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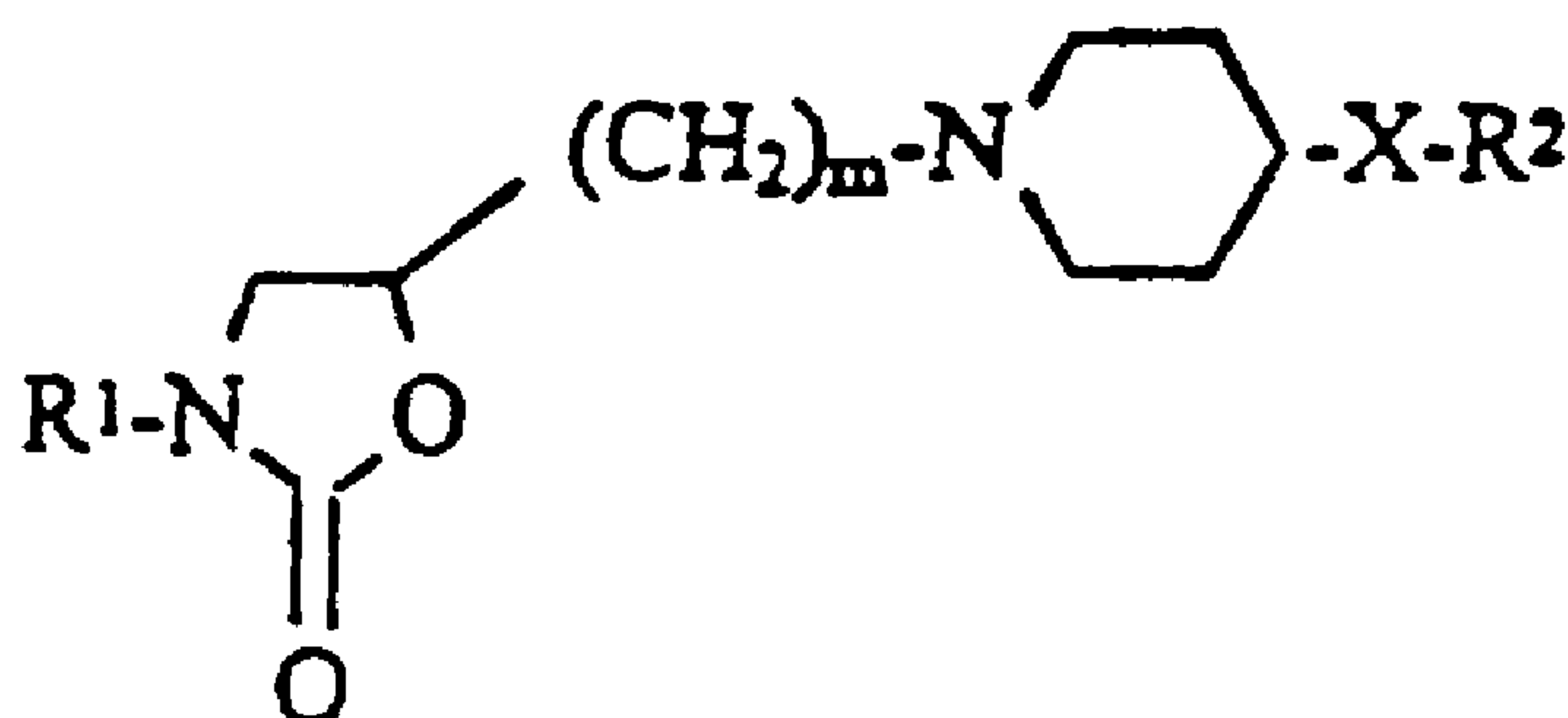
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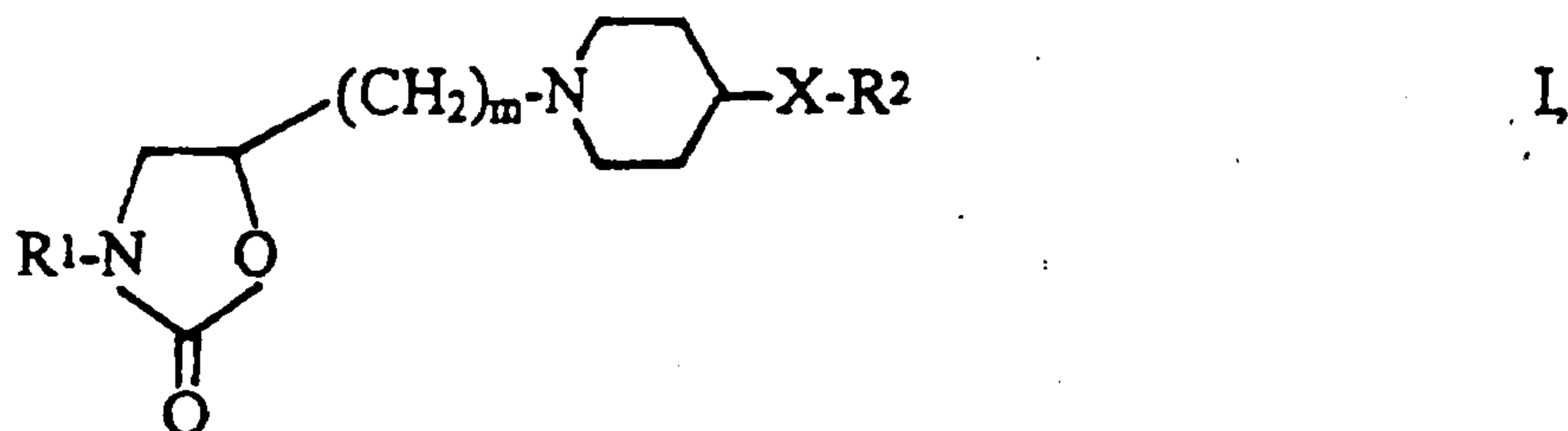
Novel 4-aryloxy- or 4-arylthiopiperidine derivatives of the formula I (see formula I), in which R¹ and R² are each, independently of one another, phenyl radicals which are unsubstituted or mono- or disubstituted by A, OH, OA, aryloxy with 6-10 C atoms, aralkyloxy with 7-11 C atoms, -O-(CH₂)_n-O-, Hal, CF₃, NO₂, NH₂, NHA, NA₂, NHY, NAY, NHSO₂A and/or NASO₂A, X is O, S, SO or SO₂, m is 1, 2 or 3, n is 1 or 2, A is an alkyl radical with 1-6 C atoms, Hal is F, Cl, Br or I and y is alkanoyl with 1-8 C atoms, aralkanoyl with 1-10 C atoms or aroyl with 7-11 C atoms, and the physiologically acceptable salts thereof, show an effect influencing the central nervous system, in particular neuroleptic effect, with a negligible cataleptic effect.



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in which

R^1 and R^2 are each, independently of one another, phenyl radicals which are unsubstituted or mono- or disubstituted by A, OH, OA, aryloxy with 6-10 C atoms, aralkyloxy with 7-11 C atoms, $-O-(CH_2)_2-O-$, Hal, CF_3 , NO_2 , NH_2 , NHA, NA_2 , NHY, NAY, $NHSO_2A$ and/or $NASO_2A$,

X is O, S, SO or SO_2 ,

m is 1, 2 or 3,

n is 1 or 2,

A is an alkyl radical with 1-6 C atoms,

Hal is F, Cl, Br or I

and

Y is alkanoyl with 1-8 C atoms, aralkanoyl with 1-10 C atoms or aroyl with 7-11 C atoms,

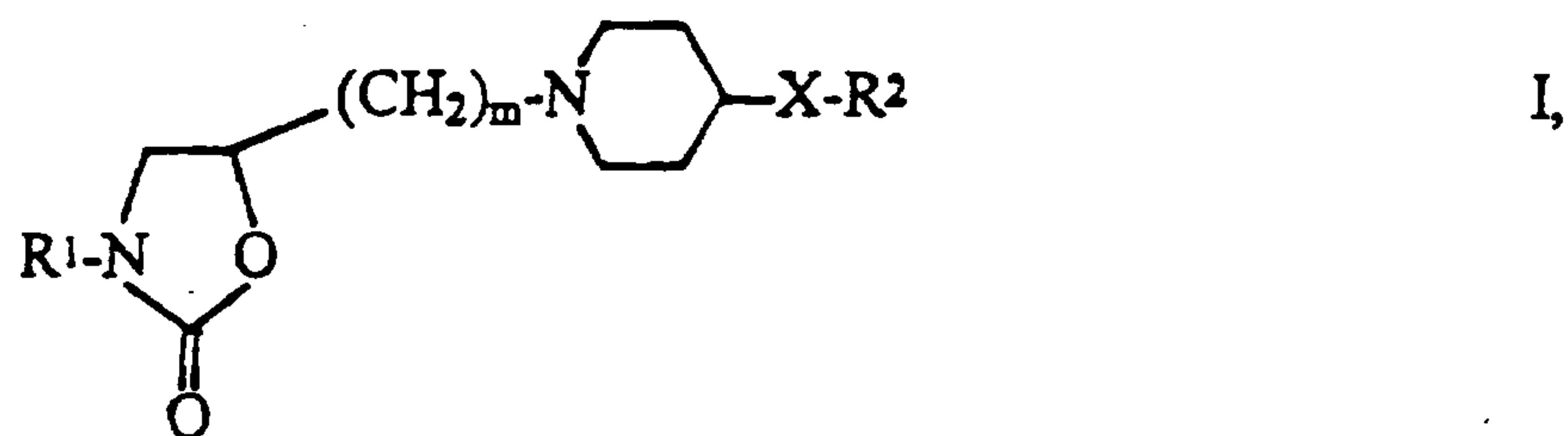
and the physiologically acceptable salts thereof, show an effect influencing the central nervous system, in particular neuroleptic effect, with a negligible cataleptic effect.

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4-Aryloxy- and 4-arylthiopiperidine derivatives

5 The invention relates to 4-aryloxy- or 4-arylthiopiperidine derivatives of the formula I



in which

- 10 R¹ and R² are each, independently of one another, phenyl radicals which are unsubstituted or mono- or disubstituted by A, OH, OA, aryloxy with 6-10 C atoms, aralkyloxy with 7-11 C atoms, -O-(CH₂)_n-O-, Hal, CF₃, NO₂, NH₂, NHA, NA₂, NHY, NAY, NHSO₂A and/or NASO₂A,
- X is O, S, SO or SO₂,
- 15 m is 1, 2 or 3,
- n is 1 or 2,
- A is an alkyl radical with 1-6 C atoms,
- Hal is F, Cl, Br or I
- and
- 20 Y is alkanoyl with 1-8 C atoms, aralkanoyl with 1-10 C atoms or aroyl with 7-11 C atoms,
- and the physiologically acceptable salts thereof.

