



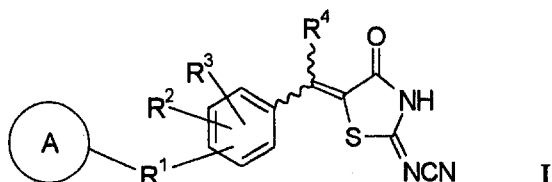
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## ABSTRACT



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This invention provides novel 2-(N-cyanoimino)thiazolidin-4-one derivatives represented by formula I or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof:



wherein ring A represents a benzene ring, a condensed ring or a heterocyclic ring, each of which may be substituted by one or more substituents selected from a straight or branched  $C_1$  -  $C_4$  alkyl group, a haloalkyl group, a halogen atom or  $-OR^5$ ,

$R^1$  represents a single bond, an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom, a methyne group, a straight or branched  $C_1$  -  $C_4$  alkylene or alkenylene group optionally substituted by a phenyl group,  $R^6-X$ ,  $X-R^6$ ,  $X-R^6-X$ ,  $R^6-X-R^6$ ,  $-C(=O)-NR^7$  or  $-NR^7-C(=O)-$ ,

$R^2$  and  $R^3$  are the same or different and each represents a hydrogen atom, a  $C_1$  -  $C_4$  alkyl group,  $-OR^8$  or a halogen atom,

$R^4$  represents a hydrogen atom or a  $C_1$  -  $C_4$  alkyl group,

$R^5$  represents a hydrogen atom or a  $C_1$  -  $C_4$  alkyl group,

$R^6$  represents a straight or branched  $C_1$  -  $C_4$  alkylene or alkenylene group,

$R^7$  represents a hydrogen atom or a  $C_1$  -  $C_4$  alkyl group,

$R^8$  represents a hydrogen atom, a  $C_1$  -  $C_4$  alkyl group or an aralkyl group,

X represents an oxygen atom or a sulfur atom.

They have excellent activities of lowering triglyceride and cholesterol levels, and are useful for preventing from and/or treating hyperlipidemia and related complications.