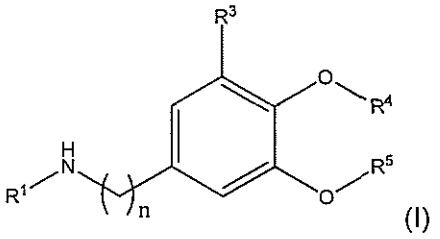
Claims

1. The use of a compound of formula (I) or comestibly acceptable salt thereof



(I)

wherein,

n is 1, 2 or 3;

R^1 is selected from C_1-C_5 alkyl, C_1-C_5 hydroxyalkyl, C_1-C_5 dihydroxyalkyl and –CHYCOOH wherein Y is selected from C_1-C_3 alkyl;

R^3 is hydrogen, hydroxy or C_1-C_3 alkoxy;

R^4 is hydrogen, or C_1-C_3 alkyl;

R^5 is selected from hydrogen, or C_1-C_3 alkyl;

or R^4 and R^5 form together a bivalent radical $-CH_2-$,

to impart, enhance, or modify an umami- and/ or salt-taste in a comestible product

2. Use according to claim 1, wherein the compound of formula (I) is selected from the group consisting N-piperonyl methylamine, N-piperonyl ethylamine, N-piperonyl n-propylamine, N-piperonyl isopropylamine, N-piperonyl 3-pentylamine, N-piperonyl 2-hydroxyethylamine , N-piperonyl 1,3-dihydroxy-2-propylamine, N-piperonyl alanine, N-vanillyl ethylamine hydrochloride, and N-(2-hydroxyethyl) vanillylamine hydrochloride.

3. A comestible composition comprising a compound of formula (I) as defined in any of the preceding claims, a comestibly acceptable salt thereof, or mixtures thereof, and monosodium glutamate (MSG) or sodium chloride (NaCl).

4. A comestible composition according to claim 3 wherein the compound is present in an amount of 1 to 2500 ppm.

5. A comestible composition according to claim 3 wherein the MSG is present in amounts of about 100 to 500 ppm.

6. A comestible composition according to claim 3 wherein the sodium chloride (NaCl) is present in amounts of about 0.4% to 2 weight %.

7. A comestible composition according to claim 3 selected from food products and beverages.

8. A method of imparting, enhancing or modifying an umami- and/ or salt-taste in a comestible product comprising the steps of:
   a) providing at least one comestible product, and
   b) combining the comestible product with a compound of formula (I) as defined in claim 1 or claim 2, or a comestibly acceptable salt thereof, so as to form a modified comestible product comprising at least about 1 ppm of the compound of formula (I).