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(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to compositions and kits including a chemical uncoupler, such as tyrphostin 9 or precursor or a salt thereof, and compositions including a chemical uncoupler, such as tyrphostin 9 in combination with one or more therapeutic agents, for example, L-carnitine, which are useful, for example, in treating obesity, preventing weight gain, promoting weight loss/slimming, and/or treating or preventing the development of diabetes.



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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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

PatBase, Google Patents, Google, Google Scholar.

Search terms used: carnitine, weight, loss, diabetes, L-carnitine, dinitrophenol, 2,4-dinitrophenol, uncoupler, obesity, chemical

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X ---	US 2004/0138301 A1 (HANSEN et al) 15 July 2004 (15.07.2004) entire document	11-13
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