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N-SUBSTITUTED-BETA HALO-ETHYL
AMINES

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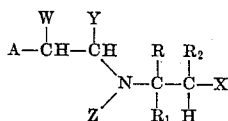
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This invention relates to certain new chemical compounds, more particularly certain new halo-
gen-containing amines and organic and inor-
ganic salts thereof. The new chemical com-
pounds according to this invention have utility
as physiologically active agents and, more par-
ticularly, have adrenolytic or sympathicolytic ac-
tivity.

From the broad standpoint the new compounds
according to this invention have the structure
shown by the following formula:



in which:

A is a member of the group consisting of aryl,
substituted aryl, cyclohexyl, cyclopentyl and
aralkyl groups.

W is a member of the group consisting of hy-
drogen and alkyl groups.

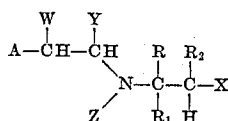
Y is a member of the group consisting of alkyl
groups having less than eight carbon atoms.

Z is a member of the group consisting of
aralkyl, substituted aralkyl, aryl and substituted
aryl groups.

R, R₁ and R₂ are members of the group consist-
ing of hydrogen and alkyl groups such that the
sum of the carbon atoms in R, R₁ and R₂ does not
exceed six.

X is a member of the group consisting of
chlorine, bromine and fluorine.

More particularly, preferential compounds ac-
cording to this invention will have the following
structure:



in which:

A is a member of the group consisting of aryl,
substituted aryl in which the substitution is
chosen from the group consisting of alkyl groups
containing not more than 4 carbon atoms, a hy-
droxy group, alkoxy groups containing not more
than 4 carbon atoms, chlorine, bromine, fluorine,
amino, acylamino containing not more than 4
carbon atoms, alkylamino containing not more
than 8 carbon atoms, cyclohexyl, and aralkyl in
which the alkyl part does not contain more than
4 carbon atoms.

W is a member of the group consisting of hy-
drogen and an alkyl group containing not more
than 3 carbon atoms.

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Y is a member of the group consisting of alkyl
containing not more than 4 carbon atoms.

Z is a member of the group consisting of
aralkyl containing not more than 4 carbon atoms
in the alkyl portion, substituted aralkyl in which
the substitution is chosen from the group consist-
ing of alkyl groups containing not more than 4
carbon atoms, a hydroxy group, alkoxy groups
containing not more than 4 carbon atoms, chlo-
rine, bromine, fluorine, amino, acylamino con-
taining not more than 4 carbon atoms, alkyl-
amino containing not more than 8 carbon atoms.

R, R₁ and R₂ are members of the group consist-
ing of hydrogen and alkyl groups such that the
sum of the carbon atoms in R, R₁ and R₂ does
not exceed six.

X is a member of the group consisting of chlo-
rine and bromine.

When in the several formulae given hereinafter
in connection with description of procedure for
the preparation of compounds according to this
invention and as illustrative of specific com-
pounds according to this invention the radicals
are indicated by the symbols A, W, Y, Z, R, R₁, R₂
and X, they will be as given above.

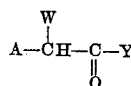
The compounds in accordance with this inven-
tion and as identified by the above structural
formula may be prepared variously by one of
three general methods, from the following gen-
eral description of which procedure for the prepa-
ration of the several compounds will be apparent
to those skilled in the art.

The compounds used as starting materials for
the synthesis of compounds of this invention
are either known substances or being made ob-
vious can be prepared by well known methods.

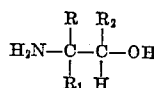
The organic and inorganic salts contemplated
by this invention include by way of example salts
of the bases formed with organic acids such, for
example, as tartaric, succinic, glycolic, camphor-
sulfonic, etc. and inorganic acids such as, for
example, sulfamic, hydrochloric, hydrobromic,
sulfuric, phosphoric, etc.

METHOD A

A mixture of an aldehyde or ketone of the type



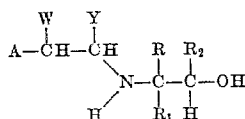
and an amino alcohol of the type:



is reduced with hydrogen in the presence of a
suitable hydrogenation catalyst, as, for example,

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platinum, palladium or Raney nickel with the production of an amino alcohol having the formula:



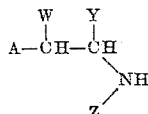
If desired, the aldehyde or ketone and amino alcohol may be first reacted to form an aldimine or ketimine and such catalytically reduced. However, proceeding as first outlined above will generally be most convenient.

