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**SOLICITANTE
(71)**Nombre: **TAKEDA PHARMACEUTICAL
COMPANY LIMITED**sociedad constituida y existente bajo las
leyes de Japón.Dirección: 1-1, Doshomachi, 4-chome,
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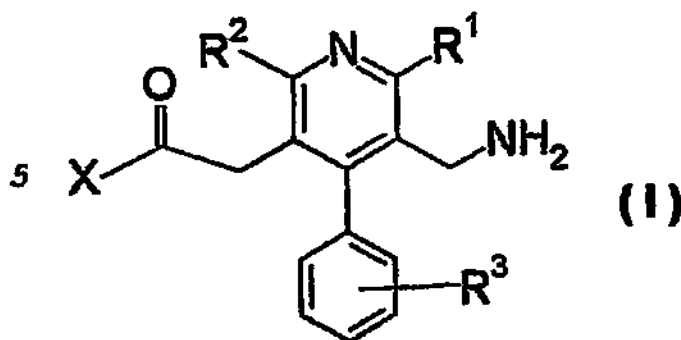
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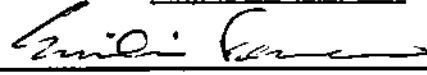
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NOMBRE: EMILIO FERREROFIRMA: 

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REPRESENTACION Y PODER

REPRESENTATION AND POWER-OF-ATTORNEY

Yo (nosotros), abajo firmado (s)/I (we), the undersigned
TAKEDA PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANY LIMITED
domiciliado (s) en/of 1-1, Doshomachi 4-chome,
Chuo-ku, Osaka-shi, Osaka Japan

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por el presente nombramos a EMILIO FERRERO, tpa. 31929; GONZALO PERDOMO, tpa. 831; LUZ CLEMENCIA DE PAEZ, tpa. 23555 y GERMAN CAVELIER, tpa. 832, domiciliados en la Carrera 4ª N° 72-35, Bogotá, Colombia, en obediencia a lo dispuesto en el parágrafo 1o del Artículo 543 del Código de Comercio, el primero como principal y los demás como suplentes, en su orden, como mis (nuestros) representantes en todos los asuntos de propiedad industrial con facultad para recibir notificaciones y nombrar apoderados judiciales o extrajudiciales. El primer representante suplente reemplazará al principal en caso de ausencia o impedimento temporal o definitivo de aquél. La misma regla se aplicará cuando el segundo representante suplente haya de reemplazar al primero, o el tercero al segundo. En tales casos, el representante principal, o el primero, o segundo suplente, en su caso, o ambos, declararán su intención de no ejercer la representación mediante declaración autenticada por Notario Público en Colombia, o por Notario u otro Funcionario Público, o Cónsul de Colombia, en el extranjero; y si se tratare de impedimento, con el certificado respectivo. Si alguno de los nombrados faltare definitivamente, el siguiente tomará su lugar. Cuando cesare la ausencia o impedimento del representante principal, o de su primero o segundo suplente, en su caso, podrán ejercer la representación, en su orden, uno u otros según el caso, asumiéndola por el solo hecho de ejercerla, cesando en ese momento el ejercicio de la representación por el primero, segundo o tercer suplente en su caso.

Además, confiero (conferimos) poder a los abogados arriba nombrados, para obtener la protección de mi (nuestra) propiedad industrial y contra la competencia desleal, a cuyo efecto autorizo (amos) a los dichos apoderados para que me (nos) representen ante cualesquiera entidades o personas, ejerzan o no jurisdicción, especialmente ante las del orden administrativo, contencioso administrativo y judicial, así como los tribunales de arbitramento, en todo lo concerniente a los siguientes asuntos: a) Obtención de patentes de invención, modelos de utilidad, y diseños industriales; el registro de marcas de fábrica, colectivas, defensivas, de servicio, lemas comerciales, nombres comerciales, enseñanzas, nombres de dominio, variedades vegetales y denominaciones de origen; su renovación, traspaso, cambio de nombre o domicilio, cancelación voluntaria; y el registro de licencias de uso de esos derechos; b) Las acciones de competencia desleal, protección del consumidor, oposiciones o observaciones, cancelación administrativa y judicial, nulidad, medidas cautelares, concesión de licencias, la tutela, la protección de secretos industriales, y en general los juicios civiles, penales, administrativos o contencioso-administrativos relacionados con estos derechos; acciones y procesos que promovamos o se nos

in due compliance with the terms of paragraph 1st. of article 543 of the Commercial Code, do hereby appoint EMILIO FERRERO, tpa. 31929; GONZALO PERDOMO, tpa. 831; LUZ CLEMENCIA DE PAEZ, tpa. 23555 and GERMAN CAVELIER, tpa. 832, domiciled at Carrera 4ª N° 72-35, Bogotá, Colombia, the first as principal and the others as alternates, in the order of their appointment, as our representatives for all industrial property matters with faculty to receive notifications and to appoint attorneys in and out of Court. The first alternate shall replace the principal in case of his absence or of temporal or definitive impediment. The same rule will apply when the second alternate representative is to replace the first one, or when the third is to replace the first or second alternates in their turn, or both of them, second. In such cases, the principal representative, or the first or second alternates in their turn, or both of them, shall state their intention not to act as representatives through a declaration given before a Notary Public in Colombia, or before a Notary or another Public Official or a Colombian Consul abroad; and in case of impediment, the appropriate certificate shall suffice. If any of the appointees were to be definitely absent, the following alternate shall take his place. When the absence or impediment of the principal representative, or of the first or second alternate in their turn ceases, the representation can be taken again in their sequence by the principal, the first or second alternate depending on cases, and the next one in turn whose exercise will suffice. The exercise of the representation by the principal, second or third alternates in their turn shall end at such time.

