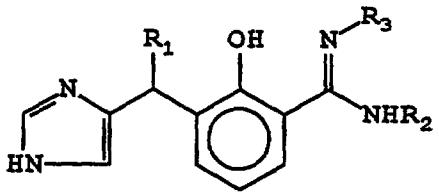
ABSTRACT

2-hydroxy-3-[1-(1H-imidazol-4-yl)alkyl]-benzenecarboximidamides

2-hydroxy-3-[1-(1H-imidazol-4-yl)alkyl]-benzenecarboximidamides and their salts, their processes for the preparation thereof, and ophthalmic compositions comprising the same. These new compounds having the formula



wherein

R_1 = hydrogen or C_{1-4} alkyl;

R_2 = hydrogen, hydroxyl, amino or C_{1-4} alkyl;

R_3 = hydrogen; or

R_2 and R_3 = $-CH_2-CH_2-$.

These are new compounds which are capable of lowering intraocular pressure and which can be used in the treatment and prevention of glaucoma.