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Marcus(57) **ABSTRACT**Cycloalcanoindole and -azaindole derivatives are prepared  
by reaction of appropriately substituted carboxylic acids  
with amines. The cycloalcanoindole and -azaindole deriva-  
tives are suitable as active compounds for medicaments,  
preferably antiatherosclerotic medicaments.**5 Claims, No Drawings**

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**CYCLOALKANO-INDOLE AND  
-AZAINDOLE DERIVATIVES**

CROSS-REFERENCE

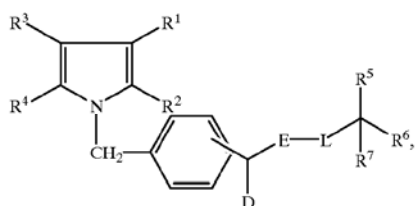
This application is a Divisional of application Ser. No. 09/313,035 now U.S. Pat. No. 6,265,431 filed May 17, 1999, which is a division of application Ser. No. 08/887,781, filed Jul. 3, 1997, which is a division of application Ser. No. 08/535,698, filed Sep. 28, 1995, now U.S. Pat. No. 5,684,014.

The present invention relates to cycloalkano-indole and -azaindole derivatives, processes for their preparation and their use as medicaments, in particular as antiatherosclerotic medicaments.

It is known that increased blood levels of triglycerides (hypertriglyceridaemia) and cholesterol (hypercholesterolaemia) are associated with the genesis of atherosclerotic vessel wall changes and coronary heart diseases.

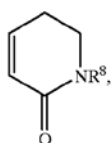
A distinctly increased risk of the development of coronary heart disease is moreover present if these two risk factors occur in combination, which is accompanied, in turn, with an overproduction of apolipoprotein B-100. There is therefore, as before, a great need to make available effective medicaments for the control of atherosclerosis and coronary heart diseases.

The present invention relates to cycloalkano-indole and -azaindole derivatives of the general formula (I)



in which

$R^1$  and  $R^2$ , including the double bond connecting them, together form a phenyl or pyridyl ring or a ring of the formula



wherein

$R^8$  denotes hydrogen or straight-chain or branched alkyl having up to 4 carbon atoms,

$R^3$  and  $R^4$ , including the double bond connecting them, together form a phenyl ring or a 4- to 8-membered cycloalkene or oxocycloalkene radical,

all ring systems mentioned under  $R^1/R^2$  and  $R^3/R^4$  optionally being substituted up to 3 times by identical or different halogen, trifluoromethyl, carboxyl or hydroxyl substituents, by straight-chain or branched alkoxy or alkoxy carbonyl each having up to 6 carbon atoms or by straight-chain or branched alkyl having up to 6 carbon atoms, which, for its part, can be substituted by hydroxyl or by straight-chain or branched alkoxy having up to 4 carbon atoms,

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D represents hydrogen, cycloalkyl having 4 to 12 carbon atoms or straight-chain or branched alkyl having up to 12 carbon atoms,

E represents the  $-\text{CO}-$  or  $-\text{CS}-$  group,

L represents an oxygen or sulphur atom or a group of the formula  $-\text{NR}^9$ ,

wherein

$R^9$  denotes hydrogen or straight-chain or branched alkyl having up to 6 carbon atoms, which is optionally substituted by hydroxyl or phenyl,

$R^5$  represents phenyl or a 5- to 7-membered saturated or unsaturated heterocycle having up to 3 heteroatoms from the series consisting of S, N and/or O, the cycles optionally being substituted up to 3 times by identical or different nitro, carboxyl, halogen or cyano substituents or by straight-chain or branched alkenyl or alkoxy carbonyl each having up to 6 carbon atoms or by straight-chain or branched alkyl having up to 6 carbon atoms, which is optionally substituted by hydroxyl, carboxyl or by straight-chain or branched alkoxy or alkoxy carbonyl each having up to 6 carbon atoms, and/or the cycles optionally being substituted by a group of the formula  $-\text{OR}^{10}$  or  $-\text{NR}^{11}\text{R}^{12}$ ,

wherein

$R^{10}$  denotes hydrogen or straight-chain or branched alkyl or alkenyl each having up to 6 carbon atoms,

$R^{11}$  and  $R^{12}$  are identical or different and denote phenyl, hydrogen or straight-chain or branched alkyl having up to 6 carbon atoms or straight-chain or branched acyl having up to 8 carbon atoms, which is optionally substituted by a group of the formula  $-\text{NR}^{13}\text{R}^{14}$ ,

(I) wherein

$R^{13}$  and  $R^{14}$  are identical or different and denote hydrogen or straight-chain or branched acyl having up to 8 carbon atoms,

$R^6$  represents hydrogen, carboxyl or straight-chain or branched alkoxy carbonyl having up to 5 carbon atoms, or represents straight-chain or branched alkyl having up to 6 carbon atoms, which is optionally substituted by hydroxyl or by a group of the formula  $-\text{O}-\text{CO}-\text{R}^{15}$ ,

wherein

$R^{15}$  denotes phenyl which is optionally substituted up to 3 times by identical or different halogen or hydroxyl substituents or by straight-chain or branched alkyl having up to 5 carbon atoms, or straight-chain or branched alkyl or alkenyl each having up to 22 carbon atoms, each of which is optionally substituted by a group of the formula  $-\text{OR}^6$ ,

wherein

$R^{16}$  is hydrogen, benzyl, triphenylmethyl or straight-chain or branched acyl having up to 6 carbon atoms,

$R^7$  represents hydrogen or

$R^6$  and  $R^7$  together represent the group of the formula  $=\text{O}$ ,

if appropriate in an isomeric form and their salts.

The cycloalkano-indole and -azaindole derivatives according to the invention can also be present in the form of their salts. In general, salts with organic or inorganic bases or acids may be mentioned here.

In the context of the present invention, physiologically acceptable salts are preferred. Physiologically acceptable salts of the compounds according to the invention can be salts of the substances according to the invention with mineral acids, carboxylic acids or sulphonic acids. Particularly preferred salts are, for example, those with hydrochloric acid, hydrobromic acid, sulphuric acid, phosphoric acid, methanesulphonic acid, ethanesulphonic acid, toluenesulphonic acid, benzenesulphonic acid, naphthalenedisulphonic acid, acetic acid, propionic acid, lactic acid, tartaric acid, citric acid, fumaric acid, maleic acid or benzoic acid.

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Physiologically acceptable salts can also be metal or ammonium salts of the compounds according to the invention which have a free carboxyl group. Particularly preferred salts are, for example, sodium, potassium, magnesium or calcium salts, and also ammonium salts which are derived from ammonia, or organic amines, such as, for example ethylamine, di- or triethylamine, di- or triethanolamine, dicyclohexylamine, dimethylaminoethanol, arginine, lysine, ethylenediamine or 2-phenylethylamine.

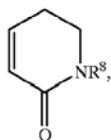
Including the double bond of parent structure, the cycloalkene radical ( $R^3/R^4$ ) in the context of the invention in general represents a 4- to 8-membered hydrocarbon radical, preferably a 5- to 8-membered hydrocarbon radical, for example a cyclobutene, cyclopentene, cyclohexene, cycloheptene or cyclooctene radical. The cyclopentene, cyclohexene, cyclooctene or cycloheptene radicals are preferred

Heterocycle ( $R^5$ ) in the context of the invention in general represents a saturated or unsaturated 5- to 7-membered heterocycle, preferably a 5- to 6-membered heterocycle, which can contain up to 3 heteroatoms from the series consisting of S, N and/or O. Examples which may be mentioned are: pyridyl, thienyl, furyl, pyrrolyl, thiazolyl, oxazolyl, imidazolyl, morpholinyl or piperidyl. Pyridyl and thienyl are preferred.

The compounds according to the invention can exist in stereoisomeric forms which either behave as image and mirror image (enantiomers), or do which do not behave as image and mirror image (diastereomers). The invention relates both to the enantiomers and diastereomers and their respective mixtures. These mixtures of the enantiomers and diastereomers can be separated in a known manner into the stereoisomerically uniform constituents.

Preferred compounds of the general formula (I) are those in which

$R^1$  and  $R^2$ , including the double bond connecting them, together form a phenyl or pyridyl ring or a ring of the formula



wherein

$R^8$  denotes hydrogen or stright-chain or branched alkyl having up to 3 carbon atoms,

$R^3$  and  $R^4$ , including the double bond connecting them, together form a phenyl ring or a cyclopentene, cyclohexene, cycloheptene, cyclooctene, oxocyclopentene, oxocyclohexene, oxocycloheptene or oxocyclooctene radical,

all ring systems mentioned under  $R^1/R^2$  and  $R^3/R^4$  optionally being substituted up to 2 times by identical or different fluorine, chlorine, bromine, trifluoromethyl, carboxyl or hydroxyl substituents, by straight-chain or branched alkoxy or alkoxy-carbonyl each having up to 4 carbon atoms or by straight-chain or branched alkyl having up to 4 carbon atoms, which, in turn, can be substituted by hydroxyl or by straight-chain or branched alkoxy having up to 3 carbon atoms.

D represents hydrogen, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, cycloheptyl, cyclooctyl or straight-chain or branched alkyl having up to 10 carbon atoms,

E represents the  $-\text{CO}-$  or  $-\text{CS}-$  group,

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L represents an oxygen or sulphur atom or represents a group of the formula  $-\text{NR}^9$ ,

wherein

$R^9$  denotes hydrogen or staight-chain or branched alkyl having up to 5 carbon atoms, which is optionally substituted by hydroxyl or phenyl,

$R^5$  represents phenyl, pyridyl, furyl, thicnyl or imidazolyl, each of which is optionally substituted up to 2 times by identical or different nitro, carboxyl, fluorine, chlorine, bromine or cyano substituents, by straight-chain or branched alkenyl or alkoxy carbonyl each having up to 4 carbon atoms or by straight-chain or branched alkyl having up to 5 carbon atoms, which is optionally substituted by hydroxyl, carboxyl or by staight-chain or branched alkoxy or alkoxy-carbonyl each having up to 5 carbon atoms, and/or the cycles are optionally substituted by a group of the formula  $-\text{OR}^{10}$  or  $-\text{NR}^{11}\text{R}^{12}$ ,

wherein

$R^{10}$  denotes hydrogen or straight-chain or branched alkyl or alkenyl each having up to 4 carbon atoms,

$R^{11}$  and  $R^{12}$  are identical or different and denote phenyl, hydrogen or straight-chain or branched alkyl having up to 5 carbon atoms or denote straight-chain or branched acyl having up to 6 carbon atoms, which is optionally substituted by a group of the formula  $-\text{NR}^{13}\text{R}^{14}$ ,

wherein

$R^{13}$  and  $R^{14}$  are identical or different and denote hydrogen or straight-chain or branched acyl having up to 6 carbon atoms,

$R^6$  represents hydrogen carboxyl or straight-chain or branched alkoxy-carbonyl having up to 4 carbon atoms, or represents straight-chain or branched alkyl having up to 5 carbon atoms, which is optionally substituted by hydroxyl or by a group of the formula  $-\text{O}-\text{CO}-\text{R}^{15}$ ,

wherein

$R^{15}$  denotes phenyl which is optionally substituted up to 3 times by identical or different fluorine, chlorine, bromine or hydroxyl substituents or by straight-chain or branched alkyl having up to 4 carbon atoms, or straight-chain or branched alkyl or alkenyl each having up to 20 carbon atoms, each of which is optionally substituted by a group of the formula  $-\text{OR}^{16}$ ,

wherein

$R^{16}$  is hydrogen, benzyl, triphenylmethyl or straight-chain or branched acyl having up to 5 carbon atoms,

$R^7$  represents hydrogen or

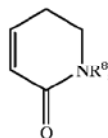
$R^6$  and  $R^7$  together represent the group of the formula  $=\text{O}$ ,

if appropriate in an isomeric form, and their salts.

Particularly preferred compounds of the general formula (I) are those

in which

$R^1$  and  $R^2$ , including the double bond connecting them, together form a phenyl or pyridyl ring or a ring of the formula



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wherein

R<sup>8</sup> denotes hydrogen or methyl,

R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup>, including the double bond connecting them, together form a phenyl ring or a cyclopentene, cyclohexene, cycloheptene, cyclooctene, oxocyclopentene, oxocyclohexene, oxocycloheptene or oxocyclooctene radical,

all ring systems mentioned under R<sup>1</sup>/R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup>/R<sup>4</sup> optionally being substituted up to 2 times by identical or different fluorine, chlorine, bromine, trifluoromethyl, carboxyl or hydroxyl substituents, by straight-chain or branched alkoxy or alkoxy-carbonyl each having up to 3 carbon atoms or by straight-chain or branched alkyl having up to 3 carbon atoms, which, for its part, can be substituted by hydroxyl, methoxy or ethoxy,

D represents hydrogen, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, cycloheptyl, cyclooctyl or straight-chain or branched alkyl having up to 6 carbon atoms,

E represents the —CO— or —CS— group,

L represents an oxygen or sulphur atom or represents a group of the formula —NR<sup>9</sup>,

wherein

R<sup>9</sup> denotes hydrogen or straight-chain or branched alkyl having up to 4 carbon atoms, which is optionally substituted by hydroxyl or phenyl,

R<sup>5</sup> represents phenyl, pyridyl or thienyl, each of which is optionally substituted up to 2 times by identical or different nitro, carboxyl, fluorine, chlorine, bromine or cyano substituents, by straight-chain or branched alkenyl or alkoxy-carbonyl each having up to 3 carbon atoms or by straight-chain or branched alkyl having up to 4 carbon atoms, which is optionally substituted by hydroxyl, carboxyl or by straight-chain or branched alkoxy or alkoxy-carbonyl each having up to 4 carbon atoms, and/or the cycles are optionally substituted by a group of the formula —OR<sup>10</sup> or —NR<sup>11</sup>R<sup>12</sup>,

wherein

R<sup>10</sup> denotes hydrogen or straight-chain or branched alkyl or alkenyl each having up to 3 carbon atoms,

R<sup>11</sup> and R<sup>12</sup> are identical or different and denote phenyl, hydrogen or straight-chain or branched alkyl having up to 4 carbon atoms or denote straight-chain or branched acyl having up to 5 carbon atoms, which is optionally substituted by a group of the formula —NR<sup>13</sup>R<sup>14</sup>,

wherein

R<sup>13</sup> and R<sup>14</sup> are identical or different and denote hydrogen or straight-chain or branched acyl having up to 5 carbon atoms,

R<sup>6</sup> represents hydrogen, carboxyl or straight-chain or branched alkoxy-carbonyl having up to 3 carbon atoms, or represents straight-chain or branched alkyl having up to 4

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carbon atoms, which is optionally substituted by hydroxyl or by a group of the formula —O—CO—R<sup>15</sup>,

wherein

R<sup>15</sup> denotes phenyl which is optionally substituted up to 3 times by identical or different straight-chain or branched alkyl having up to 3 carbon atoms, or denotes straight-chain or branched alkyl or alkenyl each having up to 19 carbon atoms, each of which is optionally substituted by a group of the formula —OR<sup>16</sup>,

wherein

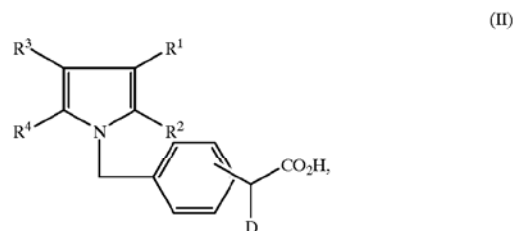
R<sup>16</sup> denotes hydrogen, benzyl, triphenylmethyl or straight-chain or branched acyl having up to 4 carbon atoms,

R<sup>7</sup> represents hydrogen or

R<sup>6</sup> and R<sup>7</sup> together represent the group of the formula =O,

if appropriate in an isomeric form, and their salts.

A process for the preparation of the compounds of the general formula (I) according to the invention has additionally been found, characterized in that carboxylic acids of the general formula (II)



in which

R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>4</sup> and D have the meaning indicated, are amidated using compounds of the general formula (III)



in which

R<sup>5</sup> has the meaning indicated

and

R<sup>17</sup> has the indicated meaning of R<sup>6</sup>, but does not represent carboxyl,

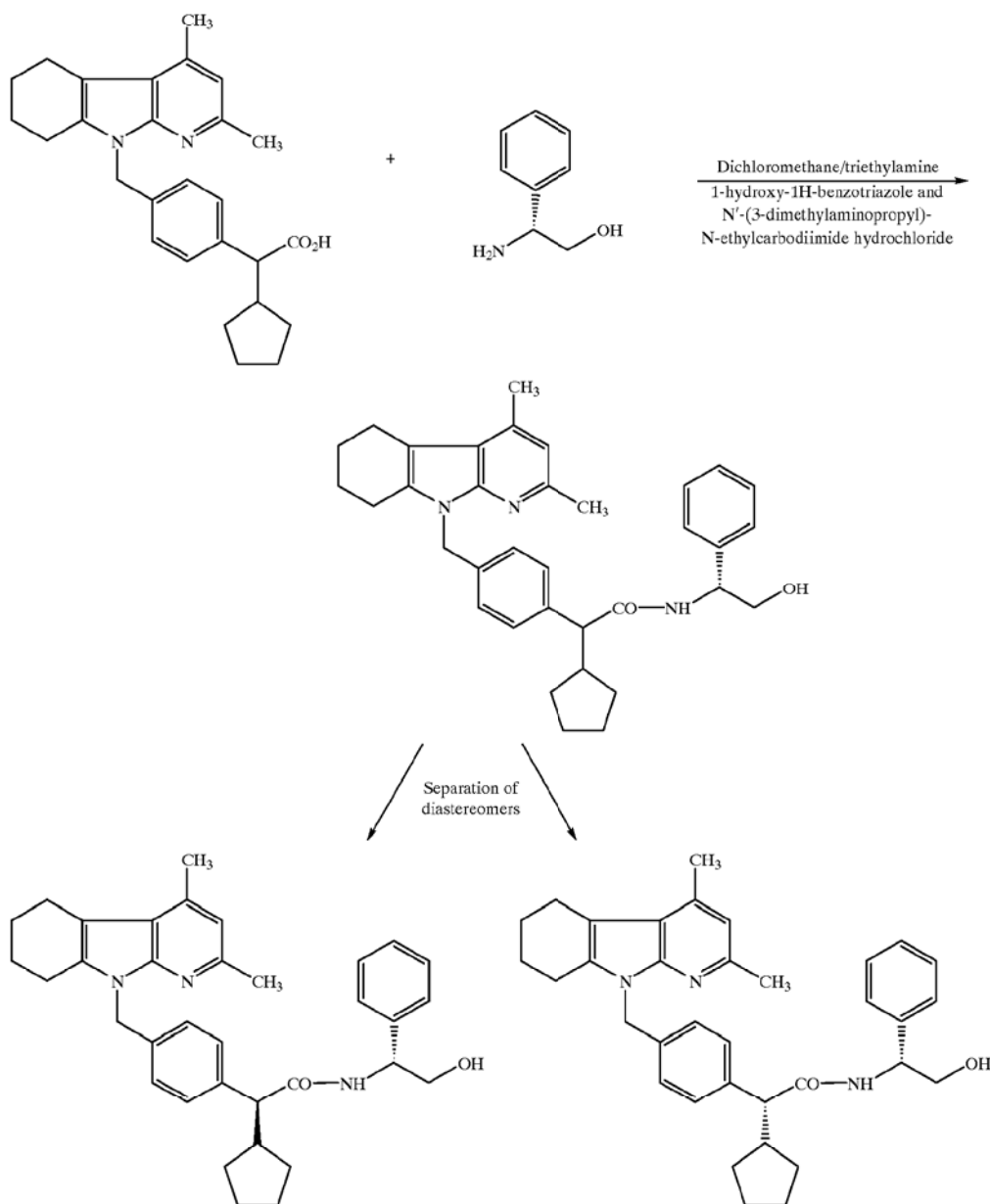
in an inert solvent and in the presence of bases and/or auxiliaries,

and, if appropriate, functional groups are varied by hydrolysis, esterification or reduction.

The process according to the invention can be illustrated by the following reaction scheme:

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Suitable solvents for the amidation are in this case inert organic solvents which do not change under the reaction conditions. These include ethers, such as diethyl ether or tetrahydrofuran halogenohydrocarbons such as dichloromethane, trichloromethane, tetrachloromethane, trichloroethane, tetrachloroethane, 1,2-dichloroethane or trichloroethylene, hydrocarbons such as benzene, xylene, toluene, hexane, cyclohexane or petroleum fractions, nitromethane, dimethylformamide, acetone, acetonitrile or hexamethylphosphoramide. It is also possible to employ mixtures of the solvents. Dichloromethane, tetrahydrofuran, acetone and dimethylformamide are particularly preferred.

Bases which can be employed for the process according to the invention are in general inorganic or organic bases. These preferably include alkali metal hydroxides such as, for example, sodium hydroxide or potassium hydroxide, alka-

line earth metal hydroxides, such as, for example, barium hydroxide, alkali metal carbonates such as sodium carbonate or potassium carbonate, alkaline earth metal carbonates such as calcium carbonate, or alkali metal alkoxides such as sodium or potassium methoxide, sodium or potassium ethoxide or potassium tert-butoxide, or organic amines (trialkyl(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)amines) such as triethylamine, or heterocycles such as 1,4-diazabicyclo[2.2.2]octane (DABCO), 1,8-diazabicyclo[5.4.0]undec-7-ene (DBU), pyridine, diaminopyridine, methylpiperidine or morpholine. It is also possible to employ alkali metals such as sodium and their hydrides such as sodium hydride as bases. Sodium and potassium carbonate and triethylamine are preferred.

The base is employed in an amount from 1 mol to 5 mol, preferably from 1 mol to 3 mol, relative to 1 mol of the compound of the general formula (II).

The reaction is in general carried out in a temperature range from 0° C. to 150° C., preferably from +20° C. to +110° C.

The reaction can be carried out at normal, increased or reduced pressure (e.g. 0.5 to 5 bar). In general, the reaction is carried out at normal pressure.

The amidation can optionally proceed via the activated stage of the acid halides, which can be prepared from the corresponding acids by reaction with thionyl chloride, phosphorus trichloride, phosphorus pentachloride, phosphorus tribromide or oxalyl chloride.

