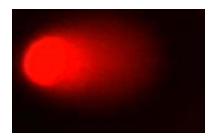


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#### **Presents**

BV-OSC (TETRAHEXYLDECYL ASCORBATE)



# A STABLE, OIL-SOLUBLE FORM OF

## VITAMIN C

ANTI-OXIDANT WHITENING COLLAGEN SYNTHESIS

UV PROTECTION MMP INHIBITION COLLAGEN PROTECTION

**DNA** PROTECTION

**NEW DATA: COMET ASSAY** 

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#### **INTRODUCTION**

# Development of New Oil Soluble Vitamin C Derivative

# INCI Name : Tetrahexyldecyl Ascorbate (BV-OSC)

#### BV-OSC is a stable, oil-soluble Vitamin C ester.

The benefits of using Vitamin C in formulations include:

- --- Anti-oxidant activity, inhibiting lipid peroxidation
- --- UV-A and UV-B protection
- --- Clarifying and brightening activity, inhibiting melanogenesis
- --- Stimulation of collagen production
- --- Inhibition of MMP's

Pure Vitamin C is very unstable. It is sensitive to oxidation and gives finished formulas a yellowish tint. Note also that pure vitamin C is not the most active form for collagen synthesis and anti-oxidation.

Barnet Products offers a stable, oil-soluble Vitamin C derivative:

---BV-OSC INCI NAME: Tetrahexyldecyl Ascorbate

#### 1. BV-OSC is very bio-available.

# A. Percutaneous Absorption of BV-OSC and Delivery and Deposition with Polyolprepolymer-2 (PPG-12/SMDI Copolymer)

The first part of this presentation demonstrates that BV-OSC is retained in the epidermis and, to some extent, in the dermis. This retention can be doubled with the use of 2% PP-2 (Figure 1). A cream containing  $5\mu$ M of BV-OSC was applied on the skin set on Franz. diffusion cells. BV-OSC concentrations in the epidermis and dermis were determined after 24 hours.

The second part of the presentation compares the penetration of "equivalent Ascorbic Acid" into the epidermis of BV-OSC and VC-PMG. Results show equivalent Ascorbic Acid penetration with 0.75% BV-OSC and 3% VC-PMG, suggesting that BV-OSC provides excellent penetration (Figure 2).

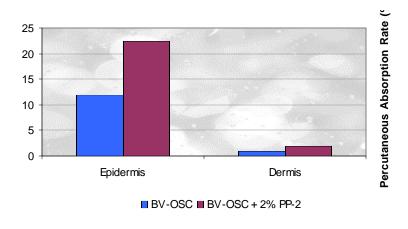


Figure 1: Excellent Percutaneous Absorption

Method of Measurement: Diffusion cell with human skin

Figure 2: Amount of Ascorbic Acid Penetrated Into the Epidermis

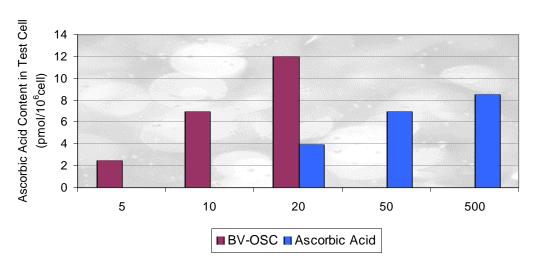
	VC-PMG	BV-OSC
Molecular Weight	289.5	1129.8
Ascorbic Acid Moiety in the Molecule	59.4%	15.2%
Skin Penetration (Amount in Epidermis)	0.7%	11.6%
Ascorbic Acid Penetrated into the Epidermis	0.42%	1.76%
Example	3% VC-PMG	1% BV-OSC
In the Formulation	0.0126%	0.0176%

Tested on excised human skin with the addition of 3% Polyolprepolymer-2 from Bertek using radiolabelled samples on diffusion cells.

# B. The penetration of Ascorbic Acid is very limited. The difference in penetration at levels between 50 $\mu$ M and 500 $\mu$ M is minimal.

