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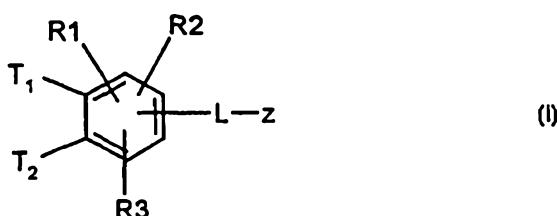
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(54) Bezeichnung: GALLENSAUER SUBSTITUIERTE PHENYL-ALKENOYLGUANIDINE, VERFAHREN ZU IHRER HERSTELLUNG, IHRE VERWENDUNG ALS MEDIKAMENTE ODER DIAGNOSTIKA SOWIE SIE ENTHALTENDES MEDIKAMENT



(57) Abstract

The invention relates to substituted phenyl alkenoyl guanidines, the pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, and physiologically functional derivatives. Compounds of formula (I) are disclosed, wherein the radicals have the meanings thus cited. Also disclosed are the pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, physiologically functional derivatives and methods for the production thereof. The inventive compounds are, for instance, suitable for use as medicaments for the prophylaxis or treatment of gall stones.

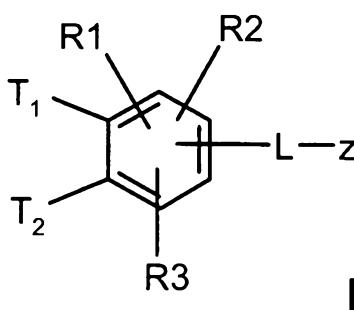
(57) Zusammenfassung

Die Erfindung betrifft substituierte Phenyl-alkenoylguanidine und deren pharmazeutisch verträgliche Salze und physiologisch funktionelle Derivate. Es werden Verbindungen der Formel (I), worin die Reste die angegebenen Bedeutungen haben, sowie deren physiologisch verträgliche Salze, physiologisch funktionelle Derivate und Verfahren zu deren Herstellung beschrieben. Die Verbindungen eignen sich z.B. als Medikamente zur Prophylaxe bzw. Behandlung von Gallensteinen.

Abstract

Substituted phenylalkenylguanidines, process for their preparation, their use as medicaments or diagnostics, and medicaments containing them

The invention relates to substituted phenylalkenylguanidines and their pharmaceutically tolerable salts and physiologically functional derivatives.

Compounds of the formula I

in which the radicals have the meanings indicated, and their pharmaceutically tolerable salts, physiologically functional derivatives and processes for their preparation are described. The compounds are suitable, for example, as medicaments for the prophylaxis or treatment of gallstones.

Description

BILE-ACID-SUBSTITUTED PHENYALKENOYLGUANIDINES, PROCESS
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5 DIAGNOSTICS, AND MEDICAMENTS CONTAINING THEM

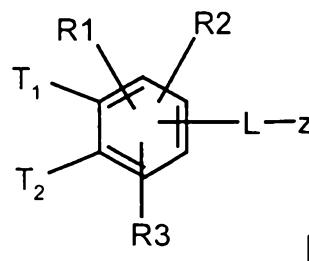
The invention relates to substituted phenylalkenylguanidines and their pharmaceutically tolerable salts and physiologically functional derivatives.

10 Apart from a number of factors, the formation of gallstones is essentially determined by the composition of the bile, in particular by the concentration and the proportion of cholesterol, phospholipids and bile salts. The prerequisite for the formation of cholesterol gallstones is the presence of bile which is supersaturated in cholesterol (Ref. Carey, M.C. and Small, 15 D.M. (1978) The physical chemistry of cholesterol solubility in bile. Relationship to gallstone formation and dissolution in man, J. Clin. Invest. 61: 998-1026).

Up to now, gallstones have mainly been removed surgically, so that a great 20 therapeutic need exists for medicinal gallstone dissolution and for the prevention of gallstone formation.

The invention was based on the object of making available compounds which are able to prevent the formation of gallstones by preventing the 25 supersaturation of the bile with cholesterol, or by delaying the formation of cholesterol crystals from supersaturated bile.

The invention therefore relates to compounds of the formula I

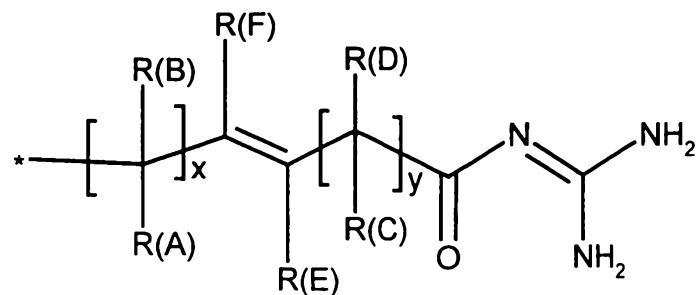


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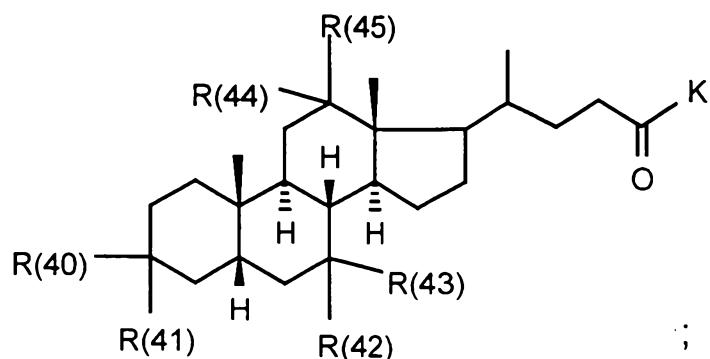
T1 and T2 independently of one another are





5 or hydrogen, where T1 and T2 cannot simultaneously be hydrogen;

z is



10 R(A), R(B), R(C), R(D) independently of one another are hydrogen, F, Cl, Br, I, CN, OH, NH₂, -(C₁-C₈)-alkyl, -O-(C₁-C₈)-alkyl, where the alkyl radicals can be substituted one or more times by F; (C₃-C₈)-cycloalkyl, phenyl, benzyl, NHR(7), NR(7)R(8), O-(C₃-C₆)-alkenyl, O-(C₃-C₈)-cycloalkyl, O-phenyl, O-benzyl, where the phenyl nucleus can be substituted up to three times by F, Cl, CF₃, methyl, methoxy, NR(9)R(10);

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R(7), R(8) independently of one another are hydrogen, -(C₁-C₈)-alkyl, where the alkyl radical can be substituted one or more times by F,
 20 (C₃-C₈)-cycloalkyl, (C₃-C₆)-alkenyl, (C₃-C₈)-cycloalkyl, phenyl, benzyl, where the phenyl nucleus can be substituted up to three times by F, Cl, CF₃, methyl, methoxy, NR(9)R(10); or
 R(7), R(8) together form a chain of 4 or 5 methylene groups, of which one CH₂ group can be replaced by oxygen, sulfur, NH, N-CH₃ or N-benzyl;

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R(9), R(10) independently of one another are hydrogen, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, (C₁-C₄)-perfluoroalkyl;

x is zero, 1 or 2;

y is zero, 1 or 2;

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R(E), R(F) independently of one another are hydrogen, F, Cl, Br, I, CN, (C₁-C₈)-alkyl, O-(C₁-C₈)-alkyl, where the alkyl radical can be substituted one or more times by F, (C₃-C₈)-cycloalkyl, O-(C₃-C₆)-alkenyl, O-(C₃-C₈)-cycloalkyl, O-phenyl, O-benzyl, where the phenyl nucleus can be substituted up to three times by F, Cl, CF₃, methyl, methoxy, NR(9)R(10);

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R(1), R(2), R(3) independently of one another are hydrogen, F, Cl, Br, I, CN, -(C₁-C₈)-alkyl, -O-(C₁-C₈)-alkyl, where the alkyl radicals can be substituted one or more times by F, -(C=O)-N=C(NH₂)₂, -(SO₀₋₂)-(C₁-C₈)-alkyl, -(SO₂)-NR(7)R(8), -O-(C₀-C₈)-alkylenephenoxy, -(C₀-C₈)-alkylenephenoxy, where the phenyl nuclei can be substituted up to 3 times by F, Cl, CF₃, methyl, methoxy, -(C₀-C₈)-alkylene-NR(9)R(10);

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L is -O-, -NR(47)-, -(C₁-C₈)-alkylene-, -(C₂-C₈)-alkenylene-, -(C₂-C₈)-alkynylene-, -COO-, -CO-NR(47)-, -SO₂-NR(47)-, -O-(CH₂)_n-O-, -NR(47)-(CH₂)_n-O-, -NR(48)-CO-(CH₂)_n-O-, -CO-NR(48)-(CH₂)_n-O-, -O-CO-(CH₂)_n-O-, -SO₂-NR(48)-(CH₂)_n-O- -NR(48)-CO-CH₂-CH₂-CO-NR(48)-(CH₂)_n-O-, -NR(48)-CO-CH=CH-CO-NR(48)-(CH₂)_n-O-, -NR(48)-SO₂-(CH₂)_n-O-;

30 R(47) is hydrogen, (C₁-C₈)-alkyl, R(48)-CO-, phenyl, benzyl;

R(48) is hydrogen, (C₁-C₈)-alkyl, phenyl and benzyl, where the phenyl nucleus can be substituted up to 3 times by F, Cl, CF₃, methyl, methoxy;

35 n is 1 to 8;



R(40) to R(45) independently of one another are hydrogen, -OR(50), -SR(50), NHR(50), -NR(50)₂, -O-(CO)-R(50), -S-(CO)-R(50), -NH-(CO)-R(50), -O-PO-(OR(50))-OR(50), -O-(SO₂)-OR(50), -R(50), a bond to L; or

5 R(40) and R(41), R(42) and R(43), R(44) and R(45) in each case together form the oxygen of a carbonyl group;
where always just one of the radicals R(40) to R(45) has the meaning of a bond to L;

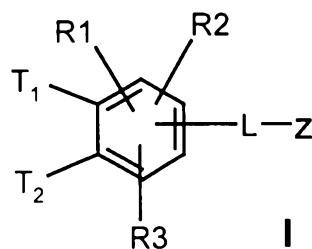
10 K is -OR(50), -NHR(50), -NR(50)₂, -HN-CH₂-CH₂-CO₂H, -HN-CH₂-CH₂-SO₃H, -NH-CH₂-COOH, -N(CH₃)CH₂CO₂H, -HN-CH(R46)CO₂H, -OK_a, where K_a is a cation, such as, for example, an alkali metal or alkaline earth metal ion or a quaternary ammonium ion;

15 R(46) is hydrogen, C₁-C₄-alkyl, benzyl, -CH₂-OH, H₃CSCH₂CH₂-, HO₂CCH₂-, HO₂CCH₂CH₂-;

20 R(50) is hydrogen, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, phenyl or benzyl, where the phenyl nucleus can be substituted up to 3 times by F, Cl, CF₃, methyl, methoxy;

and their pharmaceutically tolerable salts and physiologically functional derivatives.

