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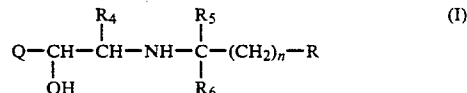
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Compounds of formula

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wherein the substituents are defined hereinbelow, useful in the treatment of bronchospasm are described.

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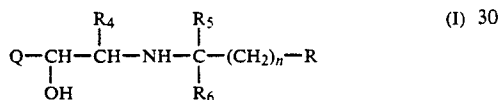
**NEW QUATERNARY AMMONIUM COMPOUNDS,
THEIR PREPARATION AND USE**

This is a continuation, of application Ser. No. 286,442, filed Dec. 19, 1988, now abandoned.

The invention relates to quaternary ammonium compounds, and the preparation and use thereof. The compounds of the invention may be prepared by methods known per se and used as pharmaceuticals, particularly for inhalation.

We have found that the introduction of a quaternary ammonium group at a suitable point in the molecules of known broncholytically active compounds which are effective when inhaled makes it possible to eliminate unwanted systemic side effects to a great extent whilst substantially retaining the broncholytic (topical) effect. We have found that the nature of the quaternary ammonium grouping may be selected from a wide range of variations without crucially affecting the differentiation between desirable and undesirable effects according to the invention.

According to the invention, we provide compounds of formula I



wherein

Q represents a substituted phenyl group;

R represents a group, such as an alkoxy, arylalkoxy, aryloxyalkoxy, aryl, aryloxy arylcarbonamido group, a heterocyclic group or a heterocyclically substituted carbonamido group, which includes also a quaternary ammonium grouping;

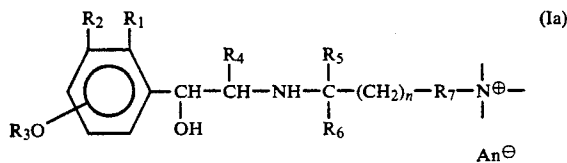
R₄ represents H, CH₃ or C₂H₅;

R₅ represents H or CH₃;

R₆ represents H or CH₃;

n represents an integer selected from 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.

The compounds of the invention may in one preferred embodiment be represented essentially by the formula Ia



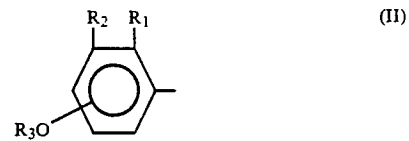
in which, unless otherwise stated,

n represents an integer selected from 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5;

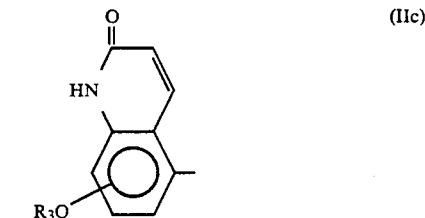
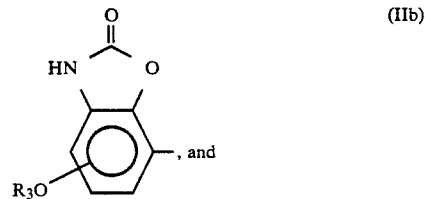
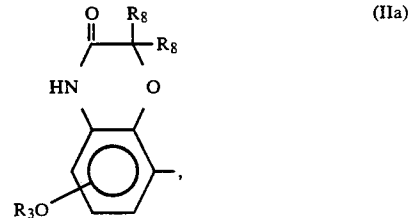
R₁ represents H, CH₃, OCH₃, Cl, or F;

R₂ represents H, R₃O—, —CH₂OH, —NHCHO, —NHCOCH₃, —NHSO₂CH₃, or —NHCONH₂;

R₃ represents H, acyl, or N,N-dialkylcarbamoyl, the groups R₃O being in the 4- or 5- positions; the group II



may also represent one of the groups



wherein R₃ is as hereinbefore defined and

R₈ represents H or CH₃;

R₄ represents H, CH₃, or C₂H₅;

R₅ represents H or CH₃;

R₆ represents H or CH₃;

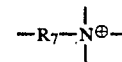
R₇ represents a single bond or a divalent bridging member which may also be bound to the ammonium nitrogen via ring atoms of a heterocyclic group;



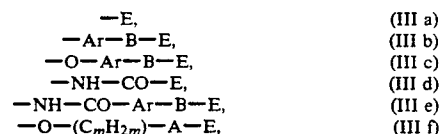
represents a quaternary ammonium group;

An[⊖] represents an anion.

