## THIENO [2,3-c]PYRIDINE <br> DERIVATIVES AND THERAPEUTIC COMPOSITION CONTAINING SAME

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## [57] <br> ABSTRACT

This invention relates to derivatives having the formula:

(I)
or

(IV)
in which $R_{1}$ is hydrogen or alkyl having $1-6$ carbon atoms; X is $\left(\mathrm{CHR}_{2}\right)_{m}$ in which $m$ is an integer from 2 to 15 , or $\left(\mathrm{CHR}_{2}\right)_{n} \mathrm{R}_{3}$ in which $n$ is an integer from 1 to 15 , $\mathrm{R}_{2}$ is hydrogen, or a hydroxy, acyloxy or alkyl group having 1-6 carbon atoms, and the various symbols $R_{2}$ may have different meanings in each radical ( $\mathrm{CHR}_{2}$ ) when several radicals $\left(\mathrm{CHR}_{2}\right)$ are present, $\mathrm{R}_{3}$ is a trichloromethyl, acetyl, carboxy or alkoxycarbonyl group, or a phenyl, phenoxy, benzoyl, thienyl or pyridyl radical optionally substituted with at least a halogen atom, or a hydroxy, nitro, amino, cyano, carboxy, alkyloxycarbonyl, alkyl having 1-6 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1-6 carbon atoms or methylenedioxy group, and to the acid addition salts of the derivatives of the formula (I).
Said derivatives have useful anti-inflammatory and antiarrhythmic activities and an inhibiting action on blood platelet aggregation.

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## THIENO [2,3-c] PYRIDINE DERIVATIVES AND THERAPEUTIC COMPOSITION CONTAINING SAME

This invention relates to new thieno[2,3-c]pyridine derivatives and to their applications in human and veterinary medicine.

The new compounds of this invention have the following formula:

in which $\mathbf{R}_{1}$ represents hydrogen or an alkyl radical having 1-6 carbon atoms; X represents $\left(\mathrm{CHR}_{2}\right)_{m} \mathrm{H}$ in which $m$ is an integer from 2 to 15 , or $\left(\mathrm{CHR}_{2}\right)_{n} \mathrm{R}_{3}$ in which $n$ is an integer from 1 to $15, \mathrm{R}_{2}$ represents hydrogen, or a hydroxy, acyloxy or alkyl group having 1-6 carbon atoms, and the various symbols $\mathbf{R}_{2}$ may have different meanings in each radical $\left(\mathrm{CHR}_{2}\right)$ when several radicals $\left(\mathrm{CHR}_{2}\right)$ are present, $\mathbf{R}_{3}$ represents a trichloromethyl, acetyl, carboxy or alkoxycarbonyl group, or a phenyl, phenoxy, benzoyl, thienyl or pyridyl radical optionally substituted with at least a halogen atom, or a hydroxy group, a nitro group, and amino group, a cyano group, a carboxy group, an alkyloxycarbonyl group, an alkyl group having 1-6 carbon atoins, an alkoxy group having 1-6 carbon atoms or a methylenedioxy group.
The invention includes also within its scope the acid addition salts with inorganic or organic acids of the derivatives of the formula (I).

A process for the preparation of compounds of the formula (I) comprises condensing a compound of the 40 formula:

(II)
in which $\mathbf{R}_{1}$ has the above-defined meaning, with a halide having the formula:
Hal-X
in which Hal represents a halogen atom and $X$ has the above-defined meaning, to give a pyridinium salt having the formula:

and subsequently hydrogenating the resulting pyridinium salt; to give the desired derivative of the formula (I). According to a modification, the compounds of the formula (I) in which $\mathrm{R}_{2}$ is an acyloxy group may be prepared from the corresponding compounds in which $\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{2}}$ is a hydroxy group, by reaction with an acid anhydride, such as acetic anhydride, for example.
The starting thieno[2,3-c]pyridines of the formula (II) are known compounds which have been described in the literature.
The purification of the compounds obtained according to the above process is preferably effected by extraction with an organic solvent such as ether, after addition of a base (e.g., ammonia), evaporating off the solvent and taking up the residue into an acid ( HCl , for example) which causes precipitation as crystals which may be recrystallized, after filtration, from ethanol.
The salts and the quaternary ammonium derivatives of the compounds of the formula (I) may be prepared by methods well known by those expert in the art.

