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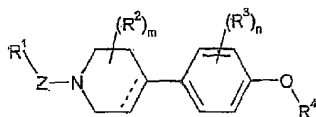
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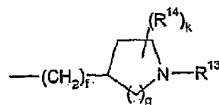
(54) Title: 4-(4-(HETEROCYCLYLALKOXY)PHENYL)-1-(HETEROCYCLYL-CARBONYL)PIPERIDINE DERIVATIVES AND RELATED COMPOUNDS AS HISTAMINE H<sub>3</sub> ANTAGONISTS FOR THE TREATMENT OF NEUROLOGICAL DISEASES SUCH AS ALZHEIMER'S



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(57) Abstract: The present invention provides, in a first aspect, a compound of formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof wherein: R<sup>1</sup> represents -C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl-O-C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, -C<sub>3-8</sub> cycloalkyl, aryl, heterocyclyl, heteroaryl and other groups; X represents a bond, O, CO, OCH<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>O or SO<sub>2</sub>; Z represents CO, CONR<sup>10</sup> or SO<sub>2</sub>; R<sup>10</sup> represents hydrogen, C<sub>1-5</sub> alkyl, -C<sub>3-8</sub> cycloalkyl, aryl, heterocyclyl, heteroaryl, A represents a single or a double bond; m and n independently represent 0, 1 or 2; R<sup>2</sup> represents hydrogen, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl or C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy; R<sup>3</sup> represents halogen, C<sub>1-5</sub> alkyl, hydroxy, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy, cyano, amino, -COC<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, -SO<sub>2</sub>C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl or trifluoromethyl; R<sup>4</sup> represents -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>k</sub>-NR<sup>11</sup>R<sup>12</sup> or a group of formula (i) wherein all the other substituents are as defined in claim 1. Compounds of formula (I) and their pharmaceutically acceptable salts have affinity for and are antagonists and/or inverse agonists of the histamine H<sub>3</sub> receptor and are believed to be of potential use in the treatment of neurological diseases including Alzheimer's disease.

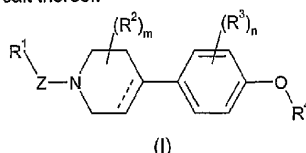
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The present invention relates to novel phenyl piperidinyl derivatives having pharmacological activity, processes for their preparation, to compositions containing them and to their use in the treatment of neurological and psychiatric disorders.

5 DE 4407139 (Dr Karl Thomae GmbH) describe a series of aminoalkyl-phenyl-azacycloalkanes which are claimed to be useful in the treatment of hyperlipidaemia, atherosclerosis, skin disorders, mycoses and in poultry feed for cholesterol-lean egg production. WO 02/76925 (Eli Lilly) describes a series of compounds which are claimed  
10 to be histamine H3 antagonists. WO 02/12214 (Ortho McNeil Pharmaceutical Inc) describes a series of substituted aryloxyalkylamines which are claimed to be histamine H3 antagonists.

The histamine H3 receptor is predominantly expressed in the mammalian central  
15 nervous system (CNS), with minimal expression in peripheral tissues except on some sympathetic nerves (Leurs *et al.*, (1998), Trends Pharmacol. Sci. **19**, 177-183). Activation of H3 receptors by selective agonists or histamine results in the inhibition of neurotransmitter release from a variety of different nerve populations, including histaminergic and cholinergic neurons (Schlicker *et al.*, (1994), Fundam. Clin.  
20 Pharmacol. **8**, 128-137). Additionally, *in vitro* and *in vivo* studies have shown that H3 antagonists can facilitate neurotransmitter release in brain areas such as the cerebral cortex and hippocampus, relevant to cognition (Onodera *et al.*, (1998), In: The Histamine H3 receptor, ed Leurs and Timmerman, pp255-267, Elsevier Science B.V.). Moreover,  
25 a number of reports in the literature have demonstrated the cognitive enhancing properties of H3 antagonists (e.g. thioperamide, clobenpropit, ciproxifan and GT-2331) in rodent models including the five choice task, object recognition, elevated plus maze, acquisition of novel task and passive avoidance (Giovanni *et al.*, (1999), Behav. Brain Res. **104**, 147-155). These data suggest that novel H3 antagonists and/or inverse  
30 agonists such as the current series could be useful for the treatment of cognitive impairments in neurological diseases such as Alzheimer's disease and related neurodegenerative disorders.

The present invention provides, in a first aspect, a compound of formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof:

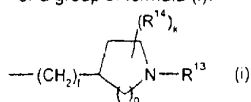


wherein:

R<sup>1</sup> represents -C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl-O-C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, -C<sub>3-6</sub> cycloalkyl, aryl, heterocyclyl, heteroaryl, -C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl-aryl, -C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl-heteroaryl, -C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl-heterocyclyl, -aryl-X-aryl, -aryl-X-heteroaryl, -

aryl-X-heterocyclyl, -heteroaryl-X-aryl, -heteroaryl-X-heteroaryl, -heteroaryl-X-heterocyclyl, -heterocyclyl-X-aryl, -heterocyclyl-X-heteroaryl or -heterocyclyl-X-heterocyclyl,

- wherein said  $C_{1-6}$  alkyl,  $C_{3-8}$  cycloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl and heterocyclyl groups of  $R^1$  may be optionally substituted by one or more (eg. 1, 2 or 3) substituents which may be the same or different, and which are selected from the group consisting of halogen, hydroxy, cyano, nitro, oxo, halo $C_{1-6}$  alkyl, polyhalo $C_{1-6}$  alkyl, halo $C_{1-6}$  alkoxy, polyhalo $C_{1-6}$  alkoxy,  $C_{1-6}$  alkyl,  $C_{1-6}$  alkoxy,  $C_{1-6}$  alkylthio,  $C_{1-6}$  alkoxy $C_{1-6}$  alkyl,  $C_{3-7}$  cycloalkyl $C_{1-6}$  alkoxy,  $C_{1-6}$  alkanoyl,  $C_{1-6}$  alkoxy carbonyl,  $C_{1-6}$  alkylsulfonyl,  $C_{1-6}$  alkylsulfinyl,  $C_{1-6}$  alkylsulfonyloxy,  $C_{1-6}$  alkylsulfonyl $C_{1-6}$  alkyl,  $C_{1-6}$  alkylsulfonamido $C_{1-6}$  alkyl,  $C_{1-6}$  alkylamido $C_{1-6}$  alkyl, arylsulfonyl, arylsulfonyloxy, aryloxy, arylsulfonamido, arylcarboxamido, aroyl, or a group  $NR^{15}R^{16}$ ,  $-CONR^{15}R^{16}$ ,  $-NR^{15}COR^{16}$ ,  $-NR^{15}SO_2R^{16}$  or  $-SO_2NR^{15}R^{16}$ , wherein  $R^{15}$  and  $R^{16}$  independently represent hydrogen or  $C_{1-6}$  alkyl or together form a heterocyclic ring; X represents a bond, O, CO,  $OCH_2$ ,  $CH_2O$  or  $SO_2$ ;
- 15 Z represents CO,  $CONR^{10}$  or  $SO_2$ ;
- $R^{10}$  represents hydrogen,  $C_{1-6}$  alkyl,  $-C_{3-8}$  cycloalkyl, aryl, heterocyclyl, heteroaryl;
- represents a single or a double bond;
- m and n independently represent 0, 1 or 2;
- $R^2$  represents hydrogen,  $C_{1-6}$  alkyl or  $C_{1-6}$  alkoxy;
- 20  $R^3$  represents halogen,  $C_{1-6}$  alkyl, hydroxy,  $C_{1-6}$  alkoxy, cyano, amino,  $-COC_{1-6}$  alkyl,  $-SO_2C_{1-6}$  alkyl or trifluoromethyl;
- $R^4$  represents  $-(CH_2)_q-NR^{11}R^{12}$  or a group of formula (i):



wherein q represents 3 or 4;

- 25  $-NR^{11}R^{12}$  represents a heterocyclic group optionally substituted by one or more (eg. 1, 2 or 3)  $R^{17}$  groups;
- $R^{13}$  represents  $C_{1-6}$  alkyl,  $C_{3-8}$  cycloalkyl,  $-C_{1-6}$  alkyl- $C_{1-6}$  alkoxy,  $-C_{1-6}$  alkyl- $C_{3-8}$  cycloalkyl;
- $R^{14}$  and  $R^{17}$  independently represent halogen,  $C_{1-6}$  alkyl, haloalkyl, OH or  $C_{1-6}$  alkoxy;
- f is 0 or 1;
- 30 g is 1 or 2
- k is 0, 1 or 2

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

- In one particular aspect of the present invention, there is provided a compound of
- 35 formula (I) as defined above wherein:
- said  $C_{1-6}$  alkyl groups of  $R^1$  may be optionally substituted by one or more (eg. 1, 2 or 3) substituents which may be the same or different, and which are selected from the group consisting of halogen, hydroxy, cyano, halo $C_{1-6}$  alkoxy, polyhalo $C_{1-6}$  alkoxy,  $C_{3-7}$  cycloalkyl $C_{1-6}$  alkoxy or  $C_{1-6}$  alkanoyl; and

R<sup>8</sup> represents halogen, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy, cyano, amino, -COC<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, -SO<sub>2</sub>C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl or trifluoromethyl.

Alkyl groups, whether alone or as part of another group, may be straight chain or branched and the groups alkoxy and alkanoyl shall be interpreted similarly. The term 'halogen' is used herein to describe, unless otherwise stated, a group selected from fluorine, chlorine, bromine or iodine and the term 'polyhalo' is used herein to refer to a moiety containing more than one (eg. 2-5) of said halogen atoms.

The term "aryl" includes single and fused rings wherein at least one ring is aromatic, for example, phenyl, naphthyl and tetrahydronaphthalenyl.

The term "heterocyclyl" is intended to mean a 4-7 membered monocyclic saturated or partially unsaturated aliphatic ring or a 4-7 membered saturated or partially unsaturated aliphatic ring fused to a benzene ring containing 1 to 3 heteroatoms selected from oxygen, nitrogen or sulphur. Suitable examples of such monocyclic rings include pyrrolidinyl, azetidiny, piperidinyl, piperazinyl, morpholinyl, tetrahydrofuran, tetrahydropyran, diazepanyl and azepanyl. Suitable examples of benzofused heterocyclic rings include indolinyl, isoindolinyl, 2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine or tetrahydroisoquinolinyl.

The term "heteroaryl" is intended to mean a 5-6 membered monocyclic aromatic or a fused 8-10 membered bicyclic aromatic ring containing 1 to 3 heteroatoms selected from oxygen, nitrogen and sulphur. Suitable examples of such monocyclic aromatic rings include thienyl, furyl, pyrrolyl, triazolyl, imidazolyl, oxazolyl, thiazolyl, oxadiazolyl, isothiazolyl, isoxazolyl, thiadiazolyl, pyrazolyl, pyrimidyl, pyridazinyl, pyrazinyl and pyridyl. Suitable examples of such fused aromatic rings include benzofused aromatic rings such as quinolinyl, isoquinolinyl, quinazolinyl, quinoxalinyl, cinnolinyl, naphthyridinyl, indolyl, indazolyl, pyrrolopyridinyl, benzofuran, benzothienyl, benzimidazolyl, benzoxazolyl, benzisoxazolyl, benzothiazolyl, benzisothiazolyl, benzoxadiazolyl, benzothiadiazolyl and the like.

Preferably, R<sup>1</sup> represents:

- aryl (eg. phenyl) optionally substituted by one or more (e.g. 1 or 2) halogen (eg. 4-fluorine), haloC<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl (eg. trifluoromethyl), cyano or SO<sub>2</sub>Me groups;
- aryl-X-heterocyclyl (eg. -phenyl-CO-pyrrolidin-1-yl);
- heteroaryl (eg. pyridin-3-yl, pyridin-4-yl, pyrazinyl or quinoxalinyl) optionally substituted by one or more (e.g. 1 or 2) haloC<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl (eg. trifluoromethyl) or cyano groups;
- heterocyclyl (eg. tetrahydropyran, morpholinyl, piperidin-1-yl, pyrrolidin-1-yl, azetidin-1-yl or thiomorpholinyl) optionally substituted by one or more (e.g. 1 or 2) oxo groups; or

-C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl-O-C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl (eg. -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>OCH<sub>3</sub>).

More preferably, R<sup>1</sup> represents -heterocyclyl (eg. tetrahydropyranylyl) or -aryl (eg. phenyl) optionally substituted by a cyano group (eg. 4-cyanophenyl).

- 5 Also more preferably, R<sup>1</sup> represents -heteroaryl (eg. pyridin-3-yl) optionally substituted by a cyano (eg. 2-cyanopyridin-3-yl) or haloC<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl (eg. 2-trifluoromethylpyridin-3-yl) group.

- 10 Most preferably, R<sup>1</sup> represents -aryl (eg. phenyl) optionally substituted by a cyano group (eg. 4-cyanophenyl).

Preferably, X and Z both represent CO.

Preferably,  $\text{---}$  represents a single bond.

Preferably, m and n both represent 0.

- 15 When R<sup>4</sup> represents -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>q</sub>-NR<sup>11</sup>R<sup>12</sup>, preferably q represents 3 or 4 and -NR<sup>11</sup>R<sup>12</sup> represents a heterocyclic group (eg. piperidinyl or pyrrolidinyl) optionally substituted by one or more (eg. 1 or 2) R<sup>17</sup> groups.

