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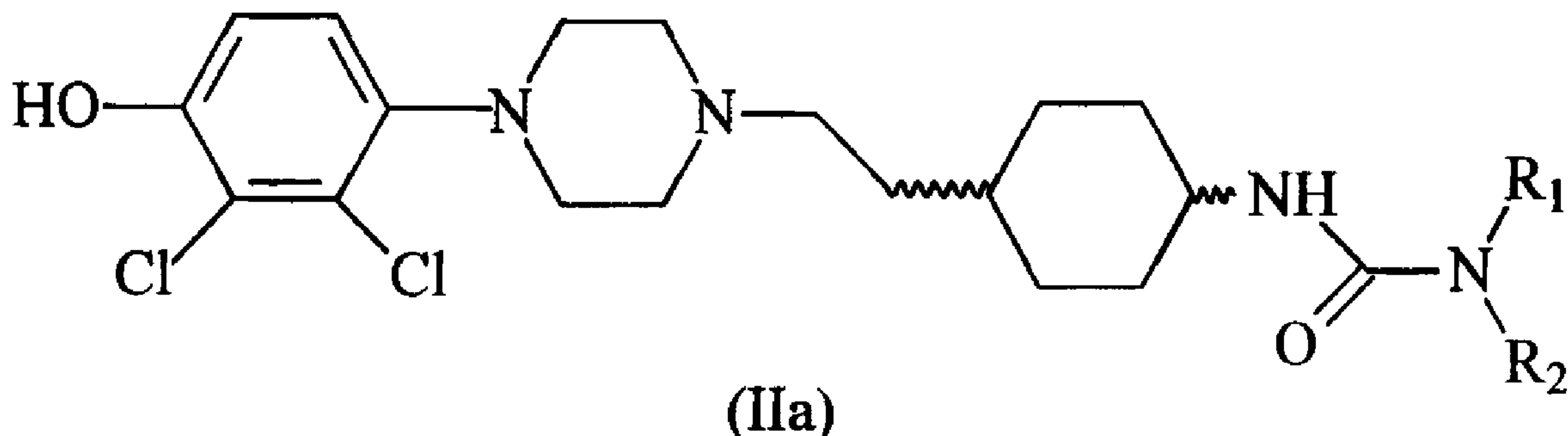
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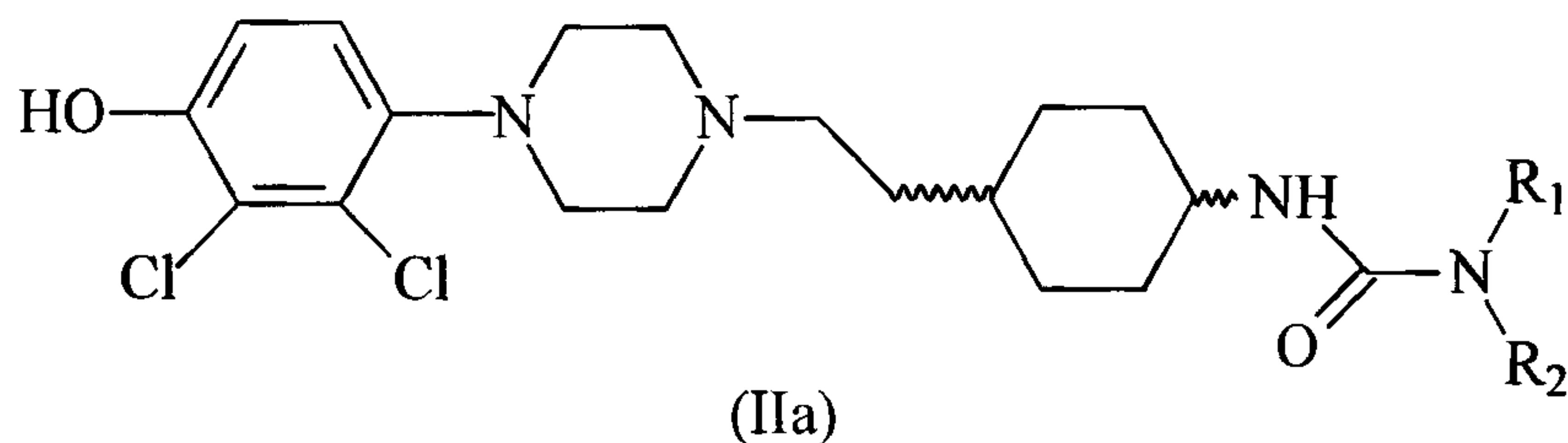
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The present invention relates to metabolites of (thio)-carbamoyl cyclohexane derivatives, particularly, metabolites of trans-4-{2-[4-(2,3-dichlorophenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethyl}-N, N-dimethylcarbamoyl-cyclohexylamine and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, to pharmaceutical compositions containing the same and to their use in the treatment and/or prevention of a conditions which requires, modulation of dopamine receptors. The compounds of the present invention have the general formula (IIa): (see formula IIa) Preferably R₁ and R₂ are both H or CH₃, or one is H and the other CH₃.

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ABSTRACT

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10 Preferably R₁ and R₂ are both H or CH₃, or one is H and the other CH₃.

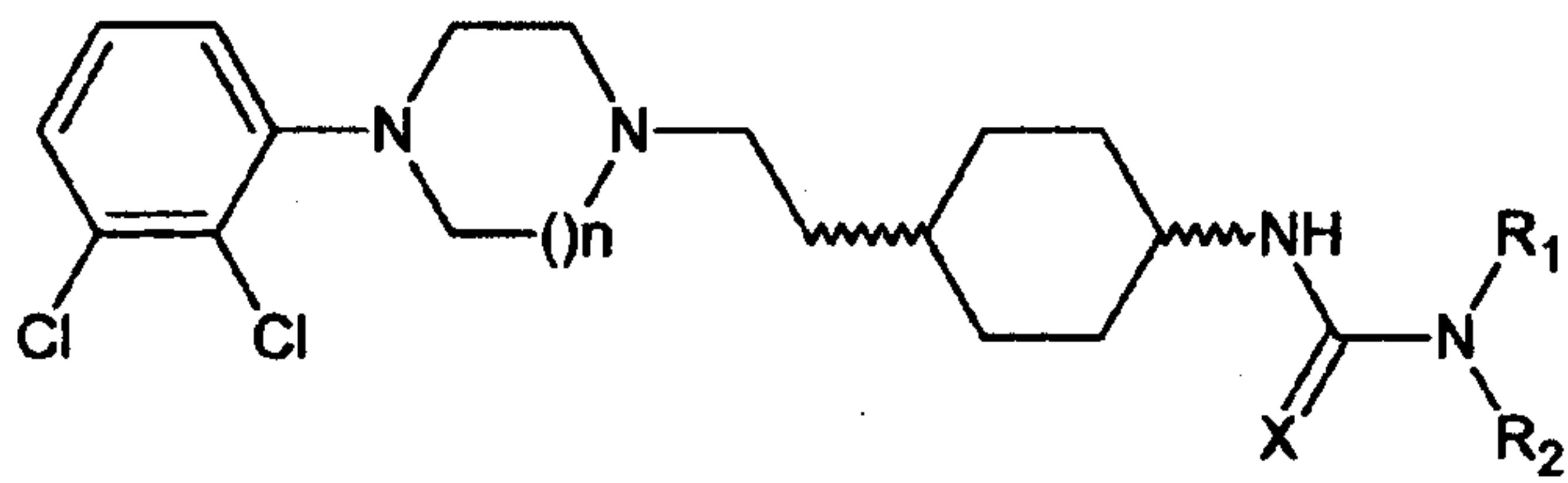
METABOLITES OF (THIO)CARBAMOYL-CYCLOHEXANE DERIVATIVES

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to metabolites of (thio)-carbamoyl cyclohexane derivatives, particularly, metabolites of *trans*-4-{2-[4-(2,3-dichlorophenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethyl}-N,N-dimethylcarbamoyl-cyclohexylamine and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, to pharmaceutical compositions containing the same and to their use in the treatment and/or prevention of a conditions which requires modulation of dopamine receptors.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

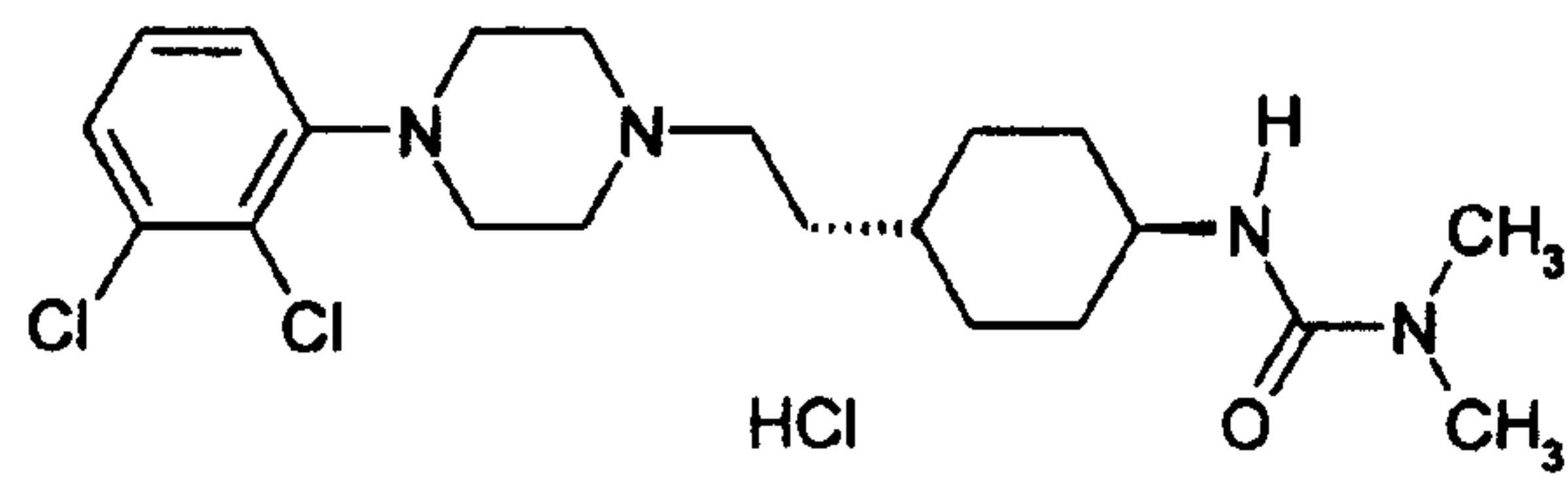
U.S. Patent Publication No. 2006/0229297 discloses (thio)-carbamoyl-cyclohexane derivatives that are D₃ and D₂ dopamine receptor subtype preferring ligands, having the formula (I):



(I)

wherein R₁, R₂, X, and n are as defined therein.

