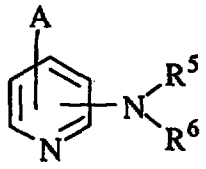
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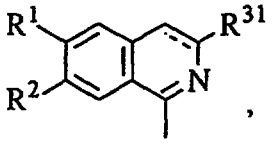
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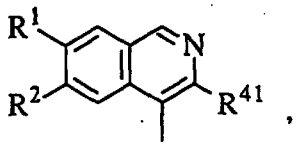
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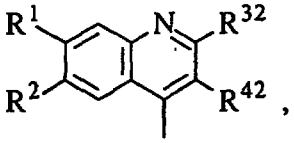


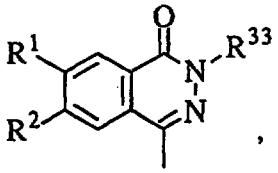
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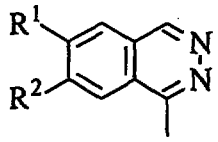
wherein A is group of the following formulae:











(R^1 and R^2 are each H, or protected or unprotected OH, R^{31}, R^{41} and R^{42} are protected or unprotected hydroxymethyl, R^{32} is H, lower alkyl, or protected or unprotected hydroxymethyl, R^{33} is substituted or unsubstituted lower alkyl, and the dotted line means the presence or absence of a double bond), R^5 and R^6 are H, or protected or unprotected amino, or both combine together with the adjacent nitrogen to form substituted or unsubstituted heterocycle, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, these compounds showing excellent bronchoconstriction inhibitory activity and/or anti-inflammatory activity of airway, and being useful in the prophylaxis or treatment of asthma.