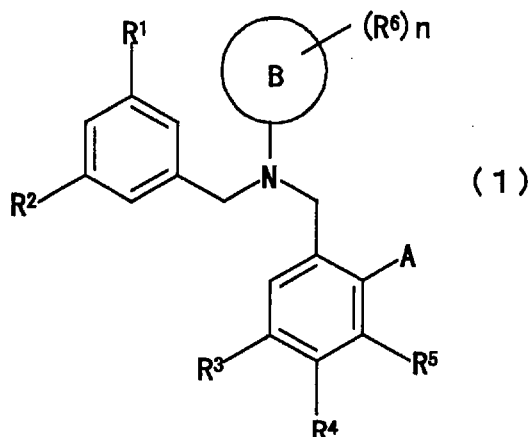


Abstract

A dibenzylamine compound represented by the formula (1)



wherein R^1 and R^2 are each a C_{1-6} alkyl group optionally
5 substituted by halogen atoms and the like; R^3 , R^4 and R^5 are
each a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom and the like, or R^3 and R^4
may form, together with carbon atoms bonded thereto, a
homocyclic or heterocyclic ring optionally having
substituent(s); A is
10 $-N(R^7)(R^8)$ and the like; ring B is an aryl group or a
heterocyclic residue; R^6 is a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a
nitro group, a C_{1-6} alkyl group and the like; n is an integer of
1 to 3, a prodrug thereof and a pharmaceutically acceptable
salt thereof show selective and potent CETP inhibitory
15 activity, and therefore, they can be provided as therapeutic
or prophylactic agents for hyperlipidemia or arteriosclerosis
and the like.



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