

Neither compound nor the standards, administered intradermally or intraperitoneally, had an effect on the development of hemorrhage in the Arthus reaction. Both compounds produced comparable inhibition of local and systemic lesions in adjuvant-induced arthritis in the rat and of paralysis in experimental allergic encephalomyelitis. These inhibitions were observed at or near toxic levels, but the toxicity was considered adjuvant-related. Morton and Chatfield<sup>11</sup> had indicated that the adjuvant-induced arthritic rat probably does not detoxify compounds as efficiently as do normal rats because of impaired liver function. When II was tested in normal or adjuvant-treated rats at daily oral doses of 60 mg/kg a marked increase in lethality was observable by the eleventh day in the drug-adjuvant treated group (13/15 deaths), as compared with the drug, nonadjuvant treated group (2/15 deaths). II was more effective than I in decreasing cell induration in the delayed hypersensitivity skin reaction (tuberculin) in the guinea pig, in suppressing hemagglutinin production in the mouse, and in inhibiting TdR uptake by mouse thymus cells in culture. Neither compound was active as a membrane stabilizer. Both compounds demonstrated analgesic activity in the writhing and Randall-Sellito assays, and neither compound produced gastric erosions in the fasted rat. Because of the low acute oral toxicity of I and II in the rat and in the mouse and because they lack ulcerogenic potential, both compounds possess favorable therapeutic indices. These data indicate that both I and II possess antiinflammatory activity of considerable interest;

they compare favorably with indomethacin, phenylbutazone, and niflumic acid. Compound I has been selected for further toxicological studies.

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## Synthetic Antidiarrheal Agents.

### 2,2-Diphenyl-4-(4'-aryl-4'-hydroxypiperidino)butyramides

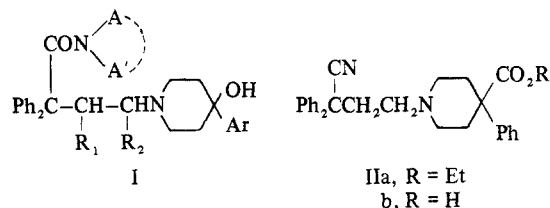
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The synthesis of a series of 2,2-diphenyl-4-(4'-aryl-4'-hydroxypiperidino)butyramides and the preliminary evaluation of their antidiarrheal activities are described. Intermediates are (tetrahydro-3,3-diphenyl-2-furylidene)ammonium salts prepared from 4-bromo-2,2-diphenylbutyric acid (2). 4-(*p*-Chlorophenyl)-4-hydroxy-*N,N*-dimethyl- $\alpha,\alpha$ -diphenyl-1-piperidinebutyramide HCl (30, loperamide) and 4-(4-chloro- $\alpha,\alpha$ -trifluoro-*m*-tolyl)-4-hydroxy-*N,N*-dimethyl- $\alpha,\alpha$ -diphenyl-1-piperidinebutyramide HCl (33, fluperamide) were approximately two times more potent than diphenoxylate and had a considerably better relative constipating specificity.

As part of a continuing effort to develop novel antidiarrheal agents, a series of 2,2-diphenyl-4-(4'-aryl-4'-hydroxypiperidino)butyramides of formula I were prepared. Diphenoxylate (IIa), a well-known antidiarrheal<sup>1</sup> and potent inhibitor of the peristaltic reflex activity of guinea pig ileum *in vitro*,<sup>2</sup> belongs to a series of 1-(3-cyano-3,3-diphenylpropyl)-4-phenylisonipecotic acid esters. With IIa the aim to synthesize analgesic type compounds devoid of analgesic action, but behaving as highly active inhibitors of gastrointestinal propulsion and defaecation, was achieved. The active metabolite of IIa, difenoxine (IIb),<sup>3</sup> was found to be five times more potent than IIa and to possess a better safety margin.<sup>4-8</sup>

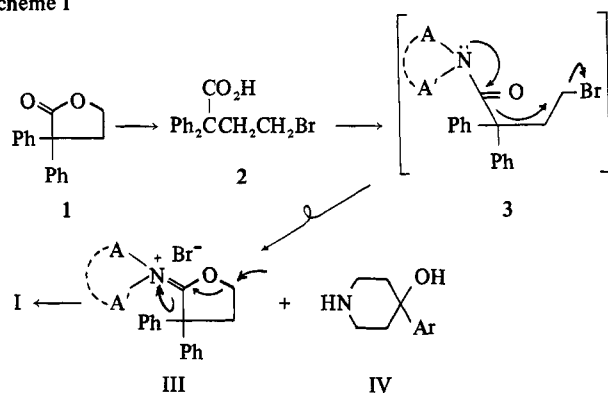
The original objective of this study was to replace the cyano group of II by an amide function, but the approach led invariably to less active or inactive compounds. However, when the carboxyl substituent on the piperidine ring was replaced by a hydroxyl group as well, improvement in activity was found. This modification was surprising, since 4-aryl-4-piperidinols are typical moieties of neuroleptics,



