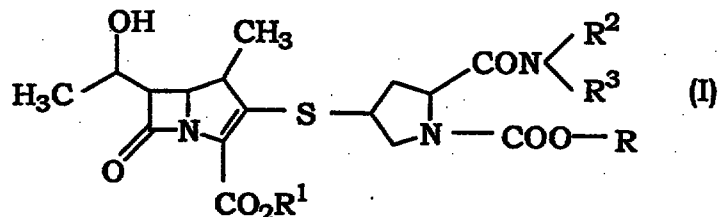


ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A carbapenem compound of the formula (I)



wherein R^1 is a modifier hydrolyzable in the living body, R^2 and R^3 are the same or different and each is a lower alkyl, R is as defined in the specification.

The carbapenem compound (I) of the present invention is superior in absorption from the digestive tract upon oral administration and shows sufficient antibacterial property against a broad range of bacteria species. Therefore, the compound is extremely useful for the prophylaxis and treatment of infectious diseases (particularly bacterial infection).