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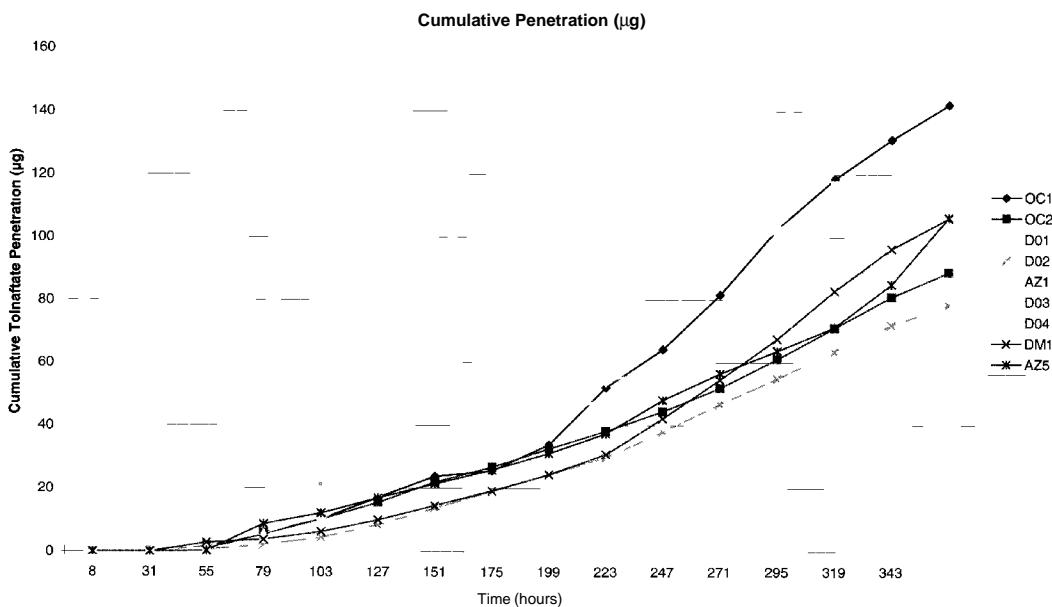
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(57) **Abstract:** The present invention relates to a topical nail formulation comprising at least one active agent (e.g., tolnaftate) and at least one nail penetration enhancer selected from the group consisting of a fatty acid, an azone derivative, and mixtures thereof. The invention also relates to the use of said topical nail formulation for the treatment of nail disorders such as onychomycosis. The invention further provides a method of enhancing the nail flux of an active agent by using a topical nail formulation containing the said penetration enhancer.

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