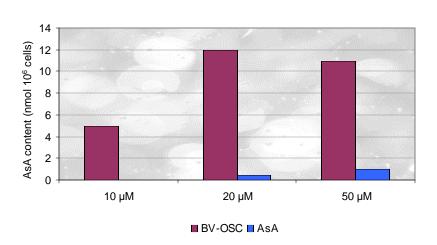
The penetration of BV-OSC is dose-dependent, and surpasses that of Ascorbic Acid at the same concentration ( $20\mu M$ ) by three-fold. BV-OSC maintains a higher penetration rate even when the Ascorbic acid is increased by 25 times that of BV-OSC.

#### Uptaken Content of Intracellular (Keratinocytes) Ascorbic Acid



Concentration (µM)

#### Fibroblast



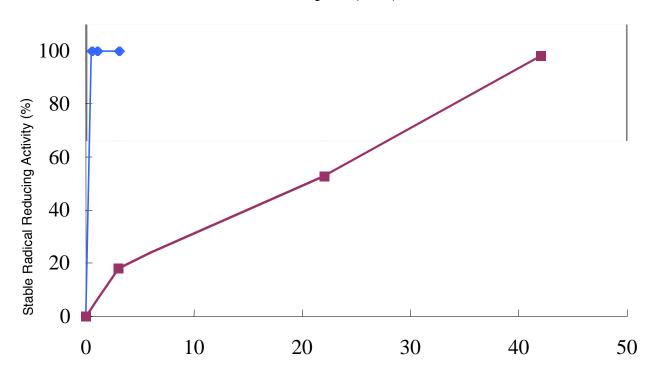
Cells were treated with the medium containing various concentrations of BV-OSC or Ascorbic Acid (AsA). After 2 hours in incubation, cells were homogenized and the content of free Ascorbic Acid was determined using HPLC.

#### 2. BV-OSC is very functional for stress protection.

#### A. Anti-Oxidant Activity of BV-OSC

# Stable Radical Reducing Activity (DPPH Method)

Incubating time (hours)



The reducing activity of each 2.0mmol of BV-OSC (in red above) or Ascorbic Acid (blue) was measured by using a stable radical DPPH (0.01mmol) with phosphate buffer (pH 7.0) at 37° C for 48 hours.

As shown, for BV-OSC, the reduction ratio (%) of DPPH after 3 hours, 24 hours and 42 hours from the reaction started was 18.7%, 52% and 98.1%, respectively.

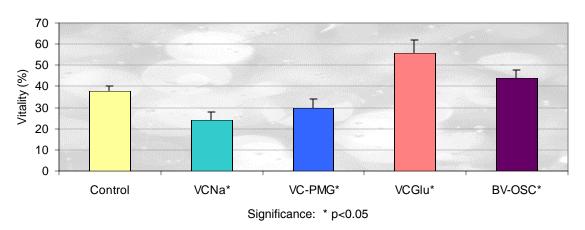
On the other hand, for Ascorbic Acid, the reduction ratio (%) of DPPH reached almost 100% after 30 minutes. The difference of the reducing activity between BV-OSC and Ascorbic Acid seems to be related to the difference of activity of the 2-hydroxyl group in the structure which possesses the protom donating ability.

2-hydroxyl group in BV-OSC is blocked with 2-hexadecanoyl moiety. In order that BV-OSC possesses the reducing activity against DPPH, it is necessary to hydrolyze the 2-acyl moiety and liberate the 2-hydroxyl group.

Accordingly, BV-OSC seems to act as a radical scavenger more slowly than Ascorbic Acid.

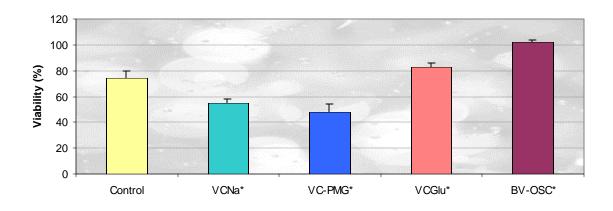
#### **B. BV-OSC Protects Against Cell Damage**

#### Protection of Cell Damage Induced by H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>



HaCaT keratinocytes were treated with various 100  $\mu$ M of various Vitamin C derivatives for 24 hours. After treatment of 20  $\mu$ M for 2 hours, cell survival was estimated.