The invention was based on the object of finding novel compounds which can be used to produce medicaments.

25 It has been found that the said substances have valuable pharmacological properties while being well tolerated. Thus, for example, they show effects influencing the central nervous system, preferably depressing (for example sedative, tranquillizing, neuroleptic and/or

30 antidepressant) effects. Specifically, the compounds have a depressing effect on the behaviour of mice (for method see Irwin, Psychopharmacologica 13 (1968), 222-257). They

inhibit the apomorphine-induced climbing behaviour in mice (for method see Costall et al., European J. Pharmacol. 50 (1968), 39-50) or they induce contralateral pivoting in hemiparkinson rats (determinable by the method of Ungerstedt et al., Brain Res. 24 (1970), 485-493) with negligible cataleptic side effects occurring (for method see Dolini-Stola, Pharmakopsychiat. 6 (1973), 189-197). Furthermore, the substances inhibit the binding of tritiated dopamine agonists and antagonists to striatal receptors (determinable by the method of Schwarcz et al., J. Neurochemistry 34 (1980), 772-778, and Creese et al., European J. Pharmacol. 46 (1977), 377-381). In addition, the compounds inhibit the linguomandibular reflex in the anaesthetized rat (determinable on the basis of the methods of Barnett et al., European J. Pharmacol. 21 (1973), 178-182, and of Ilhan et al., European J. Pharmacol. 33 (1975), 61-64). Furthermore, analgesic and hypotensive effects occur; thus, the arterial blood pressure measured directly is reduced in catheterized conscious, spontaneously hypertensive rats (SHR/NIH-MO//CHB-EMD strain; for method see Weeks and Jones, Proc. Soc. Exptl. Biol. Med. 104 (1960), 646-648) after intragastric administration of the compounds.

Compounds of the formula I and their physiologically acceptable acid addition salts can therefore be used as pharmaceutical active substances and as intermediates for preparing other pharmaceutical active substances.

The invention relates to the piperidine derivatives of the formula I and their salts.

The invention furthermore relates to a process for the preparation of piperidine derivatives of the formula I and the salts thereof, characterized in that a compound of the formula II



in which
 R^1 and m have the meanings stated in Claim 1 and
 Z^1 is Z or NH_2 ,
 Z is Cl , Br , I , OH , SO_3CH_3 or another reactive
 5 functionally modified OH group,
 if $Z^1 = Z$,
 is reacted with a compound of the formula III



in which
 R^2 and X have the meanings stated in Claim 1,
 10 or, if $Z^1 = NH_2$,
 with a compound of the formula IIIa

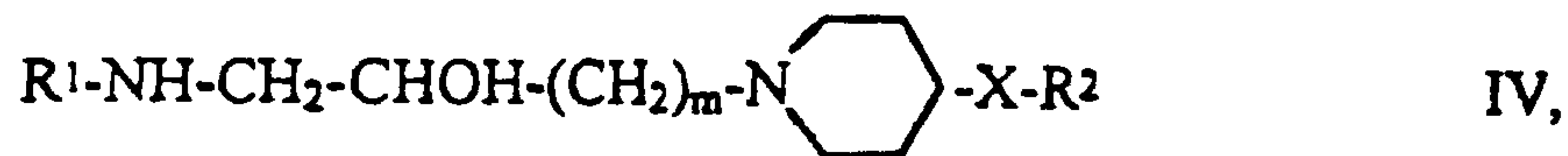


in which
 R^2 and X have the meanings stated in Claim 1 and
 15 Z^2 and Z^3 are identical or different and each is Cl , Br ,
 I , OH , SO_3CH_3 or another reactive functionally
 modified OH group,
 in that a compound which otherwise corresponds to the
 formula I but, in place of one or more hydrogen atoms,
 20 contains one or more reducible groups and/or one or more
 additional $-SO_2-$ and/or $-SO-$ groups is treated with a
 reducing agent,
 or in that to prepare a compound of the formula I
 according to Claim 1 a radical R^1 and/or R^2 is converted

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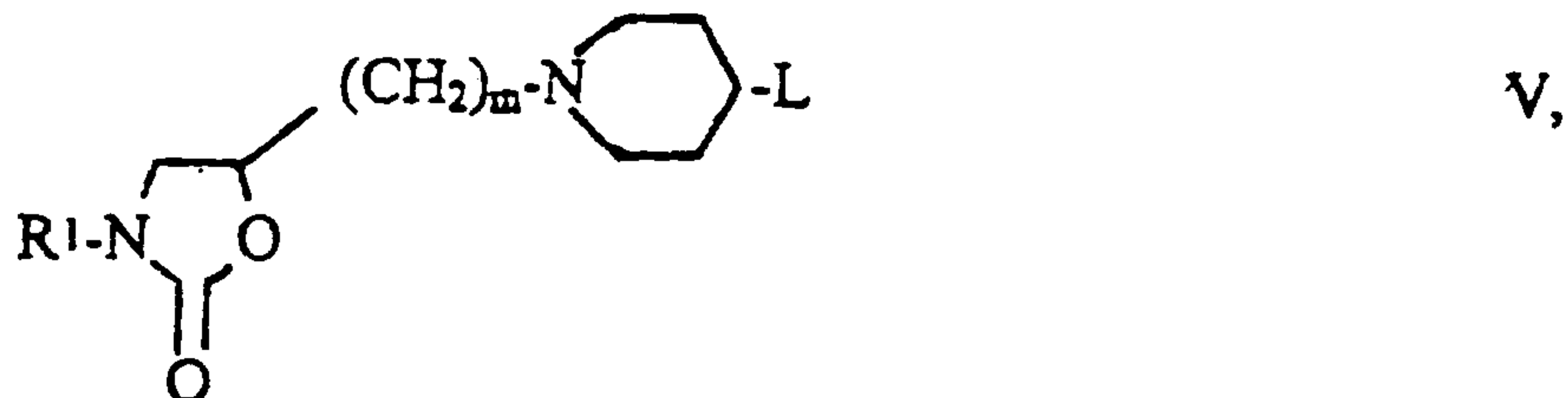
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into another radical R^1 and/or R^2 ,
or in that a compound of the formula IV



in which R^1 , R^2 , X and m have the stated meanings, is
5 reacted with a suitable reactive carbonic acid deriva-
tive,

or in that a compound of the formula V



in which

R^1 and m have the stated meanings and

10 L is Cl, Br or another suitable leaving group,
is reacted with a compound of the formula VI



in which

R^2 has the stated meaning and

15 X^1 is OH, SO_3H , SH or a suitable salt-like radical
derivable therefrom,

and/or in that, where appropriate, a compound of the
formula I is liberated from one of its functional deriva-
tives by treatment with a solvolysing or hydrolysing
20 agent, or a compound of the formula I is converted by
reduction or oxidation into another compound of the
formula I,

and/or in that a base of the formula I according to Claim
1 is converted by treatment with an acid into one of its
25 salts.

Hereinbefore and hereinafter, the radicals R^1 , R^2 ,
 A , Y , X and Hal , as well as the parameters m and n , have
the meanings stated for formula I unless something
different is expressly stated.

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A in the formulae or part-formulae is an alkyl radical with 1-6, preferably 1, 2, 3 or 4, C atoms. A is preferably methyl, furthermore ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, butyl, isobutyl, sec-butyl or tert-butyl, furthermore
 5 also pentyl, 1-, 2- or 3-methylbutyl, 1,1-, 1,2- or 2,2-dimethylpropyl, hexyl, 1-, 2- or 3-methylpentyl or else 2,2- or 2,3-dimethylpropyl.

The radicals R^1 and R^2 can be identical or different. R^1 and R^2 are preferably, each independently of
 10 the other, unsubstituted or substituted phenyl, it being possible for the substituents each to be in the ortho or meta, but particularly preferably in the para, position of the phenyl radical.

Specifically, R^1 and R^2 are preferably phenyl, p-fluoro-, p-chloro-, p-hydroxy-, p-methoxy-, p-nitro-,
 15 p-methyl-, p-tert-butyl-, p-phenylmethoxy- or p-acetamidophenyl or p-N-methylacetamidophenyl.

Furthermore, R^1 and R^2 can also preferably be 3,4-methylenedioxy-, p-propionylamino- or p-methyl-
 20 sulfonamidophenyl.

Y is preferably acetyl or propionyl, but is also formyl, butyryl, isobutyryl, valeryl, isovaleryl, pivaloyl (trimethylacetyl), additionally preferably optionally substituted aroyl with 7-11 C atoms, one of
 25 the following groups being suitable and preferred as substituents: alkyl, alkoxy, alkylthio, alkylsulfinyl or alkylsulfonyl with, in each case, 1-3, preferably 1 or 2, C atoms, methylenedioxy, also OH, F, Cl, Br, I, NO_2 , NH_2 , alkylamino or dialkylamino with, in each case, 1-3,
 30 preferably 1 or 2, C atoms in the alkyl group. Individual preferred aroyl radicals are benzoyl, o-, m- or p-toluyyl, o-, m- or p-methoxybenzoyl, 2,3-, 2,4-, 2,5-, 2,6-, 3,4- or 3,5-dimethoxybenzoyl, 2,3,4-, 2,3,5-, 2,3,6-, 2,4,5-, 2,4,6- or 3,4,5-trimethoxybenzoyl, o-, m- or p-methyl-
 35 sulfonylbenzoyl, 2,3- or 3,4-methylenedioxybenzoyl or 1- or 2-naphthoyl. Ac can additionally be aralkanoyl with 1-10 C atoms such as, for example, phenylacetyl, 2- or 3-phenylpropionyl or 2-, 3- or 4-phenylbutyryl or 2- or 3-phenylisobutyryl.

X is preferably oxygen or sulfur, but is also preferably SO₂, while Hal is preferably F or Cl.

Accordingly, the invention particularly relates to those compounds of the formula I in which at least one
5 of the said radicals has one of the stated meanings, in particular those stated preferred.

Some preferred groups of compounds may be represented by the following part-formulae Ia to If which correspond to the formula I and in which the undefined
10 radicals and parameters have the meaning stated for formula I, but in which

- in Ia R¹ is p-methoxyphenyl or phenyl and
 R² is p-acetamidophenyl;
- in Ib R¹ is p-methoxyphenyl and R² is phenyl,
15 m-methoxy-, p-methoxy-, p-hydroxy-, p-chloro-,
p-fluoro-, p-phenyl-methoxy-,
3,4-methylenedioxy-, p-methyl- or p-tert-butylphenyl;
- in Ic R¹ is p-methoxyphenyl, X is oxygen and m is 1;
- 20 in Id R² is p-acetamidophenyl, X is oxygen and m is 1;
- in Ie R¹ is p-methoxyphenyl, R² is p-acetamido-,
p-methoxy-, p-chloro-, p-methyl-, p-tert-butyl-
or p-methylsulfonamidophenyl and X is sulfur;
- 25 in If R¹ is p-methoxyphenyl, R² is p-acetamido-,
p-methoxy- or p-methylsulfonamidophenyl and X
is -SO₂-.

