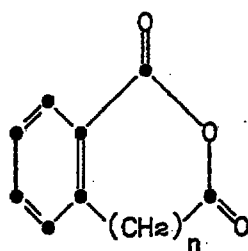
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25 in der A' eine Cyanogruppe oder eine Gruppe der Formel $-\text{COO}(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_3\text{-Alkyl})$ bedeutet und n die gleiche Bedeutung wie in Anspruch 1 hat, mit einer Verbindung der Formel VII



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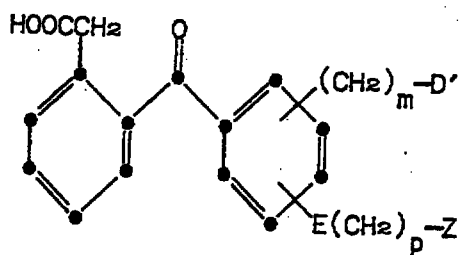
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35 in der w den Wert 0 oder 1 hat, D Cyano oder eine Gruppe der Formel $-\text{COO}(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_3\text{-Alkyl})$ bedeutet und m, E, p und Z die gleiche Bedeutung wie in der Formel I haben, in Gegenwart eines Lewis-Säure-Katalysators unter Bildung einer Verbindung der Formel I, in der A und D unabhängig voneinander Cyano oder eine Gruppe der Formel $-\text{COO}(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_3\text{-Alkyl})$ bedeuten und Y eine Gruppe der Formel $-\text{CO}-$ oder $-\text{COCH}_2-$ bedeutet,

c) Umsetzen einer Verbindung der Formel IX

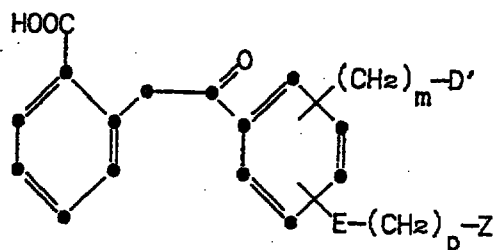


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55 in der n die für Formel I definierte Bedeutung hat, mit einer Verbindung der vorstehenden Formel III in Gegenwart eines Lewis-Säure-Katalysators in einem chlorierten Kohlenwasserstofflösungsmittel unter Bildung von Verbindungen der Formel I, spezifischer von Verbindungen von Formel I, die die Formeln XI und XII aufweisen



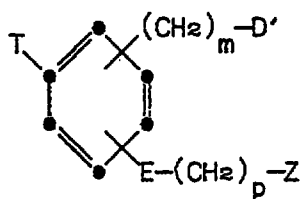
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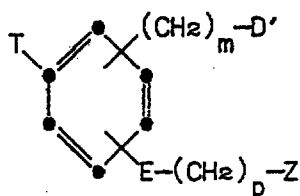
worin D' eine Cyanogruppe oder eine Gruppe der Formel $-\text{COO}(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_3\text{-Alkyl})$ bedeutet und m, E, p und Z die gleiche Bedeutung wie in Formel I haben;

d) Umsetzen einer Verbindung der Formel XIII



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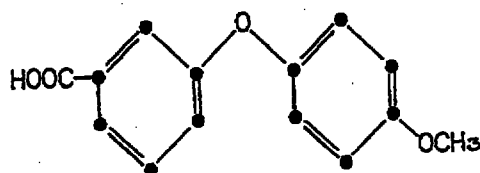
in der A' Cyano oder eine Gruppe der Formel $-\text{COO}(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_3\text{-Alkyl})$ bedeutet und n die gleiche Bedeutung wie in Formel I hat, mit einer Verbindung der Formel XIV



XIV

in der D' Cyano oder eine Gruppe der Formel $-\text{COO}(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_3\text{-Alkyl})$ bedeutet, m, E, p und Z die gleiche Bedeutung wie in Formel I haben und in den Formeln XIII und XIV einer der Reste G und T Jod oder Brom bedeutet und der andere der Reste G und T Hydroxy bedeutet, indem man zunächst das Reaktionsgemisch mit einer Alkalimetallbase unter Bildung der Alkalimetallphenolats an G oder T umsetzt, anschliessend das Arylhalogenid (worin G und T Jod oder Brom bedeuten) zusetzt und gegebenenfalls Kupfersalze zusetzt, wodurch man eine Verbindung der Formel I erhält, in der y die Bedeutung -O- hat, A und D unabhängig voneinander Cyano oder eine Gruppe der Formel $-\text{COO}(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_3\text{-Alkyl})$ bedeuten und n, m, p, E und Z die gleiche Bedeutung wie in Formel I haben;

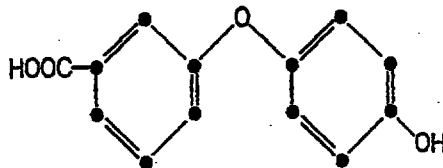
e) Demethylieren einer Verbindung der Formel XVI



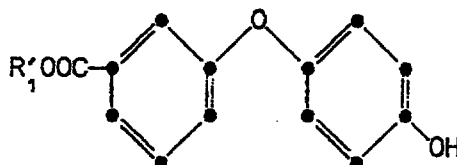
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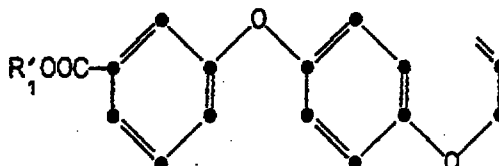
entweder mit Bromwasserstoffsäure in Essigsäure oder mit geschmolzenem Pyridin-hydrochlorid unter Bildung einer Verbindung der Formel



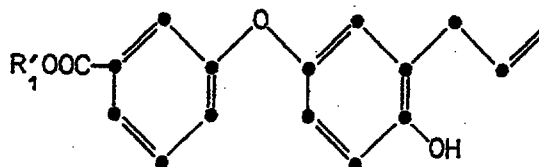
wobei diese Verbindung wiederum unter Bildung einer Verbindung der folgenden Formel verestert wird



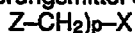
in der R₁' einen C₁-C₃-Alkylrest oder eine Carboxylschutzgruppe bedeutet, wobei die Struktur wiederum mit Allylchlorid oder Allylbromid unter Bildung einer Verbindung der folgenden Formel alkyliert wird



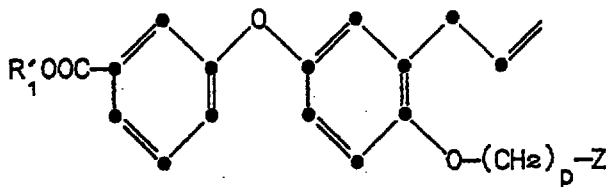
in der R₁' die vorstehend angegebene Bedeutung hat; wobei diese Struktur in einem inerten Lösungsmittel unter Umlagerung zu einer Verbindung der folgenden Formel erwärmt wird



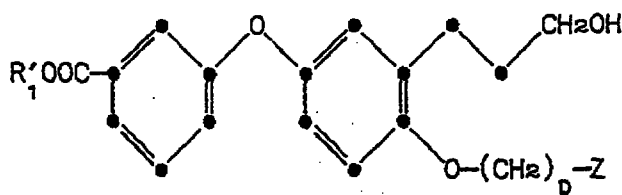
in der R₁' die vorstehend angegebene Bedeutung hat, wobei diese Verbindung wiederum mit einem Alkylierungsmittel der Formel



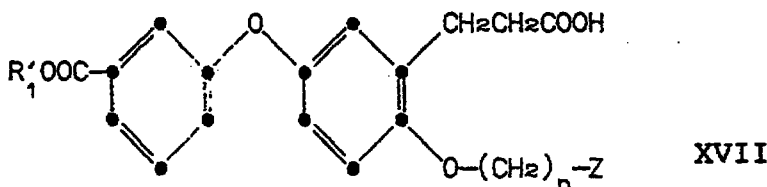
in der X Jod, Brom, Chlor oder eine Mesylgruppe bedeutet, und Z und p die gleiche Bedeutung wie in Formel I haben, gegebenenfalls in Gegenwart einer starken Base alkyliert, wodurch man eine Verbindung der folgenden Formel erhält



in der R₁' die vorstehend angegebene Bedeutung hat und Z und p die gleiche Bedeutung wie in Formel I haben; wobei diese Verbindung wiederum zunächst zu einem Alkohol der folgenden Formel oxidiert wird

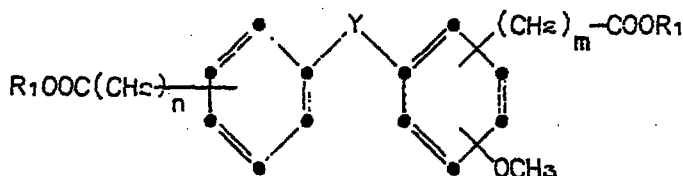


10 in der R_1 die vorstehend angegebene Bedeutung hat und p und Z die für die Formel I angegebene Bedeutung haben, und dann zu einer Verbindung der Formel XVII im Rahmen von Formel I oxidiert wird

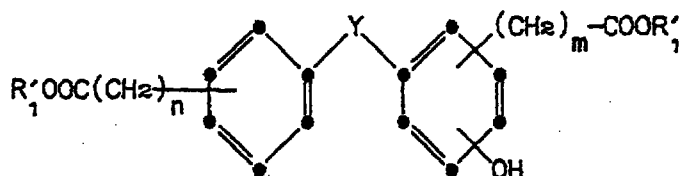


20 in der p und Z die gleiche Bedeutung wie in Formel I haben und R_1 die vorstehend definierte Bedeutung hat;

f) Demethylieren einer Verbindung der Formel

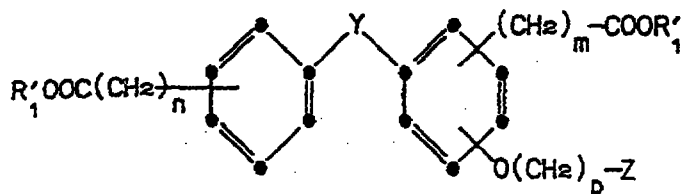


30 in der R_1 die Bedeutung C_1 - C_3 -Alkyl hat und y und m die gleiche Bedeutung wie in Formel I haben; mit Bromwasserstoffsäure in Essigsäure oder geschmolzenem Pyridin-hydrochlorid; anschliessendes Umsetzen der demethylierten Verbindung mit Veresterungsmitteln, die die Carboxygruppen schützen, unter Bildung einer Verbindung der Formel



45 in der m und n die für Formel I angegebene Bedeutung haben und R_1 eine Carboxyschutzgruppe bedeutet, wobei diese Verbindung wiederum mit einem Alkylierungsmittel der Formel $Z-(CH_2)_p-X$

50 in der X eine günstige austretende Gruppe, wie Chlor, Brom, Jod oder Mesyl bedeutet und Z und p die gleiche Bedeutung wie in Formel I haben, unter Bildung einer Verbindung der folgenden Formel umgesetzt wird



60 in der p, m und n die gleiche Bedeutung wie in Formel I haben und R_1 eine Carboxyschutzgruppe bedeutet;
g) Umsetzen einer Verbindung der Formel I, in der y eine Gruppe der Formel $-CO-$ oder $-CH_2CO-$ bedeutet, mit einem Borhydrid-Hydrierungsmittel unter Bildung einer Verbindung nach Anspruch 1, in der y die Bedeutung $-CH_2CHOH-$ oder $-CHOH-$ hat;

65 h) Umsetzen einer Verbindung der Formel I, in der y eine Gruppe der Formel $-CH_2-$ bedeutet, mit Was-



serstoffgas in Gegenwart eines (gegebenenfalls auf einen Träger aufgetragenen) Übergangsmetallkatalysators; oder

i) Umsetzen einer Verbindung der Formel I, in der y eine Gruppe der Formel bedeutet, -CO- mit Hydroxylamin unter Bildung einer Verbindung von Anspruch 1, in der y eine Gruppe der Formel

-C(=NOH)-
bedeutet;

j) Umsetzen einer Verbindung der Formel I, in der y eine Gruppe der Formel -CO- bedeutet, unter Standard-Wittig-Reaktionsbedingungen unter Bildung einer Verbindung der Formel I, in der y eine Gruppe der Formel -C(=CH₂)- bedeutet;

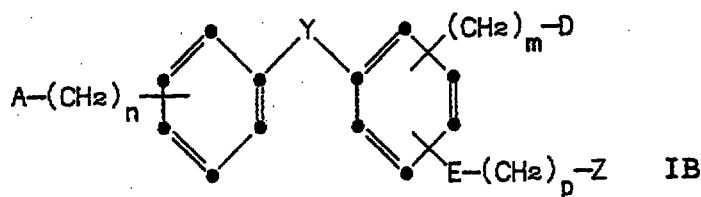
k) Oxidieren einer Verbindung der Formel I, in der G eine Gruppe der Formel -S(O)_{t-1} bedeutet, mit einem Oxidationsmittel unter Bildung einer Verbindung der Formel I, in der G eine Gruppe der Formel -S(O)_t- bedeutet, worin t den Wert 1 oder 2 hat;

l) Oxidieren einer Verbindung der Formel I, in der Z eine Gruppe der Formel -G-Q bedeutet und Q eine durch eine oder zwei Gruppen der Formel -S(O)_{p-1}-(C₁-C₃-Alkyl) substituierte Phenylgruppe bedeutet, mit einem Oxidationsmittel unter Bildung der entsprechenden Verbindung der Formel I, in der Q eine durch 1 oder 2 Gruppen der Formel -S(O)_p-(C₁-C₃-Alkyl) bedeutet, worin p den Wert 1 oder 2 hat;

m) Verestern einer Verbindung der Formel I, in der mindestens einer der Reste A und D eine Gruppe der Formel -COOH bedeutet, mit einem C₁-C₃-Alkyl-Veresterungsmittel unter Bildung einer Verbindung der Formel I, in der mindestens einer der Reste A und D eine Gruppe der Formel -COO(C₁-C₃-Alkyl) bedeutet;

n) Entestern einer Verbindung der Formel I, in der mindestens einer der Reste A und D eine Gruppe der Formel -COO(C₁-C₃-Alkyl) bedeutet, durch Hydrolyse unter Bildung einer Verbindung der Formel I, in der mindestens einer der Reste A und D eine Gruppe der Formel -COOH oder ein pharmazeutisch verträgliches Salz davon bedeutet; oder

o) Umsetzen einer Verbindung der Formel IB



oder eines pharmazeutisch verträglichen Salzes davon, worin mindestens einer der Reste A oder D eine Cyanogruppe bedeutet und der andere die Bedeutung -COOR₁ oder 5-Tetrazolyl hat;

n den Wert 0 oder 1 hat;

Y die Bedeutung -O-, -CO-, -CH₂CO-, -C(=NOH)-, -CHOH-, -CH₂- oder -C(=CH₂)- hat;

m einen Wert von 0-3 hat;

E die Bedeutung -O- oder -CH₂- hat;

p einen Wert von 0-16 hat; und

Z die Bedeutung -H oder -G-Q hat, worin

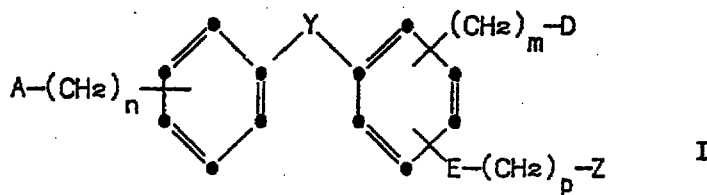
R₁ ein Wasserstoffatom oder C₁-C₃-Alkyl bedeutet,

G eine Bindung, -O-, -S(O)_t-, -NH-, oder -CH=CH- hat,

Q Phenyl oder Phenyl das mit einem oder zwei Substituenten, die aus der Gruppe Halogen, C₁-C₃-Alkyl, C₁-C₃-Alkoxy, Nitro, Amino, Trifluormethyl, Hydroxy und -S(O)_p-(C₁-C₃-Alkyl) ausgewählt sind, bedeutet; p und t unabhängig voneinander einen Wert von 0-2 haben;

mit einem Azidreagenz, wie Natriumazid, unter Bildung einer Verbindung der Formel I, in der mindestens einer der Reste A oder D eine 5-Tetrazolyl-Gruppe bedeutet.

