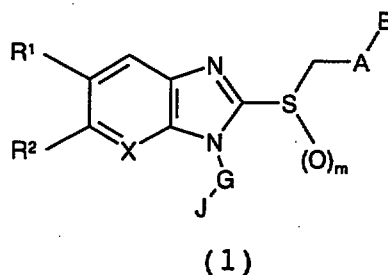


ABSTRACT

The present invention is a thiobenzimidazole derivative represented by the following formula (1)

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10 or a medically acceptable salt thereof wherein said thiobenzimidazole derivative and a medically acceptable salt thereof have a potent activity of inhibiting human chymase. Thus, they are potential preventive and/or therapeutic agents clinically applicable to various diseases in which human chymase is involved.