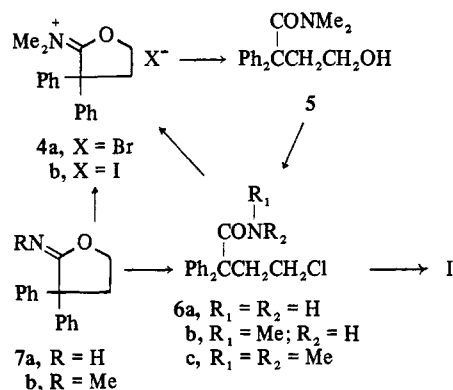
such as haloperidol, trifluoperidol, moperone, and clofluperol.<sup>9</sup>

**Chemistry.** The synthesis of the tertiary butyramides I is outlined in Schemes I and II. Ring opening of 2,2-diphenyl-4-hydroxybutyric acid  $\gamma$ -lactone (1) with HBr in AcOH afforded 4-bromo-2,2-diphenylbutyric acid (2).<sup>10</sup> Subsequent treatment of 2 with SOCl<sub>2</sub> and reaction of the intermediate acid chloride with an appropriate secondary amine yielded the corresponding (tetrahydro-3,3-diphenyl-2-furylidene)-ammonium salts III (Table I). Compounds 3 rearranged spontaneously under the reaction conditions. The structure of ammonium salts III was evident from spectral data (Experimental Section) and from their reactivity. Compounds III

Scheme I



Scheme II



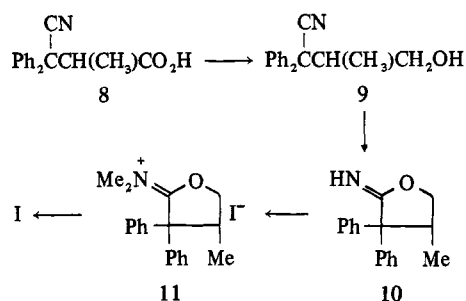
reacted extremely fast with 4-aryl-4-piperidinols IV to give the desired end products I. Treatment of dimethyl(tetrahydro-3,3-diphenyl-2-furylidene)ammonium bromide (4a) with aqueous base afforded 4-hydroxy-*N,N*-dimethyl-2,2-diphenylbutyramide (5), which was converted with  $\text{SOCl}_2$  to the corresponding 4-chloro compound 6c. Compound 6c rearranged slowly to the corresponding ammonium salt of

type III upon warming in an inert solvent. Reaction of 6c with IV afforded end products I (Table II).

Primary and secondary butyramides I were prepared by substitution reaction of 6a and 6b with the appropriate 4-aryl-4-piperidinols IV. Compounds 6a and 6b were synthesized by ring opening of the corresponding 3,3-diphenyl-2-iminotetrahydrofurans 7a and 7b with HCl.<sup>11</sup> Quaternization of 7b with MeI afforded ammonium iodide 4b. Alkylation of 7a with  $\text{LiNH}_2$  and MeI yielded monomethylated compound 7b.

The  $\beta$ - and  $\gamma$ -methyl-substituted butyramides I were prepared by condensation of the appropriately substituted (tetrahydro-3,3-diphenyl-2-furylidene)ammonium salts 11 and 14 with 4-aryl-4-piperidinols IV. The synthesis of 11 and 14 is outlined in Schemes III and IV. Treatment of 3-

Scheme III



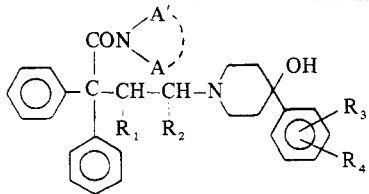
cyano-3,3-diphenylisobutyric acid<sup>12</sup> with  $\text{SOCl}_2$  followed by reduction of the intermediate acid chloride with  $\text{NaBH}_4$  in DMF afforded the corresponding alcohol 9. Acid cyclization of 9 gave tetrahydro-4-methyl-3,3-diphenyl-2-furanimine (10). Alkylation of 10 followed by quaternization yielded ammonium iodide 11. Alkylation of the appropriately *N,N*-disubstituted 2,2-diphenylacetamide 12 with  $\text{NaNH}_2$  in xylene afforded the corresponding 2,2-diphenyl-4-pentenamide 13. Cyclization of 13 with HBr in AcOH