10. Verbindung der Formel I

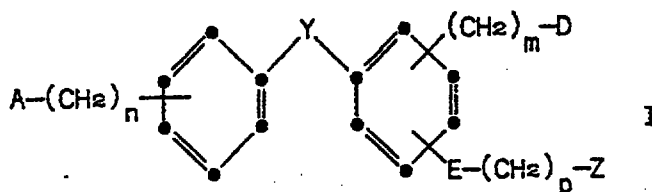




gemäß der Definition von Anspruch 1, worin einer der Reste A oder D eine Cyanogruppe oder eine Gruppe der Formel $\text{-COO}(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_3\text{-Alkyl})$ bedeutet und der andere der Reste A oder D die Bedeutung -COOR_1 , Cyanogruppe oder 5-Tetrazolyl hat.

5 Patentansprüche für den benannten Vertragsstaat: ES

1. Verfahren zur Herstellung einer Verbindung der Formel 1



oder eines pharmazeutisch verträglichen Salzes davon,

worin

A und D jeweils unabhängig voneinander Cyano-, -COOR_1 oder 5-Tetrazolyl bedeuten;

n den Wert 0 oder 1 hat;

Y die Bedeutung -O- , -CO- , $\text{-CH}_2\text{CO-}$, -C(=NOH)- , -CHOH- , $\text{-CH}_2\text{-}$ oder $\text{-C(=CH}_2\text{)-}$ hat;

m einen Wert von 0-3 hat;

E die Bedeutung -O- oder $\text{-CH}_2\text{-}$ hat;

p einen Wert von 0-16 hat; und

Z die Bedeutung -H oder -G-Q hat,

worin G eine Bindung, -O- , -S(O)- , -NH- oder -CH=CH- hat,

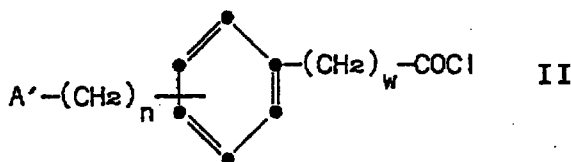
Q Phenyl oder Phenyl, das mit einem oder zwei Substituenten, die aus der Gruppe Halogen, $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_3\text{-Alkyl}$, $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_3\text{-Alkoxy}$, Nitro, Amino, Trifluormethyl, Hydroxy und $\text{-S(O)}_p\text{-(C}_1\text{-C}_3\text{-Alkyl)}$ ausgewählt sind, substituiert ist, bedeutet;

p* und t unabhängig voneinander einen Wert von 0-2 haben; und

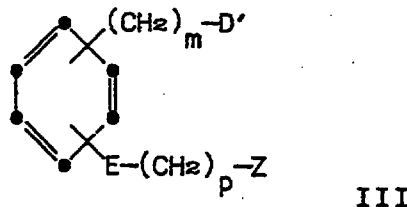
R₁ ein Wasserstoffatom oder $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_3\text{-Alkyl}$ bedeutet,

mit der Massgabe, daß, wenn $m = 1$, $\text{-E(CH}_2\text{)}_p\text{-Z}$ nicht Hydroxy oder Methoxy bedeuten kann, das folgendes umfasst:

a) Umsetzen einer Verbindung der Formel II

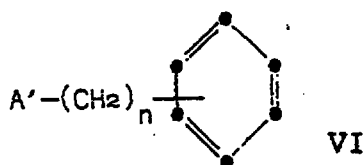


in der A' die Bedeutung $\text{-COO}(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_3\text{-Alkyl})$ oder Cyano hat, n die gleiche Bedeutung wie in Formel 1 hat und w den Wert 0 oder 1 hat; mit einer Verbindung der Formel III

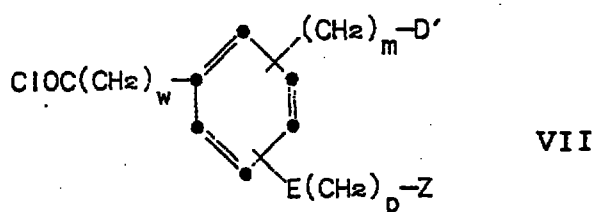


worin D' eine Gruppe der Formel $\text{-COO}(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_3\text{-Alkyl})$ oder Cyano hat, und m, E, p und Z die gleiche Bedeutung wie in Formel I haben, in Gegenwart eines Lewis-Säure-Katalysators unter Bildung einer Verbindung der Formel I, in der y eine Gruppe der Formel -CO- und $\text{-CH}_2\text{CO-}$ bedeutet und A und D unabhängig voneinander einen Rest der Formel $\text{-COO}(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_3\text{-Alkyl})$ oder Cyano bedeuten;

b) Umsetzen einer Verbindung der Formel VI

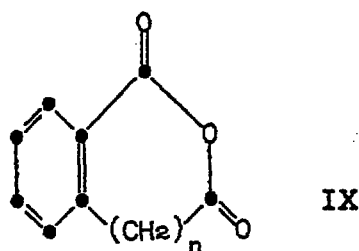


in der A' eine Cyanogruppe oder eine Gruppe der Formel $-\text{COO}(\text{C}_1-\text{C}_3\text{-Alkyl})$ bedeutet und n die gleiche Bedeutung wie in Anspruch 1 hat, mit einer Verbindung der Formel VII

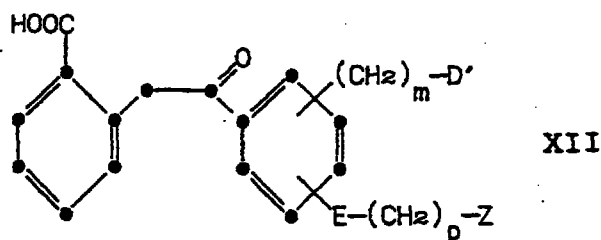
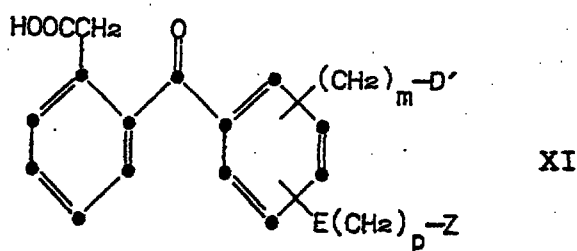


in der w den Wert 0 oder 1 hat, D Cyano oder eine Gruppe der Formel $-\text{COO}(\text{C}_1-\text{C}_3\text{-Alkyl})$ bedeutet und m, E, p und Z die gleiche Bedeutung wie in der Formel I haben, in Gegenwart eines Lewis-Säure-Katalysators unter Bildung einer Verbindung der Formel I, in der A und D unabhängig voneinander Cyano oder eine Gruppe der Formel $-\text{COO}(\text{C}_1-\text{C}_3\text{-Alkyl})$ bedeuten und Y eine Gruppe der Formel $-\text{CO}-$ oder $-\text{COCH}_2-$ bedeutet,

c) Umsetzen einer Verbindung der Formel IX

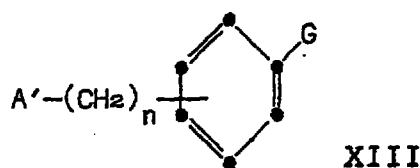


in der n die für Formel I definierte Bedeutung hat, mit einer Verbindung der vorstehenden Formel III in Gegenwart eines Lewis-Säure-Katalysators in einem chlorierten Kohlenwasserstofflösungsmittel unter Bildung von Verbindungen der Formel I, spezifischer von Verbindungen von Formel I, die die Formeln XI und XII aufweisen

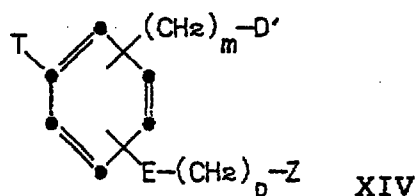




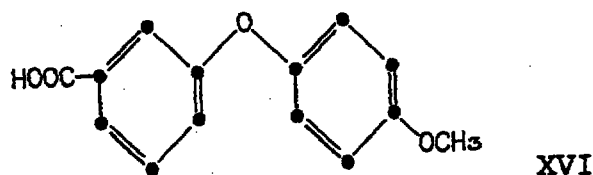
worin D' eine Cyanogruppe oder eine Gruppe der Formel $-\text{COO}(\text{C}_1-\text{C}_3\text{-Alkyl})$ bedeutet und m, E, p und Z die gleiche Bedeutung wie in Formel I haben;
d) Umsetzen einer Verbindung der Formel XIII



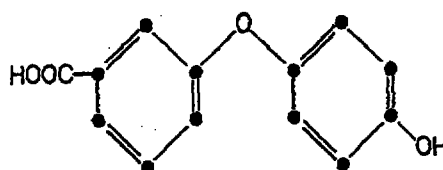
in der A' Cyano oder eine Gruppe der Formel $-\text{COO}(\text{C}_1-\text{C}_3\text{-Alkyl})$ bedeutet und n die gleiche Bedeutung wie in Formel I hat, mit einer Verbindung der Formel XIV



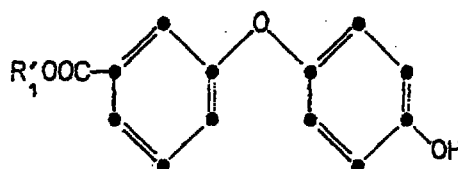
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e) Demethylieren einer Verbindung der Formel XVI



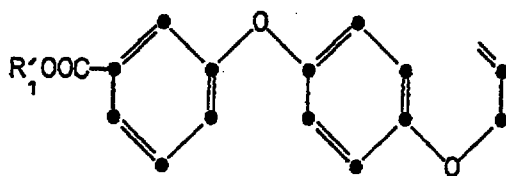
entweder mit Bromwasserstoffsäure in Essigsäure oder mit geschmolzenem Pyridin-hydrochlorid unter Bildung einer Verbindung der Formel



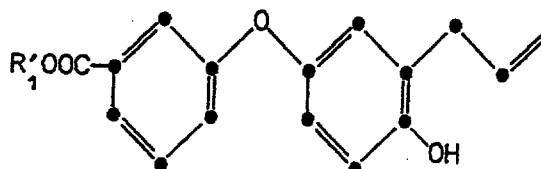
wobei diese Verbindung wiederum unter Bildung einer Verbindung der folgenden Formel verestert wird



in der R₁' einen C₁-C₃-Alkylrest oder eine Carboxylschutzgruppe bedeutet, wobei die Struktur wiederum mit Allylchlorid oder Allylbromid unter Bildung einer Verbindung der folgenden Formel alkyliert wird



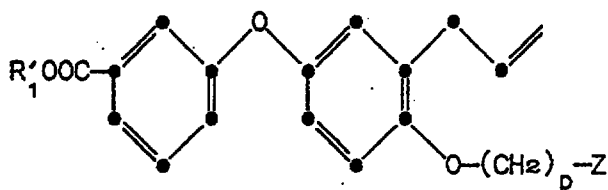
in der R_1' die vorstehend angegebene Bedeutung hat; wobei diese Struktur in einem inerten Lösungsmittel unter Umlagerung zu einer Verbindung der folgenden Formel erwärmt wird



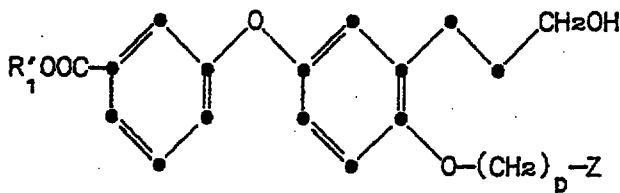
in der R_1' die vorstehend angegebene Bedeutung hat, wobei diese Verbindung wiederum mit einem Alkylierungsmittel der Formel

$Z-(CH_2)_p-X$

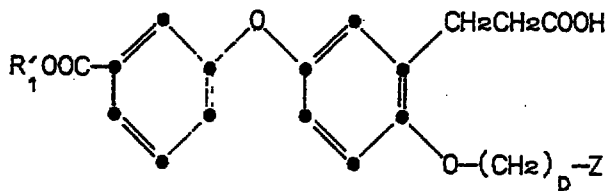
in der X Jod, Brom, Chlor oder eine Mesylgruppe bedeutet, und Z und p die gleiche Bedeutung wie in Formel I haben, gegebenenfalls in Gegenwart einer starken Base alkyliert, wodurch man eine Verbindung der folgenden Formel erhält



in der R_1' die vorstehend angegebene Bedeutung hat und Z und p die gleiche Bedeutung wie in Formel I haben; wobei diese Verbindung wiederum zunächst zu einem Alkohol der folgenden Formel oxidiert wird



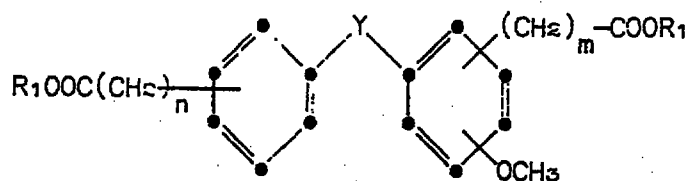
in der R_1' die vorstehend angegebene Bedeutung hat und p und Z die für die Formel I angegebene Bedeutung haben, und dann zu einer Verbindung der Formel XVII im Rahmen von Formel I oxidiert wird



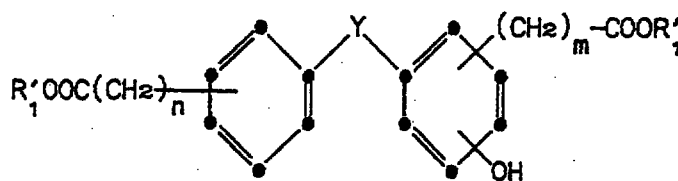
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in der p und Z die gleiche Bedeutung wie in Formel I haben und R_1' die vorstehend definierte Bedeutung hat;

f) Demethylieren einer Verbindung der Formel

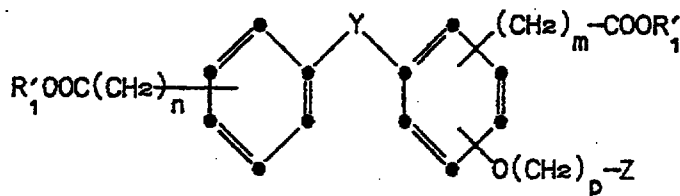


in der R_1 die Bedeutung $\text{C}_1\text{--C}_3\text{--Alkyl}$ hat und y und m die gleiche Bedeutung wie in Formel I haben; mit Bromwasserstoffsäure in Essigsäure oder geschmolzenem Pyridin-hydrochlorid; anschliessendes Umsetzen der demethylierten Verbindung mit Veresterungsmitteln, die die Carboxygruppen schützen, unter Bildung einer Verbindung der Formel



in der m und n die für Formel I angegebene Bedeutung haben und R'_1 eine Carboxyschutzgruppe bedeutet, wobei diese Verbindung wiederum mit einem Alkylierungsmittel der Formel