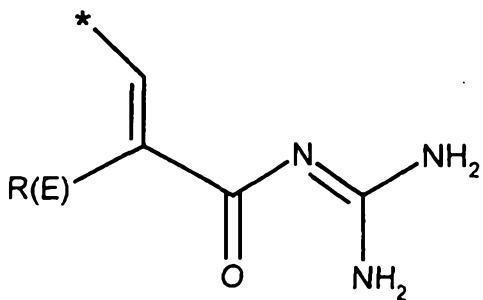
25 Preferred compounds of the formula I



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T1 and T2 independently of one another are

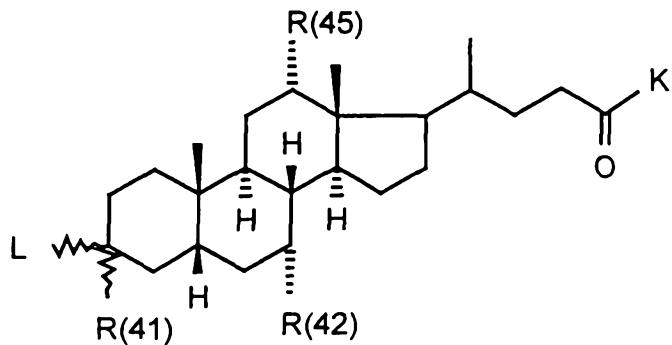




or hydrogen, where T1 and T2 cannot simultaneously be hydrogen;

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R(E) is hydrogen, F, Cl, CN, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, -O-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, where the alkyl radicals can be substituted one or more times by F,

10 (C₃-C₆)-cycloalkyl, -O-(C₃-C₆)-alkenyl, -O-(C₃-C₆)-cycloalkyl, O-phenyl, O-benzyl, where the phenyl nucleus can be substituted up to three times by F, Cl, CF₃, methyl, methoxy, NR(9)R(10);

15 R(9), R(10) independently of one another are hydrogen, CH₃, CF₃;

R(1), R(2), R(3) independently of one another are hydrogen, F, Cl, CN, -SO₂-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, -SO₂-N((C₁-C₄)-alkyl)₂, -SO₂-NH(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, -SO₂-NH₂, -SO₂-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, -(C₁-C₄)-alkyl,

20 -O-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, where the alkyl radicals can be substituted one or more times by F, -O-(C₀-C₄)-alkylenephenoxy, -(C₀-C₄)-alkylenephenoxy, where the phenyl nuclei can be substituted up to 3 times by F, Cl, CF₃, methyl, methoxy;

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L

is -O-, -NR(47)-, -(C₁-C₄)-alkylene-, -(C₁-C₄)-alkenylene-, -(C₁-C₄)-alkynylene-, -COO-, -CO-NR(47)-, -SO₂-NR(47)-,

-O-(CH₂)_n-O-, -NR(47)-(CH₂)_n-O-, -NR(48)-CO-(CH₂)_n-O-,
 -CO-NR(48)-(CH₂)_n-O-, -SO₂-NR(48)-(CH₂)_n-O-;

5 R(47) is hydrogen, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, R(48)-CO-, phenyl, benzyl;

10 R(48) is hydrogen, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, phenyl and benzyl, where the phenyl nucleus can be substituted up to 3 times by F, Cl, CF₃, methyl, methoxy;

15 n is 1-4;

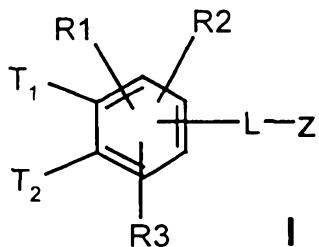
20 R(41), R(42), R(45) independently of one another are hydrogen, -OR(50), NHR(50), -NR(50)₂, -O-(CO)-R(50), -NH-(CO)-R(50);

25 R(50) is hydrogen, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, phenyl or benzyl, where the phenyl nucleus can be substituted up to 3 times by F, Cl, CF₃, methyl, methoxy;

30 K is -OR(50), -NHR(50), -NR(50)₂, -HN-CH₂-CH₂-CO₂H, -HN-CH₂-CH₂-SO₃H, -NH-CH₂-COOH, -N(CH₃)CH₂CO₂H, -OKa, where Ka is a cation, such as, for example, an alkali metal or alkaline earth metal ion or a quaternary ammonium ion;

35 and their pharmaceutical tolerable salts.

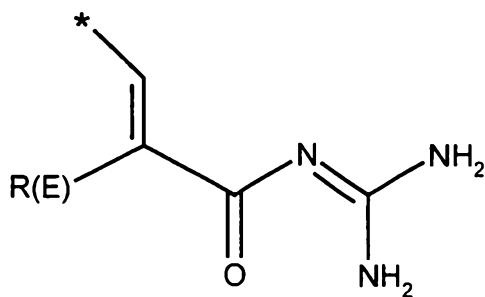
Particularly preferred compounds of the formula I



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are those in which

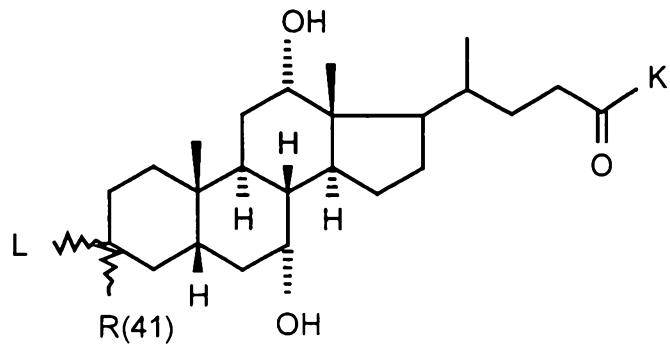
35 T1 and T2 independently of one another are



or hydrogen, where T1 and T2 cannot simultaneously be hydrogen,

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R(E) is hydrogen, F, Cl, CN, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, -O(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, CF₃, -OCF₃;

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R(1), R(2) independently of one another are hydrogen, F, Cl, CN, -SO₂-CH₃, SO₂NH₂-, -(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, -O-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, where the alkyl radicals can be substituted one or more times by F; -O-(C₀-C₄)-alkylenephene, -(C₀-C₄)-alkylenephene, where the phenyl nuclei can be substituted up to 3 times by F, Cl, CF₃, methyl, methoxy;

R(3) is hydrogen;

20 L is -O-, -NR(47)-, -CH₂-CH₂-, CH=CH-, -(C≡C)-, -COO-, -CO-NR(47)-, -SO₂-NR(47)-, -O-(CH₂)_n-O-, -NR(47)-(CH₂)_n-O-, -NR(48)-CO-(CH₂)_n-O-, -CO-NR(48)-(CH₂)_n-O-, -SO₂-NR(48)-(CH₂)_n-O-;

25 R(47) is hydrogen, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, R(48)-CO-, phenyl, benzyl;



R(48) is hydrogen, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, phenyl and benzyl, where the phenyl nucleus can be substituted up to 3 times by F, Cl, CF₃, methyl, methoxy;

5 n is 1-4;

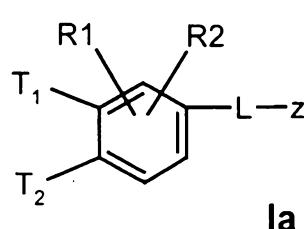
R(41) is hydrogen, -OH;

10 K is -OR(50), -NHR(50), -NR(50)₂, -HN-CH₂-CH₂-CO₂H, -HN-CH₂-CH₂-SO₃H, -NH-CH₂-COOH, -N(CH₃)CH₂CO₂H, -OKa, where Ka is a cation, such as, for example, an alkali metal or alkaline earth metal ion or a quaternary ammonium ion;

15 R(50) is hydrogen, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, phenyl or benzyl, where the phenyl nucleus can be substituted up to 3 times by F, Cl, CF₃, methyl, methoxy;

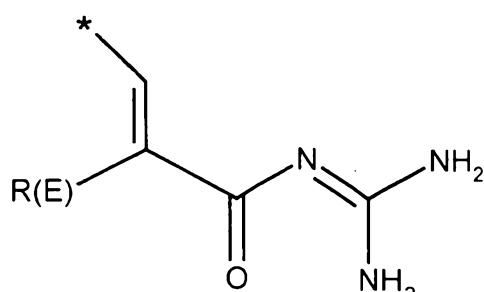
and their pharmaceutically tolerable salts.

20 Very particularly preferred compounds of the formula I are those having the structure Ia



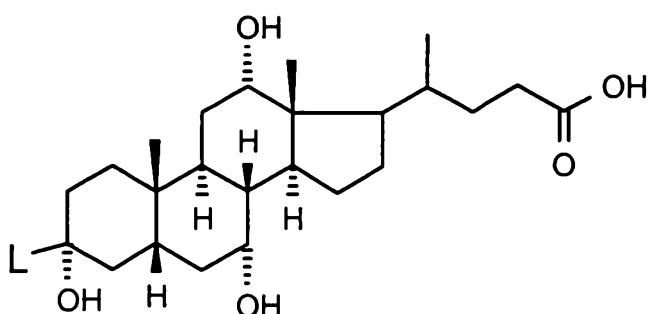
25 in which

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or hydrogen, where T1 and T2 cannot simultaneously be hydrogen;

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L is $\text{—C}\equiv\text{C—}$, $-\text{NH-CH}_2\text{-CH}_2\text{-O-}$;

R(E) is hydrogen, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl;

10 R(1), R(2) independently of one another are hydrogen, F, Cl, CN, $-\text{SO}_2\text{-CH}_3$, -(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, -O-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, where the alkyl radicals can be substituted one or more times by F;

and their pharmaceutically tolerable salts.

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*** in the above formulae marks the point of linkage of T1 or T2 to the phenyl ring of the formula I.

20 If the compounds of the formula I contain one or more centers of asymmetry, these can have either the S or R configuration. The compounds can be present as optical isomers, as diastereomers, as racemates or as mixtures thereof.

25 The double bond geometry of the compounds of the formula I can be either E or Z. The compounds can be present in the mixture as double bond isomers.

The expression "where the alkyl radical can be substituted one or more times by F" also includes perfluorinated alkyl radicals.

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The designated alkyl radicals can be either straight-chain or branched.



On account of their relatively high water solubility, pharmaceutically tolerable salts are particularly suitable for medicinal applications compared with the starting or basic compounds. These salts must have a pharmaceutically tolerable anion or cation. Suitable pharmaceutically tolerable acid

5 addition salts of the compounds according to the invention are salts of inorganic acids, such as hydrochloric acid, hydrobromic, phosphoric, metaphosphoric, nitric, sulfonic and sulfuric acid and also organic acids, such as, for example, acetic acid, benzenesulfonic, benzoic, citric, ethanesulfonic, fumaric, gluconic, glycolic, isethionic, lactic, lactobionic, maleic, 10 malic, methanesulfonic, succinic, p-toluenesulfonic, tartaric and trifluoroacetic acid. The chlorine salt is particularly preferably used for medicinal purposes. Suitable pharmaceutically tolerable basic salts are ammonium salts, alkali metal salts (such as sodium and potassium salts) and alkaline earth metal salts (such as magnesium and calcium salts).

