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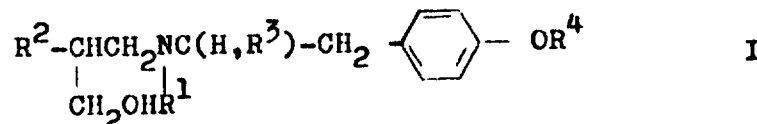
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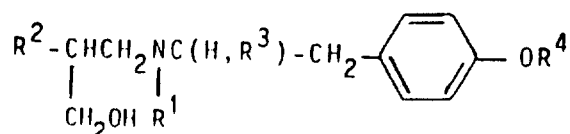
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Abstract

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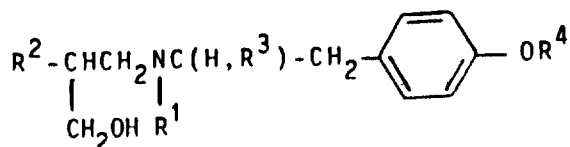
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PROPANOLAMINE DERIVATIVES

5 The present invention is concerned with novel
 propanolamine derivatives per se and as therapeutically
 active substances, especially for the treatment of
 10 obesity, of diabetes mellitus and of conditions which are
 associated with high protein breakdown; further,
 pharmaceutical preparations and feedstuffs for fattening
 animals which contain such a propanolamine derivative, a
 process for the manufacture of these derivatives and,
 15 respectively, of these preparations and feedstuffs, as
 well as the use of said propanolamine derivatives for the
 manufacture of the above pharmaceutical preparations.

20 The propanolamine derivatives of the present invention
 are compounds of the formula



wherein

R^1 is hydrogen or a group of the formula



n is the number 0 or 1

R^2 and R^5 are phenyl, m-halophenyl, m-trifluoromethyl-phenyl, thienyl or pyridyl

R^3 is hydrogen or methyl
 R^4 is hydrogen, $-\text{CH}_2\text{COOH}$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{COO}-\text{C}_{1-4}\text{-alkyl}$,
 5 $-(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{O}-\text{C}_{1-4}\text{-alkyl}$ or
 $-(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{O}(\text{CH}_2)_{1-4}-\text{C}_6\text{H}_5$,
 and physiologically compatible salts thereof.

10 m-Chlorophenyl is preferred among the m-halophenyl
 groups R^2 or R^5 , and 2-thienyl and, respectively,
 2-pyridyl are preferred under the thienyl and pyridyl
 groups. $\text{C}_{1-4}\text{-Alkyl}$ denotes straight-chain or branched
 residues with 1-4 C-atoms such as methyl, ethyl, propyl,
 isopropyl, butyl and isobutyl.

15 The compounds of formula I form salts with acids, and
 these salts are also an object of the invention. Examples
 of such salts are salts with physiologically compatible
 mineral acids such as hydrochloric acid, hydrobromic acid,
 20 sulphuric acid, phosphoric acid; or with organic acids
 such as oxalic acid, methanesulphonic acid, acetic acid,
 propionic acid, citric acid, maleic acid, succinic acid,
 malic acid, fumaric acid, phenylacetic acid or salicylic
 acid. Carboxylic acids of formula I can also be present as
 25 salts. Examples of such salts are alkali metal, alkaline
 earth metal, ammonium and ethanolammonium salts.

The compounds in accordance with the invention contain
 at least one asymmetric carbon atom and can accordingly be
 30 present as optically active enantiomers, as diastereomers
 or as racemates.

Among the compounds of formula I there are preferred
 those in which R^1 is hydrogen, R^2 is phenyl, m-halo-
 35 phenyl, especially m-chlorophenyl, or m-trifluoromethyl-
 phenyl, thienyl or pyridyl, especially 2- or 3-pyridyl,
 R^4 is hydrogen, 2-ethoxyethyl, 2-phenethoxyethyl or
 ethoxycarbonylmethyl, especially those in which the C-atom

attached to a methyl group R^3 which may be present has the R-configuration. Those compounds in which R^2 is phenyl or 2-thienyl and R^4 is 2-ethoxyethyl or ethoxycarbonylmethyl are especially preferred. The following are examples of such compounds

(R or S)- β -[[[p-(2-ethoxyethoxy)phenethyl]amino]methyl]phenethyl alcohol.

ethyl [p-[2-[[β -(hydroxymethyl)phenethyl]amino]ethyl]phenoxy]acetate.

