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Studies on Angiotensin Converting Enzyme Inhibitors. III.^{1a, b)}
2-Carboxyethylcarbamoyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline-3-
carboxylic Acid Derivatives²⁾

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(3*S*)-2-[*N*-Substituted *N*-(2-carboxyethyl)carbamoyl]-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline-3-carboxylic acid derivatives (**8a—d** and **12a—t**) and their monoester compounds (**13a—k**) were synthesized by condensation of (3*S*)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline-3-carboxylates (**6a, b**), 3-aminopropionates (**5a, b** or **10a—m**) and phosgene, followed by deprotection of ester groups. Their *in vitro* angiotensin converting enzyme (ACE) inhibitory activities and antihypertensive effects were evaluated, and the structure-activity relationship is discussed. Some of the *N*-ethylcarbamoyl analogs (**12h, 12j, 12k, 12l** and **12o**), which had hydrophobic substituents (C₈H₁₇—C₁₂H₂₅, CH₂CH₂Ph) at the α -position to the carboxyl group in the side chain, showed potent *in vitro* ACE inhibitory activities with IC₅₀ values of 4.0—8.8 × 10⁻⁹ M.

The monoesters **13e, 13h**, and **13i** reduced the systolic blood pressure by more than 30 mmHg in spontaneously hypertensive rats (SHR) at an oral dose of 50 mg/kg.

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Angiotensin converting enzyme (ACE) inhibitors have been receiving much attention as a new type of antihypertensive drug since Ondetti *et al.* developed D-3-mercapto-2-methylpropionyl-L-proline (captopril).^{3a, b)} Among the structure-activity relationships discussed to date,^{3, 4a—h)} the carbonyl oxygen of ω -carboxyalkanoyl-L-proline derivatives has been proposed to play an important role as a hydrogen bond acceptor from the donor site in the active site of the enzyme.^{5a, b)}

In the course of our studies on novel 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline-3-carboxylic acid derivatives, we previously reported that 2-[*N*-substituted *N*-(2-carboxyethyl)carbamoyl]-compounds **1**^{1b)} exhibited enhanced ACE inhibitory activities. The finding of the more fa-

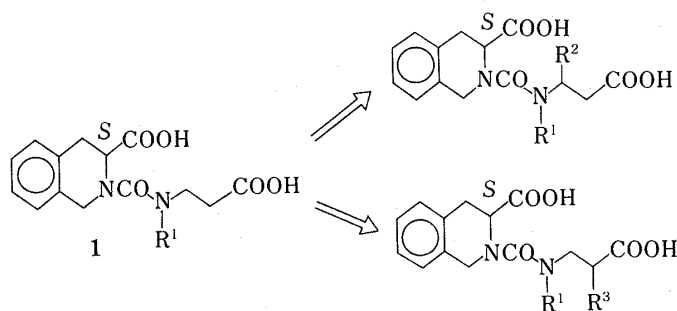


Chart 1

vorable binding character of the ureidocarbonyl group than of the amidocarbonyl group prompted us to carry out further modification of **1**.

In the present paper, we describe the syntheses and the structure–activity relationship of a series of 2-carboxyethylcarbamoyl-tetrahydroisoquinoline derivatives, in which a hydrophobic substituent was introduced at a position (R^2 or R^3) on the side chain (see Chart 1).

Chemistry

β -Substituted compounds **8** were synthesized by the route shown in Chart 2. Namely, the starting optically active 3-substituted 3-(*N*-benzyloxycarbonylamino)propionates (**3**) were obtained by carbon chain elongation of the corresponding *N*-benzyloxycarbonyl- α -amino acids (**2**) (Arndt–Eistert method). *N*-Alkylation followed by catalytic hydrogenolysis of **3** gave 3-substituted 3-alkylaminopropionates (**5**). Condensation of **5** and methyl (3*S*)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline-3-carboxylate (**6a**) with phosgene and subsequent alkaline hydrolysis of the diesters (**7**) afforded the dicarboxylic acids (**8**).

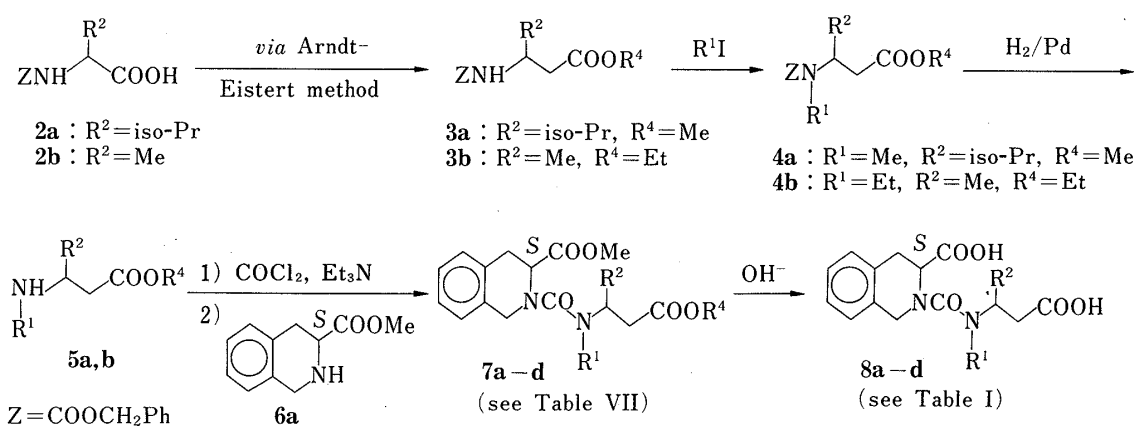


Chart 2

α -Substituted compounds **12** and **13** were prepared according to Chart 3. Condensation of 2-substituted 3-(*N*-substituted amino)propionates (**10**), which were prepared by Michael addition of primary amines to α -substituted acrylates (**9**), and benzyl (3*S*)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline-3-carboxylate (**6b**) with phosgene was carried out to give the diesters (**11**) as a mixture of approximately equimolar amounts of diastereoisomers, which were separated by silica gel column chromatography. The absolute configuration of the side chains of the isomers was determined as follows. For example, in the cases of **11s** and **11t** ($R^1 = \text{Et}$, $R^3 = \text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{Ph}$, $R^4 = \text{Et}$), optically active ethyl 2-phenethyl-3-(*N*-ethylamino)propionates [(*R*)-**10k** and (*S*)-**10k**] were obtained by the resolution of racemic **10k** as described in the next section, and each was derived to the diester in the same manner. The (*S,R*)-isomer **11s** was identical with the product eluted in the early fractions of silica gel column chromatography, and the (*S,S*)-isomer **11t** with that from the later fractions. The signal of the methine proton at the 3-position of the tetrahydroisoquinoline moiety in the nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectrum of the (*S,R*)-isomer **11s** was observed at lower field than that of the (*S,S*)-isomer **11t**. This tendency was also observed in the NMR spectra of other diesters. Accordingly, the stereochemical assignment for other compounds **11c–r** and **11u–x** could be tentatively made on the basis of the NMR spectra and chromatographic characteristics. The ester residues of **11** were removed by alkaline hydrolysis to give the corresponding dicarboxylic acids (**12**).

