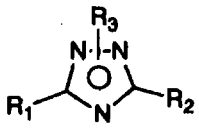
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ABSTRACT

A novel 1,2,4-triazole compound which is useful as a therapeutic agent for hyperuricemia and gout due to hyperuricemia is provided. A compound is represented by the following general formula (1):

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(1)

wherein R_2 represents an unsubstituted or substituted pyridyl group, R_1 represents a similar pyridyl group, a pyridine-N-oxide group corresponding to these pyridyl groups, or a phenyl group, and R_3 represents hydrogen or a lower alkyl group substituted with pivaloyloxy group and R_3 bonds to a nitrogen atom in the ring. A process for production of a compound by reacting a nitrile and a hydrazide, and a therapeutic agent, particularly a xanthine oxidase inhibitor are also provided.