Abstract

Stable topical pharmaceutical compositions comprising a therapeutically effective amount of mupirocin or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or ester thereof and one or more esters of a fatty acid are disclosed. Also disclosed are stable topical pharmaceutical compositions comprising a therapeutically effective amount of mupirocin or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or ester thereof and one or more esters of a fatty acid, which is substantially free of fatty alcohols.
**INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT**

**A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER**

IPC: **A01N 43/16( 2006.01);A61K 31/35( 2006.01)**

USPC: **514/460**

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

**B. FIELDS SEARCHED**

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

U.S.: **514/460**

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

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**C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT**

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**Date of the actual completion of the international search**

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2. ☐ Claims Nos.:
   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:

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Continuation of B. FIELDS SEARCHED Item 3:
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search terms: mupirocin, fatty ester, myristoleate, palmitoleate, oleate, linolenate, caproate, caprylate, caprate, laurate, myristate, palmitate, stearate, arachidate, behenate, lignocerate