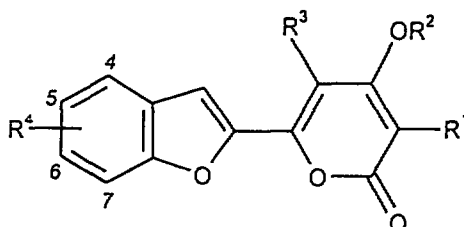


ABSTRACT

There is provided benzofuryl- α -pyrone derivative
represented by the following structural formula (I):



wherein R^1 represents a hydrogen atom or an alkyl
group of 1 to 5 carbons;

R^2 represents hydrogen, $-CO-R^5$ or $-SO_2R^6$;

R^3 represents hydrogen, an alkyl group of 1 to 5
carbons, etc.; and

R^4 is a substituent attached to the 4-carbon, 5-
carbon, 6-carbon or 7 carbon of the benzofuran ring;
and their salts. The compounds are useful as therapeutic
agent for hypertriglyceridemia, lipid metabolism
enhancers, or prophylactic and/or therapeutic agents for
arteriosclerosis.