As reported in the previous paper,^{1b} esterification of the side chain of **1** resulted in an improvement in the stability in acidic solution and the absorbability from the gastro-intestinal

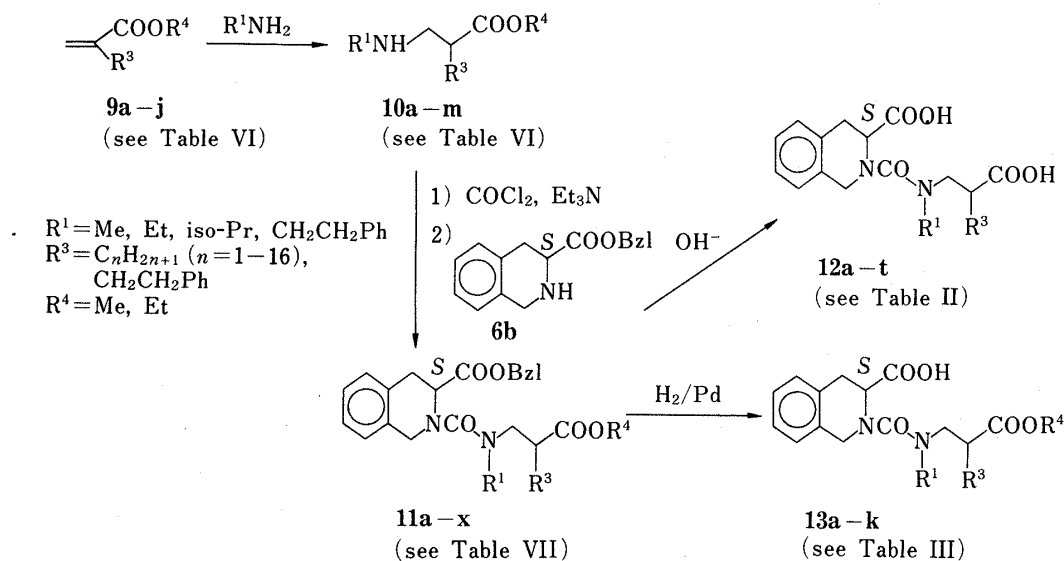


Chart 3

tract. Thus, in order to improve the acid lability and to derive effective prodrugs for oral administration, monoester derivatives **13** were prepared by catalytic debenzoylation of the ester group at the 3-position of the tetrahydroisoquinoline nucleus.

Optical Resolution of Side Chain Precursor (10k)—Chart 4 shows the procedure for optical resolution of racemic **10k** using optically active *N*-benzyloxycarbonylphenylalanine (**14**) as a resolving agent. When racemic **10k** was treated with (*S*)-**14** in ethyl acetate–diisopropyl ether, a crystalline salt [(*S*)-**10k**·(*S*)-**14**] was preferentially precipitated in 33.6% yield. After treatment of the mother liquor with aqueous sodium carbonate, resolution of the resultant free base with (*R*)-**14** was carried out in the same manner to afford (*R*)-**10k**·(*R*)-**14** in 37.8% yield. Subsequently, each salt was converted to (*S*)-**10k**·HCl and (*R*)-**10k**·HCl, which had the same physical constants and equal rotations of opposite sign. The absolute configuration of (*R*)-**10k** was determined by X-ray diffraction analysis of (*R*)-**10k**·HBr.

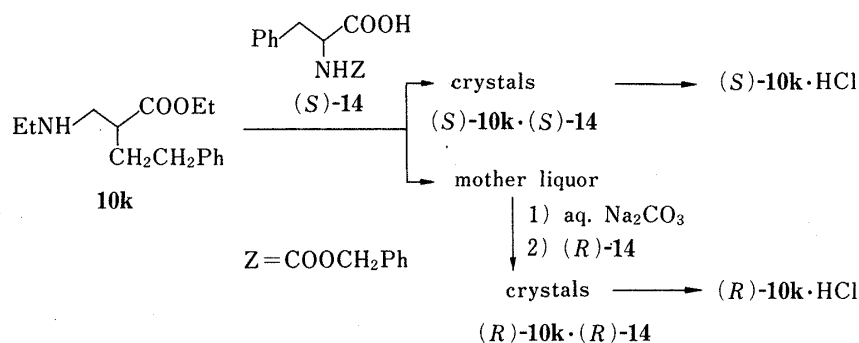
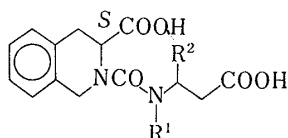


Chart 4

Biological Results and Discussion

The *in vitro* ACE inhibitory activities of the dicarboxylic acids (**1**, **8a–d**, and **12a–t**) were determined using ACE obtained from pig renal cortex and hippuryl-histidyl-leucine as a substrate according to the procedure reported previously.^{1a)} The results are shown in Tables I–III.

TABLE I. Physical Data and *in Vitro* ACE Inhibitory Activity of Dicarboxylic Acid Derivatives


Compd. No.	R ¹	R ² (Config.)	Yield (%)	mp (°C, dec.)	Formula	Analysis (%)			IC ₅₀ (M) ^{a)}	
						Calcd (Found)		N		
						C	H	N		
1a ^{b)}	C ₂ H ₅	H	66.4	278—280	C ₁₆ H ₁₈ CaN ₂ O ₅ ·H ₂ O	51.05 (50.75)	5.36 (5.48)	7.44 (7.23)	3.0 × 10 ⁻⁸	
8a ^{c)}	CH ₃	iso-C ₃ H ₇ (R)	92.5	233—236	C ₁₈ H ₂₄ N ₂ O ₅ ·2C ₆ H ₁₄ N ₂ O ₂	56.23 (55.92)	8.18 (8.34)	13.12 (13.01)	1.7 × 10 ⁻⁵	
8b ^{c)}	CH ₃	iso-C ₃ H ₇ (S)	93.8	230—238	C ₁₈ H ₁₄ N ₂ O ₅ ·2C ₆ H ₁₄ N ₂ O ₂	56.23 (56.03)	8.18 (8.34)	13.12 (13.11)	5.6 × 10 ⁻⁶	
8c ^{c)}	C ₂ H ₅	CH ₃ (R)	82.9	230—231	C ₁₇ H ₂₂ N ₂ O ₅ ·2C ₆ H ₁₄ N ₂ O ₂	55.57 (55.39)	8.04 (8.24)	13.41 (13.39)	1.0 × 10 ⁻⁵	
8d ^{c)}	C ₂ H ₅	CH ₃ (S)	73.2	219—220	C ₁₇ H ₂₂ N ₂ O ₅ ·2C ₆ H ₁₄ N ₂ O ₂	55.57 (55.53)	8.04 (8.18)	13.41 (13.09)	4.0 × 10 ⁻⁵	

a) Molar concentration for 50% inhibition. b) Calcium salt; reference 1b. c) 2L-Lysine salt.