The compounds of the formula I are moreover prepared by methods known per se, as described in the
30 literature (for example in the standard works such as Houben-Weyl, Methoden der Organischen Chemie (Methods of Organic Chemistry), Georg-Thieme-Verlag; J. March, Advanced Organic Chemistry 3rd. Ed. (1985) or Organic Reactions, both John Wiley & Sons, Inc. New York),
35 specifically under reaction conditions known and suitable for the said reactions. It is moreover possible to make use of variants which are known per se but not mentioned here in detail.

The starting materials for the claimed process

can, if required, also be formed in situ in such a manner that they are not isolated from the reaction mixture but immediately reacted further to give the compounds of the formula I.

5 Z¹ in the compounds of the formula II is preferably Z; accordingly, the compounds of the formula II are reacted in particular with piperidine derivatives of the formula III in order to obtain compounds of the formula I. The radical Z is preferably Cl or Br; however, it can
10 also be I, OH or a reactive functionally modified OH group, in particular alkylsulfonyloxy with 1-6 (for example methanesulfonyloxy) or arylsulfonyloxy with 6-10 C atoms (for example benzenesulfonyloxy, p-toluenesulfonyloxy, 1- or 2-naphthalenesulfonyloxy).

15 However, it is also possible for Z¹ in compounds of the formula II to be NH₂. Compounds of this type are then reacted with compounds of the formula IIIa in which Z² and Z³ can be identical or different and are preferably Cl or Br, but also I, OH or a reactive functionally
20 modified OH group, preferably as indicated above.

 Some of the compounds of the formulae II, III and IIIa are known; the unknown compounds of the formulae II, III and IIIa can easily be prepared in analogy to the known compounds. Primary alcohols of the formula II can
25 be obtained, for example, by reducing the corresponding carboxylic acids or their esters. Treatment with thionyl chloride, hydrogen bromide, phosphorus tribromide or similar halogen compounds provides the corresponding halides of the formula II.

30 The sulfonyloxy compounds of the formula II can be obtained from the corresponding alcohols by reaction with the appropriate sulfonyl chlorides. The iodine compounds of the formula II can be obtained, for example, by the action of potassium iodide on the relevant
35 p-toluenesulfonic esters. The amines of the formula II can be prepared, for example, from the halides with potassium phthalimide or by reducing the corresponding nitriles.

 Some of the piperidines of the formula III are

known, or they can be prepared in analogy to the known compounds. They are obtained, for example, by reacting 4-halopiperidines with suitable phenolates or, for example, by reacting 4-hydroxypiperidines, it also being possible for the hydroxyl group to be functionally modified to a reactive group, with appropriate thiophenols or thiophenolates and, where appropriate, subsequent oxidation of the S group to -SO- or -SO₂- groups. Compounds of the formula IIIa can be prepared, for example, by reducing corresponding diesters to diols and, where appropriate, subsequent reaction with SOCl₂ or PBr₃.

The reaction of compounds II and III takes place by methods known from the literature for the alkylation of amines. It is possible to melt the components together without the presence of a solvent, where appropriate in a closed tube or in an autoclave. However, it is also possible to react the compounds in the presence of an inert solvent. Examples of suitable solvents are hydrocarbons such as benzene, toluene, xylene; ketones such as acetone, butanone; alcohols such as methanol, ethanol, isopropanol, n-butanol; ethers such as tetrahydrofuran (THF) or dioxane; amides such as dimethyl-formamide (DMF) or N-methylpyrrolidone; nitriles such as acetonitrile, where appropriate also mixtures of these solvents with one another or mixtures with water. The addition of an acid-binding agent, for example an alkali metal or alkaline earth metal hydroxide, carbonate or bicarbonate or another salt of a weak acid of the alkali metals or alkaline earth metals, preferably potassium, sodium or calcium, or the addition of an organic base such as triethylamine, dimethylaniline, pyridine or quinoline or an excess of the amine component or of the compound of the formula III or IIIa may be beneficial. The reaction temperature depends on the conditions used and is between about 0 and 150°, normally between 20 and 130°.

It is furthermore possible to obtain a compound of the formula I by treating a precursor which, in place of hydrogen atoms, contains one or more reducible

group(s) and/or one or more additional C-C and/or C-N bond(s) with a reducing agent, preferably at temperatures between -80 and +250° in the presence of at least one inert solvent.

5 Reducible groups (which can be replaced by hydrogen) are, in particular, oxygen in a carbonyl group, hydroxyl, arylsulfonyloxy (for example p-toluenesulfonyloxy), N-benzenesulfonyl, N-benzyl or O-benzyl.

10 It is possible in principle to convert compounds which contain only one, or those which contain side by side two or more of these groups or additional bonds, into a compound of the formula I by reduction. Preferably used for this purpose is catalytic hydrogenation, nascent hydrogen or certain complex metal hydrides such
15 as NaBH_4 or LiAlH_4 .

 Examples of catalysts suitable for the catalytic hydrogenation are noble metal, nickel and cobalt catalysts. The noble metal catalysts can be present on supports (for example platinum or palladium on carbon,
20 palladium on calcium carbonate or strontium carbonate), as oxide catalysts (for example platinum oxide), or as fine-particle metal catalysts. Nickel and cobalt catalysts are preferably employed as Raney metals, nickel also on kieselguhr or pumice as support. The hydroge-
25 nation can be carried out at room temperature and under atmospheric pressure or else at elevated temperature and/or under elevated pressure. Preferably used are pressures between 1 and 100 at and temperatures between -80 and +150°, primarily between room temperature and
30 +100°. The reaction is preferably carried out in the acidic, neutral or basic region and in the presence of a solvent such as water, methanol, ethanol, isopropanol, n-butanol, ethyl acetate, dioxane, acetic acid or THF; mixtures of these solvents with one another can also be
35 used.

 If nascent hydrogen is used as reducing agent, it can be generated, for example, by treating metals with weak acids or with bases. Thus, for example, a mixture of zinc with alkali metal hydroxide solution or of iron with

acetic acid can be used. It is also suitable to use sodium or another alkali metal in an alcohol such as ethanol, isopropanol, butanol, amyl or isoamyl alcohol or phenol. An aluminium/nickel alloy in aqueous alkaline solution, where appropriate with the addition of ethanol, can also be used. Sodium or aluminium amalgam in aqueous alcoholic or aqueous solution is also suitable for generating nascent hydrogen. The reaction can also be carried out in heterogeneous phase, in which case an aqueous and a benzene or toluene phase is preferably used.

It is furthermore possible to employ as reducing agents complex metal hydrides such as NaBH_4 , diisobutyl-aluminium hydride or $\text{NaAl}(\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OCH}_3)_2\text{H}_2$ as well as diborane, if required with the addition of catalysts such as BF_3 , AlCl_3 , or LiBr . Solvents particularly suitable for this purpose are ethers such as diethyl ether, di-n-butyl ether, THF, dioxane, diglyme or 1,2-dimethoxyethane as well as hydrocarbons such as benzene. Solvents suitable for a reduction with NaBH_4 are primarily alcohols such as methanol or ethanol, also water as well as aqueous alcohols. Reduction by these methods is preferably carried out at temperatures between -80 and $+150^\circ$, in particular between 0 and about 100° .

Compounds of the formula I can furthermore be obtained by converting an aromatic radical R^1 and/or R^2 by, for example, an electrophilic substitution into another radical R^1 and/or R^2 .

Compounds of the formula I can furthermore be obtained by reacting amino alcohols of the formula IV with reactive derivatives of carbonic acid. Suitable and preferred as such are dialkyl carbonates such as dimethyl or diethyl carbonate, chloroformic esters such as methyl or ethyl chloroformate, N,N' -carbonyldiimidazole or phosgene. The reaction is preferably carried out in the presence of an inert solvent, preferably a halogenated hydrocarbon such as chloroform, a hydrocarbon such as toluene, or an amide such as DMF, at temperatures between about 20 and about 200 , preferably between 100 and 150° .

The carbonic acid derivative is preferably employed in excess.

5 In addition, compounds of the formula I can be obtained by reacting oxazolidinone derivatives of the formula V, which in turn can be obtained, for example, by reacting compounds of the formula II ($Z^1 = Z$) with appropriate piperidine derivatives, with compounds of the formula VI under conditions known for the formation of ethers or thioethers.

10 The compounds of the formula I can also be obtained by liberating them from their functional derivatives by solvolysis, in particular hydrolysis, or by hydrogenolysis.

15 Preferred starting materials for the solvolysis or hydrogenolysis are those which otherwise correspond to the formula I but, in place of one or more free amino and/or hydroxyl groups, contain corresponding protected amino and/or hydroxyl groups, preferably those which, in place of an H atom linked to an N atom, have an amino
20 protective group, in particular those which, in place of an HN group, have an R'-N group in which R' is an amino protective group, and/or those which, in place of the H atom of a hydroxyl group, have a hydroxyl protective group, for example those which correspond to the formula
25 I but, in place of a -COOH group, have a -COOR" group in which R" is a hydroxyl protective group.

It is also possible for a plurality of identical or different protected amino and/or hydroxyl groups to be present in the molecule of the starting material. If the
30 protective groups which are present differ from one another they can in many cases be eliminated selectively.

The term "amino protective group" is generally known and relates to groups which are suitable for protecting (blocking) an amino group from chemical
35 reactions but which can be easily removed after the required chemical reaction has been carried out elsewhere in the molecule. Typical groups of this type are, in particular, unsubstituted or substituted acyl, aryl (for example 2,4-dinitrophenyl (DNP)), aralkoxymethyl (for

example benzyloxymethyl (BOM)) or aralkyl groups (for example benzyl, 4-nitrobenzyl, triphenylmethyl). Since the amino protective groups are removed after the required reaction (or sequence of reactions), their nature and size is moreover not critical; however, those with 1-20, in particular 1-8, C atoms are preferred. The term "acyl group" is to be interpreted in the widest sense in connection with the present process. It embraces acyl groups derived from aliphatic, araliphatic, aromatic or heterocyclic carboxylic acids or sulfonic acids as well as, in particular, alkoxycarbonyl, aryloxycarbonyl and, especially, aralkoxycarbonyl groups. Examples of such acyl groups are alkanoyl such as acyl, propionyl, butyryl; aralkanoyl such as phenylacetyl; aroyl such as benzoyl or toluylyl; aryloxyalkanoyl such as phenoxyacetyl; alkoxycarbonyl such as methoxycarbonyl, ethoxycarbonyl, 2,2,2-trichloroethoxycarbonyl, isopropoxycarbonyl, tert-butoxycarbonyl (BOC), 2-iodoethoxycarbonyl; aralkyloxycarbonyl such as benzyloxycarbonyl (CBZ), 4-methoxybenzyloxycarbonyl, 9-fluorenylmethoxycarbonyl (Fmoc). Preferred amino protective groups are BOC, DNP and BOM, furthermore CBZ, benzyl and acetyl.