Table I. (Tetrahydro-3,3-diphenyl-2-furylidene)ammonium Salts

Compd	$\text{N} \begin{matrix} \text{A}' \\ \text{A} \end{matrix}$	$\text{R}_1$	$\text{R}_2$	X	Crystn solvent	Yield purified, %	Mp, °C	Formula <sup>a</sup>
4a	NMe <sub>2</sub>	H	H	Br	<i>i</i> -BuCOMe	50	181-182	C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>20</sub> BrNO
4b	NMe <sub>2</sub>	H	H	I	<i>i</i> -BuCOMe	63	217-218	C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>20</sub> I <sup>b</sup> NO
11	NMe <sub>2</sub>	Me	H	I	<i>i</i> -BuCOMe	35	180-181	C <sub>19</sub> H <sub>22</sub> I <sup>b</sup> NO
14a	NMe <sub>2</sub>	H	Me	Br	<i>i</i> -BuCOMe	74	207-208	C <sub>19</sub> H <sub>22</sub> BrNO
14b	<i>c</i> -N(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>4</sub>	H	Me	Br	<i>i</i> -BuCOMe	88	226-227	C <sub>21</sub> H <sub>24</sub> BrNO
15	NEt <sub>2</sub>	H	H	Br	<i>i</i> -BuCOMe	58	172-174	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>24</sub> BrNO
16	N(CH <sub>2</sub> CH=CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	H	H	Br	<i>i</i> -Pr <sub>2</sub> O	53	98-100	C <sub>22</sub> H <sub>24</sub> BrNO
17	NEtMe	H	H	Br	Me <sub>2</sub> CO	50	172-173	C <sub>19</sub> H <sub>22</sub> BrNO <sup>c</sup>
18	<i>N-i</i> -PrMe	H	H	Br				C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>24</sub> BrNO <sup>b,c</sup>
19	NMe- <i>n</i> -Pr	H	H	Br	<i>i</i> -BuCOMe	49	170-172	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>24</sub> BrNO <sup>c</sup>
20	NMeCH <sub>2</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	H	H	Br	<i>i</i> -BuCOMe	31	112-113	C <sub>24</sub> H <sub>24</sub> BrNO <sup>c</sup>
21	<i>c</i> -N(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>4</sub>	H	H	Br	<i>i</i> -BuCOMe	45	186-188	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>22</sub> BrNO <sup>c</sup>
22	<i>c</i> -N(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>5</sub>	H	H	Br	<i>i</i> -BuCOMe	52	166-167	C <sub>21</sub> H <sub>24</sub> BrNO
23	<i>c</i> -N(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>5</sub> - <i>m</i> -CH <sub>3</sub>	H	H	Br	<i>i</i> -BuCOMe	70	198-199	C <sub>22</sub> H <sub>26</sub> BrNO <sup>c</sup>
24	<i>c</i> -N(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>5</sub> - <i>p</i> -CH <sub>3</sub>	H	H	Br	<i>i</i> -BuCOMe	40	193-194	C <sub>22</sub> H <sub>26</sub> BrNO
25	<i>c</i> -N(CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> O	H	H	Br	<i>i</i> -BuCOMe	30	175-177	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>22</sub> BrNO <sub>2</sub>
26		H	H	Br	<i>i</i> -Pr <sub>2</sub> O	30	143-144	C <sub>22</sub> H <sub>26</sub> BrNO <sub>2</sub>

<sup>a</sup>Analyzed for C, H, and N. <sup>b</sup>Crude oil (not analyzed for C, H, and N). <sup>c</sup>The possibility of geometric isomerism due to restricted rotation of the C=N<sup>+</sup> bond was not further investigated.

