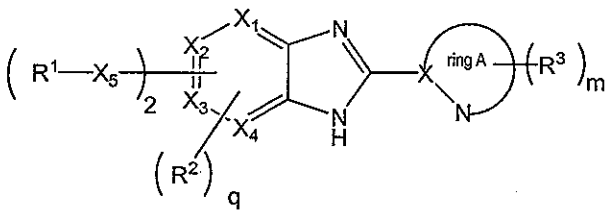
ABSTRACT

A glucokinase activator is provided; and a remedy and/or a preventive for diabetes, or a remedy and/or a preventive for diabetes such as retinopathy, nephropathy, neurosis, ischemic cardiopathy, arteriosclerosis, and further a remedy and/or a preventive for obesity are provided.

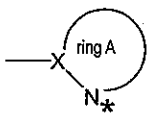
A glucokinase activator characterized by containing a 2-heteroaryl-substituted benzimidazole derivative of a general formula (I-0) or its pharmaceutically-acceptable salt:



(I-0)

[in the formula, X represents a carbon atom or a nitrogen atom;

X_1, X_2, X_3 and X_4 each independently represent a carbon atom or a nitrogen atom; the ring A represents a 5- or 6-membered nitrogen-containing aromatic hetero ring of a formula (II):



(II) ,

(in the formula, X represents a carbon atom or a nitrogen atom); R^1 represents an aryl, etc.; R^2 represents a hydroxy, etc.; R^3 represents a $-C_{1-6}$ alkyl, etc.; R^4 represents a $-C_{1-6}$ alkyl, etc.; X_5 represents -O-, etc.; a indicates an integer of 1, 2 or 3; q indicates an integer of from 0 to 2; m indicates an integer of from 0 to 2].