The amino alcohol so produced is then reacted with a halogenated compound corresponding to the radical Z in the general formula above, such, for example, as benzyl chloride which will introduce the group Z shown in the general formula above. The reaction will be accomplished by heating together the secondary amine and the alkylating agent, the temperature employed depending upon the reactivity of the halide chosen. In most cases, the reaction is conveniently carried out in alcohol solution in the presence of an acid binding agent such as potassium carbonate.

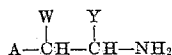
Finally, the hydroxyl group of the amino alcohol is replaced by a halogen radical X in the general formula given above by reacting the amino alcohol with a halogenating agent such as, for example, with thionyl chloride, thionyl bromide, hydrochloric, or hydrobromic acid. The product will be obtained in the form of its hydrohalide salt.

METHOD B

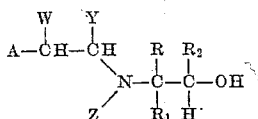
A mixture of aldehyde and ketone of the type indicated in connection with Method A above and a primary amine of the type Z—NH₂ are catalytically reduced to form a secondary amine of the type



The same secondary amine can be prepared by reduction of an aldehyde or ketone in which the group Z is included, such as benzaldehyde or benzyl methyl ketone, etc. in the presence of a primary amine of the type



The secondary amine so produced is then reacted with an alkylene halohydrin, such as ethylene bromhydrin, 1-bromo-2-propanol, or the like, or with an alkylene oxide, such as ethylene oxide, propylene oxide, or the like, to form an amino alcohol having the structure:



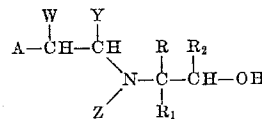
and the amino alcohol is finally treated with a halogenating agent as in Method A above for replacement of the hydroxyl group by a halogen group as X in the general formula given above.

METHOD C

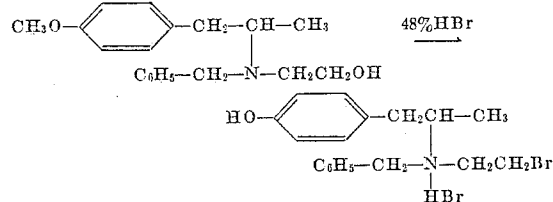
Compounds containing one or more hydroxyl groups attached to an aromatic nucleus in groups

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A, Y or Z can be obtained from the corresponding methoxy containing β -hydroxyethylamines of the general formula



by heating a methoxy-containing compound of the above type with a hydrohalide acid, such as concentrated hydrobromic acid. The methoxy grouping is converted into a hydroxy group and, simultaneously, the aliphatic hydroxy group is replaced by halogen to form a β -haloethylamine. The reaction according to this method will be made apparent by the following example:

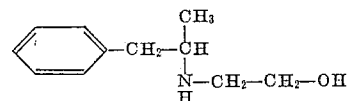


The following examples will be illustrative of the various types of compounds and of specific compounds in accordance with this invention and procedure for their preparation and will, it is believed, serve to make fully apparent all of the compounds embraced by the general formula given above and the preparation thereof, respectively, it being noted that the utility indicated for the several compounds flows from the elements of the general structure common to all of them.

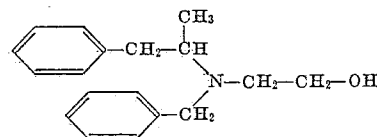
Example 1

N-(β -phenylisopropyl)-N-benzyl- β -chloroethylamine hydrochloride will be prepared by Method A above as follows:

Step 1.—A solution of 122 g. of ethanolamine, 268 g. of benzyl methyl ketone and 300 cc. of alcohol is shaken in an atmosphere of hydrogen in the presence of platinum catalyst. After removal of the catalyst and alcohol, the remainder was distilled in vacuo and the fraction boiling at 118–122°/3 mm. has the formula:



Step 2.—Six hundred grams of β -phenylisopropylaminoethanol, 416 g. of benzyl chloride, 238 g. of anhydrous potassium carbonate and 1000 cc. of alcohol are stirred and refluxed for six hours. Water is added to the reaction mixture and the organic material extracted into ether. Distillation yielded N-(β -phenylisopropyl)-N-benzyl aminoethanol, a colorless oil boiling at 161–169°/1 mm., corresponding to the formula:

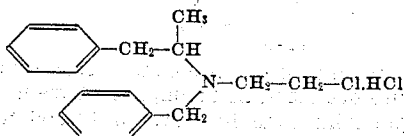


This base is added to aqueous hydrochloric acid to give the hydrochloride salt melting at 201.5–203.5° C.