Table II. 2,2-Diphenyl-4-(4'-aryl-4'-hydroxypiperidino)butyramides



Compd	N-A	R <sub>1</sub>	R <sub>2</sub>	R <sub>3</sub>	R <sub>4</sub>	Crystn solvent	Yield purified, %	Mp, °C	Formula <sup>a</sup>
27	NH <sub>2</sub>	H	H	4-Cl	H	<i>i</i> -BuCOMe	10	236-237	C <sub>27</sub> H <sub>29</sub> ClN <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> ·HCl
28	NHMe	H	H	H	H	<i>i</i> -PrOH	40	218-219	C <sub>28</sub> H <sub>32</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> ·HCl
29	NHMe	H	H	4-Cl	H	<i>i</i> -BuCOMe	40	237-238	C <sub>28</sub> H <sub>31</sub> ClN <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> ·HCl
30	NMe <sub>2</sub>	H	H	4-Cl	H	<i>i</i> -PrOH	58	222-223	C <sub>29</sub> H <sub>33</sub> ClN <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> ·HCl
31	NMe <sub>2</sub>	H	H	4-Me	H	Me <sub>2</sub> CO	41	206-207	C <sub>30</sub> H <sub>36</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> ·HCl
32	NMe <sub>2</sub>	H	H	3-Cl	4-Cl	<i>i</i> -BuCOMe	80	239-240	C <sub>29</sub> H <sub>32</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> ·HCl
33	NMe <sub>2</sub>	H	H	4-Cl	3-CF <sub>3</sub>	<i>i</i> -PrOH	64	215-216	C <sub>30</sub> H <sub>32</sub> ClF <sub>3</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> ·HCl
34	NMe <sub>2</sub>	H	H	H	H	PhMe	60	130-131	C <sub>29</sub> H <sub>34</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>
35	NMe <sub>2</sub>	H	H	4-Br	H	<i>i</i> -BuCOMe	64	123-124	C <sub>29</sub> H <sub>33</sub> BrN <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> ·H <sub>2</sub> O
36	NMe <sub>2</sub>	H	H	3-CF <sub>3</sub>	H	<i>i</i> -BuCOMe	34	185-186	C <sub>30</sub> H <sub>33</sub> F <sub>3</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> ·HCl
37	NMe <sub>2</sub>	H	H	4-F	H	<i>i</i> -PrOH	82	233-234	C <sub>29</sub> H <sub>33</sub> FN <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> ·HCl·0.5 <i>i</i> -PrOH <sup>b</sup>
38	NMe <sub>2</sub>	H	H	2-Me	4-Me	<i>i</i> -BuCOMe	43	126-127	C <sub>31</sub> H <sub>38</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> ·HCl·H <sub>2</sub> O
39	NMe <sub>2</sub>	H	H	2-MeO	5-MeO	THF	40	180-181	C <sub>31</sub> H <sub>38</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> ·HNO <sub>3</sub>
40	NEt <sub>2</sub>	H	H	4-Cl	3-CF <sub>3</sub>	<i>i</i> -BuCOMe	69	220-221	C <sub>32</sub> H <sub>36</sub> ClF <sub>3</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> ·HCl
41	NEt <sub>2</sub>	H	H	4-F	H	<i>i</i> -BuCOMe	45	135-136	C <sub>31</sub> H <sub>37</sub> FN <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>
42	NEt <sub>2</sub>	H	H	3-Cl	4-Cl	<i>i</i> -PrOH	60	245-246	C <sub>31</sub> H <sub>36</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> ·HCl
43	NEt <sub>2</sub>	H	H	H	H	<i>i</i> -PrOH	71	248-249	C <sub>31</sub> H <sub>39</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> ·HCl·0.5 <i>i</i> -PrOH
44	NEt <sub>2</sub>	H	H	3-CF <sub>3</sub>	H	<i>i</i> -BuCOMe	75	222-223	C <sub>32</sub> H <sub>37</sub> F <sub>3</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> ·HCl
45	NEt <sub>2</sub>	H	H	4-Br	H	<i>i</i> -BuCOMe	36	145-146	C <sub>31</sub> H <sub>37</sub> BrN <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> ·0.5H <sub>2</sub> O
46	NEt <sub>2</sub>	H	H	4-Cl	H	<i>i</i> -PrOH	44	236-237	C <sub>31</sub> H <sub>37</sub> ClN <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> ·HCl·0.5 <i>i</i> -PrOH <sup>c</sup>
47	<i>c</i> -N(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>4</sub>	H	H	H	H	<i>i</i> -BuCOMe	56	187-188	C <sub>31</sub> H <sub>36</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>
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50	<i>c</i> -N(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>4</sub>	H	H	3-Cl	4-Cl	EtOH	49	200-201	C <sub>32</sub> H <sub>34</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> ·HCl
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52	<i>c</i> -N(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>4</sub>	H	H	4-Cl	H	<i>i</i> -BuCOMe	53	168-169	C <sub>31</sub> H <sub>35</sub> ClN <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>
53	<i>c</i> -N(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>5</sub>	H	H	4-Cl	3-CF <sub>3</sub>	<i>i</i> -BuCOMe	64	204-205	C <sub>33</sub> H <sub>36</sub> ClF <sub>3</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> ·HCl
54	<i>c</i> -N(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>5</sub>	H	H	3-Cl	4-Cl	Me <sub>2</sub> CO	37	202-203	C <sub>32</sub> H <sub>36</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> ·HCl
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56	<i>c</i> -N(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>5</sub>	H	H	H	H	<i>i</i> -BuCOMe	51	240-241	C <sub>32</sub> H <sub>38</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> ·HCl
57	<i>c</i> -N(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>5</sub>	H	H	4-Cl	H	EtOH	66	251-253	C <sub>32</sub> H <sub>37</sub> ClN <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> ·HCl <sup>d</sup>
58	<i>c</i> -N(CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> O	H	H	3-CF <sub>3</sub>	H	<i>i</i> -BuCOMe	62	213-214	C <sub>33</sub> H <sub>37</sub> F <sub>3</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> ·HCl
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63		H	H	4-Cl	H	<i>i</i> -BuCOMe	36	241-242	C <sub>33</sub> H <sub>39</sub> ClN <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> ·HCl
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65	<i>c</i> -N(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>5</sub> - <i>p</i> -CH <sub>3</sub>	H	H	4-Cl	H	<i>i</i> -BuCOMe	85	235-236	C <sub>33</sub> H <sub>39</sub> ClN <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> ·HCl
66	NMeEt	H	H	4-Cl	H	PhMe	30	215-216	C <sub>30</sub> H <sub>35</sub> ClN <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> ·HCl
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68	NMe- <i>i</i> -Pr	H	H	4-Cl	H	<i>i</i> -BuCOMe	73	225-226	C <sub>31</sub> H <sub>37</sub> ClN <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> ·HCl
69	NMeCH <sub>2</sub> Ph	H	H	4-Cl	H	<i>i</i> -BuCOMe	60	225-226	C <sub>35</sub> H <sub>37</sub> ClN <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> ·HCl
70	N(CH <sub>2</sub> CH=CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	H	H	4-Cl	H	EtOH	60	258-259	C <sub>33</sub> H <sub>37</sub> ClN <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> ·HCl
71	NMe <sub>2</sub>	Me	H	4-Cl	H	<i>i</i> -PrOH	54	196-197	C <sub>30</sub> H <sub>35</sub> ClN <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> ·HCl·0.5 <i>i</i> -PrOH
72	NMe <sub>2</sub>	Me	H	4-Cl	3-CF <sub>3</sub>	<i>i</i> -PrOH	45	200-201	C <sub>31</sub> H <sub>34</sub> ClF <sub>3</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>
73	NMe <sub>2</sub>	Me	H	3-CF <sub>3</sub>	H	<i>i</i> -PrOH	40	252-253	C <sub>31</sub> H <sub>35</sub> F <sub>3</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> ·HCl
74	NMe <sub>2</sub>	H	Me	4-Cl	H	EtOH	40	200-201	C <sub>30</sub> H <sub>35</sub> ClN <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>
75	NMe <sub>2</sub>	H	Me	4-F	H	<i>i</i> -BuCOMe	20	165-166	C <sub>30</sub> H <sub>35</sub> FN <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>
76	NMe <sub>2</sub>	H	Me	H	H	<i>i</i> -BuCOMe	43	193-194	C <sub>30</sub> H <sub>36</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>
77	NMe <sub>2</sub>	H	Me	3-CF <sub>3</sub>	H	<i>i</i> -BuCOMe	48	169-170	C <sub>31</sub> H <sub>35</sub> F <sub>3</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>
78	NMe <sub>2</sub>	H	Me	4-Cl	3-CF <sub>3</sub>	<i>i</i> -BuCOMe	45	207-208	C <sub>31</sub> H <sub>34</sub> ClF <sub>3</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> ·HCl
79	<i>c</i> -N(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>4</sub>	H	Me	H	H	<i>i</i> -BuCOMe	57	168-169	C <sub>32</sub> H <sub>38</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>
80	<i>c</i> -N(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>4</sub>	H	Me	4-Cl	H	<i>i</i> -BuCOMe	71	206-207	C <sub>32</sub> H <sub>37</sub> ClN <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>
81	<i>c</i> -N(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>4</sub>	H	Me	4-F	H	<i>i</i> -BuCOMe	27	186-187	C <sub>32</sub> H <sub>37</sub> FN <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>
82	<i>c</i> -N(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>4</sub>	H	Me	3-CF <sub>3</sub>	H	<i>i</i> -BuCOMe	30	133-134	C <sub>33</sub> H <sub>37</sub> F <sub>3</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> ·HCl·2H <sub>2</sub> O