The following non limiting Examples are given to illustrate the preparation of compounds of this invention.

## EXAMPLE 1

Preparation of
6-n-dodecyl-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-thieno[2,3-c]pyridine (Derivative No. 1)
(a) A mixture of thieno[2,3-c]pyridine ( $7 \mathrm{~g} ; 0.052$ mole), 1-bromododecane ( $13 \mathrm{~g} ; 0.052 \mathrm{~mole}$ ) and acetonitrile $(100 \mathrm{cc})$ is refluxed during 4 hours. The solution is then concentrated in vacuo and the residue is triturated with ether to give, after filtration and drying, 12 g (Yield: $60 \%$; m.p. $=95-100^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) 6-dodecyl-thieno[2,3clpyridinium bromide (derivative of the formula (IV)).
(b) The salt obtained in (a) ( $11.5 \mathrm{~g} ; 0.030 \mathrm{~mole})$ is 60 dissolved in water ( 50 cc ) and ethanol ( 200 cc ) and sodium borohydride ( 2.3 g ) is added portionwise thereto. After stirring overnight at room temperature, excess borohydride is destroyed by addition of acetone. The mixture is concentrated in vacuo and the residual 65 oil is dissolved in methylene chloride. The resulting solution is washed with water, dried over sodium sulfate and concentrated in vacuo. The oily residue ( 9.6 g ) is converted to the maleate which is recrystallized from
isopropyl ether-isopropanol (M.p. $=146^{\circ}$ C. Reduction yield: $80.5 \%$ ).

## EXAMPLE 2

Preparation of
6-dodecyl-7-methyl-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-thieno[2,3c]pyridinium iodide (Derivative No. 2)
A mixture of 6-dodecyl-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-thieno[2,3c]pyridine ( $2.4 \mathrm{~g} ; 7.17$ mmoles), methyl iodide ( 0.9 cc ) and acetonitrile ( 30 cc ) is refluxed during 2 hours. The reaction mixture is concentrated in vacuo and the residue is crystallized from ether. The resulting crystals are filtered off, washed with ether, dried in vacuo and recrystallized from ethanol (M.p. $=120^{\circ}$ C; Yield: $95 \%$ ).

## EXAMPLE 3

Preparation of
7-methyl-6-(3,4,5-trimethoxy-benzyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahy-dro-thieno[2,3-c]pyridine (Derivative No. 3)
(a) A mixture of 7-methyl-thieno[2,3-c]pyridine (3.90 g; 26.2 mmoles), 3,4,5-trimethoxy-benzyl chloride ( 5.67 g ; 26.2 mmoles) and acetonitrile ( 40 cc ) is refluxed during 5 hours. The mixture is then concentrated in vacuo and the residue is crystallized from acetone. The resulting crystals are filtered off, washed with ether and dried in vacuo (M.p. $=203^{\circ}-204^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$; Yield: $37 \%$ ).
(b) The product obtained in (a) ( $3.5 \mathrm{~g} ; 9.58 \mathrm{mmoles})$ is dissolved in water ( 24 cc ) and ethanol ( 72 cc ), and sodium borohydride ( 3 g ) is added portionwise thereto. After stirring overnight at room temperature, the reaction medium is made acidic with 2 N hydrochloric acid, made basic with 2 N sodium hydroxide and extracted with methylene chloride. The organic extracts are washed with water, dried over sodium sulfate and concentrated in vacuo. The residue is converted to the hydrochloride which is recrystallized from ethyl ace-tate-ethanol (M.p. $=180^{\circ}-186^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. Reduction yield: $54 \%$ ).

