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1. claims: 1-9

use of known compounds according to the formula (I) for the manufacture of a cosmetic composition

2. claim: 10

use of known compounds according to the formula (I) of claim 1 for the manufacture of a medical composition.

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