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(54) Title: COMPOSITIONS CONTAINING POLICOSANOL AND B VITAMINS AND THEIR PHARMACEUTICAL USES

(57) Abstract: A composition is provided which contains policosanol and B vitamins and which may be used for treating and or reducing hypercholesterolemia and hyperhomocysteinemia diseases, total cholesterol, LDL-cholesterol, LDL/HDL ratio, Lp(a), triglycerides, homocysteine, coronary heart disease (heart attacks and strokes), carotid artery disease, inflammation, deep-vein thrombosis, immunoregulatory diseases, cardiovascular diseases, anxiety, depression, neurodegenerative disorders (such as but not limited to Alzheimers), and/or raise HDL cholesterol in humans and animals. The method comprises administering policosanol and B vitamins which together effectively lower the risk of heart disease. Typically, the administered composition includes about 0.1-10:1 parts by weight of policosanol to B vitamins.



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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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A composition comprising policosanol and one or more B vitamins and is use for the treatment of hypercholesterolemia, hyperhomocysteinemia related diseases, for reducing total cholesterol, LDL-cholesterol, homocysteine levels, for increasing HDL-cholesterol levels, for improving LDL-cholesterol/HDL-cholesterol ratio, for treating coronary heart disease (heart attacks and strokes), carotid artery disease, deep-vein thrombosis and cardiovascular diseases

2. claims: 14-25, 39, 43-45 (all partially)

A composition comprising policosanol and one or more B vitamins and is use for the treatment of inflammation

3. claims: 14-25. 39, 43-45 (all partially)

A composition comprising policosanol and one or more B vitamins and is use for the treatment of immunoregulatory diseases

4. claims: 14-25, 39, 43-45 (all partially)

A composition comprising policosanol and one or more B vitamins and is use for the treatment of anxiety, depression and neurodegenerative disorders (Alzheimers)

5. claim: 26 and 27

An article of manufacture comprising:
(a) a stent body comprising a surface; and (b) a coating comprising at least one layer disposed over at least a portion of the stent body, wherein the said layer comprises polymer film having at least one biologically active agent dispersed therein

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