

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

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

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-15. (Cancelled)

16. (Currently amended) A method to control eggs and larvae of helminths present in ruminants' feces, said method comprising administering to an animal, by oral route, through means of feed or feed supplement, the composition comprising:

- (a) at least one benzimidazole compound;
- (b) at least one hydrophobic polymer;
- (c) at least one particulate solid carrier, and
- (d) optionally, at least one hydrophilic polymer, wherein

said composition is delayed released with respect to said benzimidazole compound such that the release occurs in the feces of said ruminant, and wherein said benzimidazole compound is present in an amount of from 0.1 wt% to about 20 wt%, said hydrophobic polymer is present in an amount of from about 5 wt% to about 55 wt%, said hydrophilic polymer is present in an amount of from 0 wt% to about 40 wt% and said particulate solid carrier is present in an amount of from 40 wt% to about 75 wt%, based on a total weight of said composition and the hydrophobic polymer is ethylcellulose, zein, a methyl methacrylate copolymer, or any combination thereof.

17. (Original) The method of claim 16, wherein said method enhances zootechnical performance of ruminants by means of controlling eggs and infective larvae in their habitat.

18-20. (Cancelled)

21. (Currently amended) The method of claim 16 ~~[[20]]~~, wherein said delayed release is from about 10 hours to 72 hours from consumption of the composition by an animal.

22. (Cancelled)

23. (Currently amended) The method of claim 16, wherein said animal after ~~10 hours to 72~~ hours has a residue of said benzimidazole compound of less than 100 ppm.

24. (Currently amended) The method of claim 16, wherein said animal after ~~10 hours to 72~~ hours has a residue of said benzimidazole compound of less than 1 ppm.

25. (Previously presented) The method of claim 16, wherein said hydrophilic polymer is present and is hypromellose, polyvinylpyrrolidone, carragenine, hydroxypropylmethylcellulose, or any combination thereof.

26. (Previously presented) The method of claim 16, wherein one or more of the following is additional present in the composition: starch, talcum powder, calcium carbonate, silicon dioxide, ethyl citrate, or any combination.

27. (Currently amended) The method of claim 16, wherein ~~said benzimidazole compound is present in an amount of from 0.1 wt% to about 20 wt%, said hydrophobic polymer is present in an~~

~~amount of from about 5 wt% to about 55 wt%, said hydrophilic polymer is present in an amount of from 2.5 wt% to about 30 wt% and said particulate solid carrier is present in an amount of from 40 wt% to about 75 wt%, based on a total weight of said composition.~~

28. (Previously presented) The method of claim 16, wherein said helminth is of the *Haemonchus* genre, and the ruminants' feces is from the suborder of Ruminantia.

29. (Previously presented) The method of claim 16, wherein the benzimidazole compound is thiabendazole, fenbendazole, albendazole, triclabendazole, cambendazole, parbendazole, mebendazole, flubendazole, oxfendazole, carbendazim, fuberidazole, triazoxide, ricobendazole, oxilbendazole, or a derivative thereof, or any combination thereof.

30. (Previously presented) The method of claim 16, wherein the benzimidazole compound is thiabendazole, fenbendazole, or albendazole, or any combination thereof.

31. (Cancelled)

32. (Previously presented) The method of claim 16, wherein the hydrophilic polymer is present.

33. (Previously presented) The method of claim 16, wherein the particulate solid carrier is microcrystalline cellulose, calcium phosphate, calcium sulfate, mannitol, kaolin, or any combination thereof.

34. (Previously presented) The method of claim 16, further comprising a stabilizer, a flavoring agent, a flavor enhancer, a preservative, a tensoactive, a lubricant, a diluent, a lubricant, a pH adjustment agent, or an antioxidant, or any combination thereof.