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**New Benzothiophene Compounds Related to Propafenone.**

— A convenient and efficient approach to title compounds (VIII) and (X) starting from 2-methylbenzothiophene (I) is described. Both are equally potent as propafenone in reducing the isometric force of contraction of papillary muscles, but they lack any  $\beta$ -adrenoceptor blocking activity. — (UNTERHALT, B.; REMS, L.; Arch. Pharm. (Weinheim, Ger.) 330 (1997) 4, 107-108; Inst. Pharm. Chem., Westfael. Wilhelms-Univ., D-48149 Muenster, Germany; EN)

