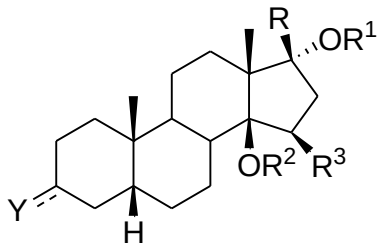
CLAIMS

1. Compound of formula (I),



(I)

wherein:

the symbol --- represents a single bond;

Y is OR^4, and has a beta configuration;

R is 3-furyl;

R^1 is hydrogen;

R^2 is hydrogen;

R^3 is hydrogen;

R^4 is hydrogen;

for use in the treatment of proteinuria in normotensive subjects.

2. Use of the compound of formula (I) of claim 1, for preparing a medicament for the prevention and/or treatment of proteinuria, and/or glomerulosclerosis and/or renal failure.

3. Use according to claim 2, in which the compound is to be administered in a dose of from 0.05 mg to 20 mg per day.

4. Use according to claim 3, in which the compound is to be administered in a dose of from 0.5 mg to 15 mg.

5. Use according to claim 3, in which the compound is to be administered in a dose of from 5 mg to 10 mg.

6. Use according to claims 3-5 in which the compound is to be administered in a single dose schedule.

7. Use according to claims 3-5, in which the compound is to be administered in a multiple dose schedule.

8. Use according to claim 2, in which the medicament is to be administered by a route selected from the group consisting of, oral, intravenous, intramuscular, intra-arterial, intramedullary, intrathecal, intraventricular, transdermal or transcutaneous applications, subcutaneous, intraperitoneal, intranasal, enteral, topical, sublingual, or rectal.