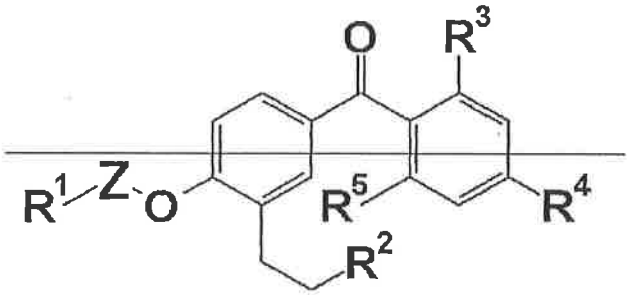
CLAIMS

1. Use of 3-(5-(4-(cyclopentyloxy)-2-hydroxybenzoyl)-2-((3-hydroxy-1,2-benzisoxazol-6-yl)methoxy)phenyl)propionic acid ~~a benzophenone derivative represented by the general formula below~~ or a salt thereof and one or more ~~immunosuppressing agents~~metabolic antagonists or steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs in combination in the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment of autoimmune diseases.~~:~~

~~[Formula 1]~~



~~wherein R^1 represents a heterocyclic group which may be substituted, a substituted phenyl group or an alkyl group which may be substituted; Z represents an alkylene group which may be substituted; R^2 represents a heterocyclic group which may be substituted, an alkoxycarbonyl or heterocyclic carbonyl group which may be substituted, or a carboxyl group which may be protected; R^3 represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a cyano group, a nitro group, a carboxyl group which may be protected, a hydroxyl group which may be protected, an amino group which may be protected, a mercapto group, a carbamoyl group,~~

~~or an alkyl, alkenyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, alkoxy, aryloxy, acyl, alkoxycarbonyl, aryloxycarbonyl, alkylthio, alkylsulfinyl, alkylsulfonyl, alkylamino, acylamino, alkylsulfonylamino, arylsulfonylamino or heterocyclic group which may be substituted; R^4 represents an alkoxy, cycloalkyloxy, cycloalkenyloxy, alkyl, cycloalkyl, heterocyclic-oxy or heterocyclic group which may be substituted; and R^5 represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, or a hydroxyl group.~~

~~2. The use according to claim 1, wherein R^1 represents a heterocyclic group which may be substituted, or a substituted phenyl group; R^2 represents a carboxyl group which may be protected with an alkyl group; R^3 represents a hydroxyl group which may be protected; R^4 represents a cycloalkyloxy group which may be substituted; R^5 represents a hydrogen atom; and Z represents an alkylene group.~~

~~3. The use according to claim 1 or 2, wherein R^1 represents a heterocyclic group which may be substituted; R^2 represents a carboxyl group; and R^3 represents a hydroxyl group.~~

~~4. The use according to claim 1, wherein the benzophenone derivative is a compound selected from 2-(4-morpholinyl)ethyl 3-(5-(4-(cyclopentyloxy)-2-hydroxybenzoyl)-2-((3-hydroxy-1,2-benzisoxazol-6-yl)methoxy)phenyl)propionate, 4-((2-(2-carboxyethyl)-4-(4-~~

~~(cyclopentyloxy)-2-hydroxybenzoyl)phenoxy)methyl)benzoic acid, and 3-(5-(4-(cyclopentyloxy)-2-hydroxybenzoyl)-2-((4-(3-hydroxy-5-isoxazolyl)benzyl)oxy)phenyl)propionic acid.~~

~~5. The use according to claim 1, wherein the benzophenone derivative is 3-(5-(4-(cyclopentyloxy)-2-hydroxybenzoyl)-2-((3-hydroxy-1,2-benzisoxazol-6-yl)methoxy)phenyl)propionic acid.~~

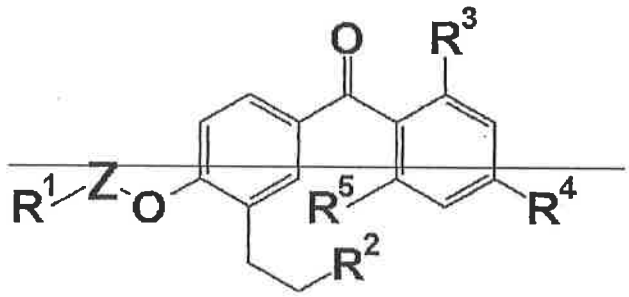
~~6~~2. The use according to claims 1 ~~to 5~~, wherein the ~~immunosuppressing agent~~metabolic antagonist is methotrexate.

