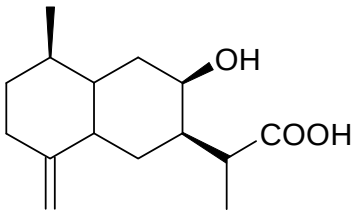
WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

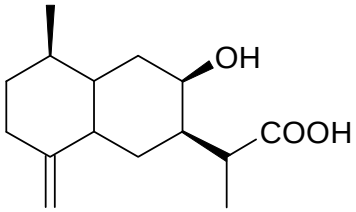
1. Use of a compound of formula (I) for the manufacture of a pharmaceutical composition for inhibiting melanogenesis, promoting collagen production, and promoting wound healing in the skin:



(I).

2. The use of claim 1, wherein the compound is at a concentration of between 8 ng/ml and 18 ng/ml.

3. A composition for inhibiting melanogenesis, promoting collagen production, and promoting wound healing in the skin, comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and an effective amount of a compound of formula (I):



(I).

4. The composition of claim 3, wherein the composition is in a form selected from a group consisting of suspensions, solutions, emulsions, ointments, lotions, creams, gels, capsules, and powders.

5. The composition of claim 3, wherein the composition further comprises hydroquinone, salicylic acid, an alpha hydroxy acid, hyaluronic acid, and any combinations thereof.

6. The composition of claim 3, wherein the composition is for topical or oral administration.

7. The composition of claim 3, wherein the compound in the composition is at a concentration of between 8 ng/ml and 18 ng/ml.

8. A method of preparing a compound of formula (I), comprising the steps of:

(S1) preparing an explant of *Saussurea involucrate*;

(S2) obtaining a callus from the explant of step (S1) and preparing a liquid culture of the callus;

(S3) processing the liquid culture of the callus to obtain a biomass of the callus and preparing a ground biomass therefrom;

(S4) carrying out a solvent extraction of the ground biomass to obtain at least a supernatant; and

(S5) isolating the compound of formula (I) from the supernatant by column chromatography.

9. The method of claim 8, wherein the explant of *Saussurea involucrate* of step (S1) is prepared by culturing a young leaf of a *Saussurea involucrate* plant.

10. The method of claim 8, wherein the solvent extraction of step (S4) is carried out with 50%-100% ethanol.