The effectiveness of substituents at the ureido nitrogen on inhibitory activity was in the order Et, iso-Pr, Me, and CH₂CH₂Ph, as had been observed in **1** previously.^{1b)} On the other hand, introduction of β-substituents (R²) with respect to the ω-carboxyl group in the side chain markedly reduced the activity in compounds of both *R*- and *S*-configuration. The results suggest that the steric requirements of the enzyme region surrounding the side chain are too strict to allow the presence of any β-substituents. On the other hand, introduction of α-substituents (R³) caused an enhancement of the activity depending on the chain length of R³. It should be noted that the compounds having a substituent with *R*-configuration showed about ten times the activity of those with *S*-configuration. The activities of some *N*-ethyl analogs (**12h**, **12j**, **12k**, **12l** and **12o**) were nearly equal to that of the reference compound, captopril.

Further, the structure-activity relationship for *N*-ethyl-α-substituted compounds of *R*-configuration was analyzed quantitatively by the Hansch-Fujita method.⁶⁾ The activity was found to be represented by Eq. 1 based on the π values as a parameter of hydrophobicity.

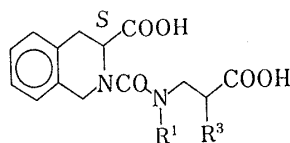
$$pI_{50} = -0.040\pi^2 + 0.368\pi + 7.391 \quad (1)$$

$$n=11, \quad s=0.161, \quad r=0.903$$

In this equation, *n* is the number of compounds included in the correlation, *s* is the standard deviation, and *r* is the correlation coefficient. According to Eq. 1, the activity is related parabolically to the π values, the optimum π value being 4.62.

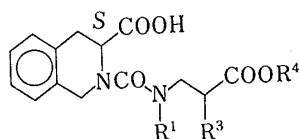
Table IV shows the calculated data together with the observed results; good agreement can be seen. Compound **12j** (R³=C₉H₁₉), corresponding to the maximal pI₅₀, showed the most potent activity (IC₅₀=4.0 × 10⁻⁹ M). From these results it is clear that the hydrophobicity of the α-substituent is directly related to the inhibitory activity. Thus, there may be a hydrophobic pocket close to the zinc ion at the active site of ACE.

The antihypertensive activities after oral administration were compared among some

TABLE II. Physical Data and *in Vitro* ACE Inhibitory Activity of Dicarboxylic Acid Derivatives

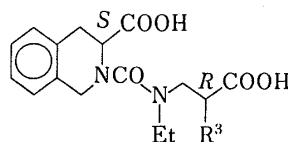
Compd. No.	R ¹	R ³ (Config.)	Yield (%)	mp (°C, dec.)	Formula	Analysis (%)			IC ₅₀ (M)	
						Calcd	Found			
						C	H	N		
12a ^{a)}	CH ₃	C ₂ H ₄ Ph (RS)	85.2	254—258	C ₂₃ H ₂₄ CaN ₂ O ₅ ·2H ₂ O	57.01 (57.08)	5.82 (5.76)	5.78 (5.65)	6.5 × 10 ⁻⁸	
12b ^{a)}	C ₂ H ₅	CH ₃ (RS)	78.0	>260	C ₁₇ H ₂₀ CaN ₂ O ₅ ·H ₂ O	52.29 (52.23)	5.68 (5.66)	7.18 (7.17)	5.8 × 10 ⁻⁸	
12c ^{b)}	C ₂ H ₅	iso-C ₃ H ₇ (R)	40.0	208—212	C ₁₉ H ₂₆ N ₂ O ₅ ·2C ₆ H ₁₄ N ₂ O ₂	56.86 (56.69)	8.31 (8.30)	12.84 (12.83)	1.4 × 10 ⁻⁸	
12d ^{b)}	C ₂ H ₅	iso-C ₃ H ₇ (S)	59.0	172—175	C ₁₉ H ₂₆ N ₂ O ₅ ·2C ₆ H ₁₄ N ₂ O ₂	56.86 (56.68)	8.31 (8.43)	12.84 (12.76)	1.8 × 10 ⁻⁷	
12e	C ₂ H ₅	C ₄ H ₉ (R)	66.0	113—115	C ₂₀ H ₂₈ N ₂ O ₅	63.81 (63.81)	7.50 (7.47)	7.44 (7.29)	1.7 × 10 ⁻⁸	
12f ^{a)}	C ₂ H ₅	C ₄ H ₉ (S)	26.0	187—195	C ₂₀ H ₂₆ CaN ₂ O ₅ ·2H ₂ O	53.32 (53.28)	6.71 (6.76)	6.22 (6.16)	2.4 × 10 ⁻⁷	
12g	C ₂ H ₅	C ₆ H ₁₃ (R)	67.0	103—105	C ₂₂ H ₃₂ N ₂ O ₅	65.32 (65.22)	7.97 (7.67)	6.93 (6.91)	1.5 × 10 ⁻⁸	
12h	C ₂ H ₅	C ₈ H ₁₇ (R)	76.4	100—101	C ₂₄ H ₃₆ N ₂ O ₅	66.64 (66.74)	8.39 (8.37)	6.48 (6.33)	4.2 × 10 ⁻⁹	
12i ^{a)}	C ₂ H ₅	C ₈ H ₁₇ (S)	95.6	208—211	C ₂₄ H ₃₄ CaN ₂ O ₅ ·H ₂ O	58.99 (58.78)	7.43 (7.42)	5.73 (5.68)	4.7 × 10 ⁻⁸	
12j	C ₂ H ₅	C ₉ H ₁₉ (R)	47.0	104—106	C ₂₅ H ₃₈ N ₂ O ₅	67.23 (67.21)	8.58 (8.42)	6.27 (6.32)	4.0 × 10 ⁻⁹	
12k	C ₂ H ₅	C ₁₀ H ₂₁ (R)	63.1	103—105	C ₂₆ H ₄₀ N ₂ O ₅	67.80 (68.08)	8.75 (8.85)	6.08 (6.14)	5.2 × 10 ⁻⁹	
12l	C ₂ H ₅	C ₁₂ H ₂₅ (R)	76.4	116—118	C ₂₈ H ₄₄ N ₂ O ₅	68.82 (68.90)	9.08 (9.28)	5.73 (5.85)	8.8 × 10 ⁻⁹	
12m ^{b)}	C ₂ H ₅	C ₁₂ H ₂₅ (S)	63.9	187—190	C ₂₈ H ₄₄ N ₂ O ₅ ·2C ₆ H ₁₄ N ₂ O ₂	61.51 (61.53)	9.29 (9.22)	10.76 (10.68)	2.6 × 10 ⁻⁷	
12n	C ₂ H ₅	C ₁₆ H ₃₃ (R)	44.0	92—94	C ₃₂ H ₅₂ N ₂ O ₅	70.55 (70.61)	9.62 (9.65)	5.14 (5.28)	2.8 × 10 ⁻⁸	
12o	C ₂ H ₅	C ₂ H ₄ Ph (R)	53.5	118—120	C ₂₄ H ₂₈ N ₂ O ₅	67.91 (67.94)	6.65 (6.65)	6.60 (6.54)	6.5 × 10 ⁻⁹	
12p ^{a)}	C ₂ H ₅	C ₂ H ₄ Ph (S)	67.7	235—239	C ₂₄ H ₂₆ CaN ₂ O ₅ ·3H ₂ O	55.80 (56.18)	6.24 (6.16)	5.42 (5.51)	6.9 × 10 ⁻⁸	
12q	iso-C ₃ H ₇	C ₂ H ₄ Ph (R)	58.4	120—122	C ₂₅ H ₃₀ N ₂ O ₅	68.47 (68.39)	6.90 (6.90)	6.39 (6.23)	2.3 × 10 ⁻⁸	
12r ^{a)}	iso-C ₃ H ₇	C ₂ H ₄ Ph (S)	62.3	238—240	C ₂₅ H ₂₈ CaN ₂ O ₅ ·2H ₂ O	58.58 (58.75)	6.29 (6.17)	5.47 (5.49)	4.2 × 10 ⁻⁷	
12s ^{b)}	C ₂ H ₄ Ph	C ₂ H ₄ Ph (R)	74.3	ca. 77	C ₃₀ H ₃₂ N ₂ O ₅ ·2C ₆ H ₁₄ N ₂ O ₂	63.94 (63.98)	7.67 (7.57)	10.15 (10.04)	9.1 × 10 ⁻⁸	
12t ^{a)}	C ₂ H ₄ Ph	C ₂ H ₄ Ph (S)	69.2	212—214	C ₃₀ H ₃₀ CaN ₂ O ₅ ·H ₂ O	64.73 (64.61)	5.79 (5.80)	5.03 (5.00)	1.3 × 10 ⁻⁶	
Captopril ^{c)}									6.9 × 10 ⁻⁹	