β -[[[(R)-p-(2-ethoxyethoxy)- α -methylphenethyl]amino]methyl]phenethyl alcohol and

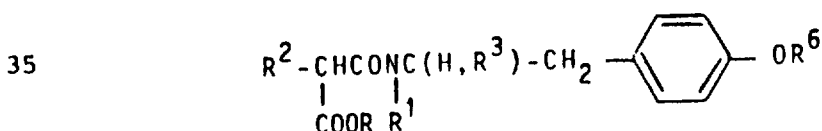
β -[[[p-(2-ethoxyethoxy)phenethyl]amino]methyl]-2-thiopheneethanol.

Further, there are preferred the compounds of formula I in which R^1 represents a group of formula (a) in which either n is the number 1 and R^5 is phenyl or m-halophenyl, especially m-chlorophenyl, or n is the number 0 and R^5 is phenyl, especially in which the C-atom attached to the group R^5 has the R-configuration, R^2 is phenyl or m-halophenyl, especially m-chlorophenyl, R^3 is hydrogen and R^4 is 2-ethoxyethyl, e.g.

(RS)-m-chloro- β -[p-(2-ethoxyethoxy)phenethyl][[(R)- β -hydroxyphenethyl]amino]methyl]phenethyl alcohol.

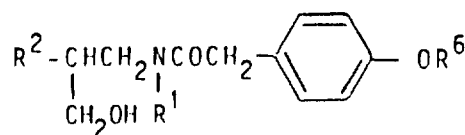
The products of the present invention can be manufactured in a manner known per se by

a) reducing an amide of the formula



or

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10 wherein R^1 , R^2 or R^3 have the above significance
and R^6 is hydrogen, $-(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{O}-\text{C}_{1-4}$ -alkyl or
 $-(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{O}(\text{CH}_2)_{1-4}-\text{C}_6\text{H}_5$,
and

15 b) if desired, etherifying a phenol of formula I in which
 R^4 is hydrogen to a compound of formula I in which R^4
is a group $-\text{CH}_2-\text{COOH}$ or $-\text{CH}_2\text{COO}-\text{C}_{1-4}$ -alkyl, and

c) if desired, converting a compound of formula I into a
salt.

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The reduction according to process variant a) can be
carried out conveniently by means of a complex metal
hydride such as lithium aluminium hydride (LiAlH_4) in a
solvent such as an ether, e.g. diethyl ether, monoglyme,
25 diglyme or tetrahydrofuran (THF), at a temperature up to
the reflux temperature of the reaction mixture, preferably
at room temperature.

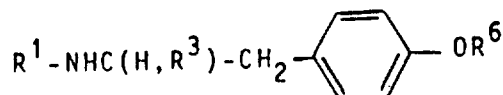
30 The etherification according to variant b) can be
carried out with a compound of the formula $\text{X}-\text{R}^{40}$ in
which R^{40} is a group $-\text{CH}_2\text{COOH}$ or $-\text{CH}_2\text{COO}-\text{C}_{1-4}$ -
alkyl and X is halogen, conveniently iodine, or a
sulphonate group, e.g. methanesulphonate. The reaction is
conveniently carried out in a solvent such as a ketone,
35 e.g. acetone, an ether such as THF or in dimethylformamide
in the presence of a base such as an alkali metal
hydroxide, e.g. potassium hydroxide or sodium hydroxide,
at a temperature up to the reflux temperature, preferably
at room temperature.

The amides of formulae II and III can be prepared in a manner known per se.

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Thus, the amides II are obtained by reacting an amine of the formula

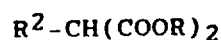
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IV

with a diester of the formula

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V

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wherein R is C₁₋₄-alkyl.
Amides of formula II in which R¹ is a group (a) can also be obtained by reacting a secondary amine of formula I in which R¹ is hydrogen with a diester V.