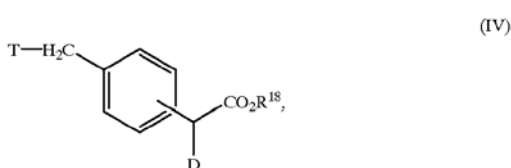
The abovementioned bases can optionally also be employed for the amidation as acid-binding auxiliaries.

Suitable auxiliaries are also dehydrating reagents. These include, for example, carbodiimides such as diisopropylcarbodiimide, dicyclohexylcarbodiimide and N-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)N'-ethylcarbodiimide hydrochloride or carbonyl compounds such as carbonyldiimidazole or 1,2-oxazolium compounds such as 2-ethyl-5-phenyl-1,2-oxazolium-3-sulphonate or propanephosphonic anhydride or isobutyl chloroformate or benzotriazolylxy-tris(dimethylamino)phosphonium hexafluorophosphate or diphenyl phosphoramidate or methanesulphonyl chloride, if appropriate in the presence of bases such as triethylamine or N-ethylmorpholine or N-methylpiperidine or dicyclohexylcarbodiimide and N-hydroxysuccinimide.

The acid-binding agents and dehydrating reagents are in general employed in an amount from 0.5 to 3 mol, preferably from 1 to 1.5 mol, relative to 1 mol of the corresponding carboxylic acids.

The variation of functional groups, for example hydrolysis, esterification and reduction, and also separation of isomers and salt formation is carried out by customary methods.

The carboxylic acids of the general formula (II) are new and can be prepared by reacting compounds of the general formula (IV)



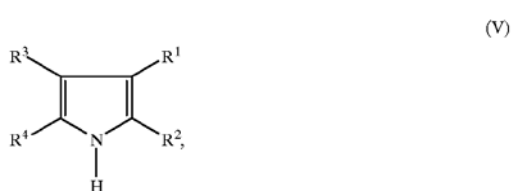
in which

D has the meaning indicated,

T represents a typical leaving group, for example chlorine, bromine, iodine, tosylate or mesylate, preferably bromine,

and

R<sup>18</sup> represents (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl, with compounds of the general formula (V)



in which

R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> have the meaning indicated, in inert solvents, if appropriate in the presence of a base.

Suitable solvents for the process are the customary organic solvents which do change under the reaction conditions. These preferably include ethers such as diethyl ether, dioxane, tetrahydrofuran, glycol dimethyl ether, or hydrocarbons such as benzene, toluene, xylene, hexane, cyclohexane or petroleum fractions, or halogenohydrocarbons such as dichloromethane, trichloromethane, tetrachloromethane, dichloroethylene, trichloroethylene or chlorobenzene, or ethyl acetate, triethylamine, pyridine, dimethyl sulphoxide, dimethylformamide, hexamethylphosphoramide, acetonitrile, acetone or nitromethane. It is also possible to use mixtures of the solvents mentioned. Dimethylformamide and tetrahydrofuran are preferred.

The bases employed for the process according to the invention can in general be inorganic or organic bases. These preferably include alkali metal hydroxides, for example, sodium hydroxide or potassium hydroxide, alkaline earth metal hydroxides, for example, barium hydroxide, alkali metal carbonates such as sodium carbonate or potassium carbonate, alkaline earth metal carbonates such as calcium carbonate, or alkali metal alkoxides such as sodium or potassium methoxide, sodium or potassium ethoxide or potassium tert-butoxide, or organic amines (trialkyl(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>) amines) such as triethylamine, or heterocycles such as 1,4-diazabicyclo[2.2.2]octane (DABCO), 1,8-diazabicyclo[5.4.0]undec-7-ene (DBU), pyridine, diaminopyridine, methylpiperidine or morpholine. It is also possible to employ alkali metals such as sodium or their hydrides such as sodium hydride as bases. Sodium hydride, potassium carbonate, triethylamine, pyridine and potassium tert-butoxide, DBU or DABCO are preferred.

In general, the base is employed in an amount from 0.05 mol to 10 mol, preferably from 1 mol to 2 mol, relative to 1 mol of the compound of the formula (IV).

The process according to the invention is in general carried out in a temperature range from -30° C. to +100° C., preferably from -10° C. to +60° C.

The process according to the invention is in general carried out at normal pressure. However, it is also possible to carry out the process at elevated pressure or at reduced pressure (e.g. in a range from 0.5 to 5 bar).

The compounds of the general formula (III) are known per se.

The compounds of the general formula (IV) are known or can be prepared in analogy to known methods.

The compounds of the general formula (V) are known or can be prepared in analogy to known methods.

The compounds of the general formula (I) according to the invention have an unforeseeable spectrum of pharmacological action.

They can be used as active compounds in medicaments for the reduction of changes to vessel walls and for the treatment of coronary heart disorders, cardiac insufficiency, brain power disorders, ischaemic brain disorders, apoplexy, circulatory disorders, disorders of the microcirculation and thromboses.

Furthermore, the proliferation of smooth muscle cells plays a decisive part in the occlusion of vessels. The compounds according to the invention are suitable for inhibiting this proliferation and thus preventing atherosclerotic processes.

The compounds according to the invention are distinguished by a lowering of the ApoB-100-associated lipoproteins (VLDL and its degradation products, e.g. LDL), of ApoB-100, of triglycerides and of cholesterol. They thus have useful, superior pharmacological properties in comparison with the prior art.

Surprisingly, the action of the compounds according to the invention consists first in a decrease or complete inhibition of the formation and/or the release of ApoB-100-associated lipoproteins from liver cells, which results in a lowering of the VLDL plasma level. This lowering of VLDL must be accompanied by a lowering of the plasma level of ApoB100, LDL, triglycerides and cholesterol; a number of the above-mentioned risk factors which are involved in vessel wall changes are thus simultaneously decreased.

The compounds according to the invention can therefore be employed for the prevention and treatment of atherosclerosis, obesity, pancreatitis and constipation.

I Inhibition of the release of ApoB-100 Associated Lipoproteins

The test for detecting the inhibition of the release of ApoB-100-associated lipoproteins from liver cells was carried out in vitro using cultured liver cells, preferably using cells of the human line HepG2. These cells are cultured under standard conditions in medium for the culture of eukaryotic cells, preferably in RPMI 1640 With 10% foetal calf serum. HepG2 cells synthesize and secrete into the culture supernatant ApoB-100-associated lipoprotein particles which in principle are built up in a similar manner to the VLDL and LDL particles which are to be found in the plasma

These particles can be detected using an immunoassay for human LDL. This immunoassay is carried out using antibodies which have been induced against human LDL in rabbits under standard conditions. The anti-LDL antibodies (rabbit anti-LDL Ab) were purified by affinity chromatography on an immunosorbent using human LDL. These purified rabbit anti-LDL Ab are adsorbed on the surface of plastic. Expediently, this adsorption is carried out on the plastic surface of microtitre plates having 96 wells, preferably on MaxiSorp plates. If ApoB-100-associated particles are present in the supernatant of HepG2 cells, they can be bound to the insolubilized rabbit anti-LDL Ab, and an immune complex results which is bound to the plastic surface. Unbound proteins are removed by washing. The immune complex located on the plastic surface is detected using monoclonal antibodies which have been induced against human LDL and purified according to standard conditions. These antibodies were conjugated with the enzyme peroxidase. Peroxidase converts the colourless substrate TMB into a coloured product in the presence of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>. After acidification of the reaction mixture with H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, the specific light absorption at 450 nm is determined, which is a measure of the amount of ApoB-100-associated particles which have been secreted into the culture supernatant by the HepG2 cells.

Surprisingly, the compounds according to the invention inhibit the release of the ApoB-100-associated particles. The IC<sub>50</sub> value indicates at which substance concentration the light absorption is inhibited by 50% in comparison with the control (solvent control without substance).

Ex. No.	IC <sub>50</sub> [10 <sup>-9</sup> mol/l]
1	28
5	1.1
31	170
50	29

## 2. Determination of the VLDL Secretion in vivo in the Hamster

The effect of the test substances on VLDL secretion in vivo is investigated in the hamster. To do this, golden

hamsters are anaesthetized with Ketaset (83 mg/kg s.c.) and Nembutal (50 mg/kg i.p.) after premedication with atropine (83 mg/kg s.c.). When the animals have become reflex-free, the jugular vein is exposed and cannulated. 0.25 ml/kg of a 20% strength solution of Triton WR-1339 in physiological saline solution is then administered. This detergent inhibits the lipoprotein lipase and thus leads to a rise in the triglyceride level as a result of a lack of catabolism of secreted VLDL particles. This triglyceride rise can be used as a measure of the VLDL secretion rate.

Blood is taken from the animals before and also one and two hours after administration of the detergent by puncture of the retroorbital venous plexus. The blood is incubated for two hours at room temperature, and then overnight at 4° C., in order to end clotting completely. It is then centrifuged at 10,000 g for 5 minutes. The triglyceride concentration in the serum thus obtained is determined with the aid of a modified commercially available enzyme test (Merckotest® triglyceride No. 14354). 100 µl of serum are treated with 100 µl of test reagent in 96 well plates and incubated at room temperature for 10 minutes. The optical density is then determined at a wavelength of 492 nm in an automatic plate-reading apparatus (SLT Spectra). Serum samples having an excessively high triglyceride concentration are diluted with physiological saline solution. The triglyceride concentration contained in the samples is determined with the aid of a standard curve measured in parallel. In this model, test substances are administered intravenously either immediately before administration of the detergent or orally or subcutaneously before initiation of anaesthesia.

Ex. No.	ED <sub>50</sub> [mg/kg] p.o.
2	10-15
5	3-6
7	10-20

## 3. Inhibition of Intestinal Triglyceride Absorption in vivo (Rats)

The substances which are to be investigated for their triglyceride absorption-inhibiting action in vivo are administered orally to male Wistar rats having a body weight of between 170 and 230 g. For this purpose, the animals are divided into groups of 6 animals 18 hours before substance administration and food is then withdrawn from them. Drinking water is available to the animals ad libitum. The animals of the control groups receive an aqueous tragacanth suspension or a tragacanth suspension which contains olive oil. The tragacanth-olive oil suspension is prepared using an Ultra-Turrax. The substances to be investigated are suspended in an appropriate tragacanth-olive oil suspension likewise using the Ultra-Turrax, directly before substance administration.

To determine the basal serum triglyceride content, blood is taken from each rat by puncture of the retroorbital venous plexus before stomach tube application. The tragacanth suspension, the tragacanth-olive oil suspensions without substance (control animals) or the substances suspended in an appropriate tragacanth-olive oil suspension are then administered to the fasting animals using a stomach tube. Further taking of blood to determine the postprandial serum triglyceride rise is carried out, as a rule, 1, 2 and 3 hours after stomach tube application.

The blood samples are centrifuged and, after recovering the serum, the triglycerides are determined photometrically using an EPOS analyzer 5060 (Eppendorf Geratebau,

Netheler & Hinz GmbH, Hamburg). The determination of the triglycerides is carried out completely enzymatically using a standard commercial UV test.

The postprandial serum triglyceride rise is determined by subtraction of the triglyceride preliminary value of each animals from its corresponding postprandial triglyceride concentrations (1, 2 and 3 hours after administration).

The differences (in mmouL/) at each point in time (1, 2 and 3 hours) are averaged in the groups, and the mean values of the serum triglyceride rise ( $\Delta$  TG) of the substance-treated animals is compared with the animals which only received the tragacanth-oil suspension.

The serum triglyceride course of the control animals which only received tragacanth is also calculated. The substance effect at each point in time (1, 2 and 3 hours) is determined as follows and indicated in  $\Delta\%$  of the oil-loaded control.

$$\Delta\% \text{ Triglyceride rise} = \frac{\Delta TG_{\text{substance}} - \Delta TG_{\text{tragacanth control}}}{\Delta TG_{\text{oil loading}} - \Delta TG_{\text{tragacanth control}}} \times 100$$

Effect of 10 mg of test substance/kg of body weight p.o. on the triglyceride rise ( $\Delta\%$ ) 2 h after a triglyceride loading in the serum of fasting rats. The serum triglyceride rise of fat-loaded control animals relative to the serum triglyceride level of tragacanth control animals corresponds to 100%. n=6 animals per group.

	Serum triglyceride rise in % (2 h pp)
Triglyceride loading	100
Tragacanth control	0
<u>Substance 10 mg/kg of body weight p.o.</u>	
Ex. No. 10	34
Ex. No. 66	67
Ex. No. 54	54
Ex. No. 71	18
Ex. No. 5	-16
Ex. No. 20	35

Statistical evaluation is carried out using Student's t test after preliminary checking of the variances for homogeneity.

Substances which at one point in time statistically significantly ( $p < 0.05$ ) decrease the postprandial serum triglyceride rise by at least 30% compared with the untreated control group are regarded as pharmacologically active.

#### 4. Inhibition of VLDL Secretion in vivo (Rats)

The action of the test substances on VLDL secretion is likewise investigated in the rat. To do this, 500 mg/kg of body weight (2.5 mg/kg) of Triton WR-1339, dissolved in physiological saline solution, is administered intravenously into the tail vein of rats. Triton WR-1339 inhibits lipoprotein lipase and thus leads to an increase in the triglyceride and cholesterol level by inhibition of the VLDL catabolism. These rises can be used as a measure of the VLDL secretion rate.

Blood is taken from the animals by puncture of the retroorbital venous plexus before and also one and two hours after administration of the detergent. The blood is incubated at room temperature for 1 h for clotting and the serum is obtained by centrifugation at 10,000 g for 20 s. The triglycerides are then photometrically determined by means of a standard commercial coupled enzyme test (Sigma Diagnostics®, No. 339) at a wavelength of 540 nm. Measurement is carried out with the aid of a likewise coupled

enzyme test (Boehringer Mannheim®, No. 1442350) at a wavelength of 546 nm. Samples with triglyceride or cholesterol concentrations which exceed the measuring range of the methods are diluted with physiological saline solution.

The determination of the respective serum concentrations is carried out with the aid of standard series measured in parallel. Test substances are administered orally, intravenously or subcutaneously immediately after the Triton injection.

The invention additionally relates to the combination of cycloalkano-indole and -azaindole derivatives of the general formula (1) with glucosidase and/or amylase inhibitor for the treatment of familial hyperlipidaemia, obesity (adiposity) and diabetes mellitus. Glucosidase and/or amylase inhibitors in the context of the invention are, for example, acarbose, adiposine, voglibase, miglitol, emiglitate, MDL 25637, camialibase (MDL 73945), tendamistat, AI-3688, trestatin, pradimnili-Q and salbostatin.

Combination of acarbose, miglitol, emiglitate or voglibase with one of the abovementioned compounds of the general formula (I) according to the invention is preferred.

The new active compounds can be converted in a known manner into the customary formulations, such as tablets, coated tablets, pills, granules, aerosols, syrups, emulsions, suspensions and solutions, using inert, non-toxic, pharmaceutically suitable excipients or solvents. In this case, the therapeutically active compound should in each case be present in a concentration of approximately 0.5 to 90% by weight of the total mixture, i.e. in amounts which are sufficient in order to achieve the dosage range indicated.

The formulations are prepared, for example, by extending the active compounds with solvents and/or excipients, if appropriate using emulsifiers and/or dispersants, it optionally being possible, e.g. in the case of the use of water as a diluent, to use organic solvents as auxiliary solvents.

Administration is carried out in a customary manner, preferably orally or parenterally, in particular perlingually or intravenously.

In the case of parenteral administration, solutions of the active compound can be employed using suitable liquid vehicles.

In general, it has proved advantageous in the case of intravenous administration to administer amounts of approximately 0.001 to 1 mg/kg of body weight, preferably approximately 0.01 to 0.5 mg/kg of body weight, to achieve effective results, and in the case of oral administration the dose is approximately 0.01 to 20 mg/kg of body weight, preferably 0.1 to 10 mg/kg of body weight.

In spite of this, it may optionally be necessary to depart from the amounts mentioned, namely depending on the body weight or on the type of administration route, on individual behaviour towards the medicament, the manner of its formulation and the time or interval at which administration takes place. Thus, in some cases it may be adequate to manage with less than the abovementioned minimum amount, while in other cases the upper limit mentioned must be exceeded. In the case of the administration of larger amounts, it may be advisable to divide these into several individual doses over the course of the day.

Definition of the Isomer Types:

4 dia = mixture of the four possible diastereomers in the case of two centres of asymmetry in the molecule  
 dia A = diastereomer having the larger  $R_f$  value  
 dia B = diastereomer having the smaller  $R_f$  value  
 ent = enantiomer



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2 ent dia=mixture of two enantiomerically pure diastereomers  
 ent dia A=enantiomerically pure diastereomer having the larger  $R_f$  value  
 ent dia B=enantiomerically pure diastereomer having the smaller  $R_f$  value  
 R=R enantiomer  
 rac=racemate  
 rac dia A=racemic diastereomer having the larger  $R_f$  value  
 rac dia B=racemic diastereomer having the smaller  $R_f$  value  
 S=S enantiomer

## Abbreviations Used:

Ac=acetyl  
 Bn=benzyl  
 Bz=benzoyl  
 iB=isobutyl  
 nBu=normal butyl  
 sBu=secondary butyl  
 tBu=tertiary butyl  
 DDQ=2,3-dichloro-5,6-dicyano-1,4-benzoquinone  
 cDec=cyclodecyl  
 DMF=N,N-dimethylformamide  
 DMSO=dimethyl sulphoxide  
 cDodec=cyclododecyl  
 Et=ethyl  
 cHept=cyclo-heptyl  
 cHex=cyclo-hexyl  
 HOBt=1-hydroxy-1H-benzotriazole  
 Me=methyl  
 Mes=mesyl  
 cNon=cyclo-nonyl  
 cOct=cyclo-octyl  
 cPent=cyclo-pentyl  
 nPent=normal pentyl  
 Ph=phenyl  
 cPr=cyclo-propyl  
 nPr=normal propyl  
 iPr=isopropyl  
 THF=tetrahydrofuran  
 TMS=tetramethylsilane  
 pTol=para-tolyl  
 pTos=para-tosyl  
 cUndec=cyclo-undecyl  
 Solvent Symbol  
 Dichloromethane: methanol=20:1 A  
 Dichloromethane: methanol=50:1 B  
 Dichloromethane: ethanol=20:1 C  
 Dichloromethane: ethanol=50:1 D  
 Petroleum ether: ethyl acetate=1:1 E  
 Dichloromethane: methanol: acetic acid=90:10:2 F  
 Petroleum ether: ethyl acetate=2:1 G  
 Petroleum ether: ethyl acetate=10:1 H  
 Toluene I  
 Toluene: ethyl acetate=1:1 K  
 Petroleum ether: ethyl acetate=5:1 L  
 Dichloromethane M  
 Petroleum ether: ethyl acetate=20:1 N  
 Dichloromethane: methanol 10:1 O  
 Cyclohexane: ethyl acetate=1:1 p  
 Toluene: ethyl acetate=9:1 Q  
 Toluene: ethyl acetate=8:1 R  
 Petroleum ether: ethyl acetate=1:2 S  
 Dichloromethane: ethanol=5:1 T  
 Dichloromethane: ethanol=10:1 U

Preparation Procedure for the TLC Mobile Phase BABA: 65  
 87.9 ml of an aqueous 0.06667 molar potassium dihydrogen phosphate solution and 12.1 ml of an aqueous 0.06667

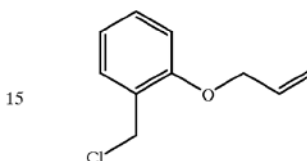
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molar disodium hydrogen phosphate solution are mixed 60 ml of the solution prepared in this way are shaken with 200 ml of n-butyl acetate, 36 ml of n-butanol and 100 ml of glacial acetic acid and the aqueous phase is removed. The organic phase is the mobile phase BABA.

## Starting Compounds

## EXAMPLE I

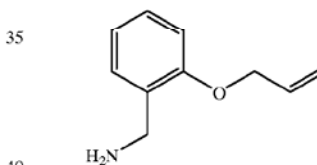
## 1-Allyloxy-2-chloromethylbenzene



20 11.5 g (70 mmol) of 1-allyloxy-2-hydroxymethylbenzene are treated with 11.6 ml (84 mmol) of triethylamine at 0° C. in 110 ml of dichloromethane and then slowly reacted with 5.4 ml (70 mmol) of methanesulphonyl chloride. After 4 hours, the mixture is extracted several times with water, and the organic phase is dried over magnesium sulphate and evaporated. Residual solvent is removed in a high vacuum  
 25 Yield: 8.5 g  
 $R_f=0.23$  (dichloromethane: ethanol 20: 1)

## EXAMPLE II

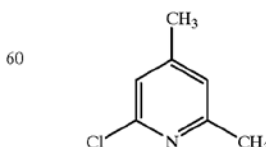
## (2-Allyloxy-benzyl)amine



30 g (16.4 mmol) of the compound from Example I are boiled under reflux for 17 hours in 250 ml of a saturated methanolic ammonia solution. The reaction mixture is evaporated in vacuo, the residue is taken up in methanol and the mixture is evaporated again; this process is repeated a few times. The crude product is taken up in dichloromethane and extracted several times with water. The aqueous phase is evaporated to a very great extent, an oil being obtained which crystallizes on standing.  
 45 Yield: 0.454 g (crude)  
 The product is reacted further without further purification.  
 $R_f=0.41$  (mobile phase: BABA)

## EXAMPLE III

## 6-Chloro-2,4lutidine



For the preparation of the title compound [US 36 32 807], 600 g (4.91 mol) of 6-amino-2,4lutidine are dissolved in 2

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1 of methanol and the solution is saturated with hydrogen chloride gas at about 0° C. 1.3071 (9.82 mol) of isopentyl nitrite are added dropwise (about 2.5 h) at an internal temperature of below 10° C. and the mixture is left in this way for 15 h, while warming to room temperature (about 25° C.). The solution is largely freed from the solvent in vacuo, mixed with 3 l of dichloromethane and 1.5 l of water and adjusted to pH=9.5 while cooling (<20° C.) with concentrated aqueous ammonia solution. The separated organic phase is dried with sodium sulphate, first concentrated in vacuo on a rotary evaporator and then distilled through a Vigreux column:

Fraction 1) B.p.=47–49° C. (12 mm Hg), 603 g

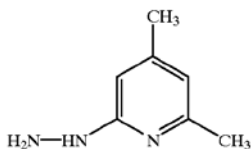
Fraction 2) B.p.=82–85° C. (12 mm Hg), 612 g (about 88% crude)

$R_f=0.39$  (petroleum ether: ethyl acetate=10:1)

$^1\text{H-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 200 MHz, TMS):  $\delta=2.28$  (S, 3 H), 2.47 (S, 3 H), 6.88 (S, 1 H), 6.96 (S, 1 H) ppm.