When R<sup>4</sup> represents -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>q</sub>-NR<sup>11</sup>R<sup>12</sup>, more preferably q represents 3 and -NR<sup>11</sup>R<sup>12</sup> represents a heterocyclic group (eg. piperidinyl or pyrrolidinyl) optionally substituted by one or more (eg. 1 or 2) R<sup>17</sup> groups.

- 20 Preferably, R<sup>17</sup> represents C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl (eg. methyl).

When R<sup>4</sup> represents a group of formula (i), preferably f and k both represent 0, g represents 2 and R<sup>13</sup> represents C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl (eg. i-propyl) or C<sub>3-8</sub> cycloalkyl (eg. cyclobutyl).

- 25 Preferably, R<sup>4</sup> represents -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>q</sub>-NR<sup>11</sup>R<sup>12</sup> wherein q represents 3 and -NR<sup>11</sup>R<sup>12</sup> represents N-piperidinyl or N-pyrrolidinyl optionally substituted by 1 or 2 C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl (eg. methyl) groups or R<sup>4</sup> represents a group of formula (i) wherein f and k both represent 0, g represents 2 and R<sup>13</sup> represents C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl (eg. i-propyl) or C<sub>3-8</sub> cycloalkyl (eg. cyclobutyl).

More preferably, R<sup>4</sup> represents a group of formula (i) wherein f and k both represent 0, g represents 2 and R<sup>13</sup> represents C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl (eg. i-propyl).

- 30 Preferred compounds according to the invention include examples E1-E56 as shown below, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

More preferred compounds according to the invention include:

- 35 5-[[4-(4-[[1-(1-Methylethyl)-4-piperidinyl] oxy}phenyl)-1-piperidinyl]carbonyl]-2-pyridinecarbonitrile; and  
5-[[4-(4-[[1-(1-Methylethyl)-4-piperidinyl] oxy}phenyl)-1-piperidinyl]carbonyl]-2-(trifluoromethyl)pyridine;  
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

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A most preferred compound according to the invention is:

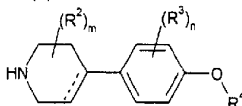
4-([4-(4-([1-(1-Methylethyl)-4-piperidinyl]oxy)phenyl)-1-piperidinyl] carbonyl) benzonitrile or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

- 5 Compounds of formula (I) may form acid addition salts with acids, such as conventional pharmaceutically acceptable acids, for example maleic, hydrochloric, hydrobromic, phosphoric, acetic, fumaric, salicylic, sulfate, citric, lactic, mandelic, tartaric and methanesulphonic.

- 10 Certain compounds of formula (I) are capable of existing in stereoisomeric forms. It will be understood that the invention encompasses all geometric and optical isomers of these compounds and the mixtures thereof including racemates. Tautomers also form an aspect of the invention.

- 15 The present invention also provides a process for the preparation of a compound of formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof, which process comprises:

(a) preparing a compound of formula (I) wherein Z represents CO which comprises reacting a compound of formula (II)



(II)

- 20 or an optionally activated or protected derivative thereof, wherein  $\text{---}$ ,  $R^2$ ,  $R^3$ ,  $R^4$ ,  $m$  and  $n$  are as defined above, with a compound of formula  $R^1\text{-CO-L}^1$ , wherein  $R^1$  is as defined above and  $L^1$  represents a suitable leaving group such as a suitable halogen atom, or a hydroxyl group; or

- 25 (b) preparing a compound of formula (I) wherein Z represents  $\text{SO}_2$  which comprises reacting a compound of formula (II) as defined above, with a compound of formula  $R^1\text{-SO}_2\text{-L}^2$ , wherein  $R^1$  is as defined above and  $L^2$  represents a suitable leaving group, such as a suitable halogen atom (eg. chlorine); or

- 30 (c) preparing a compound of formula (I) wherein Z represents CONH which comprises reacting a compound of formula (II) as defined above, with a compound of formula  $R^1\text{-N=C=O}$ , wherein  $R^1$  is as defined above; or

- 35 (d) preparing a compound of formula (I) wherein Z represents  $\text{CONR}^{10}$  which comprises reacting a compound of formula (II) as defined above, with a compound of formula  $R^1R^{10}\text{-N-L}^3$ , wherein  $R^1$  and  $R^{10}$  are as defined above and  $L^3$  represents hydrogen or  $\text{COCl}$ ; or

(e) deprotecting a compound of formula (I) or converting groups which are protected; and optionally thereafter

(f) interconversion to other compounds of formula (I).

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When  $L^1$  represents a halogen atom, process (a) typically comprises the use of a suitable base, such as triethylamine in an appropriate solvent such as dichloromethane. When  $L^1$  represents a hydroxyl group, process (a) typically comprises the use of a coupling reagent, such as 1,3-dicyclohexylcarbodiimide and 1-hydroxybenzotriazole in an appropriate solvent such as dichloromethane.

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Process (b) typically comprises the use of a base, such as triethylamine in an appropriate solvent such as dichloromethane.

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Process (c) is typically conducted in a solvent such as dichloromethane.

When  $L^3$  represents hydrogen, process (d) typically comprises reacting the compound of formula (II) sequentially with phosgene in a suitable solvent such as toluene followed by the compound of formula  $R^1R^{10}N-H$  in a suitable solvent such as dichloromethane.

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When  $L^3$  represents  $COCl$ , process (d) typically comprises the use of a base, such as triethylamine in an appropriate solvent such as dichloromethane.

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In process (e), examples of protecting groups and the means for their removal can be found in T. W. Greene 'Protective Groups in Organic Synthesis' (J. Wiley and Sons, 1991). Suitable amine protecting groups include sulphonyl (e.g. tosyl), acyl (e.g. acetyl, 2',2',2'-trichloroethoxycarbonyl, benzyloxycarbonyl or t-butoxycarbonyl) and arylalkyl (e.g. benzyl), which may be removed by hydrolysis (e.g. using an acid such as hydrochloric acid) or reductively (e.g. hydrogenolysis of a benzyl group or reductive removal of a 2',2',2'-trichloroethoxycarbonyl group using zinc in acetic acid) as appropriate. Other suitable amine protecting groups include trifluoroacetyl ( $-COCF_3$ ) which may be removed by base catalysed hydrolysis or a solid phase resin bound benzyl group, such as a Merrifield resin bound 2,6-dimethoxybenzyl group (Ellman linker), which may be removed by acid catalysed hydrolysis, for example with trifluoroacetic acid.

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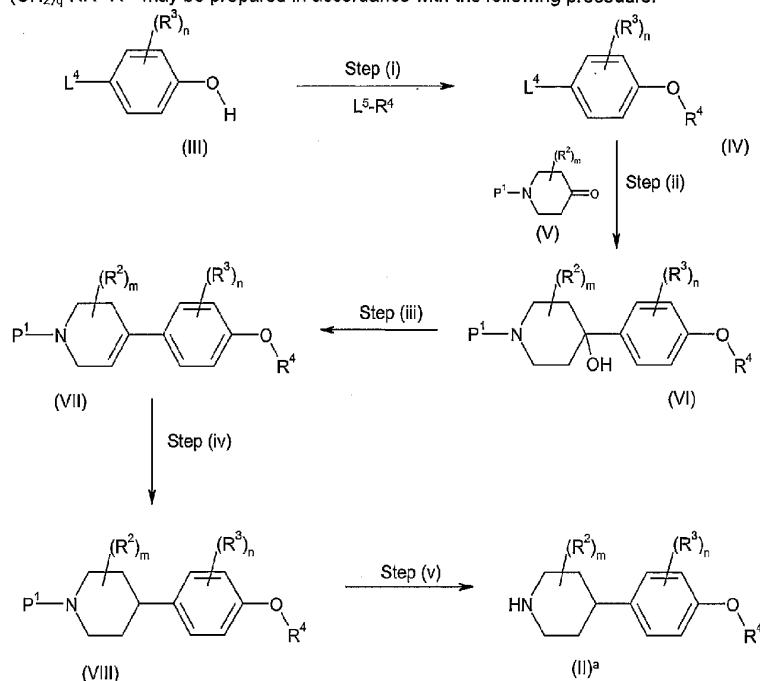
Process (f) may be performed using conventional interconversion procedures such as epimerisation, oxidation, reduction, alkylation, nucleophilic or electrophilic aromatic substitution, ester hydrolysis or amide bond formation. Examples of transition metal mediated coupling reactions useful as interconversion procedures include the following: Palladium catalysed coupling reactions between organic electrophiles, such as aryl halides, and organometallic reagents, for example boronic acids (Suzuki cross-coupling

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reactions); Palladium catalysed amination and amidation reactions between organic electrophiles, such as aryl halides, and nucleophiles, such as amines and amides; Copper catalysed amidation reactions between organic electrophiles (such as aryl halides) and nucleophiles such as amides; and Copper mediated coupling reactions between phenols and boronic acids.

Compounds of formula (II) wherein  $\text{---}$  represents a single bond and  $R^4$  represents  $(\text{CH}_2)_q\text{---NR}^{11}\text{R}^{12}$  may be prepared in accordance with the following procedure:



- 10 wherein  $R^2$ ,  $R^3$ ,  $R^4$ ,  $m$  and  $n$  are as defined above,  $L^4$  represents a halogen atom (eg. iodine),  $L^5$  represents a suitable leaving group such as a suitable halogen atom (eg. bromine), or a hydroxyl group; and  $P^1$  represents hydrogen or a suitable protecting group, such as t-butoxycarbonyl.
- 15 When  $L^5$  represents a halogen atom (eg. bromine or chlorine), step (i) may be performed using a suitable base, such as potassium carbonate in an appropriate solvent, such as 2-butanone, optionally in the presence of a transfer reagent, such as potassium iodide, at an appropriate temperature such as reflux.

When L<sup>5</sup> represents a hydroxyl group, step (i) may be performed using a phosphine such as triphenylphosphine in a suitable solvent such as tetrahydrofuran, followed by addition of an azadicarboxylate such as diethylazodicarboxylate at a suitable temperature such as room temperature.

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Step (ii) may be performed by treating a compound of formula (IV) with an organo metallic reagent such as butyllithium under conditions suitable for metal-halogen exchange followed by treatment with a compound of formula (V).

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Step (iii) may be performed under acidic conditions, for example, using trifluoroacetic acid in dichloromethane. Alternatively, steps (iii) and step (iv) may be performed together using a silane, such as triethylsilane, in the presence of an acid, for example, trifluoroacetic acid.

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Step (iv) may be performed under transition metal catalysed hydrogenation conditions, for example, under a 50 psi pressure of hydrogen employing a suitable catalyst, such as palladium on charcoal, in a suitable solvent, such as ethanol.

Step (v) may be performed in accordance with the procedures outlined in process (e).

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Compounds of formula (II) wherein  $\text{---}$  represents a double bond may be prepared in an identical manner to the procedure described above with the omission of step (iv).

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Compounds of formula (II) wherein R<sup>4</sup> represents a group of formula (i) may be prepared in an identical manner to the procedure described above except that the nitrogen atom of formula (i) may be optionally protected by a suitable protecting group such as Boc, prior to step (i). Step (i) will therefore be followed by a deprotection reaction as described in process (e) followed by introduction of an R<sup>13</sup> group by, for example, reductive amination with acetone in the presence of a borohydride such as sodium triacetoxyborohydride and optionally an acid such as acetic acid in a suitable solvent such as dichloromethane, followed by steps (ii)-(v).

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Compounds of formula (III) and (V) are either known or may be prepared in accordance with known procedures.

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Compounds of formula (I) and their pharmaceutically acceptable salts have affinity for and are antagonists and/or inverse agonists of the histamine H<sub>3</sub> receptor and are believed to be of potential use in the treatment of neurological diseases including Alzheimer's disease, dementia, age-related memory dysfunction, mild cognitive impairment, cognitive deficit, epilepsy, neuropathic pain, inflammatory pain, migraine, Parkinson's disease, multiple sclerosis, stroke and sleep disorders including narcolepsy; psychiatric disorders including schizophrenia (particularly cognitive deficit of

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schizophrenia), attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, depression and addiction; and other diseases including obesity, asthma, allergic rhinitis, nasal congestion, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and gastro-intestinal disorders.

- 5 Thus the invention also provides a compound of formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, for use as a therapeutic substance in the treatment or prophylaxis of the above disorders, in particular cognitive impairments in diseases such as Alzheimer's disease and related neurodegenerative disorders.
- 10 The invention further provides a method of treatment or prophylaxis of the above disorders, in mammals including humans, which comprises administering to the sufferer a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof.
- 15 In another aspect, the invention provides the use of a compound of formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof in the manufacture of a medicament for use in the treatment of the above disorders.

- When used in therapy, the compounds of formula (I) are usually formulated in a standard
- 20 pharmaceutical composition. Such compositions can be prepared using standard procedures.

- Thus, the present invention further provides a pharmaceutical composition for use in the treatment of the above disorders which comprises the compound of formula (I) or a
- 25 pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

- The present invention further provides a pharmaceutical composition which comprises the compound of formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof and a
- 30 pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

Compounds of formula (I) may be used in combination with other therapeutic agents, for example histamine H1 antagonists or medicaments claimed to be useful as either disease modifying or symptomatic treatments of Alzheimer's disease. Suitable examples of such

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other therapeutic agents may be agents known to modify cholinergic transmission such as 5-HT<sub>6</sub> antagonists, M1 muscarinic agonists, M2 muscarinic antagonists or acetylcholinesterase inhibitors. When the compounds are used in combination with other therapeutic agents, the compounds may be administered either sequentially or  
5 simultaneously by any convenient route.