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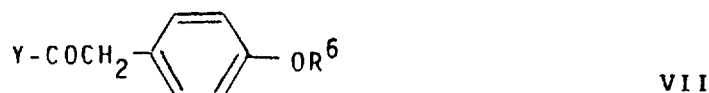
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These reactions can be carried out in a solvent such as an ether, e.g. diglyme, at temperatures up to the reflux temperature, conveniently at about 90-100°C. For the preparation of the amide starting material of Example 1 hereinafter, a solution of diethyl phenylmalonate in 50 mg of diglyme was treated in this manner with 25 g of p-(2-ethoxyethoxy)phenethylamine and stirred at 95°C for 48 hrs. After cooling the excess solvent was evaporated. The residue was chromatographed on silica gel with ethyl acetate/hexane (1:2). There was obtained ethyl [[[p-(2-ethoxyethoxy)phenethyl]carbamoyl]phenyl]acetate, m.p. 80°C. The amide starting materials of Examples 2.a), 2.1) and 2.o) were also obtained in crystalline form (m.p. 108°C, 94-95°C and 110-111°C, respectively).

The amides III are obtained by reacting an alcohol of the formula



with a compound of the formula



wherein Y is halogen, especially chlorine, or lower-alkoxy.

This reaction can be carried out in the same manner as the reaction of an amine IV with a diester V described above. For the preparation of the amide starting materials III of Examples 3.a) and 3.b), 50 g of ethyl p-(2-ethoxyethoxy)-phenyl acetate in 50 ml of diglyme were treated slowly with 25 g of (R or S)- β -(aminomethyl)phenethyl alcohol and stirred at 95°C for 48 hrs. The mixture was then cooled and evaporated and the residue was chromatographed on silica gel with ethyl acetate/hexane (1:2).

The alcohols VI can be prepared by reducing the corresponding acids of the formula



This reduction can be carried out analogously to the reduction of an amide II or III described above.

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A racemate of formula VI can be resolved readily by salt formation with an optically active acid such as L- or D-dibenzoyltartaric acid and is therefore especially suitable as an intermediate in the manufacture of optically active compounds III and I.

For the preparation of the alcohols VI used in Examples 3.a) and 3.b), 10 g of 3-amino-2-phenylpropane-carboxylic acid in 150 ml of monoglyme were stirred with 3 g of LiAlH_4 for 20 hrs. Then, 12 ml of water and 3 ml of 10% sodium hydroxide solution were slowly added thereto. The mixture was filtered and the filtrate was again evaporated with toluene. There were obtained 8.4 g of β -(aminomethyl)phenethyl alcohol.

For the preparation of the R- and S-enantiomers of this alcohol, this was dissolved in 200 ml of THF and treated with a solution of dibenzoyl-L-tartaric acid. After one day crystals were filtered off and recrystallized from ethanol until the rotation was constant. There was obtained (R or S)- β -(aminomethyl)phenethyl alcohol (S,S)-2,3-di-O-benzoyltartrate, m.p. 172-173°C, $[\alpha]_D$ -28.4° (DMSO, c = 1%).

The mother liquors were treated with a strongly basic ion exchanger, filtered and evaporated. The oily residue of the free amine enriched with the enantiomers was treated as described above, but this time with dibenzoyl-D-tartaric acid. There was obtained (R or S)- β -(aminomethyl)phenethyl alcohol (R,R)-2,3-di-O-benzoyltartrate, m.p. 172-173°C, $[\alpha]_D$ +28.2° (DMSO, c = 1%).

The compounds IV, V, VII and VIII, insofar as they are not known, can be prepared in a manner known per se, e.g. in analogy to known compounds. Thus, the diesters V can be obtained from the corresponding acetic acid esters

according to the methods described in Organic Synthesis,
Collective Vol. 2, Edited by A.H. Blatt (1943) 288-289.

