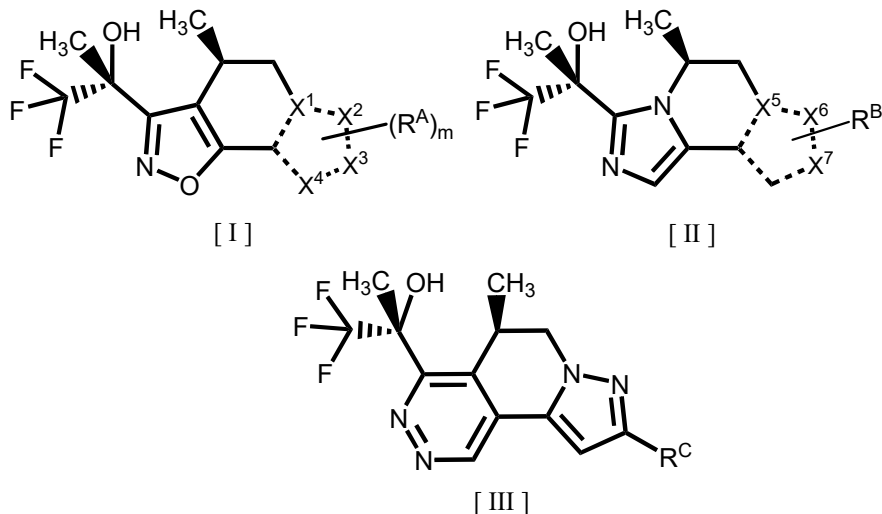


[ABSTRACT]

The present invention provides a compound having a PDHK inhibitory activity and useful for the treatment or prophylaxis of diabetes (type 1 diabetes, type 2 diabetes
5 etc.), insulin resistance syndrome, metabolic syndrome, hyperglycemia, hyperlactacidemia, diabetic complications (diabetic neuropathy, diabetic retinopathy, diabetic nephropathy, cataract etc.), cardiac failure (acute cardiac failure, chronic cardiac failure), cardiomyopathy, myocardial
10 ischemia, myocardial infarction, angina pectoris, dyslipidemia, atherosclerosis, peripheral arterial disease, intermittent claudication, chronic obstructive pulmonary diseases, brain ischemia, cerebral apoplexy, mitochondrial disease, mitochondrial encephalomyopathy, cancer, pulmonary
15 hypertension, Alzheimer disease, vascular dementia, glaucoma, diabetic retinopathy, retinopathy of prematurity, retinal vein occlusion, ischemic optic neuropathy or chronic kidney disease. The present invention relates to a compound of the formula [I], the formula [II] or the formula [III], or a pharmaceutically
20 acceptable salt thereof:



wherein each symbol is as defined in the DESCRIPTION.

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