The invention thus provides, in a further aspect, a combination comprising a compound of formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable derivative thereof together with a further therapeutic agent or agents.

- 5 The combinations referred to above may conveniently be presented for use in the form of a pharmaceutical formulation and thus pharmaceutical formulations comprising a combination as defined above together with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or excipient comprise a further aspect of the invention. The individual components of such combinations may be administered either sequentially or simultaneously in separate or  
10 combined pharmaceutical formulations.

- When a compound of formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable derivative thereof is used in combination with a second therapeutic agent active against the same disease state the dose of each compound may differ from that when the compound is used  
15 alone. Appropriate doses will be readily appreciated by those skilled in the art.

- A pharmaceutical composition of the invention, which may be prepared by admixture, suitably at ambient temperature and atmospheric pressure, is usually adapted for oral, parenteral or rectal administration and, as such, may be in the form of tablets, capsules,  
20 oral liquid preparations, powders, granules, lozenges, reconstitutable powders, injectable or infusible solutions or suspensions or suppositories. Orally administrable compositions are generally preferred.

- Tablets and capsules for oral administration may be in unit dose form, and may contain  
25 conventional excipients, such as binding agents, fillers, tableting lubricants, disintegrants and acceptable wetting agents. The tablets may be coated according to methods well known in normal pharmaceutical practice.

- Oral liquid preparations may be in the form of, for example, aqueous or oily suspension,  
30 solutions, emulsions, syrups or elixirs, or may be in the form of a dry product for reconstitution with water or other suitable vehicle before use. Such liquid preparations may contain conventional additives such as suspending agents, emulsifying agents, non-aqueous vehicles (which may include edible oils), preservatives, and, if desired, conventional flavourings or colorants.

- 35 For parenteral administration, fluid unit dosage forms are prepared utilising a compound of the invention or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof and a sterile vehicle. The compound, depending on the vehicle and concentration used, can be either suspended or dissolved in the vehicle. In preparing solutions, the compound can be dissolved for  
40 injection and filter sterilised before filling into a suitable vial or ampoule and sealing. Advantageously, adjuvants such as a local anaesthetic, preservatives and buffering agents are dissolved in the vehicle. To enhance the stability, the composition can be

frozen after filling into the vial and the water removed under vacuum. Parenteral suspensions are prepared in substantially the same manner, except that the compound is suspended in the vehicle instead of being dissolved, and sterilisation cannot be accomplished by filtration. The compound can be sterilised by exposure to ethylene oxide before suspension in a sterile vehicle. Advantageously, a surfactant or wetting agent is included in the composition to facilitate uniform distribution of the compound.

The composition may contain from 0.1% to 99% by weight, preferably from 10 to 60% by weight, of the active material, depending on the method of administration. The dose of the compound used in the treatment of the aforementioned disorders will vary in the usual way with the seriousness of the disorders, the weight of the sufferer, and other similar factors. However, as a general guide suitable unit doses may be 0.05 to 1000 mg, more suitably 1.0 to 200 mg, and such unit doses may be administered more than once a day, for example two or three a day. Such therapy may extend for a number of weeks or months.

The following Descriptions and Examples illustrate the preparation of compounds of the invention.

#### 20 Description 1

##### **1-(Phenylmethyl)-4-(4-([3-(1-piperidinyl)propyl]oxy)phenyl)-4-piperidinol (D1)**

A solution of 1-{3-[(4-iodophenyl)oxy]propyl}piperidine (WO 02/12214) (1.0g, 2.9mmol) in THF (5ml) at -70°C was treated with *n*-butyl lithium (1.6M in hexanes, 2ml, 3.2mmol). After stirring at -70°C for 30 minutes 1-(phenylmethyl)-4-piperidinone (548mg, 2.9mmol) was added dropwise and the mixture stirred for 1 hour. Saturated ammonium chloride solution was added and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic phase was washed with water and brine, dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate and evaporated *in vacuo* to yield a residue which was purified using silica gel chromatography eluting with a mixture of 0.880 ammonia:ethanol:dichloromethane (0.5:4.5:95) to afford the title compound (550mg, 47%); MS (ES+), m/e 409 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.

#### Description 2

##### **1-(Phenylmethyl)-4-(4-([3-(1-piperidinyl)propyl]oxy)phenyl)-1,2,3,6-tetrahydro pyridine (D2)**

To a solution of 1-(phenylmethyl)-4-(4-([3-(1-piperidinyl)propyl]oxy)phenyl)-4-piperidinol (D1) (450mg, 1.1mmol) in dichloromethane (5ml) was added trifluoroacetic acid (0.68ml, 8.8mmol) and powdered 4A molecular sieves. After stirring at room temperature for 2 hours the suspension was filtered and the filtrate evaporated *in vacuo*. The residue was dissolved in dichloromethane and stirred with aqueous sodium hydroxide solution for 10 minutes. The organic phase was separated, washed with water and brine, dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate and evaporated *in vacuo* to afford the title compound (365mg, 85%); MS (ES+), m/e 391 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.

**Description 3****1-(3-[[4-(4-piperidinyl)phenyl]oxy]propyl)piperidine (D3)**

A solution of 1-(phenylmethyl)-4-([3-(1-piperidinyl)propyl]oxy)phenyl-1,2,3,6-tetrahydro pyridine (D2) (450mg, 1.15mmol) in methanol (40ml) containing palladium on charcoal (10% paste, 200mg) was hydrogenated at 50 p.s.i. at room temperature for 18 hours. The mixture was filtered through filter aid and the filtrate evaporated *in vacuo* to afford the title compound (330mg, 95%); MS (ES+), m/e 303 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.

**Description 4****1,1-Dimethylethyl 4-[(4-iodophenyl)oxy]-1-piperidinecarboxylate (D4)**

Di-*tert*-butyl azodicarboxylate (57g; 250mmol) was added portionwise to a stirring mixture of 4-iodophenol (50g; 230mmol), triphenyl phosphine (65.6g; 250mmol) and 1,1-dimethylethyl 4-hydroxy-1-piperidinecarboxylate (50g; 250mmol) in dry tetrahydrofuran and cooled to 0°C. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 3 days. The solvent was removed by filtration and the residue purified by column chromatography on silica eluting with a mixture of *n*-hexane and ethyl acetate (9:1). Fractions containing the product were combined and evaporated to afford the title compound as a white crystalline solid (63.4g, 63%), MS (ES+), m/e 404 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.

**Description 5****Phenylmethyl 4-{4-[[[(1,1-dimethylethyl)oxy]carbonyl]-4-piperidinyl]oxy}phenyl]-4-hydroxy-1-piperidinecarboxylate (D5)**

A solution of 1,1-dimethylethyl 4-[(4-iodophenyl)oxy]-1-piperidinecarboxylate (10g; 24.8 mM) (D4) in THF (100 ml) at -70°C was treated with *n*-butyl lithium (1.6M in hexanes, 23 ml, 36.8 mmol). After stirring at -70°C for 30 minutes a solution of 4-oxo-piperidine-1-carboxylic acid benzyl ester (8.7 g, 36.8 mmol) in THF was added dropwise and the mixture stirred for 18 hours. Saturated ammonium chloride solution was added and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic phase was washed with water and brine, dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate and evaporated *in vacuo* to yield a residue which was purified using silica gel chromatography eluting with a mixture of hexane and ethyl acetate (1:1) to afford the title compound (7.38 g, 56%); MS (ES+), m/e 511 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.

**Description 6****Phenylmethyl 4-[4-(4-piperidinyloxy)phenyl]-3,6-dihydro-1(2H)-pyridinecarboxylate (D6)**

Trifluoroacetic acid (12 ml) was added to a stirring solution of phenylmethyl 4-{4-[[[(1,1-dimethylethyl)oxy]carbonyl]-4-piperidinyl]oxy}phenyl]-4-hydroxy-1-piperidinecarboxylate (7.38g; 14.5mmol) (D5) in dichloromethane (12ml) and the mixture stirred for 60 minutes. The solvent was removed by evaporation and the residue filtered

through a SCX column eluting with methanol followed by 10% 0.880 ammonia solution in methanol to elute the product (4.9g; 87%), MS (ES+), m/e 393 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.

#### Description 7

##### 5 Phenylmethyl 4-{4-[(1-methylethyl)-4-piperidinyl]oxy}phenyl-3,6-dihydro-1(2H)-pyridinecarboxylate (D7)

Sodium triacetoxyborohydride (5.3g; 25.2mmol) was added portion-wise to a stirring mixture of phenylmethyl 4-[4-(4-piperidinyloxy)phenyl]-3,6-dihydro-1(2H)-pyridinecarboxylate (4.94g; 12.6mmol) (D6), acetone (5ml; 63mmol) and glacial acetic acid (1ml) in dichloromethane (60ml). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 18 hours. The mixture was stirred with aqueous sodium hydroxide solution for 10 minutes. The organic phase was separated, washed with water and brine, dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate and evaporated *in vacuo* to afford the title compound (5.11g, 93%); MS (ES+), m/e 435 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.

#### Description 8

##### 1-(1-Methylethyl)-4-{[4-(4-piperidinyl)phenyl]oxy}piperidine (D8)

A solution of phenylmethyl 4-{4-[(1-methylethyl)-4-piperidinyl]oxy}phenyl-3,6-dihydro-1(2H)-pyridinecarboxylate (5.11g, 11.8mmol) (D7) in ethanol (75ml) containing palladium on charcoal (10% paste, 1g) was hydrogenated at 50 p.s.i. at room temperature for 18 hours. The mixture was filtered through filter aid and the filtrate evaporated *in vacuo* to afford the title compound (3.51g, 98%); MS (ES+), m/e 303 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.

#### Description 9

##### 25 Phenylmethyl 4-{4-[(1-cyclobutyl)-4-piperidinyl]oxy}phenyl-3,6-dihydro-1(2H)-pyridinecarboxylate (D9)

Sodium triacetoxyborohydride (2.13g; 10.05mmol) was added portion-wise to a stirring mixture of phenylmethyl 4-[4-(4-piperidinyloxy)phenyl]-3,6-dihydro-1(2H)-pyridinecarboxylate (1.97g; 5.03mmol) (D6), cyclobutanone (0.8ml; 10.05mmol) and 4 molecular sieves in dichloromethane (50ml). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 4 hours. The mixture was stirred with aqueous sodium hydroxide solution for 10 minutes. The organic phase was separated, washed with water and brine, dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate and evaporated *in vacuo* to afford the title compound (1.95g, 87%); MS (ES+), m/e 447 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.

#### Description 10

##### 1-Cyclobutyl-4-{[4-(4-piperidinyl)phenyl]oxy}piperidine (D10)

A solution of phenylmethyl 4-{4-[(1-cyclobutyl)-4-piperidinyl]oxy}phenyl-3,6-dihydro-1(2H)-pyridinecarboxylate (1.95g, 4.37mmol) (D9) in ethanol (40ml) containing palladium on charcoal (10% paste, 0.4g) was hydrogenated at 50 p.s.i. at room temperature for 18 hours. The mixture was filtered through filter aid and the filtrate evaporated *in vacuo* to afford the title compound (1.34g, 96%); MS (ES+), m/e 315 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.



**Description 11****1,1-Dimethylethyl 4-hydroxy-4-(4-[[3-(1-piperidinyl)propyl]oxy]phenyl)-1-piperidinecarboxylate (D11)**

- 5 A solution of 1-[[3-(4-iodophenyl)oxy]propyl]piperidine (WO 02/12214) (10g; 29 mmol) in THF (50 ml) at -70°C was treated with *n*-butyl lithium (1.6M in hexanes, 21.8ml, 34.8mmol). After stirring at -70°C for 30 minutes a solution of 1,1-dimethylethyl 4-oxo-1-piperidinecarboxylate (6.36g, 31.9mmol) in THF (15 ml) was added dropwise and the mixture stirred for 2 hours. Saturated ammonium chloride solution was added and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic phase was washed with water and brine, dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate and evaporated *in vacuo* to yield a residue which was purified using silica gel chromatography eluting with a mixture of 1-9-90 0.88 aqueous ammonia solution-methanol-DCM to afford the title compound (5.2 g, 45%); MS (ES+), m/e 419 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.

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**Description 12****4-(4-[[3-(1-Piperidinyl)propyl]oxy]phenyl)-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine (D12)**

- Trifluoroacetic acid (6ml) was added to a stirring solution of 1,1-dimethylethyl 4-hydroxy-4-(4-[[3-(1-piperidinyl)propyl]oxy]phenyl)-1-piperidinecarboxylate (3.9g; 9.3mmol) (D11) in dichloromethane (6ml) and the mixture stirred for 60 minutes. The solvent was removed by evaporation and the residue filtered through a SCX column eluting with methanol followed by 10% 0.880 ammonia solution in methanol to elute the product (2.1g; 77%), MS (ES+), m/e 301 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.

