

Strengthening the double barrier function

Metagenomics analysis on urban skin

Restoring sensitive skin

DESCRIPTION

Heptapeptide that strengthens vulnerable urban skin by promoting microbiota balance, diversity and an increase in beneficial bacteria, characteristics of a healthy skin in higher contact with nature. **fensebiome** peptide helps reinforce the skin's microbial and physical barrier function and prevents dehydration.

APPEARANCE

Translucent solution containing 0.05% Acetyl Heptapeptide-4.

Water (Aqua), Acetyl Heptapeptide-4, Caprylyl Glycol.

USE LEVEL

1%

SOLUBILITY

Water soluble.







SCIENCE

Discomfort, dehydration and scaling are characteristics of sensitive skin lacking an effective defense system. These traits are common among urban individuals. A reduced exposure to nature, linked to modernization, has been shown to increase the risk of inflammatory skin conditions. The underappreciated link between nature and skin health involves the skin microbiota, which provides vital functions to the skin. Research has shown that people in close contact with nature and uncontacted populations, similar to our ancestors, present a high bacterial diversity and an increase in anti-inflammatory bacteria, associated with a healthier and more protected skin.

fensebiome™ peptide helps boost the skin's own defense system by favoring the presence of beneficial bacteria and by improving the skin immune response and the physical barrier integrity. On urban skin, it promoted a healthy microbiome similar to that of our ancestors living in closer contact with nature. A reinforcement in cell cohesion and a barrier protective effect were also observed.









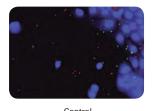


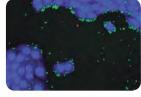
1. PROMOTING THE ADHESION OF BENEFICIAL SKIN MICROBIOTA

Keratinocytes were treated with fensebiome" peptide and exposed to S. epidermidis and inactivated S. aureus, whose adhesion to the cells was determined by fluorescence.



Favored adhesion of S. epidermidis over pathogenic S. aureus



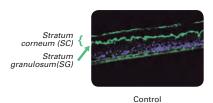


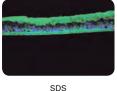
fensebiome[™] peptide



2. IMPROVED EPIDERMAL BARRIER FUNCTIONALITY

Epidermal models were treated with fensebiome peptide and sodium dodecyl sulfate (SDS), which deteriorates the SG integrity and allows the diffusion of a tracer. The functionality of the barrier was evaluated by the inhibition of the tracer diffusion to the SC.







Reinforced barrier to resist damage

64.8% inhibition of tracer diffusion, showing an improved stratum granulosum integrity.

In vivo efficacy

1. STUDY OF THE SKIN MICROBIOME

Metagenomics analysis performed on 21 urban women, who applied a cream with 1% fensebiome[™] peptide solution on the cubital fossa of the arm for 7 days.

Microbial diversity

The diversity of skin bacteria, which is higher in the skin of people in close contact with nature, was determined by the Shannon index, used as an indicator of skin health.

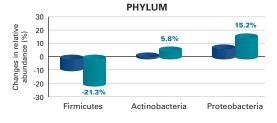


Higher bacterial diversity for a rewilding effect

Balanced microbiota for a healthy and protected skin

Microbial composition

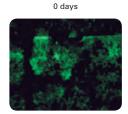
The relative abundance was evaluated at different taxonomic levels.



Placebo 1% fensebiome peptide solution

2. ENHANCED SKIN CELL COHESION

18 urban women with dry skin applied a cream with 1% fensebiome™ peptide solution on the shin. Corneccytes cohesion was assessed on samples obtained by tape stripping.







Reduced skin scaliness 18.6% less sloughed

corneocytes.

3. BARRIER PROTECTION EFFECT

20 urban women applied a cream with 1% fensebiome peptide solution on the forearm for 7 days. The transepidermal water loss (TEWL) was evaluated after surfactant damage.



Better protection to prevent dehydration 53.6% lower TEWL values

versus placebo.

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