The term "hydroxyl protective group" is likewise generally known and relates to groups which are suitable for protecting a hydroxyl group from chemical reactions but which can easily be removed after the required chemical reaction has been carried out elsewhere in the molecule. Typical groups of this type are the above-mentioned unsubstituted or substituted aryl, aralkyl or acyl groups, furthermore alkyl groups. The nature and size of the hydroxyl protective groups is not critical because they are removed again after the required chemical reaction or sequence of reactions; preferred groups have 1-20, in particular 1-10, C atoms. Examples of hydroxyl protective groups are, inter alia, tert-butyl, benzyl, p-nitrobenzoyl, p-toluenesulfonyl and acetyl, with benzyl and acetyl being particularly preferred.

The compounds of the formula I are liberated from

their functional derivatives for example, depending on the protective group used, with strong acids, preferably with trifluoroacetic acid or perchloric acid, or else with other strong inorganic acids such as hydrochloric acid or sulfuric acid, strong carboxylic acids such as trichloroacetic acid or sulfonic acid such as benzene- or p-toluenesulfonic acid. The presence of an additional inert solvent is possible but not always necessary.

Suitable and preferred inert solvents are organic, for example carboxylic acids such as acetic acid, ethers such as tetrahydrofuran or dioxane, amides such as dimethylformamide (DMF), halogenated hydrocarbons such as dichloromethane, also alcohols such as methanol, ethanol or isopropanol, as well as water. Mixtures of the abovementioned solvents are also suitable.

Trifluoroacetic acid is preferably used in excess without the addition of another solvent, perchloric acid in the form of a mixture of acetic acid and 70% perchloric acid in the ratio 9:1. The reaction temperatures for the cleavage are preferably between about 0 and about 50°; between 15 and 30° (room temperature) is preferably used.

The BOC group can be eliminated, for example, preferably with 40% trifluoroacetic acid in dichloromethane or with about 3 to 5N HCl in dioxane at 15-60°, and the FMOC group with an approximately 5-20% solution of dimethylamine, diethylamine or piperidine in DMF at 15-50°. Elimination of the DNP group also takes place, for example, with an approximately 3-10% solution of 2-mercaptoethanol in DMF/water at 15-30°.

Protective groups which can be removed by hydrogenolysis (for example BOM, CBZ or benzyl) can be eliminated, for example, by treatment with hydrogen in the presence of a catalyst (for example noble metal catalyst such as palladium, preferably on a support such as carbon). Suitable solvents in this case are those mentioned above, especially, for example, alcohols such as methanol or ethanol or amides such as DMF. The hydrogenolysis is, as a rule, carried out at temperatures

between 0 and 100° and under pressures between 1 and 200 bar, preferably at 20-30° and under 1-10 bar. Hydrogenolysis of the CBZ group takes place, for example, well on 5-10% Pd-C in methanol at 20-30°.

5 It is furthermore possible where appropriate for a compound of the formula I to be converted by methods known per se into another compound of the formula I.

 Thus, ethers (O-alkyl derivatives) can be cleaved, resulting in the corresponding hydroxyl derivatives. For example, the ethers can be cleaved by treatment with dimethyl sulfide/boron tribromide complex, for example in toluene, 1,2-dichloroethane, THF or dimethyl sulfoxide, by melting with pyridine hydrohalides or aniline hydrohalides, preferably pyridine hydrochloride, 10 at about 150-250°, with HBr/acetic acid or with Al trihalides in chlorinated hydrocarbons such as 1,2-dichloroethane. 15

 The compounds of the formula I may have a centre of asymmetry. They may therefore be obtained from their preparation as racemates or, if optically active starting materials are used, also in optically active form. Resulting racemates may, if required, be separated mechanically or chemically by methods known per se into their optical antipodes. Preferably, diastereomers are 20 formed from the racemate by reaction with an optically active resolving agent. Examples of suitable resolving agents are optically active acids such as the D and L forms of tartaric acid, dibenzoyltartaric acid, diacetyl-tartaric acid, camphorsulfonic acid, mandelic acid, 25 maleic acid or lactic acid. The various forms of the diastereomers can be separated in a manner known per se, for example by fractional crystallization, and the optically active compounds of the formula I can be liberated from the diastereomers in a manner known 30 per se. 35

 A resulting base of the formula I can be converted with an acid into the relevant acid addition salt. Acids suitable and preferred for this reaction are those which provide physiologically acceptable salts. Thus, it

is possible to use inorganic acids, for example sulfuric acid, hydrohalic acids, such as hydrochloric acid or hydrobromic acid, phosphoric acids such as orthophosphoric acids, nitric acid, sulfamic acid, as well as organic acids, specifically aliphatic, alicyclic, araliphatic, aromatic or heterocyclic mono- or polybasic carboxylic, sulfonic or sulfuric acids, such as formic acid, acetic acid, propionic acid, pivalic acid, diethyl-acetic acid, malonic acid, succinic acid, pimelic acid, citric acid, gluconic acid, ascorbic acid, nicotinic acid, isonicotinic acid, methane- or ethanesulfonic acid, ethanedisulfonic acid, 2-hydroxyethanesulfonic acid, benzenesulfonic acid, p-toluenesulfonic acid, naphthalenemono- and -disulfonic acids and lauryl sulfuric acid. Acid addition salts which are not physiologically acceptable (for example picrates) may be suitable for the isolation and purification of bases of the formula I.

The free bases of the formula I can, if required, be liberated from their salts by treatment with strong bases such as sodium or potassium hydroxide or sodium or potassium carbonate.

The invention furthermore relates to the use of the compounds of the formula I and their physiologically acceptable salts for producing pharmaceutical preparations, in particular by non-chemical means. For this purpose, they can be converted together with at least one vehicle or ancillary substance and, where appropriate, in combination with one or more other active substance(s) into a suitable dosage form.

The invention furthermore relates to compositions, in particular pharmaceutical preparations, containing at least one compound of the formula I and/or one of its physiologically acceptable salts. These preparations can be used as medicaments in human or veterinary medicine. Suitable vehicles are organic or inorganic substances which are suitable for enteral (for example oral), parenteral or topical administration and do not react with the novel compounds, for example water,

vegetable oils, benzyl alcohols, polyethylene glycols, gelatin, carbohydrates such as lactose or starch, magnesium stearate, talc or petrolatum. Used for enteral administration are, in particular, tablets, coated
5 tablets, capsules, syrups, solutions, drops or suppositories, for parenteral administration are solutions, preferably oily or aqueous solutions, furthermore suspensions, emulsions or implants, and for topical application are ointments, creams or dusting powders. The novel
10 compounds can also be lyophilized, and the resulting lyophilizates used, for example, to produce products for injection.

The stated preparations can be sterilized and/or contain ancillary substances such as lubricants, preservatives, stabilizers and/or wetting agents, emulsifiers,
15 salts to influence the osmotic pressure, buffer substances, colorants, flavourings and/or aromatizing substances. They can, if required, also contain one or more other active substances, for example one or more
20 vitamins.

The compounds of the formula I and their physiologically acceptable salts can be used for the therapeutic treatment of the human or animal body and for controlling diseases, in particular schizophrenia and
25 psychoreactive disorders and psychopathies, depressions, severe chronic pain and diseases associated with elevated blood pressure. Furthermore, the compounds can be used for the treatment of extrapyramidal disorders. The compounds are good atypical neuroleptics and show negligible cataleptic side effects when they are used.
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In this connection the substances according to the invention are, as a rule, administered in analogy to known commercially available products (thioridazine, haloperidol), preferably in dosages between about 0.2 and
35 500 mg, in particular between 0.2 and 50 mg, per dosage unit. The daily dosage is preferably between about 0.003 and 10 mg/kg of body weight.

However, the specific dose for each particular patient depends on a wide variety of factors, for example

on the efficacy of the specific compound employed, on the age, body weight, general state of health, sex, diet, time and route of administration, on the rate of excretion, drugs combination and severity of the particular disorder for which the therapy is intended. Oral administration is preferred.

The meaning of "usual workup" in the following examples is: water is added if necessary, the mixture is extracted with dichloromethane, and the organic phase is separated off, dried over sodium sulfate, filtered, evaporated and purified by chromatography on silica gel and/or by crystallization. Temperatures are given in °C. The $[\alpha]_D$ values were measured at 20° in dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO).

15 Example 1

A solution of 3.01 g of 5-(methanesulfonyloxy-methyl)-3-p-methoxyphenyl-2-oxazolidinone ("A") [obtainable by reacting 2,3-epoxy-1-propanol with N-benzyl-p-methoxyaniline to give 1-N-benzyl-p-methoxyanilino-propane-2,3-diol, hydrogenolysis to p-methoxyanilino-propane-2,3-diol, reaction with diethyl carbonate to give 5-(hydroxy-methyl)-3-p-methoxyphenyl-2-oxazolidinone and reaction with methanesulfonyl chloride], 1.58 g of 4-(p-acetamido-phenoxy)piperidine, 1.8 g of potassium iodide and 1.4 g of potassium carbonate in 100 ml of acetonitrile is boiled for 12 hours and, after cooling, worked up as usual to result in 3-p-methoxyphenyl-5-[(4-p-acetamido-phenoxy)piperidino)methyl]-2-oxazolidinone.

The following are obtained by reaction of "A" with 4-(p-methoxyphenoxy)piperidine:

3-p-methoxyphenyl-5-[(4-p-methoxyphenoxy)piperidino)-methyl]-2-oxazolidinone;

with 4-(p-chlorophenoxy)piperidine:

3-p-methoxyphenyl-5-[(4-p-chlorophenoxy)piperidino)-methyl]-2-oxazolidinone;

with 4-(p-fluorophenoxy)piperidine:

3-p-methoxyphenyl-5-[(4-p-fluorophenoxy)piperidino)-methyl]-2-oxazolidinone;

with 4-(p-phenylmethoxyphenoxy)piperidine:

3-p-methoxyphenyl-5-[(4-p-phenylmethoxyphenoxypiperidino)methyl]-2-oxazolidinone (hydrochloride);

with 4-(p-hydroxyphenoxy)piperidine:

5 3-p-methoxyphenyl-5-[(4-p-hydroxyphenoxy)piperidino)methyl]-2-oxazolidinone;

with 4-(3,4-methylenedioxyphenoxy)piperidine:

3-p-methoxyphenyl-5-[(4-(3,4-methylenedioxyphenoxy)piperidino)methyl]-2-oxazolidinone;

with 4-(m-methoxyphenoxy)piperidine:

10 3-p-methoxyphenyl-5-[(4-m-methoxyphenoxypiperidino)methyl]-2-oxazolidinone;

with 4-phenoxy-piperidine:

3-p-methoxyphenyl-5-[(4-phenoxy-piperidino)methyl]-2-oxazolidinone;

15 with 4-(p-nitrophenoxy)piperidine:

3-p-methoxyphenyl-5-[(4-p-nitrophenoxy-piperidino)methyl]-2-oxazolidinone.