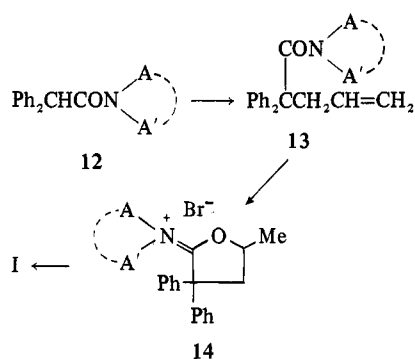
<sup>a</sup>Analyzed for C, H, and N. <sup>b</sup>C: calcd, 69.49; found, 69.01. <sup>c</sup>C: calcd, 68.28; found, 67.83. <sup>d</sup>C: calcd, 69.43; found, 68.91.

gave the desired 5-methyl-substituted ammonium bromides 14.

**Pharmacology.** For screening female Wistar rats were used. ED<sub>50</sub> values with 95% confidence limits were computed by Finney's iterative method.<sup>13</sup> The oral antidiar-

real activity was assessed by measuring the protection from diarrhea caused by castor oil.<sup>4</sup> The analgesic activity was assessed by measuring the warm water induced tail withdrawal reflex.<sup>14</sup> The ratio of the ED<sub>50</sub> value in the tail withdrawal test over the ED<sub>50</sub> value which gives protection for

## Scheme IV



1 hr in the castor oil test was used as a criterion for the relative constipating specificity (RCS).

## Results and Discussion

The results are summarized in Table III. All compounds tested showed antidiarrheal activity. The combination of antidiarrheal potency and high relative constipating specificity was optimal when the amide group was tertiary, bearing two small alkyl groups, such as dimethylamino (30-39) or ethylmethylamino (66). Introduction of a secondary amide (28, 29) resulted in a tenfold decrease of antidiarrheal potency and primary amide 27 had a very low potency.

When  $\text{N} < \overset{\text{A}}{\text{A}}$  was diethylamino (40-46) the compounds were equipotent, but a twofold increase in analgesic potency worsened the RCS. The corresponding pyrrolidino compounds (47-52, 79-82) were two or three times less active but retained high RCS. The piperidino (53-57, 64, 65) and morpholino (58-63) derivatives showed a large decrease in antidiarrheal potency with the exception of compound 56 which had a high antidiarrheal potency and a high RCS.  $\beta$ -Methyl branching ( $\text{R}_1 = \text{Me}$ , 71-73) resulted in increased antidiarrheal potency but also in a sharp increase of analgesic potency, with consequent loss of RCS.  $\gamma$ -Methyl branching ( $\text{R}_2 = \text{Me}$ , 74-82) had similar influence although less pronounced.

