2018 began with all the R&I expectations sourced in the latest technologies: personalized cosmetics, devices, imaging, e-diagnostics, IA, IoT, big data... How will these new concepts influence the way to support claims? After COSMETAGORA (booth 44) in Paris and COSMETECH in Tokyo, we will continue to follow the progress of cosmetics testing field to share with you its most up-to-date and finest overall view. In this newsletter, we will inform you about the Hair Care and the “soothing effect” assessments. Then we will give you the latest news of our partners’ instrumentation and testing labs: Bio-EC, Cerco, Cosmepar, Dermscan, Eotech, Eurofins, Intertek.

Happy New Year!
Anne Charpentier, CEO

Skinobs platform, helps you day after day to choose the methods, the labs and the country of your future Human testing

The platform becomes month after month, an indispensable tool for R&D managers, formulators, marketers and regulatory authorities in charge of the claim substantiation. After efficacy and tolerance tests, we continue with the referencing of hair care testing.

As usual, we keep an eye on both latest technological innovations and marketing claims to extend the database with the relevant testing methods and devices (see the microbiota and anti-pollution testing). We are still working on collaborating with the several stakeholders of this sector to build a robust bridge between science and marketing.

By connecting to the platform, the cosmeticians can consult their worldwide partners and ask them directly more information with an automatic and prefilled form. Substantiating claims has never been easier. Let ask specific request and give us your feedback at contact@skinobs.com

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+ 7 methods
+ 40 testing labs
+ 28 countries

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160 tests
60 claims
30 countries

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+1,550 CONNECTED COSMETICIANS
+550 USERS*
+46% SESSION*
+11,500 PAGES VIEWED*

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SOOTHING EFFECT

The skin plays multiple roles of protection, perception, immunity, regulation or blood and lymphatic reservoir for the whole body. Thanks to several mechanical, chemical or biological (sebum, biofilm...) reactions, the skin ensures its integrity according to the various endogenous or exogenous environmental variations. Today, the increase in the fragile phenomenon of skins is a major issue in the development of the dermo-cosmetics. The soothing effects are associated to respond to environment, sun, pollution, cold or specific skin physiological conditions.

Thus, cosmetic products, first then, restore the barrier function, strengthen the extracellular matrix, repair, soothe pruritus and itch, regenerate or calm irritations and red. They can also reduce the inflammation, and help to treat both allergic contact dermatitis and atopic dermatitis, even if it is not cosmetically correct to say it under some regulation latitudes.

Skincare platform lists more than 30 methods that meet this claim, in addition to the other methods such as consumers testing, clinician scorigs and sensory analysis.

Today “innovation” is the new buzz word in cosmetics as an efficient business booster. But what is innovation? It is all about being connected with consumer needs and usages to enhance consumer experiences by creating a market. The number of consumers complaining about sensitive and reactive skin is more and more important. This phenomenon can be due to Internal aggression: aging, poor diet, hormone disruption, stress... but also related to external aggression: wind, cold, sun, and one of the growing skin enemy: pollution. Which explains why we have seen emerging a large offer of skincare products with anti-pollution claims.

Initially protocols were simple by exposing skin replica to desire gases and to quantify the dust level associated to product barrier effect. Now to innovate, we need to be more and more precise, as being able to replicate the air of the most polluted cities/countries, simulate temperature/light exposure variations due to different climate but also the increase of vehicles variations due to different climate effect. Now to innovate, we need products with anti-pollution claims.

The list of the biometrological protocols dedicated to failures and head testing is vast focusing different targets: the scalp, the cuticle, the cortex, the hair structure and mechanics or the growth.

Soothing effect of after-sun products: the Dermscan approach

When the skin is attacked by the sun, it presents many signs such as: erythema, vaso-dilation, hyperthermia and hypersensitivity... To demonstrate the soothing effect of after-sun products, Dermscan implements complementary approaches:

- UV irradiation (+ heat) leads to the appearance of a sunburn. The evaluation of the redness [a*], with or without a soothing product, can be followed [spectrocolorimeter, Messometer*].
- Infrared exposure leads to the appearance of a thermal erythema. Microcirculation measurement with laser Doppler, or Tm* as well as skin temperature [thermometer, Laser Doppler] allows to compare the soothing and cooling effects of the products. www.dermscan.com

Sensitive skin: Evaluation of soothing effects by the Cerco

Whether natural or induced, consumers are increasingly concerned by skin sensitivity, and therefore they choose to look for adapted and soothing products. To assess this sensitivity, an interrogation skin sensitivity, and therefore it drives them to look for adapted and soothing cosmetic products. To assess this sensitivity, an interrogation

How Intertek can objectivate the hair care products?

The Intertek Clinical Study Center offers a comprehensive selection of clinical studies to test the efficacy and safety of your hair care products:

- Anti-dandruff efficacy: clinical scoring completed by trained and accredited expert technicians. Samples can also be taken from dandruff affected parts of the scalp, for analysis at our partner labs (for example, microbiome analysis).
- Redensifying/anti-hair loss efficacy: the phototrichogram technique makes it possible to measure different parameters: total density, anagen/Ignore ratio, percentage of telogen hair, growth rate, etc.