In addition, we grant a Power of Attorney in favor of the above named attorneys-at-law so that they may obtain the protection of my (our) industrial property and against the unfair competition, for which purpose (we) authorize the said attorneys to represent me (us) before any authorities or persons, with or without jurisdiction, specially those administrative, administrative contentions and judicial, as well as before Arbitration Court, in all matters concerning the following: a) Obtainment of patents, utility models and industrial designs; the registration of trademarks, collective, defensive and service marks, slogans, commercial names, trade emblems, domain names, vegetal varieties and denominations of origin; its renewal, assignment, change of name or domicile, voluntary cancellation; and the registration of licenses of use of the above rights; b) Actions of unfair competition, protection to the consumer, oppositions or observations, administrative or Court cancellation, nullity, infringement, granting of licenses, the action for writ mandamus, the protection of trade secrets, and in general the civil, penal, and administrative suits relating to those rights; actions and suits instituted by me (us) or against me (us). And that in all the above matters they may substitute this Power of Attorney, compromise, conciliate, admit

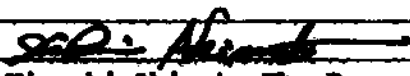
representatives of the parties in all the cases herein determined, pueden
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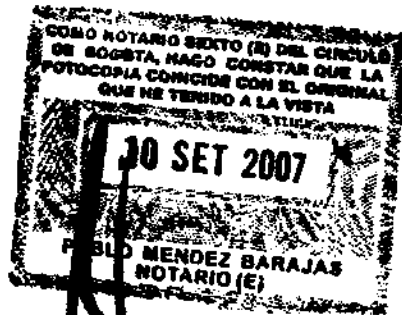
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Member of the Board, General Manager,

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2. has been signed by Kiyoomi FUJITA

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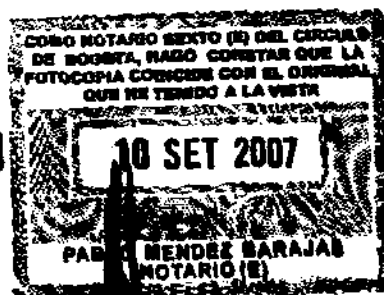
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For the Minister for Foreign Affairs





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嘱託人 武田薬品工業株式会社 常務取締役 知的財産部長 秋元浩

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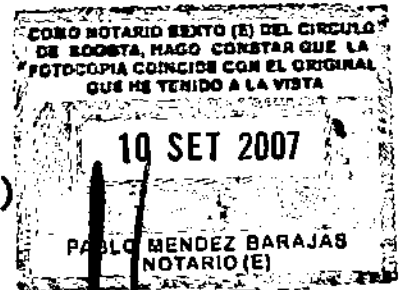
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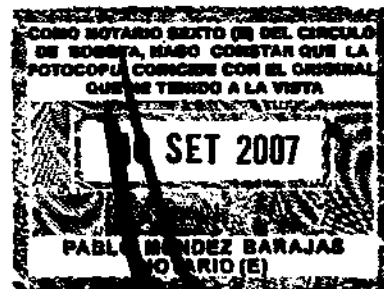
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I hereby certify that this document was signed before me and that the signature appearing on the same is the true signature of Hiroshi Akimoto, Ph. D., Executive Director, Member of the Board, General Manager, Intellectual Property Department of Takeda Pharmaceutical Company Limited.

Dated this 14th day of December, 2004

10-8, Edobori 1-chome,
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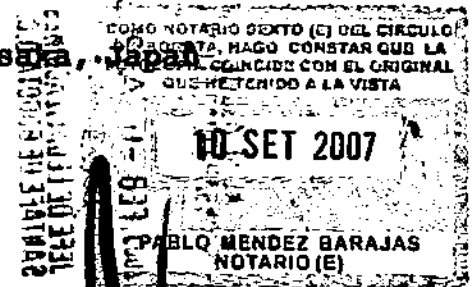
This is to certify that the undermentioned company is registered as a member of this Chamber.

Company name: Takeda Pharmaceutical Company Limited

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Membership Number: KT-01-00080



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Yoshinobu Kobayashi
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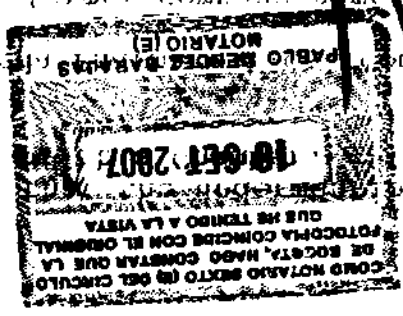
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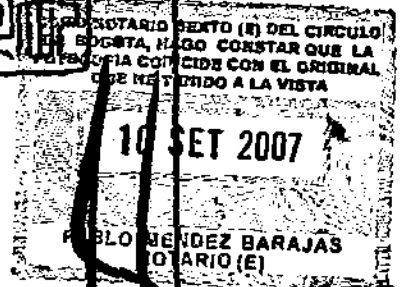


CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the annexed Notarial Certificate has
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Date 04.12.17

Director of the Osaka Legal Affairs Bureau



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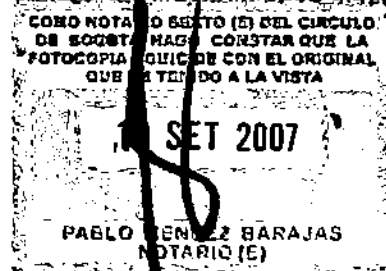
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CERTIFICADO

El presente es para certificar que el Certificado Notarial anexo ha sido suscrito por un notario debidamente autorizado y en ejercicio en Osaka, Japón, y que el sello oficial que aparece en el mismo es auténtico.

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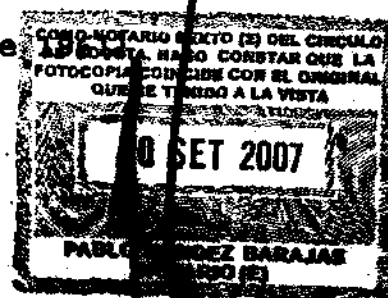
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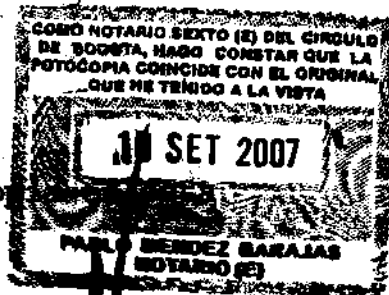
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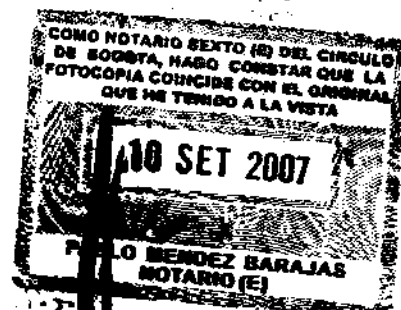
El presente es para certificar que la siguiente compañía está registrada como miembro de esta Cámara.