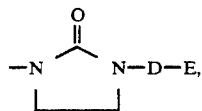
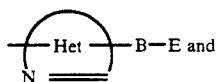
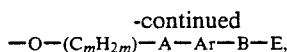
In a further preferred embodiment, the grouping



primarily represents one of the groups



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n and R₁ to R₆ being as defined hereinbefore.

In the above definitions of (IIIa) to (IIIi), m represents an integer selected from 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6;



represents a nitrogen heterocycle which may be condensed with a benzene ring and which may be substituted or unsubstituted and may optionally contain one or more additional heteroatoms in the ring;

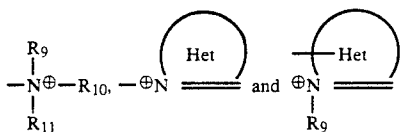
Ar represents arylene, preferably unsubstituted or substituted phenylene or naphthylene;

A represents a single bond or a NH-CO-(C₁₋₄)-alkylene group;

B represents a single bond or an -O-(C₁₋₄)-alkylene, -NH-CO-(C₁₋₄)-alkylene, or -(C₁₋₄)-alkylene group;

D represents a -(C₁₋₄)-alkylene group; and

E represents one of the groups



(in which

R₉ represents a (C₁₋₄)-alkyl group;

R₁₀ represents a (C₁₋₄)-alkyl group; or

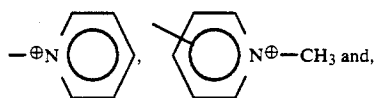
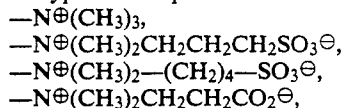
R₉ and R₁₀ together represent a (C₄₋₆)-alkylene group; and

R₁₁ represents a (C₁₋₄)-alkyl, (C₁₋₄)-alkylene-COO[⊖], (C₁₋₄)-alkylene-SO₃[⊖], (C₁₋₄)-alkylene-OH, or (C₃₋₆)-cycloalkyl group; and the group



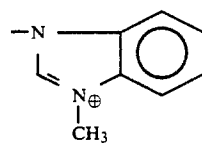
is as defined above).

Typical examples of E include



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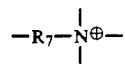
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in which the groupings and groups are as defined above:



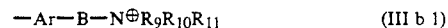
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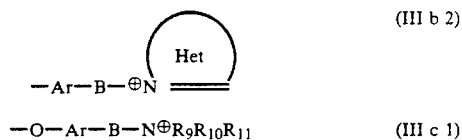
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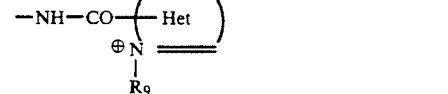
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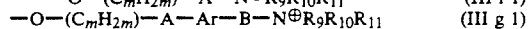
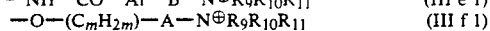


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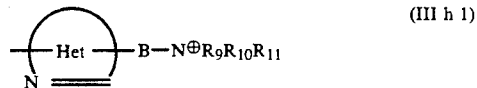


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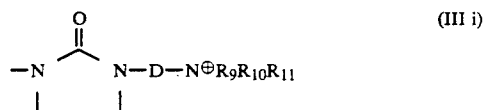