One particular compound disclosed in the Hungarian patent application No. P0700339 is *trans*-4-{2-[4-(2,3-dichlorophenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethyl}-N,N-dimethylcarbamoyl-cyclohexylamine hydrochloride, which is also known as *trans*-1{4-[2-[4-(2,3-dichlorophenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethyl]-cyclohexyl}-3,3-dimethyl-urea hydrochloride, the structural formula for which is shown below:



Trans-4-{2-[4-(2,3-dichlorophenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethyl}-N,N-dimethylcarbamoyl-cyclohexylamine hydrochloride is an orally active and very potent dopamine D₃/D₂ receptor antagonist, which binds with significantly higher potency to D₃ than D₂ receptors. The D₃ receptor antagonism is about one order of magnitude greater than the D₂ receptor antagonism, which is believed to counteract some of the extrapyramidal side effects produced by D₂ receptor antagonists. Another unique feature of *trans*-4-{2-[4-(2,3-dichlorophenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethyl}-N,N-dimethylcarbamoyl-cyclohexylamine hydrochloride is that *in vivo* it acts as a “dopamine system stabilizer.” In this regard, it has preferential dopaminergic actions in the limbic regions and displays both (partial) agonist and antagonist activity on biosynthesis (and release) modulating presynaptic D₂ receptors depending on the functional status of the particular dopaminergic system.

These compounds have high or very high affinity for dopamine D₃ receptors and moderate to high affinity to dopamine D₂ receptors always in such a combination that the D₃ affinity is 5 to 200 fold higher than the D₂ affinity. In addition, the compounds have even higher selectivity over other receptors, such as alpha-1 receptors. The dual (i.e. D₃ and D₂) receptor functional antagonism coupled in the above mentioned particular proportion is especially important as it allows the simultaneous manifestation of the beneficial effects of modulation of *both* the D₃ and D₂ receptors, however, *without* the appearance of the known disadvantages of each individual receptor action.

In addition to the increased relative affinity to dopamine D₃ to D₂, *trans*-4-{2-[4-(2,3-dichlorophenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethyl}-N,N-dimethylcarbamoyl-cyclohexylamine hydrochloride has a low potency at other receptor sites such as the 5-HT_{2C}, histamine H₁, and adrenergic receptor sites, which suggest a lower potential for side effects such as extrapyramidal symptoms (EPS) and body weight gain.

These compounds are useful in the treatment and/or prevention of pathological conditions which require the modulation of dopamine receptors.

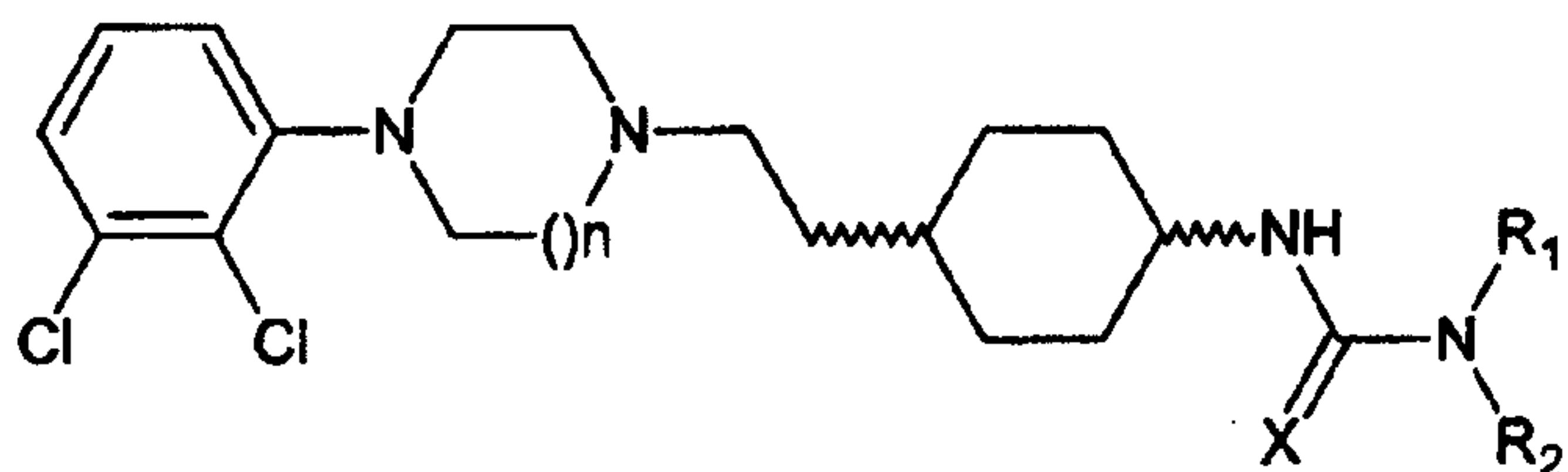
SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to metabolites of (thio)-carbamoyl cyclohexane derivatives, particularly metabolites of *trans*-4-{2-[4-(2,3-dichlorophenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-

ethyl}-N,N-dimethylcarbamoyl-cyclohexylamine and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, to pharmaceutical compositions containing the same and to their use in therapy and/or prevention of a conditions which requires modulation of dopamine receptors.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to isolated and/or purified and/or synthetized metabolites of compounds of formula (I):



(I)

wherein

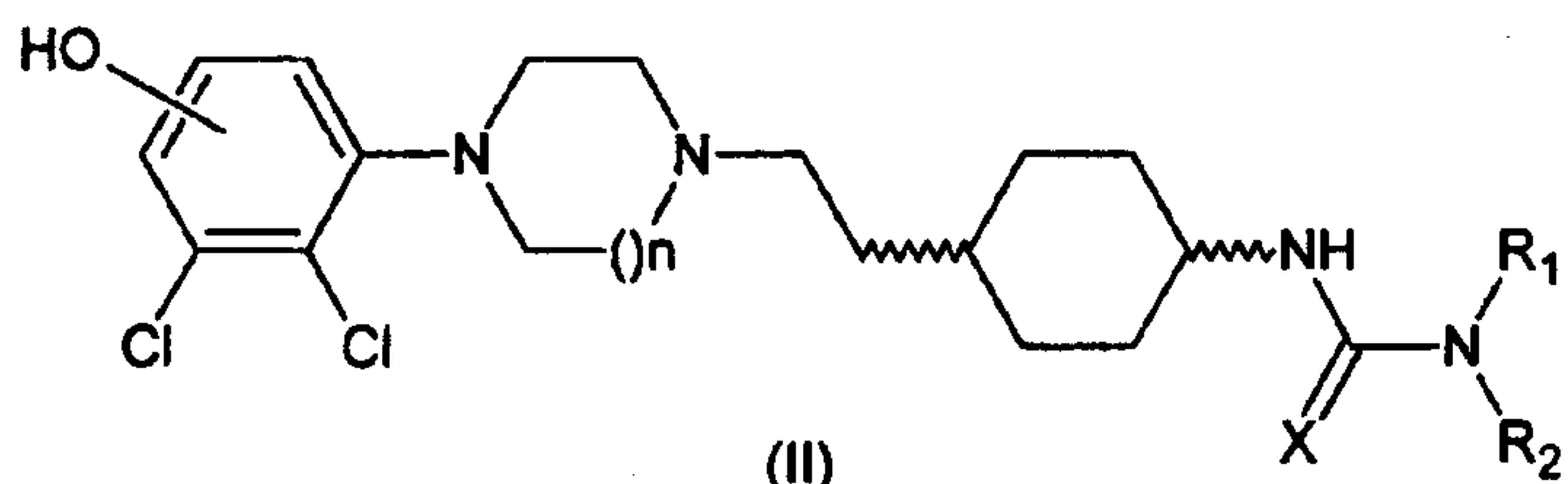
R₁ and R₂ are each, independently hydrogen, alkyl, alkenyl, aryl, cycloalkyl, aroyl, or R₁ and R₂ form a heterocyclic ring with the adjacent nitrogen atom;

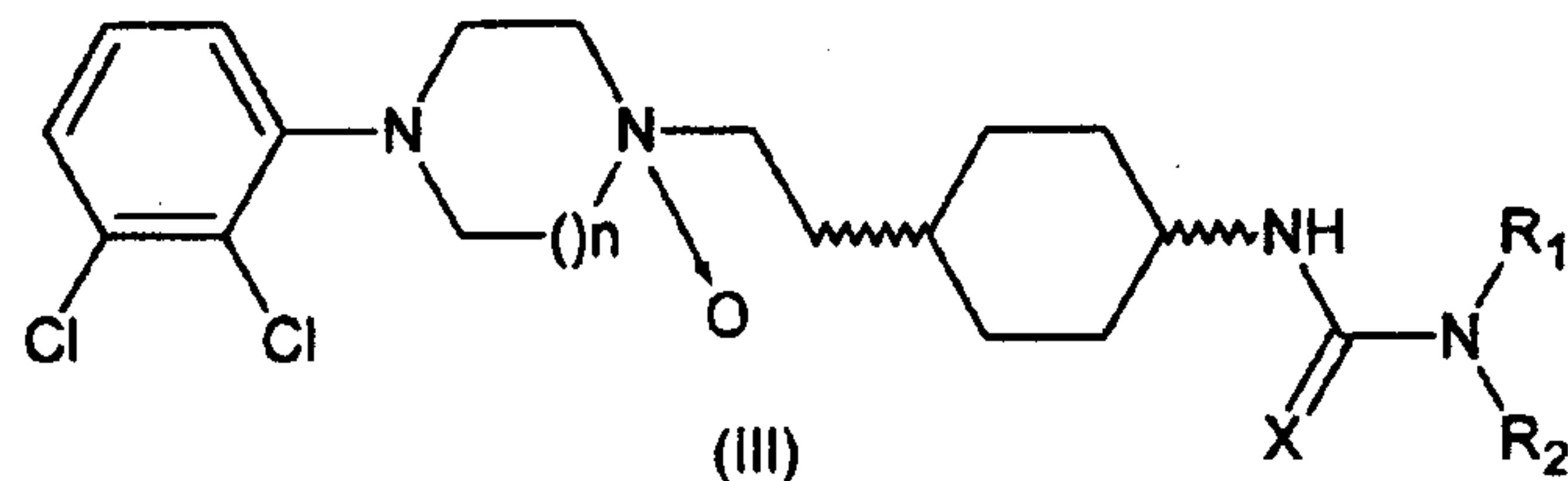
X is O or S;

n is 1 or 2;

and/or geometric isomers and/or stereoisomers and/or diastereomers and/or salts and/or hydrates and/or solvates and/or polymorphs thereof.

