Abstract

Soya extract containing lipids, process for its production, and pharmaceutical and cosmetic composition

A soya extract having a more precisely defined ratio of sphingomyelins to phospholipids, and its production process are claimed.

The latter involves the following stages:

a) extraction of ripe whole soya beans or oil-free soya flour using aliphatic alcohols or a mixture of these alcohols with water;

b) concentration of the extract from stage a);

c) extraction of the concentrated extract from stage b) by treatment with aliphatic hydrocarbons;

d) treatment with vegetable activated carbon and concentration of the extract from stage c) by evaporation;

e) insolubilization of the active components using aliphatic ketones;

f) filtration of the active components, and drying.

Also claimed is a pharmaceutical and cosmetic composition containing said extract, which is intended in particular for the prevention or treatment of dry skin.