Literature List

Skin-Glossymeter

A. Jeudy, J.-M. Sainthillier, T. Lihoreau, S. Mac-Mary, P. Humbert, Biometrological Assessment of the Skin Radiance, ISBS 2010, Buenos Aires, Argentina

Skin radiance is a clinical pattern without any precise definition and quantifiable data.


Many people suffer from impure, acne-like skin. This type of skin looks greasy and glossy, rough with enlarged pores, and has a tendency to develop comedones, pimples, and pustules. It feels unpleasant and may be a serious cosmetic problem. The effective control over the impure skin requires daily application of multifunctional cosmetic products for cleansing and intensive care of the skin. Market products should have a proven effect. Testing on human volunteers using sensorial self- and expert evaluation, instrumental skin bioengineering techniques, and questionnaires for quality of life assessment are the preferred ways to prove products claims.

S. Manon, A. Mondelli, G. Secchi, Hair Conditioning Effect of Vegetable Native Protein in Shampoo Formulations, SOFW-Journal, 138, 1 / 2 -2012, p. 38-42

Repetitive aggressive hair treatments or environmental conditions, unsuitable hair care products as well as stress, tension and particular physiological states may disturb the skin and scalp equilibrium. The irritated scalp usually reacts with frequent itching, redness, dandruff or tightness; in these cases it’s very important to use very gentle, specifically designed non-sensitizing hair care products especially for those people who must wash their hair daily. Unfortu-nately impaired scalps are often subject to be sensitized by commonly used surfactants and conditioning agents which have a high affinity for skin and hair and can cause or aggravate the symptoms of sensitive scalp and skin.

C. Uhl, D. Khazaka, Techniques for globally approved skin testing, Personal Care April 2013

In efficacy testing and claim support for cosmetic products, objective measurement systems became indispensable long ago, especially since subjective clinical assessments are often prone to bias and inter-observer variation. Without suitable instrumentation it is close to impossible to determine what a product is really doing for the skin. Those objective measurement methods and subjective evaluations are mutually dependent. No measurement can be performed without the subjective evaluation of the results by the user of such instrumentation. However, a pure subjective evaluation of the skin without appropriate measurement techniques is not able to achieve accurate results either. This relationship becomes clearer when looking for example at skin colour measurements. Subjectively, the human brain cannot process slight changes in colour, especially when the colours are not viewed side by side, but at different points in time. Instrumental measurement however will clearly detect such slight changes. The achieved result must then be interpreted in context with the expected outcome or the hypothesis. For this, you will always need a knowledgeable and experienced person.
because ‘a fool with a tool is still a fool’, as the late Albert Kligman used to say. This relationship between objective measurement and subjective evaluation is not only true for the determination of differences in skin colour, but also for all other skin measurement parameters important for the cosmetic industry.

A. Mondelli, G.F. Secchi, Plant’s native proteins for hair conditioning and skin protection, Poster In-cosmetics, Paris 2013

Corneometer CM skin hydration was evaluated before and after application of test items twice a day on 6 female volunteers; the study was continued over a period of one week and test items were applied undiluted with standardized procedure and then rinsed.

R. Burgo, Y. He, L. Lampe, E. Mustafa, Natural polymer for modern colour applications, Personal Care February 2014

Abstract: Colour cosmetic formulations continue to seek new, novel ingredients that can allow brands to create differentiated products that meet the requirements of that latest trends in the marketplace. Inolex has created and introduces LipFeel Natural, a new, patented polymer suitable for many colour cosmetic applications, particularly lip products. LipFeel Natural is completely derived from renewable and sustainable plant sources, and is produced using green chemistry principles. In this article, Inolex shows the results of various testing to demonstrate how LipFeel Natural can confer many of the benefits sought in modern colour cosmetic applications.