In certain embodiments, the present invention relates to compounds of formulae (II) and/or (III):





wherein

R_1 and R_2 , are each, independently, hydrogen, alkyl, alkenyl, aryl, cycloalkyl, or aroyl, or R_1 and R_2 independently form a heterocyclic ring with the adjacent nitrogen atom;

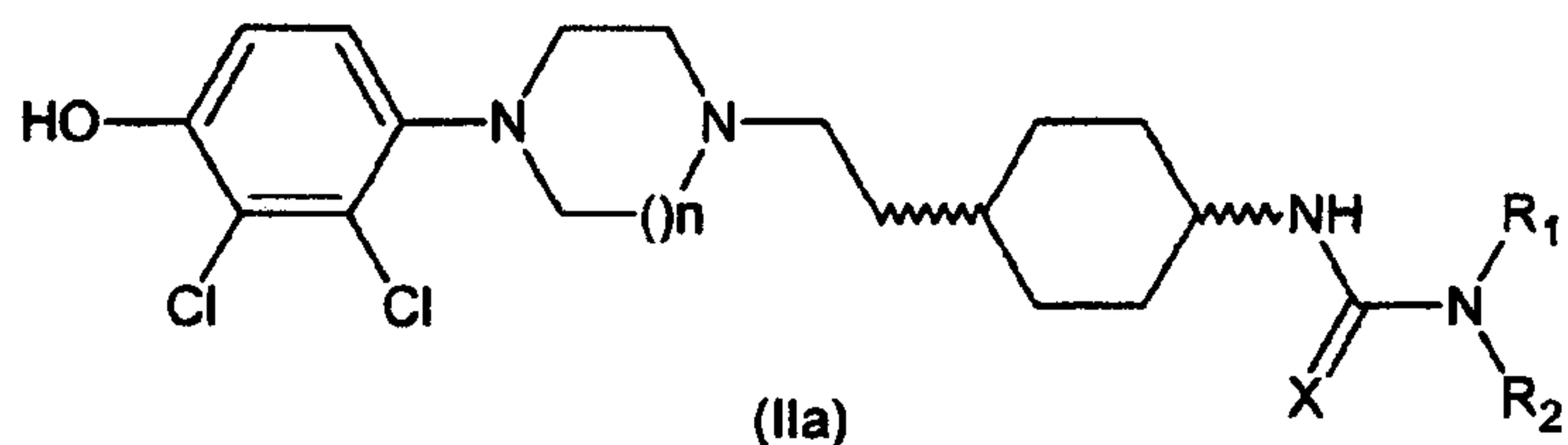
X is O or S;

n is 1 or 2;

and/or geometric isomers and/or stereoisomers and/or diastereomers and/or salts and/or hydrates and/or solvates and/or polymorphs thereof.

In one embodiment, the compounds of formulae (II) and/or (III) are in purified form. In another embodiment, the compounds of formulae (II) and/or (III) are present in substantially pure form. In a further embodiment, the compounds of formulae (II) and/or (III) are isolated and/or synthetized.

In one embodiment, compounds of formula (II) are represented by formula (IIa):



wherein R_1 , R_2 , X and n are as defined above for formula (II).

In certain embodiments, when R_1 and/or R_2 represent alkyl, the alkyl moiety is a substituted or unsubstituted saturated hydrocarbon radical which may be straight-chain or branched-chain and contains about 1 to about 6 carbon atoms (particularly, 1 to 4 carbon atoms), and is optionally substituted with one or more C_{1-6} alkoxy carbonyl, aryl (e.g., phenyl) or (C_{1-6} alkoxy carbonyl)- C_{1-6} alkyl groups, or combinations thereof.

In additional embodiments, R₁ and R₂ form a heterocyclic ring with the adjacent nitrogen atom, which may be a saturated or unsaturated, optionally substituted, monocyclic or bicyclic ring, which may contain further heteroatoms selected from O, N, or S. For example, the heterocyclic ring can be pyrrolidine, piperazine, piperidine or morpholine.

In additional embodiments, when R₁ and/or R₂ represent alkenyl, the alkenyl moiety may have 2 to 7 carbon atoms and 1 to 3 double bonds.

In additional embodiments, when R₁ and/or R₂ represent aryl, the aryl moiety may be selected from an optionally substituted mono-, bi- or tricyclic aryl, such as, but not limited to, phenyl, naphthyl, fluorononyl, or anthraquinonyl group (e.g., phenyl or naphthyl). The aryl moiety may be substituted with one or more C₁₋₆ alkoxy, trifluoro-C₁₋₆ alkoxy, C₁₋₆ alkoxycarbonyl, C₁₋₆ alkanoyl, aryl, C₁₋₆ alkylthio, halogen, cyano groups or combinations thereof.

In additional embodiments, when R₁ and/or R₂ represent cycloalkyl, the cycloalkyl moiety may be selected from an optionally substituted mono-, bi- or tricyclic cycloalkyl group, such as cyclohexyl or adamantyl.

In additional embodiments, when R₁ and/or R₂ represent aroyl the aryl moiety therein is as defined above, e.g., phenyl.

In certain embodiments, the present invention relates to compounds of formulae (II) and/or (III) wherein

R₁ and R₂ are each, independently hydrogen, C₁₋₆ alkyl with straight or branched chain optionally substituted with one or more C₁₋₆ alkoxycarbonyl, aryl or (C₁₋₆ alkoxycarbonyl)-C₁₋₆ alkyl group, C₂₋₇ alkenyl with 1 to 3 double bonds, a mono-, bi- or tricyclic aryl optionally substituted with one or more C₁₋₆ alkoxy, trifluoro-C₁₋₆-alkoxy, C₁₋₆ alkoxycarbonyl, C₁₋₆ alkanoyl, aryl, C₁₋₆ alkylthio, halogen, cyano, an optionally substituted mono-, bi- or tricyclic cycloalkyl, aroyl, or R₁ and/or R₂ form a heterocyclic ring with the adjacent nitrogen atom, which may be saturated or unsaturated optionally substituted monocyclic or bicyclic ring, which may contain further heteroatoms selected from O, N, or S;

X is O or S; and

n is 1 or 2.

In further embodiments, the present invention relates to compounds of formula (II) and/or (III) wherein

R_1 and R_2 are each, independently hydrogen, C_{1-6} alkyl with straight or branched chain and optionally substituted with one or more C_{1-6} alkoxy carbonyl, phenyl or (C_{1-6} alkoxy carbonyl)- C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{2-7} alkenyl with 1 double bond, phenyl or naphthyl optionally substituted with one or more C_{1-6} alkoxy, trifluoro- C_{1-6} alkoxy, C_{1-6} alkoxy carbonyl, C_{1-6} alkanoyl, aryl, C_{1-6} alkylthio, halogen, cyano, cyclohexyl, adamantyl, benzoyl, or R_1 and/or R_2 form a heterocyclic ring with the adjacent nitrogen atom, which may be saturated optionally by C_{1-6} alkyl or hydroxy substituted monocyclic ring, which may contain further heteroatoms selected from O or N;

X is O or S; and

n is 1 or 2.

In additional embodiments, the present invention relates to compounds of formulae (II) and/or (III) wherein

R_1 and R_2 are each, independently hydrogen, C_{1-6} alkyl with straight or branched chain optionally substituted with C_{1-6} alkoxy carbonyl or phenyl, allyl, phenyl optionally substituted with one or more C_{1-6} alkoxy, cyano or C_{1-6} alkanoyl, cyclohexyl, or R_1 and/or R_2 form with the adjacent nitrogen atom an optionally by C_{1-6} alkyl or hydroxy substituted pyrrolidine, piperazine, piperidine or morpholine ring;

X is O or S; and

n is 1.

In additional embodiments, R_1 and R_2 are each, independently, selected from hydrogen or alkyl (e.g., methyl).

In further embodiments, the present invention relates to compounds of formulae (II) and/or (III) wherein R_1 and R_2 are each, independently, hydrogen or methyl (e.g., R_1 and R_2 are both hydrogen, one of R_1 and R_2 is hydrogen and the other is methyl, R_1 and R_2 are both methyl).

In a further embodiment, the present invention relates to metabolites of *trans*-4-{2-[4-(2,3-dichlorophenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethyl}-N,N-dimethylcarbamoyl-cyclohexylamine,

and/or geometric isomers and/or stereoisomers and/or diastereomers and/or salts and/or hydrates and/or solvates and/or polymorphs thereof.

In certain embodiments, the metabolite can be a glucuronide, an oxidation compound, a monohydroxylated compound or a sulphate conjugate.