All our studies are conducted under clinical control. We have a network of professional hairdressers to provide advice and supervision to apply your products and/or evaluate your professional products. We update our database of over 6,000 volunteers daily. We have speciality-equipped technical rooms with shampoo stations.

www.intertek-france.com/studes-cliniques

BOOM IN THE EFFICACY TESTING OF HAIR PRODUCTS

Hair and beauty is a wide field of investigation for both devices manufacturers and testing laboratories. The Hair care global market is recording an annual growth of 3% and will exceed the $ 91 billion said Premium Beauty News last year. Shampoo, conditioners, colourations, permanents, styling gels, offer various ways to follow the hairstyles trend. The ingenuity of the cosmeticians makes so many organizational designs possible with a protected benefit whatever is, many the type and ethnicity of hair: Care, Volume, Anti-Frizz, Smoothing, Flat Hair, Repair, Gloss, Shine, Colour, Fine Hair, Curly Hair, Restore, Anti-SEbum, Anti-Dandruff, UV Protection, Anti-Breakage, Moisturising...

The major issue of this beauty category is to answer the needs to combat both intrinsic and external damages (mechanical, thermal or chemical treatments) and protect from the environmental conditions. To substantiate all claims there are many protocols analyzing at both microscopic and global scales. No need to split hairs anymore!

Eurofins: Investments for Excellence in clinical testing

In 2017, French Group EUROFINS has invested in Sun Care testing excellence with Eurofins Dermatest acquisition in Sydney, strong of 20 years of expertise in this area and has set up a global project for SPF testing throughout its network of 4 clinical testing laboratories. European laboratories have also been strengthening with their offer in hygiene product testing (deodorants, antiperspirants, cleansers, make up removers). R&D teams in French laboratories, based in Aix-en-Provence and Bordeaux focused this past year in new trends such as anti-pollution and microbiome protection testing. Eurofins cosmetic testing offer covers all cosmetics areas (make up, hygiene, skin care, dental and hair care products).

In 2018 EUROSINS will offer clinical testing in Asia. www.eurofins.com/dermatology

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Partners key figures

5 Dermacare’s testing centers in the world
20 years of BIO-EC creation
25 years of Clinical Testing at Intertek
30 years of testing for Life by Eurofins
70 percentage of the clinical testing increase in 18 months by Cosmepaer

15,000 subjects meeting in one year by Cerco

Agenda

09-10 JAN.
Cosmetagora
Paris
Meet us booth 44

24-26 JAN.
CosmeTech days
Tokyo
New clinical evaluation approaches for blue light and complexion by BIO-EC

After inaugurating its new clinical testing space in May 2017 and in response to the growing demand for novelties in substantiation in vivo, the laboratory has been equipped with two new tools. The Medisol® lamp allows to reproduce the skin’s exposure to blue light and to evaluate the effects on pigmentation, as well as the GP150 from Seelab, a latest-generation spectrophotometer offering a new approach to complexion evaluation (brightness/mattness) on volunteers thanks to its unprecedented angle measurements, mono-angle for color, multi-angle for the color with effects and a gloss-meter to measure the brilliance/gloss.

Cosmepar Group celebrates its 40th anniversary

By opening an Additional testing Unit Clinical in the heart of Nantes from next March, COSMEPAR expands its possibilities for the reception and recruitment of volunteers, the current number of nearly 6 000. The group is focusing on the effect of synergy of its three Laboratories for deploy a unique expertise. The tests on the Skin Microbiome or the Microbiological Use Test (MUT) developed over the past three years, illustrate this winning strategy with an increase in the «Clinical» turnover of almost + 70%. To accompany this development, the company will therefore double the area dedicated to testing in vivo on humans. www.cosmepar.fr

TRENDS, MICROBIOME UPDATE

A lot has happened since I first wrote about the Microbiome, back in 2012. Small brands have rushed in, large ones, not so much, but there is definitely a lot of activity on the dermo brands front, and the premium consumer side is slowly starting. So why are premium brands so timid in using the Microbiome argument? I think we are by now past the “Yuk” factor. And the idea that brands don’t speak nearly as much about the Microbiome as they research it, speaks volumes on, well, how little they feel they really know.

The Microbiome is young. It is a discipline that is still in its infancy. Especially in Skin Care. Sampling is complicated, following up is a nightmare. Lifestyle impacts the Microbiome as much as genetics does. The liminal nature of the “organ” complicates matters a great deal. So, yes, I see a lot of claims, many of them implying things that we just can’t be sure of. Yet.

What we need, before we speak with the consumer (about products in the meantime, by all means, talks to the consumer, educates her, it is part of your mission as life science professionals), is industry-wide guidelines and consensus. If understanding what is happening on the skin with the Microbiome remains complex despite the presence of excellent testing labs in the space, one thing would help a great deal: understanding the impact of our products BEFORE they are formulated. Let’s make it routine to test our raw materials for their Microbiome impact, before the regulator makes us.