CLAIMS

1. Use of a composition comprising a carboxylic acid or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof as active ingredient in the manufacture of a medicament for treating and/or preventing nasal congestion, viral infections of the respiratory tract and/or inflammation of the throat.

2. The use according to claim 1, for treating nasal congestion, viral infections of the respiratory tract and/or inflammation of the throat.

3. The use according to claim 1, for preventing nasal congestion, viral infections of the respiratory tract and/or inflammation of the throat.

4. The use according to claim 1, for alleviating the symptoms associated with nasal congestion, viral infections of the respiratory tract and/or inflammation of the throat.

5. The use according to any one of claims 1 to 4, wherein the carboxylic acid comprises between two and four carbon atoms.

6. The use according to any one of claims 1 to 5, wherein the carboxylic acid is propionic acid, acetic acid, or butyric acid, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, preferably propionic acid, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

7. The use according to any one of claims 1 to 6, wherein the composition is in liquid or solid form.

8. The use according to any one of claims 1 to 7, wherein the composition is in liquid form and is to be administered intranasally, otologically, by inhalation or directly to the throat.

9. The use of claim 8, wherein the composition is to be applied

(a) intranasally at a dose of about 1000 to 1500 µg per nostril, in particular 1400 µg per nostril per application;

(b) to the throat at a dose of about 1000 to 1500 µg per application, wherein the composition is to be administered one to three times per application.

10. The use according to any one of claims 1 to 7, wherein the composition is in solid form and is to be administered sublingually or bucally.

11. The use of claim 10, wherein the composition is in form of a lozenge.

12. The use according to any one of claims 1 to 11 wherein upon administration to a patient in need thereof, the symptoms associated with nasal congestion, viral infections of the respiratory tract and/or inflammation of the throat are alleviated.

13. The use according to claim 12, wherein

i) a decongestive effect is achieved, which is immediate and/or lasting; and/or

ii) a relief from soreness is achieved, which is immediate and/or lasting.

14. A container comprising the composition defined according to any one of claims 1 to 11.