$\text{Z}-(\text{CH}_2)_p\text{--X}$ in der X eine günstige austretende Gruppe, wie Chlor, Brom, Jod oder Mesyl bedeutet und Z und p die gleiche Bedeutung wie in Formel I haben, unter Bildung einer Verbindung der folgenden Formel umgesetzt wird



in der p , m und n die gleiche Bedeutung wie in Formel I haben und R'_1 eine Carboxyschutzgruppe bedeutet;

g) Umsetzen einer Verbindung der Formel I, in der y eine Gruppe der Formel --CO-- oder $\text{--CH}_2\text{CO--}$ bedeutet, mit einem Borhydrid-Hydrierungsmittel unter Bildung einer Verbindung nach Anspruch 1, in der y die Bedeutung $\text{--CH}_2\text{CHOH--}$ oder --CHOH-- hat;

h) Umsetzen einer Verbindung der Formel I, in der y eine Gruppe der Formel $\text{--CH}_2\text{--}$ bedeutet, mit Wasserstoffgas in Gegenwart eines (gegebenenfalls auf einen Träger aufgetragenen) Übergangsmetallkatalysators; oder

i) Umsetzen einer Verbindung der Formel I, in der y eine Gruppe der Formel --CO-- bedeutet, mit Hydroxylamin unter Bildung einer Verbindung von Anspruch 1, in der y eine Gruppe der Formel C(=NOH)-- bedeutet;

j) Umsetzen einer Verbindung der Formel I, in der y eine Gruppe der Formel --CO-- bedeutet, unter Standard-Wittig-Reaktionsbedingungen unter Bildung einer Verbindung der Formel I, in der y eine Gruppe der Formel $\text{--C(=CH}_2\text{)--}$ bedeutet;

k) Oxidieren einer Verbindung der Formel I, in der G eine Gruppe der Formel $\text{--S(O)}_{t-1}\text{--}$ bedeutet, mit einem Oxidationsmittel unter Bildung einer Verbindung der Formel I, in der G eine Gruppe der Formel $\text{--S(O)}_t\text{--}$ bedeutet, worin t den Wert 1 oder 2 hat;

l) Oxidieren einer Verbindung der Formel I, in der Z eine Gruppe der Formel --G--Q bedeutet und Q eine durch eine oder zwei Gruppen der Formel $\text{--S(O)}_{p-1}\text{--(C}_1\text{--C}_3\text{--Alkyl)}$ substituierte Phenylgruppe bedeutet, mit einem Oxidationsmittel unter Bildung der entsprechenden Verbindung der Formel I, in der Q eine durch 1 oder 2 Gruppen der Formel $\text{--S(O)}_p\text{--(C}_1\text{--C}_3\text{--Alkyl)}$ bedeutet, worin p den Wert 1 oder 2 hat;

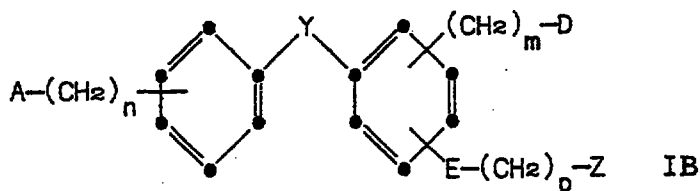
m) Verestern einer Verbindung der Formel I, in der mindestens einer der Reste A und D eine Gruppe der Formel --COOH bedeutet, mit einem $\text{C}_1\text{--C}_3\text{--Alkyl-Veresterungsmittel}$ unter Bildung einer Verbindung der Formel I, in der mindestens einer der Reste A und D eine Gruppe der Formel $\text{--COO(C}_1\text{--C}_3\text{--)}$



Alkyl) bedeutet;

n) Entestern einer Verbindung der Formel I, in der mindestens einer der Reste A und D eine Gruppe der Formel $-\text{COO}(\text{C}_1\text{--C}_3\text{--Alkyl})$ bedeutet, durch Hydrolyse unter Bildung einer Verbindung der Formel I, in der mindestens einer der Reste A und D eine Gruppe der Formel $-\text{COOH}$ oder ein pharmazeutisch verträgliches Salz davon bedeutet; oder

o) Umsetzen einer Verbindung der Formel IB



oder eines pharmazeutisch verträglichen Salzes davon, worin mindestens einer der Reste A oder D eine Cyanogruppe bedeutet und der andere die Bedeutung $-\text{COOR}_1$ oder 5-Tetrazolyl hat;

n den Wert 0 oder 1 hat;

Y die Bedeutung $-\text{O}-$, $-\text{CO}-$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{CO}-$, $-\text{C}(=\text{NOH})-$, $-\text{CHOH}-$, $-\text{CH}_2-$ oder $-\text{C}(=\text{CH}_2)-$ hat;

m einen Wert von 0-3 hat;

E die Bedeutung $-\text{O}-$ oder $-\text{CH}_2-$ hat;

p einen Wert von 0-16 hat; und

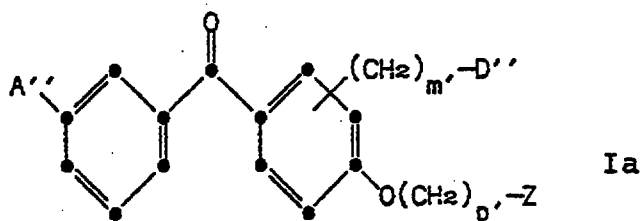
Z die Bedeutung $-\text{H}$ oder $-\text{G-Q}$ hat, worin

G eine Bindung, $-\text{O}-$, $-\text{S}(\text{O})_2-$, $-\text{NH}-$, oder $-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-$ hat,

R_1 ein Wasserstoffatom oder $\text{C}_1\text{--C}_3\text{--Alkyl}$ bedeutet,

Q Phenyl oder Phenyl das mit einem oder zwei Substituenten, die aus der Gruppe Halogen, $\text{C}_1\text{--C}_3\text{--Alkyl}$, $\text{C}_1\text{--C}_3\text{--Alkoxy}$, Nitro, Amino, Trifluormethyl, Hydroxy und $-\text{S}(\text{O})_2$, $-(\text{C}_1\text{--C}_3\text{--Alkyl})$ ausgewählt sind, bedeutet; p^* und t unabhängig voneinander einen Wert von 0-2 haben; mit einem Azidreagenz, wie Natriumazid, unter Bildung einer Verbindung der Formel I, in der mindestens einer der Reste A oder D eine 5-Tetrazolylgruppe bedeutet.

2. Verfahren nach Anspruch 1 zur Herstellung einer Verbindung der Formel Ia



oder eines pharmazeutisch verträglichen Basenadditionssalzes davon, worin A'' und D'' jeweils unabhängig voneinander $-\text{COOH}$ oder 5-Tetrazolyl bedeuten;

m' den Wert 1 oder 2 hat;

p' den Wert 4-12 hat;

und Z die gleiche Bedeutung wie in Formel I hat.

3. Verfahren nach Anspruch 1 zur Herstellung einer Verbindung der Formel I, wobei es sich um 14-(Decyloxy)-3-(1H-tetrazol-5-ylmethyl)-phenyl-[3-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)-phenyl]-methanon, 5-(3-Carboxybenzoyl)-2-[[6-(4-methoxyphenyl)-hexyl]-oxy]-benzolpropansäure, 5-(3-Carboxybenzoyl)-2-[[6-(4-methylsulfinylphenyl)-5-hexenyl]-oxy]-benzolpropansäure oder 5-(3-Carboxybenzoyl)-2-[[6-(4-methylsulfonylphenyl)-5-hexenyl]-oxy]-benzolpropansäure oder ein pharmazeutisch verträgliches Salz davon handelt.

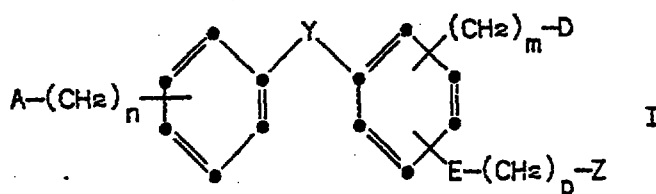
4. Verfahren nach Anspruch 1 zur Herstellung von 5-(3-Carboxybenzoyl)-2-[[6-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-(E)-hexenyl]-oxy]-benzolpropansäure oder eines pharmazeutisch verträglichen Salzes davon.

5. Verfahren zur Herstellung einer pharmazeutischen Zubereitung, umfassend das Vermischen einer Verbindung der Formel (I) oder eines pharmazeutisch verträglichen Salzes davon nach der Definition in einem der Ansprüche 1 bis 5 mit einem oder mehreren pharmazeutisch verträglichen Trägerstoffen oder Verdünnungsmitteln hierfür.



Patentansprüche für den benannten Vertragsstaat: GR

1. Verfahren zur Herstellung einer Verbindung der Formel I



oder eines pharmazeutisch verträglichen Salzes davon,

worin

A und D jeweils unabhängig voneinander Cyano, $-\text{COOR}_1$ oder 5-Tetrazolyl bedeuten;

n den Wert 0 oder 1 hat;

Y die Bedeutung $-\text{O}-$, $-\text{CO}-$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{CO}-$, $-\text{C}(=\text{NOH})-$, $-\text{CHOH}-$, $-\text{CH}_2-$ oder $-\text{C}(=\text{CH}_2)-$ hat;

m einen Wert von 0-3 hat;

E die Bedeutung $-\text{O}-$ oder $-\text{CH}_2-$ hat;

p einen Wert von 0-16 hat; und

Z die Bedeutung $-\text{H}$ oder $-\text{G}-\text{Q}$ hat, worin

Q eine Bindung, $-\text{O}-$, $-\text{S}(\text{O})_2-$, $-\text{NH}-$ oder $-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-$ hat,

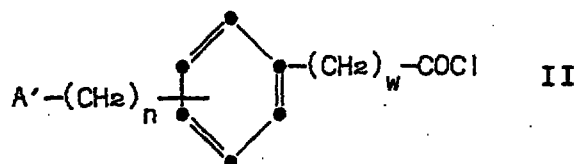
G Phenyl oder Phenyl, das mit einem oder zwei Substituenten, die aus der Gruppe Halogen, C_1-C_3 -Alkyl, C_1-C_3 -Alkoxy, Nitro, Amino, Trifluormethyl, Hydroxy und $-\text{S}(\text{O})_p-(\text{C}_1-\text{C}_3\text{-Alkyl})$ ausgewählt sind, substituiert ist, bedeutet;

p' und t unabhängig voneinander einen Wert von 0-2 haben; und

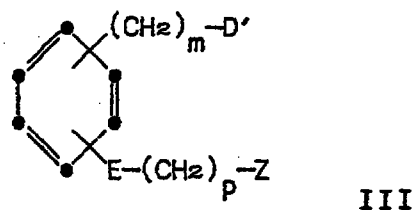
R_1 ein Wasserstoffatom oder C_1-C_3 -Alkyl bedeutet,

mit der Massgabe, daß, wenn $m = 1$, $-\text{E}-(\text{CH}_2)_p-\text{Z}$ nicht Hydroxy oder Methoxy bedeuten kann, das folgendes umfasst:

a) Umsetzen einer Verbindung der Formel II

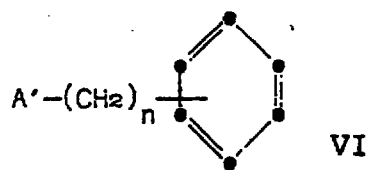


in der A' die Bedeutung $-\text{COO}(\text{C}_1-\text{C}_3\text{-Alkyl})$ oder Cyano hat, n die gleiche Bedeutung wie in Formel I hat und w den Wert 0 oder 1 hat; mit einer Verbindung der Formel III

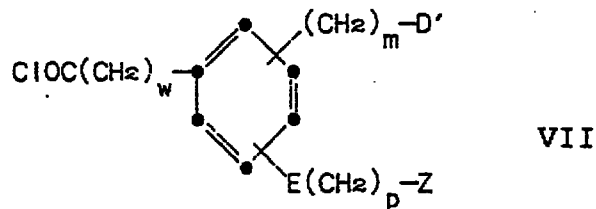


worin D' eine Gruppe der Formel $-\text{COO}(\text{C}_1-\text{C}_3\text{-Alkyl})$ oder Cyano hat, und m, E, p und Z die gleiche Bedeutung wie in Formel I haben, in Gegenwart eines Lewis-Säure-Katalysators unter Bildung einer Verbindung der Formel I, in der y eine Gruppe der Formel $-\text{CO}-$ und $-\text{CH}_2\text{CO}-$ bedeutet und A und D unabhängig voneinander einen Rest der Formel $-\text{COO}(\text{C}_1-\text{C}_3\text{-Alkyl})$ oder Cyano bedeuten;

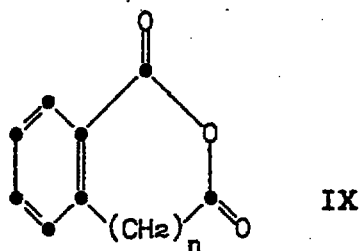
b) Umsetzen einer Verbindung der Formel VI



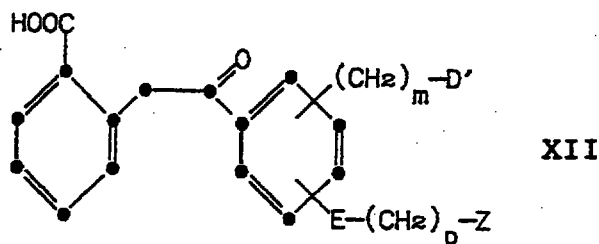
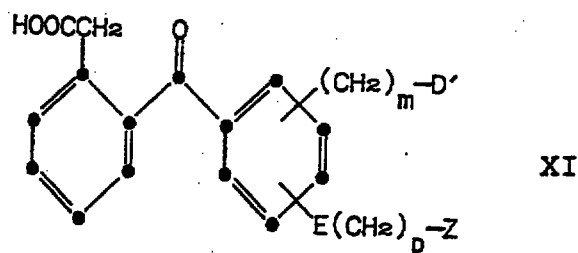
in der A' eine Cyanogruppe oder eine Gruppe der Formel $-\text{COO}(\text{C}_1\text{--C}_3\text{--Alkyl})$ bedeutet und n die gleiche Bedeutung wie in Anspruch 1 hat, mit einer Verbindung der Formel VII



in der w den Wert 0 oder 1 hat, D Cyano oder eine Gruppe der Formel $-\text{COO}(\text{C}_1\text{--C}_3\text{--Alkyl})$ bedeutet und m, E, p und Z die gleiche Bedeutung wie in der Formel I haben, in Gegenwart eines Lewis-Säure-Katalysators unter Bildung einer Verbindung der Formel I, in der A und D unabhängig voneinander Cyano oder eine Gruppe der Formel $-\text{COO}(\text{C}_1\text{--C}_3\text{--Alkyl})$ bedeuten und Y eine Gruppe der Formel $-\text{CO}-$ oder $-\text{COCH}_2-$ bedeutet,
c) Umsetzen einer Verbindung der Formel IX

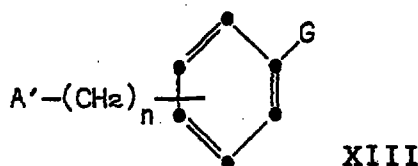


in der n die für Formel I definierte Bedeutung hat, mit einer Verbindung der vorstehenden Formel III in Gegenwart eines Lewis-Säure-Katalysators in einem chlorierten Kohlenwasserstofflösungsmittel unter Bildung von Verbindungen der Formel I, spezifischer von Verbindungen von Formel I, die die Formeln XI und XII aufweisen

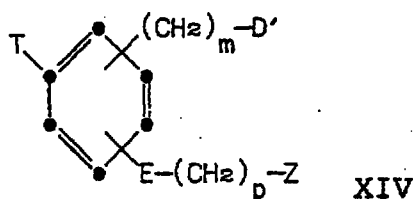




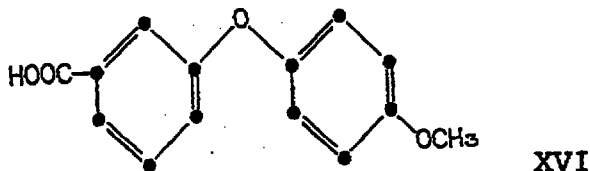
worin D' eine Cyanogruppe oder eine Gruppe der Formel $-\text{COO}(\text{C}_1-\text{C}_3\text{-Alkyl})$ bedeutet und m, E, p und Z die gleiche Bedeutung wie in Formel I haben;
d) Umsetzen einer Verbindung der Formel XIII



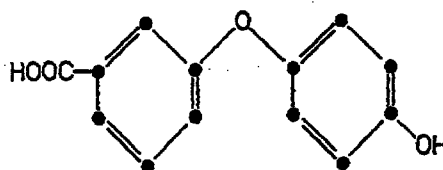
15 in der A' Cyano oder eine Gruppe der Formel $-\text{COO}(\text{C}_1-\text{C}_3\text{-Alkyl})$ bedeutet und n die gleiche Bedeutung wie in Formel I hat, mit einer Verbindung der Formel XIV