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The propanolamine derivatives in accordance with the
invention can be used as active substances in
pharmaceutical preparations for the treatment of obesity
and/or of diabetes mellitus, especially of obese adult
10 diabetics. In an animal experiment an increased
catabolism, primarily of fat, has been observed upon the
administration of the said derivatives. Furthermore, it has
been observed that the propanolamine derivatives in
accordance with the invention stimulate the formation of
15 brown adipose tissue in rats and obese-hyperglycaemic
mice. It is known that defects of the brown adipose tissue
play a substantial role in the origin of obesity. In
obese-hyperglycaemic mice and in streptozotocin-diabetic
rats these derivatives have a pronounced antidiabetic
20 effect, in that they have hypoglycaemic activity and
reduce glycosuria. The propanolamine derivatives in
accordance with the invention exhibit only a slight
activity on the working of the heart and circulation.
Moreover, they have only a slight activity on insulin
25 distribution. This is of significance, since as is known
high plasma insulin plays an important role in the patho-
genesis of obesity. The dosage can amount to 0.5-1000 mg,
preferably 2-200 mg, per day for an adult depending on the
strength of activity of the individual compounds and on
30 the individual requirements of the patients, whereby the
dosage can be administered as a single dosage or in
several dosages over the day.

In addition, in an animal experiment with the
35 propanolamine derivatives in accordance with the invention
an increase in the body protein content and a decrease in
the body fat content could be detected. The said
derivatives therefore lead to an increase in the lean

composition of the body at the expense of fat.

Accordingly, they can be used in human medicine for the
5 treatment of conditions which are associated with high
protein breakdown, e.g. in convalescence after operations.
In this case the dosages administered are the same as in
the treatment of obesity and/or of diabetes mellitus.

10 The propanolamine derivatives in accordance with the
invention can also be used in the maintenance of fattening
animals such as beef cattle, pigs, sheep and poultry. In
this case the dosage forms are the same as in the case of
vitamins. The said derivatives can also be used as feed
15 additives in dosages of 0.01-100 mg/kg depending on the
substance, kind of animal and age.

The pharmaceutical preparations contain the active
substances together with a compatible pharmaceutical,
20 organic or inorganic carrier material such as water,
gelatine, gum arabic, lactose, starch, magnesium stearate,
talc, vegetable oils, polyalkylene glycols or Vaseline.
The pharmaceutical preparations are preferably
administered orally, e.g. in the form of tablets,
25 capsules, pills, powders, granulates, solutions, syrups,
suspensions or elixirs. The administration can, however,
also be effected parenterally, e.g. in the form of sterile
solutions, suspensions or emulsions. The pharmaceutical
preparations can be sterilized and/or can contain
30 ingredients such as preserving agents, stabilizing agents,
wetting agents, emulsifiers, salts for varying the osmotic
pressure and buffer substances.

The activity of the novel compounds of formula I is
35 evident from the following test results:

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1) Activity on oxygen consumption

5 Male albino rats weighing 160-180 g were placed in
 metabolic cages after fasting for 24 hours. The cages were
 ventilated with a constant 6 litre room air/minute which
 was equilibrated at a dew point of 11°C. Samples of the
 spent air were collected during periods of in each case
 10 14 minutes after again equilibrating and the oxygen
 content and CO₂ content were analyzed. After an
 adaptation time of 4 hours the animals, divided into
 groups of 6, received either placebo (5% gum arabic) or
 the test substance (suspended in 5% gum arabic) per os.
 15 Thereafter, the determinations were carried out for a
 period of 12 hours. In Table I there is given the
 percentage of the average oxygen consumption after
 medication during the first 3 hours and the entire test
 duration (12 hours) of the oxygen consumption of the
 20 adaptation period, corresponding corrections for
 variations in the placebo group having been taken into
 consideration.

