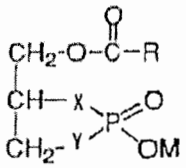
CLAIMS

[Claim 1] A hair-growing agent comprising, as an active ingredient, a compound represented by Formula (1):

[Formula 1]



(1)

wherein R represents a linear or branched alkyl group having 1 to 30 carbon atoms, a linear or branched alkenyl group having 2 to 30 carbon atoms, or a linear or branched alkynyl group having 2 to 30 carbon atoms, which may comprise a cycloalkane ring or an aromatic ring; X and Y each independently represent an oxygen atom or a methylene group, provided that X and Y do not simultaneously represent a methylene group; and M represents a hydrogen atom or an alkali metal atom.

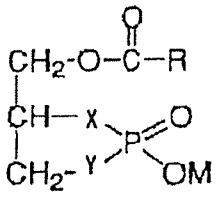
[Claim 2] The hair-growing agent according to claim 1, wherein, in Formula (1), X and Y represent an oxygen atom.

[Claim 3] The hair-growing agent according to claim 1, wherein, in Formula (1), one of X and Y represents an oxygen atom and the other represents a methylene group.

[Claim 4] The hair-growing agent according to any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein the compound represented by Formula (1) has an acyl group comprising fatty acid derived from soybean lecithin.

Claims:

1. Use of a compound represented by Formula (1) in the manufacture of a hair-growing agent for the treatment of hair loss and baldness:



(1)

wherein R represents, as acyl at position 1, stearoyl, oleoyl, linoleoyl, or linolenoyl having 17 carbon atoms, palmitoyl or palmitoleoyl having 15 carbon atoms, or a fatty acid mixture comprising 2 or more such fatty acids; X and Y each represent an oxygen atom; and M represents a hydrogen atom or an alkali metal atom.

2. Use of claim 1, wherein the compound represented by Formula (1) has an acyl group comprising fatty acid derived from soybean lecithin.