**Description 13****4-[(4-Iodophenyl)oxy]piperidine (D13)**

- Trifluoroacetic acid (10ml) was added to a stirring solution of 1,1-dimethylethyl 4-[(4-iodophenyl)oxy]-1-piperidinecarboxylate (10g; 24.8mmol) (D4) in dichloromethane (10ml) and the mixture stirred for 60 minutes. The solvent was removed by evaporation and the residue basified using 2M sodium hydroxide solution. This mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (x3) and the extracts combined. These were dried using sodium sulfate and the solvent removed by evaporation to give the product (6.63g, 88%), MS (ES+), m/e 304 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.

**Description 14****4-[(4-Iodophenyl)oxy]-1-(1-methylethyl)piperidine (D14)**

- Sodium triacetoxyborohydride (9.3g; 44mmol) was added portion-wise to a stirring mixture of 4-[(4-iodophenyl)oxy]piperidine (6.6g; 21mmol) (D13) and acetone (8ml; 63mmol) in dichloromethane (60ml) and glacial acetic acid (1ml). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 18 hours. The mixture was stirred with aqueous sodium hydroxide solution for 10 minutes. The organic phase was separated, washed with water

and brine, dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate and evaporated *in vacuo* to afford the title compound (7.2g, 96%); MS (ES+), *m/e* 346 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.

#### Description 15

##### 5 1,1-Dimethylethyl 4-hydroxy-4-(4-[[1-(1-methylethyl)-4-piperidinyl]oxy]phenyl)-1-piperidinecarboxylate (D15)

A solution of 4-[(4-iodophenyl)oxy]-1-(1-methylethyl)piperidine (7.2g; 20.9mmol) (D14) in THF (100ml) at -70°C was treated with *n*-butyl lithium (2.5M in hexanes, 12.6ml, 31.4mmol). After stirring at -70°C for 30 minutes a solution of 1,1-dimethylethyl 4-oxo-1-piperidinecarboxylate (6.25g, 31.4mmol) in THF (25 ml) was added dropwise and the mixture stirred for 18 hours. Saturated ammonium chloride solution was added and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic phase was washed with water and brine, dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate and evaporated *in vacuo* to yield a residue which was purified using silica gel chromatography eluting with a mixture of 1-9-90 0.88 aqueous ammonia solution-methanol-DCM to afford the title compound (2.9 g, 33%); MS (ES+), *m/e* 419 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.

#### Description 16

4-(4-[[1-(1-Methylethyl)-4-piperidinyl]oxy]phenyl)-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine (D16)  
20 Trifluoroacetic acid (6ml) was added to a stirring solution of 1,1-dimethylethyl 4-hydroxy-4-(4-[[1-(1-methylethyl)-4-piperidinyl]oxy]phenyl)-1-piperidinecarboxylate (2.9g; 6.9mmol) (D15) in dichloromethane (6ml) and the mixture stirred for 30 minutes. The solvent was removed by evaporation and the residue filtered through a SCX column eluting with methanol followed by 10% 0.880 ammonia solution in methanol to elute the product (2.0g; 97%), MS (ES+), *m/e* 301 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.

#### Description 17

##### 1-[(3-Chloropropyl)oxy]-4-iodobenzene (D17)

A mixture of 4-iodophenol (10g; 45.5 mmol), 1-bromo-3-chloro propane (9g; 56.8 mmol) and potassium carbonate (12.6g; 91 mmol) in 2-butanone (150ml) was heated at reflux for 3 days. The solid was removed by filtration and the solvent removed by evaporation. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica eluting with 20-1 n-pentane – ethyl acetate to afford the product as a colourless oil (13.0g; 96%), MS (ES+), *m/e* 296 & 298 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.

#### Description 18

##### (2R)-1-{3-[(4-iodophenyl)oxy]propyl}-2-methylpyrrolidine (D18)

A mixture of 1-[(3-chloropropyl)oxy]-4-iodobenzene (13g; 43.8 mmol) (D17), (2R)-2-methylpyrrolidine (2.63g; 15.8 mmol), potassium carbonate (6.6g; 43.8 mmol) and potassium iodide (7.9g; 43.8 mmol) in acetonitrile (100ml) was heated at reflux for 18 hours. The solid was removed by filtration and the solvent removed by evaporation. The residue was poured into water and extracted with ethyl acetate. The extracts were

combined, dried with sodium sulfate and evaporated. This residue was purified by column chromatography on silica eluting with 20-1 dichloromethane – 2M ammonia in methanol to afford the product as a yellow solid (2.41g; 44%), MS (ES+), m/e 346 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.

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**Description 19****1,1-Dimethylethyl 4-hydroxy-4-[4-({3-[(2R)-2-methyl-1-pyrrolidinyl]propyl}oxy)phenyl-1-piperidinecarboxylate (D19)**

A solution of (2R)-1-[3-[(4-iodophenyl)oxy]propyl]-2-methylpyrrolidine (2.4g; 6.95mmol) (D18) in THF (40ml) at –70°C was treated with *n*-butyl lithium (2.5M in hexanes, 3.5ml, 8.69mmol). After stirring at –70°C for 30 minutes a solution of 1,1-dimethylethyl 4-oxo-1-piperidinecarboxylate (1.73g, 8.69mmol) in THF (10 ml) was added dropwise and the mixture stirred at room temperature for 18 hours. Saturated ammonium chloride solution was added and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic phase was washed with water and brine, dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate and evaporated *in vacuo* to yield a residue which was purified using silica gel chromatography eluting with 20-1 dichloromethane – 2M ammonia in methanol to afford the title compound (0.75g, 26%); MS (ES+), m/e 419 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.

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**Description 20****4-[4-({3-[(2R)-2-Methyl-1-pyrrolidinyl]propyl}oxy)phenyl]-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine (D20)**

A solution of 1,1-dimethylethyl 4-hydroxy-4-[4-({3-[(2R)-2-methyl-1-pyrrolidinyl]propyl}oxy)phenyl-1-piperidinecarboxylate (0.75g; 1.8mmol) (D19) in a mixture of dichloromethane (10ml) and trifluoroacetic acid (10ml) was stirred at room temperature for 2 hours. The solvent was removed by evaporation to give the product as its di-trifluoroacetate salt (1.22g), MS (ES+), m/e 301 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.

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**Description 21****4-[4-({3-[(2R)-2-Methyl-1-pyrrolidinyl]propyl}oxy)phenyl]piperidine (D21)**

A solution of 4-[4-({3-[(2R)-2-methyl-1-pyrrolidinyl]propyl}oxy)phenyl]-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine (1.95g, 4.49mmol) (D20) in ethanol (20ml) containing palladium on charcoal (10% paste, 0.4g) was hydrogenated at 50 p.s.i. at room temperature for 18 hours. The mixture was filtered through filter aid and the filtrate evaporated *in vacuo* to afford the title compound as its di-trifluoroacetate salt (1.05g); MS (ES+), m/e 303 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.

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**Description 22****1,1-Dimethylethyl 4-hydroxy-4-[4-[(phenylmethyl)oxy]phenyl]-1-piperidine carboxylate (D22)**

A solution of 1-iodo-4-[(phenylmethyl)oxy]benzene (25g; 80.6 mmol) in THF (300 ml) at –70°C was treated with *n*-butyl lithium (2.5M in hexanes, 40.3 ml, 0.10 mol). After stirring

at -70°C for 30 minutes a solution of 1,1-dimethylethyl 4-oxo-1-piperidine carboxylate (20.1g, 0.10 mol) in THF (150 ml) was added dropwise and the mixture stirred at room temperature for 18 hours. Saturated ammonium chloride solution was added and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic phase was washed with water and  
 5 brine, dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate and evaporated *in vacuo* to yield a residue which was purified using silica gel chromatography eluting with 4-1 hexane – ethyl acetate to afford the title compound (15.9 g, 51%); NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>), δ 1.48 (s, 9H), 1.73 (m, 2H), 1.95 (m, 2H), 3.25 (m, 2H), 4.00 (m, 2H), 5.07 (s, 2H), 6.97 (m, 2H), 7.37-7.44 (m, 7H).

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**Description 23****4-{4-[(Phenylmethyl)oxy]phenyl}-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine (D23)**

Trifluoroacetic acid (35 ml) was added drop wise to a stirring solution of 1,1-dimethylethyl 4-hydroxy-4-{4-[(phenylmethyl)oxy]phenyl}-1-piperidine carboxylate (16.3g;  
 15 42.5 mmol) (D22) in dichloromethane (35 ml). After 2 hours the solvent was removed by evaporation and the residue poured into 2M sodium hydroxide solution. The mixture was filtered, the solid washed with water and dried (7.2g; 64%), MS (ES+), m/e 266 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>

**Description 24****4-{4-[(Phenylmethyl)oxy]phenyl}-1-(tetrahydro-2H-pyran-4-ylcarbonyl)-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine (D24)**

Ethanedioyl dichloride (5.1 ml; 58 mmol) was added to a solution of tetrahydro-2H-pyran-4-carboxylic acid (7.4g; 57 mmol) in dichloromethane (50 ml) and dimethyl formamide (0.2 ml). After stirring at room temperature for 3 hours the solvent was removed by  
 25 evaporation and the residue dissolved in dichloromethane (30 ml). This solution was added dropwise to a mixture of 4-{4-[(phenylmethyl)oxy]phenyl}-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine (14.4g; 54.2 mmol) (D23) and triethylamine (8.3 ml; 59.6 mmol) in dichloromethane (100 ml). After 1 hour this mixture was washed with 1M hydrochloric acid, water, 1M sodium carbonate solution and brine, dried with sodium sulfate and  
 30 evaporated. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica eluting with 98-2 dichloromethane – methanol to give a white solid (6.87g; 34%), MS (ES+), m/e 378 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>

**Description 25****4-[1-(Tetrahydro-2H-pyran-4-ylcarbonyl)-4-piperidinyl]phenol (D25)**

A solution of 4-{4-[(phenylmethyl)oxy]phenyl}-1-(tetrahydro-2H-pyran-4-ylcarbonyl)-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine (13.6g; 36.1 mmol) (D24) in tetrahydrofuran (500 ml) was hydrogenated at 50 psi and room temperature over 10% palladium on carbon. After 18  
 40 hours the catalyst was removed by filtration and the filtrate evaporated to give colourless crystals (10.1g; 96%), MS (ES+), m/e 290 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.

**Description 26**

**4-{4-[(3-Chloropropyl)oxy]phenyl}-1-(tetrahydro-2H-pyran-4-ylcarbonyl)piperidine (D26)**

A mixture of 4-[1-(tetrahydro-2H-pyran-4-ylcarbonyl)-4-piperidinyl]phenol (2.57g; 8.9 mmol) (D25), 1-bromo-3-chloropropane (1.1 ml; 10.7 mmol) and potassium carbonate (2.5g; 17.8 mmol) in 2-butanone (100ml) was heated at reflux for 18 hours. The solid was removed by filtration and the solvent removed by evaporation. The residue was poured into water and extracted with ethyl acetate. The extracts were combined, dried with sodium sulfate and evaporated. This residue was purified by column chromatography on silica eluting with 1-1 hexane - ethylacetate to afford the product as a colourless oil (2.54g; 78%), MS (ES+), m/e 366 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.

**Description 27**

**3-{[4-[1-(Tetrahydro-2H-pyran-4-ylcarbonyl)-4-piperidinyl]phenyl]oxy}-1-propanol (D27)**

A mixture of 4-[1-(tetrahydro-2H-pyran-4-ylcarbonyl)-4-piperidinyl]phenol (10.1g; 34.7 mmol) (D25), 3-chloro-1-propanol (4.3 ml; 43.4 mmol) and potassium carbonate (9.6g; 69.4 mmol) in 2-butanone (200ml) was heated at reflux for 18 hours. The solid was removed by filtration and the solvent removed by evaporation. The residue was poured into water and extracted with ethyl acetate. The extracts were combined, dried with sodium sulfate and evaporated. This residue was purified by column chromatography on silica eluting with 1-1 hexane - ethylacetate to afford the product as a colourless solid (9.32g; 77%), MS (ES+), m/e 348 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.

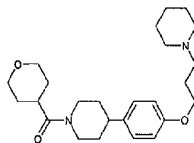
**Description 28**

**3-{[4-[1-(Tetrahydro-2H-pyran-4-ylcarbonyl)-4-piperidinyl]phenyl]oxy}propyl methanesulfonate (D28)**

A solution of methane sulphonyl chloride (0.22 ml; 2.9 mmol) in dichloromethane (5 ml) was added to a mixture of 3-{[4-[1-(tetrahydro-2H-pyran-4-ylcarbonyl)-4-piperidinyl]phenyl]oxy}-1-propanol (0.5 g; 1.44 mmol) (D27) and triethylamine (0.6 ml; 4.3 mmol) in dichloromethane (15 ml). After 1 hour the mixture was washed with water, dried with sodium sulfate and evaporated to give a yellow solid (0.61g; 99%), NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>), δ 1.55-1.65 (6H, m), 1.90-1.98 (4H, m), 2.22 (2H, m), 2.62-2.81 (3H, m), 2.99 (3H, s), 3.14 (H, m), 3.46 (2H, t), 4.02-4.09 (5H, m), 4.80 (H, m), 6.85 (2H, m), 7.10 (2H, m)

**Example 1**

**4-{4-[(3-(1-Piperidinyl)propyl)oxy]phenyl}-1-(tetrahydro-2H-pyran-4-ylcarbonyl)piperidine (E1)**



A mixture of tetrahydro-pyran-4-carboxylic acid (130mg, 1mmol), 1-hydroxybenzotriazole hydrate (135mg, 1mmol) and N-cyclohexylcarbodiimide-N'-methyl polystyrene (550mg, 1mmol, resin loading 1.8mmol/g) in dichloromethane (8ml) was stirred at room temperature for 15 minutes. A solution 1-(3-[[4-(4-piperidinyl)phenyl]oxy}propyl) piperidine (D3) (151mg, 0.5mmol) in dichloromethane (5ml) was added and the mixture stirred at room temperature for 24 hours. The mixture was filtered through a SCX column eluting with methanol followed by 10% 0.880 ammonia solution in methanol to elute the product. The residue was purified by silica gel chromatography eluting with a 1:9:90 mixture of 0.880 ammonia solution:methanol:dichloromethane to afford the title compound (127mg, 63%); MS(AP+) m/e 415 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.