Example 2

20 In analogy to Example 1, starting from 5(R)-(methanesulfonyloxymethyl)-3-p-methoxyphenyl-2-oxazolidinone there is obtained by reaction with 4-(p-acetamidophenoxy)piperidine 3-p-methoxyphenyl-5(S)-[(4-p-acetamidophenoxy-piperidino)methyl]-2-oxazolidinone (hydrochloride), m.p. 195-196°; $[\alpha]_D = -28.8^\circ$ (DMSO).

25 The following are obtained analogously by reaction of

5(R)-(methanesulfonyloxymethyl)-3-p-methoxyphenyl-2-oxazolidinone

with 4-(p-methoxyphenoxy)piperidine:

30 3-p-methoxyphenyl-5(S)-[(4-p-methoxyphenoxypiperidino)methyl]-2-oxazolidinone (hydrochloride), m.p. 249-250°; $[\alpha]_D = -27.8^\circ$ (DMSO);

with 4-(p-chlorophenoxy)piperidine:

35 3-p-methoxyphenyl-5(S)-[(4-p-chlorophenoxy-piperidino)methyl]-2-oxazolidinone (hydrochloride), m.p. 249-251°; $[\alpha]_D = -29.9^\circ$ (DMSO);

with 4-(p-fluorophenoxy)piperidine:

3-p-methoxyphenyl-5(S)-[(4-p-fluorophenoxy-piperidino)methyl]-2-oxazolidinone (hydrochloride), m.p.

246-247°; $[\alpha]_D = -28.9^\circ$ (DMSO);

with 4-(p-phenylmethoxyphenoxy)piperidine:

3-p-methoxyphenyl-5(S)-[(4-p-phenylmethoxyphenoxy-piperidino)methyl]-2-oxazolidinone (hydrochloride),

5 m.p. 260-261°; $[\alpha]_D = -26.0^\circ$ (DMSO);

with 4-(p-hydroxyphenoxy)piperidine:

3-p-methoxyphenyl-5(S)-[(4-p-hydroxyphenoxy-piperidino)methyl]-2-oxazolidinone (hydrochloride),

m.p. 190-191°; $[\alpha]_D = -30.3^\circ$ (DMSO);

10 with 4-(3,4-methylenedioxyphenoxy)piperidine:

3-p-methoxyphenyl-5(S)-[(4-(3,4-methylenedioxyphenoxy)piperidino)methyl]-2-oxazolidinone (hydrochloride), m.p. 227-229°; $[\alpha]_D = -28.9^\circ$ (DMSO);

15 with 4-(m-methoxyphenoxy)piperidine:

3-p-methoxyphenyl-5(S)-[(4-m-methoxyphenoxy-piperidino)methyl]-2-oxazolidinone (hydrochloride),

m.p. 208-209°; $[\alpha]_D = -29.1^\circ$ (DMSO);

with 4-(p-methanesulfonylamidophenoxy)piperidine:

20 3-p-methoxyphenyl-5(S)-[(4-p-methanesulfonylamidophenoxy-piperidino)methyl]-2-oxazolidinone (hydrochloride), m.p. 184° (d); $[\alpha]_D = -26.5^\circ$ (DMSO);

with 4-phenoxy-piperidine:

25 3-p-methoxyphenyl-5(S)-[(4-phenoxy-piperidino)methyl]-2-oxazolidinone (hydrochloride), m.p. 227-229°; $[\alpha]_D = -31.6^\circ$ (DMSO);

with 4-(p-nitrophenoxy)piperidine:

30 3-p-methoxyphenyl-5(S)-[(4-p-nitrophenoxy-piperidino)methyl]-2-oxazolidinone (hydrochloride), m.p. 250-253°; $[\alpha]_D = -32.7^\circ$ (DMSO).

Example 3

In analogy to Example 1, starting from 5(R)-(methanesulfonyloxymethyl)-3-p-methoxyphenyl-2-oxazolidinone there is obtained by reaction with 4-(p-acetamidophenylthio)piperidine 3-p-methoxyphenyl-5(S)-[(4-p-acetamidophenylthio-piperidino)methyl]-2-oxazolidinone, m.p. 178-179°; $[\alpha]_D = -27.6^\circ$ (DMSO).

The following are obtained analogously by

reaction of

5(R) - (methanesulfonyloxymethyl) - 3-p-methoxyphenyl - 2-oxazolidinone

with 4-(p-methoxyphenylthio)piperidine:

- 5 3-p-methoxyphenyl-5(S) - [(4-p-methoxyphenylthio-piperidino)methyl] - 2-oxazolidinone (hydrochloride),
m.p. 223-225°; $[\alpha]_D = -31.3^\circ$ (DMSO);

with 4-(p-chlorophenylthio)piperidine:

- 10 3-p-methoxyphenyl-5(S) - [(4-p-chlorophenylthio-piperidino)methyl] - 2-oxazolidinone (hydrochloride),
m.p. 233-236°; $[\alpha]_D = -30.8^\circ$ (DMSO);

with 4-(p-methylphenylthio)piperidine:

- 15 3-p-methoxyphenyl-5(S) - [(4-p-methylphenylthio-piperidino)methyl] - 2-oxazolidinone (hydrochloride),
m.p. 226-229°; $[\alpha]_D = -33.6^\circ$ (DMSO);

with 4-(p-tert-butylphenylthio)piperidine:

- 20 3-p-methoxyphenyl-5(S) - [(4-p-tertbutylphenylthio-piperidino)methyl] - 2-oxazolidinone (hydrochloride),
m.p. 231-234°; $[\alpha]_D = -30.9^\circ$ (DMSO);

- 20 with 4-(p-methanesulfonylamidophenylthio)piperidine:

3-p-methoxyphenyl-5(S) - [(4-p-methanesulfonylamido-phenylthiopiperidino)methyl] - 2-oxazolidinone,
m.p. 152-154°; $[\alpha]_D = -27.1^\circ$ (DMSO);

Example 4

- 25 A solution of 1.2 g of 3-p-methoxyphenyl-5(S) - [(4-p-nitrophenoxy-piperidino)methyl] - 2-oxazolidinone (m.p. 250-253°; obtainable as in Example 2) in 40 ml of methanol is hydrogenated on 0.6 g of Raney Ni at room temperature until H₂ uptake ceases [$p(H_2) = 1$ bar]. After
30 filtration and the usual workup, 3-p-methoxyphenyl-5(S) - [(4-p-aminophenoxy-piperidino)methyl] - 2-oxazolidinone is obtained, m.p. 236-240°; $[\alpha]_D = -27.2^\circ$ (DMSO).

Example 5

- 35 1 ml of propionyl chloride is added dropwise to a solution of 1.4 g of 3-p-methoxyphenyl-5(S) - [(4-p-aminophenoxy-piperidino)methyl] - 2-oxazolidinone and 2 ml of pyridine in 60 ml of THF, and the mixture is stirred at room temperature for 2 h. The usual workup results in 3-p-methoxyphenyl-5(S) - [(4-p-propionylaminophenoxy-

piperidino)methyl]-2-oxazolidinone, m.p. 170-172°; $[\alpha]_D = -29.4^\circ$ (DMSO).

The following is obtained analogously by acylation of

5 3-p-methoxyphenyl-5(S)-[(4-p-aminophenoxy)piperidino)-methyl]-2-oxazolidinone with acetyl chloride:

3-p-methoxyphenyl-5(S)-[(4-p-acetamidophenoxy)piperidino)methyl]-2-oxazolidinone (hydrochloride), m.p. 195-196°; $[\alpha]_D = -28.8^\circ$ (DMSO).

10 Example 6

0.5 g of NaH and 1.7 ml of ethyl iodide are added to a solution of 2.8 g of 3-p-methoxyphenyl-5(S)-[(4-p-acetamidophenoxy)piperidino)methyl]-2-oxazolidinone (m.p. 195-196°) in 40 ml of dimethylformamide while cooling in
15 ice, and the mixture is stirred for 1 hour. It is subsequently stirred at room temperature for a further 2 hours, and the usual workup results in 3-p-methoxyphenyl-5-[(4-(p-N-ethylacetamidophenoxy)piperidino)-methyl]-2-oxazolidinone.

20 The following is obtained analogously by alkylation of the secondary N atom of the corresponding compound of the formula I:

from 3-p-methoxyphenyl-5(S)-[(4-p-acetamidophenoxy)piperidino)methyl]-2-oxazolidinone with methyl iodide:

25 3-p-methoxyphenyl-5(S)-[(4-(p-N-methylacetamidophenoxy)piperidino)methyl]-2-oxazolidinone (hydrochloride), m.p. 254-257°; $[\alpha]_D = -28.4^\circ$ (DMSO).

Example 7

In analogy to Example 1, starting from 5(R)-
30 (methanesulfonyloxymethyl)-3-phenyl-2-oxazolidinone there is obtained by reaction with 4-(p-acetamidophenoxy)-piperidine 3-phenyl-5(S)-[(4-p-acetamidophenoxy)piperidino)methyl]-2-oxazolidinone (hydrochloride), m.p. > 260°; $[\alpha]_D = -27.1^\circ$ (DMSO).

