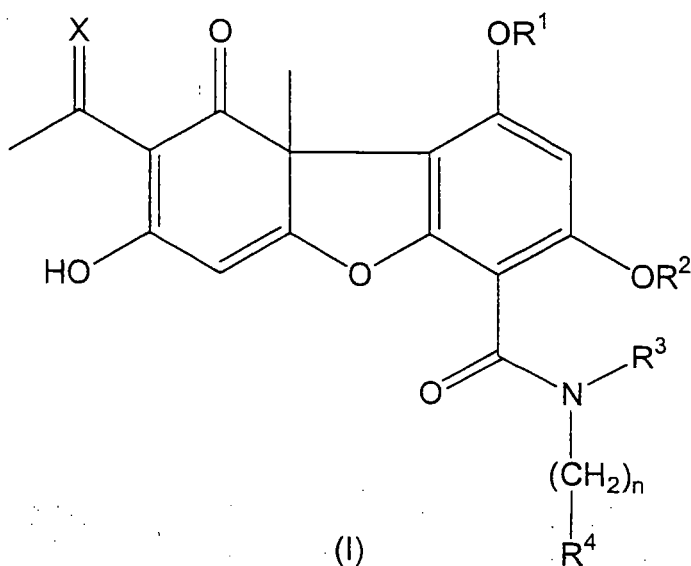


ABSTRACT

The present invention relates to a novel cercosporamide derivative, a pharmacologically acceptable salt thereof or an ester thereof which has an excellent hypoglycemic effect and is useful as a therapeutic and/or prophylactic agent for diabetes.

A cercosporamide derivative having the general formula (I):



[wherein X represents an oxygen atom or the like, R^1 represents a hydrogen atom or a C_1 - C_6 alkyl group, R^2 represents a hydrogen atom, a C_1 - C_6 alkyl group or a C_1 - C_6 halogenated alkyl group, R^3 represents a hydrogen atom or a C_1 - C_6 alkyl group, R^4 represents a C_6 - C_{10} aryl group which may be substituted with one to five group(s) independently selected from Substituent Group a, or the like, n represents 1, 2 or 3, and Substituent Group a represents a halogen atom, a C_1 - C_6 alkyl group, a C_1 - C_6 halogenated alkyl group, a C_2 - C_6 alkenyl group, a C_2 - C_6 alkynyl group, a C_1 - C_6 alkoxy group, a C_1 - C_6 halogenated alkoxy group, a C_2 - C_6 alkenyloxy group, a C_2 - C_6 alkynyloxy group and the like], a pharmacologically acceptable salt thereof or an ester thereof.



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