The crude product, which may contain small amounts of 6-methoxy-2,4-lutidine, is reacted further without further purification. Example IV

6-Hydrazino-2,4-lutidine (4,6-dimethyl-2-hydrazinopyridine)



580 g (4.10 mol) of the compound from Example III are dissolved in 800 ml of diethylene glycol and the solution is stirred with 1050 ml of hydrazine hydrate for 48 h at a bath temperature of about 140° C. The cooled mixture is poured into 4.5 l of ether and 4.5 l of water and the organic phase is extracted twice with 2.3 l of dichloromethane each time. The combined organic phases are dried with sodium sulphate and evaporated in vacuo. 784 g of solvent containing crude product are obtained, which is reacted further without working up.

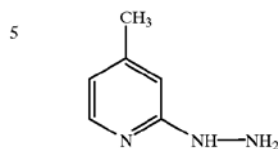
$R_f=0.37$  (dichloromethane: methanol=10:1)

$^1\text{H-NMR}$  ( $d_6\text{-DMSO}$ , 250 MHz, TMS):  $\delta=2.13$  (S, 3 H), 2.22 (S, 3 H), 4.02 (S, 2 H), 6.26 (S, 1 H), 6.35 (S, 1 H), 7.11 (S, 1 H) ppm.

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## Example V

2-Hydrazino-4-picoline (2-hydrazino-4-methylpyridine)

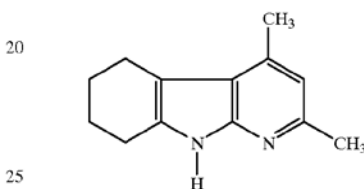


In analogy to the procedure of Example IV, 2-hydrazino-4-picoline is prepared from 2-chloro-4-picoline.

$R_f=0.06$  (dichloromethane: methanol=10:1)

## Example VI

2,4-Dimethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro- $\alpha$ -carboline



78 g (at most 0.49 mol) of crude compound from Example IV are reacted with 59 ml (0.56 mol) of cyclohexanone at room temperature (about 25° C.), whereon the internal temperature rises. After 2 h, the starting material has disappeared (TLC checking, dichloromethane: methanol=10:1). The mixture is taken up in 40 ml of diethylene glycol and reacted under reflux, constituents having a boiling point lower than the solvent (e.g. water of reaction and excess cyclohexanone) being removed by distillation (water separator). After 3 h, the intermediate hydrazone has disappeared (TLC checking, petroleum ether: ethyl acetate=1:1); the reaction mixture is cooled to room temperature and stirred with acetone. The precipitate obtained is filtered off with suction, washed with acetone and dried in vacuo (34.4 g). The largely solvent-free mother liquors are again treated with acetone, a further 9.3 g of product being obtained (total yield over three stages: 43.7 g/0.22 mol/ 47%).

M.p.: 248° C. (uncorrected)

$R_f=0.41$  (dichloromethane: methanol=20:1)

$^1\text{H-NMR}$  ( $d_6\text{-DMSO}$ , 200 MHz, TMS):  $\delta=1.78$  (M, 4 H), 2.40 (S, 3 H), 2.48 (S, 3 H), 2.64 (M, 2 H), 2.82 (M, 2 H), 6.57 (S, 1 H), 10.84 (S, 1 H) ppm.

The compounds of Table I are prepared analogously to the procedure of Example VI.

TABLE I

Ex. No.	$R_f$ (solvent)	Starting material (hydrazine*)
VII	0.59 (A)	Ex. No. IV

TABLE I-continued

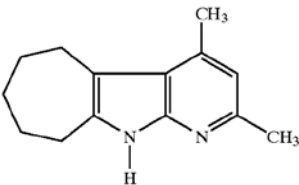
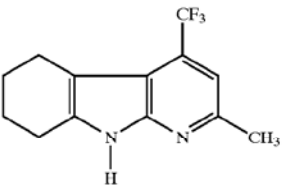
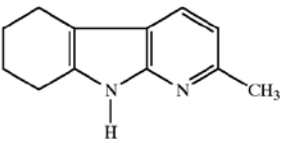
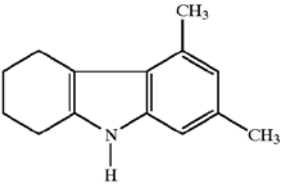
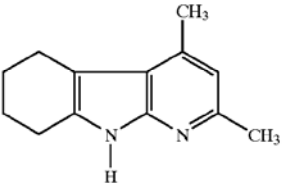
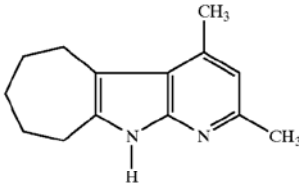
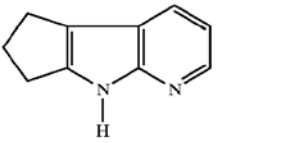
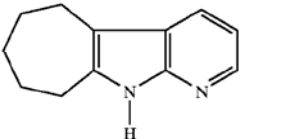
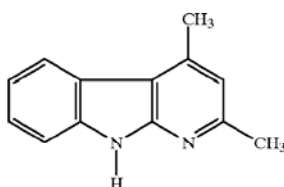
Ex. No.	$R_f$ (solvent)	Starting material (hydrazine*)
VIII	0.36 (E)	Ex. No. IV
		
IX	0.45 (G)	
		
X	0.46 (E)	
		
XI	0.06 (L)	
		
XII	0.41 (E)	
		
XIII	0.40 (E)	
		
XIV	0.59 (O)	
		
XV	0.34 (E)	
		

TABLE I-continued

Ex. No.	R <sub>f</sub> (solvent)	Starting material (hydrazine*)
XVI	0.42 (E)	
XVII	0.59 (G)	
XVIII	0.85 (G)	

Example XIX  
2,4Dimethyl- $\alpha$ -carboline



100 g (499 mmol) of the compound from Example VI are reacted under reflux with 164 ml (1 mol) of diethyl fumarate on 52 g of palladium (5% on carbon) in 700 ml of diethylene glycol. A small amount of ethanol distills off at the high internal temperature (if desired use a water separator). After about 8 h, the starting material has disappeared (TLC checking, petroleum ether: ethyl acetate 1:1, detection in an iodine chamber). The cooled mixture is treated with 3 l of acetone, boiled, filtered off hot with suction through a clarifying filter (Seitz) and washed with 1 l of hot acetone. On cooling a precipitate is obtained which yields 58.3 g of product after filtering with suction, rinsing with cold acetone and drying in vacuo. The mother liquor is largely freed from acetone in vacuo, the precipitate which is deposited being worked up as above (9.4 g). The filtrate is again freed from acetone; after addition of n-pentane, product precipitates a further time (3.1 g/working up see above); total yield 72%. M. p. 220–221° C. (uncorrected) R<sub>f</sub>=0.47 (petroleum ether: ethyl acetate=1:1)

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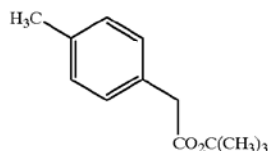
<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (d<sub>6</sub>-DMSO, 200 MHz, TMS): 6=2.54 (S, 3 H), 2.75 (S, 3 H), 6.89 (S, 1 H), 7.20 (M, 1 H), 7.40 (M, 1 H), 7.48 (DD, 1 H), 8.05 (DD, 1 H), 11.61 (S, 1 H) ppm.

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## EXAMPLE XX

## tert-Butyl 4methylphenyl-acetate

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450 g (3 mol) of 4-methylphenyl-acetic acid (Aldrich), 1.13 l (12 mol) of tert-butanol and 90 g (0.74 mol) of 4-(N,N-dimethylamino)pyridine are dissolved in 2 l of dichloromethane. After addition of 680 g (3.3 mol) of dicyclohexylcarbodiimide, dissolved in 400 ml of dichloromethane, the mixture is stirred at 25° C. for 20 h, the precipitated urea is filtered off with suction and washed with 200 ml of dichloromethane, and the organic phase is washed twice each with 500 ml of 2 M hydrochloric acid and water. The organic phase is concentrated and distilled.

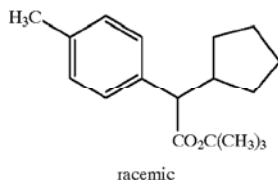
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Yield: 408 g (66% of theory)  
Boiling point: 73–78° C./0.2 mm

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## Example XXI

tert-Butyl 2-Cyclopentyl-2-(4-methylphenyl)acetate



33.5 g (0.3 mol) of potassium tert-butoxide are initially introduced into 100 ml of anhydrous DMF at 0° C., and 51.6 g (0.25 mol) of the compound from Example XX in 250 ml of anhydrous DMF are added dropwise. The mixture is stirred at 0° C. for 30 min and 32.2 ml (0.3 mol) of cyclopentyl bromide in 150 ml of anhydrous DMF are added dropwise at 5–15° C. and the mixture is stirred at 25° C. for 20 h. After concentrating, the residue is partitioned between water and diethyl ether, and the ether phase is dried over sodium sulphate and concentrated. The product crystallizes out.

Yield: 67 g (97.5% of theory)  
Solidification point: 51–53° C.

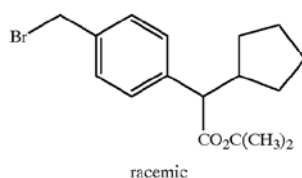
The compounds of Table II are prepared in analogy to the procedure of Example XXI:

TABLE II

Ex. No.	D	R <sup>19</sup>	R <sub>f</sub> (solvent)	Starting material*
XXII	cHex	tBu	0.71 (I)	Ex. No. XX
XXIII	cHept	tBu	0.32 (I)	Ex. No. XX
XXIV	iPr	CH <sub>3</sub>	0.86 (O)	sigma
XXV	iBu	tBu	0.84 (R)	Ex. No. XX
XXVI	cPent	CH <sub>3</sub>	0.59 (H)	sigma
XXVII	cHept	CH <sub>3</sub>	0.57 (I)	sigma

## Example XXVIII

tert-Butyl 2-(4-bromomethyl-phenyl)2-cyclopentyl-acetate



27.4 g (0.1 mol) of the compound from Example XXI are dissolved in 200 ml of tetrachloromethane and the solution is heated to boiling. After addition of 0.82 g of azobisisobutyronitrile, 18.7 g (0.105 mol) of N-bromosuccinimide are added in portions and the mixture is then refluxed for 1 h, cooled to 0° C. and succinimide is filtered off. After concentrating the filtrate the product precipitates. It is washed with petroleum ether (40/60) and dried.

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Yield: 20 g (57% of theory)

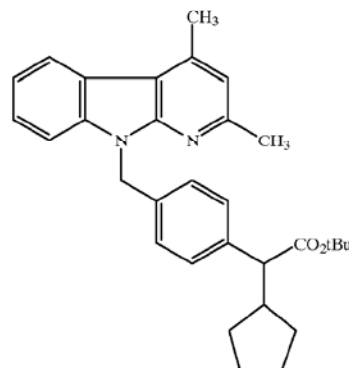
M.p.: 73–76° C.

The compounds of Table III are prepared analogously to the procedure of Example XXVIII:

TABLE III

Ex. No.	D	R <sup>19</sup>	R <sub>f</sub> (solvent)	Starting material*
XXIX	cHex	tBu	0.58 (H)	Ex. No. XXII
XXX	cHept	tBu	0.84 (M)	Ex. No. XXIII
XXXI	iPr	CH <sub>3</sub>	0.78 (M)	Ex. No. XXIV
XXXII	iBu	tBu	0.86 (M)	Ex. No. XXV
XXXIII	cPent	CH <sub>3</sub>	0.63 (H)	Ex. No. XXVI
XXXIV	cHept	CH <sub>3</sub>	0.59 (I)	Ex. No. XXVII

## EXAMPLE XXXV

tert-Butyl 2(R,S)2-cyclopentyl-2-[4 (2,4dimethyl- $\alpha$ -carbolin-9-yl)methyl]phenyl]acetate

73.6 g (375 mmol) of the compound from Example XIX are reacted at 25° C. for 30 min with 42.13 g (375 mmol) of potassium tert-butoxide in 700 ml of anhydrous N,N-dimethylformamide and the mixture is then treated with 161.7 g (375 mmol) of the compound from Example XXVIII, dissolved in 680 ml of anhydrous N,N-dimethylformamide. The reaction is complete after 1 h (TLC checking, petroleum ether : ethyl acetate=10: 1). For working up, 2 l of buffer solution (pH =4/Merck) and 2 l of water are added, the precipitate which is deposited is filtered off, washed with water and again filtered off rapidly. The moderately damp solid is then stirred successively with petroleum ether and methanol and filtered off with suction. Vacuum drying over phosphorus pentoxide yields 139.8 g (298 mmol/79%) of product.

M.p.:160–161° C. (uncorrected).

is R<sub>f</sub>=0.39 (petroleum ether : ethyl acetate=10:1)

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 250 Mhz TMVS):  $\delta$ =0.91 (M 1 H), 1.18–1.68 (M 6 H), 1.87 (M 1 H), 1.47 (S, 9 H), 2.42 (M 1 H), 2.66 (S, 3 H), 2.83 (S, 3 H) 3.09 (D, 1 H), 5.67 (S, 2 H), 6.88 (S, 1 H), 7.13–7.41 (M 7 H), 8.09 (D, 1 H), 111 ppm.

The compounds of Tables IV and V are prepared analogously to the procedure of Example XXXV:

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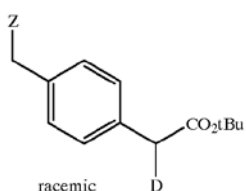
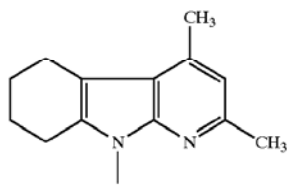
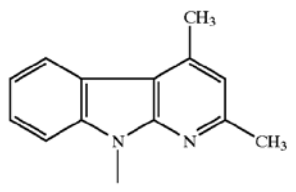
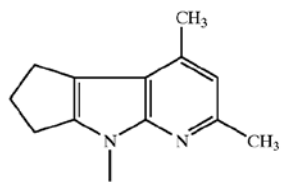
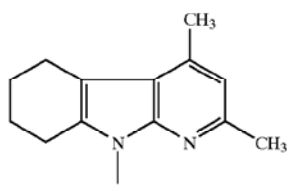
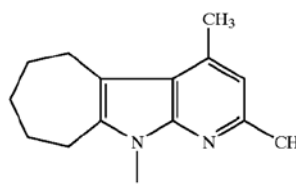
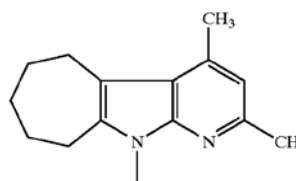
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XXXVII		cHept	0.47 (H)	Benzyl bromide: Ex. No. XXX Heterocycle: Ex. No. XIX
XXVIII		cHept	0.54 (L)	Benzyl bromide: Ex. No. XXX Heterocycle: Ex. No. VII
XXXIX		cHept	0.27 (H)	Benzyl bromide: Ex. No. XXX Heterocycle: Ex. No. VI
XL		cPent	0.59 (D)	Benzyl bromide: Ex. No. XXVIII Heterocycle: Ex. No. VIII
XLI		cHept	0.29 (H)	Benzyl bromide: Ex. No. XXX Heterocycle: Ex. No. VIII

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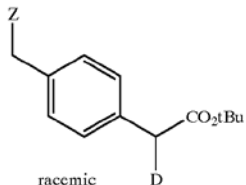
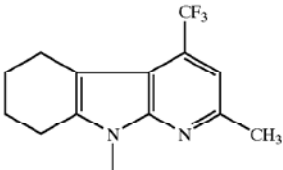
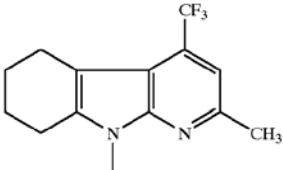
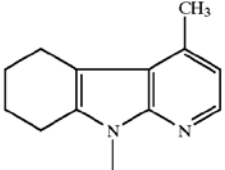
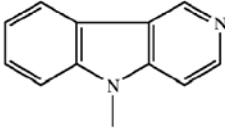
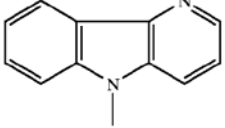
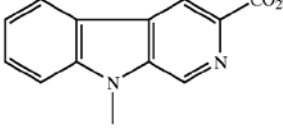
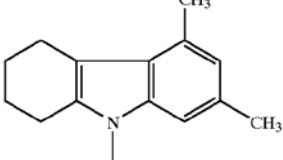
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XLIII		cHept	0.36 (H)	Benzyl bromide: Ex. No. XXX Heterocycle: Ex. No. IX
XLIV		cHept	0.48 (L)	Benzyl bromide: Ex. No. XXX
XLV		cPent	0.49 (C)	Benzyl bromide: Ex. No. XXVIII
XLVI		cPent	0.51 (C)	Benzyl bromide: Ex. No. XXVIII
XLVII		cPent	0.54 (C)	Benzyl bromide: Ex. No. XXVIII
XLVIII		cPent	0.37 (N)	Benzyl bromide: Ex. No. XXVIII Heterocycle: Ex. No. XI

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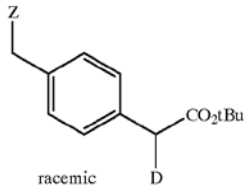
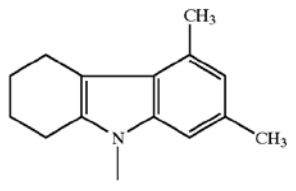
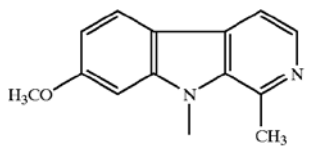
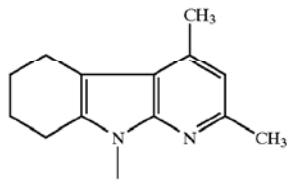
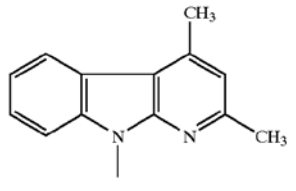
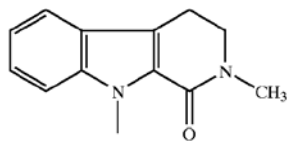
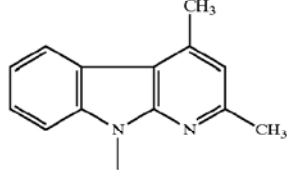
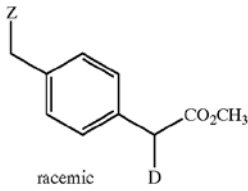
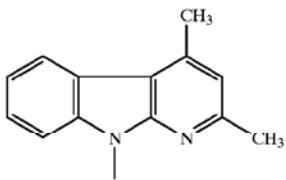
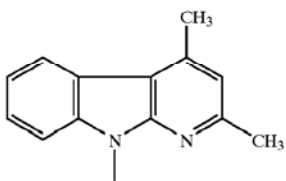
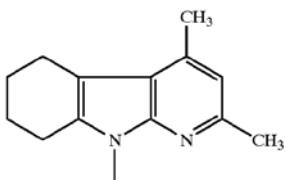
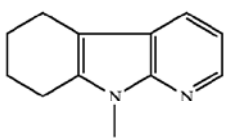
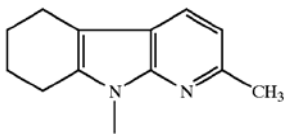
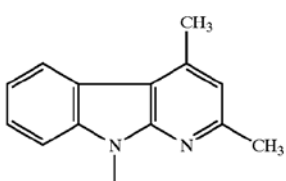
Ex. No.	Z	D	R <sub>f</sub> (solvent)	Starting material (Syn. from Ex. No.)
				
	racemic			
IL		cHept	0.56 (H)	Benzyl bromide: Ex. No. XXX Heterocycle: Ex. No. XI
L		cPent	0.57 (C)	Benzyl bromide: Ex. No. XXVIII
LI		cHex	0.35 (H)	Benzyl bromide: Ex. No. XXIX Heterocycle: Ex. No. VI
LII		cHex	0.57 (B)	Benzyl bromide: Ex. No. XXIX Heterocycle: Ex. No. XIX
LIII		cPent	M.p. = 189–190° C.	Benzyl bromide: Ex. No. XXVIII Heterocycle: a) C. Herdeis et al., Heterocycles 22, 2277 (1984).
LIV		iBu	0.49 (M) M.p.: 142° C. MS (Cl/NH <sub>3</sub> ) 457 (100%)	Benzyl bromide: c) Ex. No. XXXII Heterocycle: c) Ex. No. XIX



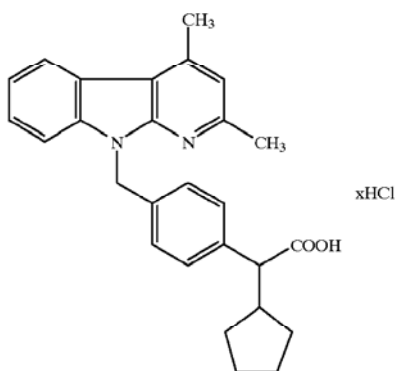
TABLE V

Ex. No.	Z	D	R <sub>f</sub> (solvent) MS/M.p.	Starting material (Syn. from Ex. No.)
	 <p style="text-align: center;">racemic</p>			
LV		iPr	0.39 (M) M.p. = 159° C. MS (Cl/NH <sub>3</sub> ): 401 (100%)	Benzyl bromide: Ex. No. XXXI Heterocycle: Ex. No. XIX
LVI		cPent	0.76 (B)	Benzyl bromide: Ex. No. XXXIII Heterocycle: Ex. No. XIX
LVII		cHept	0.26 (H)	Benzyl bromide: Ex. No. XXXIV Heterocycle: Ex. No. VI
LVIII		cHept	0.64 (K)	Benzyl bromide: Ex. No. XXXIV
LIX		cHept	0.29 (H)	Benzyl bromide: Ex. No. XXXIV Heterocycle: Ex. No. X
LX		cHept	0.30 (H)	Benzyl bromide: Ex. No. XXXIV Heterocycle: Ex. No. XIX

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## EXAMPLE LXI

2-(R,S)-2-Cyclopentyl-2-[4-(2,4-dimethyl- $\alpha$ -carbolin-9-yl)methyl]phenyl-acetic acid hydrochloride



139.8 g, (298 mmol) of the compound from Example XXXV are dissolved in 1 l of 1,4-dioxane and the solution is stirred at 70° C. for 3 h with 240 ml of concentrated

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hydrochloric acid (37% strength). After reaction is complete (TLC checking, petroleum ether: ethyl acetate=10:1), the mixture is cooled to about 15° C. and then poured in portions into 5 l of water. The pH is adjusted to 2.8 using 2 M aqueous sodium hydroxide solution, and the precipitate obtained is filtered off with suction through a paper filter and washed with water until the washing water has a pH>4. The rapidly filtered off solid is stirred with 1 l of petroleum ether (boiling range 60–80° C.), filtered off with suction again and dried over phosphorus pentoxide in vacuo.