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The term "physiologically functional derivative" used here indicates any pharmaceutically tolerable derivative of a compound of the formula I according to the invention, e.g. an ester which on administration to a mammal, such as, for example, man, is able (directly or indirectly) to form a 20 compound of the formula I or an active metabolite thereof.

The physiologically functional derivatives also include prodrugs of the compounds according to the invention. Such prodrugs can be metabolized in vivo to a compound according to the invention. These prodrugs can 25 themselves be active or inactive.

The compounds according to the invention can also be present in various polymorphic forms, e.g. as amorphous and crystalline polymorphic forms. All polymorphic forms of the compounds according to the invention are 30 included in the scope of the invention and are a further aspect of the invention.



Below, all references to "compound(s) according to formula (I)" relate to (a) compound(s) of the formula (I) as described above, and its/their salts, solvates and physiologically functional derivatives as described herein.

- 5 The amount of a compound according to formula (I) which is necessary in order to achieve the desired biological effect is dependent on a number of factors, e.g. the specific compound chosen, the intended use, the manner of administration and the clinical condition of the patient.
- 10 In general, the daily dose lies in the range from 0.1 mg to 100 mg (typically from 0.1 mg to 50 mg) per day per kilogram of body weight, e.g. 0.1 – 10 mg/kg/day. Tablets or capsules can contain, for example, from 0.01 to 100 mg, typically from 0.02 to 50 mg. In the case of pharmaceutically tolerable salts, the abovementioned weight data relate to the weight of the aminopropanol ion derived from the salt. For the prophylaxis or therapy of the abovementioned conditions, the compounds according to formula (I) can be used themselves as the compound, but preferably they are present in the form of a pharmaceutical composition with a tolerable excipient. The excipient must naturally be tolerable, in the sense that it is compatible with the other constituents of the composition and is not harmful to the health of the patient. The excipient can be a solid or a liquid or both and is preferably formulated with the compound as an individual dose, for example as a tablet which can contain from 0.05% to 95% by weight of the active compound. Further pharmaceutically active substances can likewise be present, including further compounds according to formula (I). The pharmaceutical compositions according to the invention can be prepared according to one of the known pharmaceutical methods, which essentially consist in mixing the constituents with pharmacologically tolerable excipients and/or auxiliaries.
- 30 Pharmaceutical compositions according to the invention are those which are suitable for oral and peroral (e.g. sublingual) administration, although the most suitable manner of administration in each individual case is dependent on the nature and severity of the condition to be treated and on the type of compound according to formula (I) used in each case. Coated formulations and coated delayed-release formulations are also included in the scope of the invention. Acid-resistant and enteric formulations are preferred. Suitable enteric coatings include cellulose acetate phthalate,
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polyvinyl acetate phthalate, hydroxypropylmethylcellulose phthalate and anionic polymers of methacrylic acid and methyl methacrylate.

Suitable pharmaceutical compounds for oral administration can be present

5 in separate units, such as, for example, capsules, cachets, lozenges or tablets, which in each case contain a certain amount of the compound according to formula (I), as powders or granules, as a solution or suspension in an aqueous or nonaqueous liquid, or as an oil-in-water or water-in-oil emulsion. As already mentioned, these compositions can be

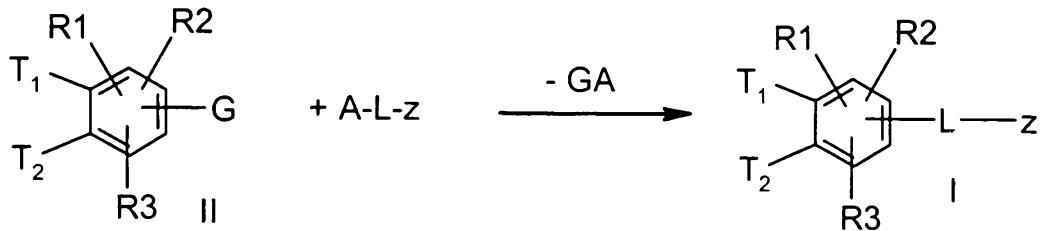
10 prepared by any suitable pharmaceutical method which includes a step in which the active compound and the excipient (which can consist of one or more additional constituents) are brought into contact. In general, the compositions are prepared by even and homogeneous mixing of the active compound with a liquid and/or finely divided solid excipient, after which the

15 product, if necessary, is shaped. Thus a tablet, for example, can be prepared by compressing or shaping a powder or granules of the compound, if appropriate with one or more additional constituents. Pressed tablets can be produced by tableting the compound in free-flowing form, such as, for example, a powder or granules, if appropriate mixed with a

20 binder, lubricant, inert diluent and/or a (a number of) surface-active/dispersing agent(s), in a suitable machine. Shaped tablets can be produced by shaping the pulverulent compound moistened with an inert liquid diluent in a suitable machine.

25 Pharmaceutical compositions which are suitable for peroral (sublingual) administration include lozenges which contain a compound according to formula (I) with a flavoring, customarily sucrose, and gum arabic or tragacanth, and pastilles which include the compound in an inert base such as gelatin and glycerol or sucrose and gum arabic.

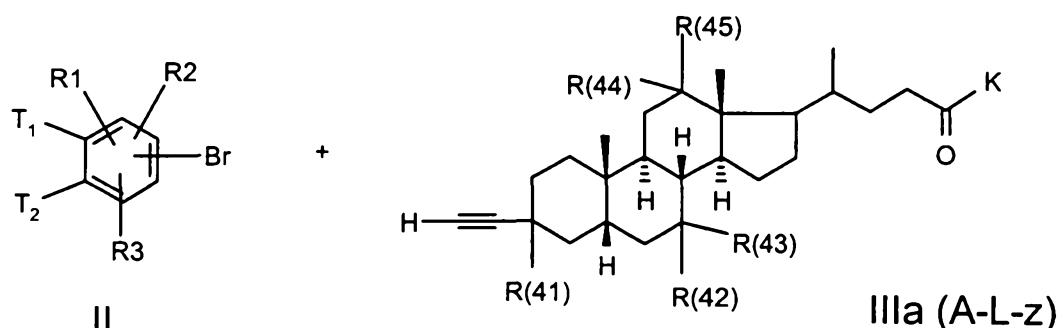
30 The invention furthermore relates to a process for the preparation of a compound of the formula I, which comprises reacting a compound of the formula II



where T₁, T₂, R(1), R(2) and R(3) have the meaning indicated above and G is a functionality which can be replaced by L-z, with a compound A-L-z in a manner known to the person skilled in the art, GA being removed and a compound of the formula I resulting.

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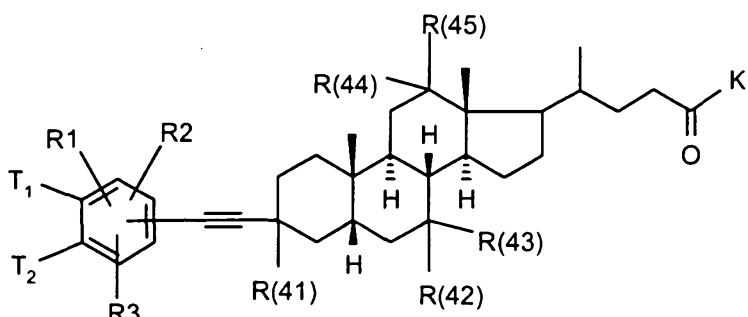
The functionality G of the compound having the formula II can have, for example, the meaning of bromine or iodine. By means of Pd(0) catalysis, the desired C-C bond linkage can then be obtained in a known manner.



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Pd(0) catalyst
Auxiliary base
Dipolar aprotic solvent

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The acetylene bile acid derivatives of the formula III are prepared from suitable bile acid ketones. For this, lithium acetylide is added to keto bile acids analogously to known processes (US 5,641,767).

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The compounds of the formula I and their pharmaceutically tolerable salts and physiologically functional derivatives are distinguished by a favorable influence on the bile composition and prevent the formation of gallstones by preventing the supersaturation of the bile with cholesterol, or by delaying the formation of cholesterol crystals from supersaturated bile. The

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compounds can be employed on their own or in combination with lipid-lowering active compounds. The compounds are particularly suitable for the prophylaxis and for the treatment of gallstones.

5 The compounds of the formula (I) according to the invention pass into the hepatobiliary system and therefore act in these tissues. Thus the water absorption from the gall bladder is inhibited by inhibition of the apical NHE antiport of the subtype 3 of the gall bladder epithelium, which results in a diluted bile.

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The biological testing of the compounds according to the invention was carried out by determination of the inhibition of the sodium/proton exchanger subtype 3.

15 1. Test description

For the determination of the IC₅₀ values for the inhibition of human NHE-3 protein (expressed in an LAP1 cell line), the recovery of the intracellular pH (pH_i) after acidification was determined, which commences in functional

20 NHE even under bicarbonate-free conditions. For this, the pH_i was determined using the pH-sensitive fluorescent dye BCECF (Calbiochem, the precursor BCECF-AM is employed). The cells were first loaded with BCECF. The BCECF fluorescence was determined in a ratio fluorescence spectrometer (Photon Technology International, South Brunswick, N.J.,

25 USA) at excitation wavelengths of 505 and 440 nm and an emission wavelength of 535 nm and converted into the pH_i by means of calibration curves. The cells had already been incubated in NH₄Cl buffer (pH 7.4) during the BCECF loading (NH₄Cl buffer: 115 mM NaCl, 20 mM NH₄Cl, 5 mM KCl, 1 mM CaCl₂, 1 mM, MgSO₄ 20 mM Hepes, 5 mM glucose,

30 1 mg/ml BSA; a pH of 7.4 is established using 1 M NaOH). The intracellular acidification was induced by addition of 975 µl of an NH₄Cl-free buffer to 25 µl aliquots of the cells incubated in NH₄Cl buffer. The subsequent rate of the pH recovery was recorded for 3 minutes. For the calculation of the inhibitory potency of the tested substances, the cells were first investigated

35 in buffers in which a complete pH recovery or no pH recovery at all took place. For the complete pH recovery (100%), the cells were incubated in Na⁺-containing buffer (133.8 mM NaCl, 4.7 mM KCl, 1.25 mM CaCl₂, 1.25 mM MgCl₂, 0.97 mM Na₂HPO₄, 0.23 mM NaH₂PO₄, 5 mM Hepes, 5 mM glucose, a pH of 7.0 is established using 1 M NaOH). For the



determination of the 0% value, the cells were incubated in an Na^+ -free buffer (133.8 mM choline chloride, 4.7 mM KCl, 1.25 mM CaCl_2 , 1.25 mM MgCl_2 , 0.97 mM K_2HPO_4 , 0.23 mM KH_2PO_4 , 5 mM Hepes, 5 mM glucose, a pH of 7.0 is established using 1 M NaOH). The substances to be tested 5 were prepared in the Na^+ -containing buffer. The recovery of the intracellular pH at each tested concentration of a substance was expressed in percent of the maximum recovery. The IC_{50} value of the respective substance was calculated from the percentage values of the pH recovery by means of the program SigmaPlot (Version 3.0, Jandel Scientific, USA).

