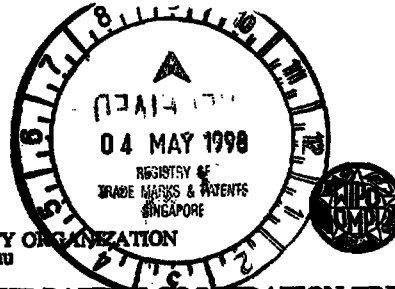


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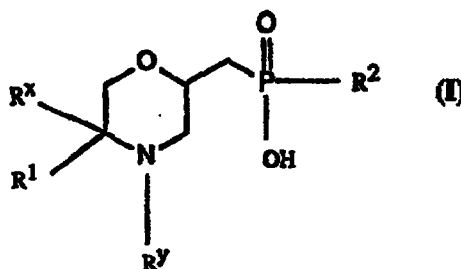


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(57) Abstract

A compound which is a substituted phosphinic acid of formula (I), or a salt or ester thereof, where R^1 is a monovalent aromatic or araliphatic group connected through a carbon atom thereof to the indicated carbon atom, R^2 is an unsubstituted or substituted hydrocarbyl group, R^x is hydrogen or an unsubstituted or substituted hydrocarbyl group, R^y is hydrogen, R^y_a or a NH-protecting group and R^y_b is an unsubstituted or substituted hydrocarbyl group.