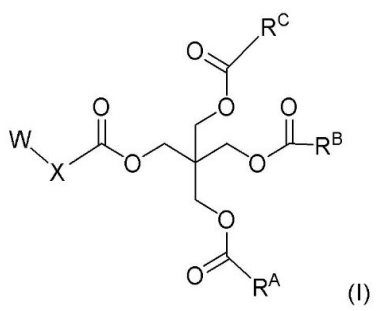


ABSTRACT

The present invention provides a technique capable of transferring an active ingredient, particularly, a nucleic acid, to a cell with excellent efficiency and/or to various cells and a cationic lipid for use in this technique, etc. The cationic lipid of the present invention is a compound represented by the following formula (I) or a salt thereof. In the formula (I), W represents $-NR^1R^2$ or $-N^+R^{11}R^{12}R^{13}(Z^-)$, R^1 and R^2 each independently represent H or an optionally substituted C_{1-5} alkyl group, R^{11} , R^{12} and R^{13} each independently represent an optionally substituted C_{1-5} alkyl group, Z^- represents an anion, X represents an optionally substituted C_{2-6} alkylene group, R^A and R^B each independently represent an optionally substituted C_{1-17} alkyl group, an optionally substituted C_{3-17} alkenyl group, an optionally substituted C_{15-17} alkadienyl group, $-R^3-C(O)O-R^4$ or $-R^3-OC(O)-R^4$, R^C represents $-R^3-C(O)O-R^4$ or $-R^3-OC(O)-R^4$, R^3 represents an optionally substituted C_{1-16} alkylene group, an optionally substituted C_{4-16} alkenylene group or an optionally substituted C_{7-16} alkadienylene group, and R^4 represents H, an optionally substituted C_{1-18} alkyl group, an optionally substituted C_{3-18} alkenyl group or an optionally substituted C_{15-18} alkadienyl group.



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