



## A NOVEL COMPLEX TO GET RID OF STRETCH MARKS ONCE AND FOR ALL









Hackneyed concepts like body-firming, anti-cellulite, moisturising and exfoliating products keep their potential growth in the skin care market.

Nowadays, it is not only moisturising but preventing, correcting and repairing the signs of aging and skin alterations in the body.

Body care category (value size):

	2005	<b>2008</b> (estimation)	<b>2010</b> (estimation)
BODY CARE SIZE (€ M)	740.2	968.9	1,148.0
% BODY CARE IN TOTAL SKIN CARE MARKET	22.7%	25.4%	27.1%

Source: Euromonitor International





## STRETCH MARKS (I)



Striae distensae, or stretch marks, are associated with continuous and progressive stretching of the skin. They are represented by skin distension due to enlargement of the underlying dermal tissue.

Striae are more visible in breasts, abdomen, back, buttocks and thighs.



Properties such as firming and restructuring the skin are necessary in every anti-stretch mark product.



The more time that passes between the apparition of stretch marks and use of a cream, the less likely the treatment is to be effective.







STRETCH MARKS

They not only occur in pregnancy...

Adults

✓ During rapid weight gain or loss.

✓ Stretch marks occur in adolescent growth spurts.

✓ Teenage boys tend to get stretch marks on the shoulders, buttocks and thighs, and girls on the breasts, hips and thighs.

> Teenagers have more now disposable income. The beauty market for girls between 8 and 12 is worth estimated \$500 m and includes products as adult seeming as firming-cellulite creams. (NDP Group, 2008)

#### Men

 $\checkmark$  Men are just as likely to get stretch marks as women.

✓ Stretch marks are very common in athletes training bulks up muscle (in weight-lifting and steroid use). (Men's Health, 2007)





## STRETCH MARKS (III)

o Striae are characterised by linear, smooth bands of atrophic-appearing skin.

o Their dimensions vary between 2 and 10 mm in width and some cm in length.



# Raised pink/purple

smooth linear lesions without significant depression of the skin. They tend to become white, crumpled, and atrophic giving the sensation of vacuity at palpation. They are hairless and no sweat or sebum excretion seems present.







## STRETCH MARKS MORPHOLOGY

o Striae distensae appear correlated with strong alteration of connective tissue structure:

EPIDERMIS	thinner and atrophic	Normal skin: Collagen bundles
DERMIS	Collagen and elastin are significantly reduced	thick, parallel and waved
	<ul> <li>Collagen bundles are thin, short and parallel to the epidermis</li> <li>Collagen and elastic fibres are thin, stretched</li> </ul>	
	out, fragmented and widely separated from each other by an abundant ground substance	Striae: Collagen bundles are separated into isolated fibrils <sup>1</sup>



en bundles are vaved



<sup>1</sup>Scanning electron microscopy. *Pieraggi MT*, Julian M, Delmas M, Bouissou H. Virchous Arch A Pathol Anat Histol. 396:279-289, 1982.







• Maintenance and improvement of the dermal structure, so that the dermis is in good condition and the skin's ability to stretch is increased.



• Reduction of colour in recent stretch marks, regeneration of the epidermis, reconstruction of the connective tissue by protecting and boosting dermal proteins.







VANISTRYL® contains a combination of ingredients able to TREAT and PREVENT stretch marks



*IN VIVO:* attenuation of stretch marks











VANISTRYL®: ACTIVITY IN THE ECM (II)

1. INHIBITION OF ECM DEGRADATION (I)

Increased proteolysis in stretch marks



• Matrix metalloproteinases (MMPs) are collectively capable of degrading essentially all extracellular matrix components.

PEPTIDE AC29 is a new synthetic tetrapeptide that inhibits selectively human MMPs

In vitro efficacy measured

- Prevents the degradation of the extracelullar matrix components that get disrupted in the formation of stretch marks.
- Prevents the formation of new stretch marks by giving more strength to skin to withstand distension.





#### 2. <u>ECM STRENGTHENING</u> (I)

Striae result from the loosening of cohesion between the fibrous networks in the dermis



Reduction in the amount of collagen and elastic fibres.

Pseudoalteromonas Ferment Extract helps to restructure the skin, boosting ECM components production

In vitro efficacy measured

- ✓ Increases fibroblasts adhesion (125% in 5 hours) and keratinocytes growth (36% after 48 hours).
- Increases dermal protein synthesis: collagen type I raised to 128%, IV to 81% and elastin to 31%, in 15 days.
- $\checkmark$  Induces an enhanced wound healing effect on keratinocytes.