35 The following are obtained analogously by reaction of 4-(p-acetamidophenoxy)piperidine with 5(S)-(methanesulfonyloxymethyl)-3-phenyl-2-oxazolidinone:

3-phenyl-5(R)-[(4-p-acetamidophenoxy)piperidino)-

methyl]-2-oxazolidinone (hydrochloride),
m.p. > 260°;

with 5(S)-(methanesulfonyloxymethyl)-3-p-chloro-phenyl-2-oxazolidinone:

- 5 3-p-chlorophenyl-5(R)-[(4-p-acetamidophenoxy-piperidino)methyl]-2-oxazolidinone (hydrochloride),
m.p. 264-266°;

with 5(R)-(methanesulfonyloxymethyl)-3-p-chlorophenyl-2-oxazolidinone:

- 10 3-p-chlorophenyl-5(S)-[(4-p-acetamidophenoxy-piperidino)methyl]-2-oxazolidinone (hydrochloride),
m.p. 264-266°; $[\alpha]_D = -31.7^\circ$ (DMSO);

with 5(S)-(methanesulfonyloxymethyl)-3-p-(phenylmethoxy)-phenyl-2-oxazolidinone:

- 15 3-p-(phenylmethoxy)phenyl-5(R)-[(4-p-acetamidophenoxy-piperidino)methyl]-2-oxazolidinone (hydrochloride hydrate), m.p. 189-191°;

with 5(R)-(methanesulfonyloxymethyl)-3-p-(phenylmethoxy)-phenyl-2-oxazolidinone:

- 20 3-p-(phenylmethoxy)phenyl-5(S)-[(4-p-acetamidophenoxy-piperidino)methyl]-2-oxazolidinone (hydrochloride hydrate), m.p. 189-191°;
 $[\alpha]_D = -22.7^\circ$ (DMSO);

with 5(S)-(methanesulfonyloxymethyl)-3-p-hydroxyphenyl-2-oxazolidinone:

- 25 3-p-hydroxyphenyl-5(R)-[(4-p-acetamidophenoxy-piperidino)methyl]-2-oxazolidinone (hydrochloride),
m.p. 282-284°;

with 5(R)-(methanesulfonyloxymethyl)-3-p-hydroxyphenyl-2-oxazolidinone:

- 30 3-p-hydroxyphenyl-5(S)-[(4-p-acetamidophenoxy-piperidino)methyl]-2-oxazolidinone (hydrochloride),
m.p. 282-284°; $[\alpha]_D = -25.5^\circ$ (DMSO);

with 5(S)-(methanesulfonyloxymethyl)-3-p-fluorophenyl-2-oxazolidinone:

- 35 3-p-fluorophenyl-5(R)-[(4-p-acetamidophenoxy-piperidino)methyl]-2-oxazolidinone (hydrochloride),
m.p. 267-268°;

with 5(R)-(methanesulfonyloxymethyl)-3-p-fluorophenyl-2-

oxazolidinone:

3-p-fluorophenyl-5(S)-[(4-p-acetamidophenoxy-piperidino)methyl]-2-oxazolidinone (hydrochloride),
m.p. 267-268°; $[\alpha]_D = -25.5^\circ$ (DMSO);

5 with 5(S)-methanesulfonyloxymethyl)-3-p-methoxyphenyl-2-oxazolidinone:

3-p-methoxyphenyl-5(R)-[(4-p-acetamidophenoxy-piperidino)methyl]-2-oxazolidinone (hydrochloride),
m.p. 206-208°; $[\alpha]_D = +29.9^\circ$ (DMSO).

10 Example 8

In analogy to Example 1, starting from 5-(2-methanesulfonyloxyethyl)-3-p-methoxyphenyl-2-oxazolidinone there is obtained by reaction with 4-(p-acetamidophenoxy)piperidine 3-p-methoxyphenyl-5-[2-(4-p-acetamidophenoxy)piperidino]ethyl]-2-oxazolidinone, m.p. 226-229°.

The following are obtained analogously by reacting 5-(2-methanesulfonyloxyethyl)-3-p-methoxyphenyl-2-oxazolidinone

with 4-(p-methoxyphenoxy)piperidine:

20 3-p-methoxyphenyl-5-[2-(4-p-methoxyphenoxy-piperidino)ethyl]-2-oxazolidinone;

with 4-(p-chlorophenoxy)piperidine:

3-p-methoxyphenyl-5-[2-(4-p-chlorophenoxy-piperidino)ethyl]-2-oxazolidinone;

25 with 4-(p-fluorophenoxy)piperidine:

3-p-methoxyphenyl-5-[2-(4-p-fluorophenoxy-piperidino)ethyl]-2-oxazolidinone;

with 4-(p-phenylmethoxyphenoxy)piperidine:

30 3-p-methoxyphenyl-5-[2-(4-p-phenylmethoxyphenoxy-piperidino)ethyl]-2-oxazolidinone;

with 4-(p-hydroxyphenoxy)piperidine:

3-p-methoxyphenyl-5-[2-(4-p-hydroxyphenoxy-piperidino)ethyl]-2-oxazolidinone;

with 4-(3,4-methylenedioxyphenoxy)piperidine:

35 3-p-methoxyphenyl-5-[2-(4-(3,4-methylenedioxyphenoxy)piperidino)ethyl]-2-oxazolidinone;

with 4-(m-methoxyphenoxy)piperidine:

3-p-methoxyphenyl-5-[2-(4-m-methoxyphenoxy-piperidino)ethyl]-2-oxazolidinone;

with 4-phenoxypiperidine:

3-p-methoxyphenyl-5-[2-(4-phenoxypiperidino)ethyl]-
2-oxazolidinone;

with 4-(p-nitrophenoxy)piperidine:

5 3-p-methoxyphenyl-5-[2-(4-p-nitrophenoxy-piperidino)-
ethyl]-2-oxazolidinone;

The following are obtained analogously by reacting 5-(3-methanesulfonyloxypropyl)-3-p-methoxyphenyl-2-oxazolidinone

10 with 4-(p-acetamidophenoxy)piperidine:

3-p-methoxyphenyl-5-[3-(4-p-acetamidophenoxy-piperidino)propyl]-2-oxazolidinone (dihydrochloride), m.p. 166-168°;

with 4-(p-methoxyphenoxy)piperidine:

15 3-p-methoxyphenyl-5-[3-(4-p-methoxyphenoxy-piperidino)propyl]-2-oxazolidinone (hydrochloride);

with 4-(p-chlorophenoxy)piperidine:

3-p-methoxyphenyl-5-[3-(4-p-chlorophenoxy-piperidino)propyl]-2-oxazolidinone;

20 with 4-(p-fluorophenoxy)piperidine:

3-p-methoxyphenyl-5-[3-(4-p-fluorophenoxy-piperidino)propyl]-2-oxazolidinone;

with 4-(p-phenylmethoxyphenoxy)piperidine:

25 3-p-methoxyphenyl-5-[3-(4-p-phenylmethoxyphenoxy-piperidino)propyl]-2-oxazolidinone;

with 4-(p-hydroxyphenoxy)piperidine:

3-p-methoxyphenyl-5-[3-(4-p-hydroxyphenoxy-piperidino)propyl]-2-oxazolidinone;

with 4-(3,4-methylenedioxyphenoxy)piperidine:

30 3-p-methoxyphenyl-5-[3-(4-(3,4-methylenedioxyphenoxy)piperidino)propyl]-2-oxazolidinone;

with 4-(m-methoxyphenoxy)piperidine:

3-p-methoxyphenyl-5-[3-(4-m-methoxyphenoxy-piperidino)propyl]-2-oxazolidinone;

35 with 4-phenoxypiperidine:

3-p-methoxyphenyl-5-[3-(4-phenoxypiperidino)propyl]-
2-oxazolidinone;

with 4-(p-nitrophenoxy)piperidine:

3-p-methoxyphenyl-5-[3-(4-p-nitrophenoxy-

piperidino)propyl]-2-oxazolidinone;

Example 9

The following are obtained by alkylation of the secondary N atom of the following compounds of the formula I in analogy to Example 6:

from 3-phenyl-5(R)-[(4-p-acetamidophenoxy)piperidino)-methyl]-2-oxazolidinone:

3-phenyl-5(R)-[(4-p-(N-methylacetamidophenoxy)-piperidino)methyl]-2-oxazolidinone;

from 3-p-chlorophenyl-5(R)-[(4-p-acetamidophenoxy)piperidino)methyl]-2-oxazolidinone:

3-p-chlorophenyl-5(R)-[(4-p-(N-methylacetamidophenoxy)piperidino)methyl]-2-oxazolidinone;

from 3-p-chlorophenyl-5(S)-[(4-p-acetamidophenoxy)piperidino)methyl]-2-oxazolidinone:

3-p-chlorophenyl-5(S)-[(4-p-(N-methylacetamidophenoxy)piperidino)methyl]-2-oxazolidinone;

from 3-p-(phenylmethoxy)phenyl-5(R)-[(4-p-acetamidophenoxy)piperidino)methyl]-2-oxazolidinone:

3-p-(phenylmethoxy)phenyl-5(R)-[(4-p-(N-methylacetamidophenoxy)piperidino)methyl]-2-oxazolidinone;

from 3-p-(phenylmethoxy)phenyl-5(S)-[(4-p-acetamidophenoxy)piperidino)methyl]-2-oxazolidinone:

3-p-(phenylmethoxy)phenyl-5(S)-[(4-p-(N-methylacetamidophenoxy)piperidino)methyl]-2-oxazolidinone;

from 3-p-hydroxyphenyl-5(R)-[(4-p-acetamidophenoxy)piperidino)methyl]-2-oxazolidinone:

3-p-methoxyphenyl-5(R)-[(4-p-(N-methylacetamidophenoxy)piperidino)methyl]-2-oxazolidinone;

from 3-p-hydroxyphenyl-5(S)-[(4-p-acetamidophenoxy)piperidino)methyl]-2-oxazolidinone:

3-p-methoxyphenyl-5(S)-[(4-p-(N-methylacetamidophenoxy)piperidino)methyl]-2-oxazolidinone;

from 3-p-fluorophenyl-5(R)-[(4-p-acetamidophenoxy)piperidino)methyl]-2-oxazolidinone:

3-p-fluorophenyl-5(R)-[(4-p-(N-methylacetamidophenoxy)piperidino)methyl]-2-oxazolidinone;

from 3-p-fluorophenyl-5(S)-[(4-p-acetamidophenoxy)piperidino)methyl]-2-oxazolidinone:

3-p-fluorophenyl-5(S)-[(4-p-(N-methylacetamido-
phenoxy)piperidino)methyl]-2-oxazolidinone;
from 3-p-methoxyphenyl-5(R)-[(4-p-acetamidophenoxy)piperi-
dino)methyl]-2-oxazolidinone:

5 3-p-methoxyphenyl-5(R)-[(4-p-(N-methylacetamido-
phenoxy)piperidino)methyl]-2-oxazolidinone.

Example 10

A solution of 1.2 g of 3-p-methoxyphenyl-5(S)-
[(4-p-acetamidophenylthiopiperidino)methyl]-2-oxazoli-
10 dinone (m.p. 178-179°) and 10 equivalents of hydrogen
peroxide solution (30%) in 100 ml of methanol is heated
at 60° for 3 hours. Evaporation and the usual workup
result in 3-p-methoxyphenyl-5(S)-[(4-p-acetamidophenyl-
sulfonylpiperidino)methyl]-2-oxazolidinone, m.p. 174-
15 176°; $[\alpha]_D = -24.0^\circ$ (DMSO).