### Example 1 (Alternative Preparation)

**4-(4-[[3-(1-Piperidiny)propyl]oxy]phenyl)-1-(tetrahydro-2H-pyran-4-ylcarbonyl)piperidine (E1)**

A mixture of 4-[4-[(3-chloropropyl)oxy]phenyl]-1-(tetrahydro-2H-pyran-4-ylcarbonyl)piperidine (14.33g; 39.2 mmol) (D26), piperidine (7.5 ml; 78.4 mmol), potassium carbonate (10.8g; 78.4 mmol) and potassium iodide (13.0g; 78.4 mmol) in 2-butanone (120ml) was heated at reflux for 18 hours. The solid was removed by filtration and the solvent removed by evaporation. This residue was purified by column chromatography on silica eluting with 5-95 2M ammonia in methanol – dichloromethane to afford the product as a colourless solid (14.7g; 90%). MS (ES+), m/e 415 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.

### Examples 2-7

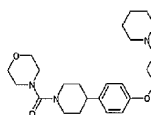
25 Examples 2-7 (E2-E7) were prepared from 1-(3-[[4-(4-piperidinyl)phenyl]oxy]propyl)piperidine (D3) using an analogous method to that described in Example 1 (E1) by substituting tetrahydro-pyran-4-carboxylic acid for the appropriate acid indicated in the table.

Example	Acid	Mass Spectrum
4-[[4-(4-[[3-(1-Piperidinyl)propyl]oxy]phenyl)-1-piperidinyl]carbonyl]benzonitrile (E2)	4-cyanobenzoic acid	MS (ES <sup>+</sup> ), m/e 432 [M+H] <sup>+</sup> .
4-[[4-(4-[[3-(1-Piperidinyl)propyl]oxy]phenyl)-1-piperidinyl]carbonyl]pyridine (E3)	Isonicotinic acid	MS (ES <sup>+</sup> ), m/e 408 [M+H] <sup>+</sup> .
4-(4-[[3-(1-Piperidinyl)propyl]oxy]phenyl)-	4-(1-pyrrolidin-1-	MS (ES <sup>+</sup> ), m/e

1-[[4-(1-pyrrolidinylicarbonyl)phenyl]carbonyl] piperidine (E4)	yl-methanoyl)-benzoic acid (J. Med. Chem. 46(10), 1845, 2003)	504 [M+H] <sup>+</sup> .
1-[[4-(Methylsulfonyl)phenyl]carbonyl]-4-(4-[[3-(1-piperidinyl) propyl] oxy] phenyl) piperidine (E5)	4-methanesulfonyl-benzoic acid	MS (ES <sup>+</sup> ), m/e 485 [M+H] <sup>+</sup> .
1-[(4-Fluorophenyl)carbonyl]-4-(4-[[3-(1-piperidinyl)propyl]oxy]phenyl)piperidine (E6)	4-fluorobenzoic acid	MS (ES <sup>+</sup> ), m/e 425 [M+H] <sup>+</sup> .
3-[[4-(4-[[3-(1-Piperidinyl)propyl]oxy]phenyl)-1-piperidinyl]carbonyl]pyridine (E7)	Nicotinic acid	MS (ES <sup>+</sup> ), m/e 408 [M+H] <sup>+</sup> .

### Example 8

**4-[[4-(4-[[3-(1-Piperidiny)propyl]oxy]phenyl)-1-piperidiny]carbonyl]morpholine (E8)**



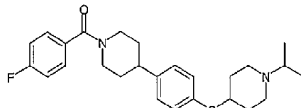
5 Morpholine-carbonyl chloride (71  $\mu$ l; 0.48mmol) was added to a mixture 1-(3-[[4-(4-  
piperidinyl)phenyl]oxy]propyl)piperidine (D3) (120mg; 0.4mmol) and diethylaminomethyl-  
polystyrene (300mg of 3.2 mmol/g) in DCM (5ml). After stirring for 60 minutes the  
mixture was filtered and the filtrate purified by silica gel chromatography eluting with  
10 1:9:90 mixture of 0.880 ammonia solution:methanol:dichloromethane to afford the title  
compound (118mg; 62%) MS (ES+), m/e 416 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.

### Examples 9-10

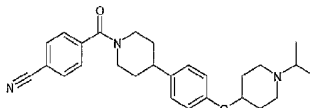
15 Examples 9-10 (E9-10) were prepared using the method described for Example 8 substituting morpholine-carbonyl chloride for the appropriate carbonyl chloride indicated in the table.

Example	Carbonyl chloride	Mass Spectrum
1-(1-Piperidinylcarbonyl)-4-(4-{[3-(1-piperidinyl)propyl]oxy}phenyl)piperidine (E9)	Piperidine-1-carbonyl chloride	MS (ES <sup>+</sup> ), m/e 414 [M+H] <sup>+</sup> .
4-(4-{[3-(1-Piperidinyl)propyl]oxy}phenyl)-	Pyrrolidine-1-	MS (ES <sup>+</sup> ), m/e

1-(1-pyrrolidinylcarbonyl)piperidine (E10)	carbonyl chloride	400 [M+H] <sup>+</sup> .
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**Example 11****1-(4-Fluoro-phenyl)-1-{4-[4-(1-isopropyl-piperidin-4-yloxy)-phenyl]-piperidin-1-yl}-methanone (E11)**

5 A mixture 4-fluorobenzoic acid (112mg, 0.8mmol), 1-hydroxybenzotriazole hydrate (108mg, 0.8mmol) and N-cyclohexylcarbodiimide-N'-methyl polystyrene (330mg, 0.8mmol, resin loading 1.8mmol/g) in dichloromethane (5ml) was stirred at room temperature for 15 minutes. A solution of 1-(1-methylethyl)-4-[[4-(4-piperidinyl)phenyl]oxy]piperidine (120mg, 0.4mmol) (120mg, 0.4mmol) (D8) in dichloromethane (3ml) was added and the mixture stirred at room temperature for 24 hours. The mixture was filtered through a SCX column eluting with methanol followed by 10% 0.880 ammonia solution in methanol to elute the product. The residue was purified by silica gel chromatography eluting with a mixture of 0.880 ammonia solution:methanol:dichloromethane (1:9:90) to afford the title compound (78mg, 74%); MS(ES<sup>+</sup>) m/e 425 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.

**Example 12****4-[[4-(4-{1-(1-Methylethyl)-4-piperidinyl}oxy)phenyl]-1-piperidinyl] carbonyl] benzonitrile (E12)**

25 A mixture 4-cyanobenzoic acid (88mg, 0.6mmol), 1-hydroxybenzotriazole hydrate (81mg, 0.6mmol) and N-cyclohexylcarbodiimide-N'-methyl polystyrene (250mg, 0.6mmol, resin loading 1.8mmol/g) in dichloromethane (4ml) was stirred at room temperature for 60 minutes. A solution of 1-(1-methylethyl)-4-[[4-(4-piperidinyl)phenyl]oxy]piperidine (120mg, 0.4mmol) (D8) in dichloromethane (2ml) was added and the mixture stirred at room temperature for 24 hours. The mixture was filtered through a SCX column eluting with methanol followed by 10% 0.880 ammonia solution in methanol to elute the product. The residue was purified by silica gel chromatography eluting with a mixture of 0.880 ammonia solution:methanol:dichloromethane (1:9:90) to afford the title compound (132mg, 78%); MS(ES<sup>+</sup>) m/e 432 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>. NMR(CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.06 (6H, d), 1.84 (4H, m), 2.00 (4H, m), 2.39 (2H, m), 2.79 (4H, m), 2.87 (H, m), 3.15 (H, m), 3.69 (H, m), 4.27 (H, m), 4.85 (H, m), 6.86 (2H, m), 7.10 (2H, m), 7.54 (2H, m), 7.72 (2H, m)



**Examples 13-18**

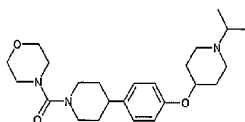
Examples 13-18 (E13-18) were prepared from 1-(1-methylethyl)-4-[[4-(4-piperidinyl)phenyl]oxy]piperidine (D8) using an analogous method to that described for

- 5 Example 11, exchanging 4-fluorobenzoic acid for the appropriate acid indicated in the table below:

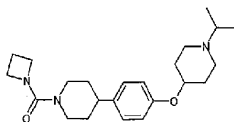
Example	Acid	Mass Spectrum
1-(1-Methylethyl)-4-[[4-(1-[[4-(1-pyrrolidinylcarbonyl)phenyl]carbonyl]-4-piperidinyl)phenyl]oxy]piperidine (E13)	4-(1-pyrrolidin-1-yl-methanoyl)-benzoic acid (J. Med. Chem. 46(10), 1845, 2003)	MS (ES+), m/e 504 [M+H] <sup>+</sup> .
1-(1-Methylethyl)-4-[[4-(1-(tetrahydro-2H-pyran-4-ylcarbonyl)-4-piperidinyl)phenyl]oxy]piperidine (E14)	Tetrahydro-pyran-4-carboxylic acid	MS (ES+), m/e 415 [M+H] <sup>+</sup> .
1-(1-Methylethyl)-4-[[4-(1-[[4-(methanesulfonyl)phenyl]carbonyl]-4-piperidinyl)phenyl]oxy]piperidine (E15)	4-methanesulfonyl-benzoic acid	MS (ES+), m/e 485 [M+H] <sup>+</sup> .
1-(1-Methylethyl)-4-[[4-(1-[3-(methoxy)propanoyl]-4-piperidinyl)phenyl]oxy]piperidine (E16)	3-methoxy-propionic acid	MS (ES+), m/e 389 [M+H] <sup>+</sup> .
4-[[4-(4-[[1-(1-Methylethyl)-4-piperidinyl]oxy]phenyl)-1-piperidinyl]carbonyl]pyridine (E17)	isonicotinic acid	MS (ES+), m/e 408 [M+H] <sup>+</sup> .
3-[[4-(4-[[1-(1-Methylethyl)-4-piperidinyl]oxy]phenyl)-1-piperidinyl]carbonyl]pyridine (E18)	nicotinic acid	MS (ES+), m/e 408 [M+H] <sup>+</sup> .

**Example 19**

- 10 **4-[[4-(4-[[1-(1-Methylethyl)-4-piperidinyl]oxy]phenyl)-1-piperidinyl]carbonyl]morpholine (E19)**



- 15 Morpholine-carbonyl chloride (71  $\mu$ l; 0.48mmol) was added to a mixture of 1-(1-methylethyl)-4-[[4-(4-piperidinyl)phenyl]oxy]piperidine (120mg; 0.4mmol) (D8) and diethylaminomethyl-polystyrene (300mg of 3.2 mmol/g) in DCM (5ml). After stirring for 60 minutes the mixture was filtered and the filtrate purified by silica gel chromatography eluting with 1:9:90 mixture of 0.880 ammonia solution:methanol:dichloromethane to afford the title compound (127mg; 78%) MS (ES+), m/e 416 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.

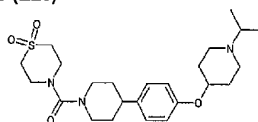
**Example 20****1-(1-Azetidinylcarbonyl)-4-4-[[1-(1-methylethyl)-4-piperidinyl]oxy}phenyl) piperidine (E20)**

5 A solution of 1-(1-methylethyl)-4-4-[[1-(1-methylethyl)-4-piperidinyl]oxy}phenyl) piperidine (150mg; 0.5mmol) (D8) in DCM (3ml) was added drop-wise to a stirring solution of phosgene in toluene (2ml of 2M soln; 4mmol). After 30 minutes the solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the residue redissolved in DCM (5ml). This solution was treated with triethylamine (146μl; 1.1mmol) and azetidine (37μl; 0.55mmol) and stirred for 60 minutes at room temperature. The mixture was concentrated *in vacuo* and the residue purified by silica gel chromatography eluting with a mixture of 0.880 ammonia solution:methanol:dichloromethane (1:9:90) to afford the title compound (109mg; 58%) MS (ES+), m/e 386 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.

**Examples 21-22**

Examples 21-22 were prepared from 1-(1-methylethyl)-4-4-[[1-(1-methylethyl)-4-piperidinyl]oxy}phenyl) piperidine (D8) using an analogous method to that described for Example 20, exchanging azetidine for the appropriate amine indicated in the table below:

Example	Amine	Mass Spectrum
1-(1-Methylethyl)-4-4-[[1-(1-pyrrolidinylcarbonyl)-4-piperidinyl]oxy}phenyl) piperidine (E21)	Pyrrolidine	MS (ES+), m/e 400 [M+H] <sup>+</sup> .
1-(1-Methylethyl)-4-4-[[1-(1-piperidinylcarbonyl)-4-piperidinyl]oxy}phenyl) piperidine (E22)	Piperidine	MS (ES+), m/e 414 [M+H] <sup>+</sup> .

