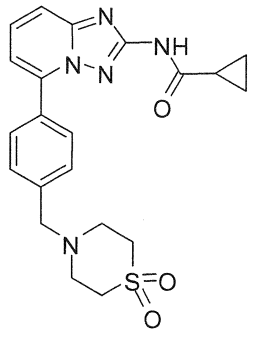
**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

1. A compound according to Formula I:



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or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

2. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and a pharmaceutically effective amount of a compound according claim 1.

~~3. The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 2 comprising a further therapeutic agent.~~

~~4.~~3. The use of a compound according to claim 1 in the manufacture of a medicament.

~~5. The compound according to claim 1, or the pharmaceutical composition according to claim 2, for use as a medicament.~~

~~6. A compound according to claim 1 for use in the treatment, prevention or prophylaxis of inflammatory conditions, autoimmune diseases, proliferative diseases, transplantation rejection, diseases involving impairment of cartilage turnover, congenital cartilage malformations, and/or diseases associated with hypersecretion of IL6.~~

~~7. The compound according to claim 1 for use in the treatment, prevention or prophylaxis of rheumatoid arthritis.~~

~~8. The compound according to claim 1 for use in the treatment, prevention or prophylaxis of transplantation rejection.~~

~~9.~~4. The use of a compound according to claim 1 in the preparation of a medicament for the treatment, prevention or prophylaxis of inflammatory conditions, autoimmune diseases, proliferative diseases, transplantation rejection, diseases involving impairment of cartilage turnover, congenital cartilage malformations, and/or diseases associated with hypersecretion of IL6.

~~10.~~5. The use of a compound according to claim 1 in the preparation of a medicament for the treatment, prevention or prophylaxis of rheumatoid arthritis.

~~11.~~6. The use of a compound according to claim 1 in the preparation of a medicament for the treatment, prevention or prophylaxis of transplantation rejection.

~~12. The compound for use according to any one of claim 6, 7, or 8, wherein the compound according to claim 1 is to be administered in combination with a further therapeutic agent.~~

~~13. The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 2, or the compound according to claim 12, wherein the further therapeutic agent is an agent for the treatment, prevention or prophylaxis of inflammatory conditions, autoimmune diseases, proliferative diseases, transplantation rejection, diseases involving impairment of cartilage turnover, congenital cartilage malformations, and/or diseases associated with hypersecretion of IL6.~~

~~14. The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 2, or the compound according to claim 12, wherein the further therapeutic agent is an agent for the treatment, prevention or prophylaxis of arthritis.~~

~~15. The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 14, or the compound according to claim 12, wherein the further therapeutic agent is an agent for the treatment, prevention or prophylaxis of rheumatoid arthritis.~~

~~16. The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 2, or the compound according to claim 12, wherein the further therapeutic agent is an agent for the treatment, prevention or prophylaxis of transplantation rejection.~~

7. The use of a compound according to claim 1 in the preparation of a medicament for the treatment, prevention or prophylaxis of inflammatory bowel diseases.

8. The use of a compound according to claim 1 in the preparation of a medicament for the treatment, prevention or prophylaxis of Crohn's disease.

9. The use of a compound according to claim 1 in the preparation of a medicament for the treatment, prevention or prophylaxis of collitis.