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Results:

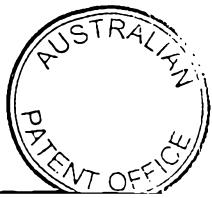
Example1: $\text{IC}_{50} = 1.7 \mu\text{M} / \text{l}$

15 The following examples serve to illustrate the invention in greater detail, without restricting it to products and embodiments described in the examples.

List of abbreviations:

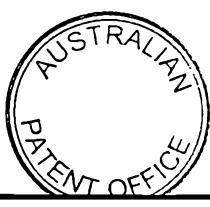
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MeOH	methanol
LAH	lithium aluminum hydride
DMF	N,N-dimethylformamide
EI	electron impact
25 CI	chemical ionization
RT	room temperature
EA	ethyl acetate (EtOAc)
mp	melting point
HEP	n-heptane
30 DME	dimethoxyethane
ES	electron spray
FAB	fast atom bombardment
CH_2Cl_2	dichloromethane
THF	tetrahydrofuran
35 eq.	equivalent



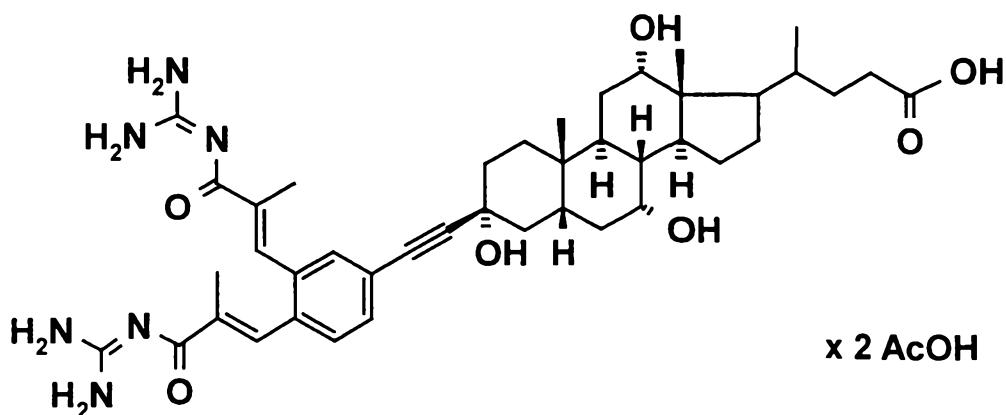
General process for the coupling of aryl halides and substituted, terminal acetylenes:

The aryl halide (1 eq) is introduced into DMF together with an auxiliary base (4 eq) such as, for example, triethylamine and a Pd catalyst such as, for example, palladium bistrifluoromethylphosphine dichloride (3 mol%). In the course of 0.5 – 3 h, the acetylene derivative is slowly added and, if necessary, the above amount of catalyst is again added. In the course of this, the reaction temperature can exceed RT and reach approximately 100°C; it is typically 60°C. The crude product can be precipitated by addition of ethyl acetate and filtered. Subsequent salt formation is achieved by addition of acid in acetone.

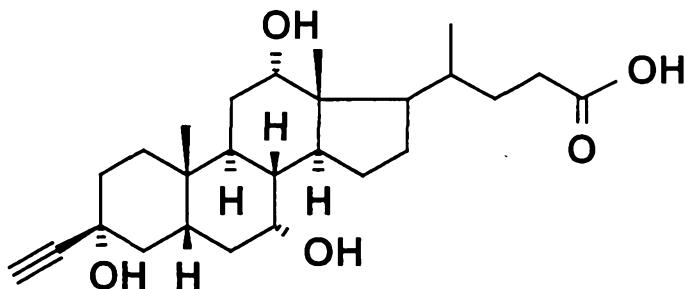


Example 1:

5 4-{3 β -[3,4-Bis(3-guanidino-2-methyl-3-oxopropenyl)phenylethynyl]-3 α ,7 α ,12 α -trihydroxy-10 β ,13 β -dimethylhexadecahydrocyclopenta[a]-phenanthren-17-yl}pentanoic acid diacetate, yellowish solid, m.p. 250°C (dec.), MS: $M^+ + H$ (FAB)=880.



10 Preparation of the intermediates 1 and 2:

Intermediate 1: 3 β -acetylenecholic acid

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Synthesis route:

a) Methyl 3,7,12-triacetylcholate

90 g of methyl cholate and 3.0 g of dimethylaminopyridine were dissolved
 20 in 500 ml of pyridine, and the solution was treated with 500 ml of acetic anhydride and stirred overnight at room temperature. It was poured onto ice water and extracted with ethyl acetate (3x). Drying ($MgSO_4$) and evaporation of the organic phase afforded 92 g of methyl 3,7,12-triacetylcholate, MS: $M^+ + Li$ (FAB)=555.

b) Methyl 7,12-diacetylcholate

150 ml of acetic anhydride were slowly added dropwise at 5°C to 1.5 l of methanol. After 15 minutes, 92 g of methyl 3,7,12-triacetylcholate were added and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 h. It was 5 poured onto ice water and extracted with ethyl acetate (3x). The organic phase was washed with 1N Na₂CO₃ solution, dried using MgSO₄ and evaporated. 85 g of crude product were obtained, MS: M⁺+Li (FAB)=513.

c) Methyl 3-keto-7,12-diacetylcholate

10 85 g (168 mmol) of methyl 7,12-diacetylcholate, 183.7 g of pyridinium chlorochromate and 175 g of molecular sieve were stirred at room temperature for 2 h in 2.5 l of dichloromethane. The mixture was poured onto 7 l of diethyl ether and the solids were filtered off. The solvent was evaporated and the residue was dissolved in ethyl acetate. After 15 chromatography on a Florisil column, 59.6 g of product were obtained, MS: M⁺+Li (FAB)=511.

d) Methyl 3 β -acetylene-7,12-diacetylcholate

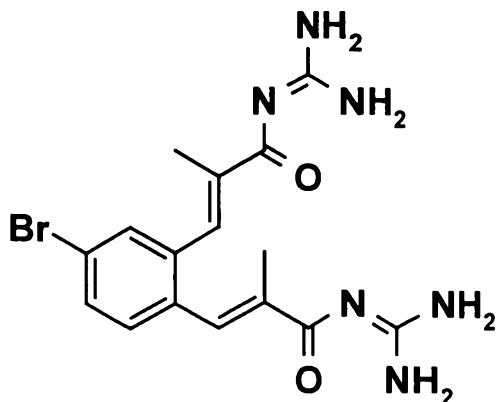
Acetylene was passed into 750 ml of abs. tetrahydrofuran at -55°C for 20 25 min under argon. 145 ml of 15% n-butyllithium in hexane were added dropwise to this solution and it was stirred for 10 min. 45 g (89 mmol) of methyl 3-keto-7,12-diacetylcholate were then added and the mixture was stirred at -40°C for 1.5 h. For working up, 500 ml of saturated aqueous ammonium chloride solution were added and the mixture was extracted 25 with ethyl acetate (3x), and the organic phase was dried over MgSO₄ and evaporated. The residue was chromatographed on silica gel (n-heptane/ethyl acetate 1:1). 35.3 g of product were obtained, MS: M⁺+Li (FAB)=537.

e) 3 β -Acetylenecholic acid

30 35.2 g (66 mmol) of the product from d) were dissolved in 1 l of methanol, treated with 300 ml of 2N sodium hydroxide solution and heated under reflux for 25 h. The solvent was evaporated, the residue was dissolved in water and the solution was acidified to pH 2 using 2N hydrochloric acid. The precipitate was filtered off and washed with water until neutral. Drying 35 of the residue afforded 14.6 g of product, MS: M⁺+Li (FAB)=439.



Intermediate 2: 1,2-Bis[3-(E-2-methylpropenoic acid guanidine)]-4-bromo-benzene dihydrochloride



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Synthesis route:

10 a) 4-Bromo-1,2-phthalyl alcohol from dimethyl 4-bromophthalate according to standard methods (e.g. reduction with LAH), colorless oil; MS (Cl): $M^+ + H = 217$.

15 b) 4-Bromo-1,2-phthalaldehyde from 2a) by, for example, Swern oxidation under standard conditions, amorphous solid, MS (Cl): $M^+ + H = 213$.

20 c) 4-Bromo-1,2-di[3-(ethyl E-2-methylpropenoate)]benzene by deprotonation of 1 eq. of triethyl 2-phosphonopropionate with 1 eq. of n-butyllithium in hexane at 0°C and subsequent reaction at RT with 0.5 eq. of 4-bromo-1,2-phthalaldehyde 2b). After complete reaction of the dialdehyde, the mixture was worked up with water and extracted three times by shaking with toluene. After drying the combined organic phases over magnesium sulfate, the solvent was removed in vacuo and the residual crude product was separated by chromatography on silica gel using EA/HEP mixtures as the eluent, colorless oil; MS (Cl): $M^+ + H = 381$.

25 d) 4-Bromo-1,2-di[3-(E-2-methylpropenoic acid)]benzene from 2c) by hydrolysis according to a standard method (sodium hydroxide in methanol), colorless amorphous solid, MS (ES): $M^+ + H = 325$.

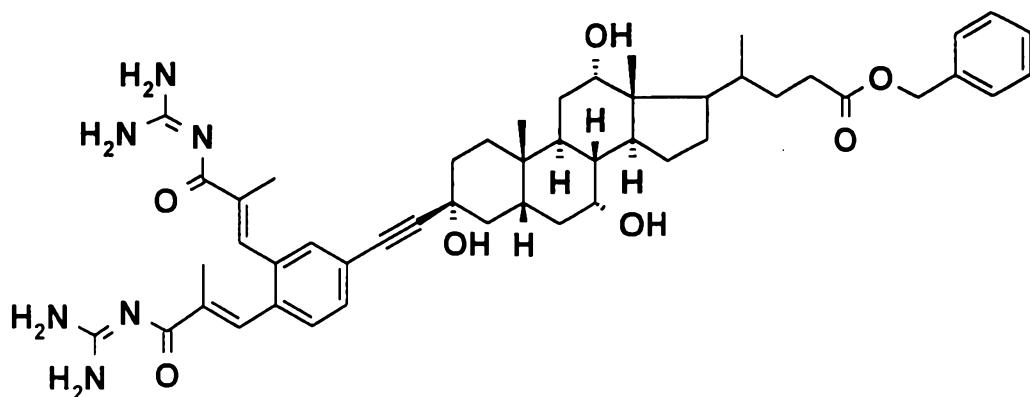
30 e) 1,2-Bis[3-(E-2-methylpropenoic acid guanidine)]-4-bromobenzene dihydrochloride from 2d) according to the general variant, colorless solid; mp 240°C; MS (FAB): $M^+ + H = 407$.



f) 4-{3 β -[3,4-Bis(3-guanidino-2-methyl-3-oxopropenyl)phenylethynyl]-3 α ,7 α ,12 α -trihydroxy-10 β ,13 β -dimethylhexadecahydrocyclopenta[a]phenanthren-17-yl}pentanoic acid diacetate from 2e) and 3 β -acetylenecholic acid by means of Pd(0) coupling according to the general process in DMF at 60 $^{\circ}$ C in the course of 2 h.