Nombre de la compañía: Takeda Pharmaceutical Company Limited

(El nombre anterior de la compañía en inglés fue Takeda Chemical Industries, Ltd. hasta el 29 de junio de 2004.)

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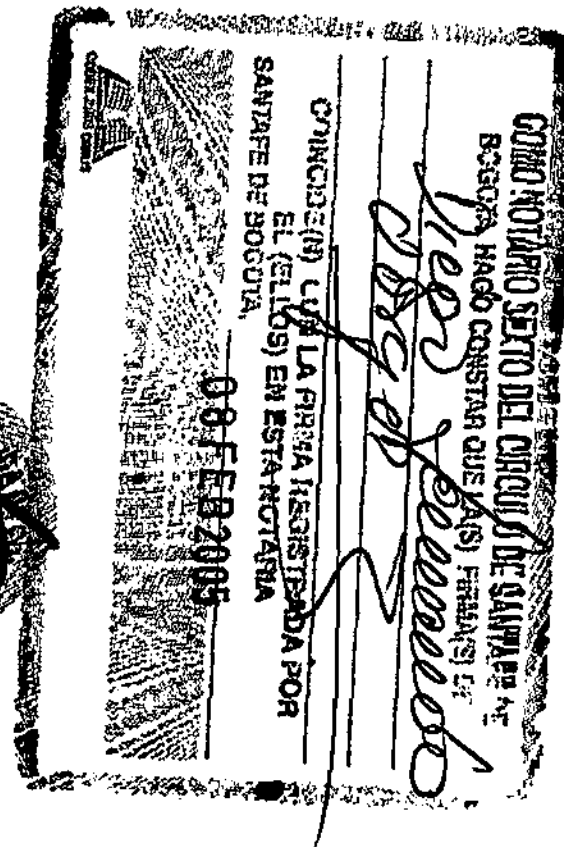
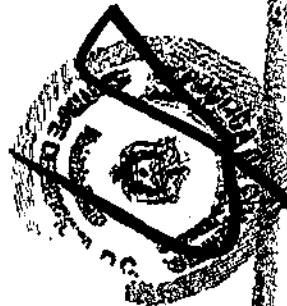
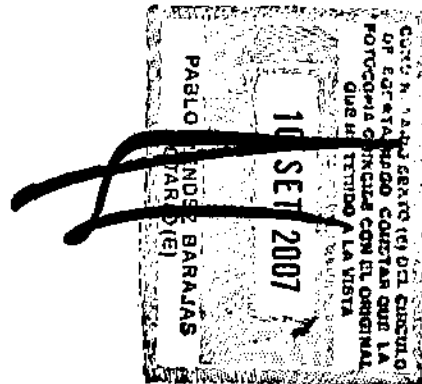
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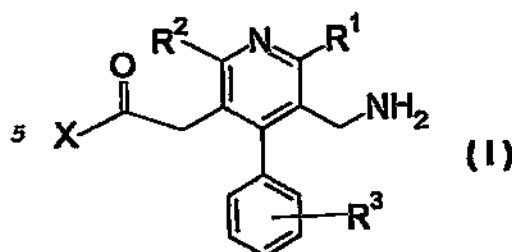
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(54) Title: PYRIDYL ACETIC ACID COMPOUNDS

(57) Abstract: The present invention provides a compound
represented by the formula (I): wherein R₁ is a C71-6#191
alkyl group optionally substituted by a C73-10#191 cycloalkyl
group, R₂ is a C72-6#191 alkyl group, R₃ is a hydrogen atom,
a C71-6#191 alkyl group or a halogen atom, and X is -OR₄ or
-NR₄R₅, wherein R₄ and R₅ are each independently a hydrogen
atom, an optionally substituted hydrocarbon group or an
optionally substituted heterocyclic group, R₅ is an optionally
substituted hydrocarbon group, an optionally substituted
heterocyclic group or an optionally substituted hydroxy group,or R₄ and R₅ optionally form, together with the adjacent nitrogen atom, an optionally substituted nitrogen-containing heterocycle,
or a salt thereof. The compound of the present invention has a superior peptidase inhibitory action and is useful as an agent for the
prophylaxis or treatment of diabetes and the like.

DESCRIPTION

PYRIDYL ACETIC ACID COMPOUNDS

Technical Field

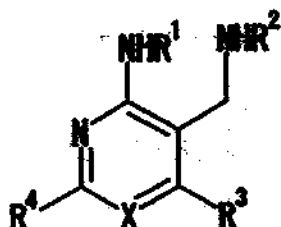
The present invention relates to a pyridyl acetic acid
5 compound having a peptidase inhibitory activity, which is useful
as an agent for the prophylaxis or treatment of diabetes and the
like.

Background Art

Peptidase is known to relate to various diseases.
10 Dipeptidyl dipeptidase-IV (hereinafter sometimes to be
abbreviated as DPP-IV), which is one kind of peptidases, is
serine protease that specifically binds with a peptide
containing proline (or alanine) at the 2nd from the N-terminal
and cleaves the C-terminal side of the proline (or alanine) to
15 produce dipeptide. DPP-IV has been shown to be the same
molecule as CD26, and reported to be also involved in the immune
system. While the role of DPP-IV in mammals has not been
entirely clarified, it is considered to play an important role
in the metabolism of neuropeptides, activation of T cells,
20 adhesion of cancer cells to endothelial cells, invasion of HIV
into cells and the like. Particularly, from the aspect of
glycometabolism, DPP-IV is involved in the inactivation of GLP-1
(glucagon-like peptide-1) and GIP (Gastric inhibitory
peptide/Glucose-dependent insulintropic peptide), which are
25 incretins. With regard to GLP-1, moreover, it is known that the
physiological activity of GLP-1 is markedly impaired because it
has a short plasma half-life of 1-2 minutes, and GLP-1(9-
36)amide, which is a degradation product by DPP-IV, acts on GLP-
1 receptor as an antagonist, thus decomposing GLP-1 by DPP-IV.
30 It is also known that suppression of degradation of GLP-1 by
inhibiting DPP-IV activity leads to potentiation of
physiological activity that GLP-1 shows, such as glucose
concentration-dependent insulin secretagogue effect and the like.
From these facts, a compound having a DPP-IV inhibitory activity

is expected to show effect on impaired glucose tolerance, postprandial hyperglycemia and fasting hyperglycemia observed in type I and type II diabetes and the like, obesity or diabetic complications associated therewith and the like.