Step 3.—A solution of 17 g. of the hydrochloride salt, N-(β -phenylisopropyl)-N-benzylaminoethanol hydrochloride, and 13 g. of thionyl chloride in 100 cc. of chloroform is heated at

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50–60° for an hour. Removal of the solvent and recrystallization of the residue from alcohol and ether gives N-(β -phenylisopropyl)-N-benzyl- β -chloroethylamine hydrochloride, a solid, M. P. 144–147° C. corresponding to the formula:

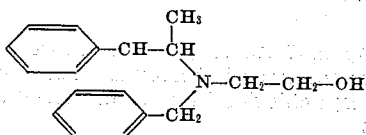


Example 2

N-(β -phenylisopropyl)-N-benzyl- β -chloroethylamine hydrochloride will be prepared by Method B above as follows:

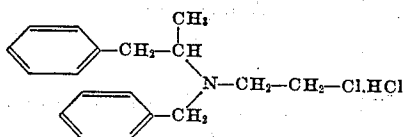
Step 1.—Fifty-three grams of benzaldehyde and 67 g. of β -phenylisopropylamine are mixed, the water formed in the reaction is separated and the residue hydrogenated in alcohol solution in the presence of platinum catalyst. Catalyst and solvent are removed and the product, N-benzyl- β -phenylisopropylamine, distilled, B. P. 190–195° C./22 mm.

Step 2.—Eighty-five grams of N-benzyl- β -phenylisopropylamine, 24 g. of ethylene bromohydrin and 100 cc. of toluene are refluxed for four hours. The reaction mixture is filtered and the filtrate distilled. The fraction boiling at 178–182° C. at 2 mm. corresponds to the formula:



This base is added to aqueous hydrochloric acid to give the hydrochloride salt melting at 201–204° C.

Step 3.—A solution of 17 g. of the hydrochloric salt, N-(β -phenylisopropyl)-N-benzyl-aminoethanol hydrochloride, and 13 g. of thionyl chloride in 100 cc. of chloroform is heated at 50–60° for an hour. Removal of the solvent and recrystallization of the residue from alcohol and ether gives N-(β -phenylisopropyl)-N-benzyl- β -chloroethylamine hydrochloride, a solid, M. P. 144–147° C. corresponding to the formula:



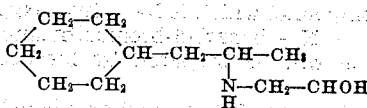
Following the above procedure using optically active β -phenylisopropylamine, the product compound will be optically active. Thus, where the d-isomer of β -phenylisopropylamine is used in Step 1, dextrorotatory N-(β -phenylisopropyl)-N-benzyl- β -chloroethylamine hydrochloride, M. P. 131.5–133° C., $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +37.9$ (C=8.00 in ethanol), is formed as the end product.

Example 3

N-(β -cyclohexylisopropyl)-N-benzyl- β -chloroethylamine hydrochloride will be prepared by Method A above as follows:

Step 1.—Seventy grams of cyclohexylacetone are added to 30 g. of ethanolamine in 75 cc. of alcohol and the solution shaken with hydrogen in the presence of platinum catalyst. The solution is filtered from the catalyst, the alcohol removed and the residue distilled in vacuo. The fraction boiling at 154–158°/20 mm., β -cyclohexylisopropylaminoethanol, has the formula:

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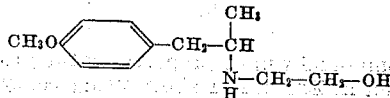
Step 2.—A mixture of 114 g. of β -cyclohexylisopropylaminoethanol, 78 g. of benzyl chloride, 69 g. of anhydrous potassium carbonate and 100 cc. of alcohol are stirred and refluxed for six hours. The reaction mixture is diluted with water and extracted with ether. The ether solution is dried and distilled; the product, N-(β -cyclohexylisopropyl)-N-benzylaminoethanol, boils at 170–179°/4 mm. The distillate is converted into its hydrochloride salt which melts at 121.5–123° C.