#### Protection of Cell Damage Induced by t-BHP



Significance: \* p<0.01

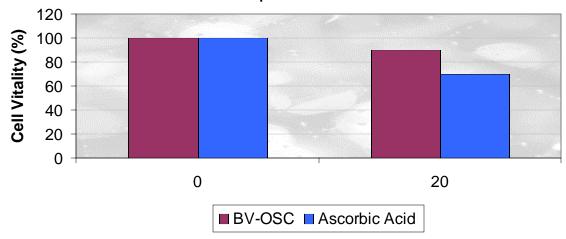
HaCaT keratinocytes were treated with various 100  $\mu$ M of various Vitamin C derivatives for 24 hours. After treatment of 1.0 nM of t-BHP for 4 hours, cell survival was estimated.

#### C. Prevention of UV-B Damage with BV-OSC or Ascorbic Acid

BV-OSC has an excellent penetration in keratinocytes. As a result the cytoprotection against UV-B is increased. The cell viability is Increased up to 30% when BV-OSC is applied compared to pure Vitamin C.

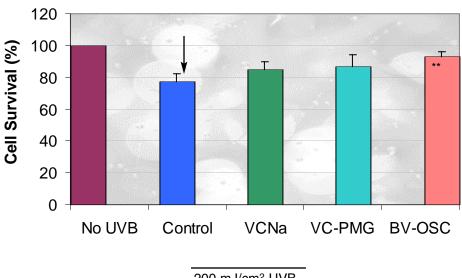
#### **Cytoprotective Effect Against Cell Mortality** of UV-B Irradiated Skin Keratinocytes

**BV-OSC Compared to Ascorbic Acid** 



Amount of UV-B Irradiation (mJ/cm<sup>2</sup>)



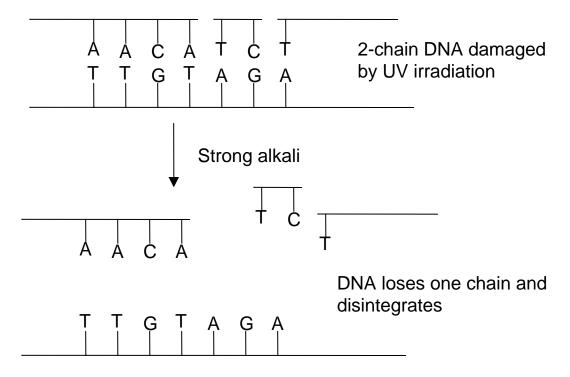


200 mJ/cm<sup>2</sup> UVB

HaCaT keratinocytes were treated with various 100 μM of various Vitamin C derivatives for 24 h. After 24 h from UVB irradiation, cell survival was estimated. Significance: \* p<0.05, \*\* p<0.01.

#### Comet Assay

#### Idea



#### What is Comet Assay ?

The comet assay, also called the 'Single Cell Gel Assay', is the technique to detect DNA damage and repair at the level of single cells. The comet assay or single cell gel electrophoresis assay is based on the alkaline lysis of labile DNA at sites of damage. 'Comet Assay' is one of the most popular tests of DNA damage detection (e.g., single- and double-strand breaks, oxidative-induced base damage, and DNA-DNA/DNA-protein cross linking) by electrophoresis, developed in recent years.