5 Example 2:

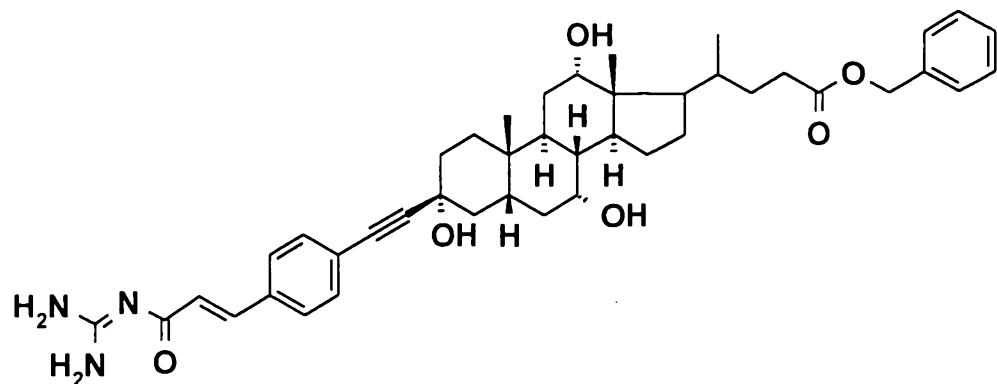
10 Benzyl 4-{3 β -[3,4-bis(3-guanidino-2-methyl-3-oxopropenyl)phenylethynyl]-3 α ,7 α ,12 α -trihydroxy-10 β ,13 β -dimethylhexadecahydrocyclopenta[a]phenanthren-17-yl}pentanoate, yellowish solid, m.p. 155 $^{\circ}$ C, MS: M $^{+}$ +H (ES)=849.



15 Synthesis analogously to Example 1 using benzyl 3 β -acetylenecholate.

Example 3:

20 Benzyl 4-{3 β -[4-(3-guanidino-3-oxopropenyl)phenylethynyl]-3 α ,7 α ,12 α -trihydroxy-10 β ,13 β -dimethylhexadecahydrocyclopenta[a]phenanthren-17-yl}pentanoate,



yellowish solid, m.p. 189 $^{\circ}$ C, MS: M $^{+}$ +H (FAB)=710.

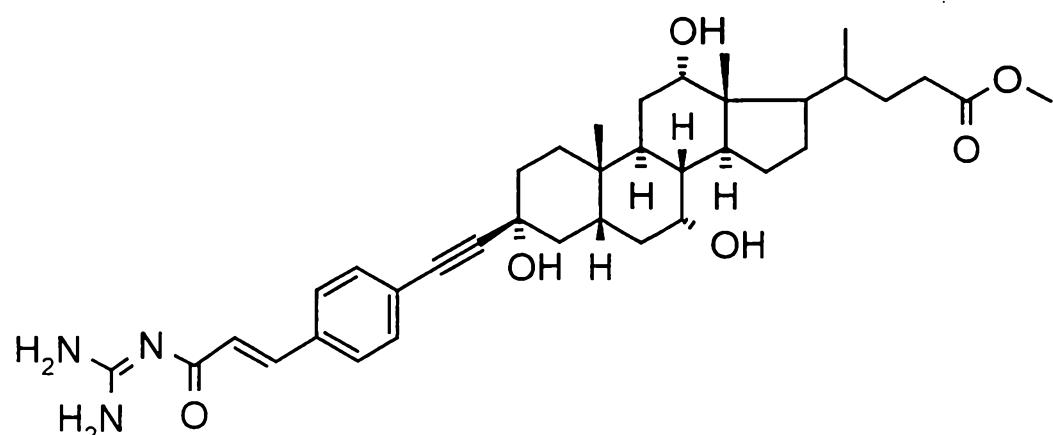


Synthesis according to the general process using 4-bromocinnamic acid guanidine and benzyl 3 β -acetylenecholate.

Example 4:

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Methyl 4-{3 β -[4-(3-guanidino-3-oxopropenyl)phenylethynyl]-3 α ,7 α ,12 α -trihydroxy-10 β ,13 β -dimethylhexadecahydrocyclopenta[a]phenanthren-17-yl}pentanoate, yellowish solid, m.p. 60°C, MS: $M^+ + H$ (FAB)=718.



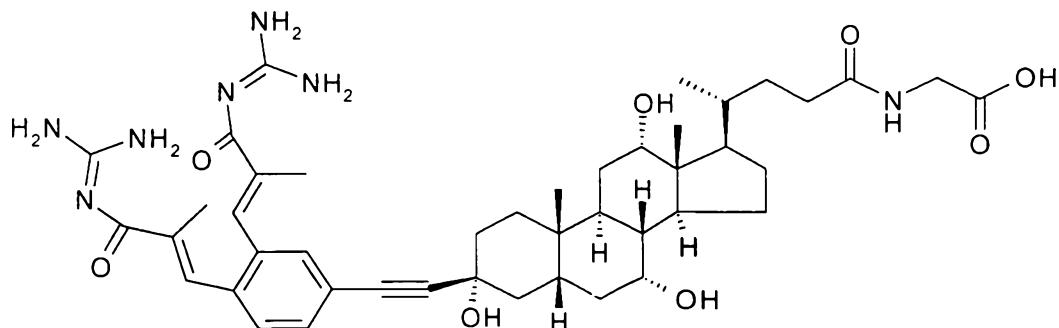
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Synthesis analogously to the general process by reaction of 4-bromocinnamic acid guanidine and benzyl 3 β -acetylenecholate.

15 Example 5:

(4-{3 β -[3,4-Bis(3-guanidino-2-methyl-3-oxopropenyl)phenylethynyl]-3 α ,7 α ,12 α -trihydroxy-10 β ,13 β -dimethylhexadecahydrocyclopenta[a]phenanthren-17-yl}pentanoylamino)acetic acid.

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a) Methyl [4-(3 β -ethynyl-3 α ,7 α ,12 α -trihydroxy-10 β ,13 β -dimethylhexadecahydrocyclopenta[a]phenanthren-17-yl)pentanoylamino]acetate

5 530 mg of 3 β -acetylenecholic acid (intermediate 1e) and 510 μ l of triethylamine are dissolved in 30 ml of THF and 175 μ l of ethyl chloroformate are added dropwise at 0°C. The mixture is stirred at 0°C for 15 minutes, then a solution of 340 mg of glycine methyl ester hydrochloride in 10 ml of DMF is added dropwise and the mixture is stirred at RT for 4 h. It is diluted with 200 ml of EA and washed twice with 50 ml of a 5% aqueous NaHSO₄ solution each time. It is dried over MgSO₄ and the solvent is removed in vacuo. The residue is taken up in 100 ml of EA and washed 3 times with 50 ml of a saturated aqueous Na₂CO₃ solution each time. It is dried over MgSO₄ and the solvent is removed in vacuo. Chromatography on silica gel using EA/MeOH 10:1 and subsequently a second time with EA yields 10 280 mg of a colorless foam.

15 R_f(EA) = 0.37 MS (FAB) : 518 (M+H)⁺

b) [4-(3 β -Ethynyl-3 α ,7 α ,12 α -trihydroxy-10 β ,13 β -dimethylhexadecahydrocyclopenta[a]phenanthren-17-yl)pentanoylamino]acetic acid

20 270 mg of methyl [4-(3 β -ethynyl-3 α ,7 α ,12 α -trihydroxy-10 β ,13 β -dimethylhexadecahydrocyclopenta[a]phenanthren-17-yl)pentanoylamino]acetate and 630 μ l of a 1N aqueous NaOH solution are dissolved in 5 ml of ethanol and allowed to stand at RT for 16 h. The solvent is removed in vacuo, the 25 residue is taken up using 50 ml of a saturated aqueous NaH₂PO₄ solution and the mixture is extracted 3 times with 50 ml of EA each time. It is dried over MgSO₄ and the solvent is removed in vacuo. 230 mg of an amorphous solid are obtained.

30 R_f(acetone/water 10:1) = 0.25 MS (FAB) : 502 (M+2Li)⁺

c) (4-{3 β -[3,4-Bis(3-guanidino-2-methyl-3-oxopropenyl)phenylethynyl]-3 α ,7 α ,12 α -trihydroxy-10 β ,13 β -dimethylhexadecahydrocyclopenta[a]phenanthren-17-yl}pentanoylamino)acetic acid

35 230 mg of [4-(3 β -ethynyl-3 α ,7 α ,12 α -trihydroxy-10 β ,13 β -dimethylhexadecahydrocyclopenta[a]phenanthren-17-yl)pentanoylamino]acetic acid and 183 mg of N-{3-[4-bromo-2-(3-guanidino-2-methyl-3-oxopropenyl)phenyl]-2-methylacryloyl}guanidine are reacted at 60°C in the course of 3 h by means of Pd(0) coupling according to the general process. After



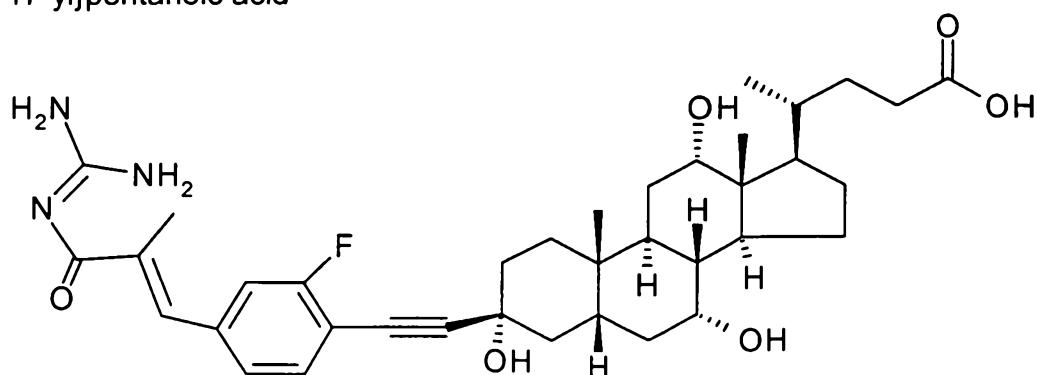
preparative HPLC on C18 LiChrosorb using acetonitrile/water 2:4 + 0.1% acetic acid + 0.1% ammonium acetate, 70 mg of an amorphous solid are obtained.

