



BICOWHITE MULTI-TARGET DELIVERY SYSTEM (BICOWHITE COMPLEX)





HYPERPIGMENTATION DISORDERS

Increased melanin production gives rise to different hyperpigmentation disorders characterized by the appearance of dark spots in the skin.



The main strategies to decrease the MELANIN content

PREVENT its formation
DIMINISH its transport
ACCELERATE its elimination



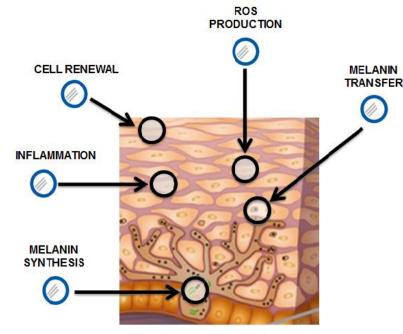
BICOWHITE ® COMPLEX

BICOWHITE ® COMPLEX is a brightening / lightening multistep delivery system based on Bicosome® Technology that works BLOCKING the different processes involved in the DARK SPOTS formation.

- 1. Cell renewal
- 2. Ros production
- 3. Inflamation
- 4. Melanin transfer
- 5. Melanin Synthesis





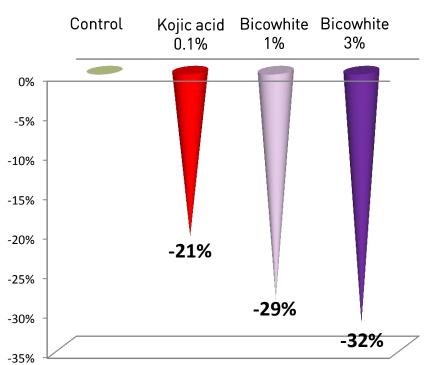


The intelligent structures of Bicowhite were designed to reach target skin layers and to block each process involved in the dark spot formation.

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BICOWHITE COMPLEX WHITENING ACTIVITY

MELANIN REDUCTION AFTER 4 APPLICATIONS



The whitening activity of Bicowhite was evaluated *in vitro* on reconstructed tissues of pigmented skin (prototype VI).

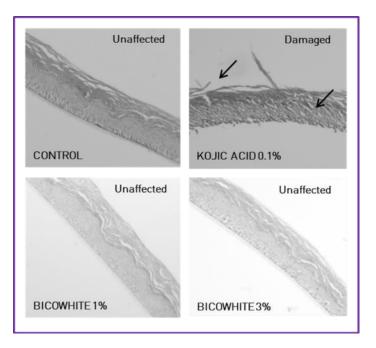
Bicowhite was tested at two concentrations, 1 and 3%, and compared with Kojic acid at 0.1% and a control sample not treated.

Bicowhite demonstrated higher capacity to decrease melanin content.



BICOWHITE COMPLEX HYSTOLOGICAL ANALYSIS

Images of the tissues untreated (control) and treated with the test substances Kojic acid 0.1%, Bicowhite 1% and Bicowhite 3%.



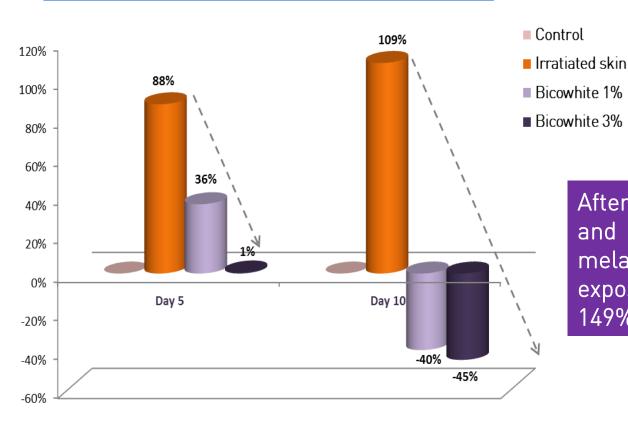
SAMPLE	HYSTOLOGICAL ANALYSIS	RESULTS
Control	Neither vascularization or necrosis in stratum corneum and granular layer	Unaffected tissue
Kojic Acid 0,1%	Vacuolization in granular layer and partial loss of stratum corneum	Medium damage of tissue
Bicowhite 1%	Neither vascularization or necrosis in stratum corneum and granular layer	Unaffected tissue
Bicowhite 3%	Neither vascularization or necrosis in stratum corneum and granular layer	Unaffected tissue

The treatment with Bicowhite does not affect the structure of the skin, as classical whitening treatments do.

