WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A pharmaceutical composition for therapeutic use in accelerating nail growth or treating brittle nails in a human or animal, the composition comprising:

a composition selected from the group consisting of an emulsion, solution, gel, paste, dispersion or suspension comprising cyclosporine.

2. A pharmaceutical composition for use according to Claim 1, wherein the cyclosporine is cyclosporine A.

3. A pharmaceutical composition for use according to Claim 1, wherein the cyclosporine is cyclosporine A derivative or segment.

4. A pharmaceutical composition for use according to Claim 2, wherein the composition is an emulsion.

5. A pharmaceutical composition for use according to Claim 2, wherein the cyclosporine is cyclosporine A and is present in an emulsion in the amount of 0.05% w/v.

6. A pharmaceutical composition for use according to Claim 5, wherein the emulsion also contains glycerin, castor oil, polysorbate 80 and carbomer 1342.

7. A pharmaceutical composition for use according to Claim 2, wherein the cyclosporine is cyclosporine A and is present in a solution in the amount of 0.01-0.0125% w/v.

8. A pharmaceutical composition for use according to Claim 1, wherein the cyclosporine is present in the amount of 0.001-50% w/v of the composition.

9. Use of a composition selected from the group consisting of an emulsion, solution, gel, paste, dispersion or suspension comprising cyclosporine, in the manufacture of a medicament for accelerating nail growth, treating brittle nails or strengthening nail growth in a human or animal

wherein the medicament is to be applied topically to the nails, cuticles or nail matrix of the human or animal at least once a day.

10. The use of Claim 9 wherein the cyclosporine is cyclosporine A.

11. The use of Claim 9 wherein the cyclosporine is a cyclosporine A derivative or segment.

12. The use of Claim 10 wherein the composition is an emulsion.

13. The use of Claim 12 wherein the cyclosporine is cyclosporine A and is present in emulsion in the amount of 0.05% w/v.

14. The use of Claim 13, wherein the emulsion also contains glycerin, castor oil, polysorbate 80 and carbomer 1342.

15. The use of Claim 12 wherein the cyclosporine is cyclosporine A and is present in a solution in the amount 0.01-0.125% w/v.

16. The use of Claim 9 wherein the cyclosporine is present in the amount of 0.001-50% w/v of the composition.

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8. A pharmaceutical composition for use according to Claim 1, wherein the cyclosporine is present in the amount of 0.001-50% w/v of the composition.

9. A method for accelerating nail growth in a human or animal, the method comprising:

   applying a composition selected from the group consisting of an emulsion, solution, gel, paste, dispersion or suspension comprising cyclosporine;
   wherein the emulsion, solution, gel, paste, dispersion or suspension comprising cyclosporine is applied topically to the nails, cuticles or nail matrix of the human or animal at least once a day;
   provided that the method is not a therapeutic method.

10. A method according to Claim 9, wherein the cyclosporine is cyclosporine A.

11. A method according to Claim 9, wherein the cyclosporine is a cyclosporine A derivative or segment.

12. A method according to Claim 10, wherein the composition is an emulsion.

13. A method according to Claim 12, wherein the cyclosporine is cyclosporine A and is present in emulsion in the amount of 0.05% w/v.

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