## EXAMPLE 4

Preparation of
6-o-methoxycarbonylbenzyl-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-thieno[2,3-c]pyridine (Derivative No. 4)
(a) A mixture of thieno[2,3-c]pyridine ( $15 \mathrm{~g} ; 0.111$ mole), methyl 2-bromomethylbenzoate ( $26.7 \mathrm{~g} ; 0.116$ mole) and acetonitrile ( 150 cc ) is refluxed during 2 hours. After cooling, the resulting crystals are filtered off, washed with ether and dried in vacuo (M.p. $=170^{\circ}$ C. Yield: 93\%).
(b) The compound obtained in (a) above ( $37.6 \mathrm{~g} ; 0.103$ mole) is dissolved in water ( 100 cc ) and ethanol ( 400 cc ), after which sodium borohydride ( 7.85 g ) is added thereto portionwise, while cooling in an ice-bath. After stirring overnight at room temperature, the excess borohydride is destroyed by addition of acetone, the resulting material is concentrated in vacuo and extracted with ether. The organic extracts are washed with water, dried over sodium sulfate and concentrated in vacuo. The residual oil is then converted to the maleate (M.p. $=144^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. Reduction yield $=73.5 \%$ ).

## EXAMPLE 5

Preparation of
6-o-carboxybenzyl-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-thieno[2,3-c]pyridine (Derivative No. 5)
A mixture of 6-o-methoxycarbonylbenzyl-4,5,6,7-tet-rahydro-thieno[2,3-c]pyridine ( 19 g ; 0.066 mole), soda
lye ( $d=1.38 ; 20 \mathrm{cc}$ ) and ethanol ( 200 cc ) is refluxed during one hour. The solution is exactly neutralized with 6 N hydrochloric acid, concentrated in vacuo, and the residue is extracted with methylene chloride. The
5 organic extracts are dried over sodium sulfate and concentrated in vacuo. The resulting crystals are recrystallized from benzene (M.p. $=151^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. Yield: 52\%).

## EXAMPLE 6

Preparation of
6-[2-(5-chloro-thienyl)-methyl]-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-thieno[2,3-c]pyridine (Derivative No. 6)
(a) A mixture of thieno[2,3-c]pyridine ( $10 \mathrm{~g} ; 0.074$ mole), and 5-chloro-2-chloromethyl-thiophene ( 13.95 g ; 0.083 mole ) in acetonitrile ( 80 cc ) is refluxed during 4 hours. After cooling, the resulting crystals are filtered off, washed with ether and dried in vacuo (M.p. $=158^{\circ}$ C. Yield $=88.5 \%$ ).
(b) The salt obtained above in (a) ( $19.8 \mathrm{~g} ; 0.066$ mole) is dissolved in water ( 100 cc ) and ethanol ( 400 cc ), after which sodium borohydride ( 5 g ) is added portionwise thereto, with cooling. After stirring overnight at room temperature, the solution is concentrated in vacuo, 25 made acidic with 3 N hydrochloric acid, then made basic with concentrated ammonia and extracted with methylene chloride: The organic extracts are washed with water, dried over sodium sulfate and concentrated in vacuo. The residual oil ( 16.3 g ) is converted to the 30 hydrochloride which is then recrystallized from $95 \%$ ethanol (M.p. $=200^{\circ}$ C. Yield $=35 \%$ ).

## EXAMPLE 7

Preparation of concentrating the mixture in vacuo, the residue is poured over ice, made basic with ammonia and extracted with ether. The organic extracts are washed
with water, dried over sodium sulfate and concentrated in vacuo. The resulting crystals are recrystallized from isopropanol (M.p. $=92^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. Yield $=80 \%$ ).