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WHITENING ACTIVITY IN SKIN EXPOSED TO UV RADIATION

VARIATION OF MELANIN CONTENT IN SKIN EXPOSED TO UV AND TREATD WITH BICOWHITE 1% AND 3%DURING 10 DAYS



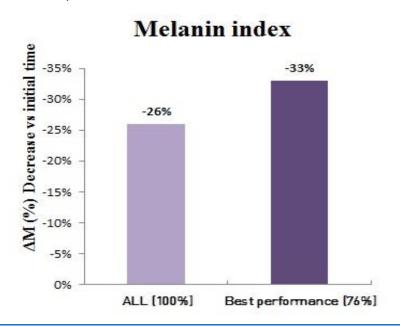
After 10 days, Bicowhite 1% and 3% REDUCED the melanin content of skin exposed to UV radiation in 149% and 154% respectively.



IN VIVO EFFICACY STUDIES

DEPIGMENTING EFFECT

Melanin Index gives direct information on the capacity of the product to DECREASE the MELANIN CONTENT in the spots.



EXPERIMENT CONDITIONS:
20 volunteers
Female
Age 35-65

3% Bicowhite Gel Formulation twice a day/56 days.

Treatment with Bicowhite REDUCED **AM by 26%** after 56 days.

76% of the volunteers presented * Δ M \geq -10%. In this group, the decrease of Δ M reached -33%.

Treatment with Bicowhite REDUCED ΔM of the SPOTS up to 33% after 56 days, with practically no variation on ΔM of the non hyperpigmented area, which indicates high specific depigmenting effect.

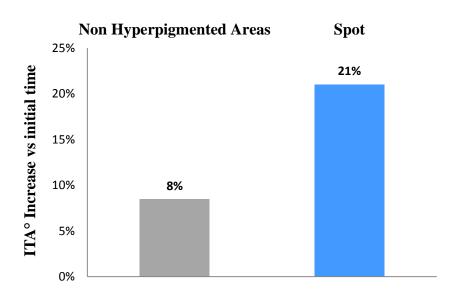


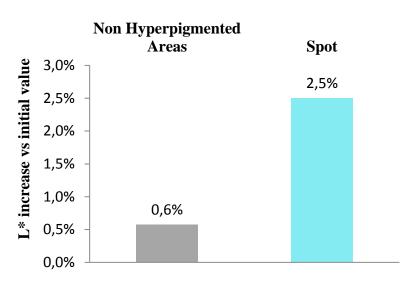
^{*} Δ M (%) = Melanin Index Spot area - Melanin index Adjacent area at day 0 and at day 56.

WHITENING & LUMINOSITY EFFECT

I.T.A.° = whiteness of the skin.







The treatment with Bicowhite gel at 3% produced a real, visible effect in terms of whitening and brightening the skin after 56 days of treatment.

Bicowhite increased I.T.A.º and L* in both spot and nonhyperpigmented areas. The effect is more intense in the SPOT areas, indicating the

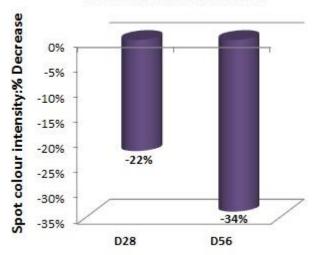
specificity of the treatment.



SPOT COLOUR INTENSITY

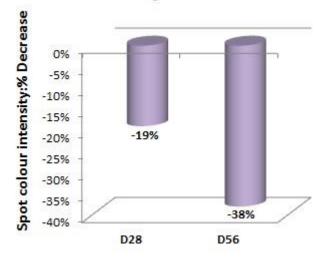


Clinical Evaluation



The dermatologist evaluation indicated that after treatment with Bicowhite 3% gel, the spot colour intensity DECRESEASED in 22% (D28) and 34% (D56).

User Self-assessment



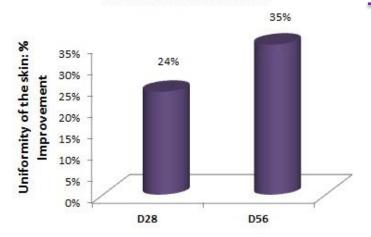
Bicowhite PROMOTES a decrease in the spot color intensity after 28 and 56 days of treatment.

The volunteers self-assessment pointed to a **REDUCTION** of the spot colour intensity of **38%** in D56, which is almost double that reduction seen on day 28.

UNIFORMITY OF THE SKIN

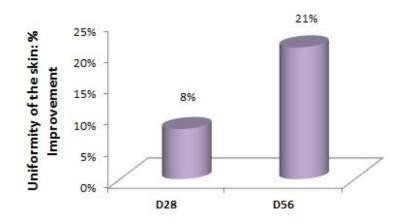


Clinical Evaluation



The dermatologist evaluation indicated an IMPROVEMENT of 35% of the uniformity of the skin after 56 day of treatment.