Step 3.—Twenty-eight grams of N-(β -cyclohexylisopropyl)-N-benzylaminoethanol hydrochloride are added to 21 g. of thionyl chloride in 50 cc. of chloroform and the solution heated to 55–60° for an hour. The solvent is removed and the product, N-(β -cyclohexylisopropyl)-N-benzyl- β -chloroethylamine hydrochloride, recrystallized from a mixture of alcohol and ether, M. P. 145–147° C.

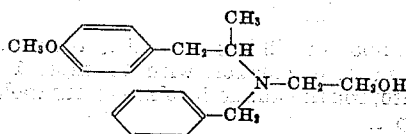
Example 4

N-(p-methoxyphenylisopropyl)-N-benzyl- β -chloroethylamine hydrochloride will be prepared by Method A above as follows:

Step 1.—A mixture of 82 g. of p-methoxyphenylacetone and 31 g. of ethanolamine is reduced as in Example 1 above to obtain p-methoxyphenylisopropylaminoethanol, an oil boiling at 154–157°/2 mm. and having the formula:

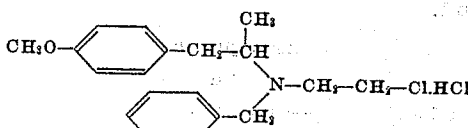


Step 2.—105 g. of p-methoxyphenylisopropylaminoethanol with 63 g. of benzyl chloride are then reacted in the presence of potassium carbonate as described in Example 1 above to obtain N-(p-methoxyphenylisopropyl)-N-benzylaminoethanol, an oil boiling at 190–195°/1 mm. and corresponding to the formula:

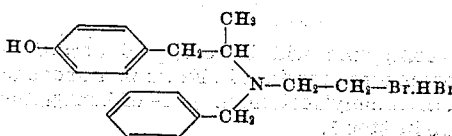


The hydrochloride prepared from the distillate melts at 143–144°.

Step 3.—50 g. of N-(p-methoxyphenylisopropyl)-N-benzylaminoethanol hydrochloride, 36 g. of thionyl chloride and 100 cc. of chloroform are heated at 50–55° for an hour. After removal of the solvent and recrystallization of the residue, the N-(p-methoxyphenylisopropyl)-N-benzyl- β -chloroethylamine hydrochloride, a white solid, melts at 122–123° C. and corresponds to the formula:



Example 5

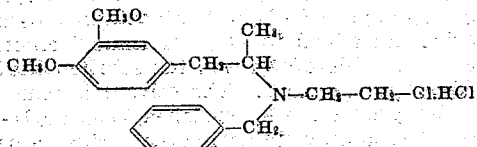


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This compound, which is *N*-(*p*-hydroxyphenylisopropyl) - *N* - benzyl- β -bromoethylamine hydrobromide will be prepared by Method C as follows:

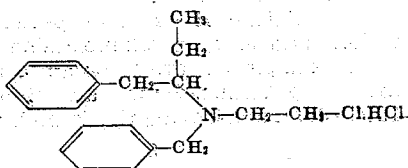
Nineteen grams of *N*-(*p*-methoxyphenylisopropyl)-*N*-benzylaminoethanol, prepared as described in Example 4, is heated with 35 ml. of 48% hydrobromic acid and 0.5 ml. of hypophosphorus acid at 100-110° C. for an hour and then at 126° C. for five hours. The excess acid is distilled in vacuo and the residue is recrystallized from a mixture of alcohol and ether. The *N*-(*p*-hydroxyphenylisopropyl)-*N*-benzyl- β -bromoethylamine hydrobromide so obtained melts at 178.5-181.5° C.

Example 6



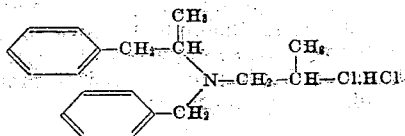
This compound will be prepared by the procedure described in Example 4 above using 3,4-dimethoxyphenylacetone in place of *p*-methoxyphenylacetone in Step 1.