Table I

	Compound of <u>Example No.</u>	Dosage μM/kg	O ₂ consumption % of the value of the pre-period	
			<u>1st-3rd hour</u>	<u>1st-12th hour</u>
30	2.a)	10	149	113
	2.b)	3	124	107
	2.c)	3	132	108
	2.d)	3	152	127
	2.j)	10	137	113
35	2.o)	10	147	115
	3.a)	3	152	112
	4	3	145	112

2) Activity on heart rate

5 Male albino rats weighing 250-320 g received 6 hours
 after withdrawal of food either placebo (5% gum arabic) or
 the test substance (suspended in 5% gum arabic) per os.
 The animals were subsequently immobilized in perforated
 10 plastic tubes. The electrocardiogram was derived by means
 of bipolar subcutaneous needle electrodes. The R-point was
 used to activate an impact counter. The heart rate
 measured 1 and 3 hours after completion is given in
 Table II as a percentage of the control value (placebo).

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Table II

	Compound of <u>Example</u>	Dosage (mg/kg)	Heart rate (% of controls)	
			<u>1 hour</u>	<u>3 hours</u>
20	2a	30	105	100
		100	121	112
	2b	30	106	99
25		100	114	105
	2c	10	103	102
		30	111	104
30	2d	10	103	100
		30	111	104
	2j	100	110	-
35	2o	30	108	-
		100	111	-
	3a	10	108	-
		30	115	-

Example 1

5 A solution of 15 g of LiAlH_4 in 600 ml of diethyl
ether is treated while stirring with a solution of 20 g of
ethyl [[[p-(2-ethoxyethoxy)phenethyl]carbamoyl]phenyl]-
acetate. After stirring for 12 hours 15 ml of water and
10 5 ml of 10% sodium hydroxide solution are added to the
mixture. The mixture is filtered through silica gel and
the filtrate is evaporated. The residue is dissolved in
ethanol and treated with the equivalent amount of oxalic
acid dissolved in ethanol. After adding ethyl acetate
15 there is obtained β -[[[p-(2-ethoxyethoxy)phenethyl]amino]-
methyl]phenethyl alcohol oxalate
m.p. 145°C.

Example 2

20 Analogously to Example 1,
2a) from ethyl [[[R)-p-(2-ethoxyethoxy)- α -methyl-
phenethyl]carbamoyl]phenylacetate there was manufactured
 β -[[[R)-p-(2-ethoxyethoxy)- α -methylphenethyl]amino]-
methyl]phenethyl alcohol oxalate
25 m.p. 145°C (decomposition).

2b) from ethyl [[p-(2-ethoxyethoxy)phenethyl]carbamoyl]-m-
-chlorophenylacetate there was manufactured
m-chloro- β -[[[p-(2-ethoxyethoxy)phenethyl]amino]methyl]-
30 phenethyl alcohol oxalate
m.p. 148°C.

2c) from (RS)-2-phenyl-N-[(RS)- β -(hydroxymethyl)-
phenethyl]-N-[p-(2-ethoxyethoxy)phenethyl]ethylmalonamate
35 there was manufactured
 β, β' -[[[p-(2-ethoxyethoxy)phenethyl]imino]dimethylene]bis-
[(RS)-phenethyl alcohol] hydrochloride
m.p. 94°C.

- 2d) from (RS)-2-(m-chlorophenyl)-N-[p-(2-ethoxyethoxy)-phenethyl]-N-[(R)- β -hydroxyphenethyl]malonamate there was
5 manufactured
(RS)-m-chloro- β -[p-(2-ethoxyethoxy)phenethyl][[(R)- β -hydroxyphenethyl]amino]methyl]phenethyl alcohol oxalate
m.p. 130°C.
- 10 2e) from ethyl (RS)-[[(R)- α -methyl-p-(2-phenethoxy)-ethoxy]phenethyl]carbonyl]-m-chlorophenyl acetate there was manufactured
(RS)-m-chloro- β -[[(R)- α -methyl-p-[2-(phenethoxy)ethoxy]-phenethyl]amino]methyl]phenethyl alcohol oxalate
15 m.p. 164-166°C.
- 2f) from (RS)-2-(m-chlorophenyl)-N-[(RS)-m-chloro- β -(hydroxymethyl)phenethyl]-N-[p-(2-ethoxyethoxy)phenethyl]-ethylmalonamate there was manufactured
20 β,β' -[p-(2-ethoxyethoxy)phenethyl]imino]dimethylene]-bis[(RS)-m-chlorophenethyl alcohol] hydrochloride
m.p. 148°C.
- 25 2g) from ethyl (RS)-[[(R)- α -methyl-p-(2-ethoxyethoxy)-phenethyl]carbonyl]-m-chlorophenyl acetate there was manufactured
(RS)-m-chloro- β -[[(R)-p-(2-ethoxyethoxy)- α -methyl-phenethyl]amino]methyl]phenethyl alcohol oxalate
m.p. 145°C.
- 30 2h) from ethyl [[p-hydroxyphenethyl]carbonyl]phenyl acetate there was manufactured
 β -[[p-hydroxyphenethyl]amino]methyl]phenethyl alcohol oxalate
35 m.p. 136-137°C.
- 2i) from ethyl (RS)-[[(R)- α -methyl-p-(2-phenethoxy)-ethoxy]phenethyl]carbonyl]phenyl acetate there was manufactured