Yield: 130.3 g (290 mmol/97%/)

M.p.: 260–262° C. (uncorrected)

$R_f$ =0.51 (dichloromethane : ethanol=20: 1)

$^1\text{H-NMR}$  ( $d_6$ -DMSO, 200 MHz, TMS):  $\delta$ =0.88 (M, 1 H), 1.09–1.67 (M, 6 H) 1.79 (M, 1 H), 2.38 (M, 1 H), 2.68 (S, 3 H), 2.84 (S, 3 H), 3.16 (D, 1 H), 4.7–5.9 (1 H), 5.80 (S, 2 H), 7.12–7.26 (M, 5 H), 7.32 (M, 1 H), 7.49 (M, 1 H), 7.59 (D, 1 H), 8.17 (D, 1 H) ppm The compounds of Table VI are prepared analogously to the procedure of Example LXI:

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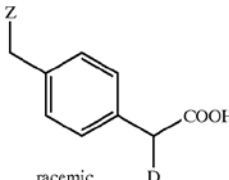
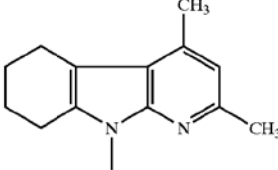
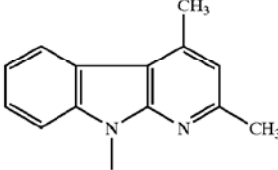
Ex. No.	Z	$R_f$ D (solvent)	Starting material (Syn. from Ex. No.)
LXII		cPent 0.37 (A)	Ex. No. XXXVI
LXIII		cHept 0.23 (G)	Ex. No. XXXVII
LXIV		cHept 0.30 (E)	Ex. No. XXXVIII

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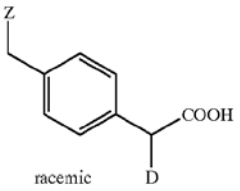
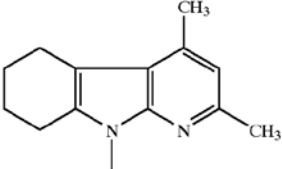
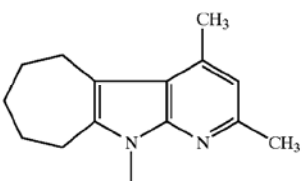
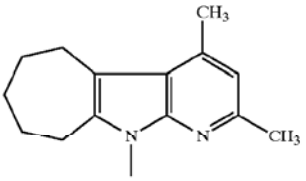
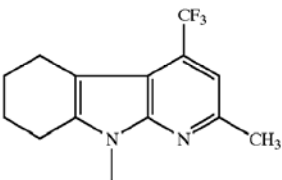
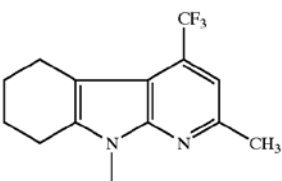
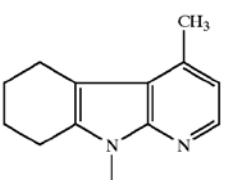
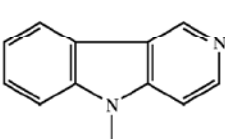
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	racemic			
LXV		cHept	0.27 (D)	Ex. No. XXXIX
LXVI		cPent	0.37 (C)	Ex. No. XL
LXVII		cHept	0.15 (C)	Ex. No. XLI
LXVIII		cPent	0.43 (A)	Ex. No. XLII
LXIX		cHept	0.27 (C)	Ex. No. XLIII
LXX		cHept	0.17 (E)	Ex. No. XLIV
LXXI		cPent	0.07 (C)	Ex. No. XLV

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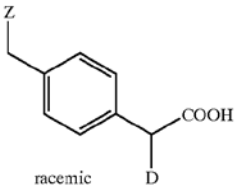
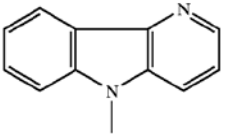
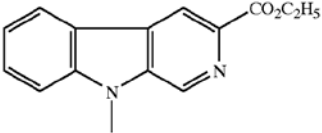
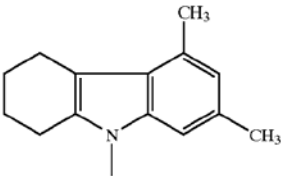
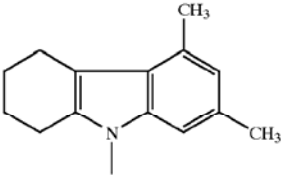
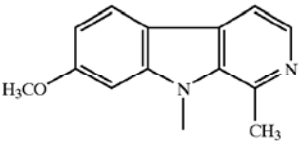
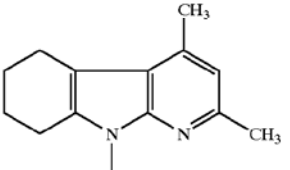
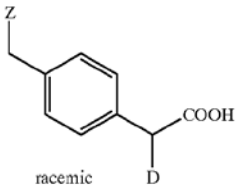
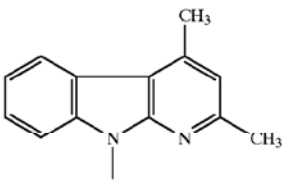
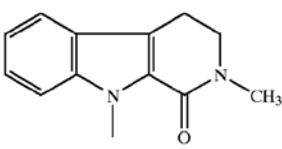
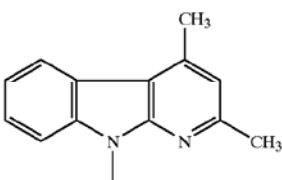
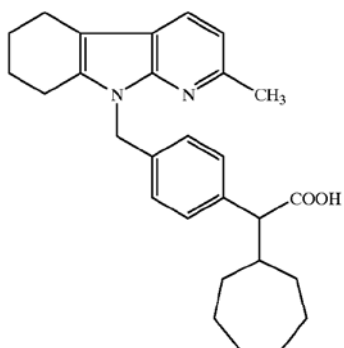
Ex. No.	Z	D	R <sub>f</sub> (solvent)	Starting material (Syn. from Ex. No.)
	 <p style="text-align: center;">racemic</p>			
LXXII		cPent	0.26 (C)	Ex. No. XLVI
LXXIII		cPent	0.39 (C)	Ex. No. XLVII
LXXIV		cPent	0.46 (C)	Ex. No. XLVIII
LXXV		cHept	0.68 (E)	Ex. No. IL
LXXVI		cPent	0.44 (C)	Ex. No. L
LXXVII		cHex	0.44 (C)	Ex. No. LI

TABLE VI-continued

Ex. No.	Z	D	R <sub>f</sub> (solvent)	Starting material (Syn. from Ex. No.)
				
	racemic			
LXXVIII		cHex	0.55 (C)	Ex. No. LII
LXXIX		cPent	M.p. = 204– 205° C.	Ex No. LIII
LXXX		iBu	0.36 (A) M.p.: 156° C. MS(FAB): 401 (100%) 154 (90%)	Ex. No. LIV

## EXAMPLE LXXXI

2-(R, S)-2-[4-(2-Methyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro- $\alpha$ -carboline-9-yl)-methyl-phenyl]-2-cycloheptyl-acetic acid



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1.5 g (3.37 mmol) of the compound from Example LIX are reacted with 20 ml of 1 M methanolic sodium hydroxide solution for 48 h. Water is added thereto and the methanol component is evaporated. The alkaline aqueous phase is extracted several times with ether, freed from residues of organic solvent in vacuo and adjusted to a pH of about 2 at 0–5° C. using aqueous 1 M hydrochloric acid. The precipitate which is deposited in this process is filtered off with suction, thoroughly washed with water and dried over phosphorus pentoxide in a high vacuum.

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Yield: 1.18 g

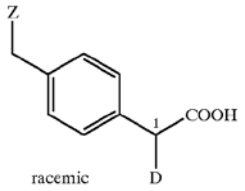
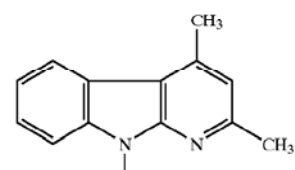
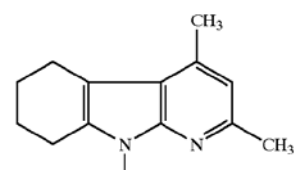
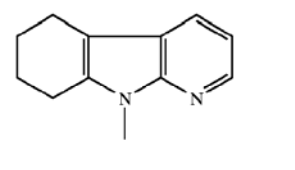
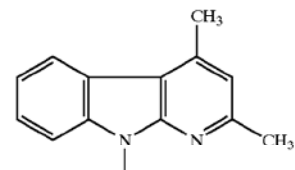
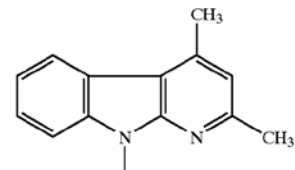
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The reaction can be accelerated using potassium hydroxide instead of sodium hydroxide and with addition of 1, 4, 7, 10, 13, 16-hexaoxacyclooctadecane.

R<sub>f</sub>=0.39 (petroleum ether : ethyl acetate=2:1)

The compounds of Table VII are prepared in analogy to the procedure of Example LXXXI:

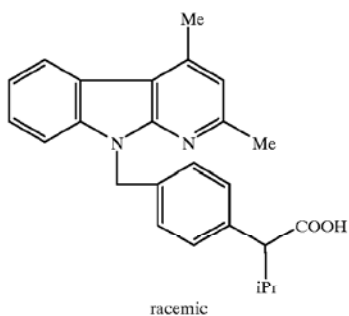
TABLE VII

Ex. No.	Z	D	1	R <sub>f</sub>	Starting material (Synthesis from Ex. No.)
				(solvent) MS/M.p.	
		racemic			
LXXXII Method 1		iPr	rac	0.28 (A) M.p. = 225° C. MS(FAB): 387 (100%) 154 (80%)	Ex. No. LV
LXXXIII		cHept	rac	0.05 (L)	Ex. No. LVII
LXXXIV		cHept	rac	0.11 (K)	Ex. No. LVIII
LXXXVI		cHept	rac	0.23 (G)	Ex. No. LX
LXXXVI		cPent	rac	0.51 (C)	Ex. No. LVI

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Example LXXXII can also be prepared by method 2 which follows:

2-[4(2,4Dimethyl- $\alpha$ -carbolin-9-yl)-methyl-phenyl]-2-(prop-2-yl)acetic acid



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1.11 g (2.77 mmol) of the compound from Example No. LV are boiled under reflux for 18 hours in 45 ml of methanol and 3 ml of 2 M aqueous sodium hydroxide solution. As the reaction is incomplete according to TLC (dichloromethane: methanol=20: 1), 30 ml of tetrahydrofuran and a further 3 ml of 2 M aqueous sodium hydroxide solution are added, a clear solution being obtained. After boiling under reflux for four hours, the reaction is complete (TLC, see above). The mixture is cooled, diluted with water and neutralized with 2 M aqueous hydrochloric acid. The precipitate which is obtained in this process is filtered off with suction, washed with water and dried over phosphorus pentoxide in vacuo.

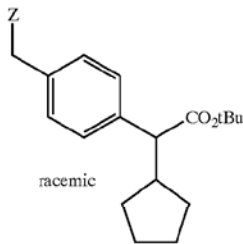
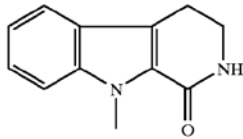
Yield: 0.597 g

M.p.=225° C.

$R_f$ =0.28 (dichloromethane: methanol=20:1)

The compounds of Table VIII are prepared analogously to the procedure of Example XXXV:

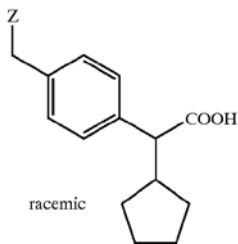
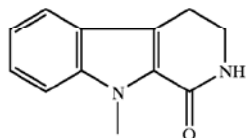
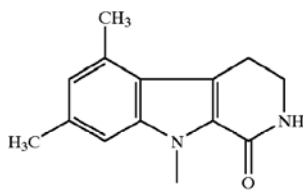
TABLE VIII

Ex. No.	—Z	M.p. (° C.)	Starting material*
LXXXVII		164–165	
LXXXVIII		201–202	

\*Ex. No. XXVIII was employed as the benzyl bromide.

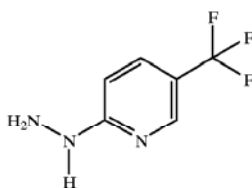
The compounds of Table IX are prepared analogously to the procedure of Example LXI:

TABLE IX

Ex. No.	—Z	M.p. (° C.)	Starting material from Ex. No.
	 <p>racemic</p>		
LXXXIX		262–263	LXXXVII
XC		279–280	LXXXVIII

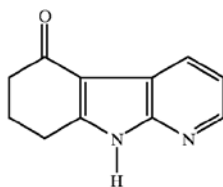
## EXAMPLE XCI

2-Hydrazino-5-trifluoromethylpyridine



In analogy to the procedure of Example No. IV, 2-hydrazino-5-trifluoromethylpyridine is prepared from 2-chloro-5-trifluoromethylpyridine.  $R_f=0.37$  (BABA)

## EXAMPLE XCII

5-Oxo-5,6,7-tetrahydro- $\alpha$ -carboline

3.3 g (19.2 mmol) of 5,6,7,8-tetrahydro- $\alpha$ -carboline (Lit.: S. Okuda and M. M. Robinson, J. Am. Chem. Soc. 81, 740 (1959)) are initially introduced into 43 ml of tetrahydrofuran while stirring at 0° C. and the mixture is treated dropwise with a solution of 15.5 g (68.2 mmol) of DDQ in 277 ml of tetrahydrofuran and 31 ml of water. The reaction mixture is stirred at 0° C. for 5 minutes and at 20° C. for 2 hours, then treated with a buffer of pH=10 (Merck) and extracted with diethyl ether. The evaporated organic phase yields a crude product which is purified by chromatography (silica gel 60, Merck, first petroleum ether: ethyl acetate=1:1, then dichloromethane : methanol=20:1). The fractions thus obtained are precipitated by stirring with acetone, and the product is filtered off with suction and freed from the solvent in vacuo.

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Yield: 0.92 g

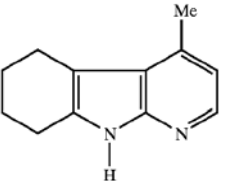
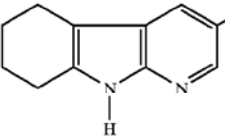
60  $R_f=0.17$  (petroleum ether: ethyl acetate=1:4).

The compounds of Table X are prepared analogously to the procedure of Example VI:

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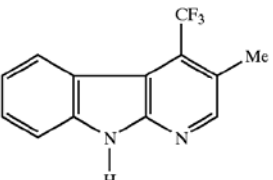
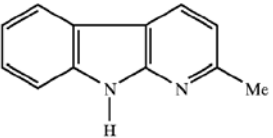
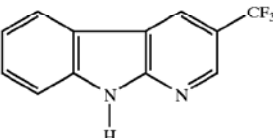
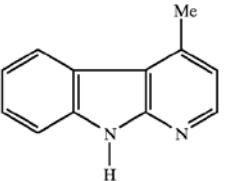


TABLE X

Ex. No. —Z—	M.p. (° C.) R <sub>f</sub> (solvent)	MS (EI)	Starting material from Ex. No.
XCIII	0.27 (E)		V
			
XCIV	0.46 (G)	240 (52%) 212 (100%)	XCI
			

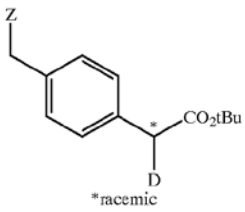
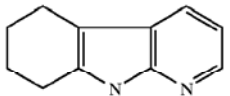
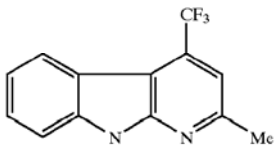
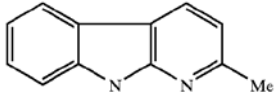
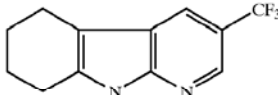
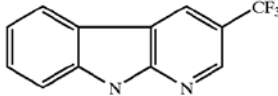
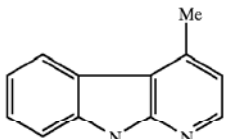
The compounds of Table XI are prepared analogously to the procedure of Example XIX:

TABLE XI

Ex. No. —Z—	M.p. (° C.) R <sub>f</sub> (solvent)	MS (EI)	Starting material from Ex. No.
XCVC	0.39 (G)	250 (100%)	IX
			
XCVI	0.45 (G)		X
			
XCVCII	0.48 (G)	236 (100%)	XCIV
			
XCVCIII	0.3 (E)		XCIII
			

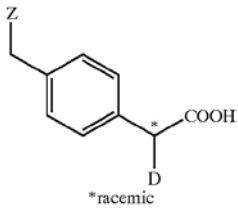
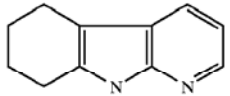
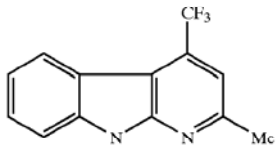
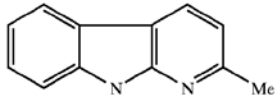
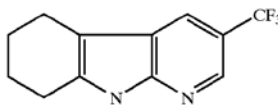
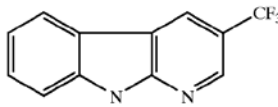
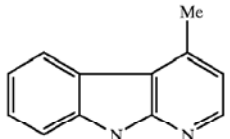
The compounds of Table XII are prepared analogously to the procedure of Example XXXV:

TABLE XII

Ex. No.	Z	M.p. [° C.]		Starting material from Ex. No.
		D	R <sub>f</sub> (solvent)	
				
IC		cPent 0.73 (C)		Benzyl bromide: Ex. No. XXVIII
C		cPent 0.63 (H)		Benzyl bromide: Ex. No. XXVIII Heterocycle: Ex. No. XCV
CI		cPent 0.27 (H)		Benzyl bromide: Ex. No. XXVIII Heterocycle: Ex. No. XCVI
CII		cPent 0.33 (H)		Benzyl bromide: Ex. No. XXVIII Heterocycle: Ex. No. XCI
CIII		cPent 0.41 (H)		Benzyl bromide: Ex. No. XXVIII Heterocycle: Ex. No. XCVII
CIV		cPent 0.18 (H)		Benzyl bromide: Ex. No. XXVIII Heterocycle: Ex. No. XCVIII

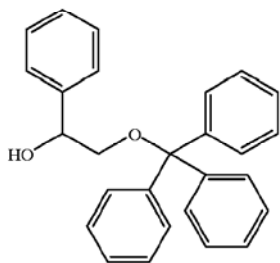
The compounds of Table XIII are prepared analogously to the procedure of Example LXI:

TABLE XIII

Ex. No.	Z	D	M.p. [° C.] R <sub>f</sub> (solvent)	Starting material from Ex. No.
				
CV		cPent	0.27 (C)	IC
CVI		cPent	0.49 (C)	C
CVII		cPent	0.38 (C)	CI
CVIII		cPent	0.35 (C)	CII
CIX		cPent	0.43 (C)	CIII
CX		cPent	0.29 (C)	CIV

## EXAMPLE NO. CXI

1-(R,S)-1-Phenyl-2-triphenylmethoxy-ethanol



buffer of pH=4 (Merck), the phases are separated, and the  
 50 organic phase is dried with magnesium sulphate and evaporated to dryness. The crude product is purified by chromatography on silica gel 60 (Merck/petroleum ether:ethyl acetate=20:1 later 10:1); yield 27 g.

