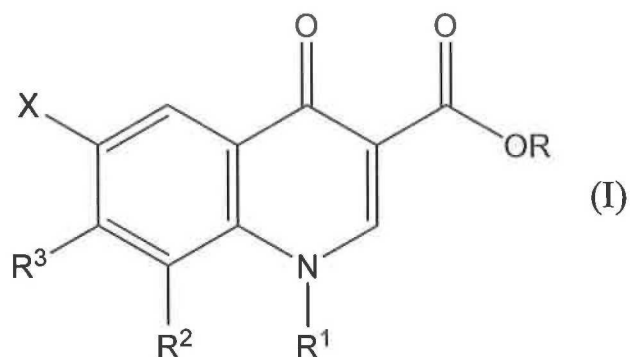


ABSTRACT

QUINOLONE COMPOUND

5 The present invention provides a compound represented by the formula (I)



wherein X is a hydrogen atom or a fluorine atom; R is a hydrogen atom or alkyl; R¹ is (1) cyclopropyl optionally substituted by 1
10 to 3 halogen atoms or (2) phenyl optionally substituted by 1 to 3 halogen atoms; R² is alkyl, alkoxy, haloalkoxy, a halogen atom, cyano, etc.; and R³ is 7-oxo-7,8-dihydro-1,8-naphthyridinyl, 3-pyridyl, etc., or a salt thereof. The compound of the present invention has excellent antimicrobial activity against
15 *Clostridium difficile* and is useful for the prevention or treatment of intestinal infection such as *Clostridium difficile*-associated diarrhea.

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