5 As a compound having a DPP-IV inhibitory action, for example, a compound represented by the formula



wherein X is N or CR⁵ (wherein R⁵ is hydrogen or lower alkyl); R¹ and R² are independently hydrogen or lower alkyl; R³ is
10 heterocyclic group or aryl, each optionally substituted by lower alkyl and the like; R⁴ is lower alkyl and the like, or a salt thereof, has been reported (see WO03/068757).

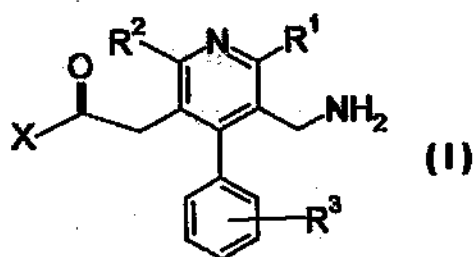
However, there is no report on the compound of the present invention.

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Disclosure of the Invention

There is a demand for the development of a compound having a peptidase inhibitory action, which is useful as an agent for the prophylaxis or treatment of diabetes and the like and superior in efficacy, duration of action, specificity, lower
20 toxicity and the like.

The present inventors have first found that a compound represented by the formula (I):



wherein

25 R¹ is a C₁-₆ alkyl group optionally substituted by a C₃-₁₀ cycloalkyl group,

R² is a C₂₋₆ alkyl group,

R³ is a hydrogen atom, a C₁₋₆ alkyl group or a halogen atom, and

X is -OR⁶ or -NR⁴R⁵

5 wherein R⁴ and R⁶ are each independently a hydrogen atom, an optionally substituted hydrocarbon group or an optionally substituted heterocyclic group, R⁵ is an optionally substituted hydrocarbon group, an optionally substituted heterocyclic group or an optionally substituted hydroxy group, or R⁴ and R⁵ optionally form,
10 together with the adjacent nitrogen atom, an optionally substituted nitrogen-containing heterocycle,

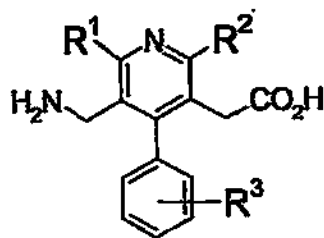
or a salt thereof

[hereinafter sometimes to be abbreviated as compound (I)], which is characterized by a chemical structure wherein an amino
15 group is bonded to the 3-position via a methylene group; an optionally substituted phenyl group is bonded to the 4-position; an acyl group is bonded to the 5-position via a methylene group; and a C₂₋₆ alkyl group is bonded to the 6-position, of the pyridine ring, has a superior peptidase inhibitory action and is
20 useful as an agent for the prophylaxis or treatment of diabetes and the like. Based on this finding, the present inventors have conducted intensive studies and completed the present invention.

Accordingly, the present invention relates to

- 1) compound (I);
- 25 2) compound (I), wherein X is -OH;
- 3) compound (I), wherein R¹ is a C₃₋₆ alkyl group;
- 4) compound (I), wherein R³ is a C₁₋₆ alkyl group;
- 5) compound (I), which is
[5-(aminomethyl)-2-ethyl-6-isobutyl-4-(4-methylphenyl)pyridin-3-
30 yl]acetic acid;
[5-(aminomethyl)-2,6-diisobutyl-4-(4-methylphenyl)pyridin-3-yl]acetic acid;
[5-(aminomethyl)-2-ethyl-4-(4-methylphenyl)-6-neopentylpyridin-3-yl]acetic acid; or

- 1-([5-(aminomethyl)-2-ethyl-4-(4-methylphenyl)-6-neopentylpyridin-3-yl]acetyl)-L-prolinamide;
or a salt thereof;
- 6) a prodrug of compound (I);
- 5 7) a pharmaceutical agent comprising compound (I) or a prodrug thereof;
- 8) the pharmaceutical agent of the aforementioned 7), which is an agent for the prophylaxis or treatment of diabetes, diabetic complications, impaired glucose tolerance or obesity;
- 10 9) a peptidase inhibitor comprising compound (I) or a prodrug thereof;
- 10) the inhibitor of the aforementioned 9), wherein the peptidase is dipeptidyl peptidase-IV;
- 11) use of compound (I) or a prodrug thereof for the production
- 15 of an agent for the prophylaxis or treatment of diabetes, diabetic complications, impaired glucose tolerance or obesity;
- 12) use of compound (I) or a prodrug thereof for the production of a peptidase inhibitor;
- 13) a method of preventing or treating diabetes, diabetic
- 20 complications, impaired glucose tolerance or obesity in a mammal, which comprises administering compound (I) or a prodrug thereof to said mammal;
- 14) a method of inhibiting peptidase in a mammal, which comprises administering compound (I) or a prodrug thereof to
- 25 said mammal;
- 15) a method of producing a compound represented by the formula (I-a):



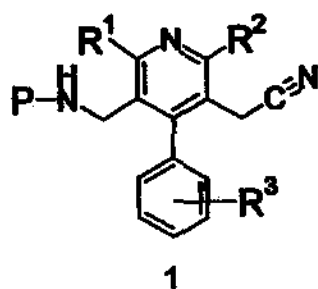
I-a

wherein

R¹ is a C₁₋₆ alkyl group optionally substituted by a C₃₋₁₀ cycloalkyl group,

R² is a C₂₋₆ alkyl group, and

R³ is a hydrogen atom, a C₁₋₆ alkyl group or a halogen atom, or a salt thereof, which comprises subjecting a compound represented by the formula (1):



wherein

P is a hydrogen atom or an amino-protecting group, and

R¹, R² and R³ are each as defined above, or a salt thereof, to hydrolysis and deprotection; and the like.

The compound of the present invention has a superior peptidase inhibitory action and is useful as an agent for the prophylaxis or treatment of diabetes and the like.

Best Mode for Embodiment of the Invention

Each symbol in the formula (I) is described in detail in the following.

