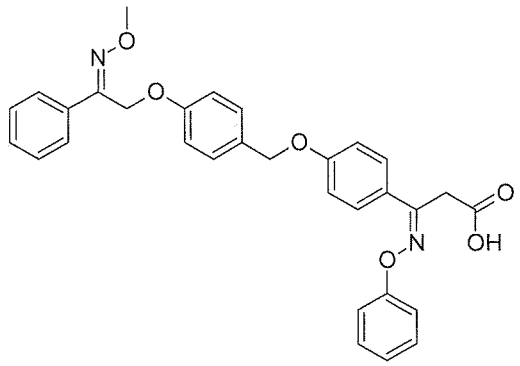

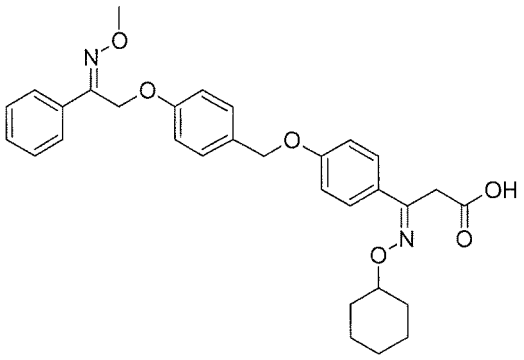

or a geometric isomer or pharmaceutically acceptable salt or prodrug thereof.

26. A pharmaceutical composition including a compound according to any one of claims 1 to 24 and a pharmaceutically acceptable diluent, excipient or carrier.

~~27. Use of a compound according to any one of claims 1 to 25 in the preparation of a medicament for the prevention or treatment of a condition associated with GPR40 receptor function in a mammal.~~

~~28~~27. ~~A u~~Use of a compound according to any one of claims ~~27~~ 1 to 25 in the manufacture of a medicament for preventing or treating a condition associated with GPR40 receptor function in a mammal, wherein the condition is selected from the group consisting of cognitive disorders, osteoporosis, inflammatory disorders, diabetes, obesity, hyperglycemia, glucose intolerance, insulin resistance, hyperinsulemia, hypercholesteremia, hypertension, hyperlipoproteinemia, hyperlipidemia, hypertriglyceridemia, dyslipedemia, metabolic syndrome, syndrome X, cardiovascular disease, atherosclerosis, kidney disease, ketoacidosis, thrombotic disorders, nephropathy, diabetic neuropathy, diabetic retinopathy, sexual dysfunction, dermatopathy, dyspepsia, hypoglycemia, cancer and edema.

~~29~~28. A use according to claim ~~28~~ 27 wherein the condition is diabetes.

~~30~~29. A use according to claim ~~29~~ 28 wherein the condition is type II diabetes.

~~31~~30. A compound according to any one of claims 1 to 25 for use in the treatment of a condition associated with GPR40 receptor function in a mammal.

~~32~~31. A compound according to claim ~~31~~ 30 wherein the condition is selected from the group consisting of cognitive disorders, osteoporosis, inflammatory disorders, diabetes, obesity, hyperglycemia, glucose intolerance, insulin resistance, hyperinsulemia, hypercholesteremia, hypertension, hyperlipoproteinemia, hyperlipidemia, hypertriglyceridemia, dyslipedemia, metabolic syndrome, syndrome X, cardiovascular disease, atherosclerosis, kidney disease, ketoacidosis, thrombotic disorders, nephropathy, diabetic neuropathy, diabetic retinopathy, sexual dysfunction, dermatopathy, dyspepsia, hypoglycemia, cancer and edema.

~~33~~32. A compound according to claim ~~31~~ 30 wherein the condition is diabetes.

~~34~~33. A compound according to claim ~~33~~ 32 wherein the condition is type II diabetes