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R<sub>f</sub>=0.36 (petroleum ether: ethyl acetate=5:1)

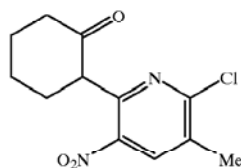
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## EXAMPLE NO. CXII

13 g (94 mmol) of 1-(R,S)-1-Phenyl-2-hydroxy-ethanol  
 are reacted at 20° C. with 15.6 ml (113 mmol) of triethyl-  
 65 amine and 23.6 g (84.6 mmol) of triphenylmethyl chloride  
 in 200 ml of DNF. After 20 h, the mixture is poured into

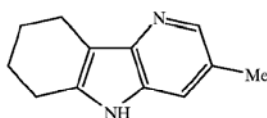
6-Chloro-5-methyl-3-nitro-2-(2-oxo-cyclohexyl)-  
 pyridine

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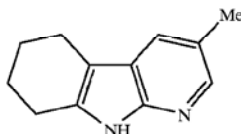
20 g (95.7 mmol) of 2,6-dichloro-5-methyl-3-nitropyridine are reacted with 13.3 ml (95.7 mmol) of triethylamine and 14.5 g (95.7 mmol) of freshly distilled 1-pyrrolidino-cyclopentene at 20° C. in 200 ml of DMF under argon as a protective gas. After the starting material has disappeared according to thin-layer chromatography (silica gel/petroleum ether: ethyl acetate=4:1), 200 ml of 1 M hydrochloric acid are added and the mixture is diluted with about 600 ml of water. The precipitate which is deposited is filtered off with suction, dried over phosphorus pentoxide in a high vacuum and purified by chromatography (silica gel 60/Merck/petroleum ether: ethyl acetate=2:1).  $R_f=0.69$  (petroleum ether: ethyl acetate=4:1)

## EXAMPLE NO. CXIII

2-Methyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro- $\delta$ -carboline

2.8 g (10.4 mmol) of the compound from Example CXII are reacted on 0.5 g of palladium (5%) / carbon in 30 ml of THF under a hydrogen pressure of 3 bar for 18 h. The catalyst is then filtered off with suction and washed several times with methanol and dichloromethane. The filtrate is evaporated and dried in a high vacuum; yield: 2.1 g  $R_f=0.53$  (dichloromethane: ethanol=5:1)

## EXAMPLE NO. CXIV

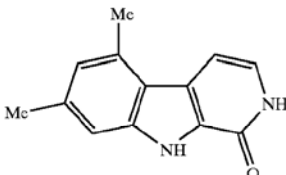
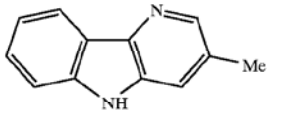
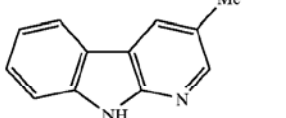
3-Methyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro- $\alpha$ -carboline hydrochloride

13.0 g (120.2 mmol) of 2-amino-5-methyl-pyridine are dissolved in 150 ml of ethanol and the solution is stirred with 60 ml of 2 M hydrochloric acid, evaporated to dryness and finally dried over sodium hydroxide and phosphorus pentoxide in a high vacuum. The product thus obtained is boiled under reflux in a water separator with 2.2 g (20.1 mmol) of 2-amino-5-methyl-pyridine and 11.4 g (50.0 mmol) of 2-hydroxy-cyclohexanone dimer in 120 ml of 1,2-dichlorobenzene for 6 h. 11.4 g (50.0 mmol) of 2-hydroxy-cyclohexanone dimer are then added again and the mixture is boiled under reflux for a further 3 h. On cooling, a precipitate is deposited at 20° C. 150 ml of acetone are added, the mixture is cooled to 0 to 5° C. with stirring, and the precipitate is filtered off with suction and washed with cold ether. The product obtained is dried over phosphorus pentoxide in a high vacuum; yield 18 g.  $R_f=0.29$  (dichloromethane: ethanol=20:1)

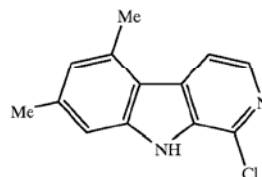
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The compounds of the following Table XIV are obtained in analogy to the procedure of Example No. XIX:

TABLE XIV

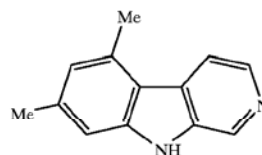
Ex. No.	Heterocycle	$R_f$ (solvent)	Starting material
5 CXV		0.16 (C)	
10 CXVI		0.37 (C)	Ex. No. CXIII
15 CXVII		0.17 (D)	Ex. No. CXIV

## EXAMPLE NO. CXVIII

1-Chloro-5,7-dimethyl- $\beta$ -carboline

10.2 g (49 mmol) of the compound from Example No. CXV are reacted at 125° C. for 24 h with 222 ml (2.4 mol) of phosphorus oxychloride and 155  $\mu$ l of N,N-dimethylaniline. The mixture is poured into 1 l of ice water after cooling, then neutralized with aqueous sodium carbonate solution and extracted several times with ethyl acetate. The organic phase is dried with magnesium sulphate, evaporated and freed from the residual solvent in a high vacuum. The crude product is purified by chromatography on silica gel 60 (Merck/dichloromethane); yield: 4.3 g.  $R_f=0.39$  (dichloromethane: ethanol=20:1)

## EXAMPLE NO. CXIX

5,7-Dimethyl- $\beta$ -carboline

3.8 g (16.5 mmol) of the compound from Example CXVIII are reacted with 1.3 g of sodium hydrogen carbonate

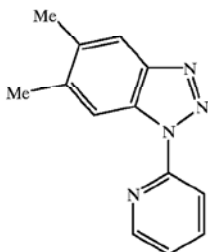
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on 700 mg of palladium (10%)/carbon at a hydrogen pressure of about 3 bar and 20° C. for 10 d in 40 ml of THF, 300 mg of palladium (10%)/carbon and 5 ml of methanol being added on every second day. The catalyst is then filtered off with suction through kieselguhr, washed with THF, boiled in methanol and dichloromethane and again filtered off with suction. The combined organic solutions are evaporated, and the residue is precipitated by stirring with ether and filtered off with suction. After vacuum drying, 3 g of product are obtained.

$R_f=0.13$  (dichloromethane: ethanol=20:1)

## EXAMPLE NO. CXX

5,6-Dimethyl-1-(pyridin-2-yl)-1H-benzotriazole

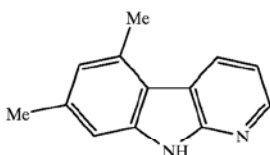


14.85 g (103 mmol) of 5,6-dimethyl-1H-benzotriazole are dissolved in 150 ml of anhydrous DMSO, reacted with 5 g (104 mmol) of 50% strength sodium hydride (+40% paraffin oil) at 20° C. until evolution of hydrogen is complete, treated with 10 g (103 mmol) of 2-fluoro-pyridine and the mixture is boiled under reflux for 18 h. After cooling to 20° C., the mixture is made up to a volume of about 1 l with water, and the resulting precipitate is filtered off with suction and washed with water. The substance, which is dried over phosphorus pentoxide in a high vacuum, is purified by chromatography on silica gel 60 (Merck/dichloromethane to dichloromethane: ethanol=100:1);

yield: 10.6 g.

$R_f=0.38$  (dichloromethane: ethanol=50:1)

## EXAMPLE NO. CXXI

6,7-Dimethyl- $\alpha$ -carboline

8.9 g (39.7 mmol) of the compound from Example No. CXX are slowly heated to 165° C. in 140 g of polyphosphoric acid under argon, the mixture being poured into 1.5 l of water and adjusted to pH=6-7 with 1 M aqueous sodium hydroxide solution before disappearance of the starting material (TLC checking/dichloromethane: ethanol=20:1). The precipitate obtained is filtered off with suction, washed with water, rapidly filtered off with suction, then washed with petroleum ether and filtered off with suction again. After vacuum drying, 1.8 g of product are obtained.

$R_f=0.32$  (dichloromethane: ethanol=20:1)

The compounds in Table XV are prepared in analogy to the procedure of Example No. XXI:

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TABLE XV

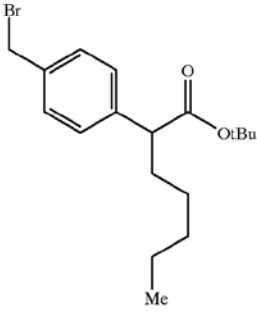
Ex. No.		$R_f$ (solvent)
5	CXXII	0.56 (H)
10		
15	CXXIII	
20		
25	CXXIV	
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The compounds in Table XVI are prepared in analogy to the procedure of Example No. XXVIII:

TABLE XVI

Ex. No.		$R_f$ (solvent)	Starting material (Ex. No.)
45	CXXV	0.40 (H)	CXXII
50			
55	CXXVI		CXXIII
60			
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TABLE XVI-continued

Ex. No.	R <sub>f</sub> (solvent)	Starting material (Ex. No.)	
CXXXVII		CXXIV	5
			10
			15
			20

The compounds of Table XVII are prepared analogously to the procedure of Example No. XXXV:

TABLE XVII

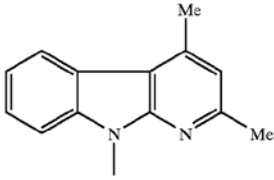
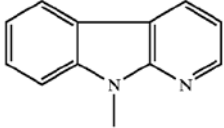
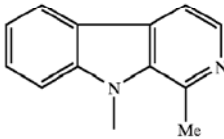
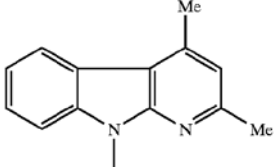
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CXXXVIII		p	— H	Me	0.59 (G)	DCI: 359 (100%)	XIX
CXXXIX		p	rac cPent	Me	0.51 (D)		XXXIII
CXXX		p	rac cPent	Me	0.22 (C)		XXXIII (Harman is commercially available from Aldrich).
CXXXI		m	rac cPent	Me	0.55 (D)		XIX and CXXV

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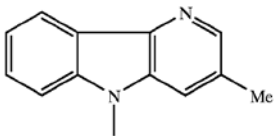
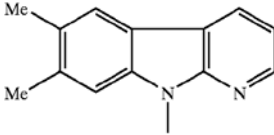
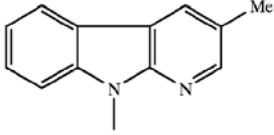
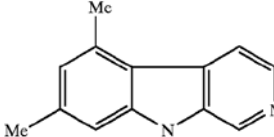
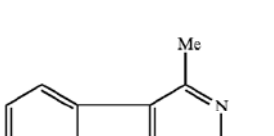
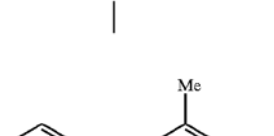
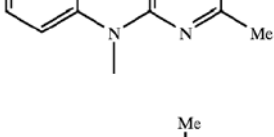
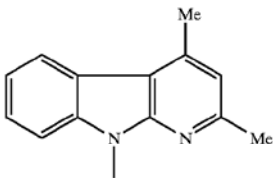
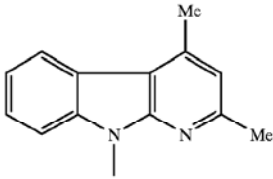

Ex. No.	Z	Position (o, m or p)	$\hat{i}$ D	R <sup>10</sup>	R <sub>f</sub> (solvent)	MS	Starting material Ex. No.
CXXXII		p	rac cPent	Me	0.21 (D)		CXVI and XXXIII
CXXXIII		p	rac cPent	tBu			XXVIII and CXXI
CXXXIV		p	rac cPent	tBu			XXVIII and CXVII
CXXXV		p	rac cPent	tBu			XXVIII and CXIX
CXXXVI		p	rac cPent	Me	0.13 (L)		XXXIII
CXXXVII		p	rac Me	tBu	0.43 (L)		XIX
CXXXVIII		p	rac Et	tBu	0.51 (L)		XIX

TABLE XVII-continued

Ex. No.	Z	Position (o, m or p)	$\hat{1}$ D	R <sup>10</sup>	R <sub>f</sub> (solvent)	MS	Starting material Ex. No.
CXXXIX		p	rac	nPent	Et		XIX and CXXVII
CXL		p	rac		Et		XIX and CXXVI

The compounds of Table XVIII are prepared analogously to the procedure of Example Nos. LXI or LXXXI:

TABLE XVIII

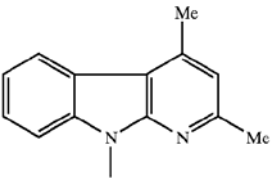
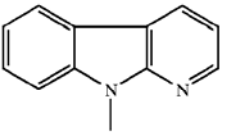
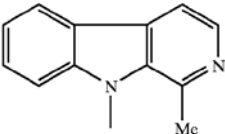
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CXLI		p	— H	0.56 (O)		CXXVIII	LXXXI
CXLII		p	rac	cPent	0.14 (G)	CXXIX	LXXXI
CXLIII		p	rac	cPent	0.50 (U)	CXXX	LXXXI



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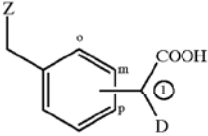
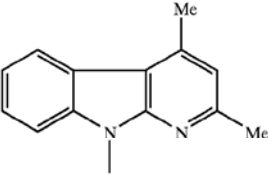
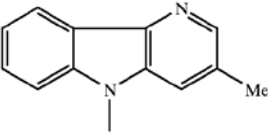
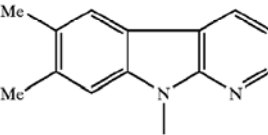
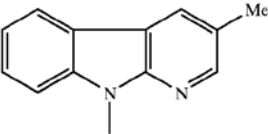
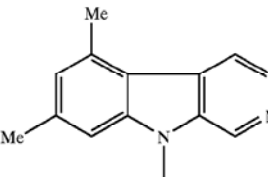
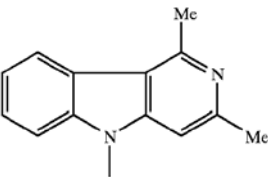
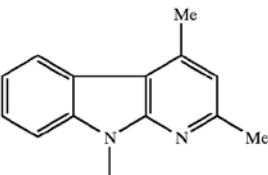
Ex. No.	Z	Position (o, m or p)	① D		R <sub>f</sub> (solvent)	MS	Starting material Ex. No.	Preparation analogous to Ex. No.
			①	D				
CXLIV		m	rac	cPent	0.14 (D)	CXXXI	LXXXI	
								
CVL		p	rac	cPent	0.10 (D)	CXXXII	LXXXI	
								
CVLI		p	rac	cPent	0.34 (C)	CXXXIII	LXI	
								
CVLII		p	rac	cPent		CXXXV	LXI	
								
CVLIII		p	rac	cPent	0.15 (C)	CXXXV	LXI	
								
CIL		p	rac	cPent		CXXXVI	LXXXI	
								
CL		p	rac	Et		CXXXVIII	LXI	
								

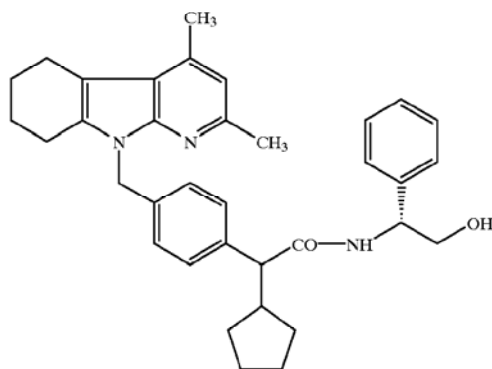
TABLE XVIII-continued

Ex. No.	Z	Position (o, m or p)	① D	R <sub>f</sub> (solvent)	MS	Starting material Ex. No.	Preparation analogous to Ex. No.
CLII		p	rac	Me		CXXXVII	LXI
CLII		p	rac	nPent		CXXXIX	LXXXI
CLIII		p	rac			CXL	LXXXI

## PREPARATION EXAMPLES

## EXAMPLES 1, 2 and 3

2-(S)- and 2-(R)-2-[4-(2,4-Dimethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-  
 $\alpha$ -carbolin-9-yl)methyl-phenyl]-2-cyclopentyl-acetic acid  
 N-[(R)phenylglycinolamide]



3.00 g (7.2 mmol) of the compound from Example LXII  
 are dissolved in 70 ml of dichloromethane with 0.99 g (7.2  
 mmol) of (R)-phenylglycinol (Aldrich), and the solution is  
 treated successively at 0° C. with 1.07 g (7.9 mmol) of  
 1-hydroxy-1 H-\* benzotriazole hydrate (Aldrich), 1.58 g (8.3  
 mmol) of N'-(3-dimethylaniopropyl)-N-ethycabodiimide  
 hydrochloride (Aldrich) and 2 ml of triethylamine and then

stirred at room temperature for 20 hours. The organic solution  
 is extracted with aqueous ammonium chloride solution,  
 with aqueous sodium hydrogen carbonate solution and with  
 a buffer of pH=4 (ready-touse buffer solution, E. Merck,  
 Darmstadt), dried with solid anhydrous sodium sulphate and  
 evaporated.

Yield of the diastereomer mixture: 3.50 g (Example 1).

The product mixture is separated by chromatography (silica  
 gel, dichloromethane: ethanol 50:1):

## EXAMPLE NO. 2

Diastereomer A [2(S)-diastereomer]: 1.23 g

R<sub>f</sub>=0.18 (dichloromethane: ethanol=50:1)

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (d-DMSO, 250 MHz, TMS):  $\delta$ =0.87 (M, 1 H),  
 1.19–1.63 (M, 6 H), 1.72 (M, 1 H), 2.45 (M, 1 H), 2.58  
 (S, 3 H), 2.79 (S, 3 H), 3.26 (D, 1 H), 3.44–3.53 (M, 2 H),  
 4.21–4.31 (M, 2 H), 5.63 (S, 2 H), 6.97–7.11 (M, 8 H),  
 7.20–7.28 (M, 3 H), 7.41 (M, 1 H), 7.54 (D, 1 H), 8.12 (D,  
 1 H), 8.24 (D, 1 H) ppm.

## EXAMPLE NO. 3

Diastereomer B [2(R)-diastereomer]: 1.12 g

R<sub>f</sub>=0.16 (dichloromethane: ethanol=50:1)

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (d-DMSO, 250 M TMS):  $\delta$ =0.84 (M, 1 H),  
 1.07–1.59 (M, 7 H), 2.34 (M, 1 H), 2.61 (S, 3 H), 2.80 (S,  
 3 H), 3.25 (D, 1 H), 3.43 (M, 2 H), 4.63–4.72 (M, 2 H),  
 5.66 (S, 2 H), 6.98 (S, 1 H), 7.13 (M, 2 H), 7.20–7.30 (M,  
 8 H), 7.43 (M, 1 H), 7.57 (D, 1 H), 8.12 (D, 1 H), 8.36 (D,  
 1 H) ppm.

The absolute configurations of the enantiomerically pure  
 carboxylic acids 2-(S)- and 2-(R)-2-[4[(quinolin-2-yl)

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methoxy]phenyl]-2-cyclopentyl-acetic acid [cf. EP 509 359] are known, so the absolute configurations of the amides Ex. No. C1 and Ex. No. C2 prepared therefrom analogously to the procedure of Examples 1 and 2 can be derived. The <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra of the two diastereomeric products (200 MHz, d<sub>6</sub>-DMSO, TMS for Example No. C1 and 250 MHz, d<sub>6</sub>-DMSO, TMS for Example No. C2/FIG. 1) have significant differences in the aromatic region: the H signals of the

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phenyl radical of Ex. No. C1 are at about 7.1 ppm (3 H) and 7.3 ppm (2 H) and the H signals of Ex. No. C2 are at about 7.3 ppm (5 H). This finding is applicable to the compounds of Examples 2 and 3 (FIG. 2) and also to many other derivatives of this type.

The examples mentioned in Tables 1, 2 and 3 are prepared in analogy to the procedure of Examples 1, 2 and 3:

TABLE 1

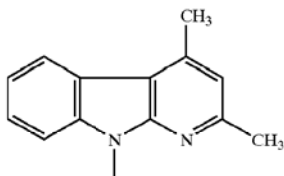
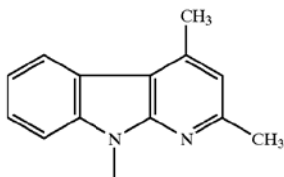
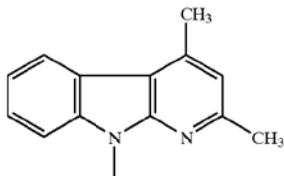
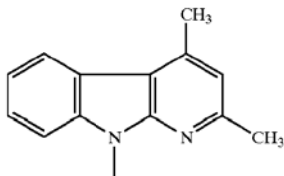
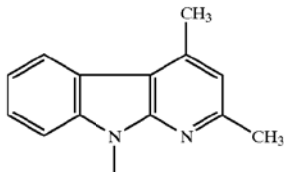
Ex. No. Z	D	1	R <sub>f</sub> (solvent)	Starting material *(Ex. No.)
4	cPent	rac	0.41/0.46 (E)	LXI
				
5	cPent	S	0.46 (E)	LXI
				
6	cPent	R	0.41 (E)	LXI
				
7	cHept	rac	0.26/0.29 (D)	LXIII
				
8	cHept	S	0.29 (D)	LXIII
				





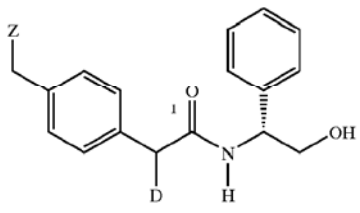
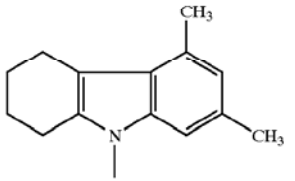
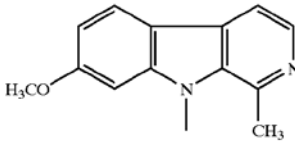
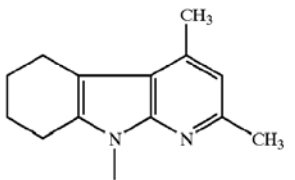
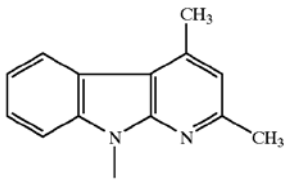
TABLE 1-continued

Ex. No.	Z	D	1	R <sub>f</sub> (solvent)	Starting material *(Ex. No.)
21		cHept	rac	0.23/0.28 (D)	LXIX
22		cHept	S	0.28 (D)	LXIX
23		cHept	R	0.23 (D)	LXIX
24		cHept	rac	0.10/0.18 (E)	LXX
25		cHept	S	0.18 (E)	LXX
26		cHept	R	0.10 (E)	LXX
27		cHept	rac	0.17/0.23 (B)	LXXXI

TABLE 1-continued

Ex. No.	Z	D	1	R <sub>f</sub> (solvent)	Starting material
					*(Ex. No.)
28		cHept	rac	0.12/0.15 (B)	LXXXIV
29		cPent	rac	0.28 (E)	LXXI
30		cPent	rac	0.29 (C)	LXXII
31		cPent	rac	0.24 (C)	LXXIII
32		cPent	rac	0.39/0.48 (C)	LXXIV
33		cPent	S	0.48 (C)	LXXIV
34		cPent	R	0.39 (C)	LXXIV

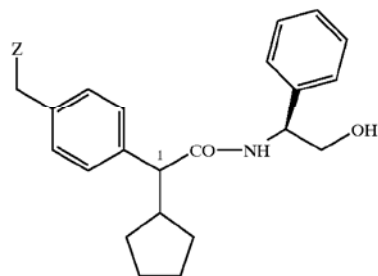
TABLE 1-continued

Ex. No.	Z	D	1	R <sub>f</sub>	Starting material
				(solvent)	*(Ex. No.)
					
