



**Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

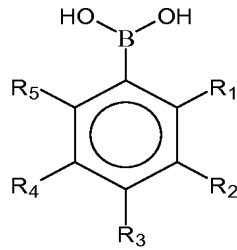
Listing of Claims:

1 (Previously Presented). A method for treating fungal infections comprising administering to an animal or plant afflicted with a fungal infection an effective amount of phenylboronic acid or a water soluble derivative thereof, said water soluble derivative having substantially similar or better antifungal properties for plants or animals as phenylboronic acid.

2 (Original). The method according to claim 1 wherein the fungal infection results from infection with a fungus selected from the group consisting of *T. rubrum*, *C. parapsilosis*, *B. cinerea*, and *C. heterostrophus*.

3 (Original). The method according to claim 1 wherein the phenylboronic acid or water soluble derivative thereof is administered topically.

4 (Currently Amended). The method according to claim 1 wherein the ~~derivative of~~ phenylboronic acid or derivative thereof is selected from compounds of the formula:

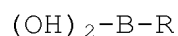


wherein R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>2</sub>, R<sub>3</sub>, R<sub>4</sub>, and R<sub>5</sub> are individually selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, halogen, amino, methanesulfonyl, methoxycarbonyl, substituted or unsubstituted lower alkyl (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> carbon atoms), substituted or unsubstituted lower alkoxy (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> carbon atoms), substituted or unsubstituted aryl (C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>12</sub> carbon atoms), substituted or unsubstituted aryloxy (C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>12</sub> carbon atoms), cyano, cycloalkyl, substituted or unsubstituted carboxy sulfate, phosphate, phosphite or hydroxy.

5 (Cancelled).

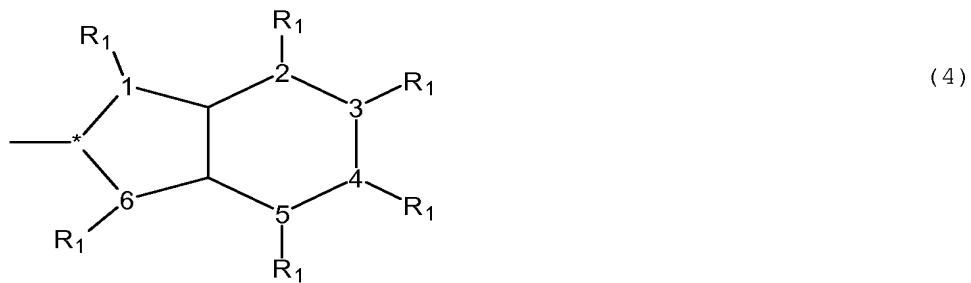
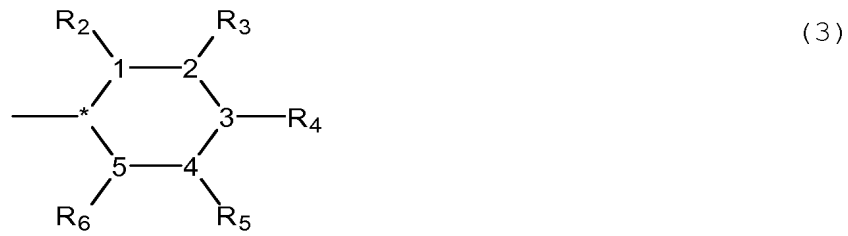
6 (Original). The method according to claim 1 wherein the fungal infection is onychomycosis.

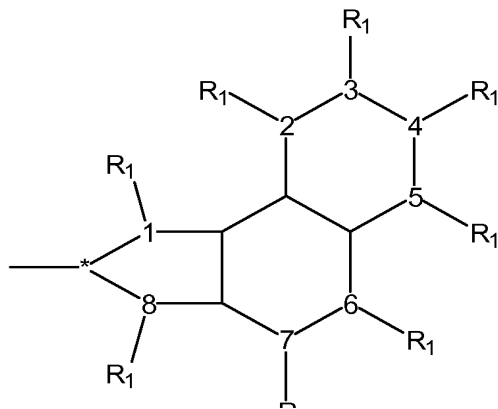
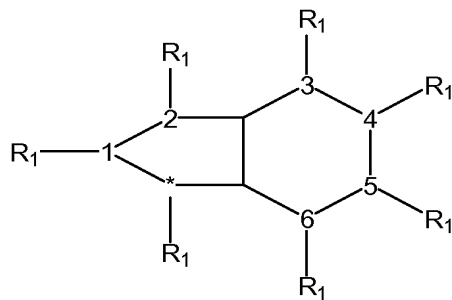
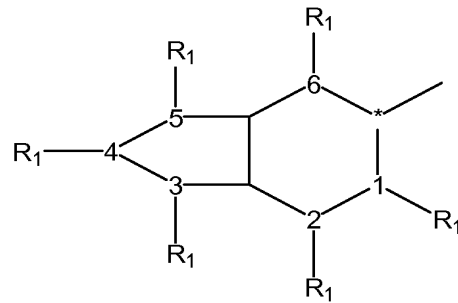
7 (Previously Presented). A method for treating fungal infections in an animal or plant comprising administering to a plant or an animal afflicted with a fungal infection an effective amount of a compound selected from compounds of the formula:



wherein:

R is substituted or unsubstituted phenyl,  
naphthalene, or phenanthrene, or has one of the following  
formulas:





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