Substitution on the 4-phenyl ring of the 4-piperidinol moiety was optimal for *p*-Cl (30), *m*-CF<sub>3</sub>, *p*-Cl (33), and *p*-Br (35). The unsubstituted compound 34 was a very potent antidiarrheal but also a strong analgesic. *m*-CF<sub>3</sub> (36) and *p*-F (37) substitution gave an increase in antidiarrheal potency but afforded too strongly analgesic compounds. *p*-Me substitution (31) resulted in a tenfold loss of potency, while *m,p*-diCl (32) and *o,p*-diMe (38) substitution retained antidiarrheal potency but gave a lower RCS.

Loperamide (30) and fluperamide (33) were selected for further investigation. They were approximately two times more potent than diphenoxylate (IIa) and 50 times more potent than codeine. Compared with IIa and codeine, 30 and 33 had a far superior relative constipating specificity (Table IV).

## Experimental Section

Melting points were taken on a Tottoli melting point apparatus and are corrected. All compounds were routinely checked for their structure by uv and ir spectrometry (uv, Beckman DK-2A and ir, Perkin-Elmer 421). Nmr spectra were recorded by means of a Bruker HX-60 spectrometer. Where analyses are indicated by symbols of the elements, analytical results obtained for those elements were within  $\pm 0.4\%$  of the theoretical values.

**4-Bromo-2,2-diphenylbutyric Acid (2).** A mixture of 1 (600 g, 2.5 mol) and 48% HBr in AcOH (1200 ml) was stirred for 48 hr. The precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with H<sub>2</sub>O and PhMe,

Table III. Antidiarrheal Activity in Rats

Compd	ED <sub>50</sub> <sup>a</sup> castor oil	ED <sub>50</sub> <sup>b</sup> tail withdrawal	Rel constipating specificity <sup>c</sup>
27	5.00 <sup>d</sup>	>40	>8
28	0.16 <sup>d</sup>	5	31
29	1.00 <sup>d</sup>	40	40
30	0.15 (0.11-0.20)	80	533
31	1.26 (0.53-2.99)	≥160	≥127
32	0.26 (0.18-0.40)	100	385
33	0.15 (0.11-0.21)	70	467
34	0.012 (0.006-0.021)	3.0	250
35	0.10 (0.06-0.17)	80	800
36	0.020 (0.010-0.042)	4.0	200
37	0.040 (0.019-0.085)	20	500
38	0.16 (0.10-0.27)	20	125
39	0.57 (0.37-0.86)	≥160	≥281
40	0.080 (0.042-0.153)	20	250
41	0.044 (0.024-0.079)	10	227
42	0.31 (0.20-0.48)	80	258
43	0.025 (0.014-0.045)	3.0	120
44	0.017 (0.007-0.037)	2.0	118
45	0.33 (0.21-0.52)	32	97
46	0.17 (0.11-0.25)	40	235
47	0.016 (0.009-0.030)	7.0	437
48	0.16 (0.10-0.58)	40	250
49	0.45 (0.31-0.66)	160	355
50	0.50 (0.25-0.98)	>320	>640
51	0.11 (0.07-0.17)	10	91
52	0.27 (0.18-0.40)	160	593
53	5.00 <sup>d</sup>	>160	>32
54	2.50 <sup>d</sup>	>160	>64
55	0.53 (0.29-0.94)	160	302
56	0.25 (0.17-0.38)	>320	>1280
57	1.76 (1.13-2.73)	>160	>91
58	0.63 (0.29-1.39)	>160	>251
59	1.26 (0.55-2.89)	>160	>127
60	8.00 <sup>d</sup>	>160	>20
61	0.50 <sup>d</sup>	130	260
62	10 <sup>d</sup>	160	16
63	10 <sup>d</sup>	≥160	≥16
64	10 <sup>d</sup>	>160	>16
65	10 <sup>d</sup>	>160	>16
66	0.13 (0.07-0.29)	≥160	≥1231
67	0.54 <sup>d</sup>	>160	>296
68	0.54 <sup>d</sup>	>160	>296
69	1.24 (0.56-2.72)	>160	>129
70	10 <sup>d</sup>	>160	>16
71	0.025 (0.013-0.045)	1.0	40
72	0.028 (0.015-0.055)	1.25	45
73	0.006 (0.004-0.009)	1.25	208
74	0.070 (0.048-0.102)	20	286
75	0.032 (0.014-0.071)	20	622
76	0.057 (0.035-0.094)	20	351
77	0.022 (0.012-0.039)	2.5	114
78	0.060 (0.029-0.124)	2.5	42
79	1.26 (0.64-2.48)	>40	>32
80	0.42 (0.19-0.91)	40	95
81	1.26 (0.66-2.84)	>40	>32
82	2.07 (0.89-4.81)	>80	>39

<sup>a</sup>mg/kg po at 1 hr after castor oil (confidence limits). <sup>b</sup>mg/kg po (graphically estimated). <sup>c</sup>ED<sub>50</sub> tail withdrawal/ED<sub>50</sub> castor oil (1 hr). <sup>d</sup>Graphically estimated.

and crystallized from *i*-Pr<sub>2</sub>O to give pure 2 (670 g, 84%), mp 135-137°. Anal. (C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>17</sub>BrO<sub>2</sub>) C, H.

