CLAIMS

1. Use of a~~A~~ combination of lipophilic extracts of *Zingiber officinale* and *Echinacea angustifolia* in the manufacture of a medicament for ~~use in~~ the treatment of itching; peripheral pain; superficial or deep inflammatory and painful conditions; pain connected with muscular spasms; herpes pain; radiodermatitis induced by oncological radiotherapy, with or without fungal or bacterial infections; oedema and irritative skin conditions, including those due to excessive exposure to sunlight.

2. The use~~A combination~~ as claimed in claim 1, in which the extracts of both species are obtained by extraction from roots or rhizomes with supercritical carbon dioxide.

3. The use~~A combination~~ as claimed in claims 1-2, wherein the combination of lipophilic extracts of *Zingiber officinale* and *Echinacea angustifolia* contains~~ing~~ isobutylamides from *Echinacea angustifolia* and gingerol from *Zingiber officinale* in weight ratios ranging from 1:1 to 1:0.1.

4. The use~~A combination~~ as claimed in claim 3, wherein the combination of lipophilic extracts of *Zingiber officinale* and *Echinacea angustifolia* contains~~ing~~ isobutylamides from *Echinacea angustifolia* and gingerol from *Zingiber officinale* in a weight ratio of 1:0.5.

5. The use~~A composition containing the combination of lipophilic extracts of *Zingiber officinale* and *Echinacea angustifolia*~~ according to claims 1-4, wherein the medicament further comprises~~together with~~ physiologically-compatible vehicles and excipients~~, for use in the treatment of itching; peripheral pain;~~

~~superficial or deep inflammatory and painful conditions; pain connected with muscular spasms; herpes pain; radiodermatitis induced by oncological radiotherapy, with or without fungal or bacterial infections; oedema and irritative skin conditions, including those due to excessive exposure to sunlight~~.

6. The use~~composition~~ of claim 5, wherein the medicament~~which~~ is in a form suitable for topical administration.

7. The use~~composition~~ of claims 5-6, in which the extracts are formulated in oils in the presence of surfactants or phospholipids.