~~7~~3. The use according to claims 1 ~~to 5~~, wherein the ~~immunosuppressing agent~~steroidal anti-inflammatory drug is dexamethasone.

~~8~~4. The use according to claims 1 to ~~7~~3, wherein the autoimmune diseases are arthritis diseases.

~~9~~5. A pharmaceutical composition for the treatment of autoimmune diseases, which comprises 3-(5-(4-(cyclopentyloxy)-2-hydroxybenzoyl)-2-((3-hydroxy-1,2-benzisoxazol-6-yl)methoxy)phenyl)propionic acid ~~a benzophenone derivative represented by the general formula below~~ or a salt thereof and one or more ~~immunosuppressing agents:~~metabolic antagonists or steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs.

~~[Formula 2]~~



~~wherein R^1 represents a heterocyclic group which may be substituted, a substituted phenyl group or an alkyl group which may be substituted; Z represents an alkylene group which may be substituted; R^2 represents a heterocyclic group which may be substituted, an alkoxycarbonyl or heterocyclic carbonyl group which may be substituted, or a carboxyl group which may be protected; R^3 represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a cyano group, a nitro group, a carboxyl group which may be protected, a hydroxyl group which may be protected, an amino group which may be protected, a mercapto group, a carbamoyl group,~~

~~or an alkyl, alkenyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, alkoxy, aryloxy, acyl, alkoxycarbonyl, aryloxycarbonyl, alkylthio, alkylsulfinyl, alkylsulfonyl, alkylamino, acylamino, alkylsulfonylamino, arylsulfonylamino or heterocyclic group which may be substituted; R^4~~

~~represents an alkoxy, cycloalkyloxy, cycloalkenyloxy, alkyl, cycloalkyl, heterocyclic-oxy or heterocyclic group which may be substituted; and R^5 represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, or a hydroxyl group.~~

~~10. The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 9, wherein R^1 represents a heterocyclic group which may be substituted, or a substituted phenyl group; R^2 represents a carboxyl group which may be protected with an alkyl group; R^3 represents a hydroxyl group which may be protected; R^4 represents a cycloalkyloxy group which may be substituted; R^5 represents a hydrogen atom; and Z represents an alkylene group.~~

~~11. The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 9 or 10, wherein R^1 represents a heterocyclic group which may be substituted; R^2 represents a carboxyl group; and R^3 represents a hydroxyl group.~~

~~12. The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 9, wherein the benzophenone derivative is a compound selected from 2-(4-morpholinyl)ethyl 3-(5-(4-(cyclopentyloxy)-2-hydroxybenzoyl)-2-((3-hydroxy-1,2-benzisoxazol-6-yl)methoxy)phenyl)propionate, 4-((2-(2-carboxyethyl)-4-(4-(cyclopentyloxy)-2-hydroxybenzoyl)phenoxy)methyl)benzoic acid, and 3-(5-(4-(cyclopentyloxy)-2-hydroxybenzoyl)-2-((4-(3-hydroxy-5-isoxazolyl)benzyl)oxy)phenyl)propionic acid.~~

~~13. The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 9, wherein the benzophenone derivative is 3-(5-(4-(cyclopentyloxy)-2-hydroxybenzoyl)-2-((3-hydroxy-1,2-benzisoxazol-6-yl)methoxy)phenyl)propionic acid.~~

~~14~~6. The pharmaceutical composition according to claims ~~9 to 13~~5, wherein the ~~immunosuppressing agent~~metabolic antagonist is methotrexate.

~~15~~7. The pharmaceutical composition according to claims ~~9 to 13~~5, wherein the ~~immunosuppressing agent~~steroidal anti-inflammatory drug is dexamethasone.

~~16~~8. The pharmaceutical composition according to claims ~~9~~ 5 to ~~15~~7, wherein the autoimmune diseases are arthritis diseases.