#### Merits Of Comet Assay:

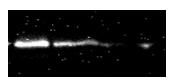
- •Very high sensitivity to detect DNA damage
- •Rapid and easy to handle
- •Little amount of cell samples needed
- •Applied to most eukaryotic cells

### Western Blot (p53 expression suppressed by BV-OSC)

Result:

BV-OSC @ 0.005%: p53 expression decreased to 50% BV-OSC @ 0.01%: p53 expression decreased to 10%

**Concentration of BV-OSC:** 

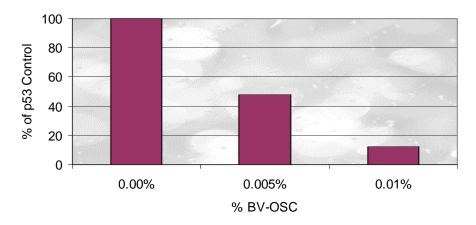


0 0.005 0.01 (%)

#### --- Quantitative Evaluation of Protection

#### **UVB Induces p53 Synthesis**

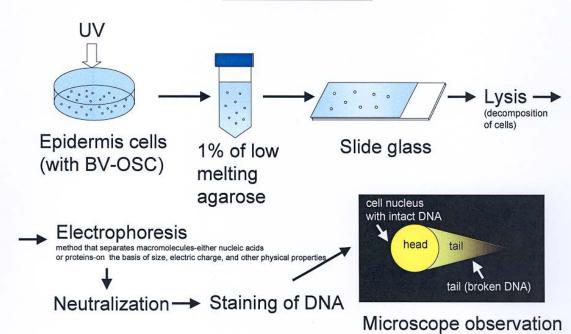




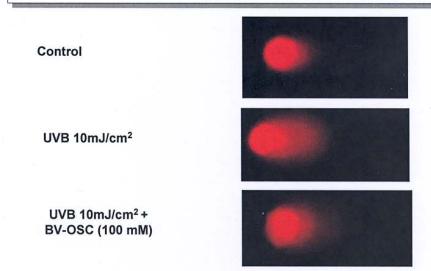
Human dermal fibroblasts were treated with various concentration of BV-OSC for 24 h. 100 mJ/cm2 UVB was irradiated following additional 24h cultivation. p53 (proteins that cause apoptosis, or cell death) is secreted in the cell. The cells were then lysed and the medium was tested for for p53 expression by Western blotting.

BV-OSC limits p53 synthesis. It reduces UV-B damage.

# Test method

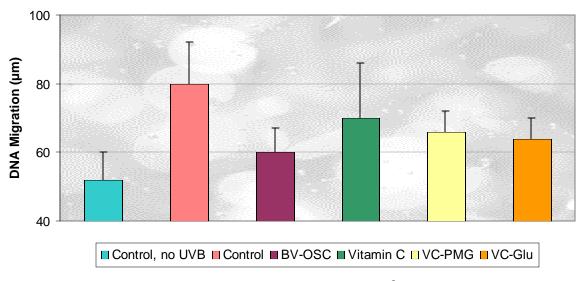


## Suppression of DNA damage induced by UVB



DNA damage was evaluated by the comet assay. HaCaT keratinocytes which were treated with VC derivatives for 24 h, were exposed to UVB at 100 mJ/cm². Cells are stained with etidium bromide.

#### Suppression of DNA Damage Induced by UVB

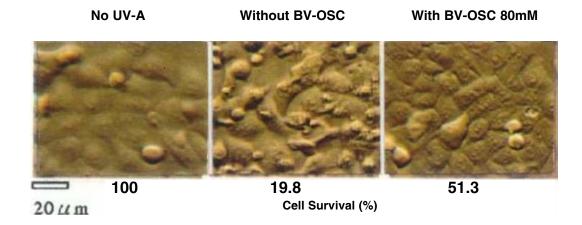


UVB10mJ/cm<sup>2</sup>

DNA damage was evaluated by the comet assay. HaCaT keratinocytes which were treated with VC derivatives for 24 h, were exposed to UVB at 10 mJ/cm2, n=50.

