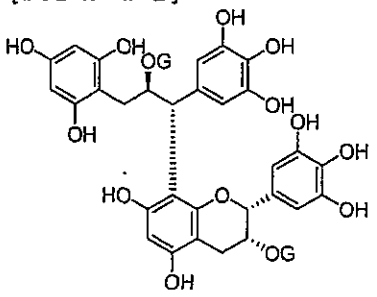
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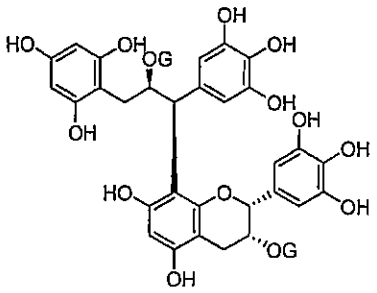
The present invention provides lipase inhibitors containing dimers of flavan-3-ols derived from teas as well as foods and beverages and medicines containing said inhibitors. More specifically, the present invention provides lipase inhibitors containing at least one of assamicains represented by the formula:

[Formula 1]



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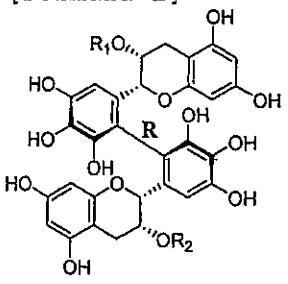


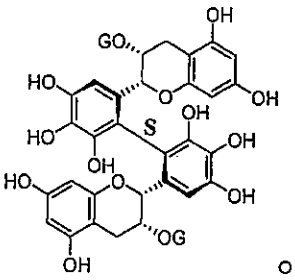
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wherein G represents a galloyl group;

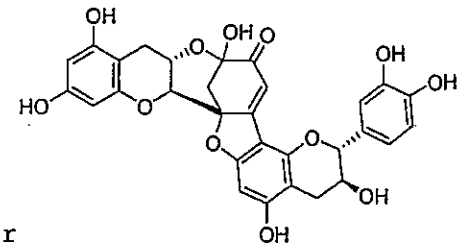
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[Formula 2]





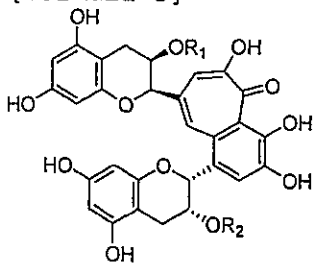
or



wherein R_1 represents G or H, and R_2 represents G; and

theaflavins represented by the formula:

[Formula 3]



wherein R_1 and R_2 independently represent G or H; as well as foods and beverages and medicines containing said lipase inhibitors.

Figure 1