C. Uhl, D. Khazaka, Claims and measurement methods for hair and scalp, Personal Care March 2015

Hair diversity (style, shape, growth pattern or colour) is one of the most important features to define us physically. Therefore it is no surprise that the market of hair care products with a value of US$39 billion is one of the most important sectors in the complete area of cosmetic products. Hair care products for women are the most frequently bought and used cosmetic products of all. Shampoos and conditioners are leading in the field. For men, hair care is the most important and favoured sector of all cosmetics.
mieux subjuguer les coeurs et frapper les esprits». L’industrie cosmétique moderne et le maquillage, tel qu’on le connait aujourd’hui, ont pris leur essor au début du XXe siècle. L’invention du mascara date de 1913 et le fond de teint mis au point par Max Factor pour les starlettes du cinéma hollywoodien a été plebiscité ensuite par toutes leurs fans! De grandes compagnies telles que L’Oreal, Maybelline, Revlon, Helena Rubinstein ou encore Estée Lauder ont été créées à cette époque sur la base d’innovations majeures. Souvent présenté comme futile ou superficiel, le maquillage n’en reste pas moins efficace («qui remplit sa tâche, produit l’effet attendu» selon le dictionnaire Larousse). Personne ne contestera le changement visuel produit par Tapplication d’un rouge à lèvres ou d’un vernis a ongles. Cette modification de Paspect physique peut même révéler un aspect thérapeutique, comme c’est le cas du maquillage correcteur, également dit de «camouflage», sur des lésions dermatologiques de type brûlures, cicatrices, angiomes, etc. Il faut également noter que, ces dernières années, le maquillage s’est adjoing une dimension «soin» avec la présence d’actifs hydratant, lissant, nourrissant, anti-UV, etc. Certains maquillages se positionnent également sur le marché des produits haute tolerance. Ces aspects n’étant pas spécifiques de cette catégorie de produits, nous focaliserons ce chapitre uniquement sur l’efficacité «decorative». Aussi, l’évaluation d’un produit de maquillage va reposer sur l’étude de: - son aspect sur la peau (couleur, brillance, homogénéité); - son tenue dans le temps ou dans divers conditions d’environnement; - son impact sur la psyché de l’individu. Ce chapitre présente, dans un premier temps, la démarche d’approche globale pour d’évaluation du maquillage puis, dans un second temps, des méthodes d’évaluation des différentes catégories de produits de maquillage en fonction des revendications.

A.C. da Silva Marques, Biometrologic Evaluation of Cosmetic Products, Dissertation in pharmaceutical sciences at the University of Coimbra, 2016

Given the growing importance that cosmetic products have on human’s health and in our daily life, it is important to increase the control of these products, both in terms of safety and effectiveness. Taking into account that conducting animal tests for the production and validation of cosmetic products is prohibited by law, producers of these products have to resort to alternative methods. Biophysical methods have gained an important highlight in the scientific community, in particular the non-invasive methods. They allow a safe and faster evaluation of cosmetics. The purpose of this work is to describe some methods and equipments used at national and European level to test the effectiveness of cosmetic products and correlate the parameters evaluated with the alleged properties in the products. The methods include evaluation tests of the following skin properties: hydration, elasticity, coloring, sebum production and perspiration.

C. Uhl, D. Khazaka, Test equipment supports anti-pollution claims, PERSONAL CARE ASIA PACIFIC, May 2017, p. 27-29 and PERSONAL CARE EUROPE, September 2017, p. 74-76

Pollution and its impact on the skin have recently become the main topic at all important cosmetic events, and products claiming to protect the skin from pollution effects are a major trend in the cosmetic and personal care industry.

Xi Li, C. Yuan, L. Xing, P. Humbert, Topographical diversity of common skin microflora and its association with skin environment type: An observational study in Chinese women, Scientific Reports, (2017) 7:18046

