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The search was based on the following search statement:

A skin lightening composition comprising at least two of the following:

- (a) a vitamin C derivative
- (b) niacinamide
- (c) a composition comprising cucumber extract and lemon extract
- (d) creatinine or derivatives of creatinine
- (e) undecylenoyl phenylalanine or derivatives of undecylenoyl phenylalanine.

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER.		
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B. FIELDS SEARCHED		
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DWPI and Medline. Keywords: ascorbic acid, niacinamide, cucumber extract, lemon extract, creatinine, undecylenoyl phenylalanine, licorice and related terms.		
C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT		
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Y	US 4096240 A (MATHUR) 20 June 1978 See whole document.	1-100
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