R_f (n-butanol/glacial acetic acid/water 3:1:1) = 0.33 MS (ES) : 816 ($M+H$)⁺

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Example 6:

4-{3-[2-Fluoro-4-(3-guanidino-2-methyl-3-oxopropenyl)phenylethynyl]-3,7,12-trihydroxy-10,13-dimethylhexadecahydrocyclopenta[a]phenanthren-17-yl}pentanoic acid



a) Butyl 3-(4-bromo-3-fluorophenyl)-2-methylacrylate

15 2 g of 1-bromo-2-fluoro-4-iodobenzene and 1.1 ml of diisopropylethylamine are dissolved in 20 ml of dimethylacetamide (anhydrous) and a gentle stream of argon is passed through the solution for 5 minutes. 1.4 ml of butyl acrylate and 10 mg of 2,6-di-*t*-butyl-4-methylphenol are then added and the mixture is heated to 100°C. Finally, a further 4 ml of dimethylacetamide are
20 degassed by means of a stream of argon and 80 mg of trans-bis(\square -acetato)bis[o-(di-*o*-tolylphosphino)benzyl]dipalladium (Tetrahedron Lett. 1996, 37(36), 6535-6538) are suspended therein. This suspension is added to the mixture of the other reactants and stirred at 140°C for 90 minutes. The mixture is then diluted with 200 ml of EA, and washed twice with
25 100 ml of water each time and once with 100 ml of a saturated aqueous NaCl solution. It is dried over MgSO₄ and the solvent is removed in vacuo. Chromatography on silica gel yields 230 mg of a colorless oil.

R_f (EA/HEP) = 0.27

MS (DCI) : 315 ($M+H$)⁺



b) Butyl 3-{4-[17-(3-carboxy-1-methylpropyl)-3,7,12-trihydroxy-10,13-dimethylhexadecahydrocyclopenta[a]phenanthren-3-ylethynyl]-3-fluorophenyl}-2-methylacrylate

5 64 mg of bis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(II) chloride, 17 mg of Cul, 0.5 ml of triethylamine and 230 mg of butyl 3-(4-bromo-3-fluorophenyl)-2-methylacrylate are dissolved in 10 ml of anhydrous DMF and a solution of 395 mg of 3 \square -acetylenecholic acid in 10 ml of anhydrous DMF are added dropwise in the course of one hour. The mixture is stirred at 60°C for one hour and a
10 10 solution of 395 mg of 3 \square -acetylenecholic acid in 10 ml of anhydrous DMF is slowly added dropwise again at 60°C. The mixture is stirred at 60°C for a further 2 hours, then a further 64 mg of bis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(II) chloride and 17 mg of Cul are added and the mixture is again stirred at 60°C for 2 hours. Finally, a further 80 mg of 3 \square -acetylenecholic acid
15 [lacuna] and the mixture is stirred at 60°C for 2 hours. The solvent is removed in vacuo, the residue is taken up in 100 ml of a 5% aqueous NaHSO₄ solution and the mixture is extracted 3 times with 100 ml of EA each time. It is dried over Na₂SO₄ and the solvent is removed in vacuo. Chromatography on silica gel using EA/MeOH 5:1 yields 90 mg of a wax-
20 like substance.

R_f (EA/MeOH 5:1) = 0.56

MS (FAB) : 667 (M+H)⁺

c) 4-{3-[2-Fluoro-4-(3-guanidino-2-methyl-3-oxopropenyl)phenylethynyl]-3,7,12-trihydroxy-10,13-dimethylhexadecahydrocyclopenta[a]phenanthren-17-yl}pentanoic acid
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73 mg of guanidine hydrochloride and 71 mg of potassium *t*-butoxide are dissolved in 2 ml of anhydrous DMF and the solution is stirred at RT for 30 minutes. This suspension is injected into 85 mg of butyl
30 3-{4-[17-(3-carboxy-1-methylpropyl)-3,7,12-trihydroxy-10,13-dimethylhexadecahydrocyclopenta[a]phenanthren-3-ylethynyl]-3-fluorophenyl}-2-methylacrylate and the mixture is stirred at 100°C for 5 hours. After cooling, 10 ml of water are added, the mixture is adjusted to pH = 4 using aqueous HCl solution and extracted 3 times using 10 ml of EA each time. It is dried over
35 MgSO₄ and the solvent is removed in vacuo. Chromatography on silica gel using acetone/water 10:1 yields 15.5 mg of an amorphous solid.

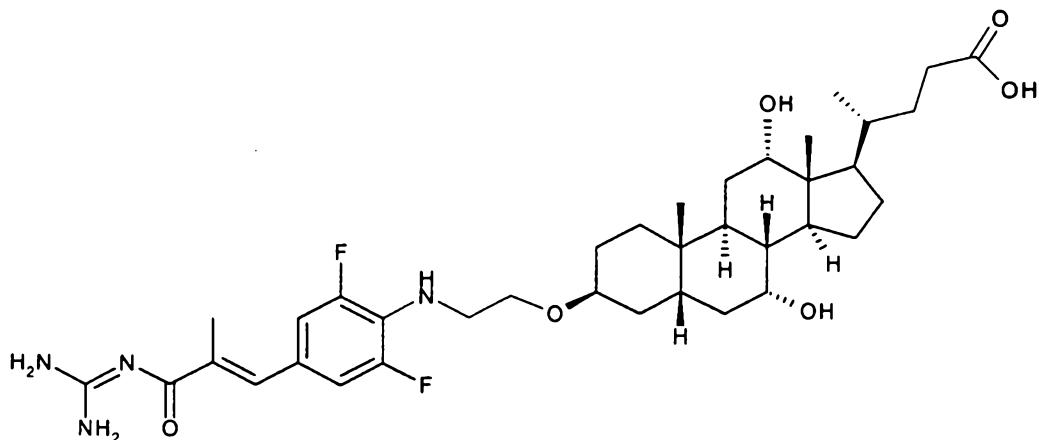
R_f (acetone/water 10:1) = 0.19

MS (ES) : 652 (M+H)⁺



Example 7:

5 4-(3-{2-[2,6-Difluoro-4-(3-guanidino-2-methyl-3-oxopropenyl)phenylamino]ethoxy}-7,12-dihydroxy-10,13-dimethylhexadecahydrocyclopenta[a]phenanthren-17-yl)pentanoic acid



10 a) 4-(7,12-Dihydroxy-3-methanesulfonyloxy-10,13-dimethylhexadeca-
hydrocyclopenta[a]phenanthren-17-yl)pentanoic acid

15 100 g of cholic acid are dissolved in 500 ml of pyridine and 23.1 ml of mesyl chloride are added dropwise at 0°C over a period of 30 minutes. The mixture is stirred at RT for 3 hours, then poured at 0°C onto a solution of 400 ml of H₂SO₄ in 3 l of water and extracted 4 times with 750 ml of EA each time. It is dried over Na₂SO₄ and the solvent is removed in vacuo. The residue is crystallized using diisopropyl ether and 117.1 g are obtained; mp 121°C (with decomposition).

20 R_f (EA/HEP/acetic acid 5:5:1) = 0.31 MS (FAB) : 487 (M+H)⁺

b) Methyl 4-[7,12-dihydroxy-3-(2-hydroxyethoxy)-10,13-dimethylhexadecahydrocyclopenta[a]phenanthren-17-yl]pentanoate

25 116 g of 4-(7,12-dihydroxy-3-methanesulfonyloxy-10,13-dimethylhexadeca-
hydrocyclopenta[a]phenanthren-17-yl)pentanoic acid and 130 ml of triethylamine are dissolved in 650 ml of glycol and the mixture is stirred at 100°C for 3 hours and at 115°C for 7.5 hours. The reaction mixture is poured onto a solution of 400 ml of H₂SO₄ in 3 l of water at 0°C and extracted 7 times with 750 ml of EA each time. It is dried over Na₂SO₄ and the solvent is removed in vacuo. The intermediate INT is obtained.

130 ml of acetyl chloride are added dropwise to 900 ml of methanol at 0°C. A solution of INT in 400 ml [lacuna] is then added and the mixture is stirred at RT for 6 hours. It is allowed to stand at RT for 60 hours, then poured onto 2.6 l of water and extracted 8 times with 500 ml of diisopropyl ether (DIP) each time. The organic phase is then washed a further 6 times with 600 ml of a semisaturated aqueous of an NaHCO₃ solution each time. It is dried over Na₂SO₄ and the solvent is removed in vacuo.

5 Chromatography on silica gel using EA yields 32 g of a resinous solid.
 R_f (EA) = 0.19 MS (FAB) : 467 (M+H)⁺

10 10 c) Methyl 4-{3-[2-(1,3-dioxo-1,3-dihydroisoindol-2-yl)ethoxy]-7,12-di-hydroxy-10,13-dimethylhexadecahydrocyclopenta[a]phenanthren-17-yl}pentanoate

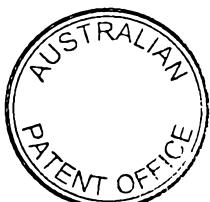
15 15 1.5 g of methyl 4-[7,12-dihydroxy-3-(2-hydroxyethoxy)-10,13-dimethylhexadecahydrocyclopenta[a]phenanthren-17-yl]pentanoate, 950 mg of triphenylphosphine and 550 mg of phthalimide are warmed to 45°C in 26 ml of THF and 1.14 ml of diethyl azodicarboxylate are added dropwise at this temperature. The reaction mixture is stirred at 45°C for 2 hours, then 20 poured into 200 ml of a semiconcentrated aqueous NaHCO₃ solution and extracted 3 times with 200 ml of EA each time. The organic phase is dried over Na₂SO₄ and the solvent is removed in vacuo. Chromatography on silica gel using *t*-butyl methyl ether (MTB) yields 1.76 g of a viscous oil.

20 20 R_f (EA) = 0.60 MS (FAB) : 602 (M+Li)⁺

25 25 d) Methyl 4-[3-(2-aminoethoxy)-7,12-dihydroxy-10,13-dimethylhexadecahydrocyclopenta[a]phenanthren-17-yl]pentanoate

30 30 1.7 g of methyl 4-{3-[2-(1,3-dioxo-1,3-dihydroisoindol-2-yl)ethoxy]-7,12-di-hydroxy-10,13-dimethylhexadecahydrocyclopenta[a]phenanthren-17-yl}-pentanoate and 0.52 ml of hydrazine hydrate (80%) are dissolved in 14 ml of methanol and the solution is refluxed for 3 hours. It is then cooled to 40°C and the reaction mixture is treated with 8.7 ml of a 2N aqueous HCl solution. It is stirred at 40°C for 30 minutes, then the volatile constituents 35 are removed in vacuo. Chromatography on silica gel using acetone/water 10:1 yields 540 mg of resinous solid.