Example 7



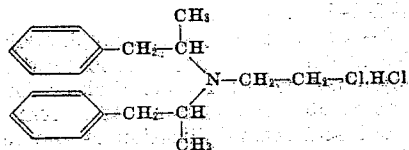
This compound will be prepared by the procedure described in Example 1 above using benzyl ethyl ketone in place of benzyl methyl ketone in Step 1.

Example 8



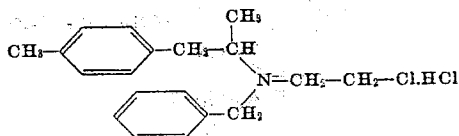
This compound will be prepared by the procedure described in connection with Example 1 above using isopropanolamine in place of ethanolamine in Step 1.

Example 9



This compound will be prepared by the procedure described in Example 2 above using benzyl methyl ketone and β -phenylisopropylamine in Step 1.

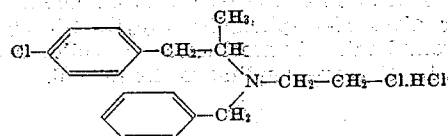
Example 10



This compound will be prepared according to the procedure described in Example 1 above using *p*-methylphenylacetone in place of benzyl methyl ketone in Step 1.

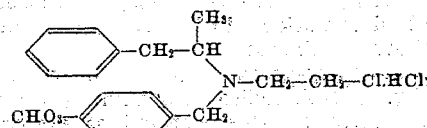
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Example 11



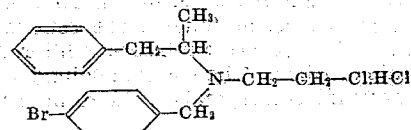
This compound will be prepared according to the procedure described in Example 1 above using *p*-chlorophenylacetone in place of benzyl methyl ketone in Step 1.

Example 12



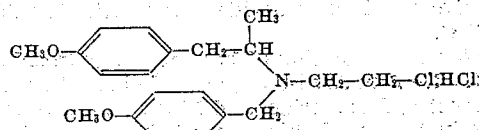
This compound will be prepared according to the procedure described in Example 1 above using *p*-methoxybenzyl chloride in place of benzyl chloride in Step 2.

Example 13



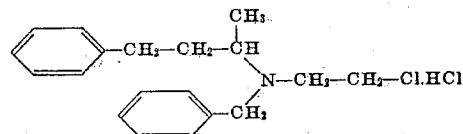
This compound will be prepared according to the procedure described in Example 1 above using *p*-bromobenzyl chloride in place of benzyl chloride in Step 2.

Example 14



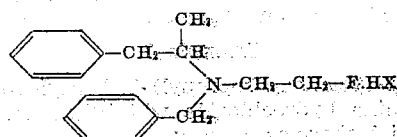
This compound will be prepared according to the procedure described in Example 4 above using *p*-methoxybenzyl chloride in place of benzyl chloride in Step 2.

Example 15



This compound will be prepared according to the procedure described in Example 1 above using benzylacetone in place of benzylmethyl ketone in Step 1.

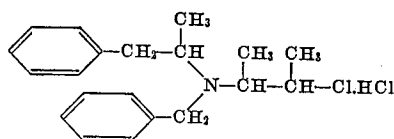
Example 16



This compound will be prepared by heating *N*-benzyl- β -phenylisopropylamine, which is obtained as described in Example 2, with β -fluoroethyl bromide in a manner similar to that described in Step 2 of Example 2. In this instance the β -fluorethylamine is obtained directly by distillation in vacuo or by isolation in the form of a hydrohalide salt.

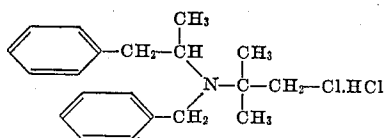
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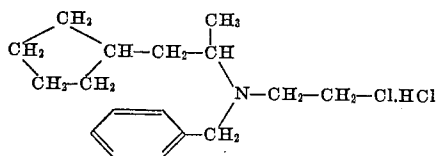
This compound will be prepared according to the procedure described in Example 1 above using 3-amino-2-butanol in place of ethanolamine in Step 1.