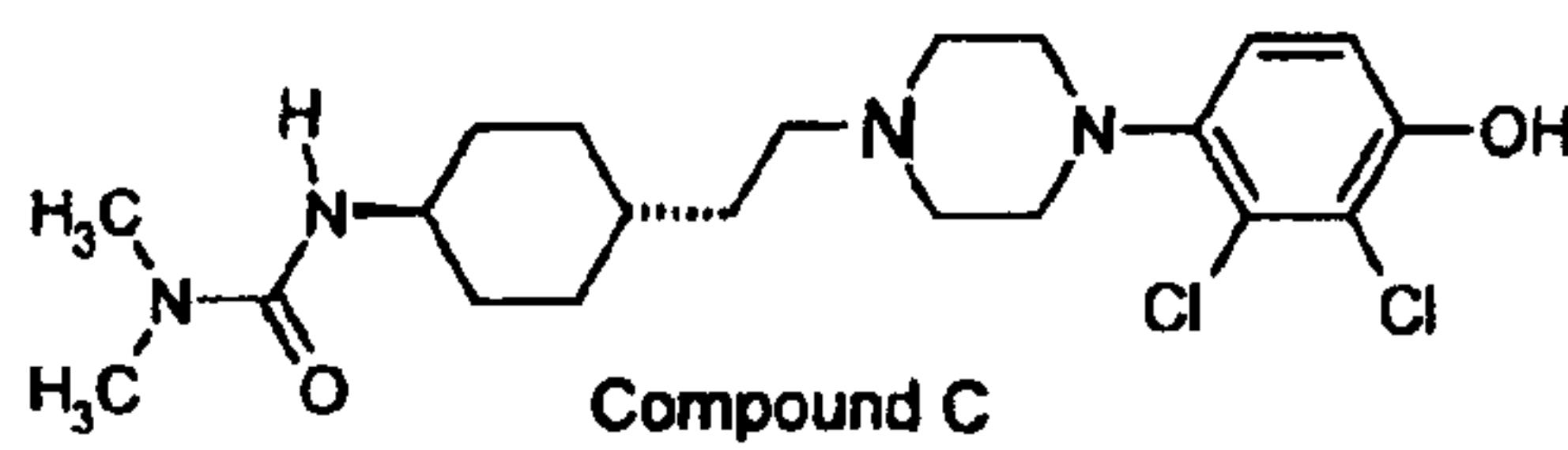
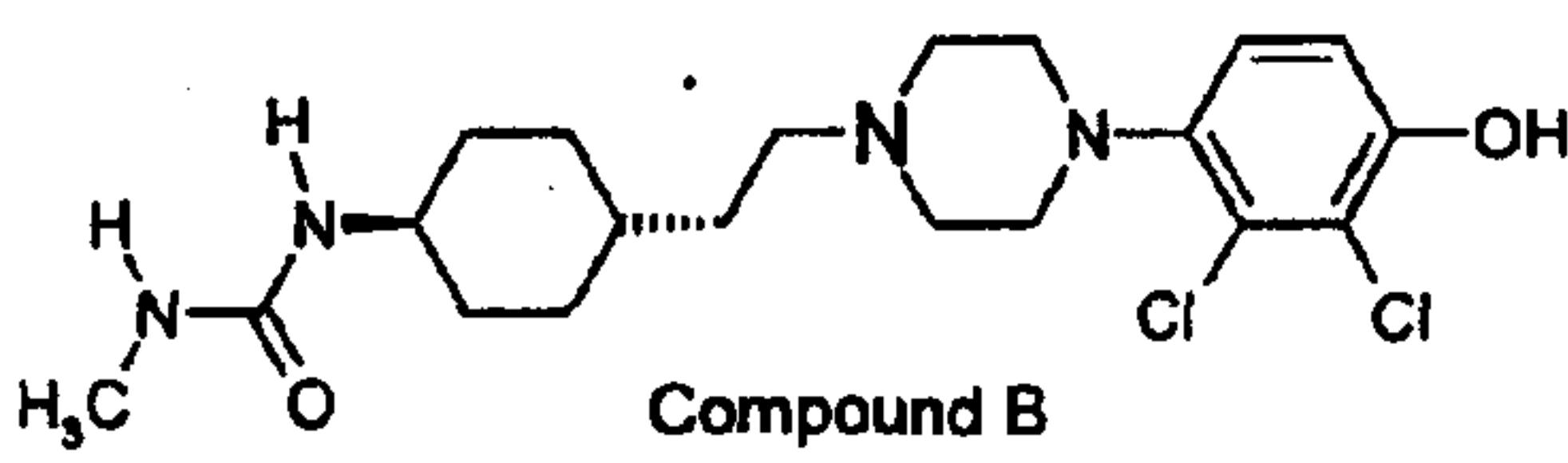
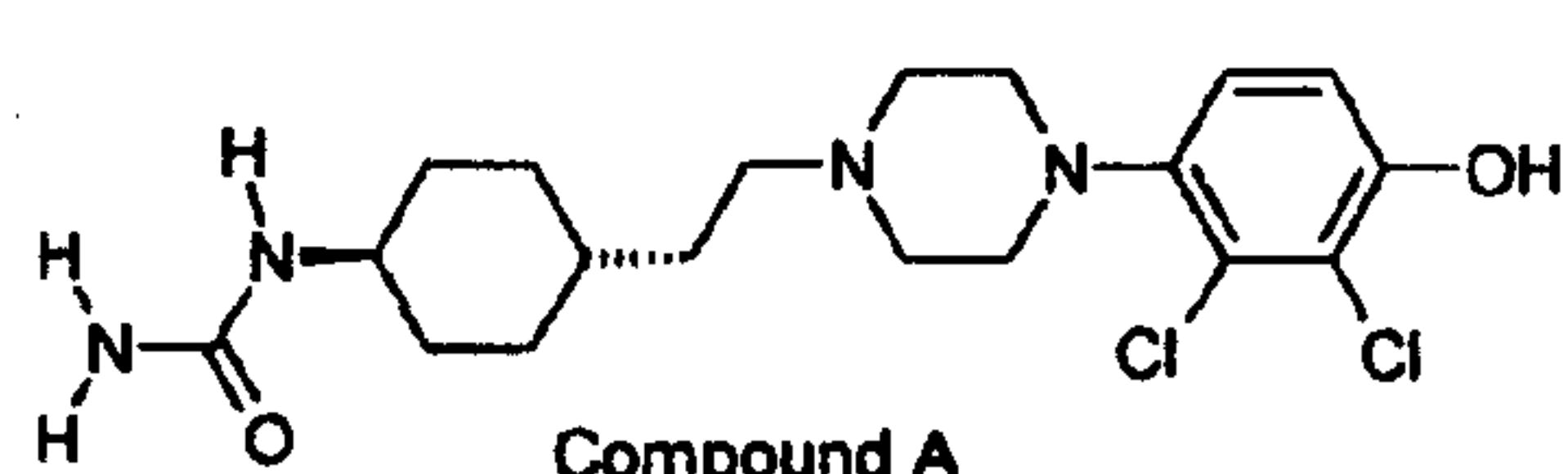
In one embodiment, the metabolites of *trans*-4-{2-[4-(2,3-dichlorophenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethyl}-N,N-dimethylcarbamoyl-cyclohexylamine are present in substantially pure form.

In another embodiment, the metabolites of *trans*-4-{2-[4-(2,3-dichlorophenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethyl}-N,N-dimethylcarbamoyl-cyclohexylamine are isolated.

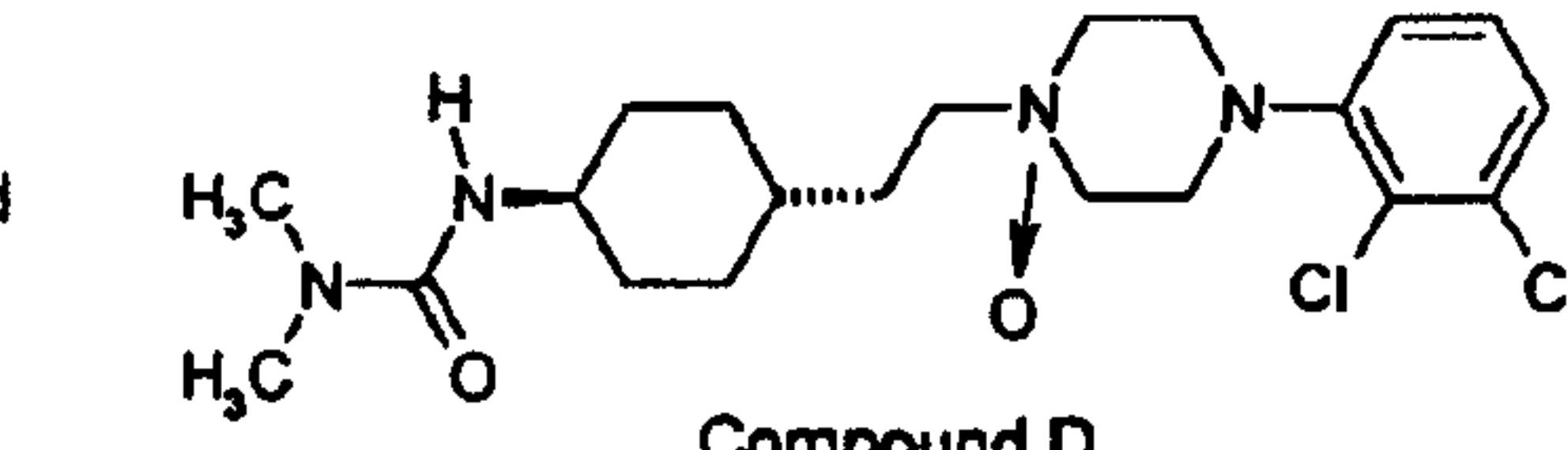
In another embodiment, the metabolites of *trans*-4-{2-[4-(2,3-dichlorophenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethyl}-N,N-dimethylcarbamoyl-cyclohexylamine are in purified form.

In another embodiment, the metabolites of *trans*-4-{2-[4-(2,3-dichlorophenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethyl}-N,N-dimethylcarbamoyl-cyclohexylamine are synthetized.

In another embodiment, the metabolite of the present invention is selected from:



and



and/or geometric isomers and/or stereoisomers and/or diastereomers and/or salts and/or hydrates and/or solvates and/or polymorphs thereof.

Pharmaceutically Acceptable Salts

Pharmaceutically acceptable salts include those obtained by reacting the main compound, functioning as a base with an inorganic or organic acid to form a salt, for example, salts of hydrochloric acid, sulfuric acid, phosphoric acid, methane sulfonic acid, camphor

sulfonic acid, oxalic acid, maleic acid, succinic acid, citric acid, formic acid, hydrobromic acid, benzoic acid, tartaric acid, fumaric acid, salicylic acid, mandelic acid, and carbonic acid. Pharmaceutically acceptable salts also include those in which the main compound functions as an acid and is reacted with an appropriate base to form, e.g., sodium, potassium, calcium, magnesium, ammonium, and choline salts. Those skilled in the art will further recognize that acid addition salts of the claimed compounds may be prepared by reaction of the compounds with the appropriate inorganic or organic acid via any of a number of known methods. Alternatively, alkali and alkaline earth metal salts can be prepared by reacting the compounds of the invention with the appropriate base via a variety of known methods.

The following are further examples of acid salts that can be obtained by reaction with inorganic or organic acids: acetates, adipates, alginates, citrates, aspartates, benzoates, benzenesulfonates, bisulfates, butyrates, camphorates, digluconates, cyclopentanepropionates, dodecylsulfates, ethanesulfonates, glucoheptanoates, glycerophosphates, hemisulfates, heptanoates, hexanoates, fumarates, hydrobromides, hydroiodides, 2-hydroxyethanesulfonates, lactates, maleates, methanesulfonates, nicotinates, 2-naphthalenesulfonates, oxalates, palmoates, pectinates, persulfates, 3-phenylpropionates, picrates, pivalates, propionates, succinates, tartrates, thiocyanates, tosylates, mesylates and undecanoates.

In one embodiment, the pharmaceutically acceptable salt is a hydrochloride salt.

One of ordinary skill in the art will also recognize that some of the compounds useful in the present invention can exist in different polymorphic forms. As known in the art, polymorphism is an ability of a compound to crystallize as more than one distinct crystalline or "polymorphic" species. A polymorph is a solid crystalline phase of a compound with at least two different arrangements or polymorphic forms of that compound molecule in the solid state. Polymorphic forms of any given compound are defined by the same chemical formula or composition and are as distinct in chemical structure as crystalline structures of two different chemical compounds. The use of such polymorphs is within the scope of the present invention.

One of ordinary skill in the art will further recognize that some of the compounds useful in the present invention can exist in different solvate forms. Solvates of the compounds of the invention may also form when solvent molecules are incorporated into the crystalline

lattice structure of the compound molecule during the crystallization process. For example, suitable solvates include hydrates, e.g., monohydrates, dihydrates, sesquihydrates, and hemihydrates. The use of such solvates is within the scope of the present invention.

One of ordinary skill in the art will further recognize that the compounds of formulae (II) and/or (III) can exist in the form of *cis* and *trans* isomers with respect to the configuration of the cyclohexane ring. These and their mixtures are likewise within the scope of the present invention. The compounds of the invention are preferably in *trans* configuration.

Certain compounds of formulae (II) and/or (III) when the compound contains C₂₋₇ alkenyl group can exist in the form of *cis*- and/or *trans*- isomers. These are likewise within the scope of the present invention including all such isomers and the mixtures thereof.

Certain compounds of formulae (II) and/or (III) can exist as stereoisomers and diastereomers, too. These and the mixtures thereof are likewise within the scope of the present invention.

As the invention relates also to the salts of compounds of formulae (II) and/or (III) formed with acids, especially the salts formed with pharmaceutically acceptable acids, the meaning of a compound of formulae (II) and/or (III) is independently either the free base or the salt even if it is not referred to separately.

One of ordinary skill in the art will recognize that compounds of formulae (II) and/or (III) can exist in different tautomeric and geometrical isomeric forms. All of these compounds, including *cis* isomers, *trans* isomers, diastereomic mixtures, racemates, nonracemic mixtures of enantiomers, substantially pure, and pure enantiomers, are within the scope of the present invention. Substantially pure enantiomers contain no more than 5% w/w of the corresponding opposite enantiomer, preferably no more than 2%, most preferably no more than 1%.

