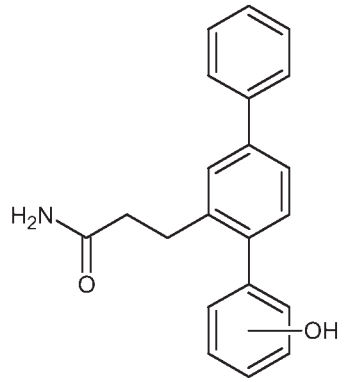
THE CLAIMS DEFINING THE INVENTION ARE AS FOLLOWS:-

1. A compound of the formula



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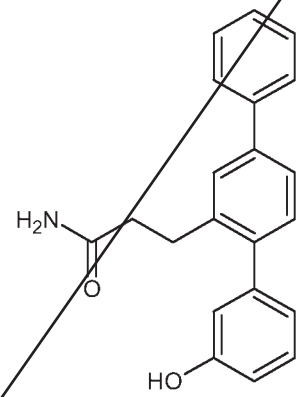
or a stereoisomer or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

2. The compound according to claim 1 wherein the compound is of the formula



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or a stereoisomer or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

3. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound, or a stereoisomer or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, according to claim 1 or claim 2 and a pharmaceutically-acceptable excipient.

4. A method for the therapeutic treatment of hypertension or prehypertension in a subject comprising administering to the subject a compound, or a stereoisomer or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, according to claim 1 or claim 2 or a composition according to claim 3.

5. A method for the prophylactic treatment of fibrosis in a subject comprising administering to the subject a compound, or a stereoisomer or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, according to claim 1 or claim 2 or a pharmaceutical composition according to claim 3.

6. A method for the therapeutic treatment of fibrosis in a subject comprising administering to the subject a compound, or a stereoisomer or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, according to claim 1 or claim 2 or a pharmaceutical composition according to claim 3.

7. A method for the therapeutic treatment of hypertension and fibrosis in a subject comprising administering to the subject a compound, or a stereoisomer or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, according to claim 1 or claim 2 or a pharmaceutical composition according to claim 3.

8. A method of treating prehypertension and fibrosis in a subject comprising administering to the subject a compound, or a stereoisomer or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, according to claim 1 or claim 2 or a pharmaceutical composition according to claim 3.

9. The method according to any one of claims 5 to 8 wherein the fibrosis is myocardial fibrosis or kidney fibrosis.

10. The method according to any one of claims 5 to 8 wherein the fibrosis is myocardial fibrosis and kidney fibrosis.

11. Use of a compound, or a stereoisomer or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, according to claim 1 or claim 2 for the manufacture of a medicament for the therapeutic treatment of hypertension or prehypertension.

12. Use of a compound, or a stereoisomer or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, according to claim 1 or claim 2 for the manufacture of a medicament for the prophylactic treatment of fibrosis.

13. Use of a compound, or a stereoisomer or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, according to claim 1 or claim 2 for the manufacture of a medicament for the therapeutic treatment of fibrosis.

14. Use of a compound, or a stereoisomer or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, according to claim 1 or claim 2 for the manufacture of a medicament for the therapeutic treatment of hypertension and fibrosis or prehypertension and fibrosis.

CLAIMS

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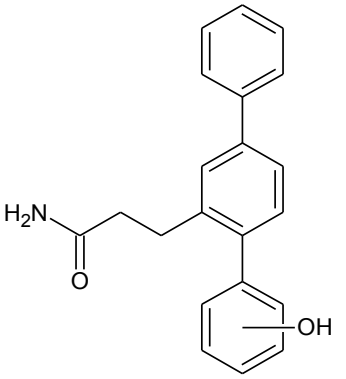

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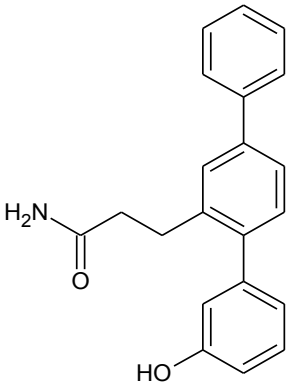

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5. Use of a compound, or a stereoisomer or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, according to claim 1 or claim 2 for the manufacture of a medicament for the prophylactic treatment of fibrosis.

6. Use of a compound, or a stereoisomer or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, according to claim 1 or claim 2 for the manufacture of a medicament for the therapeutic treatment of fibrosis.

7. Use of a compound, or a stereoisomer or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, according to claim 1 or claim 2 for the manufacture of a medicament for the therapeutic treatment of hypertension and fibrosis.

8. Use of a compound, or a stereoisomer or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, according to claim 1 or claim 2 for the manufacture of a medicament for treating prehypertension and fibrosis.

9. The use according to any one of claims 5 to 8 wherein the fibrosis is myocardial fibrosis or kidney fibrosis.

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