The following are obtained analogously by oxida-
tion of the corresponding thiopiperidine derivatives:

from 3-p-methoxyphenyl-5(S)-[(4-p-methoxyphenylthio-
piperidino)methyl]-2-oxazolidinone (hydrochloride; m.p.
20 233-225°):

3-p-methoxyphenyl-5(S)-[(4-p-methoxyphenylsulfonyl-
piperidino)methyl]-2-oxazolidinone (hydrochloride),
m.p. 254-256°; $[\alpha]_D = -31.6^\circ$ (DMSO);

from 3-p-methoxyphenyl-5(S)-[(4-p-chlorophenylthio-
piperidino)methyl]-2-oxazolidinone (hydrochloride; m.p.
25 233-236°):

3-p-methoxyphenyl-5(S)-[(4-p-chlorophenylsulfonyl-
piperidino)methyl]-2-oxazolidinone;

from 3-p-methoxyphenyl-5(S)-[(4-(p-methylphenylthio)-
piperidino)methyl]-2-oxazolidinone (hydrochloride; m.p.
30 226-229°):

3-p-methoxyphenyl-5(S)-[(4-p-methylphenylsulfonyl-
piperidino)methyl]-2-oxazolidinone;

from 3-p-methoxyphenyl-5(S)-[(4-(p-tert-butylphenylthio)-
piperidino)methyl]-2-oxazolidinone (hydrochloride; m.p.
35 231-234°):

3-p-methoxyphenyl-5(S)-[(4-(p-tert-butylphenyl-
sulfonyl)piperidino)methyl]-2-oxazolidinone;

from 3-p-methoxyphenyl-5(S)-[(4-p-methanesulfonylamido-

phenylthiopiperidino)methyl]-2-oxazolidinone (m.p. 152-154°):

3-p-methoxyphenyl-5(S)-[(4-p-methanesulfonylamido-phenylsulfonylpiperidino)methyl]-2-oxazolidinone,
5 m.p. 187-189°; $[\alpha]_D = -23.2^\circ$ (DMSO).

Example 11

A solution of 1.6 g of 3-p-methoxyphenyl-5(S)-[(4-p-aminophenoxy)piperidino)methyl]-2-oxazolidinone [obtainable as in Example 4] and 0.9 g of methanesulfonyl
10 chloride (dissolved in 5 ml of THF) in 100 ml of THF is stirred at room temperature for 3 hours. Evaporation and the usual workup result in 3-p-methoxyphenyl-5(S)-[(4-p-methanesulfonylamino-phenoxy)piperidino)methyl]-2-oxazolidinone (hydrochloride), m.p. 184° (d); $[\alpha]_D =$
15 -26.5° (DMSO).

Starting from 3-p-methoxyphenyl-5-[2-(4-p-amino-phenoxy)piperidino)ethyl]-2-oxazolidinone there is obtained analogously 3-p-methoxyphenyl-5-[2-(4-p-methane-sulfonylamino-phenoxy)piperidino)ethyl]-2-oxazolidinone.

20 Example 12

In analogy to Example 1, starting from 5(R)-(methanesulfonyloxy-methyl)-3-p-methoxyphenyl-2-oxazolidinone there is obtained by reaction with 4-(3,4-ethylenedioxy-phenoxy)piperidine:

3-p-methoxyphenyl-5(S)-[(4-(3,4-ethylenedioxy-phenoxy)piperidino)-
25 methyl]-2-oxazolidinone (hydrochloride), m.p. 219-221°;
 $[\alpha]_D = -28.5^\circ$ (DMSO).

The following are obtained analogously by reaction of 5(R)-(methanesulfonyloxymethyl)-3-p-methoxyphenyl-2-oxazolidinone

30 with 4-(o-acetamido-phenoxy)piperidine:

3-p-methoxyphenyl-5(S)-[(4-o-acetamido-phenoxy)piperidino)-methyl]-2-oxazolidinone, m.p. 98-102°; $[\alpha]_D = -22.5^\circ$ (DMSO);

with 4-(m-acetamido-phenoxy)piperidine:

3-p-methoxyphenyl-5(S)-[(4-m-acetamido-phenoxy)piperidino]-
methyl]-2-oxazolidinone, m.p. 164-165°; $[\alpha]_D = -30.5^\circ$ (DMSO);

with 4-(p-formamido-phenoxy)piperidine:

5 3-p-methoxyphenyl-5(S)-[(4-p-formamido-phenoxy)piperidino]-
methyl]-2-oxazolidinone, m.p. 102-103°; $[\alpha]_D = -31.2^\circ$ (DMSO);

with 4-(p-valeryl-amino-phenoxy)piperidine:

10 3-p-methoxyphenyl-5(S)-[(4-p-valeryl-amino-phenoxy)piperidino]-
methyl]-2-oxazolidinone (hydrochloride), m.p. 224-226°;
 $[\alpha]_D = -26.7^\circ$ (DMSO);

with 4-(p-isobutyrylamino-phenoxy)piperidine:

3-p-methoxyphenyl-5(S)-[(4-p-isobutyrylamino-phenoxy)piperi-
dino)methyl]-2-oxazolidinone (hydrochloride), m.p. 235-236°;
 $[\alpha]_D = -28.6^\circ$ (DMSO).

15 Example 13

In analogy to Example 1, starting from 5(R)-(methanesulfonyloxy-
methyl)-3-p-hydroxyphenyl-2-oxazolidinone there is obtained by
reaction with 4-(p-hydroxy-phenoxy)piperidine:

20 3-p-hydroxyphenyl-5(S)-[(4-p-hydroxy-phenoxy)piperidino)methyl]-2-
oxazolidinone (hydrochloride), m.p. 241-245°; $[\alpha]_D = -28^\circ$ (DMSO).

The following is obtained analogously by reaction of 5(R)-
(methanesulfonyloxymethyl)-3-p-hydroxyphenyl-2-oxazolidinone

with 4-(p-propionyl-amino-phenoxy)piperidine:

25 3-p-hydroxyphenyl-5(S)-[(4-p-propionylaminophenoxy)piperidino)-
methyl]-2-oxazolidinone, m.p. 122-125°; $[\alpha]_D = -25.0^\circ$ (DMSO).

The following examples relate to pharmaceutical preparations.

Example A: Injection vials

5 A solution of 100 g of an active substance of the formula I and 5 g of disodium hydrogen phosphate in 3 l of double-distilled water is adjusted to pH 6.5 with 2N hydrochloric acid, sterilized by filtration, dispensed into injection vials, lyophilized and closed sterile. Each injection vial contains 5 mg of active substance.

10 Example B: Suppositories

A mixture of 20 mg of an active substance of the formula I is melted with 100 g of soya lecithin and 1400 g of cocoa butter, poured into moulds and left to cool. Each suppository contains 20 mg of active substance.

15 Example C: Solution

20 A solution of 1 g of an active substance of the formula I, 9.38 g of $\text{NaH}_2\text{PO}_4 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$, 28.48 g of $\text{Na}_2\text{HPO}_4 \cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$ and 0.1 g of benzalkonium chloride in 940 ml of double-distilled water is prepared. The solution is adjusted to pH 6.8, made up to 1 l and sterilized by irradiation. This solution can be used in the form of eyedrops.

Example D: Ointment

25 500 mg of an active substance of the formula I are mixed with 99.5 g of petrolatum under aseptic conditions.

Example E: Tablets

30 A mixture of 1 kg of active substance of the formula I, 4 kg of lactose, 1.2 kg of potato starch, 0.2 kg of talc and 0.1 kg of magnesium stearate is compressed to tablets in a conventional manner so that each tablet contains 10 mg of active substance.

Example F: Coated tablets

Tablets are compressed in analogy to Example E and are subsequently coated in a conventional way with a coating of sucrose, potato starch, talc, tragacanth and colorant.

Example G: Capsules

2 kg of active substance of the formula I are packed in hard gelatin capsules in a conventional way so that each capsule contains 20 mg of the active substance.

Example H: Ampoules

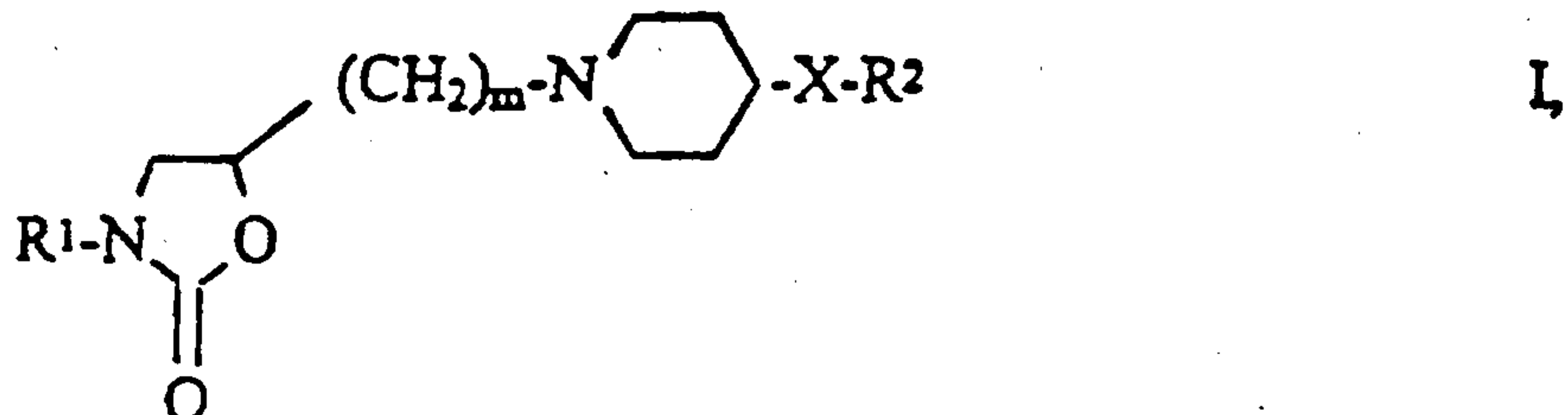
A solution of 1 kg of active substance of the formula I in 60 l of double-distilled water is dispensed into ampoules, lyophilized under aseptic conditions and sealed sterile. Each ampoule contains 10 mg of active substance.

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CLAIMS:

- 5 1. A 4-Aryloxy- or 4-arylthiopiperidine derivative of formula I



in which

- 10 R^1 and R^2 are each, independently of one another, phenyl radicals which are unsubstituted or mono- or disubstituted by A, OH, OA, aryloxy with 6-10 C atoms, aralkyloxy with 7-11 C atoms, -O-(CH₂)_n-O-, Hal, CF₃, NO₂, NH₂, NHA, NA₂, NHY, NAY, NHSO₂A and/or NASO₂A,
- X is O, S, SO or SO₂,
- 15 m is 1, 2 or 3,
- n is 1 or 2,
- A is an alkyl radical with 1-6 C atoms,
- Hal is F, Cl, Br or I
- and
- 20 Y is alkanoyl with 1-8 C atoms, aralkanoyl with 1-10 C atoms or aroyl with 7-11 C atoms, or a physiologically acceptable salt thereof.
2. An enantiomer of the derivative of the formula I according to Claim 1.
- 25 3. 3-p-chlorophenyl-5-[(4-p-acetamidophenoxy-piperidino)methyl]-2-oxazolidinone.
4. 3-p-hydroxyphenyl-5-[(4-p-acetamidophenoxy-piperidino)methyl]-2-oxazolidinone.
5. 3-p-methoxyphenyl-5-[(4-p-chlorophenoxy-piperidino)methyl]-2-oxazolidinone.
- 30 6. 3-p-methoxyphenyl-5-[(4-p-hydroxyphenoxy-piperidino)methyl]-2-oxazolidinone.