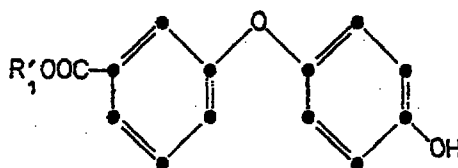
25 in der D' Cyano oder eine Gruppe der Formel $-\text{COO}(\text{C}_1-\text{C}_3\text{-Alkyl})$ bedeutet, m, E, p und Z die gleiche Bedeutung wie in Formel I haben und in den Formeln XIII und XIV einer der Reste G und T Jod oder Brom bedeutet und der andere der Reste G und T Hydroxy bedeutet, indem man zunächst das Reaktionsgemisch mit einer Alkalimetallbase unter Bildung des Alkalimetallphenolats an G oder T umsetzt, anschliessend das Arylhalogenid (worin G und T Jod oder Brom bedeuten) zusetzt und gegebenenfalls Kupfersalze zusetzt, wodurch man eine Verbindung der Formel I erhält, in der y die Bedeutung $-\text{O}-$ hat, A und D unabhängig voneinander Cyano oder eine Gruppe der Formel $-\text{COO}(\text{C}_1-\text{C}_3\text{-Alkyl})$ bedeuten und n, m, p, E und Z die gleiche Bedeutung wie in Formel I haben;
e) Demethylieren einer Verbindung der Formel XVI



45 entweder mit Bromwasserstoffsäure in Essigsäure oder mit geschmolzenem Pyridin-hydrochlorid unter Bildung einer Verbindung der Formel

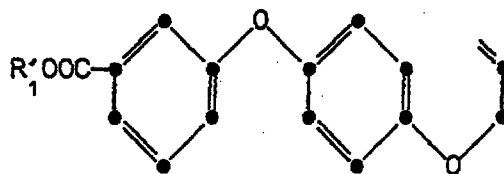


55 wobei diese Verbindung wiederum unter Bildung einer Verbindung der folgenden Formel verestert wird

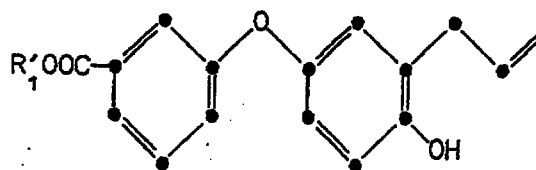




in der R_1' einen C_1 - C_3 -Alkylrest oder eine Carboxylschutzgruppe bedeutet, wobei die Struktur wiederum mit Allylchlorid oder Allylbromid unter Bildung einer Verbindung der folgenden Formel alkyliert wird



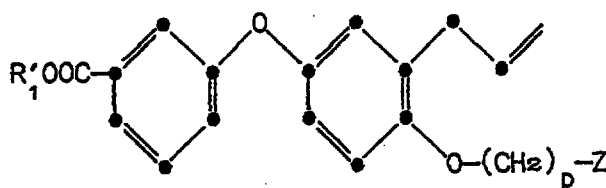
in der R_1' die vorstehend angegebene Bedeutung hat; wobei diese Struktur in einem inerten Lösungsmittel unter Umlagerung zu einer Verbindung der folgenden Formel erwärmt wird



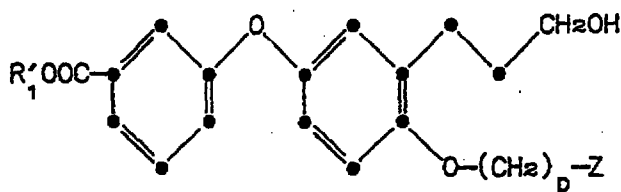
in der R_1' die vorstehend angegebene Bedeutung hat, wobei diese Verbindung wiederum mit einem Alkylierungsmittel der Formel

$Z-(CH_2)_p-X$

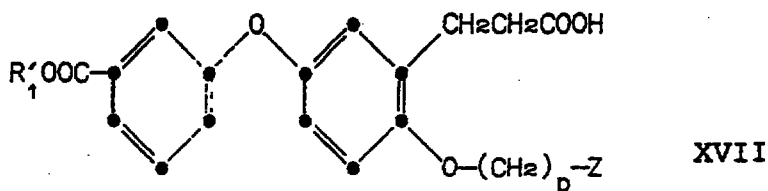
in der X Jod, Brom, Chlor oder eine Mesylgruppe bedeutet, und Z und p die gleiche Bedeutung wie in Formel I haben, gegebenenfalls in Gegenwart einer starken Base alkyliert, wodurch man eine Verbindung der folgenden Formel erhält



in der R_1' die vorstehend angegebene Bedeutung hat und Z und p die gleiche Bedeutung wie in Formel I haben; wobei diese Verbindung wiederum zunächst zu einem Alkohol der folgenden Formel oxidiert wird

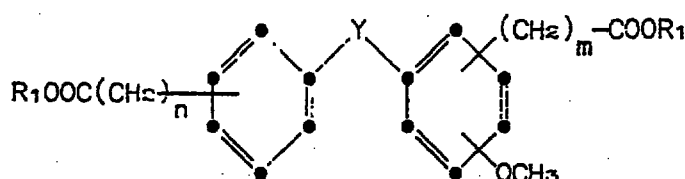


in der R_1' die vorstehend angegebene Bedeutung hat und p und Z die für die Formel I angegebene Bedeutung haben, und dann zu einer Verbindung der Formel XVII im Rahmen von Formel I oxidiert wird

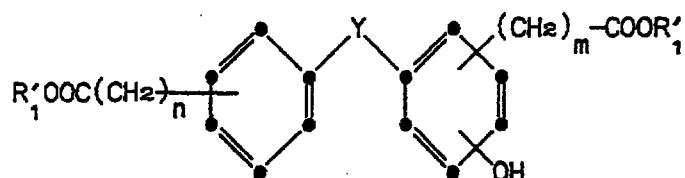


in der p und Z die gleiche Bedeutung wie in Formel I haben und R_1' die vorstehend definierte Bedeutung hat;

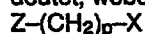
f) Demethylieren einer Verbindung der Formel



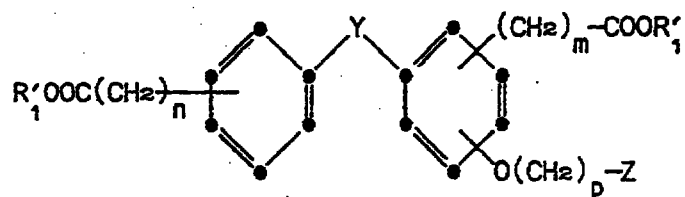
in der R_1 die Bedeutung $\text{C}_1\text{--C}_3$ -Alkyl hat und Y und m die gleiche Bedeutung wie in Formel I haben; mit Bromwasserstoffsäure in Essigsäure oder geschmolzenem Pyridin-hydrochlorid; anschliessendes Umsetzen der demethylierten Verbindung mit Veresterungsmitteln, die die Carboxygruppen schützen, unter Bildung einer Verbindung der Formel



in der m und n die für Formel I angegebene Bedeutung haben und R'_1 eine Carboxyschutzgruppe bedeutet, wobei diese Verbindung wiederum mit einem Alkylierungsmittel der Formel



in der X eine günstige austretende Gruppe, wie Chlor, Brom, Jod oder Mesyl bedeutet und Z und p die gleiche Bedeutung wie in Formel I haben, unter Bildung einer Verbindung der folgenden Formel umgesetzt wird



in der p , m und n die gleiche Bedeutung wie in Formel I haben und R'_1 eine Carboxyschutzgruppe bedeutet;

g) Umsetzen einer Verbindung der Formel I, in der Y eine Gruppe der Formel ---CO--- oder $\text{---CH}_2\text{CO---}$ bedeutet, mit einem Borhydrid-Hydrierungsmittel unter Bildung einer Verbindung nach Anspruch 1, in der Y die Bedeutung $\text{---CH}_2\text{CHOH---}$ oder ---CHOH--- hat;

h) Umsetzen einer Verbindung der Formel I, in der Y eine Gruppe der Formel $\text{---CH}_2\text{---}$ bedeutet, mit Wasserstoffgas in Gegenwart eines (gegebenenfalls auf einen Träger aufgetragenen) Übergangsmetallkatalysators; oder

i) Umsetzen einer Verbindung der Formel I, in der Y eine Gruppe der Formel ---CO--- bedeutet, mit Hydroxylamin unter Bildung einer Verbindung von Anspruch 1, in der Y eine Gruppe der Formel ---C(=NOH)--- bedeutet;

j) Umsetzen einer Verbindung der Formel I, in der Y eine Gruppe der Formel ---CO--- bedeutet, unter Standard-Wittig-Reaktionsbedingungen unter Bildung einer Verbindung der Formel I, in der Y eine Gruppe der Formel $\text{---C(=CH}_2\text{)---}$ bedeutet;

k) Oxidieren einer Verbindung der Formel I, in der G eine Gruppe der Formel $\text{---S(O)}_{t-1}\text{---}$ bedeutet, mit einem Oxidationsmittel unter Bildung einer Verbindung der Formel I, in der G eine Gruppe der Formel $\text{---S(O)}_t\text{---}$ bedeutet, worin t den Wert 1 oder 2 hat;

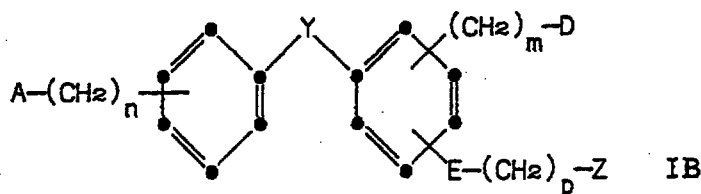
l) Oxidieren einer Verbindung der Formel I, in der Z eine Gruppe der Formel ---G---Q bedeutet und Q eine durch eine oder zwei Gruppen der Formel $\text{---S(O)}_{p'-1}\text{---(C}_1\text{--C}_3\text{---Alkyl)}$ substituierte Phenylgruppe bedeutet, mit einem Oxidationsmittel unter Bildung der entsprechenden Verbindung der Formel I, in der Q eine durch 1 oder 2 Gruppen der Formel $\text{---S(O)}_{p'}\text{---(C}_1\text{--C}_3\text{---Alkyl)}$ bedeutet, worin p' den Wert 1 oder 2 hat;

m) Verestern einer Verbindung der Formel I, in der mindestens einer der Reste A und D eine Gruppe der Formel ---COOH bedeutet, mit einem $\text{C}_1\text{--C}_3$ -Alkyl-Veresterungsmittel unter Bildung einer Verbindung der Formel I, in der mindestens einer der Reste A und D eine Gruppe der Formel $\text{---COO(C}_1\text{--C}_3\text{---Alkyl)}$ bedeutet;

n) Entestern einer Verbindung der Formel I, in der mindestens einer der Reste A und D eine Gruppe der Formel $\text{---COO(C}_1\text{--C}_3\text{---Alkyl)}$ bedeutet, durch Hydrolyse unter Bildung einer Verbindung der Formel I, in der mindestens einer der Reste A und D eine Gruppe der Formel ---COOH oder ein pharmazeutisch verträgliches Salz davon bedeutet; oder



o) Umsetzen einer Verbindung der Formel IB



oder eines pharmazeutisch verträglichen Salzes davon, worin mindestens einer der Reste A oder D eine Cyanogruppe bedeutet und der andere die Bedeutung $-\text{COOR}_1$ oder 5-Tetrazolyl hat;

n den Wert 0 oder 1 hat;

Y die Bedeutung $-\text{O}-$, $-\text{CO}-$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{CO}-$, $-\text{C}(=\text{NOH})-$, $-\text{CHOH}-$, $-\text{CH}_2-$ oder $-\text{C}(=\text{CH}_2)-$ hat;

m einen Wert von 0-3 hat;

E die Bedeutung $-\text{O}-$ oder $-\text{CH}_2-$ hat;

p einen Wert von 0-16 hat; und

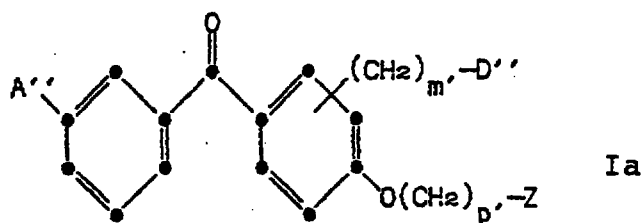
Z die Bedeutung $-\text{H}$ oder $-\text{G}-\text{Q}$ hat, worin

G eine Bindung, $-\text{O}-$, $-\text{S}(\text{O})_2-$, $-\text{NH}-$, oder $-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-$ hat,

R_1 ein Wasserstoffatom oder C_1-C_3 -Alkyl bedeutet,

Q Phenyl oder Phenyl das mit einem oder zwei Substituenten, die aus der Gruppe Halogen, C_1-C_3 -Alkyl, C_1-C_3 -Alkoxy, Nitro, Amino, Trifluormethyl, Hydroxy und $-\text{S}(\text{O})_2$, $-(\text{C}_1-\text{C}_3\text{-Alkyl})$ ausgewählt sind, bedeutet; p" und t unabhängig voneinander einen Wert von 0-2 haben; mit einem Azidreagenz, wie Natriumazid, unter Bildung einer Verbindung der Formel I, in der mindestens einer der Reste A oder D eine 5-Tetrazolylgruppe bedeutet.

2. Verfahren nach Anspruch 1 zur Herstellung einer Verbindung der Formel Ia



oder eines pharmazeutisch verträglichen Basenadditionssalzes davon, worin A" und D" jeweils unabhängig voneinander $-\text{COOH}$ oder 5-Tetrazolyl bedeuten;

m' den Wert 1 oder 2 hat;

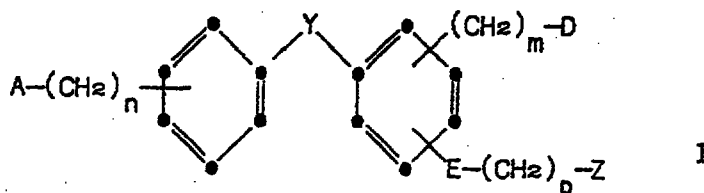
p' den Wert 4-12 hat;

und Z die gleiche Bedeutung wie in Formel I hat.

3. Verfahren nach Anspruch 1 zur Herstellung einer Verbindung der Formel I, wobei es sich um [4-(Decyloxy)-3-(1H-tetrazol-5-ylmethyl)-phenyl]-[3-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)-phenyl]-methanon, 5-(3-Carboxybenzoyl)-2-[[6-(4-methoxyphenyl)-hexyl]-oxy]-benzolpropansäure, 5-(3-Carboxybenzoyl)-2-[[6-(4-methylsulfinylphenyl)-5-hexenyl]-oxy]-benzolpropansäure oder 5-(3-Carboxybenzoyl)-2-[[6-(4-methylsulfonylphenyl)-5-hexenyl]-oxy]-benzolpropansäure oder ein pharmazeutisch verträgliches Salz davon handelt.

4. Verfahren nach Anspruch 1 zur Herstellung von 5-(3-Carboxybenzoyl)-2-[[6-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-(E)-hexenyl]-oxy]-benzolpropansäure oder eines pharmazeutisch verträglichen Salzes davon.

5. Verbindung der Formel I



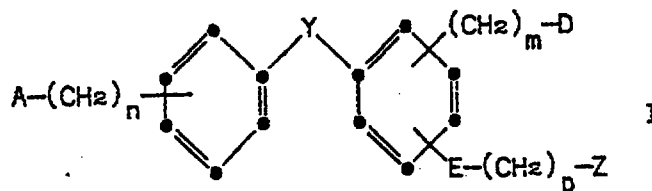
gemäß der Definition von Anspruch 1, worin einer der Reste A oder D eine Cyanogruppe oder eine Gruppe der Formel $-\text{COO}(\text{C}_1-\text{C}_3\text{-Alkyl})$ bedeutet und der andere Reste A oder D- COOR_1 , eine Cyanogruppe oder 5-Tetrazolyl bedeutet.