a) Calcium salt. b) 2L-Lysine salt. c) This compound was prepared in our laboratory, mp 88—89°C, $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ -131.8° (c=1, EtOH).

TABLE III. Physical Data and *in Vitro* ACE Inhibitory Activity of Monoester Derivatives

Compd. No.	R ¹	R ³ (Config.)	R ⁴	Yield (%)	mp (°C, dec.)	Formula	Analysis (%)			IC ₅₀ (M)	
							Calcd (Found)				
							C	H	N		
15 ^{a,b}	C ₂ H ₅	H	C ₄ H ₉	66.9	135—136	C ₄₀ H ₅₄ CaN ₄ O ₁₀	60.74 (60.76)	6.88 (6.98)	7.08 (7.15)	3.5 × 10 ⁻⁶	
13a ^a	CH ₃	C ₂ H ₄ Ph (<i>RS</i>)	C ₂ H ₅	97.0	129—131	C ₅₀ H ₅₈ CaN ₄ O ₁₀ · 2H ₂ O	64.36 (64.77)	6.27 (6.15)	6.00 (5.89)	2.5 × 10 ⁻⁴	
13b ^c	C ₂ H ₅	CH ₃ (<i>RS</i>)	CH ₃	28.0	142—145	C ₁₈ H ₂₄ N ₂ O ₅ · C ₆ H ₁₃ N	64.40 (64.41)	8.33 (8.31)	9.39 (9.30)	4.5 × 10 ⁻⁴	
13c ^c	C ₂ H ₅	iso-C ₃ H ₇ (<i>R</i>)	C ₂ H ₅	44.8	116—117	C ₂₁ H ₃₀ N ₂ O ₅ · C ₆ H ₁₃ N	66.23 (65.88)	8.85 (8.51)	8.58 (8.35)	8.9 × 10 ⁻⁵	
13d ^a	C ₂ H ₅	C ₆ H ₁₃ (<i>R</i>)	C ₂ H ₅	68.0	102	C ₄₈ H ₆₈ CaN ₄ O ₁₀ · 1/2H ₂ O	63.34 (63.45)	7.64 (7.68)	6.16 (6.13)	1.4 × 10 ⁻⁵	
13e ^a	C ₂ H ₅	C ₈ H ₁₇ (<i>R</i>)	C ₂ H ₅	99.2	116—119	C ₅₂ H ₇₈ CaN ₄ O ₁₀ · 1/2H ₂ O	63.77 (63.90)	8.15 (8.25)	5.66 (5.73)	5.2 × 10 ⁻⁶	
13f ^a	C ₂ H ₅	C ₉ H ₁₉ (<i>R</i>)	C ₂ H ₅	57.0	82	C ₅₄ H ₈₂ CaN ₄ O ₁₀ · H ₂ O	64.51 (64.09)	8.42 (8.49)	5.57 (5.32)	8.3 × 10 ⁻⁶	
13g ^a	C ₂ H ₅	C ₁₀ H ₂₁ (<i>R</i>)	C ₂ H ₅	68.3	84	C ₅₆ H ₈₆ CaN ₄ O ₁₀ · 3/2H ₂ O	64.52 (64.59)	8.61 (8.69)	5.38 (5.28)	4.7 × 10 ⁻⁷	
13h ^a	C ₂ H ₅	C ₁₂ H ₂₅ (<i>R</i>)	C ₂ H ₅	74.0	80—83	C ₆₀ H ₉₄ CaN ₄ O ₁₀ · H ₂ O	66.14 (65.98)	8.88 (8.91)	5.14 (5.03)	5.4 × 10 ⁻⁸	
13i ^a	C ₂ H ₅	C ₂ H ₄ Ph (<i>R</i>)	C ₂ H ₅	91.0	147—148	C ₅₂ H ₆₂ CaN ₄ O ₁₀ · H ₂ O	64.98 (64.93)	6.71 (6.71)	5.83 (5.66)	1.6 × 10 ⁻⁵	
13j ^a	iso-C ₃ H ₇	C ₂ H ₄ Ph (<i>R</i>)	C ₂ H ₅	55.0	92—95	C ₅₄ H ₆₆ CaN ₄ O ₁₀ · H ₂ O	65.51 (65.09)	6.93 (6.74)	5.66 (5.57)	1.7 × 10 ⁻⁵	
13k ^c	C ₂ H ₄ Ph	C ₂ H ₄ Ph (<i>R</i>)	C ₂ H ₅	71.0	102—104	C ₃₂ H ₃₆ N ₂ O ₅ · C ₆ H ₁₃ N	72.70 (72.68)	7.87 (7.81)	6.69 (6.80)	2.2 × 10 ⁻⁵	

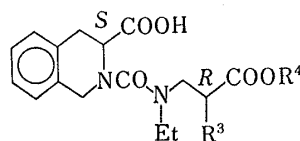
a) 1/2 Calcium salt. b) Reference 1b. c) Cyclohexylamine salt.

TABLE IV. *In Vitro* ACE Inhibitory Activity of *N*-Ethyl Analogs

Compd. No.	R ³	π ^a	pI ₅₀		Compd. No.	R ³	π	pI ₅₀	
			Obsd.	Calcd ^b				Obsd.	Calcd
1a	H	0	7.52	7.39	12j	C ₉ H ₁₉	4.86	8.40	8.24
12b	CH ₃	0.54	7.54 ^c	7.58	12k	C ₁₀ H ₂₁	5.40	8.28	8.22
12c	iso-C ₃ H ₇	1.40	7.85	7.83	12l	C ₁₂ H ₂₅	6.48	8.06	8.10
12e	C ₄ H ₉	2.16	7.77	8.00	12n	C ₁₆ H ₃₃	8.64	7.55	7.60
12g	C ₆ H ₁₃	3.24	7.90	8.16	12o	C ₂ H ₄ Ph	2.66	8.19	8.09
12h	C ₈ H ₁₇	4.32	8.38	8.24					

a) Calculated from π values based on log *P* for substituents by means of the additivity principle. b) Calculated by Eq. 1. c) Taken as the value of a mixture of diastereomers.