The optical isomers can be obtained by resolution of the racemic mixtures according to conventional processes, for example, by the formation of diastereoisomeric salts using an optically active acid or base or formation of covalent diastereomers. Examples of appropriate acids are tartaric, diacetyl tartaric, dibenzoyl tartaric, ditoluoyl tartaric and camphorsulfonic acid. Mixtures of diastereoisomers can be separated into their individual diastereomers on the

basis of their physical and/or chemical differences by methods known to those skilled in the art, for example, by chromatography or fractional crystallization. The optically active bases or acids are then liberated from the separated diastereomeric salts. A different process for separation of optical isomers involves the use of chiral chromatography (e.g., chiral HPLC columns), with or without conventional derivation, optimally chosen to maximize the separation of the enantiomers. Suitable chiral HPLC columns are manufactured by Diacel, e.g., Chiracel OD and Chiracel OJ among many others, all routinely selectable. Enzymatic separations, with or without derivitization, are also useful. The optically active compounds of formulae (II) and/or (III) can likewise be obtained by utilizing optically active starting materials in chiral synthesis processes under reaction conditions which do not cause racemization.

In addition, one of ordinary skill in the art will recognize that the compounds can be used in different enriched isotopic forms, e.g., enriched in the content of ²H, ³H, ¹¹C, ¹³C and/or ¹⁴C. In one particular embodiment, the compounds are deuterated. Such deuterated forms can be made by the procedure described in U.S. Patent Nos. 5,846,514 and 6,334,997. As described in U.S. Patent Nos. 5,846,514 and 6,334,997, deuteration can improve the efficacy and increase the duration of action of drugs.

Deuterium substituted compounds can be synthesized using various methods such as described in: Dean, Dennis C.; Editor. Recent Advances in the Synthesis and Applications of Radiolabeled Compounds for Drug Discovery and Development. [In: Curr., Pharm. Des., 2000; 6(10)] (2000), 110 pp. CAN 133:68895 AN 2000:473538 CAPLUS; Kabalka, George W.; Varma, Rajender S. The synthesis of radiolabeled compounds via organometallic intermediates. Tetrahedron (1989), 45(21), 6601-21, CODEN: TETRAB ISSN:0040-4020. CAN 112:20527 AN 1990:20527 CAPLUS; and Evans, E. Anthony. Synthesis of radiolabeled compounds, J. Radioanal. Chem. (1981), 64(1-2), 9-32. CODEN: JRACBN ISSN:0022-4081, CAN 95:76229 AN 1981:476229 CAPLUS.

Where applicable, the present invention also relates to useful forms of the compounds as disclosed herein, such as base free forms, and pharmaceutically acceptable salts or prodrugs of all the compounds of the present invention for which salts or prodrugs can be prepared.

Compositions

The present invention also includes pharmaceutical compositions of the metabolites of the present invention, containing, for example, one or more pharmaceutically acceptable carriers.

Numerous standard references are available that describe procedures for preparing various formulations suitable for administering the compounds according to the invention. Examples of potential formulations and preparations are contained, for example, in the *Handbook of Pharmaceutical Excipients*, American Pharmaceutical Association (current edition); *Pharmaceutical Dosage Forms: Tablets* (Lieberman, Lachman and Schwartz, editors) current edition, published by Marcel Dekker, Inc., as well as *Remington's Pharmaceutical Sciences* (Arthur Osol, editor), 1553-1593 (current edition).

Administration of the compounds of formulae (II) and/or (III) of the present invention may be accomplished according to patient needs, for example, orally, nasally, parenterally (subcutaneously, intraveneously, intramuscularly, intrasternally and by infusion) by inhalation, rectally, vaginally, topically and by ocular administration.

Various solid oral dosage forms can be used for administering the compounds of formulae (II) and/or (III) of the invention including such solid forms as tablets, gelcaps, capsules, caplets, granules, lozenges and bulk powders. The polymorphs and solvates of the present invention can be administered alone or combined with various pharmaceutically acceptable carriers, diluents (such as sucrose, mannitol, lactose, starches) and excipients known in the art, including but not limited to suspending agents, solubilizers, buffering agents, binders, disintegrants, preservatives, colorants, flavorants, lubricants and the like. Time release capsules, tablets and gels are also advantageous in administering the compounds of the present invention.

Various liquid oral dosage forms can also be used for administering the compounds of formulae (II) and/or (III), including aqueous and non-aqueous solutions, emulsions, suspensions, syrups, and elixirs. Such dosage forms can also contain suitable inert diluents known in the art such as water and suitable excipients known in the art such as preservatives, wetting agents, sweeteners, flavorants, as well as agents for emulsifying and/or suspending

the compounds of the invention. The polymorphs and solvates of the present invention may be injected, for example, intravenously, in the form of an isotonic sterile solution. Other preparations are also possible.

Suppositories for rectal administration of the compounds of formulae (II) and/or (III) of the present invention can be prepared by mixing the compound with a suitable excipient such as cocoa butter, salicylates and polyethylene glycols. Formulations for vaginal administration can be in the form of a pessary, tampon, cream, gel, past foam, or spray formula containing, in addition to the active ingredient, such suitable carriers as are known in the art.

For topical administration, the pharmaceutical composition can be in the form of creams, ointments, liniments, lotions, emulsions, suspensions, gels, solutions, pastes, powders, sprays, and drops suitable for administration to the skin, eye, ear or nose. Topical administration may also involve transdermal administration via means such as transdermal patches.

Aerosol formulations suitable for administering via inhalation also can be made. For example, for treatment of disorders of the respiratory tract, the compounds according to the invention can be administered by inhalation in the form of a powder (e.g., micronized) or in the form of atomized solutions or suspensions. The aerosol formulation can be placed into a pressurized acceptable propellant.

The invention also provides the use of a compound of present invention in the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment of conditions which require modulation of a dopamine receptor, particularly, a dopamine D₃ and/or D₂ receptor.

The present invention further provides methods for treating a condition which requires modulation of a dopamine receptor, particularly, a dopamine D₃ and/or D₂ receptor. In further embodiments, the present invention provides methods for treating a condition which requires modulation of a dopamine D₃ and/or D₂ receptor utilizing one or more compounds of the present invention.

Dysfunction of the dopaminergic neurotransmitter system is involved in the pathology of several neuropsychiatric and neurodegenerative disorders, such as schizophrenia, drug

abuse and Parkinson's disease, respectively. The effect of dopamine is mediated via at least five distinct dopamine receptors belonging to the D₁ - (D₁, D₅) or the D₂ - (D₂, D₃, D₄) families. D₃ receptors have been shown to have characteristic distribution in the cerebral dopaminergic systems. Namely, high densities were found in certain limbic structures, such as nucleus accumbens and islands of Calleja. Therefore, preferential targeting of the D₃ receptors may be a promising approach for more selective modulation of dopaminergic functions and consequently for successful therapeutic intervention in several abnormalities, such as schizophrenia, emotional or cognitive dysfunctions and addiction (see, e.g., Sokoloff, P. *et al.*: *Nature*, 1990, 347, 146; Schwartz, J. C., *et al.*: *Clin. Neuropharmacol.* 1993, 16, 295; Levant, B.: *Pharmacol. Rev.* 1997, 49, 231), addiction (see, e.g., Pilla, C. *et al.*: *Nature* 1999, 400, 371) and Parkinson's disease (see, e.g., Levant, B. *et al.*: *CNS Drugs* 1999, 12, 391) or pain (see, e.g., Levant, B. *et al.*: *Neurosci. Lett.* 2001, 303, 9).

The dopamine D₂ receptors are widely distributed in the brain and are known to be involved in numerous physiological functions and pathological states. D₂ antagonists are widely used drugs as antipsychotics, for example. However, it is also well known that massive antagonism of the D₂ receptors leads to unwanted side-effects such as extrapyramidal motor symptoms, psychomotor sedation or cognitive disturbances. These side effects seriously restrict the therapeutic utilization of D₂ antagonist compounds. (Wong A. H. C. *et al.*: *Neurosci. Biobehav. Rev.* 2003, 27, 269.)

In a further aspect, the present invention provides a method of treating conditions which require preferential modulation of dopamine D₃ and/or D₂ receptors, for example psychoses (e.g. schizophrenia, schizo-affective disorders), cognitive impairment accompanying schizophrenia, mild-to-moderate cognitive deficits, dementia, psychotic states associated with dementia, psychotic depression, mania, paranoid and delusional disorders, obsessive compulsive disorders, dyskinetic disorders such as Parkinson's disease, neuroleptic induced parkinsonism, tardive dyskinesia, eating disorders (e.g. bulimia nervosa), attention deficit disorders, hyperactivity disorders in children, depression, anxiety, sexual dysfunction, sleep disorders, emesis, aggression, autism and drug abuse, which comprises administering to a subject in need thereof an effective amount of a compound and/or composition of the present invention.

A preferred use for D₃/D₂ antagonists with D₃ preference according to the present invention is in the treatment of schizophrenia, schizo-affective disorders, cognitive impairment accompanying schizophrenia, mild-to-moderate cognitive deficits, dementia, psychotic states associated with dementia, psychotic depression, mania, paranoid and delusional disorders, obsessive compulsive disorders, dyskinetic disorders such as Parkinson's disease, neuroleptic induced parkinsonism, depression, anxiety, drug abuse (e.g. cocaine, alcohol, nicotine abuse).

The particular combination of the two receptor-actions described above allows the simultaneous manifestation of the beneficial actions of both the D₃ antagonism (e.g. cognitive enhancer effect, inhibition of extrapyramidal motor symptoms, inhibitory action on drug abuse) and the D₂ antagonism (e.g. antipsychotic effect). Furthermore, the same combination surprisingly results in canceling out the disadvantageous features of D₂ antagonism (e.g. extrapyramidal symptoms, psychomotor sedation, cognitive disturbances).

The term "substantially pure" means a compound having a purity greater than, e.g., about 90 % by weight, for example, greater than about 91 % by weight, greater than about 92 % by weight, greater than about 93 % by weight, greater than about 94 % by weight, greater than about 95 % by weight, greater than about 96 % by weight, greater than about 97 % by weight, greater than about 97.5 % by weight, greater than about 98 % by weight, greater than about 99 % by weight, greater than about 99.5 % by weight, or greater than about 99.9 % by weight. One of ordinary skill in the art would readily appreciate various methods by which the purity of a particular compound could be determined.

The term "treating" means to relieve, alleviate, delay, reduce, reverse, improve or prevent at least one symptom of a condition in a subject. The term "treating" may also mean to arrest, delay the onset (i.e., the period prior to clinical manifestation of a disease) and/or reduce the risk of developing or worsening a condition.

An "effective amount" means the amount of a compounds of the present invention that, when administered to a patient (e.g., a mammal) for treating a disease, is sufficient to effect such treatment for the disease, or an amount of a compound that is sufficient for modulating a dopamine receptor (particularly, the dopamine D₂ and/or dopamine D₃ receptor)

to achieve the objectives of the invention. The "effective amount" will vary depending on the compound, the disease and its severity and the age, weight, etc., of the patient to be treated.