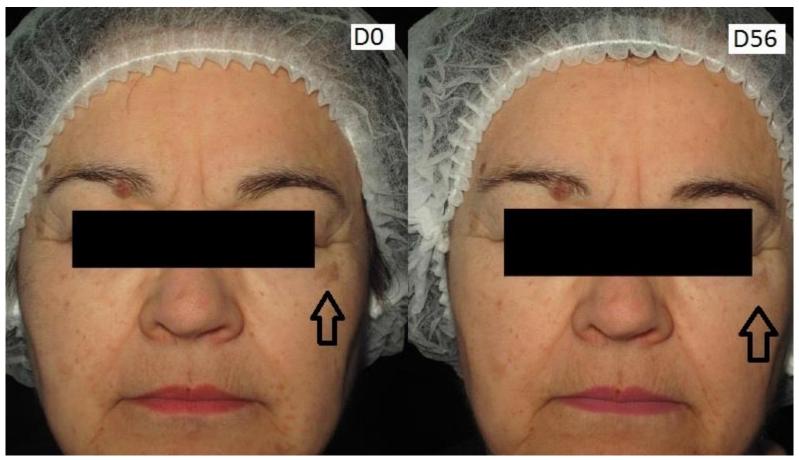
User Self-assessment



Bicowhite PROMOTES more even skin tone after 28 and 56 days of use. The continuous use of the product improves its effectiveness

The volunteers self-assessment pointed to an IMPROVEMENT of 21% in the uniformity of the skin after 56 days of application.

SPOT COLOUR INTENSITY & UNIFORMITY OF THE SKIN



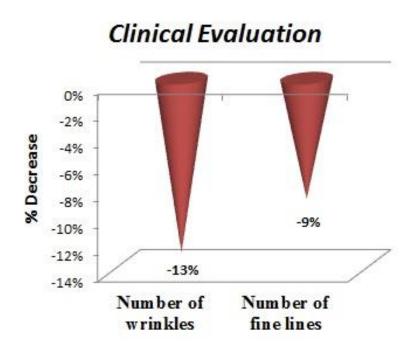
High resolution photos of front face of a volunteer before and after 56 days of treatment with BW gel. An improvement of the most relevant spot is pointed.

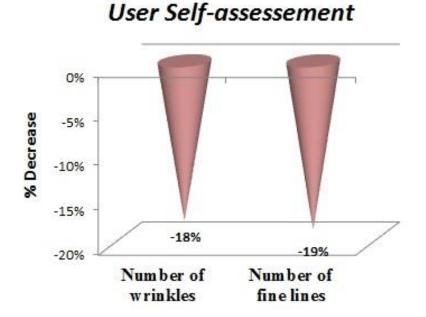
SPOT COLOUR INTENSITY & UNIFORMITY OF THE SKIN



High resolution photos of lateral face of a volunteer before and after 56 days of treatment with BW gel. An improvement of the most relevant spot is pointed.

REDUCTION OF WRINKLES AND FINE LINES

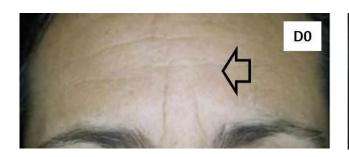




Both clinical and volunteers self-assessment indicated an improvement of the appearance of wrinkles and fine lines after 56 days of treatment with Bicowhite 3% gel.



REDUCTION OF WRINKLES AND FINE LINES









High resolution photos of the front of two volunteers before and after 56 days of treatment with Bicowhite 3% gel. An improvement of the front wrinkles is pointed.



SUMMARY OF BICOWHITE FEATURES



- Introduces a MULTI-TARGET delivery strategy to incorporate and delivery 5 complementary whitening ingredients in the skin.
- Combines different mechanism of action, simultaneously PREVENTING and BLOCKING the main processes involved in the formation of dark spots.
- REDUCES melanin content in regular conditions and when skin is submitted to UV radiation, indicating the product may effective also in sunny seasons.
- PROTECTS the skin structures during the treatment, avoiding damages in the tissue.
- Demonstrates to be HIGHLY EFFECTIVE and SPECIFIC in <u>depigmenting dark spots</u>, <u>whitening</u>, <u>brightening</u>, <u>unifying skin tone</u> in *in vivo studies* under Dermatological control.
- In clinical evaluation indicates a DECREASE of wrinkles and fine lines.

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TECHNICAL INFORMATION

EXAMPLES OF PRODUCTS

- Recommended dosage: 1-3%
- pH range: 4 − 8
- Bicowhite Complex is available in liquid form.
- Compatible with creams, lotions, gels, serums and other skin care liquid or anhydrous formulations.



- WHITENING LOTIONS
- AGE SPOTS LIGHTENERS
- BRIGHTENING CREAMS
- RADIANCE SERUMS
- LIGHTENING ESSENCES
- BRIGHTENING EMULSIONS
- LIGHTENING MAKE-UP







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