**Dimethyl(tetrahydro-3,3-diphenyl-2-furylidene)ammonium Bromide (4a).** To a suspension of 2 (227 g, 0.71 mol) in CHCl<sub>3</sub> (1500 ml) was added SOCl<sub>2</sub> (160 ml) dropwise. The mixture was refluxed for 4 hr and allowed to cool, and the solvent was removed *in vacuo*. The crude acid chloride (227 g, 93%) was used without purification. To a solution of dimethylamine (5.4 g, 0.12 mol) and Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (25.4 g, 0.24 mol) in H<sub>2</sub>O (100 ml) was added dropwise a solution of 4-bromo-2,2-diphenylbutyryl chloride (33.8 g, 0.1 mol) in PhMe (100 ml), while the temperature was kept between 0 and 5°. The mixture was stirred for an additional 2 hr and extracted with CHCl<sub>3</sub>. The organic layer was dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>) and the solvent removed *in vacuo*. The residue was crystallized from *i*-BuCOMe to give pure 4a (17.3 g, 50%): mp 181-182°; uv max (95% EtOH) 255 nm ( $\epsilon$

**Table IV.** Antidiarrheal Activity of Loperamide, Fluperamide, Diphenoxylate, and Codeine in Rats

Compd	ED <sub>50</sub> , castor oil <sup>a</sup>				ED <sub>50</sub> , <sup>b</sup> tail withdrawal	RCSC <sup>c</sup>	LD <sub>50</sub> <sup>d</sup>
	1 hr	2 hr	4 hr	8 hr			
Loperamide	0.15 (0.11-0.20)	0.29 (0.23-0.38)	0.61 (0.45-0.83)	1.81 (1.25-2.63)	80	533	185 (135-254)
Fluperamide	0.15 (0.11-0.21)	0.20 (0.15-0.28)	0.31 (0.23-0.43)	0.77 (0.51-1.16)	70	467	86 (48-156)
Diphenoxylate	0.16 (0.11-0.23)	0.54 (0.40-0.72)	1.41 (1.07-1.87)	4.77 (3.44-6.61)	6	37	221 (133-367)
Codeine	2.85 (1.87-4.35)	10.8 (8.7-13.5)	28.8 (21.5-38.6)	69.9 (50.1-97.7)	36	13	427 (302-603)

<sup>a</sup>mg/kg po at stated hour after castor oil (confidence limits). <sup>b</sup>mg/kg po (graphically estimated). <sup>c</sup>ED<sub>50</sub> tail withdrawal/ED<sub>50</sub> castor oil at 1 hr. <sup>d</sup>Mortality after 7 days in mg/kg po (confidence limits).

540) and 261 (425); ir (KBr) 1675-1680 cm<sup>-1</sup> (C=N); nmr (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 3.03 (s, 3), 3.50 (t, 2), 3.8 (s, 3), 4.89 (t, 2), and 7.51 ppm (s, 10). *Anal.* (C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>20</sub>BrNO) C, H, N. Other compounds prepared by this method were 15-26.

*N,N*-Dimethyl-2,2-diphenyl-4-hydroxybutyramide (5). A solution of 4a (7.5 g, 0.021 mol) in H<sub>2</sub>O (50 ml) was alkalinized with aqueous NaOH and the mixture extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O. The organic layer was dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>) and the solvent removed *in vacuo*. The residue was crystallized from *i*-Pr<sub>2</sub>O to afford pure 5 (5.6 g, 94%), mp 131-132°. *Anal.* (C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>) C, H, N.

4-Chloro-*N,N*-dimethyl-2,2-diphenylbutyramide (6c). A mixture of 5 (12 g, 0.042 mol) and SOCl<sub>2</sub> (6.4 g, 0.054 mol) in CHCl<sub>3</sub> (100 ml) was refluxed for 2 hr. The solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the residue crystallized from *i*-Pr<sub>2</sub>O to give pure 6c (7 g, 53%), mp 136-137°. *Anal.* (C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>20</sub>ClNO) C, H, N.

*N*-(Tetrahydro-3,3-diphenyl-2-furylidene)methylamine Hydrobromide (7b). To a mixture of 35% aqueous methylamine (100 g, 1.13 mol) and Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (106 g, 1 mol) in H<sub>2</sub>O (1000 ml) and PhMe (800 ml) was added dropwise 4-bromo-2,2-diphenylbutyryl chloride (337.5 g, 1 mol) in PhMe (200 ml), while the temperature was kept between 0 and 5°. The mixture was allowed to come to room temperature and the precipitate collected by filtration. The solid was taken up into CHCl<sub>3</sub>, the solution dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>), and the solvent removed *in vacuo*. The residue was crystallized from *i*-BuCOMe to afford pure 7b (223 g, 67%), mp 159-161°. *Anal.* (C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO·HBr) C, H, N.

4-Chloro-*N*-methyl-2,2-diphenylbutyramide (6b). 7b (33.2 g, 0.1 mol) was converted to base in the usual way and dissolved in *i*-BuCOMe. The mixture was refluxed while dry HCl gas was bubbled through for 30 min. The solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the residue crystallized from *i*-Pr<sub>2</sub>O to give pure 6b (20.2 g, 70%), mp 150-152°. *Anal.* (C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>18</sub>ClNO) C, H, N. Compound 6a was prepared similarly.