A subject or patient in whom administration of the therapeutic compound is an effective therapeutic regimen for a disease or disorder is preferably a human, but can be any animal, including a laboratory animal in the context of a clinical trial or screening or activity experiment. Thus, as can be readily appreciated by one of ordinary skill in the art, the methods, compounds and compositions of the present invention are particularly suited to administration to any animal, particularly a mammal, and including, but by no means limited to, humans, domestic animals, such as feline or canine subjects, farm animals, such as but not limited to bovine, equine, caprine, ovine, and porcine subjects, wild animals (whether in the wild or in a zoological garden), research animals, such as mice, rats, rabbits, goats, sheep, pigs, dogs, cats, etc., avian species, such as chickens, turkeys, songbirds, etc., i.e., for veterinary medical use.

In some embodiments, the compounds of the present invention are administered as a mono-therapy. In other embodiments, the compounds of the present invention are administered as part of a combination therapy. For example, a compound of the invention may be used in combination with other drugs or therapies that are used in the treatment/prevention/suppression or amelioration of the diseases or conditions for which compounds of the invention are useful.

Such other drug(s) may be administered, by a route and in an amount commonly used therefor, contemporaneously or sequentially with a compound of the invention. When a compound of the present invention is used contemporaneously with one or more other drugs, a pharmaceutical unit dosage form containing such other drugs in addition to the compound of the invention may be employed. Accordingly, the pharmaceutical compositions of the present invention include those that also contain one or more other active ingredients, in addition to a compound of invention.

The compounds of the present invention can normally be administered in a daily dosage regimen (for an adult patient) of, for example, an oral dose between 1 mg and 500 mg, such as between 10 mg and 400 mg, particularly between 10 mg and 250 mg or an intravenous, subcutaneous, or intramuscular dose of between 0.1 mg and 100 mg, such as

between 0.1 mg and 50 mg, particularly between 1 and 25 mg of the compound of present invention. The compounds of the present invention can be administered 1 to 4 times per day. The compounds of the present invention can suitably be administered for a period of continuous therapy, for example for a week or more.

Subjects suffering from and in need of treatment of, e.g., schizophrenia or acute mania, as well as the other conditions mentioned above can be treated by the administering a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of formulae (II) and (III) formulated according to, for example and without limitation, the compositions and dosage forms described herein.

Based on their HPLC and MS characterization the compounds of present invention obtained by synthetic methods were shown identical with those found in the biological samples.

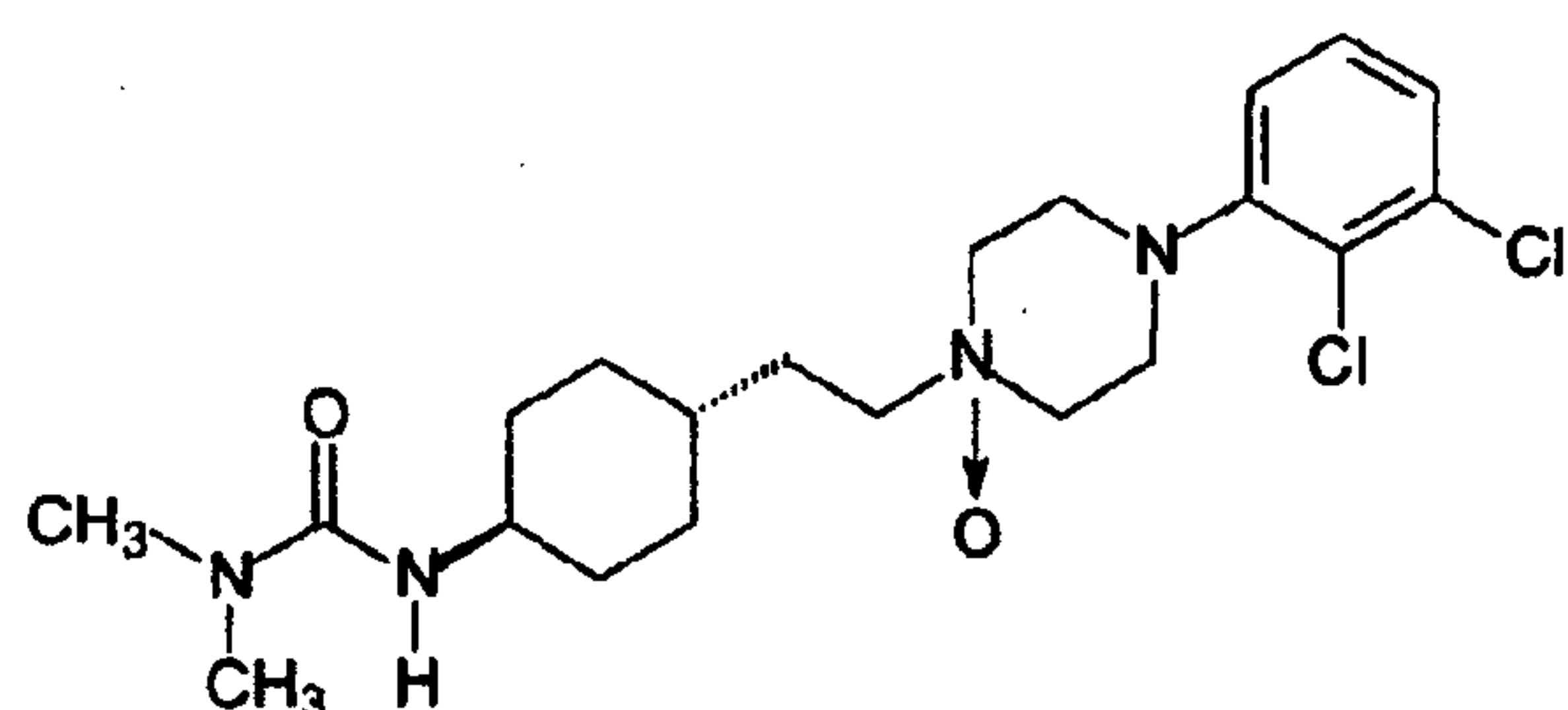
The following examples are merely illustrative of the present invention and should not be construed as limiting the scope of the invention in any way as many variations and equivalents that are encompassed by the present invention will become apparent to those skilled in the art upon reading the present disclosure.

EXAMPLES

The metabolites of the present invention were synthesized according to the following procedures:

Example 1.

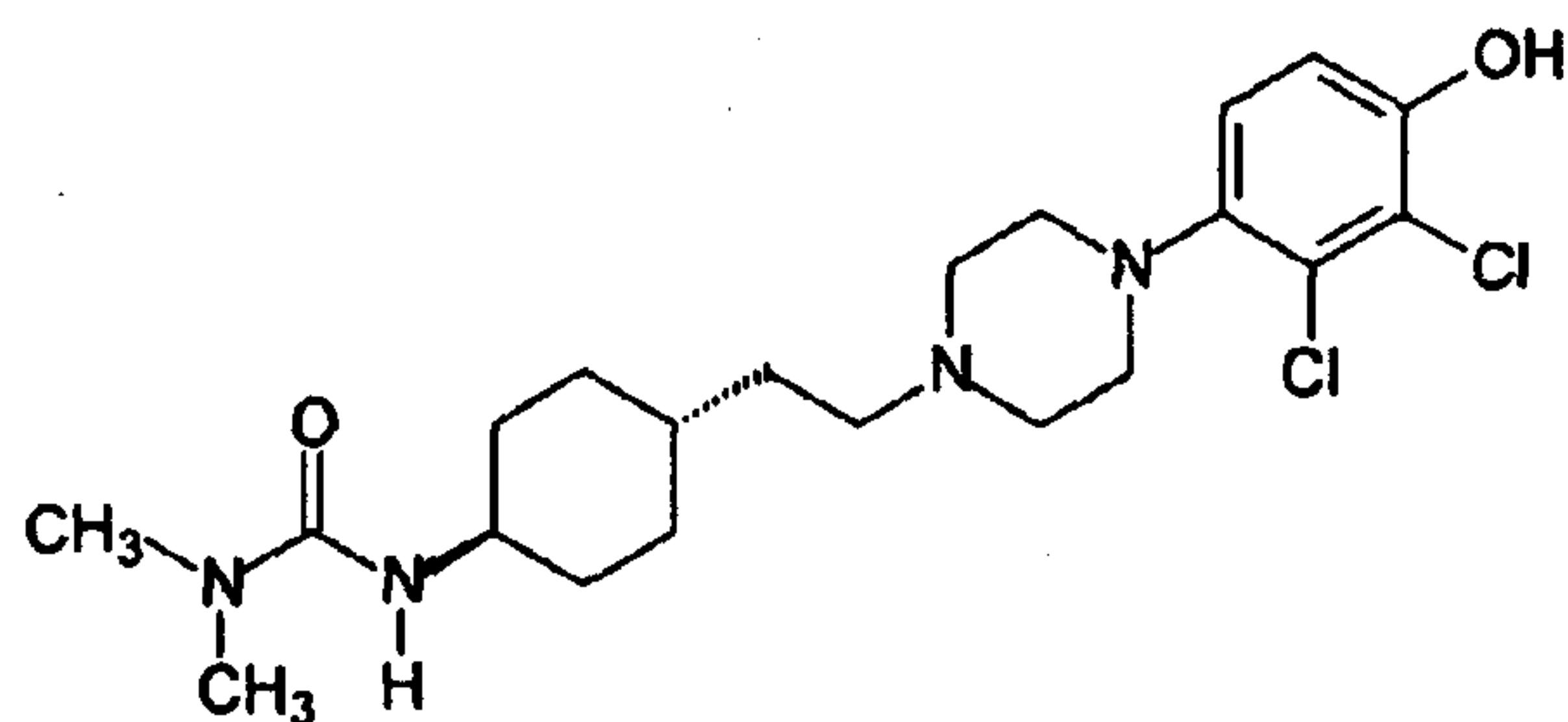
Trans-1-{4-[2-[4-(2,3-dichlorophenyl)-1-oxo-piperazin-1-yl]-ethyl]-cyclohexyl}-3,3-dimethyl-urea (compound D)



0.8 g (1.6 mmol) *trans*-1-{4-[2-[4-(2,3-dichlorophenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethyl]-cyclohexyl}-3,3-dimethyl-urea was dissolved in dichloromethane (60 ml). A solution of 0.54 g (2.4 mmol) 3-chloro-perbenzoic acid in dichloromethane (10 ml) was dropped in and the reaction mixture stirred for 24 hours at room temperature. The reaction was monitored by TLC. The solution was washed twice with saturated NaHCO₃ solution, the organic layer dried and evaporated in vacuo. Flash chromatography gave 0.45 g (63.3%) of the title compound melting at 175-8 °C.

Example 2.