## VANISTRYL®: REDUCTION OF MUSCLE TENSION

# New mechanism

Pentapeptide-18 provides a modulation of acetylcholine release from neuron cell cultures by preventing the entry of Ca<sup>2+</sup> into the neuron:



- This process attenuates muscle contraction and the muscle tissue surounding striae is relaxed.
- It reduces tension in the dermis and permits the healing of stretch marks.







Mixed micelles are small size aggregates with a spherical-like shape composed of a mixture of non-ionic surfactants and phospholipids:



- They penetrate through the stratum corneum due to their small size.
- Then, they are reconstituted into liposomes of a bigger size by water dilution.
- Enhanced penetration and efficacy.





#### Reduction of stretch marks

o 12 female volunteers with clinically assessed recent stretch marks.

## IN VIVO EFFICACY (I)



o A cream containing 5% Vanistryl<sup>®</sup> was applied twice daily and a placebo cream on another area of stretch marks, for 60 days.







20 18

16

14

12

10

8

6

4

2

0

Melanin index

18% Decrease of erythema

of improvement

%

30 days

60 days

## IN VIVO EFFICACY (II)

#### Reduction of stretch marks

#### Instrumental assessments



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#### • Instrumental assessments:

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- Skin Surface: the images were captured by means of the Visioscan VC 98.
- Colour: melanin and erythema index were measured with the Mexameter MX18.
- Skin elasticity: with the Soft Mini Three instrument.

Skin surface, dryness and firmness improved significantly





The colour of the stretch marks improved in 75% of the volunteers.

Erythema index



## IN VIVO EFFICACY (III)

Reduction of stretch marks

Visible reduction of stretch marks

Day 60

Day 0





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**COSMETIC BENEFITS** 







**TECHNICAL INFORMATION** 



#### DESCRIPTION

A combination of several active ingredients incorporated in a new Lipotec's delivery system that acts by different mechanisms to treat stretch marks arleady formed and also to prevent the appearance of new ones.

APPEARANCE	1.87%	Pseudoalteromonas Ferment Extract
Translucent gel containing	0.025%	Acetyl Tripeptide-30 Citrulline
	0.01%	Pentapeptide-18

#### INCI

Water (Aqua), Caprylyl/Capryl Glucoside, Lecithin, Glycerin, Pseudoalteromonas Ferment Extract, Acetyl Tripeptide-30 Citrulline, Pentapeptide-18, Xanthan Gum, Caprylyl Glycol. Paraben free.

#### **PROPERTIES**

It tackles effectively the different mechanisms involved in the stretch marks formation: protects connective tissue from degradation, helps to reconstruct ECM components, provides a wound healing effect and reduces skin tension. The overall effect is translated into a visible attenuation of stretch marks *in vivo*.

#### **APPLICATIONS**

Vanistryl<sup>®</sup> can be incorporated in cosmetic formulations where attenuation of stretch marks is desired. It is also suitable for preventive treatments.





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### FORMULATION

CREAM CONTAINING 5% VANISTRYL<sup>™</sup>

SKIN

CARE

Phase	Ingredients	% by weight
Α	WATER (AQUA)	qsp 100
	PHENONIP (from Clariant UK Ltd)	0.85
	IMIDAZOLIDINYL UREA	0.3
	PROPYLENE GLYCOL	5
В	GLYCERYL STEARATE, PEG-100 STEARATE	6
	CETYL ALCOHOL	0.7
	STEARIC ACID, PALMITIC ACID	1.8
	CAPRYLIC/CAPRIC TRIGLYCERIDE	8
	ISOHEXADECANE	3
С	VANISTRYL <sup>™</sup> (CODE PD110)	5
D	ACRYLATES/C10-30 ALKYL ACRYLATE CROSSPOLYMER	0.3
Е	TRIETHANOLAMINE	0.12

#### PROCEDURE

In an appropriate vessel weigh phase B and heat at 70°C until complete dissolution.

In another vessel dissolve phase A and heat also at 70°C. Once both vessels are at 70°C, pour slowly phase B into A under stirring. Let cool down to 40°C and add phase C while stirring. Once homogenised add phase D until complete dissolution and adjust pH with phase E

PROPERTIES

pH = 6.0 - 7.0 Viscosity = 10000 - 50000 cps (6/20)







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## VANISTRYL®: ACTIVITY IN THE ECM (III)

#### 1. INHIBITION OF ECM DEGRADATION (II)



#### Gelatin (denatured collagen)

• Peptide AC29 0.5 mM.

• The fluorescence released by quenched gelatin (denaturated collagen) when digested with human MMPs was measured.

# PEPTIDE AC29 inhibited the production of several MMPs







## VANISTRYL®: ACTIVITY IN THE ECM (III)

#### 2. <u>ECM STRENGTHENING</u> (II)

