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(57) Abstract: Mammalian hair growth is reduced by applying an inhibitor of telomerase to the skin.

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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PCT/US 02/18702**Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)**

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

Although claims 1-21, 24 and 28 are directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition.
2. Claims Nos.: 4, 5
because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:

see FURTHER INFORMATION sheet PCT/ISA/210
3. Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.
2. As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
4. No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

Remark on Protest The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest. No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

Continuation of Box I.2

Claims Nos.: 4, 5

1. The subject-matter of present claims 1, 19-21, 22, 25, 27 and 28 (and the dependent claims 3-18) is defined by means of the functional features 'inhibitor of telomerase', 'a compound that reduces telomerase levels in the hair follicles', 'a compound that reduces telomerase mRNA expression in the hair follicles', 'a compound that promotes the erosion of telomeric DNA in the hair follicles'.

Because of the character of the functional features, it cannot be guaranteed that the performed search is complete.

It cannot be excluded that compounds fulfilling the requirements of the functional feature have not been identified as doing so in the prior art. If such compounds have not been identified in the application either, they have not been covered by the search.

The search has been carried out, based on the functional features per se as well as the examples given in the application and the compounds particularly mentioned in claim 2.

It is further pointed out that the substantive examination can only be carried out to the same extent as the search.

2. Present claims 4 and 5 relate to the use of a composition which is defined by reference to a desirable characteristic or property. An attempt is made to define the composition by reference to a result to be achieved and thus is unclear in the sense of Art. 6 PCT.

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims, or parts of claims, relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure.

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