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# A growing segment

Skin brightening is one of the fastest growing segments in the cosmetic industry. In Asia skin brighteners are widely used to make skin fairer. In Western countries consumers want to diminish age spots, reduce excessive pigmentation and achieve an even skin tone. As a consequence, these markets are looking for increasingly efficient, fast-acting skin brighteners. At the same time, these actives must be absolutely safe for cosmetic use.

REGU®-FADE is high-performing and fast-acting. It uses pure natureidentical trans-reservatrol that is free from pesticides and emodin, addressing high consumer awareness about safety and visible effects. Resveratrol is a known potent antioxidant found in red grapes and associated with various health benefits.

REGU®-FADE has proven its outstanding efficacy in human clinical trials with visible effects in only 2 weeks. Compared with a market benchmark, REGU<sup>®</sup>-FADE worked faster early on and reduced the production of melanin more effectively throughout the studies. DSM scientists showed that REGU®-FADE attenuates skin pigmentation via multiple mechanisms, from initial signaling and gene expression to melanin production and final melanosome transfer.

# Key facts

### Benefits

- Visibly brighter skin in 2 weeks
- Nature identical pure trans-resveratrol for more effective and even skin brightening
- Multi-target mechanism

### **Cosmetic application**

- Skin brightening facial and body care products
- Creams and serums for age spots
- Anti-aging skin care products for more even skin tone

### Suggested concentration

• Up to 1% REGU<sup>®</sup>-FADE in cosmetic formulations

### **INCI** name

### Resveratrol

### Structure

• trans-Resveratrol (molecular weight: 228.25 g/mol)



## Mechanism

Skin pigmentation involves many genes at various steps. A gene expression test (RT-PCR) has been performed and showed that REGU®-FADE (0.002%) is very effective in attenuating the melanin production cascade at multiple points.

### **1** α-MSH signalling

REGU®-FADE downregulates the MCR1 (a-MSH receptor) expression level to 49% in melanocytes, leading to decreased expression of MITF-related genes such as TYR (tyrosinase), TRP1, DCT, SILV and OCA2 which reduces melanin synthesis.

### 2 KIT signalling

REGU®-FADE decreases KIT (=stem cell factor receptor) gene expression to 58% in melanocytes which additionally reduces melanin synthesis.

### 3 Melanosome function and maturation

REGU<sup>®</sup>-FADE also affects the function and maturation of melanosomes by reducing SLC24A5 (-39%) and SLC45A2 (-74%) gene expression levels.

### **4** Melanosome transport

REGU®-FADE attenuates melanosome transport within melanocytes, shown by the reduction of the MYO5A (-55 %) and MREG (-69 %) gene expression levels, as well as melanosome transport to keratinocytes, shown by the reduction of RAB 27A (-24%) gene expression levels.

### **5** Melanin synthesis

REGU<sup>®</sup>-FADE reduces the conversion of tyrosine into eumelanin or pheomelanin at various points, shown by the downregulation of OCA2 (-37%), TYR (tyrosinase) (-31%), DCT (-85%) and TRP1 (-63%) gene expression levels.

## Efficacy

## In vitro

of melanin content.



## In vivo

### Long-term study

A double-blind, placebo-controlled study was performed on 12 Caucasian A double-blind, placebo-controlled study was performed on 52 Indian volunteers. Per test area creams were applied 3 times per day on the female volunteers. Per test area a cream (SPF ~10) plus test substance was applied twice daily on the forearms. Colorimetric measurements forearm. Colorimetric measurements were performed after 14 days. were performed after 14, 28, 60 and 90 days respectively.

### Significant skin brightening with 1% REGU®-FADE



### Short-term study