**Example 23****4-[[4-4-[[1-(1-Methylethyl)-4-piperidinyl]oxy}phenyl]-1-piperidinyl] carbonyl} thiomorpholine 1,1-dioxide (E23)**

25 A solution of 1-(1-methylethyl)-4-4-[[1-(1-methylethyl)-4-piperidinyl]oxy}phenyl) piperidine (150mg; 0.5mmol) (D8) in DCM (3ml) was added drop-wise to a stirring solution of phosgene in

toluene (2ml of 2M soln; 4mmol). After 30 minutes the solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the residue redissolved in DCM (5ml). This solution was treated with triethylamine (146 $\mu$ l; 1.1mmol) and thiomorpholine 1,1-dioxide (J. Med. Chem. 37(7), 913 - 923, 1994) (148mg; 0.55mmol) and stirred for 60 minutes at room temperature. Methylisocyanate polystyrene (1.1g of 1.8 mmol/g resin; 2mmol) was added and the mixture stirred at room temperature for 30 minutes. The mixture was filtered and the filtrate was purified by silica gel chromatography eluting with a mixture of 0.880 ammonia solution:methanol:dichloromethane (1:9:90) to afford the title compound (122mg, 53%); MS(ES+) m/e 464 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.

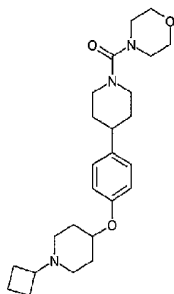
#### Examples 24-29

Examples 24-29 (E24-E29) were prepared from 1-cyclobutyl-4-[(4-(4-piperidinyloxy)phenyl)-1-piperidinyloxy]piperidine (D10) using an analogous method to that described for Example 11 (E11), using the appropriate acid indicated in the table below:

Example	Acid	Mass Spectrum
4-[(4-{4-[(1-Cyclobutyl-4-piperidinyloxy)phenyl]-1-piperidinyloxy}benzoyl)benzoyl]benzonitrile (E24)	4-cyano-benzoic acid	MS (ES+), m/e 444 [M+H] <sup>+</sup> .
1-Cyclobutyl-4-[(4-{1-[(4-fluorophenyl)carbonyl]-4-piperidinyloxy}phenyl)oxy]piperidine (E25)	4-fluorobenzoic acid	MS(ES+) m/e 437 [M+H] <sup>+</sup> .
1-Cyclobutyl-4-[(4-{1-[(4-(1-pyrrolidinylcarbonyl)phenyl)carbonyl]-4-piperidinyloxy}phenyl)oxy]piperidine (E26)	4-(1-pyrrolidin-1-yl-methanoyl)-benzoic acid (J. Med. Chem. 46(10), 1846, 2003)	MS (ES+), m/e 516 [M+H] <sup>+</sup> .
1-Cyclobutyl-4-[(4-{1-[(3-methoxy)propanoyl]-4-piperidinyloxy}phenyl)oxy]piperidine (E27)	3-methoxy-propionic acid	MS (ES+), m/e 401 [M+H] <sup>+</sup> .
4-[(4-{4-[(1-Cyclobutyl-4-piperidinyloxy)phenyl]-1-piperidinyloxy}benzoyl)pyridine (E28)	isonicotinic acid	MS (ES+), m/e 420 [M+H] <sup>+</sup> .
3-[(4-{4-[(1-Cyclobutyl-4-piperidinyloxy)phenyl]-1-piperidinyloxy}benzoyl)pyridine (E29)	nicotinic acid	MS (ES+), m/e 420 [M+H] <sup>+</sup> .

#### Example 30

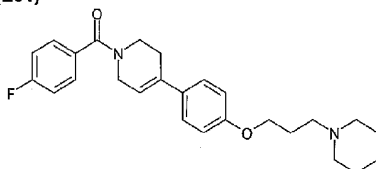
4-[(4-{4-[(1-Cyclobutyl-4-piperidinyloxy)phenyl]-1-piperidinyloxy}benzoyl)morpholine (E30)



- 5 Morpholine-carbonyl chloride (60  $\mu$ l; 0.52mmol) was added to a mixture of 1-cyclobutyl-4-  
 {[4-(4-piperidinyl)phenyl]oxy}piperidine (148mg; 0.47mmol) (D10) and triethylamine  
 (80  $\mu$ l; 0.56mmol) in DCM (5ml). After stirring for 18 hours mixture was filtered through a  
 SCX column eluting with methanol followed by 10% 0.880 ammonia solution in methanol  
 to elute the product. The product was purified further by silica gel chromatography  
 eluting with a 1:9:90 mixture of 0.880 ammonia solution:methanol:dichloromethane to  
 afford the title compound (175mg, 92%); MS(ES<sup>+</sup>) m/e 428 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.

#### 10 Example 31

**1-[(4-Fluorophenyl)carbonyl]-4-{4-[[3-(1-piperidinyl)propyl]oxy]phenyl}-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine (E31)**



- 15 A mixture 4-fluorobenzoic acid (140mg, 1.0mmol), 1-hydroxybenzotriazole hydrate  
 (135mg, 1.0mmol) and N-cyclohexylcarbodiimide-N'-methyl polystyrene (550mg,  
 1.0mmol, resin loading 1.8mmol/g) in dichloromethane (5ml) was stirred at room  
 temperature for 15 minutes. A solution of 4-{4-[[3-(1-piperidinyl)propyl]oxy]phenyl}-  
 1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine (150mg, 0.5mmol) (D12) in dichloromethane (3ml) was added  
 and the mixture stirred at room temperature for 24 hours. The mixture was filtered  
 20 through a SCX column, eluting with methanol followed by 10% 0.880 ammonia solution in  
 methanol to elute the product. The residue was purified by silica gel chromatography  
 eluting with a 1:9:90 mixture of 0.880 ammonia solution:methanol:dichloromethane to  
 afford the title compound (137mg, 64%); MS(ES<sup>+</sup>) m/e 423 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.

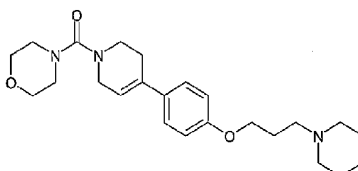
#### 25 Examples 32-35

Examples 32-35 (E32-E35) were prepared from 4-{4-[[3-(1-piperidinyl)propyl]oxy]phenyl}-  
 1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine (D12) using an analogous method to that described for  
 Example 31 using the appropriate acid indicated in the table below

Example	Acid	Mass Spectrum
4-[[4-(4-[[3-(1-Piperidinyl)propyl]oxy}phenyl)-3,6-dihydro-1(2 <i>H</i> )-pyridinyl]carbonyl] benzonitrile (E32)	4-cyano-benzoic acid	MS (ES <sup>+</sup> ), m/e 430 [M+H] <sup>+</sup> .
4-(4-[[3-(1-Piperidinyl)propyl]oxy}phenyl)-1-[[4-(1-pyrrolidinylcarbonyl)phenyl]carbonyl]-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine (E33)	4-(1-pyrrolidin-1-yl-methanoyl)-benzoic acid (J. Med. Chem. 46(10), 1845, 2003)	MS (ES <sup>+</sup> ), m/e 502 [M+H] <sup>+</sup> .
4-(4-[[3-(1-Piperidinyl)propyl]oxy}phenyl)-1-(tetrahydro-2 <i>H</i> -pyran-4-ylcarbonyl)-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine (E34)	tetrahydropyran-4-carboxylic acid	MS (ES <sup>+</sup> ), m/e 413 [M+H] <sup>+</sup> .
1-[[4-(Methylsulfonyl)phenyl]carbonyl]-4-(4-[[3-(1-piperidinyl)propyl]oxy}phenyl)-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine (E35)	4-methanesulfonyl benzoic acid	MS (ES <sup>+</sup> ), m/e 483 [M+H] <sup>+</sup> .

**Example 36**

- 5 **4-[[4-(4-[[3-(1-Piperidinyl)propyl]oxy}phenyl)-3,6-dihydro-1(2*H*)-pyridinyl]carbonyl]morpholine (E36)**



- 10 Morpholine-carbonyl chloride (116μl; 0.55mmol) was added to a mixture of 4-(4-[[3-(1-piperidinyl)propyl]oxy}phenyl)-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine (150mg; 0.5mmol) (D12) and diethylaminomethyl-polystyrene (330mg of 3.2 mmol/g) in DCM (5ml). After stirring for 60 minutes the mixture was filtered and the filtrate purified by silica gel chromatography eluting with 1:9:90 mixture of 0.880 ammonia solution:methanol:dichloromethane to afford the title compound (126mg; 62%) MS (ES<sup>+</sup>), m/e 414 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.

**Examples 37-38**

- 15 Examples 37-38 (E37-E38) were prepared from 4-(4-[[3-(1-piperidinyl)propyl]oxy}phenyl)-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine (D12) using an analogous method to that described for Example 36, using the appropriate carbonyl chloride indicated in the table below:

Example	Carbonyl Chloride	Mass Spectrum
1-(1-Piperidinylcarbonyl)-4-(4-[[3-(1-piperidinyl)propyl]oxy}phenyl)-	Piperidine carbonyl chloride	(ES <sup>+</sup> ), m/e 412 [M+H] <sup>+</sup> .

1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine (E37)		
4-(4-[[3-(1-Piperidinyl)propyl]oxy]phenyl)-1-(1-pyrrolidinylcarbonyl)-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine (E38)	Pyrrolidine carbonyl chloride	(ES <sup>+</sup> ), m/e 398 [M+H] <sup>+</sup> .

**Examples 39-44**

Examples 39-44 (E39-E44) were prepared from 4-(4-[[1-(1-methylethyl)-4-piperidinyl]oxy]phenyl)-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine (D16) using an analogous method to that described for Example 11 (E11), using the appropriate acid indicated in the table below:

Example	Acid	Mass Spectrum
1-[(4-Fluorophenyl)carbonyl]-4-(4-[[1-(1-methylethyl)-4-piperidinyl]oxy]phenyl)-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine (E39)	4-fluorobenzoic acid	MS (ES <sup>+</sup> ), m/e 423 [M+H] <sup>+</sup> .
4-[[4-(4-[[1-(1-Methylethyl)-4-piperidinyl]oxy]phenyl)-3,6-dihydro-1(2H)-pyridinyl]carbonyl]benzonitrile (E40)	4-cyano-benzoic acid	MS(ES <sup>+</sup> ) m/e 430 [M+H] <sup>+</sup> .
4-(4-[[1-(1-Methylethyl)-4-piperidinyl]oxy]phenyl)-1-[[4-(1-pyrrolidinylcarbonyl)phenyl]carbonyl]-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine (E41)	4-(1-pyrrolidin-1-yl-methanoyl)-benzoic acid (J. Med. Chem. 46(10), 1845, 2003)	MS (ES <sup>+</sup> ), m/e 502 [M+H] <sup>+</sup> .
4-(4-[[1-(1-Methylethyl)-4-piperidinyl]oxy]phenyl)-1-(tetrahydro-2H-pyran-4-ylcarbonyl)-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine (E42)	tetrahydropyran-4-carboxylic acid	MS (ES <sup>+</sup> ), m/e 413 [M+H] <sup>+</sup> .
4-(4-[[1-(1-Methylethyl)-4-piperidinyl]oxy]phenyl)-1-[[4-(methanesulfonyl)phenyl]carbonyl]-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine (E43)	4-methanesulfonyl benzoic acid	MS (ES <sup>+</sup> ), m/e 483 [M+H] <sup>+</sup> .
4-[[4-(4-[[1-(1-Methylethyl)-4-piperidinyl]oxy]phenyl)-3,6-dihydro-1(2H)-pyridinyl]carbonyl]pyridine (E44)	isonicotinic acid	MS (ES <sup>+</sup> ), m/e 406 [M+H] <sup>+</sup> .

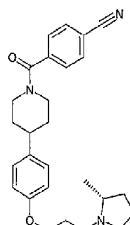
**Examples 45-47**

- 10 Examples 45-47 (E45-E47) were prepared 4-(4-[[1-(1-methylethyl)-4-piperidinyl]oxy]phenyl)-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine (D16) using an analogous method to that described for Example 36, using the appropriate carbonyl chloride indicated in the table below:

Example	Carbonyl Chloride	Mass Spectrum
4-[[4-(4-[[1-(1-Methylethyl)-4-piperidinyloxy]phenyl)-3,6-dihydro-1(2 <i>H</i> )-pyridinyl]carbonyl]morpholine (E45)	Morpholine carbonyl chloride	MS.(ES <sup>+</sup> ), m/e 414 [M+H] <sup>+</sup> .
4-(4-[[1-(1-Methylethyl)-4-piperidinyloxy]phenyl)-1-(1-piperidinylcarbonyl)-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine (E46)	Piperidine carbonyl chloride	MS (ES <sup>+</sup> ), m/e 412 [M+H] <sup>+</sup> .
4-(4-[[1-(1-Methylethyl)-4-piperidinyloxy]phenyl)-1-(1-pyrrolidinylcarbonyl)-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine (E47)	Pyrrolidine carbonyl chloride	MS (ES <sup>+</sup> ), m/e 398 [M+H] <sup>+</sup> .