This study evaluated cutaneous microbial distribution, and microbial co-occurrence at different body sites and skin environments in Chinese women (39.6 ± 11.9 years, N= 100) during the winter season. Microbial distribution (Propionibacterium acnes, Staphylococcus aureus, Staphylococcus epidermidis, Lactobacillus, Pseudomonadaceae, and Malassezia furfur), association with biomarkers (antimicrobial peptides: LL-37, β-defensins [HBD-2, HBD-3]), and claudin-1 and skin biophysical parameters (transepidermal water loss, pH, skin scaliness and roughness, sebum and hydration levels) were also determined. Skin sites (glabella [GL], hand-back [HB], interdigital web-space [IS], antecubital fossa [AF], volar forearm [VF], back [BA])
were classified as normal, oily or dry based on two-step cluster analysis and exposed or unexposed (uncovered or covered by clothes, respectively) based on seasonal apparel. Pseudomonadaceae and *Staphylococcus aureus* had the highest and lowest detection rate respectively at all sites. Cluster analysis identified skin sites as ‘normal’ (HB, BA, AF, VF), ‘dry’ (IS) and ‘oily’ (GL). Bacterial alpha diversity was higher in exposed (HB, IS, and GL) compared with unexposed sites (BA, AF and VF). Co-occurrence of *Staphylococcus aureus* with any of the other five microorganisms was lower in dry and oily skin versus normal skin. Skin exposure, biophysical/barrier profile and biomarkers were found to be associated with bacterial distribution and co-occurrence.

L. Salomão Calixto, C. Picard, G. Savary, P.M. Berardo Gonçalves Maia Campos, Application of Topical Formulations Containing Natural Origin Actives and UV-Filters in the Prevention of Photoaging in French and Brazilian Skin, Poster Presentation at ISBS Conference San Diego, May 2018

Introduction: The study of skin from different populations brings an essential knowledge to the development of skin treatments. The aim of this study was to evaluate the immediate effects of topical formulations using biophysical techniques and to compare the skin biology of the participants. Methodology: 36 subjects, 18 French and 18 Brazilians, were enrolled. Transepidermal water loss, stratum corneum water content, skin viscoelasticity and skin brightness were evaluated before and 60 minutes after formulations application. Results and Conclusions: Brazilian skin had a lower TEWL and less gloss on the skin surface when compared with French skin. There was no difference in hydration and viscoelastic profile. After 60 minutes, there was a significant increase in stratum corneum water content and skin brightness, a significant decrease in TEWL and no difference in skin viscoelasticity in both groups. In conclusion, biophysical differences were found on the groups and the formulations were effective in both populations.


The human skin, and mainly the upper layer of the epidermis, plays the role of a barrier, but is also one of the first and major targets of air pollutants, pollutants contributing to wrinkle and dark spots occurrence through the redox imbalance. A possible approach to attack ROS-mediated disorders for both preventive and treatment means is based on the use of substances, which can be found in plants as secondary metabolites, lignans being a promise candidate. The present study was aimed to better understand the cellular mechanisms beyond the oxidative changes induced by urban pollution (Urban dust 1649b, NIST) and the effect of *Schisandra chinensis* (*S. chinensis*) extract in reconstructed human epidermis, by a transcriptomic approach and secondly through the evaluation of Nrf2, AhR, NF-kB, and DJ-1pathways using an *in vitro* model. Finally, we evaluated the effect of *S. chinensis* on skin hydration, homogeneity, radiance and luminosity in Chengdu (China). Urban dust (SOpg.mL 1) was able to activate the cytoplasmic expression of NF-kB and AhR when compared to control. *S.chinensis* extract attenuates the urban dust-induced oxidative stress, the protective mechanism being associated, at least in part, with the modulation of the Nrf2 and AhR pathways and the activation of DJ-1. *S. chinensis* extract, named Urbalys® protects from prolonged pollution aggression since it improves hydration, protects skin homogeneity, increases skin radiance and attenuates skin spot intensity after 21 days of pollution exposition.

P. Contreiras Pinto, R. Figueiredo, J. Pereira, A. Gomes, M. Fitas, Evaluation of gloss with two different systems: Glossymeter and Visia - a comparative study, IFSCC Congress, Munich, September 2018

Gloss is a crucial attribute of visual texture perception and more specifically, the visual appearance of human skin. A glossy and radiant skin induces a healthy and youthful appearance while a lack of gloss can generate a dull and unhealthy appearance. Normally, a radiant skin reflects the light in a specular way while a dull skin tends to diffuse light more. Therefore,
Light reflection is a key point in the assessment of skin gloss and radiance. The present work aims to compare two methods of gloss evaluation: Glossymeter and Visia-CR.