35		cHept	rac	0.23/0.29 (D)	LXXV
36		cPent	rac	0.26 (A)	LXXVI
37		cHex	rac	0.28/0.30 (D)	LXXVII
38		cHex	rac	0.21/0.23 (D)	LXXVIII

\*(R)-Phenylglycinol is commercially available from Aldrich.



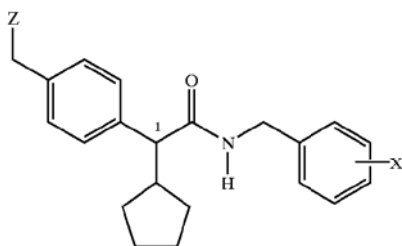
TABLE 2



Ex. No.	1	R <sub>f</sub> (solvent)	Starting material *(Ex. No.)
39	rac	0.42 (C)	LXI
40	R	0.42 (C)	LXI
41	S	0.42 (C)	LXI

\*(S)-Phenylglycinol is commercially available from Aldrich.

TABLE 3



Ex. No.	Z	D	X	1	R <sub>f</sub> (solvent)	Starting material (Ex. No.)
42		cHept	H	rac	0.39 (C)	Carboxylic acid: Ex. No. LXIII Amine from Aldrich

TABLE 3-continued

Ex. No.	Z	D	X	1	R <sub>f</sub> (solvent)	Starting material (Ex. No.)
43		cHept	H	rac	0.78 (E)	Carboxylic acid: Ex. No. LXIV Amine from Aldrich
44		cPent	H	rac	0.34 (D)	Carboxylic acid: Ex. No. LXII Amine from Aldrich
45		cPent	H	(-)-ent*	0.34 (D)	Carboxylic acid: Ex. No. LXII Amine from Aldrich
46		cPent	H	(+)-ent*	0.34 (D)	Carboxylic acid: Ex. No. LXII Amine from Aldrich
47		cHept	H	rac	0.25 (C)	Carboxylic acid: Ex. No. LXV Amine from Aldrich
48		cHept	H	rac	0.42 (C)	Carboxylic acid: Ex. No. LXVII Amine from Aldrich

TABLE 3-continued

Ex. No.	Z	D	X	1	R <sub>f</sub> (solvent)	Starting material (Ex. No.)
49		cHept	H	rac	0.45 (C)	Carboxylic acid: Ex. No. LXXIX Amine from Aldrich
50		cHept	H	rac	0.71 (E)	Carboxylic acid: Ex. No. LXX Amine from Aldrich
51		cHept	H	rac	0.59 (B)	Carboxylic acid: Ex. No. LXXXI Amine from Aldrich
52		cHept	H	rac	0.40 (B)	Carboxylic acid: Ex. No. LXXXIV Amine from Aldrich
53		cHept	3-OH	rac	0.45 (D)	Carboxylic acid: Ex. No. LXV Amine Ref.: US 43 88 250
54		cHept	4-OH	rac	0.39 (A)	Carboxylic acid: Ex. No. LXV Amine: Ref.: C. Hartmann and J.P. Klinman, Biochemistry, 30, 4605 (1991)
55		cHept	2-OCH <sub>3</sub>	rac	0.15 (B)	Carboxylic acid: Ex. No. LXV Amine from Aldrich

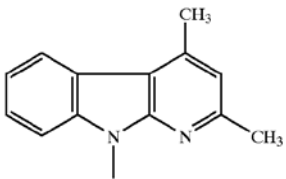
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Ex. No.	Z	D X		1	R <sub>f</sub> (solvent)	Starting material (Ex. No.)
56		cHept	3-OCH <sub>3</sub>	rac	0.37 (D)	Carboxylic acid: Ex. No. LXV Amine from Lancaster
57		cHept	4-OCH <sub>3</sub>	rac	0.24 (B)	Carboxylic acid: Ex. No. LXV Amine from Aldrich
58		cHept	2-O-CH <sub>2</sub> -CH=CH <sub>2</sub>	rac	0.51 (C)	Carboxylic acid: Ex. No. LXV Amine: Ex. No. II
59		cHept	3-CO <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	rac	0.73 (C)	Carboxylic acid: Ex. No. LXV Amine: Ref. F.M. Markwardt et al., Pharmazie 22, 465 (1967).
60		cHept	4-CO <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	rac	0.33 (B)	Carboxylic acid: Ex. No. LXV Amine: Ref.: M.G. Nair and C.M. Baugh, J. Org. Chem. 38, 2185 (1973).
61		cHept	3-CH <sub>3</sub>	rac	0.19 (B)	Carboxylic acid: Ex. No. LXV Amine from Aldrich

TABLE 3-continued

Ex. No.	Z	D	X	1	R <sub>f</sub> (solvent)	Starting material (Ex. No.)
62		cHept	2-NO <sub>2</sub>	rac	0.39 (B)	Carboxylic acid: Ex. No. LXV Amine: Ref.: EP 373 891
63		cHept	3-NO <sub>2</sub>	rac	0.28 (B)	Carboxylic acid: Ex. No. LXV Amine from Aldrich
64		cHept	4-NO <sub>2</sub>	rac	0.21 (B)	Carboxylic acid: Ex. No. LXV Amine from Aldrich
65		cHept	2-Cl	rac	0.75 (D)	Carboxylic acid: Ex. No. LXV Amine from Aldrich
66		cHept	3-Cl	rac	0.71 (D)	Carboxylic acid: Ex. No. LXV Amine from Lancaster
67		cHept	4-Cl	rac	0.61 (D)	Carboxylic acid: Ex. No. LXV Amine from Aldrich

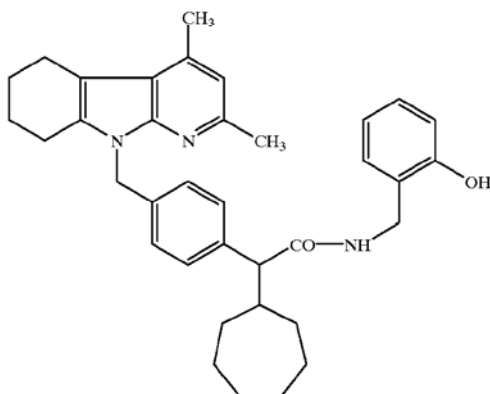
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Ex. No.	Z	D	X	1	R <sub>f</sub> (solvent)	Starting material (Ex. No.)
68		cPent	H	rac	0.28 (D)	Carboxylic acid: Ex. No. LXI Amine from Aldrich

\*Resolution of enantiomers is carried out by means of HPLC (Chiralpak AD, length 250 nm, diameter 4.6 mm, particle size 10 μ, eluent: 95% n-heptane + 5% ethanol (the latter containing 1% water and 0.2% trifluoroacetic acid)).

## EXAMPLE 69

2-(R,S)-2-[4-(2,4-Dimethyl-5,6,7, 8-tetrahydro-α-carbolin-9-yl)-methyl-phenyl]-2-cycloheptyl-acetic acid N-2-hydroxybenzylamide

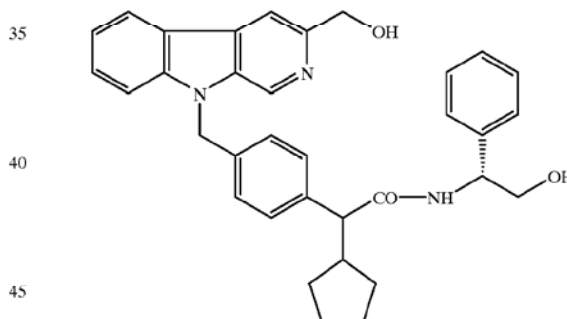


0.60 g of the compound from Example 58 are boiled under reflux for 22 hours with 33 mg of palladium (10% on animal carbon) and 33 mg of para-toluenesulphonic acid monohydrate in 3 ml of methanol and 0.6 ml of water under argon as a protective gas. If reaction is incomplete (TLC checking, dichloromethane: ethanol =50:1). 33 mg of palladium (10% on animal carbon) and 33 mg of para-toluenesulphonic acid monohydrate are added once more and the mixture is boiled under reflux for a further 24 hours. The catalyst is filtered off hot with suction and washed with plenty of hot methanol, and the filtrate is evaporated. After drying in a high vacuum over phosphorus pentoxide, 0.52 g of product are obtained

R<sub>f</sub>=0.33 (dichloromethane: ethanol=50:1)

## EXAMPLE 70

2-(R,S)-2-[4-(3-Hydroxymethyl-β-carbolin-9-yl)methyl-phenyl]-2-cyclo-pentyl-acetic acid N-(R)-phenylglycinolamide



500 mg (0.868 mmol) of the compound from Example 31 are treated dropwise with 1.737 ml (1.737 mmol) of a 1 M lithium aluminium hydride solution in tetrahydrofuran under argon at 0° C. in 5 ml of anhydrous tetrahydrofuran and stirred at about 20° C. for 4 h. The reaction mixture is treated cautiously with 5 ml of water and adjusted to a pH of about 2 using 2 M aqueous hydrochloric acid. The aqueous phase is extracted several times with diethyl ether and dichloromethane, dried with sodium sulphate and evaporated. The crude product is purified by chromatography on silica gel 60 (Merck, dichloromethane to dichloromethane: methanol 50:1).

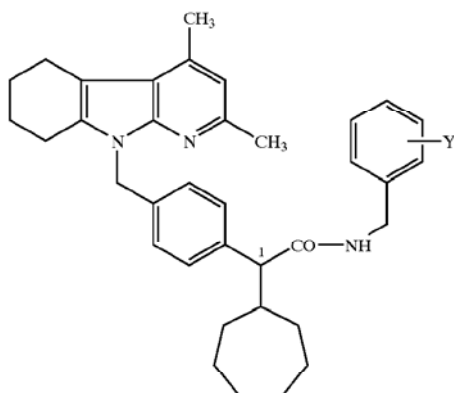
Yield: 0.12 g

R<sub>f</sub>=0.26 (dichloromethane: ethanol=20:1)

The compounds of Table 4 are prepared in analogy to the procedure of Example 70:

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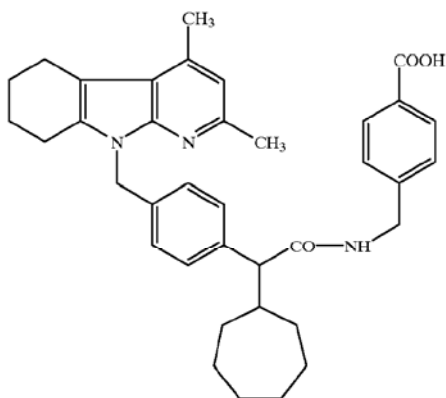
TABLE 4



Ex. No.	Y	1	R <sub>f</sub> (solvent)	Starting material
71	4-CH <sub>2</sub> OH	rac	0.47 (C)	Ex. No. 60
72	3-CH <sub>2</sub> OH	rac	0.26 (C)	Ex. No. 59

## EXAMPLE 73

2-(R,S)-2-[4-(2,4-Dimethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-α-carbolin-9-yl)-methyl-phenyl]-2-cycloheptyl-acetic acid N-(4-carboxybenzyl)amide



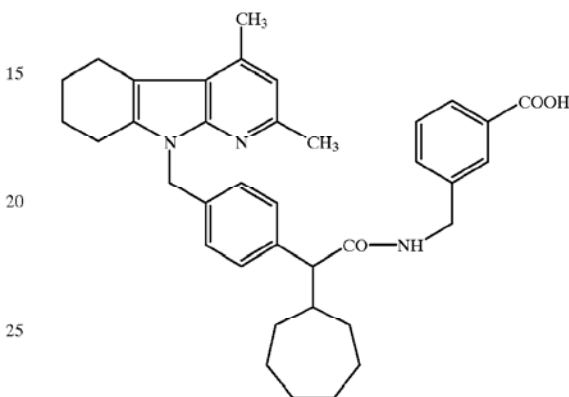
0.325 g (0.55 mmol) of the compound from Example 60 is reacted at 60° C. with 0.5 ml of aqueous 2 M sodium hydroxide solution in 3 ml of methanol for 18 h. If the reaction is still not complete according to thin-layer analysis (solvent F), a further 0.5 ml of aqueous 2 M sodium hydroxide solution in 1 ml of methanol is added and the mixture is then boiled under reflux for 24 h. The reaction mixture is cooled and adjusted to a pH of about 4 using 1 M hydrochloric acid, and the precipitate which is deposited is filtered off with suction, washed with water and petroleum ether: diethyl ether=5:1 and freed from the residual solvents in a high vacuum over phosphorus pentoxide.

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Yield: 0.154 g  
R<sub>f</sub>=0.50 (dichloromethane: methanol: acetic acid=90:10:2)

## EXAMPLE 74

2-(R,S)-2-[4-(2,4-Dimethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-α-carbolin-9-yl)-methyl-phenyl]-2-cycloheptyl-acetic acid N-(3-carboxybenzyl)amide

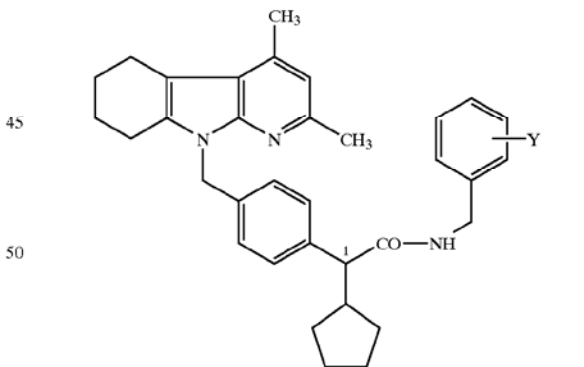


The title compound can be prepared from the compound of Example 59 analogously to the procedure of Example 73.

R<sub>f</sub>=0.27 (dichloromethane: ethanol=20:1)

The compounds shown in Tables 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 are prepared in analogy to the procedure of Example 1:

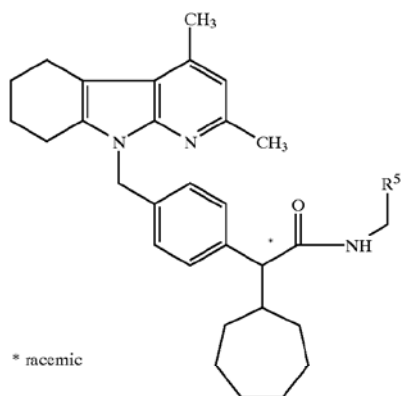
TABLE 5



Ex. No.	Y	1	M.p.	Starting material
75	3-OH	rac	177-178	Carboxylic acid: Ex. No. LXII Amine: US 43 88 250
76	4-OH	rac	183-184	Carboxylic acid: Ex. No. LXII Amine: Ref.: C. Hartmann and J. P. Klinman, Biochemistry 30, 4605 (1991)

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TABLE 6

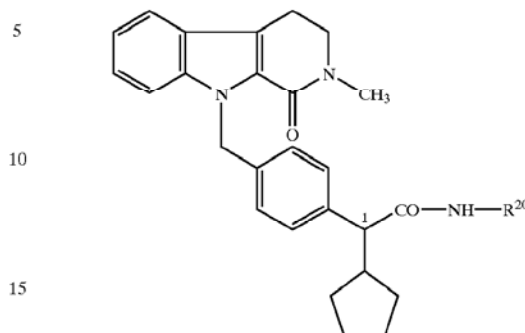


\* racemic

Ex. No.	R <sup>5</sup>	R <sub>f</sub> (solvent)	Starting material
77		0.20 (C)	Carboxylic acid: Ex. No. LXV Amine from Aldrich
78		0.12 (C)	Carboxylic acid: Ex. No. LXV Amine from Aldrich
79		0.19 (C)	Carboxylic acid: Ex. No. LXV Amine from Aldrich
80		0.24 (D)	Carboxylic acid: Ex. No. LXV Amine from Aldrich

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TABLE 7



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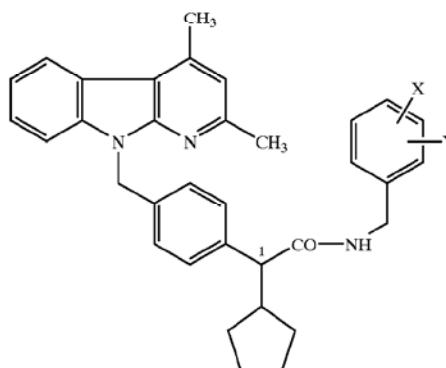
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Ex. No.	1	-R <sup>20</sup>	R <sub>f</sub> (solvent)	Starting material
25	rac		0.10 (P)	Acid: Ex. No. LXXIX Amine from Aldrich
30	rac		0.28 (P)	Acid: Ex. No. LXXIX Amine from Aldrich

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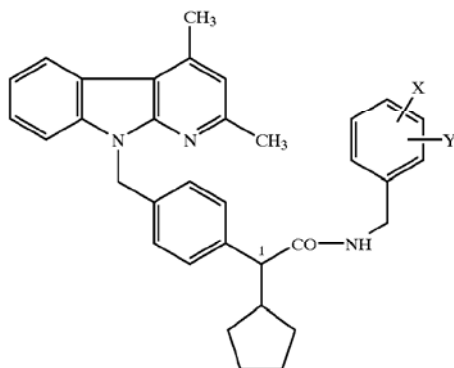
TABLE 8



Ex. No.	1	X	Y	M.p. (° C.)	R <sub>f</sub> (solvent)	MS (FAB)	Starting material a) Reference b) Distributor c) Synthesis from Ex. No.
83	rac	3-OCH <sub>3</sub>	4-OCH <sub>3</sub>	179	0.50 (A)	562 (100%) 154 (80%)	Carboxylic acid: c) Ex. No. LXI Amine from Aldrich.

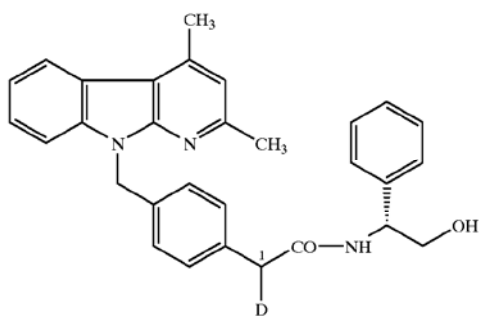


TABLE 8-continued



Ex. No.	1	X	Y	M.p. (° C.) R <sub>f</sub> (solvent)	MS (FAB)	Starting material
						a) Reference b) Distributor c) Synthesis from Ex. No.
84	rac	3-CH <sub>3</sub>	5-CH <sub>3</sub>	212 0.60 (B)	530 (100%)	Carboxylic acid: c) Ex. No. LXI Amine from Fmka-Chemie.
85	rac	3-Cl	5-Cl	212 0.18 (M)	570 (100%) 196 (50%)	Carboxylic acid: c) Ex. No. LXI Amine from Maybridge.
86	rac	3-OH	4-OH	137 0.39 (A)	534 (100%) 307 (60%)	Carboxylic acid: c) Ex. No. LXI Amine from Aldrich.
87	rac	3-OCH <sub>3</sub>	4-OH	135 0.65 (A)	548 (80%) 154 (100%)	Carboxylic acid: c) Ex. No. LXI Amine from Aldrich.

TABLE 9



Ex. No.	1	D	M.p.	MS (FAB)	Starting material*
			(° C.) R <sub>f</sub> (solvent)		
88	rac	iPr	210 0.37/0.31 (A)	506 (100%) 154 (60%)	Carboxylic acid: Ex. No. LXXXII
89	rac	iBu	— 0.30 (A)	520 (100%) 154 (50%)	Carboxylic acid: Ex. No. LXXX

\*(R)-Phenylglycinol is commercially available from Aldrich.