6. Verfahren zur Herstellung einer pharmazeutischen Zubereitung, umfassend das Vermischen einer Verbindung der Formel (I) oder eines pharmazeutisch verträglichen Salzes davon nach der Definition in einem der Ansprüche 1 bis 5 mit einem oder mehreren pharmazeutisch verträglichen Trägerstoffen oder Verdünnungsmitteln hierfür.

Revendications pour les Etats contractants: AT, BE, CH, DE, FR, GB, IT, LI, LU, NL

1. Composé de la formule I



ou sels pharmaceutiquement acceptables de celui-ci, dans lequel A et D représentent indépendamment un radical cyano, $-\text{COOR}_1$ ou 5-tétrazolylo;

n représente 0 ou 1;

Y représente $-\text{O}-$, $-\text{CO}-$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{CO}-$, $-\text{C}(\text{=NOH})-$, $-\text{CHOH}-$, $-\text{CH}_2-$ ou $-\text{C}(\text{=CH}_2)-$;

m représente 0 - 3;

E représente $-\text{O}-$ ou $-\text{CH}_2-$;

p représente 0-16; et

Z représente $-\text{H}$ ou $-\text{G}-\text{Q}$, dans lequel

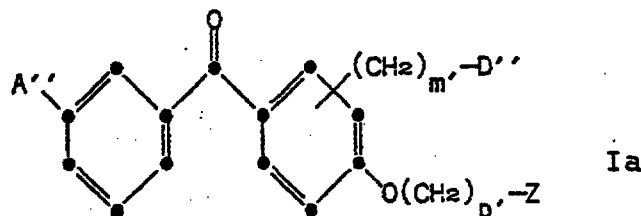
G est une liaison, $-\text{O}-$, $-\text{S}(\text{O})_2-$, $-\text{NH}-$, ou $-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-$,

Q représente un radical phényle ou phényle substitué par un ou deux substituants choisis dans le groupe comprenant les radicaux halo, alkyle en C_1-C_3 , alcoxy en C_1-C_3 , nitro, amino, trifluorométhyle, hydroxy et $-\text{S}(\text{O})_2-\text{C}_1-\text{C}_3$ alkyle);

p' et t représentent indépendamment 0-2; et

R_1 est un atome d'hydrogène ou un radical alkyle en C_1 à C_3 à condition que, si $m = 1$, $-\text{E}-(\text{CH}_2)_p-\text{Z}$ ne peut pas être un radical hydroxy ou méthoxy.

2. Composé selon la revendication 1 et répondant à la formule Ia



ou sel d'addition de base pharmaceutiquement acceptable de celui-ci, dans lequel

A'' et D'' représentent indépendamment un radical $-\text{COOH}$ ou 5-tétrazolylo,

m' représente 0-3, et de préférence 1 ou 2;

p' représente 4-12; et

Z est identique à celui de la formule I.

3. Composé de la formule I tel que revendiqué par la revendication 1, qui est la [4-(décyloxy)-3-(1H-tétrazol-5-ylméthyl) phényl] [3-(1H-tétrazol-5-yl) phényl] méthanone, l'acide 5-(3-carboxybenzoyl)-2-[[6-(4-méthoxyphényl)hexyl]oxy] benzènepropanoïque, l'acide 5-(3-carboxybenzoyl)-2-[[6-(4-méthylsulfonylphényl)-5 hexényl]oxy] benzènepropanoïque, ou l'acide 5-(3-carboxybenzoyl)-2-[[6-(4-méthylsulfonylphényl)-5-hexényl]oxy] benzènepropanoïque ou un sel pharmaceutiquement acceptable de ceux-ci.

4. Acide 5-(3-carboxybenzoyl)-2-[[6-(4-méthoxyphényl)-5-(E)-hexényl]oxy] benzènepropanoïque ou un sel pharmaceutiquement acceptable de celui-ci.

5. Formulation pharmaceutique comprenant un composé selon l'une quelconque des revendications 1 à 4, dans laquelle R_1 représente un atome d'hydrogène et dans laquelle ni A ni D n'est un groupe cyano, ou un sel pharmaceutiquement acceptable de celui-ci associé à un ou plusieurs supports ou excipients pharmaceutiquement acceptables pour celui-ci.

6. Composé de la formule I tel que revendiqué par l'une quelconque des revendications 1 à 4, dans lequel R_1 est un atome d'hydrogène et ni A ni D ne sont un groupe cyano ou un sel acceptable pharmaceutiquement de celui-ci à utiliser pour le traitement des inflammations.

7. Composé de la formule I tel que revendiqué par l'une quelconque des revendications 1 à 4, dans lequel R_1 est un atome d'hydrogène et ni A ni D ne sont un groupe cyano ou un sel pharmaceutiquement acceptable de celui-ci.

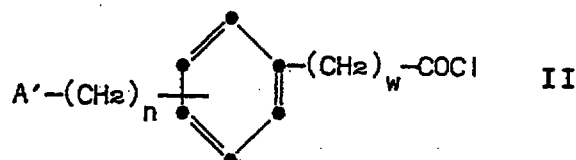


ceptable 10 de celui-ci destiné au traitement du psoriasis.

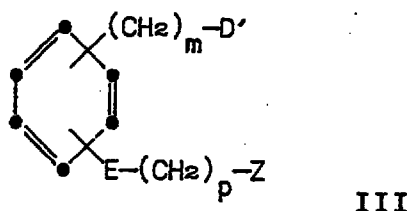
8. Composé de la formule I tel que revendiqué par l'une quelconque des revendications 1 à 4, dans lequel R_1 est un atome d'hydrogène et ni A ni D ne sont un groupe cyano, destiné au traitement de la maladie inflammatoire de l'intestin.

9. Procédé de préparation d'un composé de la formule I tel que revendiqué par l'une quelconque des revendications 1 à 4, qui comprend

a) la réaction d'un composé de la formule III

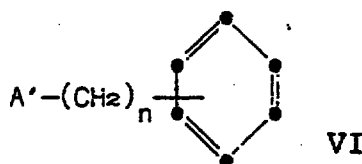


dans laquelle A' représente $-\text{COO}(\text{alkyle } C_1-C_3)$ ou un radical cyano, n est comme à la formule I et $w = 0$ ou 1, avec un composé de la formule III

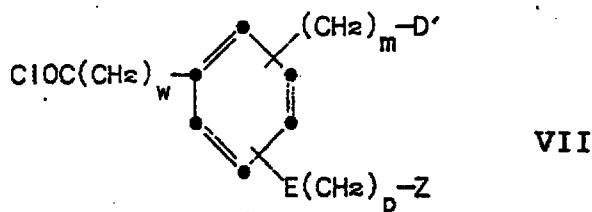


dans laquelle D' est un groupe de la formule $-\text{COC}-(\text{alkyle en } C_1-C_3)$ ou un groupe cyano et m, E, p et Z ont la même signification qu'à la formule I en présence d'un catalyseur acide de Lewis pour obtenir un composé de la formule I, dans lequel Y est un groupe de la formule $-\text{CO}-$ et $-\text{CH}_2\text{CO}$ et A et D représentent indépendamment un groupe de la formule $-\text{COO}(\text{alkyle en } C_1-C_3)$ ou un groupe cyano;

b) la réaction d'un composé de la formule VI

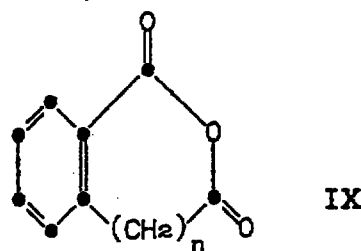


dans laquelle A' est un radical cyano ou un groupe de la formule $-\text{COO}(\text{alkyle en } C_1-C_3)$ et n est comme à la revendication 1, avec un composé de la formule VII



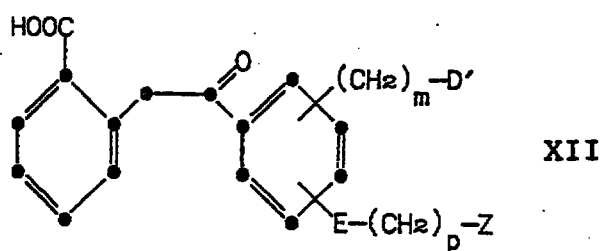
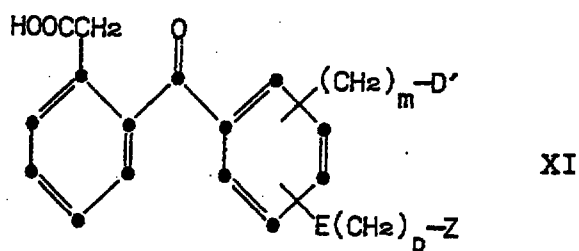
dans laquelle w représente 0 ou 1, D est un radical cyano ou un groupe de la formule $-\text{COO}(\text{alkyle en } C_1-C_3)$ et m, E, p et Z ont la même signification qu'à la formule I, en présence d'un catalyseur acide de Lewis, de manière à obtenir un composé de la formule I dans lequel A et D représentent indépendamment un radical cyano ou un groupe de la formule $-\text{COO}(\text{alkyle en } C_1-C_3)$ et y représente un groupe de la formule $-\text{CO}-$ ou $-\text{COCH}_2$;

c) la réaction d'un composé de la formule IX



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dans laquelle n est défini comme à la formule I avec un composé de la formule III ci-dessus en présence d'un catalyseur acide de Lewis dans un solvant formé d'un hydrocarbure chloré afin d'obtenir des composés de la formule I et, plus particulièrement, des composés de la formule I présentant les formules XI et XII :



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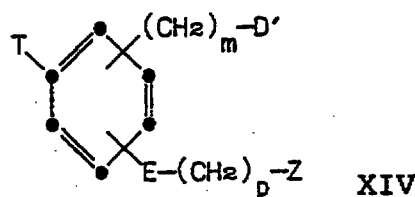
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dans lesquelles D' est un radical cyano ou un groupe de la formule $-\text{COO}(\text{alkyle en } \text{C}_1-\text{C}_3)$ et m, E, p et Z ont la même signification qu'à la formule I.
d) réaction d'un composé de la formule XIII



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dans laquelle A' est un radical cyano ou un groupe de la formule $-\text{COO}(\text{alkyle en } \text{C}_1-\text{C}_3)$ et n est comme à la formule I, avec un composé de la formule XIV :



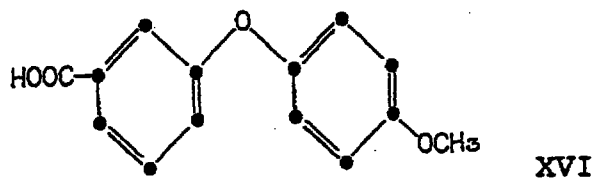
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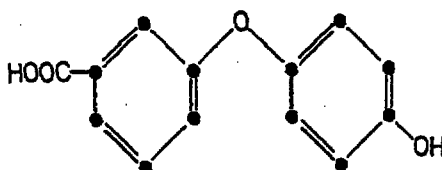
dans laquelle D' est un radical cyano ou un groupe de la formule $-\text{COO}(\text{alkyle en } \text{C}_1-\text{C}_3)$, m, E, p et Z sont comme à la formule I et, dans les formules XIII et XIV, l'un des G et T représente un radical iodo



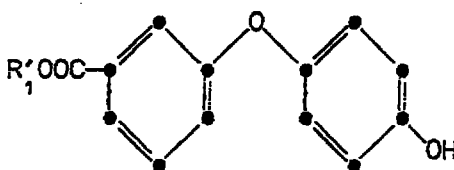
ou bromo et l'autre G et T représente un radical hydroxy, en traitant tout d'abord le mélange réactionnel avec une base de métal alcalin pour obtenir le phénolate de métal alcalin à G ou T, puis en ajoutant l'halogénure d'aryle (dans lequel G ou T est un radical iodo ou bromo) et en ajoutant facultativement des sels de cuivre de manière à obtenir un composé de la formule I dans laquelle y représente $-O-$, A et D représentent indépendamment un radical cyano ou un groupe de la formule $-COO(\text{alkyle en } C_1-C_3)$ et n, m, p, E et Z ont la même signification qu'à la formule I;
e) déméthylation d'un composé de la formule XVI



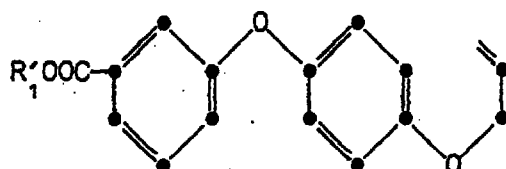
soit avec de l'acide bromhydrique dans l'acide acétique ou du chlorhydrate de pyridine fondu pour obtenir un composé de la formule



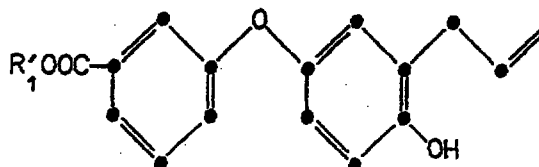
ledit composé étant estérifié à son tour de manière à obtenir un composé de la formule



dans laquelle R_1' représente un radical alkyle en C_1 à C_3 ou un groupe de protection d'un radical carboxy, cette structure étant alkylée à son tour avec du chlorure allylique ou du bromure allylique pour obtenir un composé de la formule



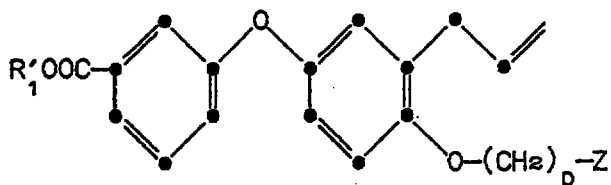
dans laquelle R_1' a la même signification que ci-dessus, ladite structure étant chauffée dans un solvant inerte afin de la réarranger pour obtenir un composé de la formule



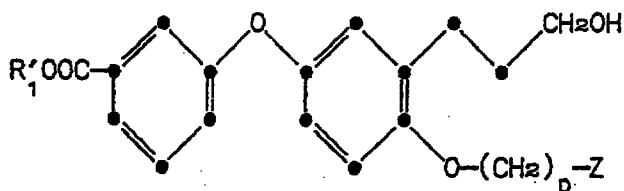
dans laquelle R_1' est comme ci-dessus, le dit composé étant alkylé à son tour par un agent d'alkylation suivant la formule

$Z-(CH_2)_p-X$

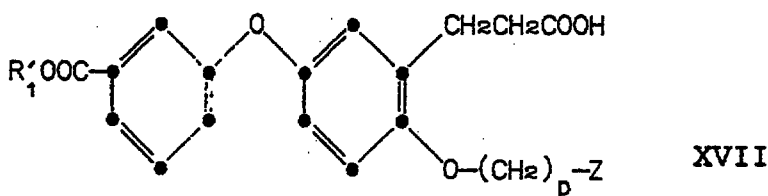
dans laquelle X représente un radical iodo, bromo, chloro ou un groupe mésyle et Z et p sont comme à la formule I, facultativement en présence d'une base forte pour obtenir un composé de la formule



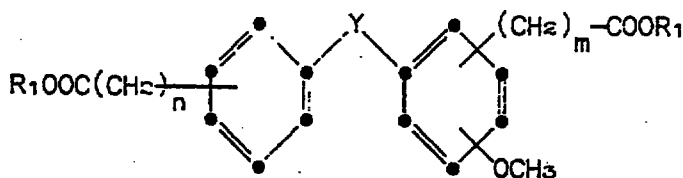
dans laquelle R'_1 est tel que décrit ci-dessus et Z et p sont comme à la formule I, ledit composé étant oxydé à son tour, tout d'abord pour obtenir un alcool de la formule



