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[54] **COMPOSITION FOR TREATING CANCER**

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[57] **ABSTRACT**

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The present invention is directed to compositions containing beta-alanine which are useful for treating cancer. The composition preferably comprises a ribose compound, L-beta-alanine, ascorbic acid, and nicotinic acid. The present invention is particularly directed to a composition useful for treating melanoma, and a method for treating melanoma with the composition.

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