TABLE V. Hypotensive Effects of Selected Compounds in Spontaneously Hypertensive Rats



Compd. No.	R ³	R ⁴	Fall in blood pressure (mmHg) (Dose: 50 mg/kg, <i>p.o.</i>)
15	H	C ₄ H ₉	-24
12o	C ₂ H ₄ Ph	H	-22
13e	C ₈ H ₁₇	C ₂ H ₅	-33
13h	C ₁₂ H ₂₅	C ₂ H ₅	-33
13i	C ₂ H ₄ Ph	C ₂ H ₅	-35
	Captopril		-38

selected monoester derivatives (**15**,^{1b} **13e**, **13h**, and **13i**) and the parent dicarboxylic acid **12o**, using spontaneously hypertensive rats (SHR). The results (Table V) show that monoester with an α -substituent (**13e**, **13h**, and **13i**) were much more active than dicarboxylic acid **12o**, or the monoester with no α -substituent **15**. The activity of compound **13i** was comparable to that of captopril.

Experimental

Melting points are uncorrected. Infrared (IR) spectra were obtained on a Shimadzu IR-27G spectrophotometer. ¹H-NMR spectra were recorded on a Hitachi R-20A instrument, using tetramethylsilane as an internal standard. Mass spectra (MS) were taken on a Hitachi M-60 spectrometer. Specific rotations were measured with a Perkin-Elmer 243 polarimeter.

Starting Materials—Methyl or benzyl (3*S*)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline-3-carboxylate (**6a**, **b**) was prepared from L-phenylalanine according to the general procedure.^{7a,b} 3-Substituted 3-(*N*-benzyloxycarbonylamino)propionates (**3**) were prepared from *N*-benzyloxycarbonyl L- or D-amino acids (**2**) according to the Arndt-Eistert method.⁸ 3-Substituted 3-(*N*-alkyl-*N*-benzyloxycarbonylamino)propionates (**4a**, **b**) were obtained in quantitative yield by treatment of the corresponding alkyl iodide in the presence of Ag₂O. The physical data of compounds are as follows.

Methyl (3*S*)-3-(*N*-benzyloxycarbonyl-*N*-methylamino)-4-methylpentanoate [(*S*)-**4a**]: Colorless syrup; IR $\nu_{\max}^{\text{film}} \text{ cm}^{-1}$: 1740, 1700; ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ : 0.71–1.10 (6H, m, iso-Pr), 1.55–2.00 (1H, m, CH), 2.40–2.75 (2H, m, CH₂), 2.81 (3H, s, NCH₃), 3.59 (3H, s, OCH₃), 3.85–4.35 (1H, m, NCH), 5.16 (2H, s, CH₂Ph), 7.35 (5H, s, aromatic H). Ethyl (3*S*)-3-(*N*-benzyloxycarbonyl-*N*-ethylamino)butyrate [(*S*)-**4b**]: Colorless syrup; IR $\nu_{\max}^{\text{film}} \text{ cm}^{-1}$: 1740, 1700; ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ : 0.85–1.35 (9H, m, CH₃ × 3), 2.23–2.68 (2H, m, CH₂CO), 3.06–3.40 (2H, m, NCH₂), 4.03 (2H, q, *J* = 7 Hz, OCH₂), 3.95–4.22 (1H, m, NCH), 5.05 (2H, s, OCH₂Ph), 7.28 (5H, s, aromatic H). (*R*)-**4a** and (*R*)-**4b**: Colorless syrup; IR and ¹H-NMR spectra were the same as those of (*S*)-**4a** and (*S*)-**4b**, respectively.

2-Substituted acrylates (**9a–j**) were prepared by reaction of alkyl malonic acid monoester with formaldehyde and diethylamine according to a published method.⁹ Yields and boiling points of the compounds are listed in Table VI.

2-Substituted 3-(*N*-substituted amino)propionates (**10a–m**) were prepared by addition of primary amines to the above acrylic esters **9** according to the general procedure.^{10a,b} Yields and boiling points or melting points of the compounds are listed in Table VI.

Typical Procedure for the Preparation of Diesters (7a–d). Methyl (3*S*)-2-[(*N*-(2*S*)-1-Methoxycarbonyl-3-methylbut-2-yl]-*N*-methylcarbonyl]-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline-3-carboxylate (**7a**)—Compound (*S*)-**4a** (8.8 g, 30 mmol) was dissolved in 25% hydrobromide-acetic acid solution (45 ml) under ice cooling and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 20 min. The solution was evaporated to dryness *in vacuo* and the resulting residue was triturated with Et₂O-*n*-hexane to give methyl (3*S*)-3-(*N*-methylamino)-4-methylpentanoate hydrobromide [(*S*)-**5a** · HBr] as a white powder.

TABLE VI. Yields and Boiling Points of Starting Materials **9** and **10**

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{COOR}^4 \\ | \\ \text{C} \\ / \quad \backslash \\ \text{R}^3 \end{array}$$

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$$\begin{array}{c} \text{COOR}^4 \\ | \\ \text{C} \\ / \quad \backslash \\ \text{R}^3 \quad \text{R}^1\text{NH} \end{array}$$

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Compd. No.	R ³	R ⁴	Yield (%)	bp (°C/mmHg)	Compd. No.	R ¹	R ³	R ⁴	Yield (%)	bp (°C/mmHg)
9a	CH ₃	CH ₃			10a	CH ₃	C ₂ H ₄ Ph	C ₂ H ₅	67.0	135/3
9b	iso-C ₃ H ₇	C ₂ H ₅	83.0	160/3	10b^c	C ₂ H ₅	CH ₃	CH ₃	68.5	110—113/25
9c^{a)}	C ₄ H ₉	C ₂ H ₅	78.0	88—91/3	10c	C ₂ H ₅	iso-C ₃ H ₇	C ₂ H ₅	42.8	115—120/25
9d^{b)}	C ₆ H ₁₃	C ₂ H ₅	76.0	99—101/15	10d	C ₂ H ₅	C ₄ H ₉	C ₂ H ₅	78.0	135—138/35
9e	C ₈ H ₁₇	C ₂ H ₅	76.4	95—97/3	10e	C ₂ H ₅	C ₆ H ₁₃	C ₂ H ₅	47.0	145/25
9f	C ₉ H ₁₉	C ₂ H ₅	68.5	125—127/5	10f	C ₂ H ₅	C ₈ H ₁₇	C ₂ H ₅	74.0	146—150/7
9g	C ₁₀ H ₂₁	C ₂ H ₅	82.0	109—111/2	10g	C ₂ H ₅	C ₉ H ₁₉	C ₂ H ₅	64.6	163—168/5
9h	C ₁₂ H ₂₅	C ₂ H ₅	48.0	134/3	10h	C ₂ H ₅	C ₁₀ H ₂₁	C ₂ H ₅	82.0	142—143/2
9i	C ₁₆ H ₃₃	C ₂ H ₅	44.0	173—174/2	10i^{d)}	C ₂ H ₅	C ₁₂ H ₂₅	C ₂ H ₅	78.5	
9j	C ₂ H ₄ Ph	C ₂ H ₅	92.0	163—165/30	10j^{e)}	C ₂ H ₅	C ₁₆ H ₃₃	C ₂ H ₅	45.0	
					10k	C ₂ H ₅	C ₂ H ₄ Ph	C ₂ H ₅	84.0	169—171/3
					10l	iso-C ₃ H ₇	C ₂ H ₄ Ph	C ₂ H ₅	48.0	148/4
					10m	C ₂ H ₄ Ph	C ₂ H ₄ Ph	C ₂ H ₅	41.5	182—184/2