Dimethyl(tetrahydro-3,3-diphenyl-2-furylidene)ammonium Iodide (4b). A solution of 7b (12.6 g, 0.05 mol) and MeI (14.2 g, 0.1 mol) in *i*-BuCOMe was refluxed overnight. The solvent was removed *in vacuo* and work-up as for 4a afforded pure 4b (12.4 g, 63%); mp 217-218°; nmr (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 2.99 (s, 3), 3.47 (t, 2), 3.82 (s, 3), 4.87 (t, 2), and 7.48 ppm (s, 10). *Anal.* (C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>20</sub>INO) C, H, N.

Tetrahydro-4-methyl-3,3-diphenyl-2-furanimine Hydrochloride (10). 3-Cyano-3,3-diphenylisobutyric acid 8 (45 g, 0.17 mol) was refluxed with SOCl<sub>2</sub> (30 ml) in CHCl<sub>3</sub>. The solvent was removed *in vacuo*; the crude acid chloride was dissolved into DMF and added dropwise to a mixture of NaBH<sub>4</sub> (7.5 g) in DMF (150 ml). The mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight. AcOH (15 ml) was added and the mixture poured onto ice-H<sub>2</sub>O. The mixture was extracted with *i*-Pr<sub>2</sub>O, the organic layer was dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>), and the solvent was removed *in vacuo*. The crude oil 9 (45 g) was dissolved into dry Et<sub>2</sub>O (250 ml) saturated with dry HCl gas. The mixture was left overnight at 0°. The solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the residue crystallized from *i*-BuCOMe to give pure 10 (20 g, 40%), mp 186-189°. *Anal.* (C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO) C, H, N.

Dimethyl(tetrahydro-4-methyl-3,3-diphenyl-2-furylidene)ammonium Iodide (11). To a suspension of 10 (5.75 g, 0.02 mol) in THF (50 ml) was added in small portions LiNH<sub>2</sub> (0.92 g, 0.04 mol) and the mixture refluxed for 2 hr. MeI (14.2 g, 0.1 mol) was added dropwise and reflux continued for an additional 12 hr. The mixture was poured into H<sub>2</sub>O and extracted with *i*-BuCOMe. Further quaternization and work-up as described for 4b afforded pure 11 (2.8 g, 35%), mp 180-181°. *Anal.* (C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>22</sub>INO) C, H, N.

*N,N*-Dimethyl-2,2-diphenyl-4-pentenamide (13a). To a mixture of 50% NaNH<sub>2</sub> suspended in xylene (120 g, 1.5 mol) and PhMe (500 ml) was added dropwise *N,N*-dimethyl-2,2-diphenylacetamide (310 g, 1.3 mol) in PhMe (1000 ml). The mixture was refluxed for 1 hr, allyl bromide (212 g, 1.75 mol) was added drop-

wise, and reflux continued for 2 hr. H<sub>2</sub>O (500 ml) was added, and the organic layer was separated, dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>), and evaporated. The residue was crystallized from *i*-Pr<sub>2</sub>O to give pure 13a (249 g, 69%), mp 110-112°. *Anal.* (C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO) C, H, N.

Dimethyl(tetrahydro-5-methyl-3,3-diphenyl-2-furylidene)ammonium Bromide (14a). A solution of 13a (88 g, 0.31 mol) in AcOH (300 ml) was treated with HBr gas until saturation. The solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the residue crystallized from *i*-BuCOMe to afford pure 14a (83 g, 74%), mp 207-208°. *Anal.* (C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>22</sub>BrNO) C, H, N. Compound 14b was prepared similarly.

4-(*p*-Chlorophenyl)-4-hydroxy-*N,N*-dimethyl- $\alpha,\alpha$ -diphenyl-1-piperidinebutyramide Hydrochloride (30). From a suspension of 4-*p*-chlorophenyl-4-piperidinol (4.2 g, 0.02 mol) and Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (8 g, 0.075 mol) in *i*-BuCOMe (250 ml), the H<sub>2</sub>O was removed with the aid of a Dean-Stark trap. Then 4a (7.6 g, 0.022 mol) was added, the mixture refluxed for 2 hr and filtered, and the solvent removed *in vacuo*. The residue was dissolved into *i*-PrOH and neutralized with HCl gas. Crystallization from *i*-PrOH afforded pure 30 (6 g, 58%), mp 222-223°. *Anal.* (C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>33</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>·HCl) C, H, N. Other compounds prepared by this method were 31-82.

4-(*p*-Chlorophenyl)-4-hydroxy- $\alpha,\alpha$ -diphenyl-1-piperidinebutyramide Hydrochloride (27). A suspension of 6a (6.85 g, 0.025 mol), 4-*p*-chlorophenyl-4-piperidinol (10.5 g, 0.05 mol), and a trace KI in *i*-BuCOMe (250 ml) was refluxed for 12 hr. Work-up as above afforded pure 27 (1.2 g, 10%), mp 236-237°. *Anal.* (C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>29</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>·HCl) C, H, N. Other compounds prepared by this method were 28 and 29.

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