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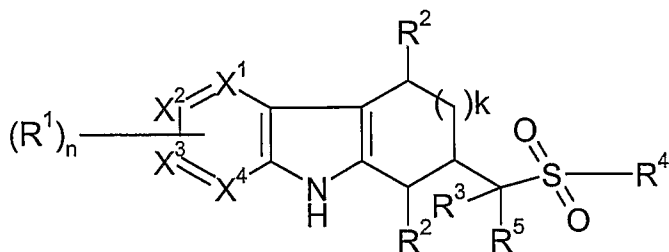
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n, and k are defined in the description and
claims, and pharmaceutically acceptable
salts and/or pharmaceutically acceptable
esters thereof. The compounds are useful
for in the treatment and prophylaxis of
diseases which are modulated by LXR α
and/or LXR β agonists, including increasedlipid and cholesterol levels, particularly low HDL-cholesterol, high LDL-cholesterol, atherosclerotic diseases, diabetes, particularly
non-insulin dependent diabetes mellitus, metabolic syndrome, dyslipidemia, Alzheimer's disease, sepsis, inflammatory diseases
such as colitis, pancreatitis, cholestasis/fibrosis of the liver, and diseases that have an inflammatory component such as Alzheimer's
disease or impaired/improvable cognitive function.

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