a) Ref. 9, bp 82—84 °C/30 mmHg. b) Ref. 9, bp 53—58 °C/4 mmHg. c) Ref. 10b, bp 51 °C/0.5 mmHg. d) Oxalate; mp 125—127 °C. e) Hydrochloride; mp 102—105 °C.

A solution of the above (*S*)-**5a** · HBr and triethylamine (10.5 ml, 75 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (30 ml) was added dropwise to a solution of phosgene (4.5 g, 45 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (30 ml) with stirring at -30 °C. After being stirred at the same temperature for 30 min, the mixture was concentrated to dryness *in vacuo*. The residue was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (20 ml) and a solution of **6a** (6.83 g, 30 mmol) and triethylamine (12.6 ml, 90 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (20 ml) was added. The mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was diluted with AcOEt and the mixture was washed with 3% HCl, water, saturated aqueous NaHCO₃, and water successively. The organic layer was dried over MgSO₄ and the solvent was removed *in vacuo*. The residue thus obtained was purified by column chromatography on silica gel with toluene-AcOEt (4:1) as an eluent to give **7a** (5.2 g, 46.0%) as a colorless syrup. IR $\nu_{\text{max}}^{\text{film}}$ cm⁻¹: 1740, 1630. MS *m/e*: 376 (M⁺).

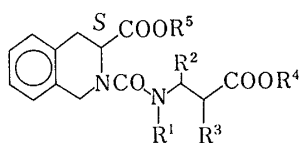
Other diesters (**7b—d**) were prepared in the same manner; the yields and ¹H-NMR spectra are summarized in Table VII.

General Procedure for the Preparation of Diesters (11a—x)—Diesters (**11a—x**) were prepared by condensation of (*S*)-**6b** with the carbamoyl chloride of **10** in the same manner as described for the preparation of **7a**. The mixture of diastereomers thus obtained was separated by column chromatography on silica gel with toluene-AcOEt (20:1) as an eluent to give (*S,R*)-**11** from the first fraction and (*S,S*)-**11** from the second fraction, each as a colorless syrup. Yields and ¹H-NMR data are summarized in Table VII.

Typical Procedure for the Preparation of Dicarboxylic Acids (8a—d and 12a—t). (*3S*)-2-*N*-[(*2R*)-2-Carboxydecyl]-*N*-ethylcarbamoyl]-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline-3-carboxylic Acid (**12h**)—A solution of KOH (415 mg) in water (5 ml) was added to a solution of **11i** (1.0 g, 1.8 mmol) in EtOH (5 ml), and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 6 h, then concentrated under reduced pressure to remove EtOH. The residue was acidified with dilute HCl and extracted with CHCl₃. The extract was washed with water, dried over MgSO₄, and evaporated *in vacuo*. The residue thus obtained was crystallized from iso-Pr₂O and collected by filtration to give **12h** (0.6 g, 76.4%), mp 100—101 °C (dec.). IR $\nu_{\text{max}}^{\text{Nujol}}$ cm⁻¹: 1735, 1640, 1610.

Other dicarboxylic acids were prepared similarly, and their physical constants and analytical data are summarized in Tables I and II.

Typical Procedure for the Preparation of Monoesters (13a—k). (*3S*)-2-*N*-[(*2R*)-2-Ethoxycarbonyl-4-phenylbutyl]-*N*-ethylcarbamoyl]-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline-3-carboxylic Acid (**13i**)—A mixture of **11s** (3.0 g, 5.5 mmol) and palladium-black (30 mg) in EtOH (30 ml) was stirred under a stream of hydrogen for 3 h at room temperature. After removal of the catalyst by filtration, Ca(OH)₂ (204 mg) and water (10 ml) were added to the filtrate. The mixture was stirred for 30 min at room temperature, and the insoluble materials were filtered off. The filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo*, and the resulting syrup was crystallized from water. The crystalline precipitates were collected by filtration, recrystallized from aqueous EtOH, and dried to give **13i** calcium salt as a colorless crystalline powder (2.4 g, 91.0%), mp 147—148 °C (dec.), $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} + 14.6^\circ$ (*c*=0.5, EtOH). IR $\nu_{\text{max}}^{\text{Nujol}}$ cm⁻¹: 1730, 1600,