5 β -[[[(R)- α -methyl-p-(2-phenethoxy)ethoxy]phenethyl]amino]-
methyl]phenethyl alcohol oxalate
m.p. 165-179°C.

10 2j) from ethyl [[p-(2-phenethoxy)ethoxy]phenethyl]-
carbamoyl]phenyl acetate there was manufactured
 β -[[[p-(2-phenethoxy)ethoxy]phenethyl]amino]methyl]-
phenethyl alcohol oxalate
m.p. 145°C.

15 2k) from ethyl [[p-(2-ethoxyethoxy)phenethyl]carbamoyl]-m-
-trifluoromethylphenyl acetate there was manufactured
 β -[[[p-(2-ethoxyethoxy)phenethyl]amino]methyl]-m-trifluoro-
methylphenethyl alcohol oxalate
m.p. 148°C.

20 2l) from ethyl α -[[p-(2-ethoxyethoxy)phenethyl]-
carbamoyl]-3-thiopheneacetate there was manufactured
 β -[[[p-(2-ethoxyethoxy)phenethyl]amino]methyl]-3-thiophene-
ethanol oxalate
m.p. 153-155°C.

25 2m) from ethyl α -[[p-(2-ethoxyethoxy)phenethyl]-
carbamoyl]-2-pyridine acetate there was manufactured
 β -[[[p-(2-ethoxyethoxy)phenethyl]amino]methyl]-2-pyridine-
ethanol oxalate
m.p. 128-129°C.

30 2n) from ethyl α -[[p-(2-ethoxyethoxy)phenethyl]-
carbamoyl]-3-pyridineacetate there was manufactured
 β -[[[p-(2-ethoxyethoxy)phenethyl]amino]methyl]-3-pyridine-
ethanol oxalate
35 m.p. 170°C (decomposition).

2o) from ethyl α -[[p-(2-ethoxyethoxy)phenethyl]-
carbamoyl]-2-thiopheneacetate there was manufactured

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β -[[[p-(2-ethoxyethoxy)phenethyl]amino]methyl]-2-thiophene-ethanol oxalate

5 m.p. 145°C (decomposition).

Example 3

Analogously to Example 1.

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3a) from N-[(R or S)-3-hydroxy-2-phenylpropyl]-p-(2-ethoxyethoxy)phenylacetamide there is manufactured (R or S)- β -[[[p-(2-ethoxyethoxy)phenethyl]amino]methyl]-phenethyl alcohol oxalate

15 m.p. 152-154°C, $[\alpha]_D -9^\circ$ (DMSO, c = 1%).

3b) from the enantiomer corresponding to Example 3a) there is manufactured the enantiomer (R or S)- β -[[[p-(2-ethoxyethoxy)phenethyl]amino]methyl]phenethyl alcohol oxalate

20 m.p. 151-154°C, $[\alpha]_D +8.3^\circ$ (DMSO, c = 1%).