35 35 R_f (acetone/water 10:1) = 0.06 MS (FAB) : 466 (M+H)⁺



e) 4-[3-(2-Aminoethoxy)-7,12-dihydroxy-10,13-dimethylhexadecahydro-cyclopenta[a]phenanthren-17-yl]pentanoic acid

3 g of methyl 4-[3-(2-aminoethoxy)-7,12-dihydroxy-10,13-dimethylhexadecahydrocyclopenta[a]phenanthren-17-yl]pentanoate and 310 mg of NaOH are stirred at RT for 24 hours in 5 ml of water and 30 ml of methanol. The solvents are removed in vacuo, the residue is taken up with 200 ml of water and adjusted to pH = 7-7.5 using aqueous HCl solution. The mixture is stirred for 1 hour and the product is then filtered off. 1.6 g of a pale yellow crystalline solid are obtained. mp 185-195°C.

R_f (CH₂Cl₂/MeOH/acetic acid/water 32:8:1:1) = 0.18 MS (ES) : 452 (M+H)⁺

f) Ethyl 2-methyl-3-(3,4,5-trifluorophenyl)acrylate

4.3 ml of triethyl 2-phosphonopropionate are dissolved in 30 ml of anhydrous THF and 12.5 ml of a 1.6 N solution of n-butyllithium in hexane are added dropwise at 0°C. The mixture is stirred at RT for 15 minutes and a solution of 3.2 g of 3,4,5-trifluorobenzaldehyde in 8 ml of anhydrous THF is then added dropwise. The mixture is stirred at RT for 1 hour and allowed to stand at RT for 16 hours. The reaction mixture is diluted with 300 ml of water, 30 ml of a saturated aqueous Na₂CO₃ solution are added and it is extracted 3 times with 100 ml of EA each time. It is dried over Na₂SO₄ and the solvent is removed in vacuo. Chromatography on silica gel using EA/HEP 1:8 yields 3.8 g of colorless crystals; mp 54°C.

R_f (EA/HEP 1:8) = 0.35 MS (DCI) : 245 (M+H)⁺

g) Ethyl 3-(4-{2-[17-(3-carboxy-1-methylpropyl)-7,12-dihydroxy-10,13-dimethylhexadecahydrocyclopenta[a]phenanthren-3-yloxy]ethylamino}-3,5-difluorophenyl)-2-methacrylate

600 mg of 4-[3-(2-aminoethoxy)-7,12-dihydroxy-10,13-dimethylhexadecahydrocyclopenta[a]phenanthren-17-yl]pentanoic acid, 390 mg of ethyl 2-methyl-3-(3,4,5-trifluorophenyl)acrylate and 828 mg of K₂CO₃ are stirred at 130°C for 2.5 hours in 10 ml of dimethylacetamide. The reaction mixture is diluted with 400 ml of CH₂Cl₂ after cooling and washed with 400 ml of a 5% aqueous NaHSO₄ solution. It is dried over MgSO₄ and the solvent is removed in vacuo. Chromatography on silica gel using CH₂Cl₂/MeOH 10:1 yields 155 mg of a colorless oil.

R_f (CH₂Cl₂/MeOH 10:1) = 0.27 MS (ES) : 676 (M+H)⁺

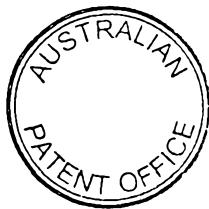


i) 4-(3-{2-[2,6-Difluoro-4-(3-guanidino-2-methyl-3-oxopropenyl)phenyl-amino]ethoxy}-7,12-dihydroxy-10,13-dimethylhexadecahydrocyclopenta[a]phenanthren-17-yl)pentanoic acid

5 130 mg of guanidine hydrochloride and 125 mg of potassium *t*-butoxide are stirred at RT for 30 minutes in 1 ml of anhydrous DMF. A solution of 150 mg of ethyl 3-(4-{2-[17-(3-carboxy-1-methylpropyl)-7,12-dihydroxy-10,13-dimethylhexadecahydrocyclopenta[a]phenanthren-3-yloxy]ethyl-amino}-3,5-difluorophenyl)-2-methacrylate in 1 ml of anhydrous DMF is

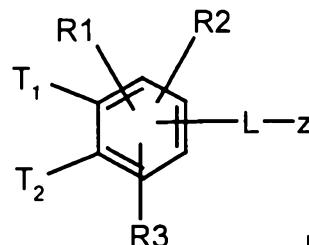
10 then added and stirred at 110-115°C for 6 hours. The reaction mixture is then poured onto 100 ml of water, adjusted to pH = 6 using aqueous HCl solution and the product is filtered off. It is dried in a fine vacuum and 8.0 mg of an amorphous solid are obtained.

R_f (CH₂Cl₂/MeOH/acetic acid/water 32:8:1:1) = 0.21 MS (ES) : 689 (M+H)⁺



Patent claims:

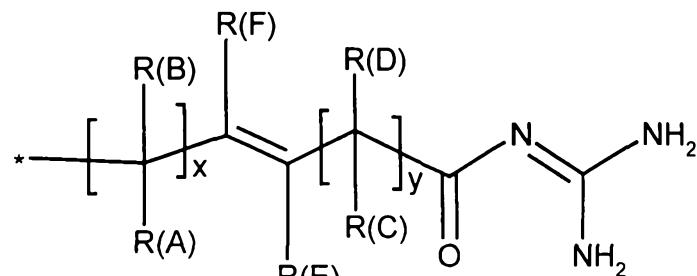
1. A compound of the formula I



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in which

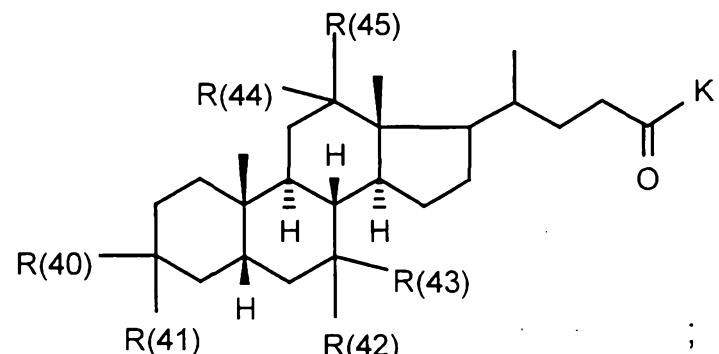
T1 and T2 independently of one another are



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or hydrogen, where T1 and T2 cannot simultaneously be hydrogen;

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R(A), R(B), R(C), R(D) independently of one another are hydrogen, F, Cl, Br, I, CN, OH, NH₂, -(C₁-C₈)-alkyl, -O-(C₁-C₈)-alkyl, where the alkyl radicals can be substituted one or more times by F; (C₃-C₈)-cycloalkyl, phenyl, benzyl, NHR(7), NR(7)R(8), O-(C₃-C₆)-alkenyl, O-(C₃-C₈)-cycloalkyl, O-phenyl, O-benzyl,

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where the phenyl nucleus can be substituted up to three times by F, Cl, CF₃, methyl, methoxy, NR(9)R(10);

5 R(7), R(8) independently of one another are hydrogen, -(C₁-C₈)-alkyl, where the alkyl radical can be substituted one or more times by F, (C₃-C₈)-cycloalkyl, (C₃-C₆)-alkenyl, (C₃-C₈)-cycloalkyl, phenyl, benzyl, where the phenyl nucleus can be substituted up to three times by F, Cl, CF₃, methyl, methoxy, NR(9)R(10);

10 or

15 R(7), R(8) together form a chain of 4 or 5 methylene groups, of which one CH₂ group can be replaced by oxygen, sulfur, NH, N-CH₃ or N-benzyl;

15 R(9), R(10) independently of one another are hydrogen, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, (C₁-C₄)-perfluoroalkyl;

20 x is zero, 1 or 2;

20 y is zero, 1 or 2;

25 R(E), R(F) independently of one another are hydrogen, F, Cl, Br, I, CN, (C₁-C₈)-alkyl, O-(C₁-C₈)-alkyl, where the alkyl radical can be substituted one or more times by F, (C₃-C₈)-cycloalkyl, O-(C₃-C₆)-alkenyl, O-(C₃-C₈)-cycloalkyl, O-phenyl, O-benzyl, where the phenyl nucleus can be substituted up to three times by F, Cl, CF₃, methyl, methoxy, NR(9)R(10);

30 R(1), R(2), R(3) independently of one another are hydrogen, F, Cl, Br, I, CN, -(C₁-C₈)-alkyl, -O-(C₁-C₈)-alkyl, where the alkyl radicals can be substituted one or more times by F, -(C=O)-N=C(NH₂)₂, -(SO₀₋₂)-(C₁-C₈)-alkyl, -(SO₂)-NR(7)R(8), -O-(C₀-C₈)-alkylenephene, -(C₀-C₈)-alkylenephene, where the phenyl nuclei can be substituted up to 3 times by F, Cl, CF₃, methyl, methoxy, -(C₀-C₈)-alkylene-NR(9)R(10);

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1 L is -O-, -NR(47)-, -(C₁-C₈)-alkylene-, -(C₂-C₈)-alkenylene-, -(C₂-C₈)-alkynylene-, -COO-, -CO-NR(47)-, -SO₂-NR(47)-, -O-(CH₂)_n-O-, -NR(47)-(CH₂)_n-O-, -NR(48)-CO-(CH₂)_n-O-, -CO-NR(48)-(CH₂)_n-O-, -O-CO-(CH₂)_n-O-, -SO₂-NR(48)-(CH₂)_n-O-, -NR(48)-CO-CH=CH-CO-NR(48)-(CH₂)_n-O-, -NR(48)-SO₂-(CH₂)_n-O-;

5 R(47) is hydrogen, (C₁-C₈)-alkyl, R(48)-CO-, phenyl, benzyl;

10 R(48) is hydrogen, (C₁-C₈)-alkyl, phenyl and benzyl, where the phenyl nucleus can be substituted up to 3 times by F, Cl, CF₃, methyl, methoxy;

15 n is 1 to 8;

R(40) to R(45) independently of one another are hydrogen, -OR(50), -SR(50), NHR(50), -NR(50)₂, -O-(CO)-R(50), -S-(CO)-R(50), -NH-(CO)-R(50), -O-PO-(OR(50))-OR(50), -O-(SO₂)-OR(50), -R(50), a bond to L; or

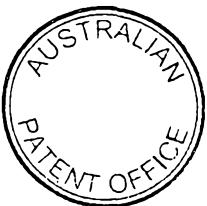
20 R(40) and R(41), R(42) and R(43), R(44) and R(45) in each case together form the oxygen of a carbonyl group;

where always just one of the radicals R(40) to R(45) has the meaning of a bond to L;

25 K is -OR(50), -NHR(50), -NR(50)₂, -HN-CH₂-CH₂-CO₂H, -HN-CH₂-CH₂-SO₃H, -NH-CH₂-COOH, -N(CH₃)CH₂CO₂H, -HN-CH(R46)CO₂H, -OKa, where Ka is a cation, such as, for example, an alkali metal or alkaline earth metal ion or a quaternary ammonium ion;

30 R(46) is hydrogen C₁-C₄-alkyl, benzyl, -CH₂-OH, H₃CSCH₂CH₂-, HO₂CCH₂-, HO₂CCH₂CH₂-;

35 R(50) is hydrogen, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, phenyl or benzyl, where the phenyl nucleus can be substituted up to 3 times by F, Cl, CF₃, methyl, methoxy;

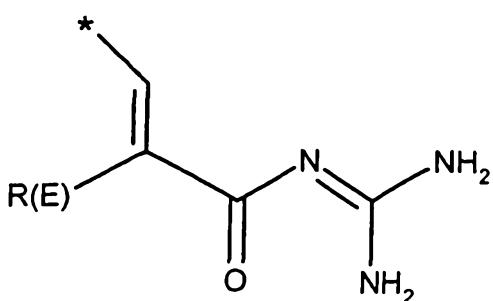


or its pharmaceutically tolerable salts.

