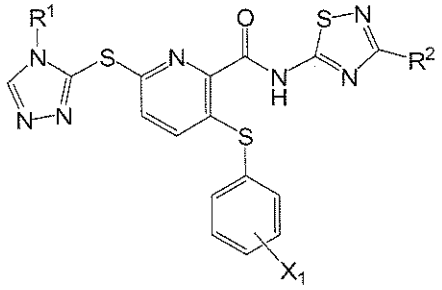
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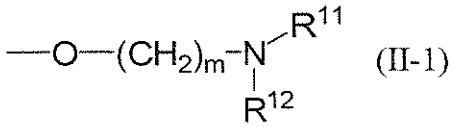
ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Provided are a compound of a formula (I) and its pharmaceutically-acceptable salt, which have a glucokinase-activating effect and are therefore useful for treatment of diabetes and obesity.



(I)

[In the formula, R^1 and R^2 each independently represent a lower alkyl group; X_1 represent a group of a formula (II-1):



(II-1)

(wherein R^{11} and R^{12} each independently represent a hydrogen atom or a lower alkyl group, or taken together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached, R^{11} and R^{12} may form a 4- to 7-membered nitrogen-containing aliphatic ring (one carbon atom constituting the 4- to 7-membered nitrogen-containing aliphatic ring may be replaced by an oxygen atom), or taken together with a carbon atom in $(CH_2)_m$, R^{11} and R^{12} may form a 4- to 7-membered nitrogen-containing aliphatic ring; m indicates an integer of from 1 to 3).]