Example 4

3.62 g of the product of Example 2h) are stirred for 25 24 hours in 200 ml of acetone with 2.5 g of ethyl iodoacetate and 2 g of potassium hydroxide. The mixture is then evaporated, the residue is taken up in water and ethyl acetate. The organic phase is separated, dried over sodium sulphate and evaporated. The residue is chromatographed on silica gel. The product is dissolved in 30 ethanol, treated with 1 ml of concentrated hydrochloric acid and evaporated with ethanol. Crystallization of the residue from ethanol/ether gives ethyl [p-[2-[[β -(hydroxymethyl)phenethyl]amino]ethyl]phenoxy]acetate hydrochloride

35 m.p. 104-105°C.

Example 5

5 Tablets of the following composition are manufactured
in the usual manner:

	Active substance of formula I, e.g.	
	(RS)-m-chloro- β -[p-(2-ethoxyethoxy)-	
10	phenethyl] [[[R)- β -hydroxyphenethyl]-	
	amino]methyl]phenethyl alcohol oxalate	250 mg
	Lactose	200 mg
	Maize starch	300 mg
	Maize starch paste	50 mg
15	Calcium stearate	5 mg
	Dicalcium phosphate	45 mg

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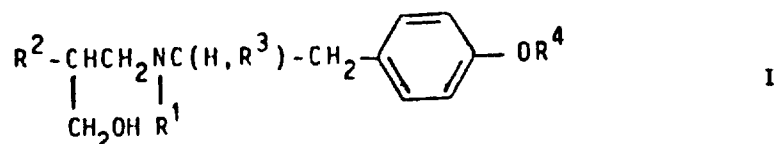
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CLAIMS

1. Propanolamine derivatives of the formula

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wherein

R^1 is hydrogen or a group of the formula

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n is the number 0 or 1

R^2 and R^3 are phenyl, m-halophenyl, m-trifluoromethylphenyl, thienyl or pyridyl.

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R^3 is hydrogen or methyl

R^4 is hydrogen, $-\text{CH}_2\text{COO}-\text{C}_{1-4}$ -alkyl,

$-(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{O}-\text{C}_{1-4}$ -alkyl or

$-(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{O}(\text{CH}_2)_{1-4}-\text{C}_6\text{H}_5$,

and physiologically compatible salts thereof.

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2. Compounds according to claim 1, wherein R^1 is hydrogen or a group (a) in which n and R^5 have the significance given in claim 1.

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3. Compounds according to claim 1 wherein R^1 is hydrogen, R^2 is phenyl, m-chlorophenyl, or m-trifluoromethylphenyl, thienyl or 2- or 3-pyridyl, R^4 is hydrogen, 2-ethoxyethyl, 2-phenethoxyethyl or ethoxycarbonylmethyl, and in which the C-atom attached to a methyl group R^3 has the R-configuration.

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4. Compounds according to claim 1 wherein R^1 represents a group (a) in which n is the number 1 and R^5 is phenyl or m-chlorophenyl, or n is the number 0

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and R⁵ is phenyl and in which the C-atom attached to the group R⁵ has the R-configuration. R² is phenyl or m-chlorophenyl, R³ is hydrogen and R⁴ is 2-ethoxyethyl.

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5. (RS)-m-Chloro- β -(p-(2-ethoxyethoxy)phenethyl)-[[[(R)- β -hydroxyphenethyl]amino]methyl]phenethyl alcohol.

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6. (R or S)- β -[[[p-(2-Ethoxyethoxy)phenethyl]-amino]methyl]phenethyl alcohol.

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7. Ethyl [p-[2-[[β -(hydroxymethyl)phenethyl]-amino]ethyl]phenoxy]acetate.

8. β -[[[(R)-p-(2-Ethoxyethoxy)- α -methyl-phenethyl]amino]methyl]phenethyl alcohol.

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9. β -[[[p-(2-Ethoxyethoxy)phenethyl]amino]methyl] 2-thio-pheneethanol.

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10. A pharmaceutical preparation which contains a compound according to claim 1 and a therapeutically acceptable carrier.

11. A feedstuff for fattening animals containing a compound according to claim 1 as therapeutically active ingredient.

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