TABLE VII. Yields and ¹H-NMR Data of Diesters

7a, b, 11b: R⁴ = CH₃, other: R⁴ = C₂H₅
 7a—d: R⁵ = CH₃, other: R⁵ = CH₂Ph

Compd. No.	R ¹	R ² (Config.)	R ³ (Config.)	Yield (%)	¹ H-NMR (CDCl ₃) δ	
					Isoquinoline C ₃ -H (1H)	Other
7a	CH ₃	iso-C ₃ H ₇ (S)	H	46.0	4.69 (t, J = 6.0 Hz)	0.95 (6H, d, J = 7 Hz), 1.60—2.16 (1H, m), 2.48—2.75 (2H, m), 2.91 (3H, s), 3.10—3.40 (2H, m), 3.50 (3H, s), 3.67 (3H, s), 3.82—4.15 (1H, m), 4.30—4.55 (2H, m), 6.90—7.40 (4H, m)
7b	CH ₃	iso-C ₃ H ₇ (R)	H	61.5	4.68 (t, J = 6.0 Hz)	0.93 (6H, d, J = 7 Hz), 1.60—2.20 (1H, m), 2.50—2.72 (2H, m), 2.89 (3H, s), 3.10—3.38 (2H, m), 3.59 (3H, s), 3.64 (3H, s), 3.70—4.10 (1H, m), 4.39—4.55 (2H, m), 6.80—7.28 (4H, m)
7c	C ₂ H ₅	CH ₃ (S)	H	46.0	4.84 (t, J = 6.0 Hz)	1.00—1.40 (9H, m), 2.50—2.70 (2H, m), 3.05—3.45 (4H, m), 3.67 (3H, s), 4.06 (2H, q, J = 7 Hz), 3.90—4.40 (1H, m), 4.54 (2H, s), 7.00—7.30 (4H, m)
7d	C ₂ H ₅	CH ₃ (R)	H	50.8	4.81 (t, J = 6.0 Hz)	1.00—1.40 (9H, m), 2.40—2.80 (2H, m), 3.10—3.40 (4H, m), 3.64 (3H, s), 4.06 (2H, q, J = 7 Hz), 3.90—4.30 (1H, m), 4.51 (2H, s), 7.00—7.30 (4H, m)
11a	CH ₃	H	C ₂ H ₄ Ph (RS)	85.0 ^{a)}	4.70—4.95 (m)	1.16 (3H, t, J = 7 Hz), 1.50—2.20 (2H, m), 2.30—3.20 (3H, m), 2.83 (3H, s), 3.19 (2H, d, J = 5.5 Hz), 3.30—4.30 (4H, m), 4.43 (2H, s), 5.03 (2H, s), 6.7—7.60 (14H, m)
11b	C ₂ H ₅	H	CH ₃ (RS)	84.0 ^{a)}	4.70—5.00 (m)	0.90—1.40 (6H, m), 2.40—3.80 (7H, m), 3.55 (3H, s), 4.48 (2H, s), 5.08 (2H, s), 6.90—7.50 (9H, m)
11c	C ₂ H ₅	H	iso-C ₃ H ₇ (R)	21.0	4.92 (t, J = 5.5 Hz)	0.90—1.30 (6H, m), 1.60—2.10 (2H, m), 2.40—2.80 (2H, m), 2.90—3.50 (7H, m), 4.02 (2H, q, J = 7 Hz), 4.48 (2H, s), 5.07 (2H, s), 6.90—7.40 (14H, m)
11d	C ₂ H ₅	H	iso-C ₃ H ₇ (S)	16.0	4.84 (t, J = 5.5 Hz)	0.97—1.29 (6H, m), 1.60—2.10 (2H, m), 2.40—2.80 (2H, m), 2.95—3.60 (7H, m), 4.07 (2H, q, J = 7 Hz), 4.50 (2H, s), 5.07 (2H, s), 6.90—7.40 (14H, m)
11e	C ₂ H ₅	H	C ₄ H ₉ (R)	25.0	4.93 (t, J = 5.5 Hz)	0.70—1.80 (15H, m), 3.00—3.60 (7H, m), 4.02 (2H, q, J = 7 Hz), 4.49 (2H, s), 5.09 (2H, s), 6.90—7.40 (9H, m)
11f	C ₂ H ₅	H	C ₄ H ₉ (S)	20.0	4.82 (t, J = 5.5 Hz)	0.70—1.70 (15H, m), 3.00—3.55 (7H, m), 4.00 (2H, q, J = 7 Hz), 4.51 (2H, s), 5.01 (2H, s), 6.90—7.40 (9H, m)
11g	C ₂ H ₅	H	C ₆ H ₁₃ (R)	28.1	4.92 (t, J = 5.5 Hz)	0.70—1.60 (19H, m), 2.50—2.90 (1H, m), 3.00—3.50 (6H, m), 4.00 (2H, q, J = 7 Hz), 4.47 (2H, s), 5.06 (2H, s), 6.90—7.40 (9H, m)
11h	C ₂ H ₅	H	C ₆ H ₁₃ (S)	14.8	4.82 (t, J = 5.5 Hz)	0.70—1.60 (19H, m), 2.50—2.90 (1H, m), 3.00—3.50 (6H, m), 4.00 (2H, q, J = 7 Hz), 4.50 (2H, s), 5.06 (2H, s), 6.90—7.40 (9H, m)
11i	C ₂ H ₅	H	C ₈ H ₁₇ (R)	30.0	4.83 (t, J = 5.5 Hz)	0.70—1.60 (23H, m), 2.40—2.80 (1H, m), 2.80—4.20 (8H, m), 4.38 (2H, s), 5.00 (2H, s), 6.80—7.30 (9H, m)

TABLE VII. (continued)

Compd. No.	R ¹	R ² (Config.)	R ³ (Config.)	Yield (%)	¹ H-NMR (CDCl ₃) δ	
					Isoquinoline C ₃ -H (1H)	Other
11j	C ₂ H ₅	H	C ₈ H ₁₇ (S)	28.1	4.69 (t, J=5.5 Hz)	0.70—1.70 (23H, m), 2.40—2.80 (1H, m), 2.90—3.40 (6H, m), 3.95 (2H, q, J=7 Hz), 4.45 (2H, s), 5.02 (2H, s), 6.90—7.30 (9H, m)
11k	C ₂ H ₅	H	C ₉ H ₁₉ (R)	33.3	4.93 (t, J=5.5 Hz)	0.70—1.70 (25H, m), 2.50—2.90 (1H, m), 3.00—3.50 (6H, m), 4.00 (2H, q, J=7 Hz), 4.48 (2H, s), 5.06 (2H, s), 6.90—7.40 (9H, m)
11l	C ₂ H ₅	H	C ₉ H ₁₉ (S)	15.8	4.82 (t, J=5.5 Hz)	0.70—1.70 (25H, m), 2.50—2.90 (1H, m), 3.00—3.55 (6H, m), 4.01 (2H, q, J=7 Hz), 4.51 (2H, s), 5.07 (2H, s), 6.90—7.40 (9H, m)
11m	C ₂ H ₅	H	C ₁₀ H ₂₁ (R)	41.0	4.92 (t, J=5.5 Hz)	0.70—1.70 (27H, m), 2.40—3.50 (7H, m), 3.95 (2H, q, J=7 Hz), 4.46 (2H, s), 5.05 (2H, s), 6.80—7.30 (9H, m)
11n	C ₂ H ₅	H	C ₁₀ H ₂₁ (S)	26.5	4.82 (t, J=5.5 Hz)	0.70—1.70 (27H, m), 2.40—3.50 (7H, m), 3.95 (2H, q, J=7 Hz), 4.45 (2H, s), 5.06 (2H, s), 6.80—7.30 (9H, m)
11o	C ₂ H ₅	H	C ₁₂ H ₂₅ (R)	31.0	4.92 (t, J=5.5 Hz)	0.50—1.80 (31H, m), 2.40—3.80 (7H, m), 4.00 (2H, q, J=7 Hz), 4.48 (2H, s), 5.06 (2H, s), 6.80—7.50 (9H, m)
11p	C ₂ H ₅	H	C ₁₂ H ₂₅ (S)	10.6	4.82 (t, J=5.5 Hz)	0.60—1.80 (31H, m), 2.40—3.60 (7H, m), 4.00 (2H, q, J=7 Hz), 4.50 (2H, s), 5.06 (2H, s), 6.80—7.50 (9H, m)
11q	C ₂ H ₅	H	C ₁₆ H ₃₃ (R)	17.9	4.92 (t, J=5.5 Hz)	0.50—1.70 (39H, m), 2.40—3.50 (7H, m), 4.00 (2H, q, J=7 Hz), 4.46 (2H, s), 5.04 (2H, s), 6.90—7.40 (9H, m)
11r	C ₂ H ₅	H	C ₁₆ H ₃₃ (S)	14.9	4.82 (t, J=5.5 Hz)	0.70—1.80 (39H, m), 2.40—3.60 (7H, m), 4.00 (2H, q, J=7 Hz), 4.50 (2H, s), 5.05 (2H, s), 6.90—7.40 (9H, m)
11s	C ₂ H ₅	H	C ₂ H ₄ Ph (R)	29.0 (82.3 ^b)	4.92 (t, J=5.5 Hz)	0.97—1.29 (6H, m), 1.60—2.10 (2H, m), 2.40—2.80 (2H, m), 2.90—3.50 (7H, m), 4.02 (2H, q, J=7 Hz), 4.48 (2H, s), 5.07 (2H, s), 6.90—7.40 (14H, m)
11t	C ₂ H ₅	H	C ₂ H ₄ Ph (S)	22.1 (85.0 ^c)	4.84 (t, J=5.5 Hz)	0.97—1.29 (6H, m), 1.60—2.10 (2H, m), 2.40—2.80 (2H, m), 2.95—3.60 (7H, m), 4.04 (2H, q, J=7 Hz), 4.50 (2H, s), 5.07 (2H, s), 6.90—7.40 (14H, m)
11u	iso-C ₃ H ₇	H	C ₂ H ₄ Ph (R)	39.1	4.95 (t, J=5.0 Hz)	1.08 (6H, d, J=7 Hz), 1.19 (3H, t, J=7 Hz), 1.40—2.00 (2H, m), 2.20—3.35 (8H, m), 3.40—4.20 (2H, m), 4.40 (2H, s), 5.00 (2H, s), 6.80—7.60 (14H, m)
11v	iso-C ₃ H ₇	H	C ₂ H ₄ Ph (S)	32.0	4.69 (t, J=5.0 Hz)	1.07 (6H, d, J=7 Hz), 1.18 (3H, t, J=7 Hz), 1.40—2.10 (2H, m), 2.15—3.30 (8H, m), 3.96 (2H, q, J=7 Hz), 4.45 (2H, s), 4.99 (2H, s), 6.80—7.50 (14H, m)
11w	C ₂ H ₄ Ph	H	C ₂ H ₄ Ph (R)	41.0	4.86 (t, J=5.5 Hz)	1.11 (3H, t, J=7 Hz), 1.45—2.00 (2H, m), 2.40—3.60 (11H, m), 4.00 (2H, q, J=7 Hz), 4.39 (2H, s), 5.03 (2H, s), 6.80—7.50 (14H, m)
11x	C ₂ H ₄ Ph	H	C ₂ H ₄ Ph (S)	25.9	4.73 (t, J=5.5 Hz)	1.17 (3H, t, J=7 Hz), 1.60—2.10 (2H, m), 2.40—3.60 (11H, m), 4.04 (2H, q, J=7 Hz), 4.41 (2H, s), 5.04 (2H, s), 6.80—7.30 (14H, m)