Using analogous procedures, the following derivatives were prepared:
derivative No. 9 : 6-(2-hydroxy-propyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahy-dro-thieno[2,3-c]pyridine, hydrochloride; white crystals, m.p. $=212^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.
derivative No. $10: 6$-(2-acetoxy-2m.methoxyphenyl-ethyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-thieno[2,3-c]pyridine; white crystals; m.p. $=80^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.
derivative No. $11: 6$-o-nitrobenzyl-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-thieno[2,3-c]pyridine, hydrochloride; white crystals; m.p. $=100^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ (decomposition).
derivative No. $12: 6$-p-nitrobenzyl-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-thieno[2,3-c]pyridine; brown crystals; m.p. $=$ $116^{\circ}-118^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$
derivative No. 13 : 6-o-cyanobenzyl-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-thieno[2,3-c]pyridine, maleate; pale green crystals; m.p. $=168^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.
derivative No. 14 : 6-(2-p.chlorophenyl-2-hydroxy-ethyl)-7-methyl-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-thieno[2,3-c]pyridine, hydrochloride; white crystals; m.p. $=$ $201^{\circ}-203^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.
derivative No. $15: 6$-o-chlorobenzyl-7-methyl-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-thieno[2,3-c]pyridine, oxalate; off-white crystals; m.p. $=142^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.
derivative No. 16 : 6-(2-chloro-benzyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahy-dro-thieno[2,3-c]pyridine, maleate; white crystals; m.p. $=187^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.
derivative No. $17: 6$-(3,4,5-trimethoxy-benzyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-thieno[2,3-c]pyridine, ' maleate; white crystals; m.p. $=168^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.
derivative No. $18: 6$-p.methoxybenzyl-4,5,6,7-tetrahy-dro-thieno[2,3-c]pyridine, hydrochloride; yellowishwhite material; m.p. $=198^{\circ}-200^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.
derivative No. $19: 6-\beta$-phenethyl-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-thieno[2,3-c]pyridine, hydrochloride; white crystals; m.p. $238^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.
derivative No. 20 : 6-m.methoxybenzyl-4,5,6,7-tetrahy-dro-thieno-[2,3-c]pyridine, hydrochloride; white crystals; m.p. $=208^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.
derivative No. 21 : 6-p.chlorobenzyl-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-thieno[2,3-c]pyridine, hydrochloride; white crystals; m.p. $=235^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ (decomposition)
derivative No. 22 : 6-m.chlorobenzyl-4,5,6,7-tetrahy-dro-thieno[2,3-c]pyridine, hydrochloride; yellowishwhite crystals; m.p. $>240^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.
derivative No. 23 : 6-(2-hydroxy-2-phenyl-ethyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-thieno[2,3-c]pyridine, hydrochloride; white crystals; m.p. $=210^{\circ}-212^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.
derivative No. 24 : 6-p.methylbenzyl-4,5,6,7-tetrahy-dro-thieno[2,3-c]pyridine, hydrochloride; white crystals; m.p. $=240^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ (decomposition).
derivative No. 25 : 6-(3,4-dimethoxy-benzyl)-4,5,6,7-tet-rahydro-thieno[2,3-c]pyridine, hydrochloride, white crystals; m.p. $=216^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.
derivative No. $26: 6$-o.fluorobenzyl-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-thieno[2,3-c]pyridine, fumarate; white crystals; m.p. $=173^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.
derivative No. 27 : 6-(2-hydroxy-2-p.chlorophenyl-ethyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-thieno[2,3-c]pyridine; white crystals; m.p. $=122^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.
derivative No. $28: 6$-(2,3,4-trimethoxy-benzyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-thieno[2,3-c]pyridine, oxalate; white crystals; m.p. $=175^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.
derivative No. 29 : 6-(2-hydroxy-2-p.fluorophenyl-ethyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-thieno[2,3-c]pyridine; white crystals, m.p. $=102^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.
derivative No. 30 : 6-(2-hydroxy-2-p.methoxyphenyl-ethyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-thieno[2,3-c]pyridine; white crystals; m.p. $=106^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.
derivative No. $31: 7$-methyl-6- $\beta$-phenethyl-4,5,6,7-tet-rahydro-thieno[2,3-c]pyridine, maleate; white crystals; m.p. $=162^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.
derivative No. 32 : 6-(2-hydroxy-2-p.methoxyphenyl-ethyl)-7-methyl-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-thieno[2,3-c]pyridine; off-white crystals; m.p. $=169^{\circ}-171^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.
derivative No. 33 : 6-(2-hydroxy-2-m.methoxyphenyl-ethyl)-7-methyl-4,5,6,7,-tetrahydro-thieno[2,3-c]pyridine; creamy-white crystals; in.p. $=143^{\circ}-145^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.
derivative No. 34 : 6-[2-(2,5-dimethoxy-phenyl)-2-hydroxy-ethyl]-7-methyl-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-
thieno[2,3-c]pyridine; white crystals; m.p. $=$ $207^{\circ}-209^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.
derivative No. 35 : 6-(2-hydroxy-3-p.methoxyphenoxy-propyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-thieno[2,3-c]pyridine, hydrochloride; white crystals; m.p. $=152^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.
derivative No. 36 : 6-(3-oxo-butyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-thieno[2,3-c]-pyridine, maleate; white crystals; m.p. $=131^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.
derivative No. 37 : 6-(2-hydroxy-3,3,3-trichloro-propyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-thieno[2,3-c]pyridine; white crystals; m.p. $=150^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.
derivative No. 38 : 6-(3,4-dimethoxy-benzyl)-4,5,6,7-tet-rahydro-thieno[2,3-c]pyridine; white crystals; m.p. $=$ $216^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.
The following derivatives of the formula (IV) were also prepared:
derivative No. 49 : 6-p-fluorophenacyl-7-methyl-thieno[2,3-c]pyridinium iodide; pale yellow crystals; m.p. $=220^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.
derivative No. 50 : 6-2,5-dimethoxy)-7-methyl-thieno[2,3-c]pyridinium bromide; white crystals; m.p. $252^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. Intermediate of derivative No. 34.
derivative No. 51 : 6-m-methoxyphenacyl-7-methyl-thieno[2,3-c]pyridinium bromide; white crystals; m.p. $=245^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$; intermediate of derivative No. 33 .
derivative No. 52 : 6-(3,4-dihydroxy-phenacyl)-7-meth-yl-thieno[2,3-c]pyridinium iodide; brown crystals; m.p. $>260^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.
derivative No. 53 : 7-methyl-6-p-methylphenacyl-thieno[2,3-c]pyridinium bromide; white crystals; m.p. $>260^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.
derivative No. 54 : 6-p-hydroxyphenacyl-7-methyl-thieno[2,3-c]pyridinium bromide; brown crystals; m.p. $>260^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.
derivative No. 55 : 6-ethoxycarbonylmethyl-thieno[2,3c]pyridinium bromide; white crystals; m.p. $>260^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.
derivative No. $56: 6$-acetonyl-thieno[2,3-c]pyridinium chloride; white crystals; m.p. $>260^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.
derivative No. 57 : 6-(2-carboxy-ethyl)-thieno[2,3c]pyridinium chloride; white crystals; m.p. $=25$ $246^{\circ}-248^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.
derivative No. 58 : 6-carboxymethyl-thieno[2,3-c]pyridinium chloride; pale pink crystals; m.p. $=170^{\circ}$ C.