TABLE 10

Ex. No.	-Z	-R <sup>21</sup>	M.p. (° C.) R <sub>f</sub> (solvent)	Starting material from Ex. No.
	*racemic			
90			188-189	LXXXIX
91			0.024 (P)	LXXXIX
92			207-208	XC
93			211-212	XC

The compounds of Table II are prepared analogously to the procedure of Example Nos. 1, 2 and 3:

TABLE 11

Ex. No.	Z	D	1	M.p. (° C.) R <sub>f</sub> (solvent)	MS (FAB)	Starting material from Ex. No.
94		cHept	S	0.23 (B)		27
95		cHept	R	0.17 (B)		27
96		cPent	S	0.29 (A)		20
97		cPent	R	0.29 (A)		20
98		cHex	S	0.23 (D)		38
99		cHex	R	0.21 (D)		38
100		iPr	S	208° C.	506 (100%) 154 (40%)	88

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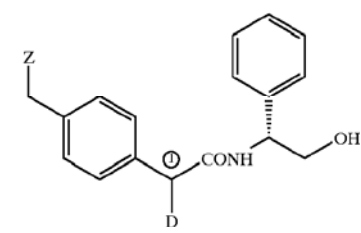
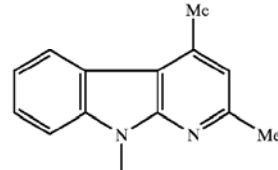
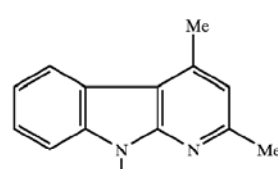
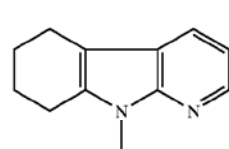
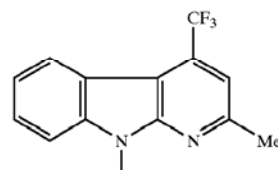
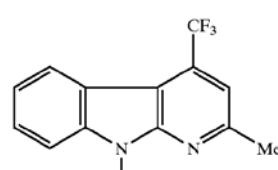
Ex. No.	Z	D	1	M.p. (° C.)		Starting material from Ex. No.
				R <sub>f</sub> (solvent)	MS (FAB)	
101		iPr	R	204° C.	506 (100%) 154 (40%)	88
102		iBu	S	182° C.		89
103		iBu	R	206° C.		89
104		cPent	rac	0.34 (C)		CV
105		cPent	rac	0.44 (E) 0.56		CVI
106		cPent	S	0.56 (E)	586 (100%) 154 (94%)	CVI

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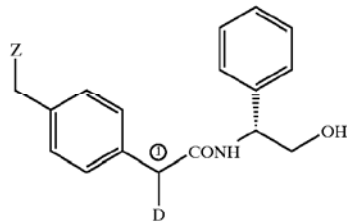
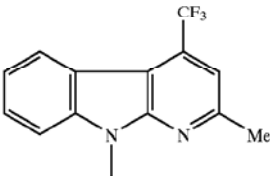
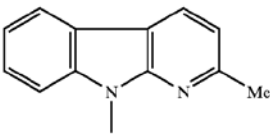
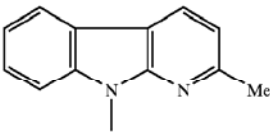
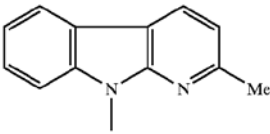
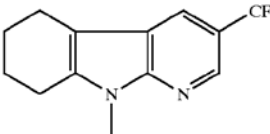
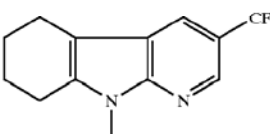
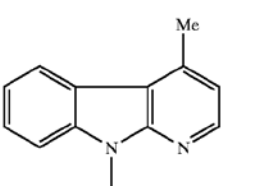
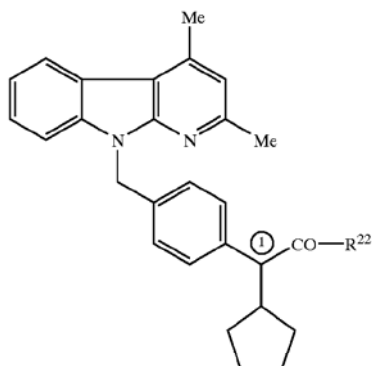
Ex. No.	Z	D	1	M.p. ( $^{\circ}$ C.)		Starting material from Ex. No.
				$R_f$ (solvent)	MS (FAB)	
						
107		cPent	R	0.44 (E)		CVI
						
108		cPent	rac	0.26 (E) 0.31		CVII
						
109		cPent	S	0.55 (C)		CVII
						
110		cPent	R	0.57 (C)		CVII
						
111		cPent	rac	0.45 (C)		CVIII
						
112		cPent	rac	0.4 C		CIX
						
113		cPent	rac	0.37 C		CX
						



TABLE 12



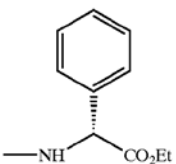
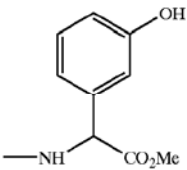
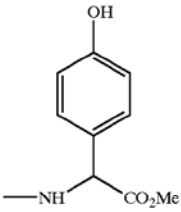
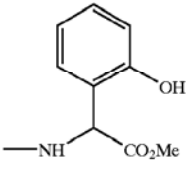
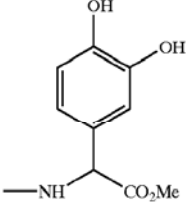
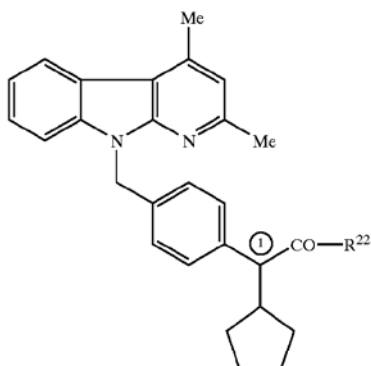
Ex. No.	1	R <sub>22</sub>	M.p. (° C.) R <sub>f</sub> (solvent)	MS (FAB)	Starting material from Ex. No.
118	rac		0.82 (C)	574 (100%)	LXI
119	rac		0.57 (C) 0.62	576 (100%)	LXI
120	rac		0.43 (C) 0.48		LXI
121	rac		0.52 (C)		LXI
122	rac		0.47 (C)		LXI

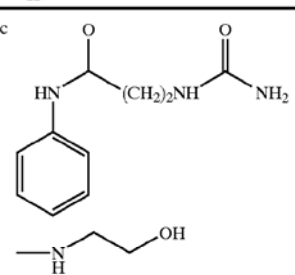
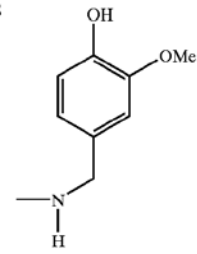
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Ex. No.	1	R <sub>22</sub>	M.p. (° C.) R <sub>f</sub> (solvent)	MS (FAB)	Starting material from Ex. No.
123	rac		0.17 (D) 0.32		LXI
124	rac		0.43 (C)		LXI
125	rac		0.57 (C)		LXI
126	rac		0.41 (C)		LXI



TABLE 12-continued

Ex. No.	1	R <sub>22</sub>	M.p. (° C.) R <sub>f</sub> (solvent)	MS (FAB)	Starting material from Ex. No.
127	rac		0.14 (C)		137
128	S		187° C.	548 (100%) 154 (80%) 137 (85%)	LXI

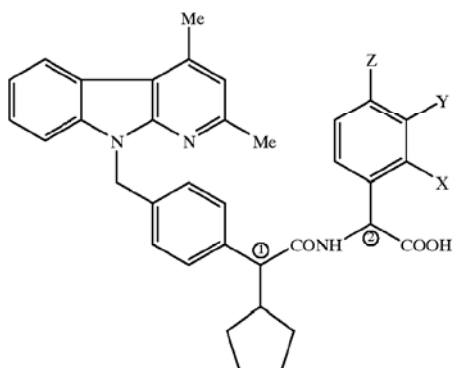
The compounds of Table 13 are prepared analogously to the procedure of Example No. 73.

TABLE 13

Example No.	①/②	X	Y	Z	M.p. [° C.] R <sub>f</sub> (solvent)	Starting material from Ex. No.
129	rac/rac	H	H	H	0.15 (S)	118
130	rac/rac	H	OH	H	0.18 (T)	119

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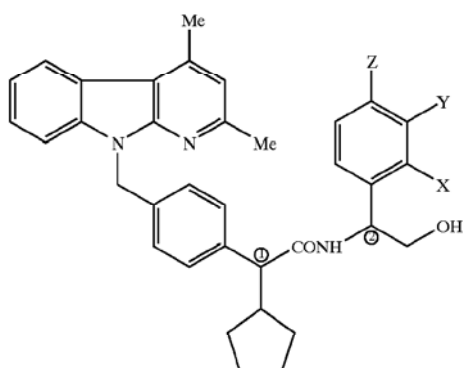
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Example No.	①/②	X	Y	Z	M.p. [° C.] R <sub>f</sub> (solvent)	Starting material from Ex. No.
131	rac/rac	H	H	OH	0.24 0.68 (S) 0.76	120
132	rac/rac	OH	H	H	0.16 (T) 0.24	121

The compounds of Table 14 are prepared analogously to the procedure of Example No. 70:

TABLE 14

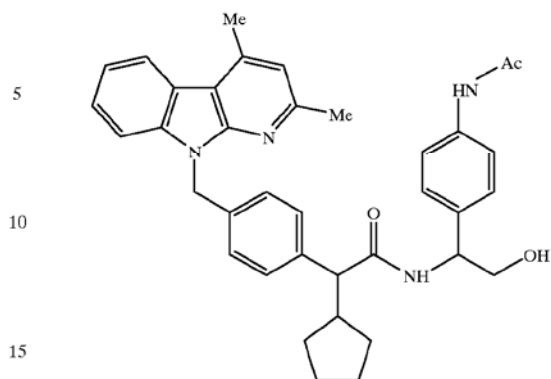


Example No.	①/②	X	Y	Z	M.p. [° C.] R <sub>f</sub> (solvent)	Starting material from Ex. No.
133	rac/rac	H	OH	H	0.30 (A)	119
134	rac/rac	H	H	OH	0.25 (A)	120
135	rac/rac	OH	H	H	0.33 (A)	121
136	rac/rac	H	OH	OH	0.23 (A)	122
137	rac/rac	H	H	NH <sub>2</sub>	0.31 (C)	125

## EXAMPLE NO. 138

2-(R,S)-2-[4(2,4-Dimethyl- $\alpha$ -carbolin-9-yl)methyl-phenyl]-2-cyclopentyl-acetic acid N-[1-(R,S)-1-(4-acetamido-phenyl)-2-hydroxy-ethyl]amide

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## Part A

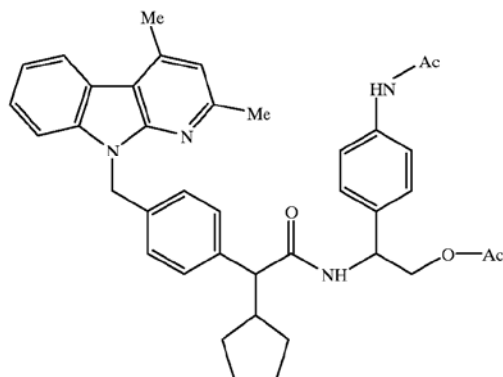
0.60 g (1.10 mmol) of the compound from Example No. 137 is treated with 192  $\mu$ l (3.29 mmol) of triethylamine in 10 ml of dichloromethane and then reacted at 0° C with 70  $\mu$ l (0.99 mmol) of acetyl chloride. After a stirring time of 3 hours, in which the reaction temperature rises to 20° C., the mixture is shaken successively with 1 M hydrochloric acid, 0.1 M aqueous sodium hydroxide solution and water, and the organic phase is dried with magnesium sulphate and evaporated

## Part B

The crude product thus obtained shows a double acetylation (631, 57%, M<sup>+</sup>+H/653, 6%, M<sup>+</sup>+Na) in the mass spectrum (FAB). It is therefore reacted with 2 M sodium hydroxide solution at 20° C. for one hour in 6 ml of methanol. The pH is then adjusted to 2 using 1 M hydrochloric acid and the mixture obtained is extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic phase is washed with water until neutral, dried with magnesium sulphate and evaporated in vacuo. Drying in a high vacuum yields 0.28 g of product. R<sub>f</sub>=0.17 (Dichloromethane: ethanol=20:1)

## EXAMPLE NO. 139

2-(R,S)-2-[4(2,4-Dimethyl- $\alpha$ -carbolin-9-yl)-methyl-phenyl]-2-cyclopentyl-acetic acid N-[1-(R,S)-1-(4-acetamido phenyl)-2-acetoxy-ethyl]amide



If the compound from Example No. 137 is reacted with 4 equivalents each of triethylamine and acetyl chloride analogously to Part A of the procedure from Example No. 139, the title compound is obtained.

R<sub>f</sub>=0.56 Dichloromethane: ethanol=20:1)

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The compounds of Table 15 are prepared analogously to the procedure of Example No. 138:

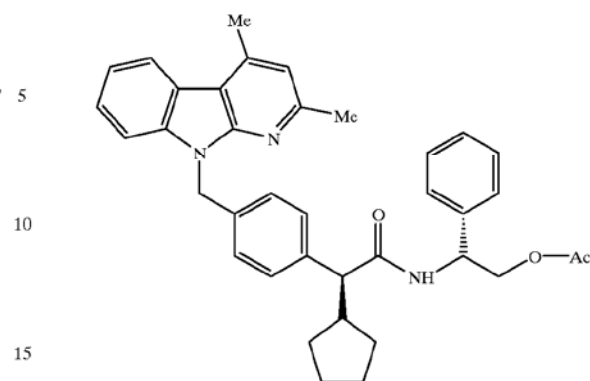
TABLE 15

Example No.	$i/j$	R <sup>23</sup>	M.p. [° C.] R <sub>f</sub> (solvent)	Starting material from Ex. No.
140	rac/rac	nBu	0.49 (A)	137
141	rac/rac	Et	0.81 (U)	137

## EXAMPLE NO. 142

2(S)-[4-(2,4-Dimethyl- $\alpha$ -carbolin-9-yl)methyl-phenyl]-2-cyclopentyl-acetic acid N-[1-(R)-1-phenyl-2-acetoxy-ethyl]amide

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4.5 g (8.46 mmol) of the compound No. 2 are suspended in 300 ml of dichloromethane, treated with 2.05 ml (25.4 mmol) of pyridine and 1.82 ml (25.4 mmol) of acetyl chloride in 30 ml of dichloromethane and reacted at 20° C. for 20 hours. The mixture extracted with buffer (Merck) of pH=2 and water, dried with sodium sulphate and evaporated. After precipitating by stirring with methanol and subsequently drying in a high vacuum over phosphorus pentoxide, 3.6 g of product are obtained.

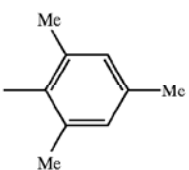
R<sub>f</sub>=0.62 (Petroleum ether: ethyl acetate=1:1)

The compounds of Table 16 are prepared analogously to the procedure of Example No. 142:

TABLE 16

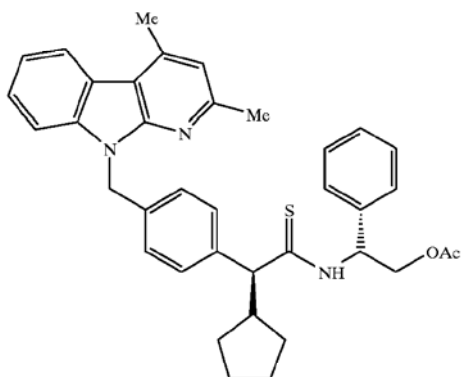
Example No.	R <sup>24</sup>	M.p. [° C.] R <sub>f</sub> (solvent)	Starting material from Ex. No.
143	-Et	0.25 (D)	2
144	-CH <sub>2</sub> OAc	0.29 (D)	2
145	-CH <sub>2</sub> OCH <sub>2</sub> Ph	0.27 (D)	2
146	cis-(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>7</sub> -Z-CH=CH-(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>7</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	0.52 (D)	2
147	-(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>14</sub> -CH <sub>3</sub>	0.69 (G)	2
148	-Ph	0.65 (C)	2

TABLE 16-continued

Example No.	R <sup>24</sup>	M.p. [° C.] R <sub>f</sub> (solvent)	Starting material from Ex. No.
149			2
150	-tBu	0.38 (C)	2

## EXAMPLE NO. 151

2-(S)-2-[4-(2,4-Dimethyl- $\alpha$ -carbolin-9-yl)methyl-phenyl]-2-cyclopentyl-thioacetic acid N-[1-(R)-1-phenyl-2-acetoxy-ethyl]amide



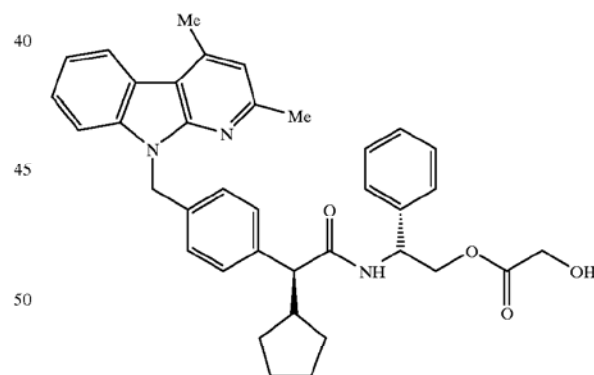
1.5 g (2.6 mmol) of the compound from Example No. 142 are treated with 1.27 g (3.13 mmol) of 2,4-bis-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,3-dithia-2,4-diphosphetane-2,4-di-sulphide (Lawesson's reagent) in 50 ml of dioxane and boiled under reflux for 5 hours. The reaction mixture is evaporated to dryness in vacuo and purified by chromatography on silica gel MATREX™ silica Si (Amicon, Grace Company/20  $\mu$ /MPLC column/ dichloromethane: ethanol=100:1); yield: 665 mg.

R<sub>f</sub>=0.53 (Petroleum ether: ethyl acetate=2:1)

MS (FAB): m/e=612 (4%, [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>), 590 (100%, [M+H]<sup>+</sup>), 529 (19%, M<sup>+</sup>-AcOH).

## EXAMPLE 152

2-(S)-2-[4-(2,4-Dimethyl- $\alpha$ -carbolin-9-yl)methyl-phenyl]-2-cyclopentyl-acetic acid N-[1-(R)-1-phenyl-2-[2-hydroxy-acet)-oxy ]ethyl]amide



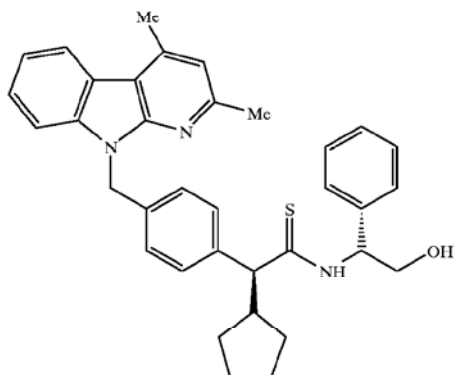
1.45 g (2.13 mmol) of the compound from Example No. 145 are hydrogenated with hydrogen on palladium (5% on animal carbon) at 20° C. and normal pressure in 100 ml of THF. After 18 hours, the mixture is filtered off with suction through kieselguhr, washed several times with methanol and dichloromethane, and the combined organic solutions are evaporated. The solid residue is stirred with pentane, filtered off with suction and freed from the residual solvent in a high vacuum.

R<sub>f</sub>=0.31 (Petroleum ether: ethyl acetate=1:1)

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## EXAMPLE NO. 153

2(S)-2-[4-(2,4-Dimethyl- $\alpha$ -carbolin-9-yl)methyl-phenyl]-2-cyclopentyl-thoacetic acid N-[1(R)-1-phenyl-2-hydroxyethyl]-amide

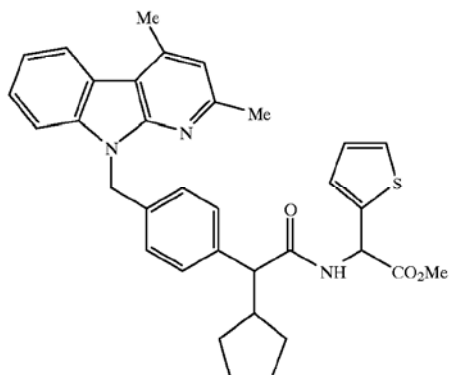


The title compound is prepared at 20° C. from the compound of Example No. 151 in DME as a solvent analogously to the synthesis procedure from Example No. 73.

$R_f=0.24$  (Dichloromethane: ethanol=50:1)

## EXAMPLE NO. 154

2-[4-(2,4-Dimethyl- $\alpha$ -carbolin-9-yl)-methyl-phenyl]-2-cyclopentyl-acetic acid N-[1-(thien-2-yl)-1-methoxycarbonyl-methyl]-amide



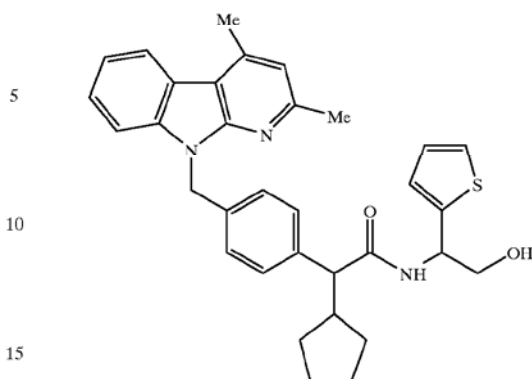
The title compound is prepared from the compound of Example No. LXII and (R,S)-(thien-2-yl)-glycine methyl ester analogously to the synthesis procedure of Example Nos. 1, 2 and 3.

$R_f=0.67$  (Dichloromethane: ethanol=20:1)

## EXAMPLE NO. 155

2-[4-(2,4-Dimethyl- $\alpha$ -carbolin-9-yl)-methyl-phenyl]-2-cyclopentyl-acetic acid N-[1-thien-2-yl]-2-hydroxy-ethyl]-amide

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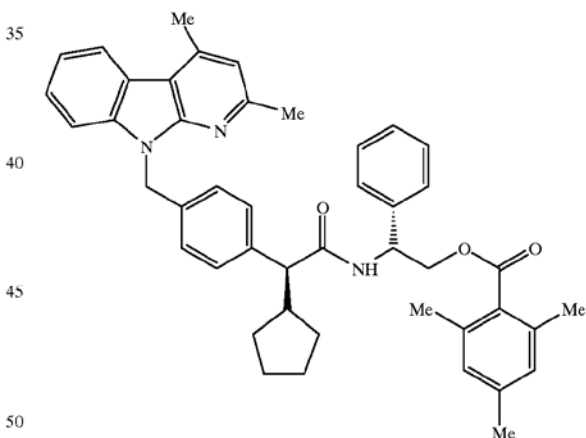


The title compound is prepared from the compound of Example No. 154 analogously to the synthesis procedure of Example No. 70.

$R_f=0.21$  (Dichloromethane: ethanol=50:1)

## EXAMPLE NO. 156

2-(S)-2-[4-(2,4-Dimethyl- $\alpha$ -carbolin-9-yl)methyl-phenyl]-2-cyclopentyl-acetic acid N-[1-(R)-1-phenyl-2-(2,4,6-trimethyl-benzoyl-oxy)ethyl]-amide



The compound is prepared from Example No. 2 is reacted to give the title compound analogously to the procedure of Example No. 142.