As the "C₁₋₆ alkyl group" of the "C₁₋₆ alkyl group optionally substituted by a C₃₋₁₀ cycloalkyl group" for R¹, for example, methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, butyl, isobutyl, sec-butyl, tert-butyl, pentyl, isopentyl, neopentyl, 1-ethylpropyl, hexyl, isohexyl, 1,1-dimethylbutyl, 2,2-dimethylbutyl, 3,3-dimethylbutyl, 2-ethylbutyl and the like can be mentioned.

As the "C₃₋₁₀ cycloalkyl group" of the "C₁₋₆ alkyl group optionally substituted by a C₃₋₁₀ cycloalkyl group" for R¹, for example, cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, cycloheptyl, cyclooctyl, bicyclo[2.2.1]heptyl, bicyclo[2.2.2]octyl, bicyclo[3.2.1]octyl, bicyclo[3.2.2]nonyl,

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bicyclo[3.3.1]nonyl, bicyclo[4.2.1]nonyl, bicyclo[4.3.1]decyl, adamantyl and the like can be mentioned.

R^1 is preferably a C_{3-6} alkyl group, more preferably a branched C_{3-6} alkyl group, particularly preferably isobutyl or
5 neopentyl.

As the " C_{2-6} alkyl group" for R^2 , for example, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, butyl, isobutyl, sec-butyl, tert-butyl, pentyl, isopentyl, neopentyl, 1-ethylpropyl, hexyl, isohexyl, 1,1-dimethylbutyl, 2,2-dimethylbutyl, 3,3-dimethylbutyl, 2-
10 ethylbutyl and the like can be mentioned.

R^2 is preferably ethyl or isobutyl.

As the " C_{1-6} alkyl group" for R^3 , those exemplified for the aforementioned R^1 can be mentioned.

As the "halogen atom" for R^3 , for example, fluorine,
15 chlorine, bromine and iodine can be mentioned.

R^3 is preferably a C_{1-6} alkyl group, more preferably methyl.

As the "hydrocarbon group" of the "optionally substituted hydrocarbon group" for R^4 , R^5 or R^6 , for example, a C_{1-10} alkyl group, a C_{2-10} alkenyl group, a C_{2-10} alkynyl group, a C_{3-10}
20 cycloalkyl group, a C_{3-10} cycloalkenyl group, a C_{4-10} cycloalkadienyl group, a C_{6-14} aryl group, a C_{7-13} aralkyl group, a C_{8-13} arylalkenyl group, a C_{3-10} cycloalkyl- C_{1-6} alkyl group and the like can be mentioned.

Here, as the C_{1-10} alkyl group, for example, methyl, ethyl,
25 propyl, isopropyl, butyl, isobutyl, sec-butyl, tert-butyl, pentyl, isopentyl, neopentyl, 1-ethylpropyl, hexyl, isohexyl, 1,1-dimethylbutyl, 2,2-dimethylbutyl, 3,3-dimethylbutyl, 2-ethylbutyl, heptyl, octyl, nonyl, decyl and the like can be mentioned.

30 As the C_{2-10} alkenyl group, for example, ethenyl, 1-propenyl, 2-propenyl, 2-methyl-1-propenyl, 1-butenyl, 2-butenyl, 3-butenyl, 3-methyl-2-butenyl, 1-pentenyl, 2-pentenyl, 3-pentenyl, 4-pentenyl, 4-methyl-3-pentenyl, 1-hexenyl, 3-hexenyl, 5-hexenyl, 1-heptenyl, 1-octenyl and the like can be mentioned.

As the C₂₋₁₀ alkynyl group, for example, ethynyl, 1-propynyl, 2-propynyl, 1-butyne, 2-butyne, 3-butyne, 1-pentyne, 2-pentyne, 3-pentyne, 4-pentyne, 1-hexyne, 2-hexyne, 3-hexyne, 4-hexyne, 5-hexyne, 1-heptyne, 1-octyne and the like can be mentioned.

As the C₃₋₁₀ cycloalkyl group, for example, cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, cycloheptyl, cyclooctyl, bicyclo[2.2.1]heptyl, bicyclo[2.2.2]octyl, bicyclo[3.2.1]octyl, bicyclo[3.2.2]nonyl, bicyclo[3.3.1]nonyl, bicyclo[4.2.1]nonyl, bicyclo[4.3.1]decyl, adamantyl and the like can be mentioned.

As the C₃₋₁₀ cycloalkenyl group, for example, 2-cyclopenten-1-yl, 3-cyclopenten-1-yl, 2-cyclohexen-1-yl, 3-cyclohexen-1-yl and the like can be mentioned.

As the C₄₋₁₀ cycloalkadienyl group, for example, 2,4-cyclopentadien-1-yl, 2,4-cyclohexadien-1-yl, 2,5-cyclohexadien-1-yl and the like can be mentioned.

The above-mentioned C₃₋₁₀ cycloalkyl group, C₃₋₁₀ cycloalkenyl group and C₄₋₁₀ cycloalkadienyl group are each optionally condensed with a benzene ring, and, for example, indanyl, dihydronaphthyl, tetrahydronaphthyl, fluorenyl and the like can be mentioned.

As the C₆₋₁₄ aryl group, for example, phenyl, naphthyl, anthryl, phenanthryl, acenaphthyl, biphenyl and the like can be mentioned. Of these, phenyl, 1-naphthyl, 2-naphthyl and the like are preferable.

As the C₇₋₁₃ aralkyl group, for example, benzyl, phenethyl, naphthylmethyl, biphenylmethyl and the like can be mentioned.

As the C₈₋₁₃ arylalkenyl group, for example, styryl and the like can be mentioned.

As the C₃₋₁₀ cycloalkyl-C₁₋₆ alkyl group, for example, cyclohexylmethyl and the like can be mentioned.

The aforementioned C₁₋₁₀ alkyl group, C₂₋₁₀ alkenyl group and C₂₋₁₀ alkynyl group optionally have 1 to 3 substituents at substitutable positions.