### D. BV-OSC Prevents UV-A Damage

#### Cyto-Protective Effect of BV-OSC Against UVA Irradiation

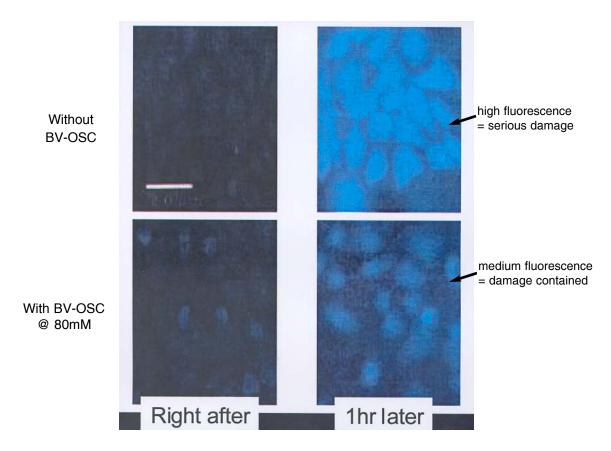


#### → Quantitative evaluation

UVA damage can be measured by the quantity of 8-OHdG released.

# Inhibitory Effect on 8-OHdG Production Induced by UV-A

8-OHdG (8-hydroxy-2'-deoxyguanosine)



HaCaT cells were treated with 80 mM BV-OSC. After UVA irradiation, 8-OHdG was detected immunohistochemically using anti-8-OHdG antibody.

The application of BV-OSC inhibits the release of 8-OHdG, thereby protecting the cell against UV-A damage.

#### 3. BV-OSC has anti-aging properties.

#### A. BV-OSC and Collagen Synthesis

First we observed that by adding 0.1% of BV-OSC in a fibroblast culture, the proliferation of the cells is increased by 50% (Figure 1).

Furthermore, the fibroblasts are significantly increasing collagen synthesis. It doubles with the use of 50µM of BV-OSC. The same dosage of Ascorbic Acid increases collagen synthesis by only 25% (Figure 2).

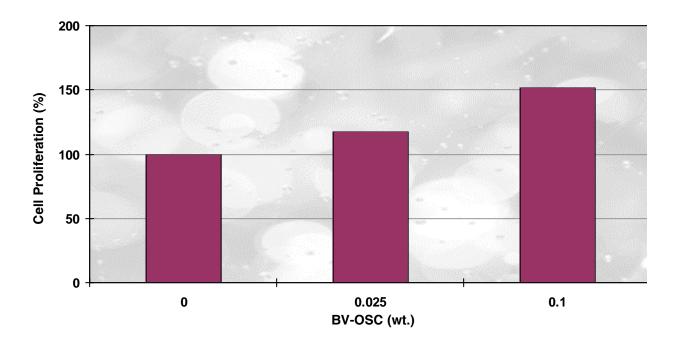
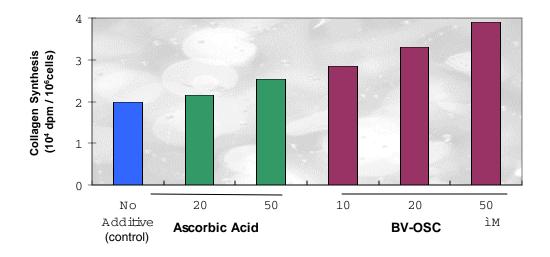


Figure 1: BV-OSC and Cell Proliferation





#### B. BV-OSC has MMP Inhibition Effect.

3elatinase-Activity(%) 120 100 MMp-2 (72KDa) MMP-9 (92KDa) 80 60 40 20 0 μΜ No 10 20 50 20 **50** Ascorbic **Additive BV-OSC** Acid

Figure 3: The Ability of Inhibition of Gelatinase Activity

#### **Measurement of MMPs:**

Serum-free condition media of NHDF cells cultured for 48 hours in the presence or absence of 50  $\mu$ M BV-OSC were concentrated by ultra-filtration, and were electrophoresed under non-reduced conditions on a SDS-Polyacrylamide gel containing 0.2% gelatin, followed by staining with Coomasie Brilliant Blue R250 and subsequent measurement by laser densitometry.

