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The present invention relates to the use of certain resorcinol derivatives as skin lightening agents.		