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<p>(54) Title: TOPICAL ADMINISTRATION OF OXAZOLIDINONES FOR TRANSDERMAL DELIVERY</p>		
<p>(57) Abstract</p> <p>Disclosed is a method of treating a non-topical infection selected from the group consisting of ear infections, skin and soft tissue infections, acne, infected wounds, bacteremia, in a useful warm blooded mammal who is in need of such treatment which comprises topical administration of a pharmaceutical formulation containing a transdermally effective amount of an OXAZOLIDINONE.</p>		

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**A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER**

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