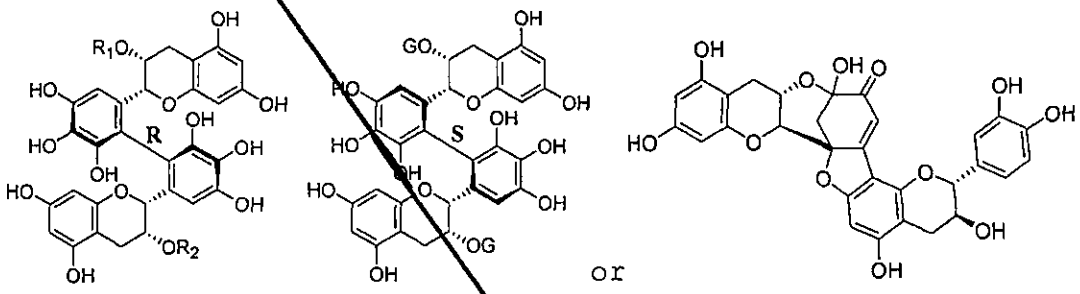
CLAIMS

[1] A lipase inhibitor containing at least one of theasinensins represented by the formula:

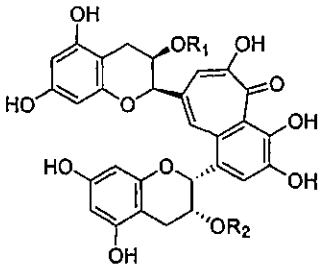
[Formula 2]



or

wherein R_1 represents G or H, and R_2 represents G; and theaflavins represented by the formula:

[Formula 3]



wherein R_1 and R_2 independently represent G or H.

[2] The lipase inhibitor of claim 1 wherein the theasinensin is selected from the group consisting of theasinensin A, theasinensin B, theasinensin D and dehydro-dicatechin A.

[3] The lipase inhibitor of claim 1 wherein the theaflavin is selected from the group consisting of theaflavin, theaflavin 3'-O-gallate and theaflavin 3,3'-O-gallate.

[4] A food or beverage containing the lipase inhibitor of any one of claims 1 to 3.

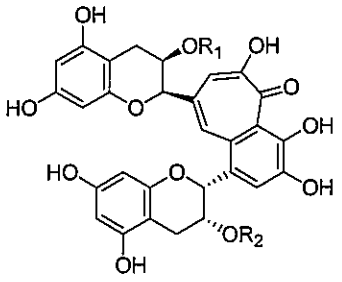
[5] The food or beverage of claim 5, which is selected from the group consisting of tea drinks, soft drinks and health foods.

[6] A pharmaceutical composition containing the lipase inhibitor of any one of claims 1 to 3.

[7] The pharmaceutical composition of claim 6 for inhibiting absorption of dietary fats.

Claims

1. A pancreatic lipase inhibitor containing at least one of theaflavins represented by the formula:



wherein R_1 and R_2 independently represent galloyl group or H.

2. The pancreatic lipase inhibitor of claim 1, wherein the theaflavin is selected from the group consisting of theaflavin, theaflavin 3'-O-gallate and theaflavin 3,3'-di-O-gallate.

3. The pancreatic lipase inhibitor of claim 2, wherein the theaflavin is theaflavin 3,3'-di-O-gallate.

4. The pancreatic lipase inhibitor of any one of claims 1-3 for inhibiting absorption of dietary fats.

5. The pancreatic lipase inhibitor of claim 4 for being taken with meals.