Example 18



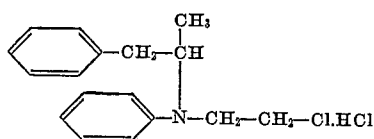
This compound will be prepared according to the procedure described in Example 1 above using 2-amino-2-methyl-1-propanol in place of ethanolamine in Step 1.

Example 19



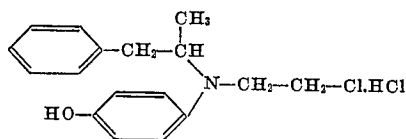
This compound will be prepared according to the procedure described in Example 1 above using cyclopentylacetone in place of benzyl methyl ketone in Step 1.

Example 20



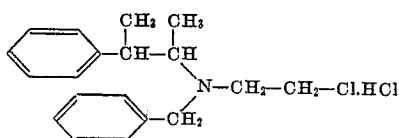
This compound will be prepared according to the procedure described in Example 2 above using benzyl methyl ketone and aniline in Step 1.

Example 21



This compound will be prepared according to the procedure described in Example 2 above using benzyl methyl ketone and p-anisidine in Step 1 and effecting demethylation as described in connection with procedure in accordance with the Method C above.

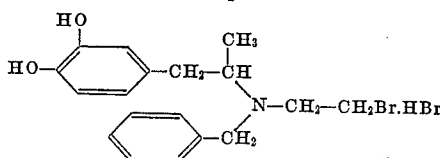
Example 22



This compound will be prepared according to the procedure described in Example 1 above using β -methyl- β -phenylacetone in place of benzyl methyl ketone in Step 1.

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Example 23



This compound will be prepared by treating N - (3,4 - dimethoxyphenylisopropyl)-N-benzylaminoethanol, the intermediate obtained in the preparation of Example 6, with concentrated hydrobromic acid according to general Method C.

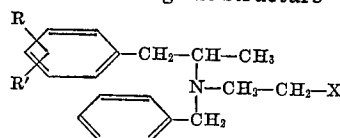
In the foregoing examples hydrochlorides and hydrobromides are exemplified. However, it will be understood that the foregoing examples will illustrate other organic and inorganic salts by the substitution in the several formulae for the HCl or HBr group of the desired acid group.

The foregoing examples illustrate the salts contemplated by this invention. The bases contemplated by this invention will be formed by interacting the salts with one molecular equivalent of a strong alkali, such as sodium hydroxide, potassium hydroxide, lithium hydroxide, or the like, in aqueous solution, say, for example, a 10%-40% solution. The foregoing examples will serve to illustrate the structure of the bases contemplated by this invention with elimination of the acid group from the formulae. It will be appreciated that the salts contemplated by this invention may be prepared by neutralizing the bases with the desired acid.

The compounds contemplated by this invention will be various optically inactive or optically active.

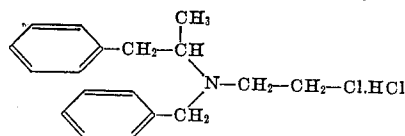
What we claim and desire to protect by Letters Patent is:

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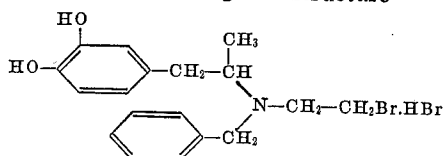


in which R and R' are members of the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl groups containing not more than 4 carbon atoms, a methoxy group, a hydroxy group, fluorine, chlorine and bromine and X is a member of the group consisting of chlorine and bromine; and acid addition salts of said compounds.

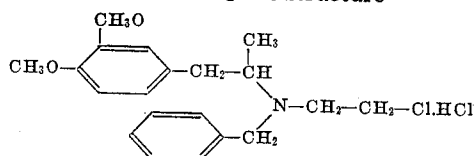
2. A compound having the following structure



3. A compound having the structure

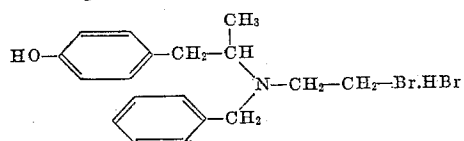


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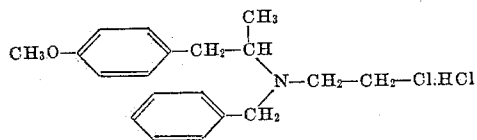


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