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(57) Abstract: The invention features echinocandin class compounds that can be useful for the treatment of fungal infections. The echinocandin class compounds have been modified such that they can exhibit (i) activity against one or more fungal species or genera; (ii) increased aqueous solubility and/or amphiphilicity; (iii) have an increased therapeutic index; (iv) suitability for topical administration; (v) suitability for intravenous administration; (vi) have an increased volume of distribution; and/or (vii) have an increased elimination half-life.



INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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USPC - 514/3.3

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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USPC: 514/1.3; 530/317; 540/460 (keyword limited; terms below)

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

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Search Terms Used: Anidulafungin, caspofungin, micafungin, antifungal, cyclic hexapeptide, lipopeptide, solubility, amphilic, tertiary amine

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
Y	US 2005/0026819 A1 (Kaniga) 03 February 2005 (03.02.2005) para [0108], [0122]-[0129], [0145]	1-11
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