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As such substituents, for example,

- (1) a C₃₋₁₀ cycloalkyl group (e.g., cyclopropyl, cyclohexyl);
- (2) a C₆₋₁₄ aryl group (e.g., phenyl, naphthyl);
- (3) an aromatic heterocyclic group (e.g., thienyl, furyl,
5 pyridyl, oxazolyl, thiazolyl, tetrazolyl, oxadiazolyl, pyrazinyl,
quinolyl, indolyl) optionally substituted by 1 to 3 substituents
selected from a carboxyl group, a carbamoyl group, a
thiocarbamoyl group and a C₁₋₆ alkoxy-carbonyl group (e.g.,
methoxycarbonyl, ethoxycarbonyl, propoxycarbonyl, tert-
10 butoxycarbonyl);
- (4) a non-aromatic heterocyclic group (e.g., tetrahydrofuryl,
morpholino, thiomorpholino, piperidino, pyrrolidinyl,
piperazinyl, oxodioxolyl, oxodioxolanyl, oxo-2-benzofuranyl,
oxooxadiazolyl) optionally substituted by a C₁₋₆ alkyl group
15 (e.g., methyl, ethyl);
- (5) an amino group optionally mono- or di-substituted by
substituent(s) selected from a C₁₋₆ alkyl group (e.g., methyl,
ethyl), a C₁₋₆ alkyl-carbonyl group (e.g., acetyl, isobutanoyl,
isopentanoyl) and a C₁₋₆ alkoxy-carbonyl group (e.g.,
20 methoxycarbonyl, ethoxycarbonyl, propoxycarbonyl, tert-
butoxycarbonyl);
- (6) a C₁₋₆ alkylsulfonylamino group (e.g., methylsulfonylamino);
- (7) an amidino group;
- (8) a C₁₋₆ alkyl-carbonyl group (e.g., acetyl, isobutanoyl,
25 isopentanoyl);
- (9) a C₁₋₆ alkoxy-carbonyl group (e.g., methoxycarbonyl,
ethoxycarbonyl, propoxycarbonyl, tert-butoxycarbonyl);
- (10) a C₁₋₆ alkylsulfonyl group (e.g., methylsulfonyl,
ethylsulfonyl);
- 30 (11) a carbamoyl group optionally mono- or di-substituted by C₁₋₆
alkyl group(s) (e.g., methyl, ethyl) optionally substituted by 1
to 3 halogen atoms (e.g., fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine);
- (12) a thiocarbamoyl group optionally mono- or di-substituted by
C₁₋₆ alkyl group(s) (e.g., methyl, ethyl) optionally substituted

by 1 to 3 halogen atoms (e.g., fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine);

(13) a sulfamoyl group optionally mono- or di-substituted by C₁₋₆ alkyl group(s) (e.g., methyl, ethyl) optionally substituted by 1 to 3 halogen atoms (e.g., fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine);

(14) a carboxyl group;

(15) a hydroxy group;

(16) a C₁₋₆ alkoxy group (e.g., methoxy, ethoxy) optionally substituted by 1 to 3 halogen atoms (e.g., fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine);

(17) a C₂₋₆ alkenyloxy group (e.g., ethenyloxy) optionally substituted by 1 to 3 halogen atoms (e.g., fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine);

(18) a C₃₋₁₀ cycloalkyloxy group (e.g., cyclohexyloxy);

(19) a C₇₋₁₃ aralkyloxy group (e.g., benzyloxy);

(20) a C₆₋₁₄ aryloxy group (e.g., phenyloxy, naphthyloxy);

(21) a C₁₋₆ alkyl-carbonyloxy group (e.g., acetyloxy, tert-butylcarbonyloxy);

(22) a thiol group;

(23) a C₁₋₆ alkylthio group (e.g., methylthio, ethylthio) optionally substituted by 1 to 3 halogen atoms (e.g., fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine);

(24) a C₇₋₁₃ aralkylthio group (e.g., benzylthio);

(25) a C₆₋₁₄ arylthio group (e.g., phenylthio, naphthylthio);

(26) a sulfo group;

(27) a cyano group;

(28) an azido group;

(29) a nitro group;

(30) a nitroso group;

(31) a halogen atom (e.g., fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine);

(32) a C₁₋₆ alkylsulfinyl group (e.g., methylsulfinyl);

and the like can be mentioned.

The C₃₋₁₀ cycloalkyl group, C₃₋₁₀ cycloalkenyl group, C₄₋₁₀ cycloalkadienyl group, C₆₋₁₄ aryl group, C₇₋₁₃ aralkyl group, C₈₋₁₃

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arylalkenyl group and C₃₋₁₀ cycloalkyl-C₁₋₆ alkyl group, which are exemplarily recited for the aforementioned "hydrocarbon group", optionally have 1 to 3 substituents at substitutable positions.

As such substituents, for example,

- 5 those exemplarily recited for the substituents for the aforementioned C₁₋₁₀ alkyl group and the like;
a C₁₋₆ alkyl group (e.g., methyl, ethyl) optionally substituted by 1 to 3 substituents selected from a halogen atom (e.g., fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine), a carboxyl group, a C₁₋₆
10 alkoxy-carbonyl group (e.g., methoxycarbonyl, ethoxycarbonyl), a carbamoyl group and a C₁₋₆ alkoxy group (e.g., methoxy);
a C₂₋₆ alkenyl group (e.g., ethenyl, 1-propenyl) optionally substituted by 1 to 3 substituents selected from a halogen atom (e.g., fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine), a carboxyl group, a
15 C₁₋₆ alkoxy-carbonyl group (e.g., methoxycarbonyl, ethoxycarbonyl) and a carbamoyl group;
a C₇₋₁₃ aralkyl group (e.g., benzyl);
an oxo group;
and the like can be mentioned.

- 20 As the "heterocyclic group" of the "optionally substituted heterocyclic group" for R⁴, R⁵ or R⁶, an aromatic heterocyclic group and a non-aromatic heterocyclic group can be mentioned.

- As the aromatic heterocyclic group, for example, a 5- to 7-membered monocyclic aromatic heterocyclic group containing, as
25 a ring-constituting atom besides carbon atoms, 1 to 4 heteroatoms selected from an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom and a nitrogen atom, and a fused aromatic heterocyclic group can be mentioned. As the fused aromatic heterocyclic group, for example, a group wherein these 5- to 7-membered monocyclic
30 aromatic heterocyclic groups and a 6-membered ring containing 1 or 2 nitrogen atoms, a benzene ring or a 5-membered ring containing one sulfur atom are fused, and the like can be mentioned.

