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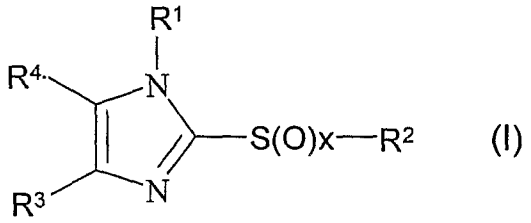
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(I)

(57) Abstract: The invention relates to 2-sulfinyl- or 2-sulfonyl-substituted imidazole derivatives of the formula (I) in which the radicals R^1, R^2, R^3 and R^4 have the meaning indicated in the description. The compounds of the invention have an immunomodulating and/or cytokine release-inhibiting effect and are therefore suitable for the treatment of disorders associated with an impairment of the immune system.

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