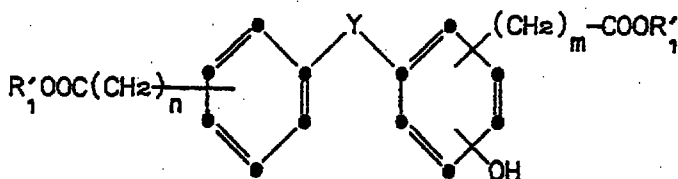
dans laquelle R'_1 est tel que décrit ci-dessus et p et Z sont comme à la formule I, puis avec oxydation pour obtenir un composé de la formule I de la formule XVII:



dans laquelle p et Z sont comme à la formule I et R'_1 est tel que défini ci-dessus;
f) déméthylation d'un composé de la formule

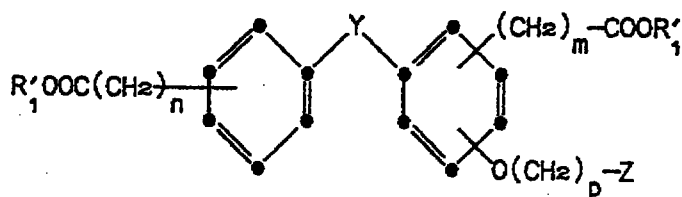


dans laquelle R_1 représente un radical alkyle en C_1 à C_3 et y et m sont tels qu'à la formule I, avec de l'acide bromhydrique dans l'acide acétique ou du chlorhydrate de pyridine fondue; puis en faisant réagir le composé déméthylé avec des réactifs d'estérification protégeant les groupes carboxy afin d'obtenir un composé de la formule



dans laquelle m et n sont tels qu'à la formule I et R'_1 est un groupe de protection des radicaux carboxy, ledit composé réagissant à son tour avec un agent d'alkylation suivant la formule $\text{Z}-(\text{CH}_2)_p-\text{X}$

dans laquelle X est un bon groupe portant tel qu'un radical chloro, bromo, iodo ou mésyle et Z et p sont tels qu'à la formule I, afin d'obtenir un composé de la formule



dans laquelle p, m et n sont tels qu'à la formule I et R₁' est un groupe de protection d'un radical carboxy;
g) réaction d'un composé de la formule I, dans laquelle y est un groupe de la formule -CO- ou -CH₂CO avec un réactif hydrogénant formé de borohydrure, afin d'obtenir un composé selon la revendication 1 dans lequel y représente -CH₂CHOH- ou -CHOH-;

h) réaction d'un composé de la formule I dans laquelle y représente un groupe suivant la formule -CH₂- avec de l'hydrogène gazeux en présence d'un catalyseur qui est un métal de transition (facultativement sur un support); ou

i) réaction d'un composé de la formule I, dans laquelle y représente un groupe de la formule -CO- avec de l'hydroxylamine pour obtenir un composé selon la revendication 1, dans lequel y représente un groupe suivant la formule

-C(=NOH)-;

j) réaction d'un composé de la formule I, dans laquelle y représente un groupe de la formule -CO- dans les conditions de réaction normales de Wittig, afin d'obtenir un composé de la formule I dans laquelle y représente un groupe de la formule -C(=CH₂)-;

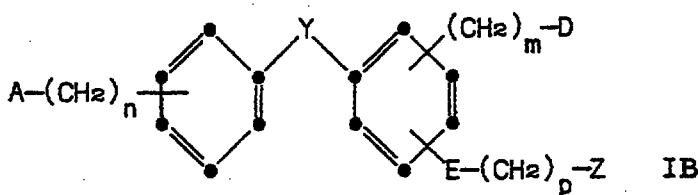
k) oxydation d'un composé de la formule I, dans laquelle G représente un groupe de la formule -S(O)_{t-1} avec un agent d'oxydation afin d'obtenir un composé de la formule I dans laquelle G représente un groupe de la formule -S(O)_t- dans laquelle t représente 1 ou 2;

l) oxydation d'un composé de la formule I, dans laquelle Z représente un groupe de la formule -G-Q et dans laquelle Q représente un radical phényle substitué par un ou deux groupes de la formule -S(O)_{p-1}-(alkyle en C₁-C₃) avec un agent d'oxydation pour obtenir le composé correspondant de la formule I, dans lequel Q représente un groupe phényle substitué par un ou deux groupes de la formule -S(O)_p-(alkyle en C₁-C₃) dans laquelle p" représente un ou deux;

m) estérification d'un composé de la formule I, dans laquelle au moins l'un de A et D est un groupe de la formule -COOH avec un agent d'estérification qui est un alkyle à 1 à 3 atomes de carbone, afin d'obtenir un composé de la formule I dans laquelle au moins l'un de A et D est un groupe de la formule -COO(alkyle en C₁-C₃);

n) désestérification d'un composé de la formule I, dans laquelle au moins l'un de A et D est un groupe de la formule -COO(alkyle en C₁-C₃) par hydrolyse, afin d'obtenir un composé de la formule I dans laquelle au moins l'un de A et D est un groupe de la formule -CO-H ou un sel pharmaceutiquement acceptable de celui-ci; ou

o) réaction d'un composé de la formule IB



ou de sels pharmaceutiquement acceptables de celui-ci, dans laquelle au moins l'un de A et D est un groupe cyano et l'autre est un groupe -COOR₁ ou 5-tétrazolylo;

n représente 0 ou 1;

Y représente -O-, -CO-, -CH₂CO-, -C(=NOH)-, -CHOH-, -CH₂- ou -C(=CH₂)-;

m représente 0-3;

E représente -O- ou -CH₂-;

p représente 0-16; et

Z représente -H ou -G-Q, dans lequel

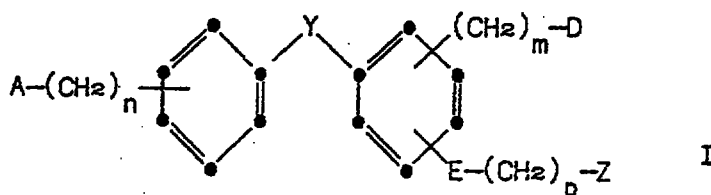
G est une liaison, -O-, -S(O)_t, -NH-, ou -CH=CH-,

R₁ représente un atome d'hydrogène ou un radical alkyle en C₁-C₃;

Q représente un radical phényle ou phényle substitué par un ou deux substituants choisis dans le groupe comprenant les radicaux halo, alkyle en C₁-C₃, alcoxy en C₁-C₃, nitro, amino, trifluorométhyle, hydroxy et -S(O)_p-(alkyle en C₁-C₃) et p" et t représentent indépendamment 0-2; avec un réactif qui est un azoture tel que l'azoture de sodium, afin d'obtenir un composé de la formule I dans lequel au



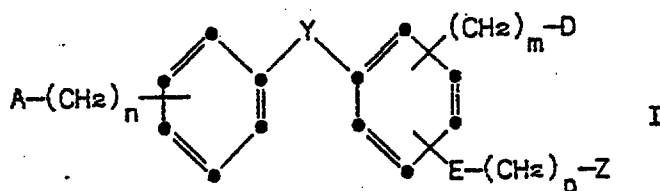
moins l'un de A ou D est un groupe 5-tétrazolylo.
10. Composé de la formule



tel que défini à la revendication 1 dans laquelle l'un de A ou D est un groupe cyano ou un groupe de la formule $-\text{COO}$ (alkyle en C_1-C_3) et l'autre A ou D représente un radical $-\text{COOR}_1$, un groupe cyano ou un radical 5-tétrazolylo.

Revendications pour l'Etat contractant: ES

1. Procédé de préparation d'un composé de la formule I



ou sels pharmaceutiquement acceptables de celui-ci, dans lequel A et D représentent indépendamment un radical cyano, $-\text{COOR}_1$ ou 5-tétrazolylo;

n représente 0 ou 1;

Y représente $-\text{O}-$, $-\text{CO}-$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{CO}-$, $-\text{C}(=\text{NOH})-$, $-\text{CHOH}-$, $-\text{CH}_2-$ ou $-\text{C}(\text{CH}_2)-$;

m représente 0-3;

E représente $-\text{O}-$ ou $-\text{CH}_2-$;

p représente 0-16; et

Z représente $-\text{H}$ ou $-\text{G}-\text{Q}$, dans lequel

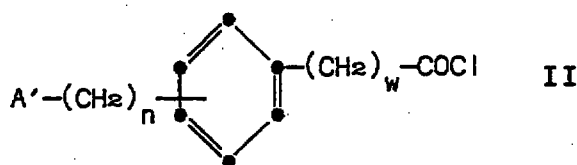
G est une liaison, $-\text{O}-$, $-\text{S}(\text{O})_2-$, $-\text{NH}-$, ou $-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-$,

Q représente un radical phényle ou phényle substitué par un ou deux substituants choisis dans le groupe comprenant les radicaux halo, alkyle en C_1-C_3 , alcoxy en C_1-C_3 , nitro, amino, trifluorométhyle, hydroxy et $-\text{S}(\text{O})_2-(\text{C}_1-\text{C}_3 \text{ alkyle})$;

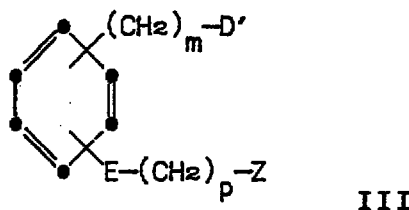
p^* et t représentent indépendamment 0-2; et

R_1 est un atome d'hydrogène ou un radical alkyle en C_1 à C_3 à condition que, si $m = 1$, $-\text{E}-(\text{CH}_2)_p-\text{Z}$ ne peut pas être un radical hydroxy ou méthoxy.

a) la réaction d'un composé de la formule II



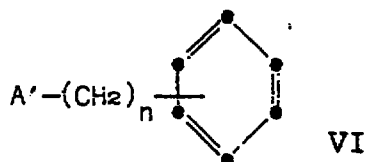
dans laquelle A' représente $-\text{COO}(\text{alkyle } \text{C}_1-\text{C}_3)$ ou un radical cyano, n est comme à la formule I et $w = 0$ ou 1, avec un composé de la formule III



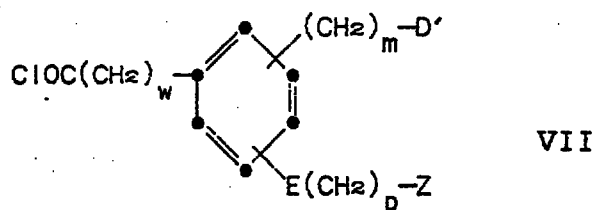
dans laquelle D' est un groupe de la formule $-\text{COC}-(\text{alkyle en } \text{C}_1-\text{C}_3)$ ou un groupe cyano et m, E, p et



Z ont la même signification qu'à la formule I en présence d'un catalyseur acide de Lewis pour obtenir un composé de la formule I, dans lequel Y est un groupe de la formule $-\text{CO}-$ et $-\text{CH}_2\text{CO}$ et A et D représentent indépendamment un groupe de la formule $-\text{COO}(\text{alkyle en } \text{C}_1\text{-C}_3)$ ou un groupe cyano;
b) la réaction d'un composé de la formule VI

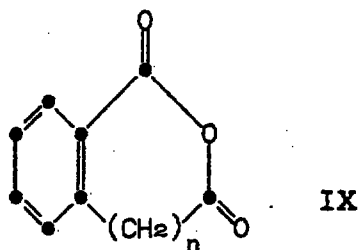


dans laquelle A' est un radical cyano ou un groupe de la formule $-\text{COO}(\text{alkyle en } \text{C}_1\text{-C}_3)$ et n est comme à la revendication 1, avec un composé de la formule VII

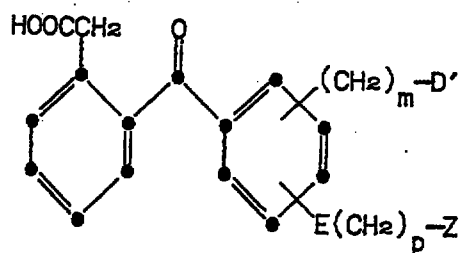


dans laquelle w représente 0 ou 1, D est un radical cyano ou un groupe de la formule $-\text{COO}(\text{alkyle en } \text{C}_1\text{-C}_3)$ et m, E, p et Z ont la même signification qu'à la formule I, en présence d'un catalyseur acide de Lewis, de manière à obtenir un composé de la formule I dans lequel A et D représentent indépendamment un radical cyano ou un groupe de la formule $-\text{COO}(\text{alkyle en } \text{C}_1\text{-C}_3)$ et y représente un groupe de la formule $-\text{CO}-$ ou $-\text{COCH}_2$;

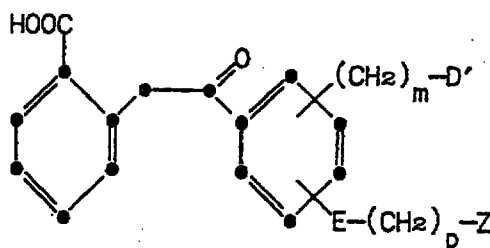
c) la réaction d'un composé de la formule IX



dans laquelle n est défini comme à la formule I avec un composé de la formule III ci-dessus en présence d'un catalyseur acide de Lewis dans un solvant formé d'un hydrocarbure chloré afin d'obtenir des composés de la formule I et, plus particulièrement, des composés de la formule I présentant les formules XI et XII :

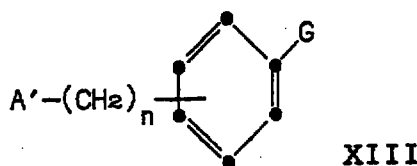


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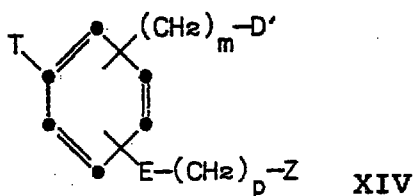
XII

dans lesquelles D' est un radical cyano ou un groupe de la formule $-\text{COO}(\text{alkyle en } \text{C}_1\text{--}\text{C}_3)$ et m, E, p et Z ont la même signification qu'à la formule I.
d) réaction d'un composé de la formule XIII



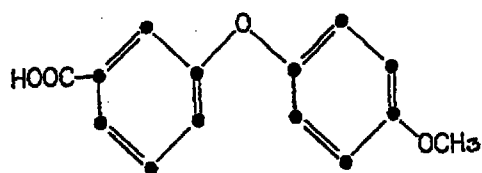
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dans laquelle A' est un radical cyano ou un groupe de la formule $-\text{COO}(\text{alkyle en } \text{C}_1\text{--}\text{C}_3)$ et n est comme à la formule I, avec un composé de la formule XIV :



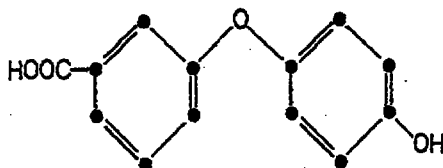
XIV

dans laquelle D' est un radical cyano ou un groupe de la formule $-\text{COO}(\text{alkyle en } \text{C}_1\text{--}\text{C}_3)$, m, E, p et Z sont comme à la formule I et, dans les formules XIII et XIV, l'un des G et T représente un radical iodo ou bromo et l'autre G et T représente un radical hydroxy, en traitant tout d'abord le mélange réactionnel avec une base de métal alcalin pour obtenir le phénolate de métal alcalin à G ou T, puis en ajoutant l'halogénure d'aryle (dans lequel G ou T est un radical iodo ou bromo) et en ajoutant facultativement des sels de cuivre de manière à obtenir un composé de la formule I dans laquelle y représente $-\text{O}-$, A et D représentent indépendamment un radical cyano ou un groupe de la formule $-\text{COO}(\text{alkyle en } \text{C}_1\text{--}\text{C}_3)$ et n, m, p, E et Z ont la même signification qu'à la formule I;
e) déméthylation d'un composé de la formule XVI

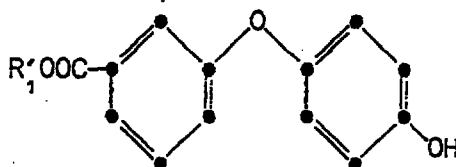


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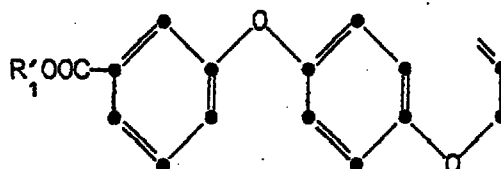
soit avec de l'acide bromhydrique dans l'acide acétique ou du chlorhydrate de pyridine fondu pour obtenir un composé de la formule