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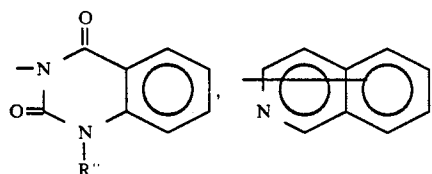
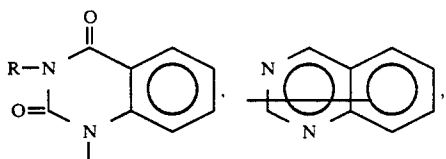
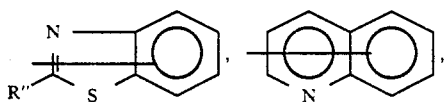
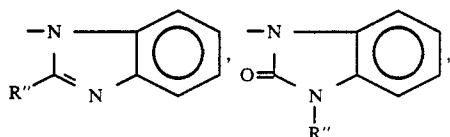
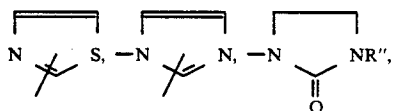
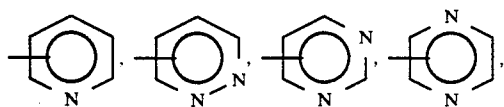
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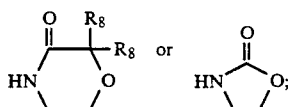
The alkyl and alkylene groups in the above definitions may be straight-chained or branched. Unless otherwise stated, they contain 1 to 6, preferably 1 to 4, and most particularly 1 or 2 carbon atoms. This also applies to the carbon chains which are components of other groups. Examples of substituents in aryl(ene) include, in particular, F, Cl, CH₃ and CH₃O groups. The terms "aryl" and "arylene" refer to the appropriate groups derived from benzene or naphthalene. "Acyl groups" in this case denote carboxylic acid groups with up to 7 carbon atoms, particularly acetyl. The bridge R₇ may be

linked to the nitrogen atom of the quaternary ammonium group. Alternatively, if the quaternary ammonium group is part of a heterocyclic group, the bridge may be connected to another ring atom of the heterocyclic group. Groups falling into this latter category include in particular



(in which R¹¹ represents H or C₁₋₄-alkyl), and triazines.

In a further preferred embodiment of the invention R₁ represents H, CH₃, OCH₃, Cl or F; R₂ represents OH or, when R₁ equals Cl or F, R₂ may also represent H; or R₁ and R₂ together may also represent



(in which R₈ is as hereinbefore defined)

R₃ represents a hydrogen atom;

R₄ represents H or C₂H₅;

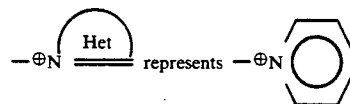
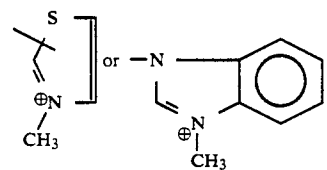
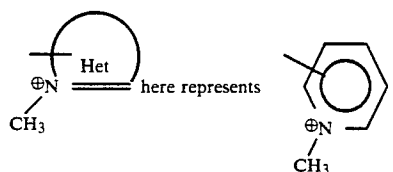
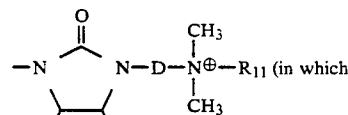
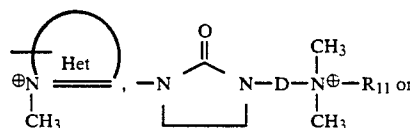
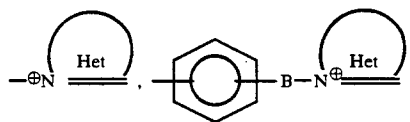
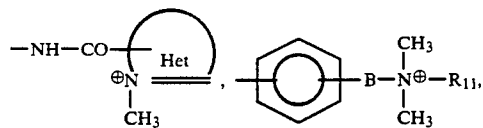
R₅ and R₆ both represent H or both represent CH₃;

n represents an integer selected from 1, 2 and 3;

R₇



represents a group



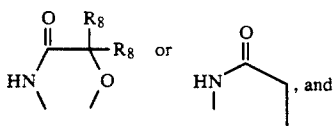
whilst B, D and R₁₁ are as hereinbefore defined).

