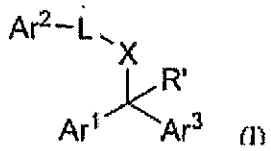
CLAIMS

1. A compound of formula (I)



(I)

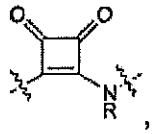
wherein each of Ar^1 , Ar^2, and Ar^3 is independently a phenyl ring system, wherein the ring system of Ar^1, Ar^2, or Ar^3 is optionally fused with a cycloalkyl or a heterocyclyl ring;

each R' is independently $(C_1\text{-}C_4)$alkyl, hydroxy$(C_2\text{-}C_4)$alkyl, $(CH_2)_{0\text{-}2}C(=O)O(C_1\text{-}C_4)$alkyl, or $(C_3\text{-}C_6)$cycloalkyl;

X is a bond, $(CH_2)_{1\text{-}2}$, $(CH_2)_{0\text{-}2}N(R)(CH_2)_{0\text{-}2}$, $(CH_2)_{0\text{-}2}O(CH_2)_{0\text{-}2}$, $(CH_2)_{0\text{-}2}N(R)C(=O)(CH_2)_{0\text{-}2}$, $(CH_2)_{0\text{-}2}C(=O)N(R)(CH_2)_{0\text{-}2}$, $(CH_2)_{0\text{-}2}N(R)C(=O)O(CH_2)_{0\text{-}2}$, or $(CH_2)_{0\text{-}2}OC(=O)N(R)(CH_2)_{0\text{-}2}$;

each R is independently H, $(C_1\text{-}C_4)$alkyl, hydroxy$(C_2\text{-}C_4)$alkyl, cyano, or $((C_1\text{-}C_4)$alkyl-$O)_{0\text{-}2}(C_1\text{-}C_4)$alkyl, or two R groups together with an atom to which they are both joined can form a ring;

L is a bond, NR, C(=O), SO_2, C(=NR), $C(=O)CR_2$, C(=O)CH(N(R)C(=O)($C_1\text{-}C_4$)alkyl, C(=O)CH(N(R)C(=O)O$(C_1\text{-}C_4)$alkyl, $C(=O)CH(NR_2)$, C(=O)CR(halo), or is



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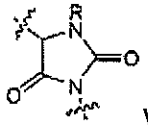

wherein wavy lines indicate points of bonding or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof and when X and L are bonds, Ar^1, Ar^2, and Ar^3 are not identical.

2. The compound of claim 1, wherein X is NR and L is a bond or is C(=O).

3. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient.

4. A compound of claim 1 or claim 2, or a pharmaceutical composition of claim 3, for use as a medicament.

5. Use of a compound of claim 1or claim 2, or a pharmaceutical composition of claim 3 in the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment of a cardiopulmonary disease in a patient afflicted therewith.

6. The use of claim 5, wherein the disease is asthma or a chronic obstructive pulmonary disease or comprises sepsis; or is coronary atherosclerosis; or comprises a clinical syndrome characterized by bronchoconstriction, pulmonary fibrosis, coronary artery constriction, cytokine amplification by dendritic cells, or the generation of disseminated intravascular coagulopathy; or comprises inflammation by influenza infection; or is cardiovascular disease, hypertension (including malignant hypertension), angina, myocardial infarction, cardiac arrhythmias, congestive heart failure, coronary heart disease, atherosclerosis, angina pectoris, dysrhythmias, cardiomyothopy (including hypertropic cardiomyothopy), heart failure, cardiac arrest, bronchitis, asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, cystic fibrosis, croup, emphysema, pleurisy, pulmonary fibrosis, pneumonia, pulmonary embolus, pulmonary hypertension, mesothelioma, ventricular conduction abnormalities, complete heart block, adult respiratory distress syndrome, sepsis syndrome, idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis, scleroderma, systemic sclerosis, retroperitoneal fibrosis, prevention of keloid formation, or cirrhosis.