2. A compound of the formula I, as claimed in claim 1, wherein

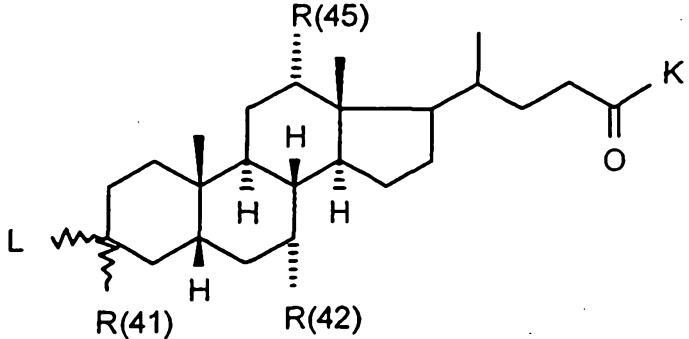
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10 or hydrogen, where T1 and T2 cannot simultaneously be hydrogen;

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15 R(E) is hydrogen, F, Cl, CN, (C1-C4)-alkyl, -O-(C1-C4)-alkyl, where the alkyl radicals can be substituted one or more times by F, (C3-C6)-cycloalkyl, (C3-C8)-alkenyl, O-(C3-C6)-cycloalkyl, O-phenyl, O-benzyl, where the phenyl nucleus can be substituted up to three times by F, Cl, CF3, methyl, methoxy, NR(9)R(10);

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R(9), R(10) independently of one another are hydrogen, CH3, CF3;

R(1), R(2), R(3) independently of one another are hydrogen, F, Cl, CN, -SO2-(C1-C4)-alkyl, -SO2-N((C1-C4)-alkyl), -SO2-NH(C1-C4)-

alkyl, $-\text{SO}_2-\text{NH}_2$, $-\text{SO}_2-(\text{C}_1-\text{C}_4)\text{-alkyl}$, $-(\text{C}_1-\text{C}_4)\text{-alkyl}$,
 -O-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, where the alkyl radicals can be substituted
 one or more times by F,
 -O-(C₀-C₄)-alkylenephenyl, -(C₀-C₄)-alkylenephenyl, where
 5 the phenyl nuclei can be substituted up to 3 times by F, Cl,
 CF_3 , methyl, methoxy;

L is -O-, -NR(47)-, -(C₁-C₄)-alkylene-, -(C₂-C₄)-alkenylene-,
 - (C₂-C₄)-alkynylene-, -COO-, -CO-NR(47)-, $-\text{SO}_2-\text{NR}(47)-$,
 10 -O-(CH₂)_n-O-, -NR(47)-(CH₂)_n-O-, -NR(48)-CO-(CH₂)_n-O-,
 -CO-NR(48)-(CH₂)_n-O-, $-\text{SO}_2-\text{NR}(48)-(CH_2)_n-\text{O}-$;

R(47) is hydrogen, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, R(48)-CO-, phenyl, benzyl;

15 R(48) is hydrogen, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, phenyl and benzyl, where the
 phenyl nucleus can be substituted up to 3 times by F, Cl,
 CF_3 , methyl, methoxy;

n is 1-4;

20 R(41), R(42), R(45) independently of one another are hydrogen, -OR(50),
 NHR(50), -NR(50)₂, -O-(CO)-R(50), -NH-(CO)-R(50);

25 R(50) is hydrogen, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, phenyl or benzyl, where the
 phenyl nucleus can be substituted up to 3 times by F, Cl,
 CF_3 , methyl, methoxy;

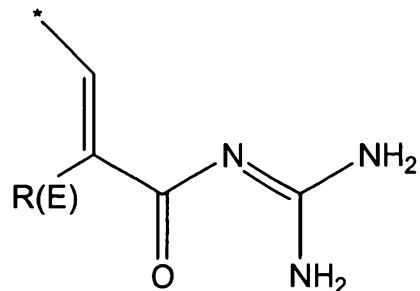
K is -OR(50), -NHR(50), -NR(50)₂, -HN-CH₂-CH₂-CO₂H,
 -HN-CH₂-CH₂-SO₃H, -NH-CH₂-COOH, -N(CH₃)CH₂CO₂H,
 30 -OK_a, where K_a is a cation, such as, for example, an alkali
 metal or alkaline earth metal ion or a quaternary ammonium
 ion;

35 or its pharmaceutically tolerable salts.

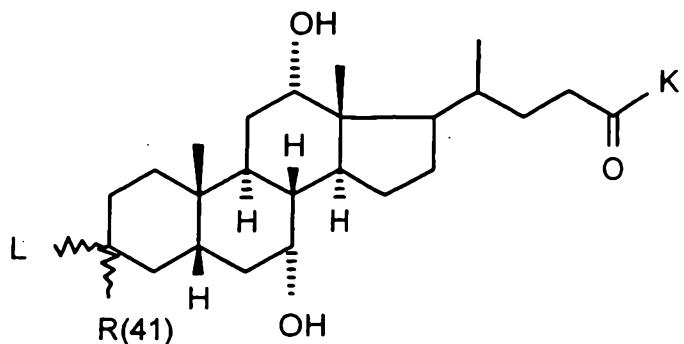
3. A compound of the formula I, as claimed in claim 1 or 2, wherein



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or hydrogen, where T1 and T2 cannot simultaneously be hydrogen, and L-z is



R(E) is hydrogen, F, Cl, CN, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, -O(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, CF₃, -OCF₃;

R(1), R(2) independently of one another are hydrogen, F, Cl, CN, -SO₂-CH₃, -(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, -O-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, where the alkyl radicals can be substituted one or more times by F; -O-(C₀-C₄)-alkylenephene, -(C₀-C₄)-alkylenephene, where the phenyl nuclei can be substituted up to 3 times by F, Cl, CF₃, methyl, methoxy;

R(3) is hydrogen;

L is -O-, -NR(47)-, -CH₂-CH₂-, CH=CH-, -(C≡C)-, -COO-, -CO-NR(47)-, -SO₂-NR(47)-, -O-(CH₂)_n-O-, -NR(47)-(CH₂)_n-O-, -NR(48)-CO-(CH₂)_n-O-, -CO-NR(48)-(CH₂)_n-O-, -SO₂-NR(48)-(CH₂)_n-O-;

R(47) is hydrogen, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, R(48)-CO-, phenyl, benzyl;



R(48) is hydrogen, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, phenyl and benzyl, where the phenyl nucleus can be substituted up to 3 times by F, Cl, CF₃, methyl, methoxy;

5 n is 1-4;

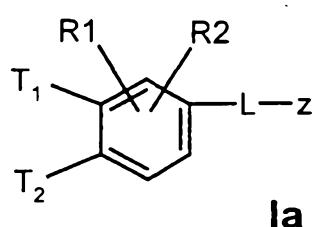
R(41) is hydrogen, -OH;

10 K is -OR(50), -NHR(50), -NR(50)₂, -HN-CH₂-CH₂-CO₂H, -HN-CH₂-CH₂-SO₃H, -NH-CH₂-COOH, -N(CH₃)CH₂CO₂H, -OK_a, where K_a is a cation, such as, for example, an alkali metal or alkaline earth metal ion or a quaternary ammonium ion;

15 R(50) is hydrogen, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, phenyl or benzyl, where the phenyl nucleus can be substituted up to 3 times by F, Cl, CF₃, methyl, methoxy;

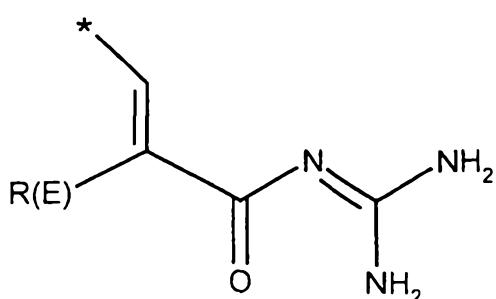
or its pharmaceutically tolerable salts.

20 4. A compound of the formula I, as claimed in one or more of claims 1 to 3, wherein formula I has the structure Ia



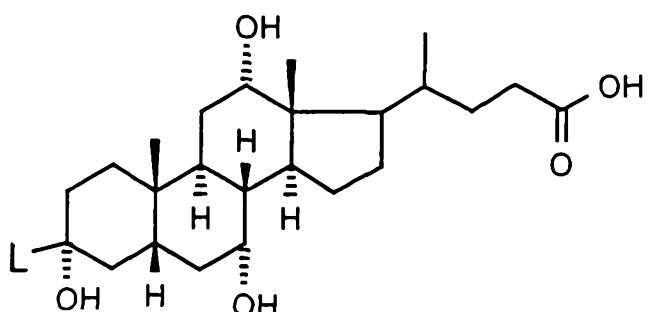
25 in which

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L is $\text{—C}\equiv\text{C—}$, $-\text{NH-CH}_2\text{-CH}_2\text{-O-}$;

R(E) is hydrogen, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl;

10 R(1), R(2) independently of one another are hydrogen, F, Cl, CN, $-\text{SO}_2\text{-CH}_3$, -(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, -O-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, where the alkyl radicals can be substituted one or more times by F;

or its pharmaceutically tolerable salts.

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5. A pharmaceutical comprising one or more of the compounds as claimed in one or more of claims 1 to 4.

20 6. A pharmaceutical comprising one or more of the compounds as claimed in one or more of claims 1 to 4 and one or more lipid-lowering active compounds.

7. A compound as claimed in one or more of claims 1 to 4 when used as a medicament for the prophylaxis or treatment of gallstones.

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8. A compound as claimed in one or more of claims 1 to 4 in combination with at least one further lipid-lowering active compound as a medicament for the treatment of gallstones.

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9. A process for the production of a pharmaceutical comprising one or more of the compounds as claimed in one or more of claims 1 to 4, which comprises mixing the active compound with a pharmaceutically suitable excipient and bringing this mixture into a form suitable for administration.



10. The use of the compounds as claimed in one or more of claims 1 to 4 for the production of a medicament for the prophylaxis or treatment of gallstones.
11. A method of prophylaxis or treatment of gallstones comprising administering to a patient in need thereof an effective amount of a compound as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 4.
12. A compound as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 4, 7 or 8 or a pharmaceutical comprising the same substantially as hereinbefore described with reference to any one of the examples.

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