Background: Facial skin exhibits unique biophysical properties, which are influenced by anatomical regions and genders. The aim of this study was to comprehensively assess the regional and gender differences in facial skin biophysical parameters among Chinese population. Materials and Methods: The 12 skin biophysical parameters at four distinct facial skin sites (forehead, cheek, canthus and chin) were measured in a normal population (n = 212) with 42 males and 141 females aged 18-29 years living in Beijing. These parameters consisted of skin hydration, transepidermal water loss, sebum content, erythema/melanin indices, L*a*b* color, skin gloss and elasticity, all quantifying with non-invasive instruments. Results: The results demonstrated that the characteristics of the facial skin were significantly different between the regions and genders. The forehead had weaker skin barrier function but secreted the most sebum content, while the cheek was the driest and brightest region on the face. The canthus was the most hydrated area and the chin displayed higher sebum secretion, darker skin color and less elastic. The females showed more hydrated, less oil, lighter and more elastic facial skin compared with males. Conclusion: This study indicates that the young Chinese facial skin significantly varies with face anatomical regions and differs between genders.

P. Rattanawiwatpong, R. Wanitphakdeechedcha, A. Bumrungpert, M. Maiprasert, Anti-aging and brightening effects of a topical treatment containing vitamin C, vitamin E, and raspberry leaf cell culture extract: A split-face, randomized controlled trial, J Cosmet Dermatol. 2020 Jan

Background: Skin aging has many manifestations such as wrinkles, uneven skin tone, and dryness. Both intrinsic and extrinsic factors, especially ultraviolet light-induced oxidative radicals, contribute to the etiology of aging. Human skin requires both water- and lipid-soluble nutrient components, including hydrophilic and lipophilic antioxidants. Vitamins C and E have important protective effects in the aging process and require exogenous supply. Raspberry leaf extracts contain botanical actives that have the potential to hydrating and moisturizing skin. Topical products with these ingredients may therefore combine to provide improved anti-aging effects over single ingredients. Objectives: To evaluate the anti-aging and brightening effects of an encapsulated serum containing vitamin C (20% w/w), vitamin E, and European raspberry (Rubus idaeus) leaf cell culture extract. Methods: Fifty female volunteers aged 30-65 years were allocated one capsule of serum for topical application on one side of the face for 2 months, in addition to self-use of facial skin products. Both test (treated) and contralateral (untreated) sides were dermatologically assessed after 4 and 8 weeks. Skin color (melanin index), elasticity, radiance, moisture, and water evaporation were measured by Mexameter MX18®, Cutometer®, Glossymeter GL200®, Corneometer CM825®, and Tewameter TM300® instruments, respectively (Courage + Khazaka Electronic GmbH). Skin microtopography parameters, smoothness (SEsm), roughness (SER), scaliness (SEsc), and wrinkles (SEw), were measured by Visioscan® VC98 USB (Courage + Khazaka Electronic GmbH), and gross lifting effects were measured by VECTRA® H1 (Canfield Scientific), and adverse reactions and satisfaction were also assessed. Results: Skin color, elasticity, and radiance were significantly improved. The smoothness, scaliness, and wrinkles were also revealed significant improvement. Mild adverse reactions were tingling and tightness. Conclusions: The vitamin C, vitamin E, and raspberry leaf cell culture extract serum has anti-aging and brightening effects of skin.

A. Charpentier, Clinically supporting ‘antiage’ and ‘pro-age’ claims, Personal Care Europe, June 2020

Claims of personal care evolve following trends and various innovations in the field of the active ingredient development, the finished product formulation and the way both are eval-
uated, demonstrating their performances. Since 2014, the cosmetics industry is gradually leaving the era of anti-ageing behind. Today, most consumers are more in the mood for a well ageing, slow ageing or pro-ageing approach. The philosophy of the ‘pro-ageing’ movement has sought to remove all ‘anti’ claims because, according to this concept, women over 50 are not interested in looking younger; they want to look healthy and be honest about their age. Some brands have used the idea of “improves the appearance of skin quality”, and “restore the skin comfort”, for example. A new vocabulary of renewal, regeneration, plumpness and “glow” now dominates the language of the beauty industry.