Particular mention should be made of the compounds in which the following combinations of substituents occur:

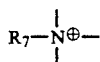
(a) R₁ represents a methyl or methoxy group, R₂ represents a hydroxyl group, and R₃ represents a 4-hydroxyl group;

(b) R₁ represents a hydrogen atom, R₂ represents a hydroxyl group, and R₃ represents a 4- or 5-hydroxyl group;

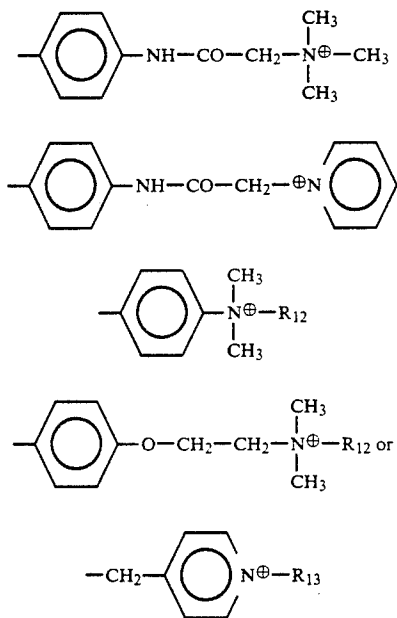
(c) R₁ and R₂ together represent



R_3 represents a 4- or 5-hydroxyl group;
 R_4 represents a hydrogen atom, if R_5 and R_6 represent methyl groups, but C_2H_5 , if R_5 and R_6 represent H;



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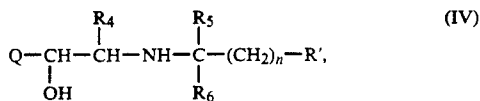
(in which R_{12} and R_{13} represent CH_3 , CH_2-COO^- , $CH_2-CH_2-COO^-$ or $CH_2-CH_2-CH_2-SO_3^-$).

The compounds according to the invention may occur as mixtures of enantiomers, particularly as racemates, and optionally either as pairs of diastereoisomers or as pure enantiomers, and as salts with (preferably physiologically acceptable) acids, and the invention extends to all such forms of the compounds of formula I.

The compounds of the invention may be prepared by a variety of methods.

Accordingly, in a further aspect of the invention, we provide a process for preparing compounds of formula I as described above, wherein

a) a compound of formula IV

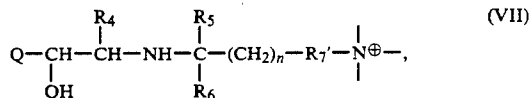


wherein n , Q , R_4 , R_5 and R_6 are as defined above, R' is a tertiary amino group which corresponds at least in part to the quaternary ammonium group-containing

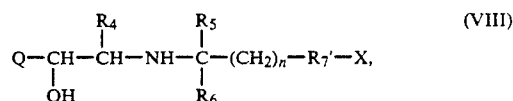
group R , or a protected form thereof in which any hydroxyl group or amino group it is desired to protect is protected by hydrogenolytically-removable protecting groups, is reacted with an alkylating agent, and any protecting groups present are removed by hydrogenolysis;

or

b) if it is desired to prepare a compound of formula VII



wherein n , R_4 , R_5 , R_6 and Q are as defined above and R' represents a group R_7 which is bound to the quaternary ammonium nitrogen via an aliphatic carbon atom, a compound of formula VIII

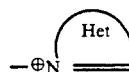


(wherein the symbols are all defined as above and X represents a leaving group is reacted with a tertiary amine



to provide the desired quaternary ammonium compound, followed, if desired, by separation of any mixture of enantiomers into pure enantiomeric forms or other enantiomeric mixtures, and formation of any desired acid addition salts.

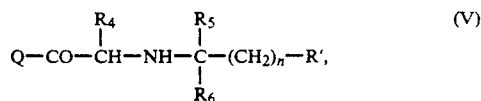
Process (a) above is suitable for preparing compounds of formula I in which the quaternary ammonium group is not in the form



Compounds selected from $Cl-(C_{1-4})\text{-alkylene-SO}_3Na$ and $HO-(C_{1-4})\text{-alkylene-SO}_2-O-(C_{1-4})\text{-alkylene-SO}_3Na$ are particularly suitable for the introduction of a $(C_{1-4})\text{-alkylene-SO}_3^-$ group.

The reaction is expediently carried out in an inert polar solvent at ambient temperature or at an elevated temperature up to about 100°C .

The starting materials of formula IV may be obtained by methods known per se. Thus, aminoketones of formula V



wherein Q , R^4 , R^5 , R^6 , R^1 and n are as defined above, or Schiff base of the formula VI

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