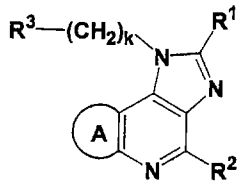
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ABSTRACT

A 1H-imidazopyridine derivative represented by the following general formula (I) or a salt thereof having an inhibitory action against production of a cytokine:



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wherein R^1 represents hydrogen atom, an alkyl group, a cycloalkyl group, or an aryl group; R^2 represents a cycloalkyl group, an alkyl group, an aryl group, cyano group, mercapto group, carboxyl group, or carbamoyl group; ring A represents a homocyclic or heterocyclic ring; R^3 represents an amino group or a saturated nitrogen-containing heterocyclic group; and k represents an integer of from 0 to 3; provided that the compound wherein R^3 represents a saturated nitrogen-containing heterocyclic group and R^2 is a non-substituted alkyl group is excluded.