The results of toxicological and pharmacological tests reported hereinafter demonstrate the good tolerance and the activities of the derivatives of this invention, particularly their anti-inflammatory, anti-arrhythmic activities and their inhibiting activity on blood platelet aggregation.

Thus, this invention relates also to a therapeutic composition having in particular anti-inflammatory, antiarrhythmic activities and an inhibiting activity on blood platelet aggregation, comprising as active ingredient, a derivative of the formula (I) or a derivative of the formula (IV) or a pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salt of a derivative of the formula (1), together with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

## I. TOXICOLOGICAL INVESTIGATION

Said investigation demonstrates the low toxicity of the derivatives of this invention.

For indicative purposes, the $\mathrm{LD}_{50} / 24 \mathrm{hrs} / \mathrm{kg}$ body weight, determined by the intravenous route by the method according to Miller and Tainter, is 135 mg for derivative No. 6, 120 mg for derivative No. $9,80 \mathrm{mg}$ for derivative No. 10, 160 mg for derivative No. $11,80 \mathrm{mg}$ for derivative No. $17,60 \mathrm{mg}$ for derivative No. 18,48 mg for derivative No. $19,63 \mathrm{mg}$ for derivative No. 20 , 55 mg for derivative No. $21,67 \mathrm{mg}$ for derivative No. $23,45 \mathrm{mg}$ for derivative No. $24,90 \mathrm{mg}$ for derivative No. $25,87 \mathrm{mg}$ for derivative No. $26,45 \mathrm{mg}$ for derivative No. 27, 60 mg for derivative No. 29, 53 mg for derivative No. $31,84 \mathrm{mg}$ for derivative No. $34,19 \mathrm{mg}$ for derivative No. 35, 16 mg for derivative No. 36, 18 mg for derivative No. 37, 22 mg for derivative No. 38, 35 mg for derivative No. 39 and 51 mg for derivative No. 44.

Experimentation has shown that the derivatives of this invention were well tolerated throughout the acute, chronic or delayed toxicity tests and that no anomaly could be found on autopsy of the sacrificed animals.

## II. PHARMACOLOGICAL INVESTIGATION

1. Anti-inflammatory Action
a) Localized Carrageenin-induced Edema Method

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