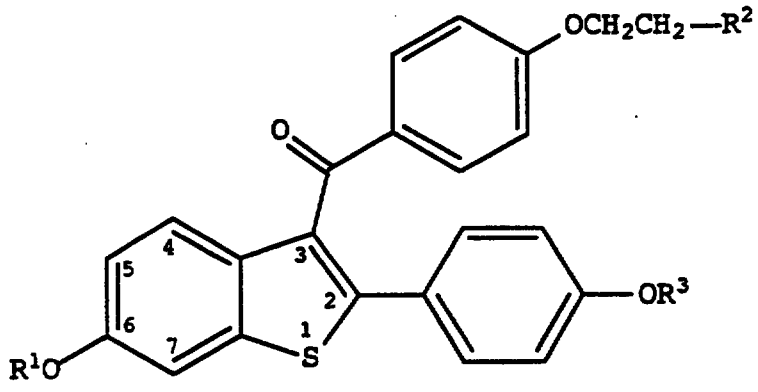
Proposed Amendments

I claim:

1. ~~A method of inhibiting bone prosthesis degeneration comprising administering to a human in need thereof~~ A use of an effective amount of a compound having the formula



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wherein R^1 and R^3 are independently hydrogen, $-CH_3$, $-\overset{O}{\overset{\|}{C}}-(C_1-C_6\ \text{alkyl})$, or $-\overset{O}{\overset{\|}{C}}-Ar$, wherein Ar is optionally substituted phenyl;

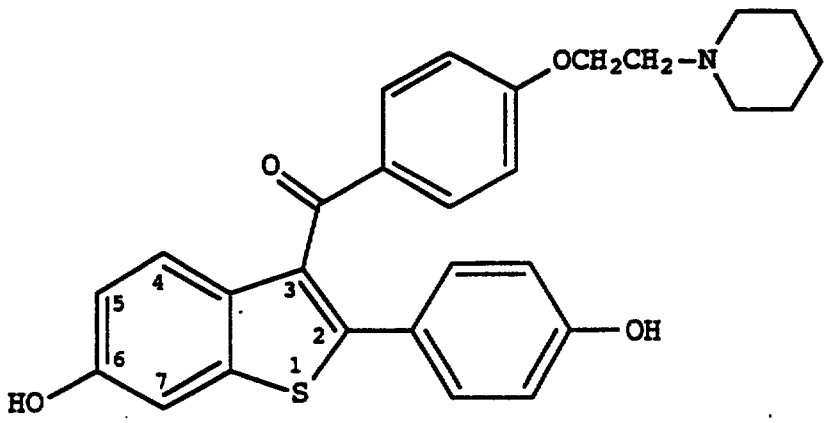
R^2 is selected from the group consisting of pyrrolidine, hexamethyleneimino, and piperidino; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of solvate thereof for inhibiting bone prosthesis degeneration in a human in need of such treatment.

2. ~~The method of~~ The use of a compound as claimed in Claim 1 wherein said compound is the hydrochloride salt thereof.

3. ~~The method of~~ The use of a compound as claimed in Claim 1 wherein said administration is prophylactic.

The use of a compound as claimed in

4. ~~The method of~~ Claim 1 wherein said compound is



or its hydrochloride salt.