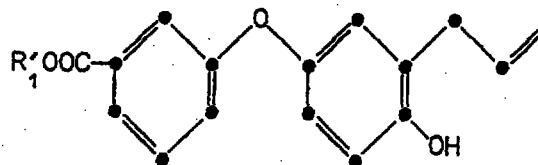
ledit composé étant estérifié à son tour de manière à obtenir un composé de la formule



dans laquelle R_1' représente un radical alkyle en C_1 à C_3 ou un groupe de protection d'un radical carboxy, cette structure étant alkylée à son tour avec du chlorure allylique ou du bromure allylique pour obtenir un composé de la formule



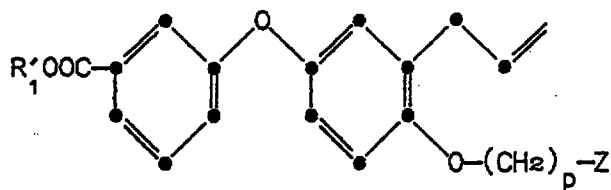
dans laquelle R_1' a la même signification que ci-dessus, ladite structure étant chauffée dans un solvant inerte afin de la réarranger pour obtenir un composé de la formule



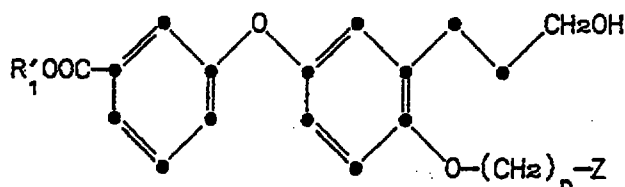
dans laquelle R_1' est comme ci-dessus, ledit composé étant alkylé à son tour par un agent d'alkylation suivant la formule

$Z-(CH_2)_p-X$

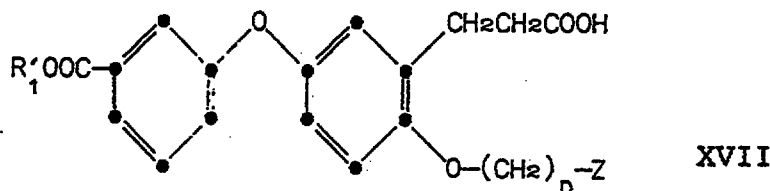
dans laquelle X représente un radical iodo, bromo, chloro ou un groupe mésyle et Z et p sont comme à la formule I, facultativement en présence d'une base forte pour obtenir un composé de la formule



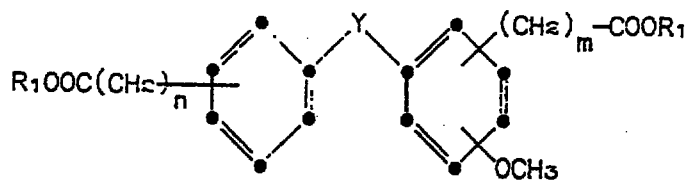
dans laquelle R_1' est tel que décrit ci-dessus et Z et p sont comme à la formule I, ledit composé étant oxydé à son tour, tout d'abord pour obtenir un alcool de la formule



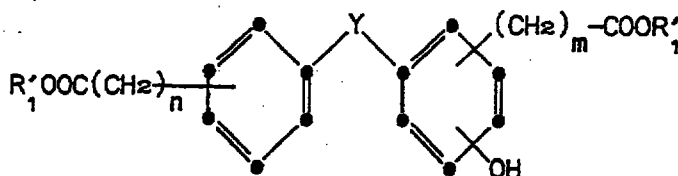
dans laquelle R_1' est tel que décrit ci-dessus et p et Z sont comme à la formule I, puis avec oxydation pour obtenir un composé de la formule I de la formule XVII:



dans laquelle p et Z sont comme à la formule I et R_1' est tel que défini ci-dessus;
f) déméthylation d'un composé de la formule

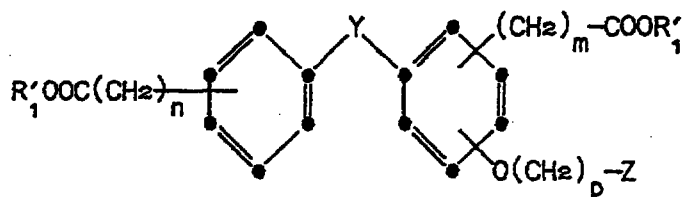


dans laquelle R_1 représente un radical alkyle en C_1 à C_3 et y et m sont tels qu'à la formule I, avec de l'acide bromhydrique dans l'acide acétique ou du chlorhydrate de pyridine fondue; puis en faisant réagir le composé déméthylé avec des réactifs d'estérification protégeant les groupes carboxy afin d'obtenir un composé de la formule

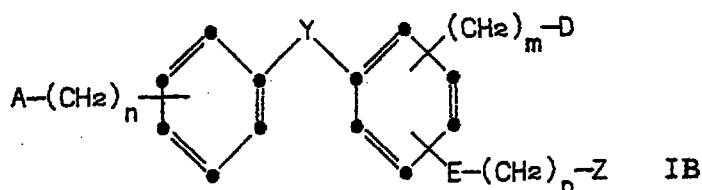


dans laquelle m et n sont tels qu'à la formule I et R_1' est un groupe de protection des radicaux carboxy, ledit composé réagissant à son tour avec un agent d'alkylation suivant la formule

Z-(CH2)p-X
dans laquelle X est un bon groupe portant tel qu'un radical chloro, bromo, iodo ou mésyle et Z et p sont tels qu'à la formule I, afin d'obtenir un composé de la formule

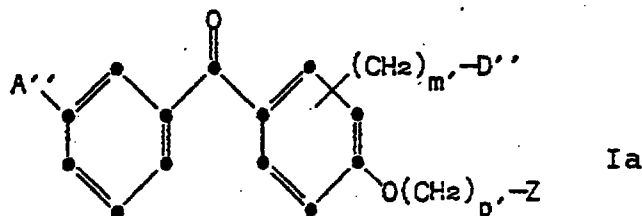


dans laquelle p, m et n sont tels qu'à la formule I et R₁' est un groupe de protection d'un radical carboxy;
 g) réaction d'un composé de la formule I, dans laquelle y est un groupe de la formule -CO- ou -CH₂CO- avec un réactif hydrogénant formé de borohydrure, afin d'obtenir un composé selon la revendication 1 dans lequel y représente -CH₂CHOH- ou -CHOH-;
 h) réaction d'un composé de la formule I dans laquelle y représente un groupe suivant la formule -CH₂- avec de l'hydrogène gazeux en présence d'un catalyseur qui est un métal de transition (facultativement sur un support); ou
 de la formule -COOH avec un agent d'estérification qui est un alkyle à 1 à 3 atomes de carbone, afin d'obtenir un composé de la formule I dans laquelle au moins l'un de A et D est un groupe de la formule -COO(alkyle en C₁-C₃);
 n) désestérification d'un composé de la formule I, dans laquelle au moins l'un de A et D est un groupe de la formule -COO(alkyle en C₁-C₃) par hydrolyse, afin d'obtenir un composé de la formule I dans laquelle au moins l'un de A et D est un groupe de la formule -COH ou un sel pharmaceutiquement acceptable de celui-ci; ou
 o) réaction d'un composé de la formule IB



ou de sels pharmaceutiquement acceptables de celui-ci, dans laquelle au moins l'un de A et D est un groupe cyano et l'autre est un groupe -COOR₁ ou 5-tétrazolylo;
 n représente 0 ou 1;
 Y représente -O-, -CO-, -CH₂CO-, -C(=NOH)-, -CHOH-, -CH₂- ou -C(=CH₂)-;
 m représente 0-3;
 E représente -O- ou -CH₂;
 p représente 0-16; et
 Z représente -H ou -G-Q, dans lequel
 G est une liaison, -O-, -S(O)_t, -NH-, ou -CH=CH-,
 R₁ représente un atome d'hydrogène ou un radical alkyle en C₁-C₃;
 Q représente un radical phényle ou phényle substitué par un ou deux substituants choisis dans le groupe comprenant les radicaux halo, alkyle en C₁-C₃, alcoxy en C₁-C₃, nitro, amino, trifluorométhyle, hydroxy et -S(O)_p-(alkyle en C₁-C₃) et
 p" et t représentent indépendamment 0-2; avec un réactif qui est un azoture tel que l'azoture de sodium; afin d'obtenir un composé de la formule I dans lequel au moins l'un de A ou D est un groupe 5-tétrazolylo.

2. Procédé selon la revendication 1 de préparation d'un composé de la formule Ia



ou d'un sel d'addition de base pharmaceutiquement acceptable de celui-ci, dans lequel
 A'' et D'' représentent indépendamment un radical -COOH ou 5-tétrazolylo,
 m' représente 0-3, et de préférence 1 ou 2;
 p' représente 4-12; et
 Z est identique à celui de la formule I.

3. Procédé selon la revendication 1 de préparation d'un composé de la formule I, qui est la [4-



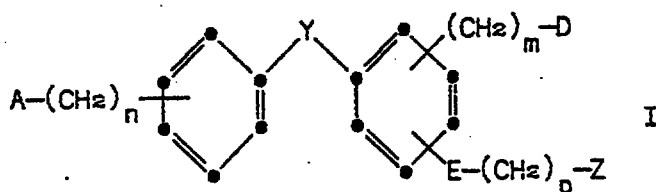
(décyloxy)-3-(1H-tétrazol-5-ylméthyl)phényl] [3-(1H-tétrazol-5-yl) phényl]méthanone, l'acide 5-(3-carboxybenzoyl)-2-[6-(4-méthoxyphényl)hexyl[oxy]benzènepropanoïque, l'acide 5-(3-carboxybenzoyl)-2-[6-(4-méthylsulfinylphényl)-5-hexényl/oxy]benzènepropanoïque, ou l'acide 5-(3-carboxybenzoyl)-2-[6-(4-méthylsulfonylphényl)-5-hexényl/oxy]benzènepropanoïque ou un sel pharmaceutiquement acceptable de ceux-ci.

4. Procédé selon la revendication 1 de préparation de l'acide 5-(3-carboxybenzoyl)-2-[6-(4-méthoxyphényl)-5-(E)-hexényl/oxy]benzènepropanoïque ou un sel pharmaceutiquement acceptable de celui-ci.

5. Procédé de préparation d'une formulation pharmaceutique comprenant un composé selon l'une quelconque des revendications 1 à 4, dans laquelle R_1 représente un atome d'hydrogène et dans laquelle ni A ni D n'est un groupe cyano, ou un sel pharmaceutiquement acceptable de celui-ci associé à un ou plusieurs supports ou excipients pharmaceutiquement acceptables pour celui-ci.

Revendications pour l'Etat contractant: GR

1. Procédé de préparation d'un composé de la formule I



ou sels pharmaceutiquement acceptables de celui-ci, dans lequel A et D représentent indépendamment un radical cyano, $-\text{COOR}_1$ ou 5-tétrazolylo;

n représente 0 ou 1;

Y représente $-\text{O}-$, $-\text{CO}-$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{CO}-$, $-\text{C}(\text{=NOH})-$, $-\text{CHOH}-$, $-\text{CH}_2-$ ou $-\text{C}(\text{=CH}_2)-$;

m représente 0-3;

E représente $-\text{O}-$ ou $-\text{CH}_2-$;

p représente 0-16; et

Z représente $-\text{H}$ ou $-\text{G}-\text{Q}$, dans lequel

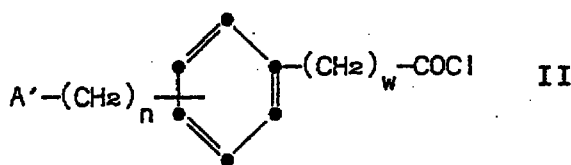
G est une liaison, $-\text{O}-$, $-\text{S}(\text{O})_t-$, $-\text{NH}-$, ou $-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-$,

Q représente un radical phényle ou phényle substitué par un ou deux substituants choisis dans le groupe comprenant les radicaux halo, alkyle en C_1-C_3 , alcoxy en C_1-C_3 , nitro, amino, trifluorométhyle, hydroxy et $-\text{S}(\text{O})_p-(\text{C}_1-\text{C}_3 \text{ alkyle})$;

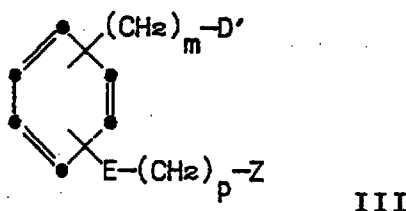
p^* et t représentent indépendamment 0-2; et

R_1 est un atome d'hydrogène ou un radical alkyle en C_1 à C_3 à condition que, si $m = 1$, $-\text{E}-(\text{CH}_2)_p-\text{Z}$ ne peut pas être un radical hydroxy ou méthoxy, qui comprend.

a) la réaction d'un composé de la formule II



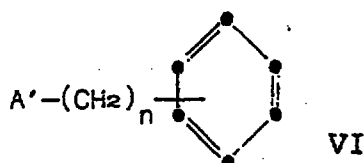
dans laquelle A' représente $-\text{COO}(\text{alkyle } \text{C}_1-\text{C}_3)$ ou un radical cyano, n est comme à la formule I et w = 0 ou 1, avec un composé de la formule III



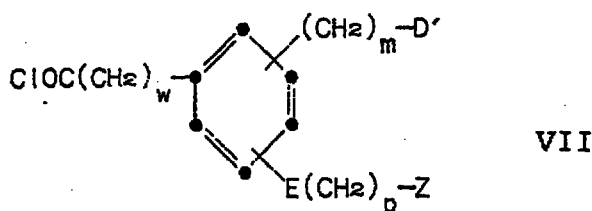
dans laquelle D' est un groupe de la formule $-\text{COC}-(\text{alkyle en } \text{C}_1-\text{C}_3)$ ou un groupe cyano et m, E, p et Z ont la même signification qu'à la formule I en présence d'un catalyseur acide de Lewis pour obtenir



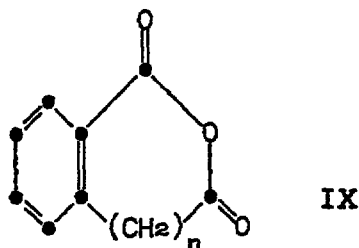
un composé de la formule I, dans lequel Y est un groupe de la formule $-\text{CO}-$ et $-\text{CH}_2\text{CO}$ et A et D représentent indépendamment un groupe de la formule $-\text{COO}(\text{alkyle en } \text{C}_1\text{-C}_3)$ ou un groupe cyano;
b) la réaction d'un composé de la formule VI



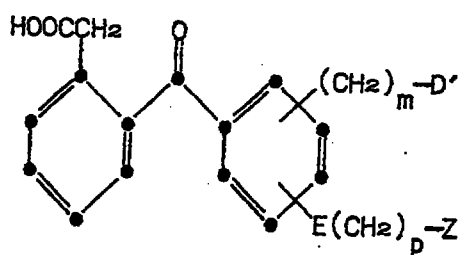
dans laquelle A' est un radical cyano ou un groupe de la formule $-\text{COO}(\text{alkyle en } \text{C}_1\text{-C}_3)$ et n est comme à la revendication 1, avec un composé de la formule VII



