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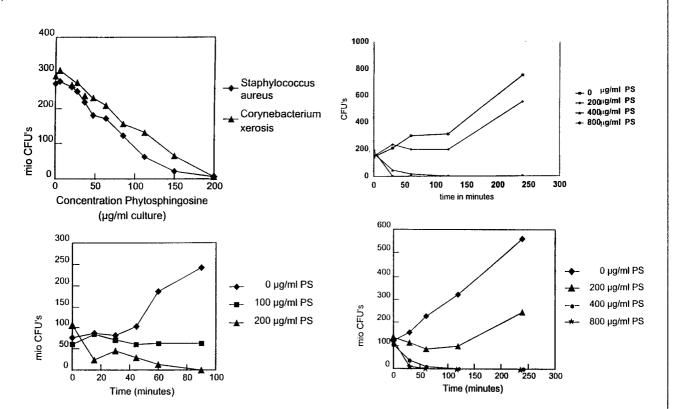
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(57) Abstract

The present invention discloses that topically occurring microbial growth is inhibited by applying a topical composition comprising a sphingoid base. Specifically, said sphingoid base is effectively formulated in combination with a surfactant,

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