As preferable examples of the aromatic heterocyclic group,

monocyclic aromatic heterocyclic groups such as furyl (e.g., 2-furyl, 3-furyl), thienyl (e.g., 2-thienyl, 3-thienyl), pyridyl (e.g., 2-pyridyl, 3-pyridyl, 4-pyridyl), pyrimidinyl (e.g., 2-pyrimidinyl, 4-pyrimidinyl, 5-pyrimidinyl, 6-pyrimidinyl),
5 pyridazinyl (e.g., 3-pyridazinyl, 4-pyridazinyl), pyrazinyl (e.g., 2-pyrazinyl), pyrrolyl (e.g., 1-pyrrolyl, 2-pyrrolyl, 3-pyrrolyl), imidazolyl (e.g., 1-imidazolyl, 2-imidazolyl, 4-imidazolyl, 5-imidazolyl), pyrazolyl (e.g., 1-pyrazolyl, 3-pyrazolyl, 4-pyrazolyl), thiazolyl (e.g., 2-thiazolyl, 4-
10 thiazolyl, 5-thiazolyl), isothiazolyl, oxazolyl (e.g., 2-oxazolyl, 4-oxazolyl, 5-oxazolyl), isoxazolyl (e.g., 3-isoxazolyl, 4-isoxazolyl, 5-isoxazolyl), oxadiazolyl (e.g., 1,2,4-oxadiazol-5-yl, 1,3,4-oxadiazol-2-yl), thiadiazolyl (e.g., 1,3,4-thiadiazol-2-yl), triazolyl (e.g., 1,2,4-triazol-1-yl,
15 1,2,4-triazol-3-yl, 1,2,3-triazol-1-yl, 1,2,3-triazol-2-yl, 1,2,3-triazol-4-yl), tetrazolyl (e.g., tetrazol-1-yl, tetrazol-5-yl) and the like;
fused aromatic heterocyclic groups such as quinolyl (e.g., 2-quinolyl, 3-quinolyl, 4-quinolyl), quinazolyl (e.g., 2-
20 quinazolyl, 4-quinazolyl), quinoxalyl (e.g., 2-quinoxalyl), benzofuryl (e.g., 2-benzofuryl, 3-benzofuryl), benzothienyl (e.g., 2-benzothienyl, 3-benzothienyl), benzoxazolyl (e.g., 2-benzoxazolyl), benzothiazolyl (e.g., 2-benzothiazolyl),
benzothiadiazolyl (e.g., benzo[1,2,5]thiadiazol-4-yl),
25 benzimidazolyl (e.g., benzimidazol-1-yl, benzimidazol-2-yl), indolyl (e.g., indol-1-yl, indol-3-yl), indazolyl (e.g., 1H-indazol-3-yl), pyrrolopyrazinyl (e.g., 1H-pyrrolo[2,3-b]pyrazin-2-yl, 1H-pyrrolo[2,3-b]pyrazin-6-yl), imidazopyridinyl (e.g., 1H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridin-2-yl, 1H-imidazo[4,5-c]pyridin-2-yl),
30 imidazopyrazinyl (e.g., 1H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyrazin-2-yl) and the like,
and the like can be mentioned.

As the non-aromatic heterocyclic group, for example, a 5- to 7-membered monocyclic non-aromatic heterocyclic group

containing, as a ring-constituting atom besides carbon atoms, 1 to 4 heteroatoms selected from an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom and a nitrogen atom, and a fused non-aromatic heterocyclic group can be mentioned. As the fused non-aromatic heterocyclic group, for example, a group wherein these 5- to 7- membered monocyclic non-aromatic heterocyclic groups and a 6-membered ring containing 1 or 2 nitrogen atoms, a benzene ring or a 5-membered ring containing one sulfur atom are fused, and the like can be mentioned.

- 10 As preferable examples of the non-aromatic heterocyclic group, pyrrolidinyl (e.g., 1-pyrrolidinyl, 2-pyrrolidinyl, 3-pyrrolidinyl), piperidinyl (e.g., piperidino), morpholinyl (e.g., morpholino), thiomorpholinyl (e.g., thiomorpholino), piperazinyl (e.g., 1-piperazinyl), hexamethyleniminyl (e.g.,
- 15 hexamethylenimin-1-yl), oxazolidinyl (e.g., oxazolidin-3-yl), thiazolidinyl (e.g., thiazolidin-3-yl), imidazolidinyl (e.g., imidazolidin-3-yl), oxoimidazolidinyl (e.g., 2-oxoimidazolidin-1-yl), dioxoimidazolidinyl (e.g., 2,4-dioxoimidazolidin-3-yl), dioxooxazolidinyl (e.g., 2,4-dioxooxazolidin-3-yl, 2,4-
- 20 dioxooxazolidin-5-yl, 2,4-dioxooxazolidin-1-yl), dioxothiazolidinyl (e.g., 2,4-dioxothiazolidin-3-yl, 2,4-dioxothiazolidin-5-yl), dioxoisoindolinyl (e.g., 1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl), oxooxadiazolidinyl (e.g., 5-oxooxadiazolidin-3-yl), oxothiadiazolidinyl (e.g., 5-
- 25 oxothiadiazolidin-3-yl), oxopiperazinyl (e.g., 3-oxopiperazin-1-yl), dioxopiperazinyl (e.g., 2,3-dioxopiperazin-1-yl, 2,5-dioxopiperazin-1-yl), oxodioxolyl (e.g., 2-oxo-1,3-dioxol-4-yl), oxodioxolanyl (e.g., 2-oxo-1,3-dioxolan-4-yl), 3-oxo-1,3-dihydro-2-benzofuranyl (e.g., 3-oxo-1,3-dihydro-2-benzofuran-1-
- 30 yl), oxodihydrooxadiazolyl (e.g., 5-oxo-4,5-dihydro-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl), oxodihydropyrazolyl (e.g., 5-oxo-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazol-3-yl), 4-oxo-2-thioxo-1,3-thiazolidin-5-yl, 4-oxo-2-thioxo-1,3-oxazolidin-5-yl, tetrahydropyranyl (e.g., 4-tetrahydropyranyl), 4-oxo-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-1-benzofuranyl

(e.g., 4-oxo-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-1-benzofuran-3-yl), 1,3(2H,5H)-dioxotetrahydroimidazo[1,5-a]pyridinyl, 1,3(2H,5H)-dioxo-10,10a-dihydroimidazo[1,5-b]isoquinolinyl, azabicyclooctyl (e.g., 1-azabicyclo[2.2.2]octan-2-yl, 1-azabicyclo[2.2.2]octan-3-yl) and
5 the like can be mentioned.