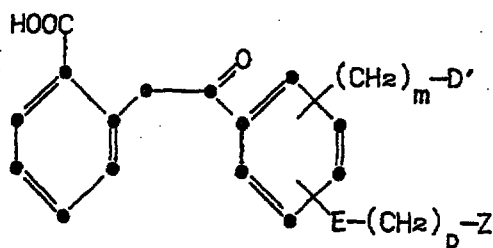
dans laquelle w représente 0 ou 1, D est un radical cyano ou un groupe de la formule $-\text{COO}(\text{alkyle en } \text{C}_1\text{-C}_3)$ et m, E, p et Z ont la même signification qu'à la formule I, en présence d'un catalyseur acide de Lewis, de manière à obtenir un composé de la formule I dans lequel A et D représentent indépendamment un radical cyano ou un groupe de la formule $-\text{COO}(\text{alkyle en } \text{C}_1\text{-C}_3)$ et y représente un groupe de la formule $-\text{CO}-$ ou $-\text{COCH}_2$;
c) la réaction d'un composé de la formule IX



dans laquelle n est défini comme à la formule I avec un composé de la formule III ci-dessus en présence d'un catalyseur acide de Lewis dans un solvant formé d'un hydrocarbure chloré afin d'obtenir des composés de la formule I et, plus particulièrement, des composés de la formule I présentant les formules XI et XII :



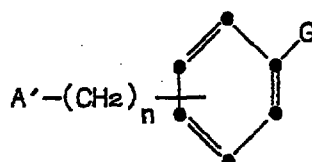
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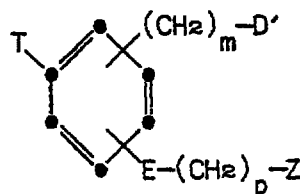
dans lesquelles D' est un radical cyano ou un groupe de la formule $-\text{COO}(\text{alkyle en } \text{C}_1\text{--}\text{C}_3)$ et m, E, p et Z ont la même signification qu'à la formule I.

d) réaction d'un composé de la formule XIII



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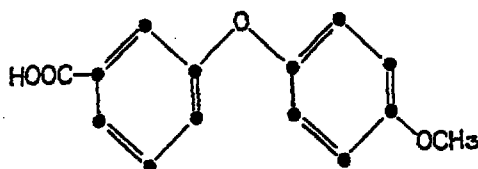
dans laquelle A' est un radical cyano ou un groupe de la formule $-\text{COO}(\text{alkyle en } \text{C}_1\text{--}\text{C}_3)$ et n est comme à la formule I, avec un composé de la formule XIV:



XIV

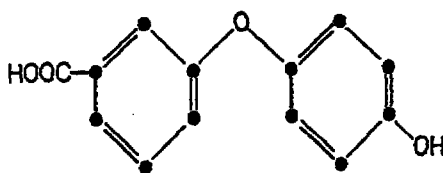
dans laquelle D' est un radical cyano ou un groupe de la formule $-\text{COO}(\text{alkyle en } \text{C}_1\text{--}\text{C}_3)$, m, E, p et Z sont comme à la formule I et, dans les formules XIII et XIV, l'un des G et T représente un radical iodo ou bromo et l'autre G et T représente un radical hydroxy, en traitant tout d'abord le mélange réactionnel avec une base de métal alcalin pour obtenir le phénolate de métal alcalin à G ou T, puis en ajoutant l'halogénure d'aryle (dans lequel G ou T est un radical iodo ou bromo) et en ajoutant facultativement des sels de cuivre de manière à obtenir un composé de la formule I dans laquelle y représente $-\text{O}-$, A et D représentent indépendamment un radical cyano ou un groupe de la formule $-\text{COO}(\text{alkyle en } \text{C}_1\text{--}\text{C}_3)$ et n, m, p, E et Z ont la même signification qu'à la formule I;

e) déméthylation d'un composé de la formule XVI

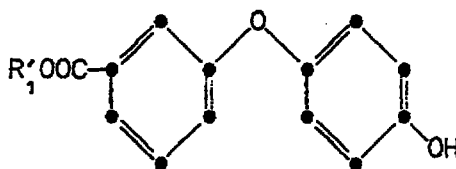


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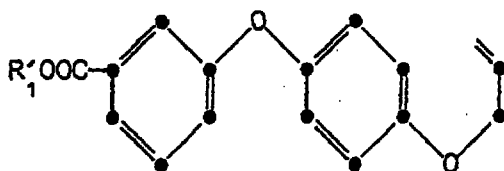
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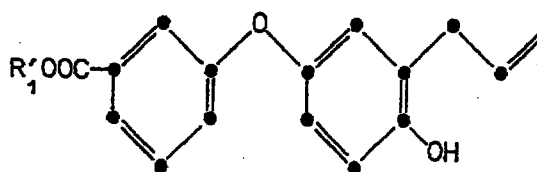
ledit composé étant estérifié à son tour de manière à obtenir un composé de la formule



dans laquelle R_1' représente un radical alkyle en C_1 à C_3 ou un groupe de protection d'un radical carboxy, cette structure étant alkylée à son tour avec du chlorure allylique ou du bromure allylique pour obtenir un composé de la formule



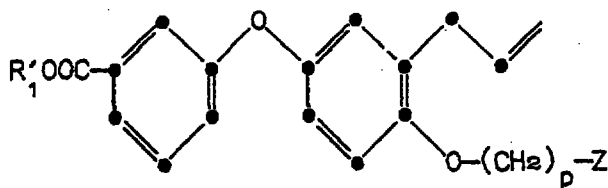
dans laquelle R_1' a la même signification que ci-dessus, ladite structure étant chauffée dans un solvant inerte afin de la réarranger pour obtenir un composé de la formule



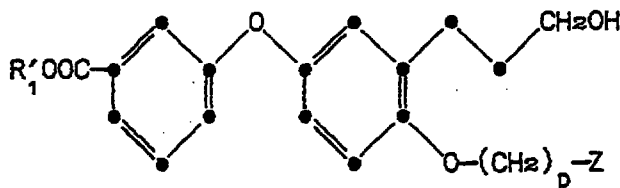
dans laquelle R_1' est comme ci-dessus, ledit composé étant alkylé à son tour par un agent d'alkylation suivant la formule

$Z-(CH_2)_p-X$

dans laquelle X représente un radical iodo, bromo, chloro ou un groupe mésyle et Z et p sont comme à la formule I, facultativement en présence d'une base forte pour obtenir un composé de la formule



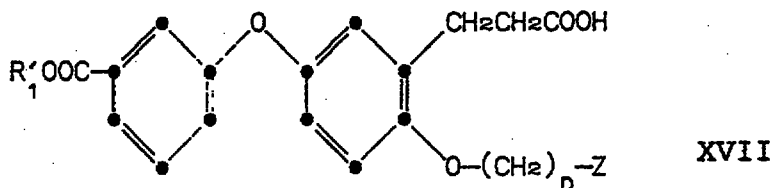
dans laquelle R_1' est tel que décrit ci-dessus et Z et p sont comme à la formule I, ledit composé étant oxydé à son tour, tout d'abord pour obtenir un alcool de la formule



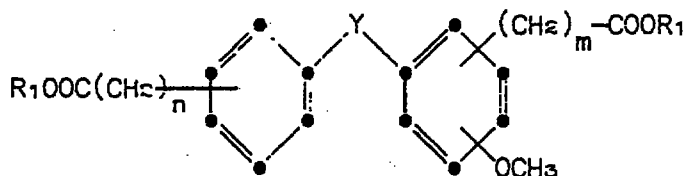
dans laquelle R_1' est tel que décrit ci-dessus et p et Z sont comme à la formule I, puis avec oxydation



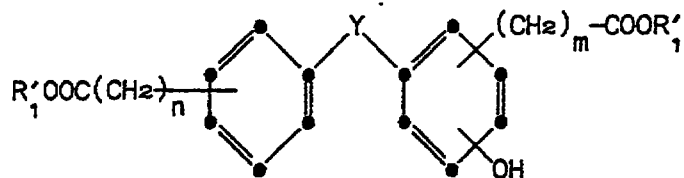
pour obtenir un composé de la formule I de la formule XVII:



dans laquelle p et Z sont comme à la formule I et R₁' est tel que défini ci-dessus;
f) déméthylation d'un composé de la formule

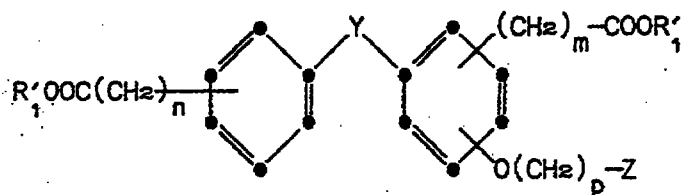


dans laquelle R₁ représente un radical alkyle en C₁ à C₃ et y et m sont tels qu'à la formule I, avec de l'acide bromhydrique dans l'acide acétique ou du chlorhydrate de pyridine fondue; puis en faisant réagir le composé déméthylé avec des réactifs d'estérification protégeant les groupes carboxy afin d'obtenir un composé de la formule



dans laquelle m et n sont tels qu'à la formule I et R₁' est un groupe de protection des radicaux carboxy, ledit composé réagissant à son tour avec un agent d'alkylation suivant la formule
Z-(CH₂)p-X

dans laquelle X est un bon groupe portant tel qu'un radical chloro, bromo, iodo ou mésyle et Z et p sont tels qu'à la formule I, afin d'obtenir un composé de la formule



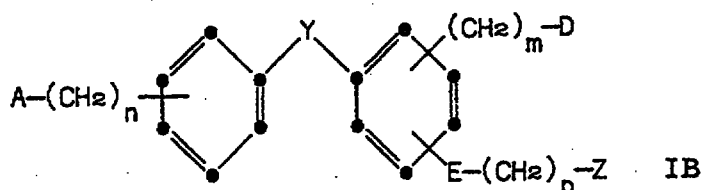
dans laquelle p, m et n sont tels qu'à la formule I et R₁' est un groupe de protection d'un radical carboxy;
g) réaction d'un composé de la formule I, dans laquelle y est un groupe de la formule -CO- ou -CH₂CO avec un réactif hydrogénant formé de borohydure, afin d'obtenir un composé selon la revendication 1 dans lequel y représente -CH₂CHOH- ou -CHOH-;

h) réaction d'un composé de la formule I dans laquelle y représente un groupe suivant la formule -CH₂- avec de l'hydrogène gazeux en présence d'un catalyseur qui est un métal de transition (facultativement sur un support); ou

de la formule -COOH avec un agent d'estérification qui est un alkyle à 1 à 3 atomes de carbone, afin d'obtenir un composé de la formule I dans laquelle au moins l'un de A et D est un groupe de la formule -COO(alkyle en C₁-C₃);

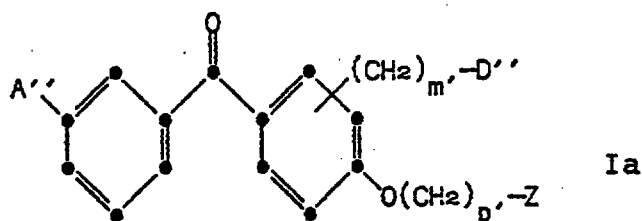
n) désestérification d'un composé de la formule I, dans laquelle au moins l'un de A et D est un groupe de la formule -COO(alkyle en C₁-C₃) par hydrolyse, afin d'obtenir un composé de la formule I dans laquelle au moins l'un de A et D est un groupe de la formule -CO-H ou un sel pharmaceutiquement acceptable de celui-ci; ou

o) réaction d'un composé de la formule IB



- ou de sels pharmaceutiquement acceptables de celui-ci, dans laquelle au moins l'un de A et D est un groupe cyano et l'autre est un groupe $-\text{COOR}_1$ ou 5-tétrazolye;
 n représente 0 ou 1;
 Y représente $-\text{O}-$, $-\text{CO}-$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{CO}-$, $-\text{C}(=\text{NOH})-$, $-\text{CHOH}-$, $-\text{CH}_2-$ ou $-\text{C}(=\text{CH}_2)-$; m représente 0-3;
 E représente $-\text{O}-$ ou $-\text{CH}_2-$;
 p représente 0-16; et
 Z représente $-\text{H}$ ou $-\text{G}-\text{Q}$, dans lequel
 G est une liaison, $-\text{O}-$, $-\text{S}(\text{O})_t-$, $-\text{NH}-$, ou $-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-$,
 R_1 représente un atome d'hydrogène ou un radical alkyle en C_1-C_3 ;
 Q représente un radical phényle ou phényle substitué par un ou deux substituants choisis dans le groupe comprenant les radicaux halo, alkyle en C_1-C_3 , alcoxy en C_1-C_3 , nitro, amino, trifluorométhyle, hydroxy et $-\text{S}(\text{O})_{p'}-(\text{alkyle en } \text{C}_1-\text{C}_3)$ et p' et t représentent indépendamment 0-2; avec un réactif qui est un azoture tel que l'azoture de sodium, afin d'obtenir un composé de la formule I dans lequel au moins l'un de A ou D est un groupe 5-tétrazolye.

2. Procédé selon la revendication 1 de préparation d'un composé de la formule la

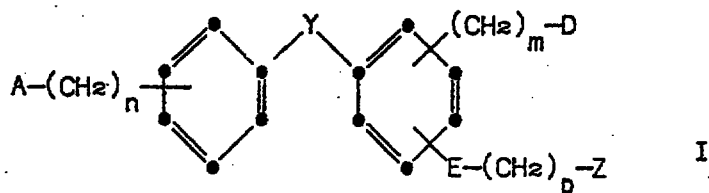


- ou d'un sel d'addition de base pharmaceutiquement acceptable de celui-ci, dans lequel
 A'' et D'' représentent indépendamment un radical $-\text{COOH}$ ou 5-tétrazolye,
 m' représente 0-3, et de préférence 1 ou 2;
 p' représente 4-12; et
 Z est identique à celui de la formule I.

3. Procédé selon la revendication 1 de préparation d'un composé de la formule I qui est la [4-(décyloxy)-3-(1H-tétrazol-5-ylméthyl)phényl] [3-(1H-tétrazol-5-yl)ph6zényl]méthanone, l'acide 5-(3-carboxybenzoyl)-2-[/6-(4-méthoxypényl)hexyl[oxy]benzène]propanoïque, l'acide 5-(3-carboxybenzoyl)-2-[/6-(4-méthylsulfonylphényl)-5-hexényl[oxy]benzène]propanoïque, ou l'acide 5-(3-carboxybenzoyl)-2-[/6-(4-méthylsulfonylphényl)-5-hexényl[oxy]benzène]propanoïque ou un sel pharmaceutiquement acceptable de ceux-ci.

4. Procédé selon la revendication 1 de préparation l'acide 5-(3-carboxybenzoyl)-2-[/6-(4-méthoxyphényl)-5-(E)-hexényl[oxy]benzène]propanoïque ou un sel pharmaceutiquement acceptable de celui-ci.

5. Composé de la formule I



tel que défini à la revendication 1 dans laquelle l'un A et D est un groupe cyano ou un groupe de la formule $-\text{COO}(\text{alkyle en } \text{C}_1-\text{C}_3)$ et l'autre A ou D représente un radical $-\text{COOR}_1$ un groupe cyano ou radical 5-tétrazolye;

- n représente 0 ou 1;
 Y représente $-\text{O}-$, $-\text{CO}-$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{CO}-$, $-\text{C}(=\text{NOH})-$, $-\text{CHOH}-$, $-\text{CH}_2-$ ou $-\text{C}(=\text{CH}_2)-$;
 m représente 0-3;



E représente $-O-$ ou $-CH_2-$;

p représente 0-16; et 6z

Z représente $-H$ ou $-G-Q$, dans lequel

G est une liaison, $-O-$, $-S(O)_t-$, $-NH-$, ou $-CH=CH-$,

Q représente un radical phényle ou phényle substitué par un ou deux substituants choisis dans le groupe comprenant les radicaux halo, alkyle en C_1-C_3 , alcoxy en C_1-C_3 , nitro, amino, trifluorométhyle, hydroxy et $-S(O)_p-(C_1-C_3 \text{ alkyle})$;

p" et t représentent indépendamment 0-2;

10 6. Procédé de préparation d'une formation pharmaceutique qui comprend le mélange d'un composé de la formule (I) ou d'un sel pharmaceutiquement acceptable de celui-ci, tel que défini par l'une quelconque des revendications 1 à 5 avec un ou plusieurs supports ou excipients pharmaceutiquement acceptables pour celui-ci.

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