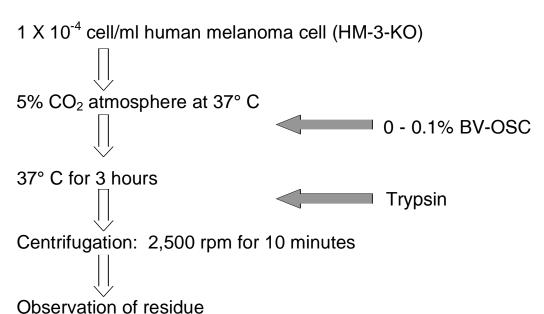
#### 4. BV-OSC has whitening properties.

#### A. Inhibition of Melanogenesis in vitro test with BV-OSC

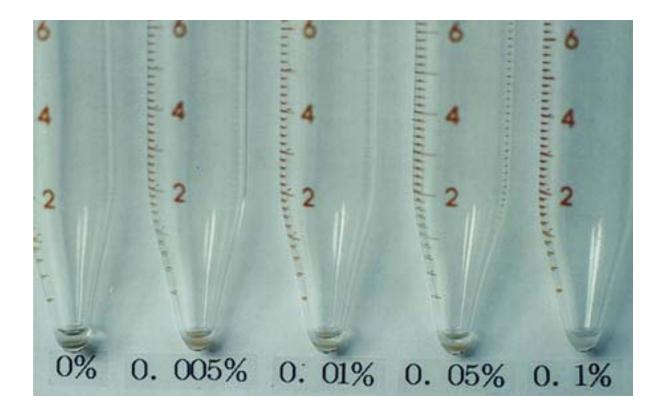
One of the many benefits of Vitamin C in cosmetic formulations is its ability to provide a more even skin tone. Occidental countries describe the activity as a "clarifying and brightening" effect, while in Asia the term "whitening" is used.

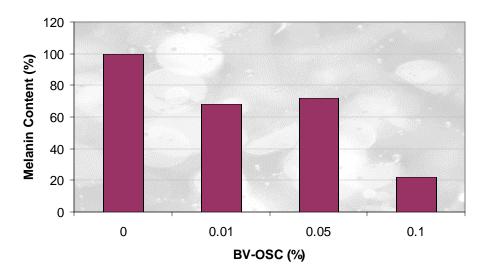
The following in vitro test shows that 0.1% - 0.2% of BV-OSC reduces melanogenesis by more than 80%.

## Protocol for Evaluation of Inhibitory Effect of Melanogenesis



#### Inhibitory Effect on Melanogenesis In Cultured Human Melanoma Cell





Human melanoma cells were treated with the medium containing BV-OSC for 4 days. After harvesting the cells, melanin contents were estimated using slot-blot method. Values were expressed as % of control.

#### 5. BV-OSC Doctor's Application

An aqueous gel with 10% BV-OSC was applied to 10 patients with acne (16-45 years old) for 2-10 months. Efficacy was evaluated according to the following scale:

> 75% improvement: Excellent

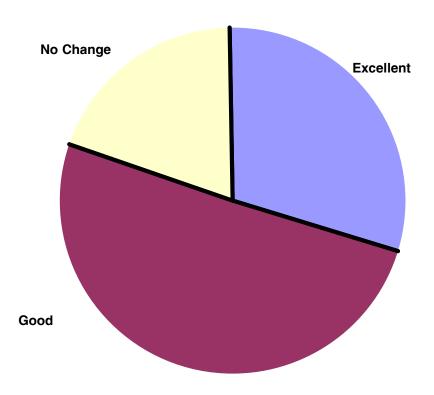
> 50% improvement: Good

< 50% improvement: No Change

#### **10% GEL FORMULATION**

Water	q.s. 100%
Concentrate Glycerin	17.0%
Carbomer	0.5%
Sodium Polyacrylate	0.25%
Butylene Glycol	2.5%
BV-OSC	10.0%
Methyl paraben	0.05%
Phenoxyethanol	0.6%

#### **TEST RESULT - ACNE TREATMENT BY 10% BV-OSC GEL**



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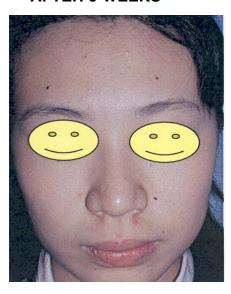




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