**Example 48**

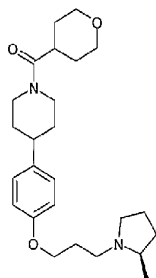
**4-({4-[4-({3-[(2*R*)-2-Methyl-1-pyrrolidinyl]propyl}oxy)phenyl]-1-piperidinyl}carbonyl)benzonitrile (E48)**



- 5 A mixture of 4-[4-({3-[(2*R*)-2-methyl-1-pyrrolidinyl]propyl}oxy)phenyl]piperidine (1.05g; 2 mmol) (D21), triethylamine (1.4 ml; 10mmol) and 4-cyanobenzoyl chloride (0.36g; 2.2 mmol) in dichloromethane (20 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 3 days. The mixture was washed with saturated sodium hydrogen carbonate solution, dried with sodium sulfate and evaporated. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica eluting with 20:1 dichloromethane – 2*M* ammonia in methanol to give a yellow oil (0.4g) MS (ES<sup>+</sup>), m/e 432 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.
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**Example 49**

- 15 **4-[4-({3-[(2*R*)-2-Methyl-1-pyrrolidinyl]propyl}oxy)phenyl]-1-(tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-4-ylcarbonyl)piperidine (E49)**

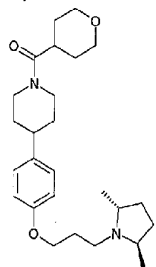


5 A mixture of 3-({4-[1-(tetrahydro-2H-pyran-4-ylcarbonyl)-4-piperidinyl]phenyl}oxy)propyl methanesulfonate (0.15g; 0.35 mmol) (D28), (2R)-2-methylpyrrolidine hydrobromide (0.11g; 0.10 mmol) and potassium carbonate (0.2g; 1.41 mmol) in acetonitrile (20 ml) was heated at 50°C for 18 hours. The mixture was poured into water and extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic extracts were dried with sodium sulfate and evaporated. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica eluting with 200-10-1 dichloromethane – ethanol – 0.88 ammonia solution to give a colourless solid (0.11g; 76%), MS (ES<sup>+</sup>), m/e 415 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.

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**Example 50**

**4-[4-({3-[(2R,5R)-2,5-Dimethyl-1-pyrrolidinyl]propyl}oxy)phenyl]-1-(tetrahydro-2H-pyran-4-ylcarbonyl)piperidine (E50)**



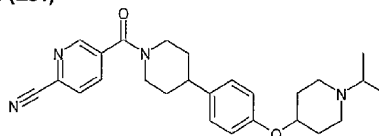
15 A mixture of 3-({4-[1-(tetrahydro-2H-pyran-4-ylcarbonyl)-4-piperidinyl]phenyl}oxy)propyl methanesulfonate (0.15g; 0.35 mmol) (D28), (2R,5R)-2,5-dimethylpyrrolidine hydrobromide (0.11g; 0.64 mmol) and potassium carbonate (0.2g; 1.41 mmol) in acetonitrile (20 ml) was heated at 50°C for 18 hours. The mixture was poured into water and extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic extracts were dried with sodium sulfate and evaporated. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica eluting with 300-10-1 dichloromethane – ethanol – 0.88 ammonia solution to give a colourless solid (60 mg; 40%), MS (ES<sup>+</sup>), m/e 429 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.

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**Example 51**



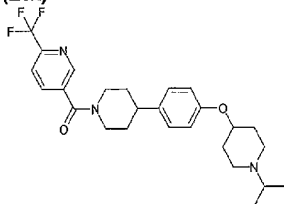
**5-[[4-(4-[[1-(1-Methylethyl)-4-piperidinyl] oxy]phenyl)-1-piperidinyl]carbonyl]-2-pyridinecarbonitrile (E51)**



A mixture of 6-cyano-3-pyridine carboxylic acid (71 mg, 0.48 mmol), 1-hydroxybenzotriazole hydrate (75 mg, 0.48 mmol) and N-cyclohexylcarbodiimide-N'-methyl polystyrene (133 mg, 0.48 mmol, resin loading 1.8mmol/g) in dichloromethane (5ml) was stirred at room temperature for 15 minutes. A solution of 1-(1-methylethyl)-4-[[4-(4-piperidinyl)phenyl] oxy]piperidine (120mg, 0.4mmol) (75 mg, 0.24mmol) (D8) in dichloromethane (3ml) was added and the mixture stirred at room temperature for 24 hours. The mixture was filtered through a SCX column eluting with methanol followed by 10% 0.880 ammonia solution in methanol to elute the product. The residue was purified by silica gel chromatography eluting with a mixture of 0.880 ammonia solution:methanol:dichloromethane (1:9:90) to afford the title compound (28 mg, 27%); MS(ES+) m/e 433 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>. NMR(CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.06 (6H, d), 1.83 (4H, m), 2.00 (4H, m), 2.39 (2H, m), 2.79 (4H, m), 2.91 (H, m), 3.26 (H, m), 3.71 (H, m), 4.27 (H, m), 4.86 (H, m), 6.86 (2H, m), 7.09 (2H, m), 7.77 (H, d), 7.92 (H, d), 8.78 (H, s)

**Example 52**

**5-[[4-(4-[[1-(1-Methylethyl)-4-piperidinyl] oxy]phenyl)-1-piperidinyl]carbonyl]-2-(trifluoromethyl)pyridine (E52)**



A mixture of 6-(trifluoromethyl)-3-pyridinecarboxylic acid (76 mg, 0.40 mmol), 1-hydroxybenzotriazole hydrate (107 mg, 0.79 mmol) and N-cyclohexylcarbodiimide-N'-methyl polystyrene (464 mg, 0.79 mmol, resin loading 1.7 mmol/g) in dichloromethane (5ml) was stirred at room temperature for 15 minutes. A solution of 1-(1-methylethyl)-4-[[4-(4-piperidinyl)phenyl] oxy]piperidine (120mg, 0.4mmol) (100 mg, 0.33 mmol) (D8) in dichloromethane (3ml) was added and the mixture stirred at room temperature for 24 hours. The mixture was filtered through a SCX column eluting with methanol followed by 10% 0.880 ammonia solution in methanol to elute the product. The residue was purified by silica gel chromatography eluting with a mixture of 0.880 ammonia solution :methanol: dichloromethane (1:9:90) to afford the title compound (55 mg, 35%); MS(ES+) m/e 476 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>. NMR(CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.07 (6H, d), 1.83 (4H, m), 2.02 (4H, m), 2.39 (2H, m), 2.77 (4H,

m), 2.91 (H, m), 3.23 (H, m), 3.74 (H, m), 4.27 (H, m), 4.88 (H, m), 6.86 (2H, m), 7.10 (2H, m), 7.76 (H, d), 7.96 (H, d), 8.80 (H, s)

#### Examples 53-56

- 5 Examples 53-56 (E53-56) were prepared from 1-(1-methylethyl)-4-[[4-(4-piperidinyl)phenyl]oxy]piperidine (D8) using an analogous method to that described for Example 11, exchanging 4-fluorobenzoic acid for the appropriate acid indicated in the table below:

Example	Acid	Mass Spectrum
2-[[4-(4-[[1-(1-Methylethyl)-4-piperidinyl]oxy]phenyl)-1-piperidinyl]carbonyl]pyrazine (E53)	2-Pyrazinecarboxylic acid	MS (ES+), m/e 409 [M+H] <sup>+</sup> .
3-[[4-(4-[[1-(1-Methylethyl)-4-piperidinyl]oxy]phenyl)-1-piperidinyl]carbonyl]benzonitrile (E54)	3-Cyano benzoic acid	MS (ES+), m/e 432 [M+H] <sup>+</sup> .
1-(1-Methylethyl)-4-[[4-(1-[[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]carbonyl]-4-piperidinyl]phenyl]oxy]piperidine (E55)	4-Trifluoromethyl benzoic acid	MS (ES+), m/e 475 [M+H] <sup>+</sup> .
6-[[4-(4-[[1-(1-Methylethyl)-4-piperidinyl]oxy]phenyl)-1-piperidinyl]carbonyl]quinoxaline (E56)	6-quinoxaline carboxylic acid	MS (ES+), m/e 459 [M+H] <sup>+</sup> .

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All publications, including but not limited to patents and patent applications, cited in this specification are herein incorporated by reference as if each individual publication were specifically and individually indicated to be incorporated by reference herein as though fully set forth.

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#### Biological Data

A membrane preparation containing histamine H3 receptors may be prepared in accordance with the following procedures:

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#### (i) Generation of histamine H3 cell line

DNA encoding the human histamine H3 gene was cloned into a holding vector, pCDNA3.1 TOPO (Invitrogen) and its cDNA was isolated from this vector by restriction digestion of plasmid DNA with the enzymes BamH1 and Not-1 and ligated into the inducible expression vector pGene (Invitrogen) digested with the same enzymes. The

25 GeneSwitch™ system (a system where in transgene expression is switched off in the absence of an inducer and switched on in the presence of an inducer) was performed as described in US Patent nos: 5,364,791; 5,874,534; and 5,935,934. Ligated DNA was transformed into competent DH5α *E. coli* host bacterial cells and plated onto Luria Broth

(LB) agar containing Zeocin™ (an antibiotic which allows the selection of cells expressing the *sh ble* gene which is present on pGene and pSwitch) at 50µg ml<sup>-1</sup>. Colonies containing the re-ligated plasmid were identified by restriction analysis. DNA for transfection into mammalian cells was prepared from 250ml cultures of the host bacterium containing the pGeneH3 plasmid and isolated using a DNA preparation kit (Qiagen Midi-Prep) as per manufacturers guidelines (Qiagen).

CHO K1 cells previously transfected with the pSwitch regulatory plasmid (Invitrogen) were seeded at 2x10<sup>6</sup> cells per T75 flask in Complete Medium, containing Hams F12 (GIBCOBRL, Life Technologies) medium supplemented with 10% v/v dialysed foetal bovine serum, L-glutamine, and hygromycin (100µg ml<sup>-1</sup>), 24 hours prior to use. Plasmid DNA was transfected into the cells using Lipofectamine plus according to the manufacturers guidelines (Invitrogen). 48 hours post transfection cells were placed into complete medium supplemented with 500µg ml<sup>-1</sup> Zeocin™.

10-14 days post selection 10nM Mifepristone (Invitrogen), was added to the culture medium to induce the expression of the receptor. 18 hours post induction cells were detached from the flask using ethylenediamine tetra-acetic acid (EDTA; 1:5000; Invitrogen), following several washes with phosphate buffered saline pH 7.4 and resuspended in Sorting Medium containing Minimum Essential Medium (MEM), without phenol red, and supplemented with Earles salts and 3% Foetal Clone II (Hyclone).

Approximately 1x 10<sup>7</sup> cells were examined for receptor expression by staining with a rabbit polyclonal antibody, 4a, raised against the N-terminal domain of the histamine H3 receptor, incubated on ice for 60 minutes, followed by two washes in sorting medium. Receptor bound antibody was detected by incubation of the cells for 60 minutes on ice with a goat anti rabbit antibody, conjugated with Alexa 488 fluorescence marker (Molecular Probes). Following two further washes with Sorting Medium, cells were filtered through a 50µm Filcon™ (BD Biosciences) and then analysed on a FACS Vantage SE Flow Cytometer fitted with an Automatic Cell Deposition Unit. Control cells were non-induced cells treated in a similar manner. Positively stained cells were sorted as single cells into 96-well plates, containing Complete Medium containing 500µg ml<sup>-1</sup> Zeocin™ and allowed to expand before reanalysis for receptor expression via antibody and ligand binding studies. One clone, 3H3, was selected for membrane preparation.

#### (ii) Membrane preparation from cultured cells

All steps of the protocol are carried out at 4°C and with pre-cooled reagents. The cell pellet is resuspended in 10 volumes of buffer A2 containing 50mM N-2-hydroxyethylpiperazine-N'-2-ethanesulfonic acid (HEPES) (pH 7.40) supplemented with 10e-4M leupeptin (acetyl-leucyl-leucyl-arginal; Sigma L2884), 25µg/ml bacitracin (Sigma B0125), 1mM ethylenediamine tetra-acetic acid (EDTA), 1mM phenylmethylsulfonyl fluoride (PMSF) and 2x10e-6M pepstain A (Sigma). The cells are then homogenised by 2 x 15 second bursts in a 1 litre glass Waring blender, followed by centrifugation at 500g for 20 minutes. The supernatant is then spun at 48,000g for 30 minutes. The pellet is resuspended in 4 volumes of buffer A2 by vortexing for 5 seconds, followed by

homogenisation in a Dounce homogeniser (10-15 strokes). At this point the preparation is aliquoted into polypropylene tubes and stored at -70°C.