As the "nitrogen-containing heterocycle" of the "optionally substituted nitrogen-containing heterocycle" formed by R⁴ and R⁵ together with the adjacent nitrogen atom, for example, a 5- to 7-membered nitrogen-containing heterocycle
10 containing, as a ring-constituting atom besides carbon atoms, at least one nitrogen atom and optionally further containing 1 or 2 heteroatoms selected from an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom and a nitrogen atom can be mentioned. As preferable examples of the "nitrogen-containing heterocycle", pyrrolidine, imidazolidine,
15 pyrazolidine, piperidine, piperazine, morpholine, thiomorpholine, oxopiperazine, homopiperidine, homopiperazine, thiazolidine, dihydroindole (e.g., 2,3-dihydroindole), dihydroisoindole (e.g., 1,3-dihydroisoindole), tetrahydroquinoline (e.g., 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline), triazaspirodecanedione (e.g., 1,3,8-
20 triazaspiro[4.5]decane-2,4-dione), hexahydropyrazinooxazinone (e.g., hexahydropyrazino[2,1-c][1,4]oxazin-4(3H)-one) and the like can be mentioned.

The nitrogen-containing heterocycle optionally has 1 to 3 (preferably 1 or 2) substituents at substitutable positions. As
25 such substituents, for example, those exemplarily recited for the substituents for the C₃₋₁₀ cycloalkyl group, which is exemplarily recited for the aforementioned "hydrocarbon group" of the "optionally substituted hydrocarbon group" for R⁴ or R⁵, can be mentioned.

30 As the "optionally substituted hydroxy group" for R⁵, for example, a hydroxy group optionally substituted by a hydrocarbon group can be mentioned.

As the hydrocarbon group, here, those exemplarily recited for the aforementioned "hydrocarbon group" of the "optionally

substituted hydrocarbon group" for R⁴, R⁵ or R⁶ can be mentioned.

The "optionally substituted hydroxy group" is preferably a hydroxy group, a C₁₋₆ alkoxy group (e.g., methoxy, ethoxy) and the like.

5 R⁴ and R⁵ are preferably the same or different and each is a hydrogen atom (only for R⁴), an optionally substituted C₁₋₁₀ alkyl group, an optionally substituted C₃₋₁₀ cycloalkyl group, an optionally substituted C₆₋₁₄ aryl group, an optionally substituted C₇₋₁₃ aralkyl group, an optionally substituted heterocyclic group
10 or an optionally substituted hydroxy group (only for R⁵). To be specific,

(1) a hydrogen atom (only for R⁴);

(2) a C₁₋₁₀ alkyl group (preferably methyl, ethyl) optionally substituted by 1 to 3 substituents selected from a C₁₋₆ alkoxy-
15 carbonyl group, a C₁₋₆ alkoxy group and a heterocyclic group (e.g., 2-thienyl);

(3) a C₃₋₁₀ cycloalkyl group optionally condensed with a benzene ring (preferably indanyl, tetrahydronaphthyl);

(4) a C₆₋₁₄ aryl group (preferably phenyl) optionally substituted
20 by 1 to 3 substituents selected from

(4a) a halogen atom;

(4b) a C₁₋₆ alkyl group optionally substituted by a C₁₋₆ alkoxy-carbonyl group;

(4c) a C₁₋₆ alkyl-carbonyl group;

25 (4d) a C₁₋₆ alkylsulfonyl group; and

(4e) a C₁₋₆ alkoxy group optionally substituted by 1 to 3 halogen atoms (e.g., fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine);

(5) a C₇₋₁₃ aralkyl group (preferably benzyl) optionally substituted by 1 to 3 C₁₋₆ alkylsulfonyl groups;

30 (6) a heterocyclic group (e.g., pyridyl, isoxazolyl, pyrazolyl, thiadiazolyl, benzothiadiazolyl, oxodihydropyrazolyl, azabicyclooctyl, pyrrolidinyl) optionally substituted by 1 to 3 substituents selected from a C₁₋₆ alkyl group, a C₆₋₁₄ aryl group, a C₇₋₁₃ aralkyl group and a C₁₋₆ alkoxy-carbonyl group; and

(7) a C₁₋₆ alkoxy group (only for R⁵);
are preferable.

As the "nitrogen-containing heterocycle" of the "optionally substituted nitrogen-containing heterocycle" formed by R⁴ and R⁵ together with the adjacent nitrogen atom, for example, pyrrolidine, piperidine, piperazine, morpholine, homopiperidine, homopiperazine, thiazolidine, dihydroindole, dihydroisoindole, tetrahydroquinoline, triazaspirodecanedione, hexahydropyrazinooxazinone and the like are preferable.

As the substituents for the nitrogen-containing heterocycle,

- (1) a carbamoyl group;
 - (2) a C₁₋₆ alkyl-carbonyl group;
 - (3) a C₁₋₆ alkoxy-carbonyl group;
 - (4) a C₁₋₆ alkylsulfonyl group;
 - (5) a C₁₋₆ alkyl group optionally substituted by 1 to 3 substituents selected from a C₁₋₆ alkoxy group and a C₁₋₆ alkoxy-carbonyl group;
 - (6) a non-aromatic heterocyclic group (e.g., pyrrolidinyl);
 - (7) an amino group optionally mono- or di-substituted by C₁₋₆ alkyl-carbonyl group(s); and
 - (8) a halogen atom (e.g., fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine);
- are preferable.

R⁶ is preferably a hydrogen atom or an optionally substituted C₁₋₁₀ alkyl group. As the substituents for the C₁₋₁₀ alkyl group, a non-aromatic heterocyclic group (e.g., oxodioxolyl) optionally substituted by a C₁₋₆ alkyl group can be mentioned. R⁶ is particularly preferably a hydrogen atom.

As preferable examples of compound (I), the following compounds can be mentioned.

[Compound A]

A compound wherein

- R¹ is a C₃₋₆ alkyl group (preferably isobutyl, neopentyl);
R² is a C₂₋₆ alkyl group (preferably ethyl, isobutyl);