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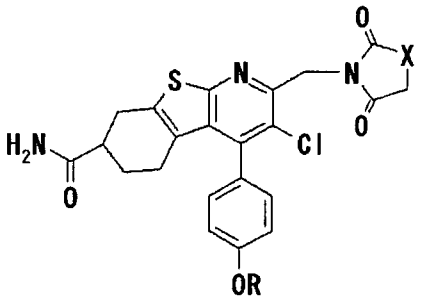
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(54) Title: THIENOPYRIDINE DERIVATIVES, PRODUCTION METHOD AND USE THEREOF



(I)

(57) Abstract: A compound represented by the formula (I) wherein R is a hydrogen atom or a C_{1-4} alkyl group, and X is CH_2, O or S, or a salt thereof. The present invention provides a novel thienopyridine derivative having an anti-inflammatory effect, a bone resorption suppressing effect, an immune cytokine production suppressing effect and the like, and useful as a pharmaceutical agent such as an agent for the prophylaxis or treatment of arthritis such as rheumatoid arthritis and the like, and the like, and the like.