What is claimed is:

1. A topical antifungal composition adapted to treat a fungal skin infection, comprising a) an antifungal agent selected from the group consisting of imidazoles, triazoles, and allyalmines, b) a film-forming agent, and c) a solvent, wherein said composition is adapted to apply on the skin and provides a mycological cure rate of at least 50% with one application.

2. The composition of claim 1 wherein said antifungal agent is terbinafine, amorolfine, naftifine, butenafine or a salt thereof.

3. The composition of claim 1 wherein said film-forming agent is selected from the group consisting of acrylate polymers, acrylate copolymers, alkyl olefinic acid, alkyl olefinic acid ester copolymers, amide/olefinic acid, amide/olefinic acid copolymers, polyvinyl acetate, polyvinylpyrrolidone, vinylpyrrolidone-vinylacetate copolymer, hydroxyalkyl cellulose, and alkyl cellulose.

4. The composition of claim 1 wherein said composition further comprising an anti-inflammatory agent.

5. A process for the manufacture of a topical pharmaceutical composition comprising a) an antifungal agent selected from the group consisting of imidazoles, triazoles, and allyalmines, b) a film-forming agent, and c) a solvent, for the treatment of a fungal skin infection with only one application.

Claims

1. A film-forming pharmaceutical composition comprising a) an antifungal agent selected from terbinafine or a salt thereof, b) a film-forming agent which is a mixture of a hydroxyalkyl cellulose and an acrylate copolymer, and c) a solvent, for use in the treatment of a fungal skin infection with only one topical application.

2. The composition for use in the treatment of a fungal skin infection according to claim 1, wherein said antifungal agent is selected from the group consisting of terbinafine and terbinafine hydrochloride.

3. The composition for use in the treatment of a fungal skin infection according to claim 1, wherein said composition comprises between 0.75 % w/w and 20 % w/w of terbinafine or a salt thereof, 0.05 % w/w and 30 % w/w of a mixture of octylacrylamide acrylate copolymer and hydroxypropylcellulose, and a solvent selected from the group consisting of ethanol, isopropanol, acetone and ethyl acetate.

4. The composition for use in the treatment of a fungal skin infection according to claim 1, comprising between 0.75% w/w and 20% w/w of terbinafine or a pharmaceutical salt thereof, between 0.05% w/w and 30% w/w of hydroxypropylcellulose, between 1% w/w and 10% w/w of octylacrylamide acrylate copolymer, and a solvent selected from the group consisting of ethanol, isopropanol, acetone and ethyl acetate.

5. The composition for use in the treatment of a fungal skin infection according to claim 4, which in addition comprises a plasticizer selected from the group consisting of dialkylphthalates, hydroxy-fatty acid oils, triglycerides and silicon oils.

6. A topical film-forming pharmaceutical composition comprising between 0.75% w/w and 20% w/w of terbinafine or a pharmaceutical salt thereof, between 0.05% w/w and 30% w/w of hydroxypropylcellulose, between 1 % w/w and 10% w/w of octylacrylamide acrylate copolymer, and a solvent selected from the group consisting of ethanol, isopropanol, acetone and ethyl acetate.

7. A composition according to claim 6, which in addition comprises a plasticizer selected from the group consisting of dialkylphthalates, hydroxy-fatty acid oils, triglycerides and silicon oils.