$R_f=0.26$  (Mobile phase D)

## EXAMPLE 157

2-[4-(2,4-Dimethyl- $\alpha$ -carbolin-9-yl)-methyl-phenyl]-2-cyclopentyl-acetic acid N-[1-thien-2-yl]-2-hydroxy-ethyl]-amide

1-(R,S)-1-Phenyl-2-triphenylmethoxy-ethyl 2-(R,S)-2-[4-(2,4-dimethyl- $\alpha$ -carbolin-9-yl)methyl-phenyl]-2-cyclopentyl-acetate









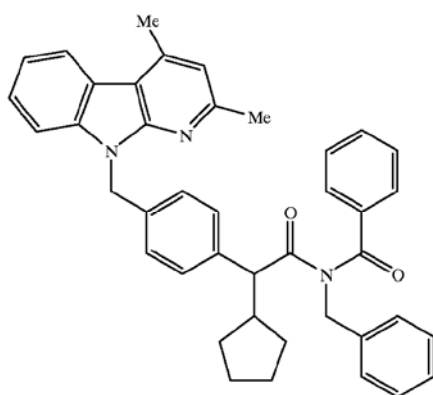


TABLE 17-continued

Ex. No.	Z	Position (o, m or p)	$\hat{i}$	D	R <sub>f</sub> (solvent)	MS	Starting material Ex. No.
183		p	dia				CLIII
184		p	diaB				CLIII

## EXAMPLE 185

2-(R,S)-2-[4-(2,4-Dimethyl- $\alpha$ -carbolin-9-yl-methyl-phenyl)-2-cyclopentyl-acetic acid [N-benzyl, N-benzoyl]-amide



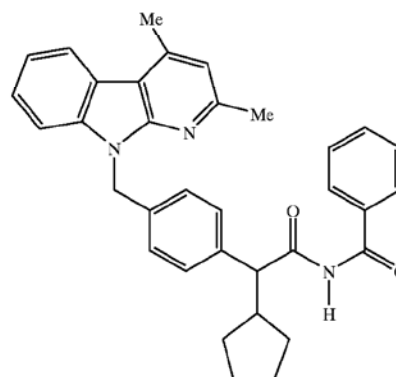
2.0 g (4.8 mmol) of the compound from Example No. LXI are reacted with 0.74 ml (5.3 mmol) of triethylamine and 0.41 ml (5.3 mmol) of mesyl chloride at  $-30^{\circ}\text{C}$ . in anhydrous DMF for 1 h. A solution of 1.07 g (5.1 mmol) of N-benzamide-benzamide and 1.42 ml (10.2 mmol) of triethylamine in 10 ml of anhydrous DMF is then added dropwise at  $-30^{\circ}\text{C}$ . and stirred for 16 h while gradually warming to  $20^{\circ}\text{C}$ . The reaction mixture is stirred with ether and water, the phases are separated and the aqueous phase is washed after setting a pH of 4 and 7 in each case. The combined organic solutions are evaporated and purified by

chromatography on silica gel 60 (Merck / first dichloromethane: ethanol =60:1; then petroleum ether: ethyl acetate=4:1).

R<sub>f</sub>=0.58 (Petroleum ether: ethyl acetate=2:1)

## EXAMPLE 186

2-(R,S)-2-[4-(2,4-Dimethyl- $\alpha$ -carbolin-9-yl)methyl-phenyl]-2-cyclopentyl-acetic acid [N-benzoyl]-amide



2.0 g (3.3 mmol) of the compound from Example No. 185 are reacted at  $20^{\circ}\text{C}$ . under a hydrogen pressure of about 1 bar on 2 g of palladium on animal carbon (5%) in dioxane for about 40 h. The mixture is then filtered off with suction through a Seitz filter and washed with dioxane, and the filtrate is evaporated. The crude product is precipitated by stirring with methanol at  $60^{\circ}\text{C}$ . and is filtered off with

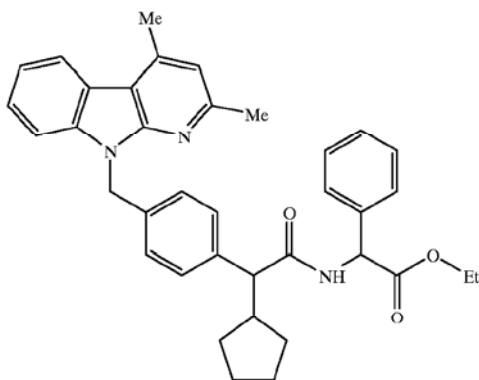
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suction at 20° C., washed with cold methanol and dried over phosphorus pentoxide in vacuo.

R<sub>f</sub>=0.49 (Petroleum ether: ethyl acetate=2:1)

## EXAMPLE 187

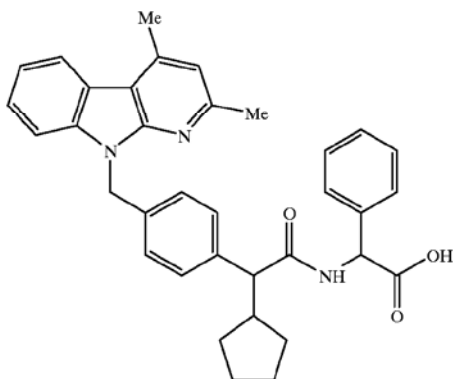
2-(R,S)-2-[4-(2,4-Dimethyl- $\alpha$ -carbolin-9-yl)-methyl-phenyl]-2-cyclopentyl-acetic acid [N-(1-(R,S)-1-phenyl-1-ethoxycarbonyl-methyl)-amide]



The compound from Example No. LXI is reacted to give the title compound analogously to the procedure of Example Nos. 1, 2 and 3.

## EXAMPLE 188

2(R,S)-2-[4-(2,4-Dimethyl- $\alpha$ -carbolin-9-yl)-methyl-phenyl]-2-cyclopentyl-acetic acid [N-(1-(R,S)-1-phenyl-1-carboxy-methyl)-amide]

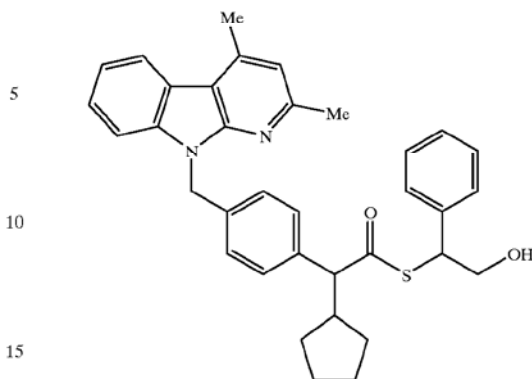


The compound from Example No. 187 is reacted to give the title compound analogously to the procedure of Example No. 73.

## EXAMPLE 189

1-1-(R,S)-2-hydroxy-phenyl-ethyl-2-(R,S)-2-[4-(2,4-Dimethyl- $\alpha$ -carbolin-9-yl)methyl-phenyl]-2-cyclopentyl-acetate

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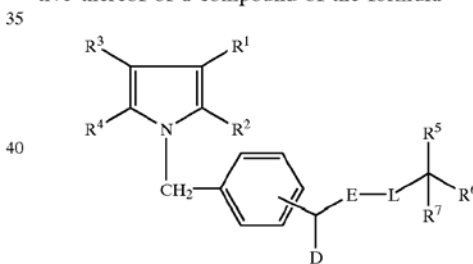


1 g (2.42 mmol) of the compound from Example No. LXI is reacted with, 1 ml (7.27 mmol) of triethylamine and 206  $\mu$ l (2.67 mmol) of mesyl chloride for 1 h in 30 ml of DMF at -30° C. A solution of 1-(R,S)-1-phenyl-2-hydroxythioethanol in 10 ml of DMF is then added dropwise at the temperature mentioned and the mixture is stirred for a further hour. For working up, the reaction mixture is stirred into ether and aqueous sodium hydrogen carbonate solution. The organic phase is washed with buffer pH=2 and then pH=7, dried with magnesium sulphate and evaporated. The crude product is purified on silica gel 60 (Merck/petroleum ether: ethyl acetate=5:1); yield: 660 mg

R<sub>f</sub>=0.58 (Petroleum ether: ethyl acetate=2:1)

What is claimed is:

1. A method of treating obesity in a patient in need thereof comprising administering to such patient an amount effective thereof of a compound of the formula



in which

R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> form a pyridyl ring which is optionally substituted 1 to 3 times by identical or different substituents;

R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup>, including the double bond connecting them, form a phenyl ring or a 6-membered cycloalkene ring each of which are optionally substituted 1 to 3 times by identical or different substituents;

wherein said substituents on the pyridyl, phenyl or cycloalkene ring are selected from the group consisting of halogen, trifluoromethyl, carboxyl, hydroxyl, straight-chain or branched C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkoxy, straight-chain or branched C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkoxy-carbonyl, or an optionally substituted straight-chain or branched C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl wherein the substituents on the alkyl group are hydroxyl or straight-chain or branched alkoxy having up to 4 carbon atoms,

D represents hydrogen, cycloalkyl having 4 to 12 carbon atoms or straight-chain or branched alkyl having up to 12 carbon atoms,

E represents the —CO— or —CS— group,

L represents a group of the formula  $-\text{NR}^9$  wherein  
 R<sup>9</sup> denotes hydrogen or straight-chain or branched alkyl having up to 6 carbon atoms, which is optionally substituted by hydroxyl or phenyl,  
 R<sup>5</sup> represents phenyl which is optionally substituted 1 to 3 times by identical or different substituents selected from the group consisting of nitro, carboxyl, halogen, cyano straight-chain or branched C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkenyl, straight-chain or branched C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkoxy carbonyl or optionally substituted C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> straight-chain or branched alkyl wherein the substituents on the alkyl are hydroxyl, carboxyl, straight-chain or branched C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkoxy, or straight-chain or branched C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkoxy carbonyl,  
 or said phenyl ring is further optionally substituted by a group of the formula  $-\text{OR}$  or  $-\text{NR}_{11}\text{R}_{12}$ , wherein  
 R<sup>10</sup> denotes hydrogen or straight-chain or branched alkyl or alkenyl each having up to 6 carbon atoms,  
 R<sup>11</sup> and R<sup>12</sup> are identical or different and denote phenyl, hydrogen or straight-chain or branched alkyl having up to 6 carbon atoms or straight-chain or branched acyl having up to 8 carbon atoms, which is optionally substituted by a group of the formula  $-\text{NR}^{13}\text{R}^{14}$ , wherein  
 R<sup>13</sup> and R<sup>14</sup> are identical or different and denote hydrogen or straight-chain or branched acyl having up to 8 carbon atoms,  
 R<sup>6</sup> represents hydrogen, carboxyl or straight-chain or branched alkoxy carbonyl having up to 5 carbon atoms, or represents straight-chain or branched alkyl having up to 6 carbon atoms, which is optionally substituted by hydroxyl or by a group of the formula  $-\text{O}-\text{CO}-\text{R}^{15}$ , wherein  
 R<sup>15</sup> denotes phenyl which is optionally substituted up to 3 times by identical or different halogen or hydroxyl substituents or by straight-chain or branched alkyl having up to 5 carbon atoms, or straight-chain or branched alkyl or alkenyl each having up to 22 carbon atoms, each of which is optionally substituted by a group of the formula  $-\text{OR}^{16}$ , wherein  
 R<sup>16</sup> is hydrogen, benzyl, triphenylmethyl or straight-chain or branched acyl having up to 6 carbon atoms,  
 R<sup>7</sup> represents hydrogen, or  
 R<sup>6</sup> and R<sup>7</sup> together represent the group of the formula  $=\text{O}$ ,  
 or an isomeric form of said compound or a salt thereof.  
**2.** The method of claim 1, wherein  
 R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> form a pyridyl ring which is optionally substituted 1 to 2 times by identical or different substituents;  
 R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup>, including the double bond connecting them, form a phenyl ring or a 6-membered cycloalkene ring each of which are optionally substituted 1 to 2 times by identical or different substituents,  
 wherein said substituents on the pyridyl, phenyl or cycloalkene ring are selected from the group consisting of fluorine, chlorine, bromine, trifluoromethyl, carboxyl, hydroxyl, straight-chain or branched C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkoxy, straight-chain or branched C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkoxy carbonyl or optionally sub-

stituted straight-chain or branched C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl wherein the substituents on the alkyl group are hydroxyl or straight-chain or branched alkoxy having up to 3 carbon atoms,  
 D represents hydrogen, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, cycloheptyl, cyclooctyl or straight-chain or branched alkyl having up to 10 carbon atoms,  
 E represents the  $-\text{CO}-$  or  $-\text{CS}-$  group,  
 L represents a group of the formula  $-\text{NR}^9$ , wherein  
 R<sup>9</sup> denotes hydrogen or straight-chain or branched alkyl having up to 5 carbon atoms, which is optionally substituted by hydroxyl or phenyl,  
 R<sup>5</sup> represents phenyl which is optionally substituted up to 2 times by identical or different substituents selected from the group consisting of nitro, carboxyl, fluorine, chlorine, bromine, cyano, straight-chain or branched C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkenyl, straight-chain or branched C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkoxy carbonyl or optionally substituted straight-chain or branched C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>5</sub> alkyl wherein the substituents on the alkyl group are hydroxyl, carboxyl or straight-chain or branched alkoxy or alkoxy carbonyl each having up to 5 carbon atoms,  
 or said phenyl ring is optionally further substituted by a group of the formula  $-\text{OR}^{10}$  or  $-\text{NR}^{11}\text{R}^{12}$ , wherein  
 R<sup>10</sup> denotes hydrogen or straight-chain or branched alkyl or alkenyl each having up to 4 carbon atoms,  
 R<sup>11</sup> and R<sup>12</sup> are identical or different and denote phenyl, hydrogen or straight-chain or branched alkyl having up to 5 carbon atoms or denote straight-chain or branched acyl having up to 6 carbon atoms, which is optionally substituted by a group of the formula  $-\text{NR}^{13}\text{R}^{14}$ , wherein  
 R<sup>13</sup> and R<sup>14</sup> are identical or different and denote hydrogen or straight-chain or branched acyl having up to 6 carbon atoms,  
 R<sup>6</sup> represents hydrogen, carboxyl or straight-chain or branched alkoxy carbonyl having up to 4 carbon atoms, or represents straight-chain or branched alkyl having up to 5 carbon atoms, which is optionally substituted by hydroxyl or by a group of the formula  $-\text{O}-\text{CO}-\text{R}^{15}$ , wherein  
 R<sup>15</sup> denotes phenyl which is optionally substituted up to 3 times by identical or different fluorine, chlorine, bromine or hydroxyl substituents or by straight-chain or branched alkyl having up to 4 carbon atoms, or straight-chain or branched alkyl or alkenyl each having up to 20 carbon atoms, each of which is optionally substituted by a group of the formula  $-\text{OR}^{16}$ , wherein  
 R<sup>16</sup> is hydrogen, benzyl, triphenylmethyl or straight-chain or branched acyl having up to 5 carbon atoms,  
 R<sup>7</sup> represents hydrogen, or  
 R<sup>6</sup> and R<sup>7</sup> together represent the group of the formula  $=\text{O}$ ,  
 or an isomeric form of said compound or a salt thereof.  
**3.** The method of claim 1, wherein  
 R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> form a pyridyl ring which is optionally substituted 1 to 2 times by identical or different substituents;  
 R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup>, including the double bond connecting them, form a phenyl ring or a 6-membered cycloalkene ring

each of which are optionally substituted 1 to 2 times by identical or different substituents,  
 wherein said substituents on the pyridyl, phenyl or cycloalkene ring are selected from the group consisting of fluorine, chlorine, bromine, trifluoromethyl, carboxyl, hydroxyl, straight-chain or branched C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub> alkoxy, straight chain or branched C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub> alkoxycarbonyl or optionally substituted straight-chain or branched C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub> alkyl, wherein the substituents on the alkyl group are hydroxyl, methoxy or ethoxy,

D represents hydrogen, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, cycloheptyl, cyclooctyl or straight-chain or branched alkyl having up to 6 carbon atoms,

E represents the —CO— or —CS— group,

L represents a group of the formula —NR<sup>9</sup>, wherein  
 R<sup>9</sup> denotes hydrogen or straight-chain or branched alkyl having up to 4 carbon atoms, which is optionally substituted by hydroxyl or phenyl,

R<sup>5</sup> represents phenyl, which is optionally substituted up to 2 times by identical or different substituents selected from the group consisting of nitro, carboxyl, fluorine, chlorine bromine, cyano, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub> alkenyl, straight-chain or branched C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub> alkoxycarbonyl or optionally substituted straight-chain or branched C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl wherein the substituents are hydroxyl, carboxyl or straight-chain or branched alkoxy or alkoxycarbonyl each having up to 4 carbon atoms,  
 or said phenyl ring is optionally further substituted by a group of the formula —OR<sup>10</sup> or —NR<sup>11</sup>R<sup>12</sup>, wherein  
 R<sup>10</sup> denotes hydrogen or straight-chain or branched alkyl or alkenyl each having up to 3 carbon atoms,  
 R<sup>11</sup> and R<sup>12</sup> are identical or different and denote phenyl, hydrogen or straight-chain or branched alkyl having up to 4 carbon atoms or denote straight-chain or branched acyl having up to 5 carbon atoms, which is optionally substituted by a group of the formula —NR<sup>13</sup>R<sup>14</sup>, wherein  
 R<sup>13</sup> and R<sup>14</sup> are identical or different and denote hydrogen or straight-chain or branched acyl having up to 5 carbon atoms,

R<sup>6</sup> represents hydrogen, carboxyl or straight-chain or branched alkoxycarbonyl having up to 3 carbon atoms, or represents straight-chain or branched alkyl having up to 4 carbon atoms, which is optionally substituted by hydroxyl or by a group of the formula —O—CO—R<sup>15</sup>, wherein  
 R<sup>15</sup> denotes phenyl which is optionally substituted up to 3 times by identical or different straight-chain or branched alkyl having up to 3 carbon atoms, or denotes straight-chain or branched alkyl or alkenyl each having up to 19 carbon atoms, each of which is optionally substituted by a group of the formula —OR<sup>16</sup>, wherein  
 R<sup>16</sup> is hydrogen, benzyl, triphenylmethyl or straight-chain or branched acyl having up to 4 carbon atoms,

R<sup>7</sup> represents hydrogen or  
 R<sup>6</sup> and R<sup>7</sup> together represent the group of the formula =O,  
 or an isomeric form of said compound or a salt thereof.

4. The method of claim 1, wherein  
 R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> form a pyridyl ring which is optionally substituted 1 to 3 times by identical or different substituents;  
 R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup>, including the double bond connecting them, form a phenyl ring or a 6-membered cycloalkene ring each of which are optionally substituted 1 to 3 times by identical or different substituents,  
 wherein said substituents on the pyridyl, phenyl or cycloalkene ring are selected from the group consisting of fluorine, chlorine, bromine, trifluoromethyl, carboxyl, hydroxyl, straight-chain or branched C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkoxy, straight-chain or branched C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkoxycarbonyl or optionally substituted straight-chain or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl wherein the substituents on the alkyl group are hydroxyl or straight-chain or branched alkoxy having up to 3 carbon atoms,

D represents hydrogen, cycloalkyl having 4 to 12 carbon atoms or straight-chain or branched alkyl having up to 12 carbon atoms,

E represents the —CO— or —CS— group,  
 L represents a group of the formula —NR<sup>9</sup>, wherein  
 R<sup>9</sup> denotes hydrogen or straight-chain or branched alkyl having up to 6 carbon atoms, which is optionally substituted by hydroxyl or phenyl,

R<sup>5</sup> represents phenyl which is optionally substituted 1 to 3 times by identical or different substituents selected from the group consisting of nitro, carboxyl, halogen, cyano, straight-chain or branched C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkenyl, straight-chain or branched C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkoxycarbonyl or optionally substituted C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> straight-chain or branched alkyl wherein the substituents on the alkyl are hydroxyl, carboxyl or straight-chain or branched C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkoxy or straight-chain or branched C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkoxycarbonyl,  
 or said phenyl ring is further optionally substituted by a group of the formula —OR<sup>10</sup> or —NR<sup>11</sup>R<sup>12</sup>, wherein  
 R<sup>10</sup> denotes hydrogen or straight-chain or branched alkyl or alkenyl each having up to 6 carbon atoms,  
 R<sup>11</sup> and R<sup>12</sup> are identical or different and denote phenyl, hydrogen or straight-chain or branched alkyl having up to 6 carbon atoms or straight-chain or branched acyl having up to 8 carbon atoms, which is optionally substituted by a group of the formula —NR<sup>13</sup>R<sup>14</sup>, wherein  
 R<sup>13</sup> and R<sup>14</sup> are identical or different and denote hydrogen or straight-chain or branched acyl having up to 8 carbon atoms,

R<sup>6</sup> represents hydrogen or straight-chain or branched alkyl having up to 6 carbon atoms which is optionally substituted by hydroxyl,  
 R<sup>7</sup> represents hydrogen,  
 or an isomeric form of said compound or a salt thereof.

5. The method of claim 1, wherein  
 R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> form a pyridyl ring which is optionally substituted 1 to 3 times by identical or different substituents;  
 R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup>, including the double bond connecting them, form a phenyl ring or a 6-membered cycloalkene ring each of which are optionally substituted 1 to 3 times by identical or different substituents,  
 wherein said substituents on the pyridyl, phenyl or cycloalkene ring are selected from the group consisting

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of fluorine, chlorine, bromine, trifluoromethyl, carboxyl, hydroxyl, straight-chain or branched C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkoxy, straight-chain or branched C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkoxy-carbonyl or optionally substituted straight-chain or branched C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl wherein the substituents on the alkyl group are hydroxyl or straight-chain or branched alkoxy having up to 3 carbon atoms.

D represents hydrogen, cycloalkyl having 4 to 12 carbon atoms or straight-chain or branched alkyl having up to 12 carbon atoms,

E represents the —CO— or —CS— group,

L represents a group of the formula —NR<sup>9</sup>, wherein

R<sup>9</sup> denotes hydrogen or straight-chain or branched alkyl having up to 6 carbon atoms, which is optionally substituted by hydroxyl or phenyl,

R<sup>5</sup> represents phenyl which is optionally substituted 1 to 3 times by identical or different substituents selected

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from the group consisting of nitro, carboxyl, halogen, cyano, straight-chain or branched C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkenyl, straight-chain or branched C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkoxy-carbonyl or optionally substituted C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> straight chain or branched alkyl wherein the substituents on the alkyl are hydroxyl, carboxyl or straight-chain or branched C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkoxy or straight-chain or branched C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkoxy-carbonyl,

or said phenyl ring is further optionally substituted by a group of the formula —OR<sup>10</sup> or —NR<sup>11</sup>R<sup>12</sup>, wherein

R<sup>6</sup> represents straight-chain or branched alkyl having up to 6 carbon atoms which is substituted by hydroxyl,

or an isomeric form of said compound or a salt thereof.

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