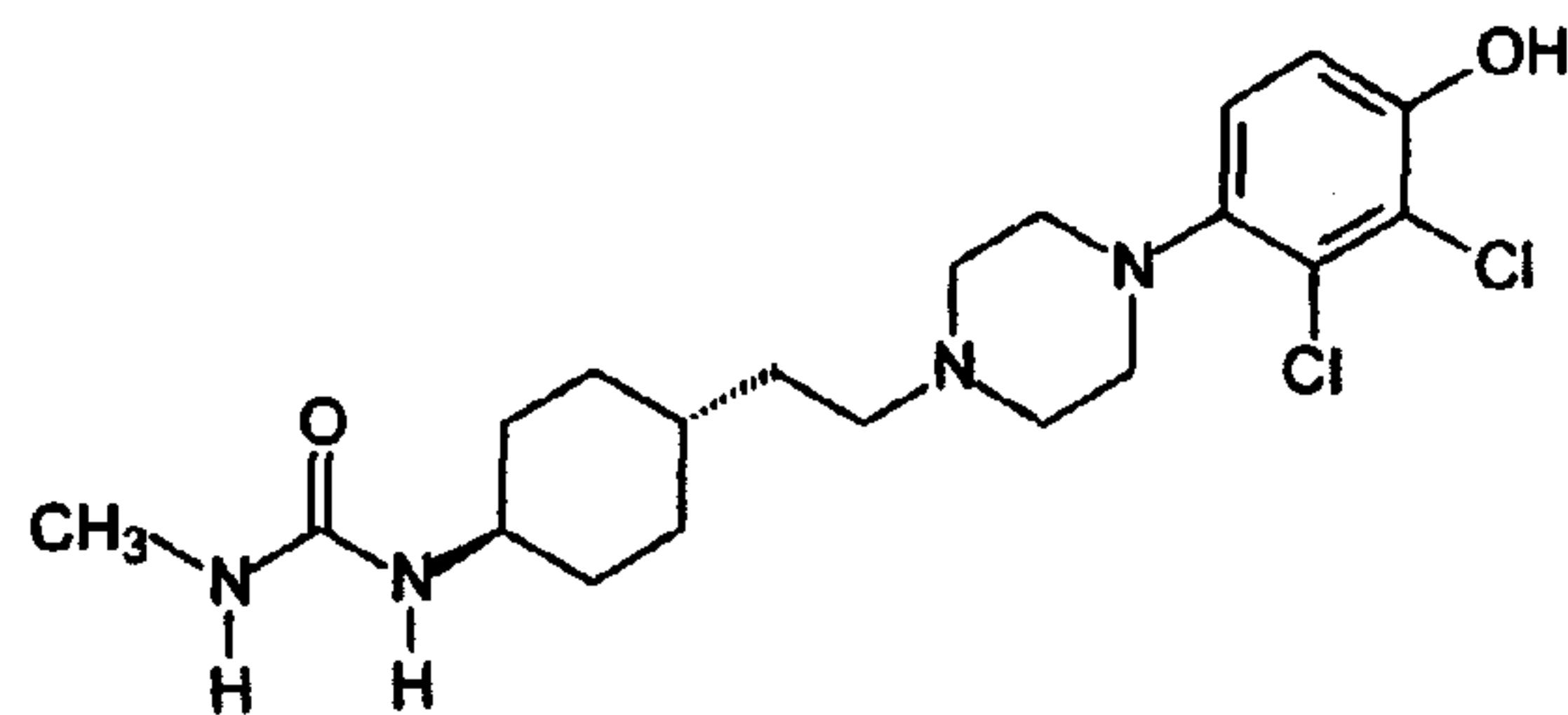
***Trans*-1-{4-[2-[4-(2,3-dichloro-4-hydroxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethyl]-cyclohexyl}-3,3-dimethyl-urea (compound C)**



dried and evaporated in vacuo. Purification with flash chromatography gave 0.4 g of the title compound, melting at 278-80 °C

Example 3.

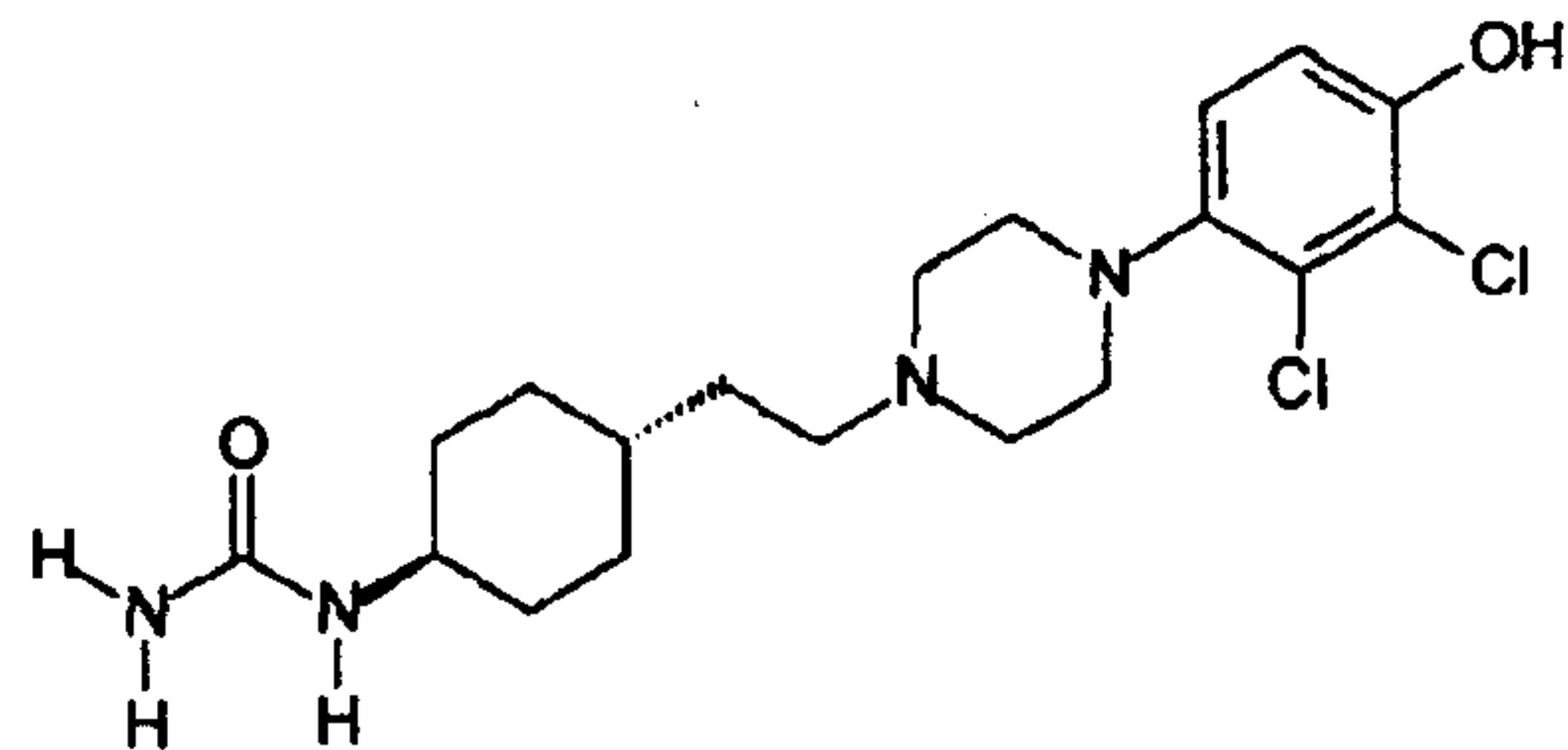
Trans-1-{4-[2-[4-(2,3-dichloro-4-hydroxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethyl]-cyclohexyl}-3-methyl-urea (compound B)



1.38 g (3 mmol) *trans*-4-{2-[4-(2,3-dichloro-4-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethyl}-cyclohexyl-amine dihydrochloride was suspended in dry dichloromethane (100 ml), triethylamine (1.72 ml, 12.4 mmol) was added and 0.34 g (1.14 mmol) triphosgene dissolved in dichloromethane was dropped in. After one hour stirring at room temperature methylamine (33 % solution in ethanol) was added and the stirring was continued for 20 hours. The mixture was evaporated. 20 ml water was added, the precipitate filtered, washed with water, dried. Recrystallizing the product from methanol gave *trans*-1-{4-[2-[4-(2,3-dichloro-4-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethyl]-cyclohexyl}-3-methyl-urea (0.86 g, 65 %) melting above 250 °C. This product was dissolved in dichloromethane (60 ml), then 10 ml (10 mmol) borontribromid solution (1M in CH₂Cl₂) was dropped in at 5°C and the mixture stirred at room temperature for 24 hours. The reaction was monitored by TLC. 4 ml methanol was added and the mixture evaporated. 35 ml saturated NaHCO₃ solution was added. The precipitate was filtered, washed with water and dried, recrystallized from methanol giving 0.34 g of title compound, melting at 237-41 °C.

Example 4.

Trans-1-{4-[2-[4-(2,3-dichloro-4-hydroxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethyl]-cyclohexyl}-urea (compound A)



1.38 g (3 mmol) *trans*-4-{2-[4-(2,3-dichloro-4-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethyl}-cyclohexyl-amine dihydrochloride was suspended in dry dichloromethane (100 ml), triethylamine 1.72 ml, 12.4 mmol) was added and 0.34g (1.14 mmol) triphosgene dissolved in dichloromethane was dropped in. After one hour stirring at room temperature ammonia (20 % solution in methanol) was added and the stirring was continued for 20 hours. The mixture was evaporated. 20 ml water was added, the precipitate filtered, washed with water, dried. Recrystallizing the product from methanol gave 0.86 g *trans*-1-{4-[2-[4-(2,3-dichloro-4-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethyl]-cyclohexyl}-urea melting above 250 °C. This product was dissolved in dichloromethane (60 ml), then 10 ml (10 mmol) borontribromid solution (1M in CH₂Cl₂) was dropped in at 5°C and the mixture stirred at room temperature for 24 hours. The reaction was monitored by TLC. 4 ml methanol was added and the mixture evaporated. 35 ml saturated NaHCO₃ solution was added. The precipitate was filtered, washed with water and dried, recrystallized from methanol giving 0.37 g of title compound, melting at 195-8 °C.

Biological test methods

Receptor binding assays

1. D₃ receptor binding

Binding assays were carried out on rat recombinant D₃ receptors (expressed in Sf9 cells) according to the supplier instructions (Packard BioScience, BioSignal Packard Inc. Cat. No. 6110139, Technical Data Sheet) using [³H]-spiperone (0.85 nM) as ligand and haloperidol (10 µM) for determination of non-specific binding.

2. D₂ receptor binding

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D_2 receptor binding assay was carried out as described by Creese *et al.*, *European Journal of Pharmacology*, 60, 55-66, 1979) on rat brain striatal membrane preparation using [3 H]-spiperone (0.6 nM) as ligand. The non-specific binding was determined in the presence of 1 μ M (+)-butaclamol.

3. Alpha-1 receptor binding

Alpha-1 receptor binding study was performed according to the method described by Greengrass and Bremmer (European Journal of Pharmacology 55:323-326, 1979) on rat brain cortical membrane preparation using [3 H]-prazosin (0.5 nM) as ligand. The non-specific binding was determined in the presence of 10 μ M phentolamine.

D_3 , D_2 and alpha-1 receptor binding data of selected metabolites of the present invention are listed in Table 1 below.

