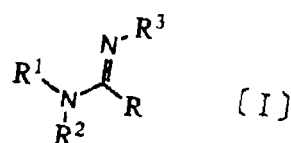


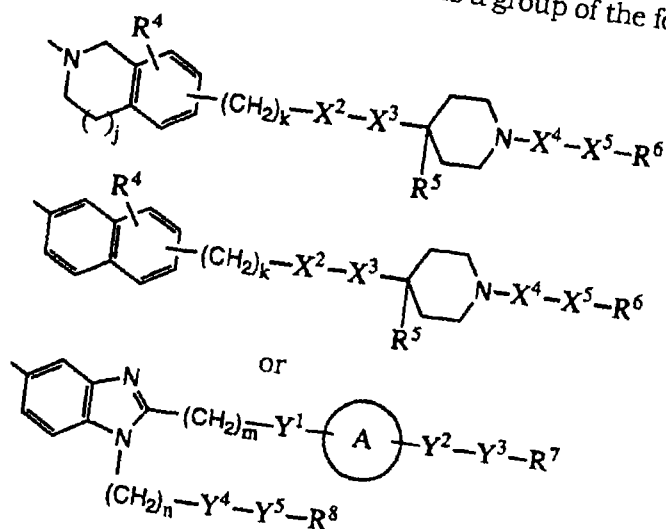
ABSTRACT

AMIDINE COMPOUND

A compound of the formula [I]



wherein R¹, R² and R³ are the same or different and each is hydrogen atom, hydroxy, lower alkyl or aryl, R is a group of the formula



wherein each symbol is as defined in the specification, a salt thereof or a prodrug thereof.

The compound of $(*)$

The compound of the present invention, a salt thereof and a prodrug thereof are useful as factor Xa inhibitor and blood coagulation inhibitor, and are useful for the prophylaxis and/or treatment of diseases caused by blood coagulation or thrombus.