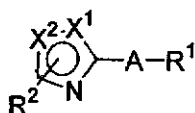


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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

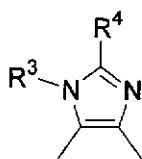
A thiazolylimidazole derivative represented by the formula



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and an ALK5 inhibitor, an therapeutic agent for alopecia or a hair growth agent having the above as an active ingredient,

wherein:

X¹ and X² are different from each other and represent a sulfur atom or a carbon atom; R¹ represents a phenyl group; a substituted phenyl group; a phenyl group condensed with a hetero aromatic ring; a pyridyl group; or a pyridyl group condensed with a hetero aromatic ring; R² represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, an alkyl group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms, an alkyl group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms substituted with 1 to 5 halogen atoms, an alkoxy group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms, an alkanoyl group having 1 to 5 carbon atoms, or a hydroxyalkyl group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms, A represents a group which is represented by the formula.



The present invention provides an inhibitory substance against ALK5 which is a TGF- β type I receptor and provides a hair growth stimulant or a hair growth agent based on its novel activities.