TABLE 1

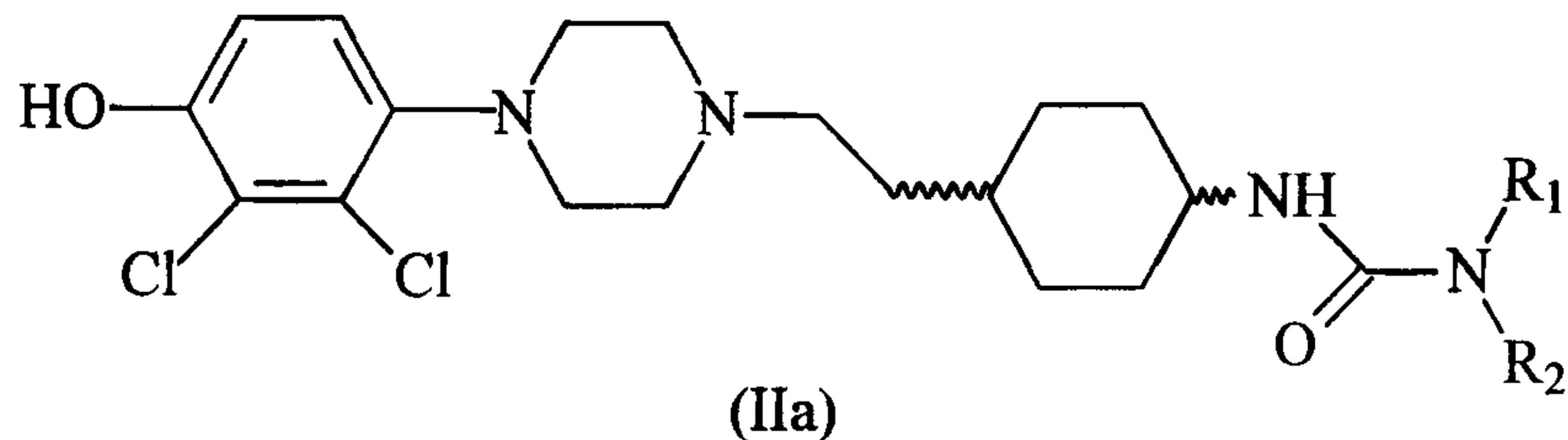
Compound	rD3 Ki (nM)	rD2 Ki (nM)	alpha Ki (nM)
Compound A	0.26	8.4	>> 1000
Compound B	0.24	2.49	>> 1000
Compound C	0.37	80.5	>> 1000
Compound D	>>10	>>100	>>1000

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CLAIMS:

1. An isolated or synthetized compound of formula (IIa):



wherein:

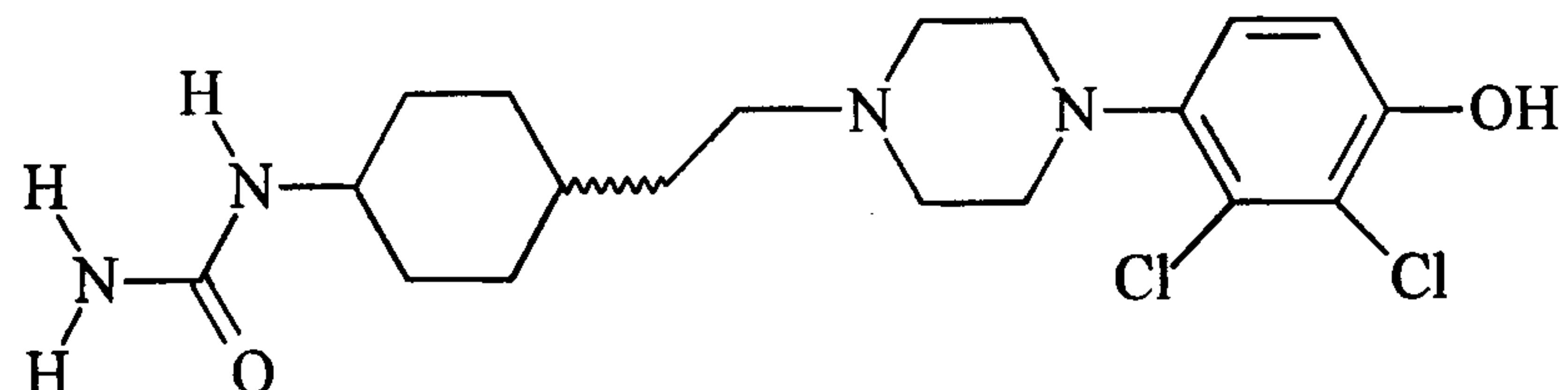
5 R₁ and R₂ each, independently, hydrogen, straight or branched chain C₁₋₆ alkyl optionally substituted with C₁₋₆ alkoxycarbonyl, phenyl optionally substituted with one or more C₁₋₆ alkoxy, cyano or C₁₋₆ alkanoyl, allyl, or cyclohexyl; or

10 R₁ and R₂ with the adjacent nitrogen atom form an optionally C₁₋₆ alkyl or hydroxy substituted pyrrolidine, piperazine, piperidine or morpholine ring;

15 and a geometric isomer, a stereoisomer, a diastereomer, a salt, a hydrate, a solvate and a polymorph thereof.

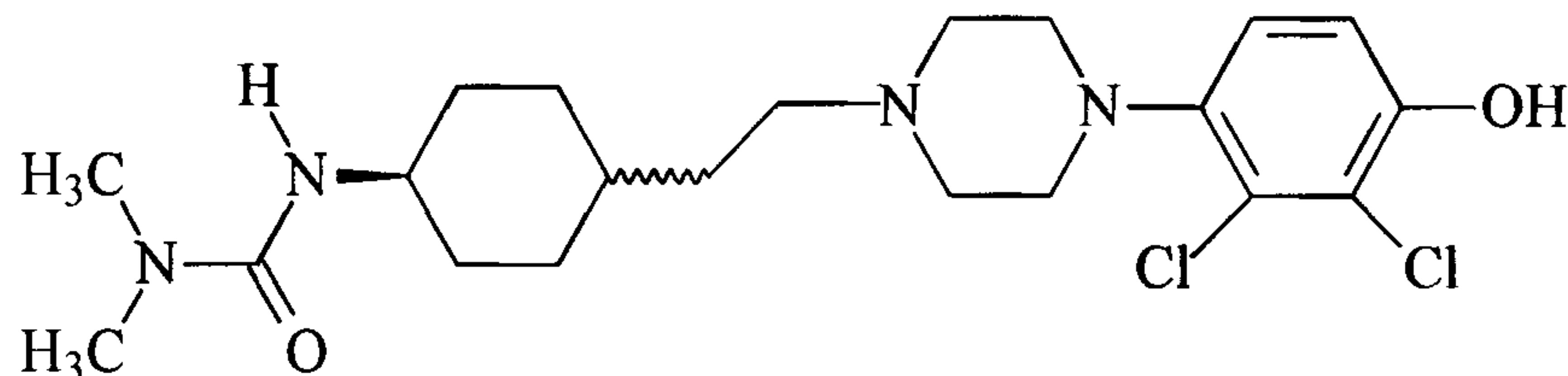
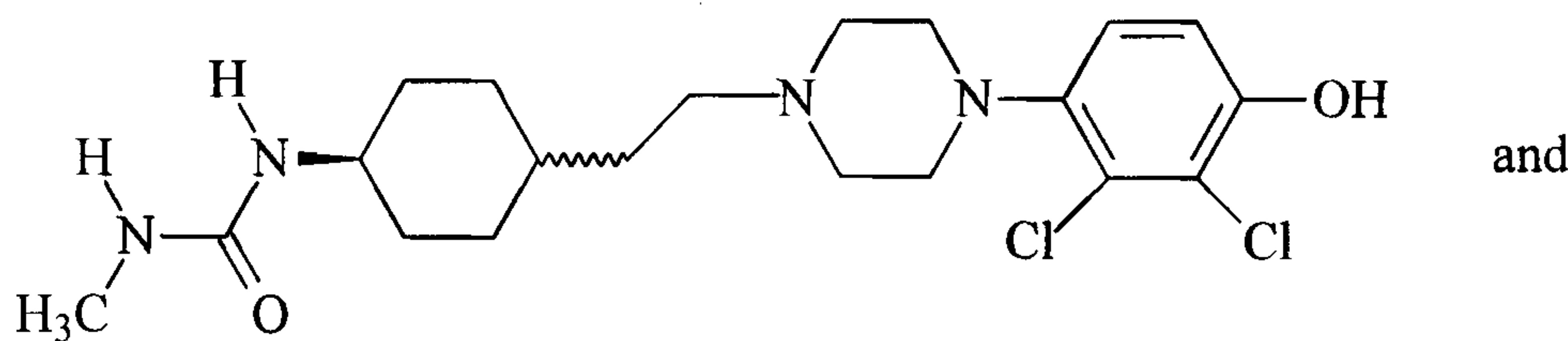
2. An isolated or synthetized compound according to claim 1, wherein R₁ and R₂ are each, independently, hydrogen or straight or branched chain C₁₋₆ alkyl.

3. An isolated or synthetized compound according to claim 2, selected from the group consisting of:



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4. A pharmaceutical composition comprising an isolated or synthetized compound of formula (IIa) as defined in any one of claims 1 to 3, or a geometric isomer, a stereoisomer, a diastereomer, a salt, a hydrate, a solvate or a polymorph thereof, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

5. The isolated or synthetized compound according to any one of claims 1 to 3, or a geometric isomer, stereoisomer, a diastereomer, a salt, a hydrate, a solvate, or a polymorph thereof for use in the treatment or prevention of a condition which requires modulation of a dopamine receptor selected from the group consisting of a psychoses, cognitive impairment accompanying schizophrenia, a mild-to-moderate cognitive deficit, dementia, a psychotic state associated with dementia, psychotic depression, mania, a paranoid and delusional disorder, an obsessive compulsive disorder, a dyskinetic disorder, an eating disorder, an attention deficit disorder, a hyperactivity disorder in children, depression, anxiety, sexual dysfunction, a sleep disorder, emesis, aggression, autism and drug abuse.

6. The isolated or synthetized compound according to any one of claims 1 to 3, or a geometric isomer, stereoisomer, a diastereomer, a salt, a hydrate, a solvate, or a polymorph thereof for use in the preparation of a medicament for the treatment or prevention of a condition which requires modulation of a dopamine receptor selected from the group consisting of a psychoses, cognitive impairment

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accompanying schizophrenia, a mild-to-moderate cognitive deficit, dementia, a psychotic state associated with dementia, psychotic depression, mania, a paranoid and delusional disorder, an obsessive compulsive disorder, a dyskinetic disorder, an eating disorder, an attention deficit disorder, a hyperactivity disorder in children,

5 depression, anxiety, sexual dysfunction, a sleep disorder, emesis, aggression, autism and drug abuse.

7. The isolated or synthetized compound according to claim 5 or 6, or a geometric isomer, stereoisomer, a diastereomer, a salt, a hydrate, a solvate, or a polymorph thereof wherein the psychoses is schizophrenia or a schizo-affective disorder, the dyskinetic disorder is Parkinson's disease, neuroleptic induced parkinsonism or tardive dyskinesia, and the eating disorder is bulimia nervosa.

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