a) Percent yield of a mixture of diastereomers. b) Yield shown in parentheses is that when (R)-10k was used as the starting material. c) Yield shown in parentheses is that when (S)-10k was used as the starting material.

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Other monoester derivatives were obtained similarly, and their physical constants and analytical data are summarized in Table III.

Optical Resolution of Ethyl 2-Phenethyl-3-(*N*-ethylamino)propionate (10k)—Racemic amine **10k** (10.0 g, 0.04 mol) and *N*-benzyloxycarbonyl-*L*-phenylalanine [(*S*)-**14**, 12.0 g, 0.04 mol] were dissolved in AcOEt (45 ml) by heating on a water bath. Diisopropyl ether (60 ml) was added to the above solution and the mixture was allowed to stand at room temperature overnight. The crystalline precipitates were collected by filtration, washed with AcOEt-iso-Pr₂O (1:1) (15 ml), and recrystallized from AcOEt-iso-Pr₂O (1:1) (34 ml) to afford (*S*)-**10k**·(*S*)-**14** salt (7.4 g, 33.6%) as colorless prisms, mp 92–95 °C, $[\alpha]_D^{21} + 16.6^\circ$ ($c=1$, EtOH). *Anal.* Calcd for C₁₅H₂₃NO₂·C₁₇H₁₇NO₄: C, 70.05; H, 7.35; N, 5.11. Found: C, 70.11; H, 7.37; N, 5.09.

The salt (6.0 g) was suspended in Et₂O, and the mixture was shaken with aqueous Na₂CO₃. The organic layer was separated, washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄, and evaporated to dryness. The resultant syrup was treated with ethanolic hydrochloride and triturated with Et₂O to give (*S*)-**10k**·HCl (2.8 g, 89.6%) as colorless plates, mp 113–116 °C, $[\alpha]_D^{24} - 18.7^\circ$ ($c=1$, EtOH).

The original mother liquor from (*S*)-**10k**·(*S*)-**14** salt was treated with aqueous Na₂CO₃. The organic layer was separated, washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄, and evaporated *in vacuo* to dryness. The resultant syrup and (*R*)-**14** (7.48 g, 0.025 mol) was dissolved in AcOEt (25 ml) by heating. The solution was diluted with iso-Pr₂O (35 ml) and cooled overnight. The crystals were collected by filtration, and washed with AcOEt-iso-Pr₂O (1:1) to afford (*R*)-**10k**·(*R*)-**14** salt (8.3 g, 37.8%) as colorless prisms, mp 93–95 °C, $[\alpha]_D^{21} - 16.9^\circ$ ($c=1$, EtOH). *Anal.* Calcd for C₁₅H₂₃NO₂·C₁₇H₁₇NO₄: C, 70.05; H, 7.35; N, 5.11. Found: C, 70.16; H, 7.42; N, 5.07. The salt (8 g) was treated in the same manner as described for (*S*)-**10k** to give (*R*)-**10k**·HCl (4.17 g, 92.5%) as colorless plates, mp 114–116 °C, $[\alpha]_D^{24} + 18.6^\circ$ ($c=1$, EtOH).

X-Ray Crystallographic Analysis of (*R*)-10k·HBr—By the general method, the above (*R*)-**10k**·HCl was converted to the HBr salt as colorless crystals, mp 108–109 °C, $[\alpha]_D^{24} + 16.5^\circ$ ($c=1$, EtOH).

Crystal data: orthorhombic, space group $P2_12_12_1$ with $a=11.045$ (2), $b=30.217$ (5), $c=10.291$ (3) Å; $Z=8$. A four-circle diffractometer (Rigaku) with Ni-filtered CuK_α radiation was used for all measurements. Of 3650 independent reflections ($2\theta \leq 130^\circ$), 2705 with $|F| \geq 2.5 \sigma(F)$ were subjected to the analysis. The structure was solved by the heavy-atom method and refined to an *R*-value of 0.095. The absolute configuration was determined by the Bijvoet difference method. Of the total of 27 Friedel pairs measured with great care, 24 pairs clearly showed the absolute configuration.

Pharmacological Methods—The *in vitro* ACE inhibitory activity was determined according to the procedure reported previously.^{1a)}

The antihypertensive effect was examined in male spontaneously hypertensive rats (SHR, Charles River Japan Inc.) weighing 300 to 350 g. Groups of 6 to 8 SHR were used. The test compounds were suspended in 0.5% sodium carboxymethyl cellulose (CMC) solution and orally administered to rats which had been fasted overnight. The systolic blood pressure was measured by a tail cuff method.¹¹⁾

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