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7. 3-p-methoxyphenyl-5-[(4-p-nitrophenoxy-piperidino)methyl]-2-oxazolidinone.
8. 3-p-methoxyphenyl-5-[(4-p-chlorophenylthio-piperidino)methyl]-2-oxazolidinone.
- 5 9. 3-p-methoxyphenyl-5-[(4-p-methylphenylthio-piperidino)methyl]-2-oxazolidinone.
10. 3-p-methoxyphenyl-5-[(4-p-methoxyphenylsulfonylpiperidino)methyl]-2-oxazolidinone.
11. A process for preparation of a derivative of
 10 formula I or a salt thereof according to Claim 1, wherein
 a compound of formula II



in which

- R^1 and m have the meanings stated in Claim 1 and
- Z^1 is Z or NH_2 ,
- 15 Z is Cl, Br, I, OH, SO_3CH_3 , or another reactive
 functionally modified OH group,
- if $Z^1 = Z$,
- is reacted with a compound of formula III



- 20 in which
- R^2 and X have the meanings stated in Claim 1,
- or, if $Z^1 = NH_2$,
- with a compound of formula IIIa



in which

- R^2 and X have the meanings stated in Claim 1 and

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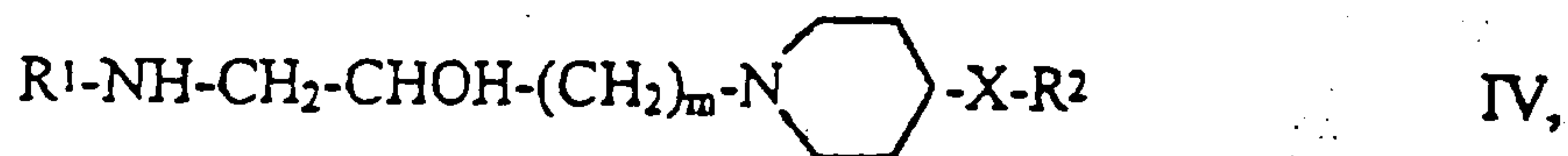
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Z^2 and Z^3 are identical or different and each is Cl, Br, I, OH, SO_3CH_3 , or another reactive functionally modified OH group,

or wherein a compound which otherwise corresponds to formula I but, in place of one or more hydrogen atoms, contains one or more reducible groups and/or one or more additional $-\text{SO}_2-$ and/or $-\text{SO}-$ groups is treated with a reducing agent,

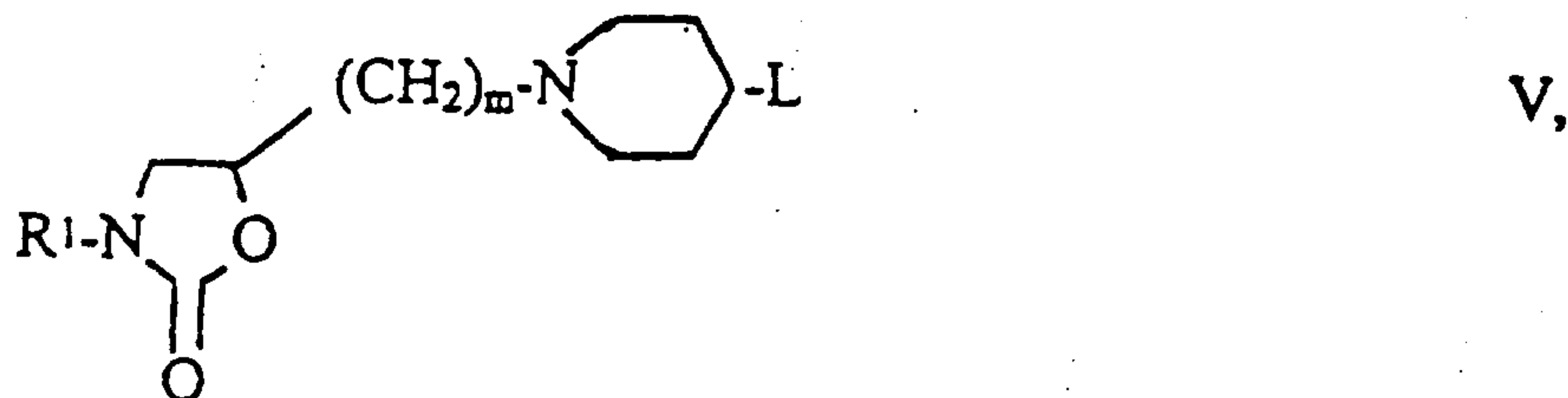
or wherein to prepare a derivative of formula I according to Claim 1 a radical R^1 and/or R^2 is converted into another radical R^1 and/or R^2 ,

or wherein a compound of formula IV



in which R^1 , R^2 , X and m have the meanings stated in Claim 1, is reacted with a suitable reactive carbonic acid derivative,

or wherein a compound of formula V



in which

R^1 and m have the meanings stated in Claim 1 and

L is Cl, Br or another suitable leaving group, is reacted with a compound of formula VI



in which

R^2 has the meaning stated in Claim 1 and

X^1 is OH, SO_3H , SH or a suitable salt-like radical derivable therefrom,

and/or wherein, where appropriate, a derivative of formula I is liberated from one of its functional derivatives by treatment with a solvolysing or

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hydrolysing agent, or a compound of formula I is converted by reduction or oxidation into another compound of formula I,

and/or wherein a derivative of formula I according to

5 Claim 1 is converted by treatment with an acid into one of its salts.

12. A process for the production of a pharmaceutical preparation, wherein a compound of formula I according to Claim 1 and/or one of its physiologically acceptable salts
10 is converted together with at least one solid, liquid or semiliquid vehicle or ancillary substance into a suitable dosage form.

13. A pharmaceutical preparation comprising a derivative of formula I according to Claim 1 or a
15 physiologically acceptable salt thereof and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or diluent.

14. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to any one of Claims 3 to 10 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or dileunt.

20 15. A derivative of formula I according to Claim 1 or a physiologically acceptable salt thereof for controlling a disease of the central nervous system.

16. A compound according to any one of Claims 3 to 10 for controlling a disease of the central nervous system.

25 17. Use of a derivative of formula I according to Claim 1 or a physiologically acceptable salt thereof for controlling a disease of the central nervous system.

18. Use of a compound of any one of Claims 3 to 10 for controlling a disease of the central nervous system.

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19. Use of a derivative of formula I according to Claim 1 or a physiologically acceptable salt thereof in production of a medicament for controlling a disease of the central nervous system.

5 20. Use of a compound of any one of Claims 3 to 10 in production of a medicament for controlling a disease of the central nervous system.

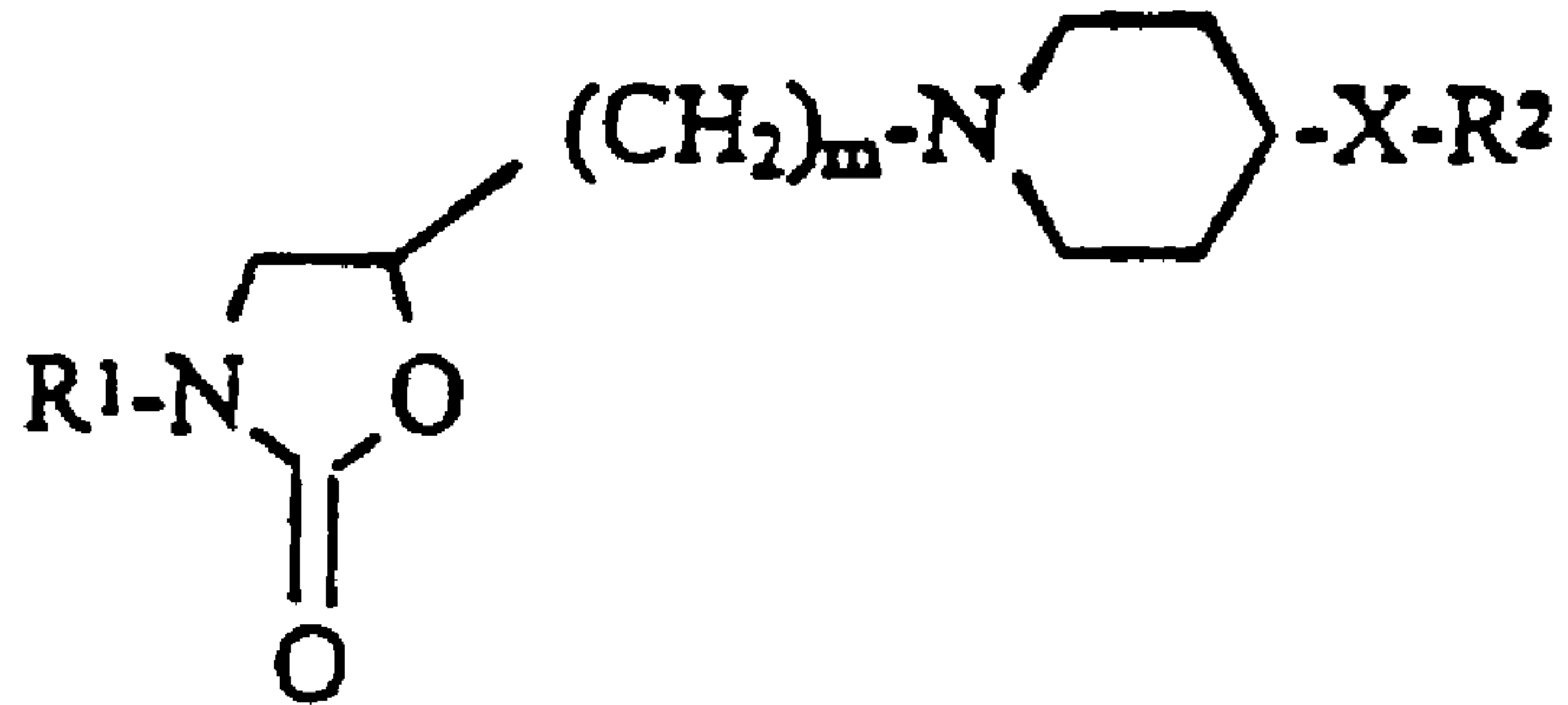
21. Use of a derivative of formula I according to Claim 1 or a physiologically acceptable salt thereof in
10 production of a neuroleptic.

22. Use of a compound according to any one of Claims 3 to 10 in production of a neuroleptic.

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