Compounds of the invention may be tested for *in vitro* biological activity in accordance with the following assays:

**(I) Histamine H3 binding assay**

For each compound being assayed, in a white walled clear bottom 96 well plate, is added:-

- 10 (a) 10µl of test compound (or 10µl of iodophenpropit (a known histamine H3 antagonist) at a final concentration of 10mM) diluted to the required concentration in 10% DMSO;
- (b) 10µl <sup>125</sup>I 4-[3-(4-iodophenylmethoxy)propyl]-1H-imidazolium (iodoproxyfan) (Amersham; 1.85MBq/µl or 50µCi/ml; Specific Activity ~2000Ci/mmol) diluted to 200pM
- 15 in assay buffer (50mM Tris(hydroxymethyl)aminomethane buffer (TRIS) pH 7.4, 0.5mM ethylenediamine tetra-acetic acid (EDTA)) to give 20pM final concentration; and
- (c) 80µl bead/membrane mix prepared by suspending Scintillation Proximity Assay (SPA) bead type WGA-PVT at 100mg/ml in assay buffer followed by mixing with membrane (prepared in accordance with the methodology described above) and diluting
- 20 in assay buffer to give a final volume of 80µl which contains 7.5µg protein and 0.25mg bead per well – mixture was pre-mixed at room temperature for 60 minutes on a roller. The plate is shaken for 5 minutes and then allowed to stand at room temperature for 3-4 hours prior to reading in a Wallac Microbeta counter on a 1 minute normalised tritium count protocol. Data was analysed using a 4-parameter logistic equation.

**(II) Histamine H3 functional antagonist assay**

For each compound being assayed, in a white walled clear bottom 96 well plate, is added:-

- 30 (a) 10µl of test compound (or 10µl of guanosine 5'- triphosphate (GTP) (Sigma) as non-specific binding control) diluted to required concentration in assay buffer (20mM N-2-Hydroxyethylpiperazine-N'-2-ethanesulfonic acid (HEPES) + 100mM NaCl + 10mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>, pH7.4 NaOH);
- (b) 60µl bead/membrane/GDP mix prepared by suspending wheat germ agglutinin-polyvinyltoluene (WGA-PVT) scintillation proximity assay (SPA) beads at 100mg/ml in
- 35 assay buffer followed by mixing with membrane (prepared in accordance with the methodology described above) and diluting in assay buffer to give a final volume of 60µl which contains 10µg protein and 0.5mg bead per well – mixture is pre-mixed at 4°C for 30 minutes on a roller and just prior to addition to the plate, 10µM final concentration of guanosine 5' diphosphate (GDP) (Sigma; diluted in assay buffer) is added;
- 40 The plate is incubated at room temperature to equilibrate antagonist with receptor/beads by shaking for 30 minutes followed by addition of:
- (c) 10µl histamine (Tocris) at a final concentration of 0.3µM; and

(d) 20 $\mu$ l guanosine 5' [ $\gamma$ 35-S] thiotriphosphate, triethylamine salt (Amersham; radioactivity concentration = 37kBq/ $\mu$ l or 1mCi/ml; Specific Activity 1160Ci/mmol) diluted to 1.9nM in assay buffer to give 0.38nM final.

5 The plate is then incubated on a shaker at room temperature for 30 minutes followed by centrifugation for 5 minutes at 1500 rpm. The plate is read between 3 and 6 hours after completion of centrifuge run in a Wallac Microbeta counter on a 1 minute normalised tritium count protocol. Data is analysed using a 4-parameter logistic equation. Basal activity used as minimum i.e. histamine not added to well.

# 10 **Results**

The compounds of Examples E1-E53 were tested in the histamine H3 functional antagonist assay and exhibited pK<sub>b</sub> values > 8.0, more particularly, the compounds of Examples E1-E38 exhibited pK<sub>b</sub> values > 8.5, most particularly, the compounds of

15 Examples E12, E51 and E52 exhibited pK<sub>b</sub> values > 9.0.

Throughout this specification and the claims which follow, unless the context requires otherwise, the word "comprise", and variations such as "comprises" and "comprising", will be understood to imply the inclusion of a stated integer or step or group of integers or steps but not the exclusion of any other integer or step or group of integers or steps.

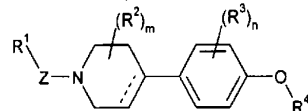
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## THE CLAIMS DEFINING THE INVENTION ARE AS FOLLOWS:

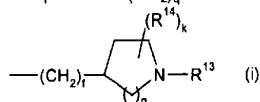
1. A compound of formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof:



5 (I)

wherein:

- R<sup>1</sup> represents -C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl-O-C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, -C<sub>3-8</sub> cycloalkyl, aryl, heterocyclyl, heteroaryl, -C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl-aryl, -C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl-heteroaryl, -C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl-heterocyclyl, -aryl-X-aryl, -aryl-X-heteroaryl, -aryl-X-heterocyclyl, -heteroaryl-X-aryl, -heteroaryl-X-heteroaryl, -heteroaryl-X-heterocyclyl, -heterocyclyl-X-aryl, -heterocyclyl-X-heteroaryl or -heterocyclyl-X-heterocyclyl, wherein said C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, C<sub>3-8</sub> cycloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl and heterocyclyl groups of R<sup>1</sup> may be optionally substituted by one or more (eg. 1, 2 or 3) substituents which may be the same or different, and which are selected from the group consisting of halogen, hydroxy, cyano, nitro, oxo, haloC<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, polyhaloC<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, haloC<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy, polyhaloC<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkylthio, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxyC<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, C<sub>3-7</sub> cycloalkylC<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkanoyl, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy carbonyl, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkylsulfonyl, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkylsulfinyl, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkylsulfonyloxy, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkylsulfonylC<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkylsulfonamidoC<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkylamidoC<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, arylsulfonyl, arylsulfonyloxy, aryloxy, arylsulfonamido, arylcarboxamido, aroyl, or a group NR<sup>15</sup>R<sup>16</sup>, -CONR<sup>15</sup>R<sup>16</sup>, -NR<sup>15</sup>COR<sup>16</sup>, -NR<sup>15</sup>SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>16</sup> or -SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>15</sup>R<sup>16</sup>, wherein R<sup>15</sup> and R<sup>16</sup> independently represent hydrogen or C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl or together form a heterocyclic ring; X represents a bond, O, CO, OCH<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>O or SO<sub>2</sub>; Z represents CO, CONR<sup>10</sup> or SO<sub>2</sub>; R<sup>10</sup> represents hydrogen, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, -C<sub>3-8</sub> cycloalkyl, aryl, heterocyclyl, heteroaryl; --- represents a single or a double bond;
- 25 m and n independently represent 0, 1 or 2; R<sup>2</sup> represents hydrogen, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl or C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy; R<sup>3</sup> represents halogen, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, hydroxy, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy, cyano, amino, -COC<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, -SO<sub>2</sub>C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl or trifluoromethyl; R<sup>4</sup> represents -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>q</sub>-NR<sup>11</sup>R<sup>12</sup> or a group of formula (i):



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wherein q represents 3 or 4;

-NR<sup>11</sup>R<sup>12</sup> represents a heterocyclic group optionally substituted by one or more (eg. 1, 2 or 3) R<sup>17</sup> groups;

R<sup>13</sup> represents C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, C<sub>3-8</sub> cycloalkyl, -C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl-C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy, -C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl-C<sub>3-8</sub> cycloalkyl;

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R<sup>14</sup> and R<sup>17</sup> independently represent halogen, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, haloalkyl, OH or C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy;  
 f is 0 or 1;  
 g is 1 or 2  
 k is 0, 1 or 2

5 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

2. A compound as defined in claim 1 wherein R<sup>1</sup> represents:  
 -aryl optionally substituted by 1 or 2 halogen, haloC<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, cyano or SO<sub>2</sub>Me  
 groups;  
 10 -aryl-X-heterocyclyl;  
 -heteroaryl optionally substituted by 1 or 2 haloC<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl or cyano groups;  
 -heterocyclyl optionally substituted by 1 or 2 oxo groups; or  
 -C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl-O-C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl.

15 3. A compound as defined in claim 2 wherein R<sup>1</sup> represents tetrahydropyranyl, 4-cyanophenyl, 2-cyanopyridin-3-yl or 2-trifluoromethylpyridin-3-yl.

4. A compound as defined in claim 3 wherein R<sup>1</sup> represents 4-cyanophenyl.

20 5. A compound as defined in any one of claims 1 to 4 wherein X and Z both represent CO.

6. A compound as defined in any one of claims 1 to 5 wherein  $\text{---}$  represents a  
 single bond.

25 7. A compound as defined in any one of claims 1 to 6 wherein m and n both represent 0.

8. A compound as defined in any one of claims 1 to 7 wherein R<sup>4</sup> represents -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>q</sub>-  
 30 NR<sup>11</sup>R<sup>12</sup>, q represents 3 and -NR<sup>11</sup>R<sup>12</sup> represents N-piperidinyl or N-pyrrolidinyl optionally  
 substituted by 1 or 2 C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl groups or R<sup>4</sup> represents a group of formula (i) wherein f and  
 k both represent 0, g represents 2 and R<sup>13</sup> represents C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl or C<sub>3-8</sub> cycloalkyl.

9. A compound as defined in claim 8 wherein R<sup>4</sup> represents a group of formula (i)  
 35 wherein f and k both represent 0, g represents 2 and R<sup>13</sup> represents i-propyl.

10. A compound as defined in claim 1 which is:  
 5-[[4-(4-[[1-(1-Methylethyl)-4-piperidinyl] oxy}phenyl)-1-piperidinyl]carbonyl]-2-  
 pyridinecarbonitrile; or

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5-[[4-(4-[[1-(1-Methylethyl)-4-piperidinyl]oxy]phenyl)-1-piperidinyl]carbonyl]-2-(trifluoromethyl)pyridine;  
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

- 5 11. A compound as defined in claim 1 which is:  
4-[[4-(4-[[1-(1-Methylethyl)-4-piperidinyl]oxy]phenyl)-1-piperidinyl] carbonyl] benzonitrile or  
a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.
12. A compound as defined in claim 1 which is:
- 10 1-(1-Methylethyl)-4-[[4-(1-[[4-(1-pyrrolidinylcarbonyl)phenyl]carbonyl]-4-piperidinyl)phenyl]oxy]piperidine or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.
13. A pharmaceutical composition which comprises the compound of formula (I) as defined in any one of claims 1 to 12 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt  
15 thereof and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or excipient.
14. A compound as defined in any one of claims 1 to 12 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof for use in therapy.
- 20 15. A compound as defined in any one of claims 1 to 12 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof for use in the treatment of neurological diseases.
16. A compound as defined in any one of claims 1 to 12 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof for use in the treatment of allergic rhinitis.
- 25 17. Use of a compound as defined in any one of claims 1 to 12 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof in the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment of neurological diseases.
- 30 18. Use of a compound as defined in any one of claims 1 to 12 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof in the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment of allergic rhinitis.
19. A method of treatment of neurological diseases which comprises administering to  
35 a host in need thereof an effective amount of a compound of formula (I) as defined in any one of claims 1 to 12 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.
20. A method of treatment of allergic rhinitis which comprises administering to a host  
40 in need thereof an effective amount of a compound of formula (I) as defined in any one of claims 1 to 12 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.



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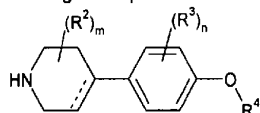
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21. A pharmaceutical composition for use in the treatment of neurological diseases which comprises the compound of formula (I) as defined in any one of claims 1 to 12 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

22. A pharmaceutical composition for use in the treatment of allergic rhinitis which comprises the compound of formula (I) as defined in any one of claims 1 to 12 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or excipient.

23. A process for the preparation of a compound of formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, which process comprises:

- (a) preparing a compound of formula (I) wherein Z represents CO which comprises reacting a compound of formula (II)



(II)

- or an optionally activated or protected derivative thereof, wherein  $\text{---}$ ,  $R^2$ ,  $R^3$ ,  $R^4$ ,  $m$  and  $n$  are as defined in claim 1, with a compound of formula  $R^1\text{-CO-L}^1$ , wherein  $R^1$  is as defined in claim 1 and  $L^1$  represents a suitable leaving group; or
- (b) preparing a compound of formula (I) wherein Z represents  $\text{SO}_2$  which comprises reacting a compound of formula (II), with a compound of formula  $R^1\text{-SO}_2\text{-L}^2$ , wherein  $R^1$  is as defined in claim 1 and  $L^2$  represents a suitable leaving group; or
- (c) preparing a compound of formula (I) wherein Z represents CONH which comprises reacting a compound of formula (II), with a compound of formula  $R^1\text{-N=C=O}$ , wherein  $R^1$  is as defined in claim 1; or
- (d) preparing a compound of formula (I) wherein Z represents  $\text{CONR}^{10}$  which comprises reacting a compound of formula (II), with a compound of formula  $R^1R^{10}\text{-N-L}^3$ , wherein  $R^1$  and  $R^{10}$  are as defined in claim 1 and  $L^3$  represents hydrogen or  $\text{COCl}$ ; or
- (e) deprotecting a compound of formula (I) or converting groups which are protected; and optionally thereafter

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- (f) interconversion to other compounds of formula (I).
24. The process as defined in claim 23 wherein the suitable leaving group defined by L<sup>1</sup> is a suitable halogen atom or an hydroxyl group.
- 5 25. The process as defined in either claim 23 or claim 24 wherein the suitable leaving group as defined by L<sup>2</sup> is a suitable halogen atom.
- 10 26. The process according to claim 25 wherein the halogen atom is chlorine.
27. A compound of formula (I) according to claim 1, substantially as hereinbefore described with reference to the Examples.
- 15 28. A process for preparation of a compound of formula (I) as defined in claim 19, substantially as hereinbefore described with reference to the Examples.