



# Synactin® AC:

Providing 5-in-1 Solutions for Mitigating Acne-affected Skin



## **Product Information**

Trade Name	Synactin® AC
INCI name	Caprylic/Capric triglycerides and Ethyl Linoleate and Hexylresorcinol
CAS number	6531-09-1; 544-35-4; 136-77-6
ELINCS	265-724-3; 208-868-4; 205-257-4
Appearance	Yellow to yellowish brown liquid
Miscibility	A wide-range of hydrophobic emollient esters & solubilizers
Suggested use level	2 to 4%
Storage	Store in orginal container at 10 to 30 °C; Avoid exposure to light & heat
Skin tolerance	HRIPT at 10% in corn oil – Non-primary irritant & Non-primary sensitizer
Regulatory	Globally approved



### **Key Strategic Targets for Mitigating Acne-affected Skin**





## Why Select Hexylresorcinol (Synovea<sup>®</sup> HR)?



### □ Anti-inflammatory

- *P. acne* causes inflammatory acne that is characterized by massive neutrophilic infiltration
- o IL-8 plays an important role in the pathophysiology of acne
- NF-κB activation is involved in the IL-8 production in monocyclic cells stimulated by *P. acne* (Chen at al., J Dermatol Sci, 29(2);97-103, 2002)
- Inhibits transcription regulatory activity of NFκB (Yang et al., Food Chemistry 160, 338-345 (2014); Far superior than the known inhibitors curcumin and resveratrol.
  - Used NFκB reporter kit; Designed for monitoring the activity of the NFκB signaling pathway in the cultured cells (Murine myoblast C2C12 cells; Transfected with an NFκB luciferase reporter gene)

Inhibition of Transcription Regulatory Activity of NF $\kappa$ B							
Product / μg/ml	25	12.5	6.25	3.125			
Synactin <sup>®</sup> AC	100	0	0	0			
Synovea® HR	Х	Х	94	11			
Resveratrol	85	34	8	0			
Curcumin	58	34	18	3			



## Why Select Hexylresorcinol (Synovea® HR)?



### Antimicrobial

- *P. acne* constitutes a major part of the skin microbiome and contributes to human health
- It has also been implicated as a pathogenic factor in acne
- Broad antimicrobial activity is desired for acne treatments
  - Acne-affected skin has much higher levels of Staphylococcus & Candida (Noshijima et al., J Dermatol, 5:318-323, 2000)
  - Hexylresorcinol has broad-spectrum anti-microbial activity (Chaudhuri, Cosmeceuticals and Actives, 3<sup>rd</sup>
    Edition, Chapter 7, 73-83, 2015)

Microorganisms	MIC in µg/ml	Synactin® AC is an Effective Anti-acne Blend		
P. acne	37.5	Product	<i>P. acne</i> in MIC in µg/ml	
S. aureus	2.2	Synactin <sup>®</sup> AC	37.5	
S. epidermidis	2.2	Synovea HR	37.5	
Candida albicans	1.7	Ethyl Linoleate	> 100	
Streptococcus	0.7			
Asperailus	0.1			



## Why Select Hexylresorcinol (Synovea® HR)?



### Reducing Post-inflammatory Hyperpigmentation (PIH)

- PIH results from the over production of melanin
  - Rise in melanocyte activity is due to inflammatory mediators and ROS (Davis et al., J Clin Aesthet Dermatol, 3(7):20-31, 2010)
  - HR is an excellent NFκB inhibitor
  - HR stimulates endogenous antioxidant defense glutathione, glutathione peroxidase & reductase (Chaudhuri, Cosmeceuticals & Active Cosmetics, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition, Chapter 7, 73-83, 2015)
- HR is effective in reducing hyper-pigmented spots without affecting surrounding areas

#### PROTOCOL

- □ Human volunteers –18; Caucasian (10), Asian(7) and Hispanics (1)
- **Study duration -** 8 weeks
- **Test sites** Hand
- □ Test substances 1% Synovea® HR lotion
- **Application frequency** Twice a day entire hand
- Methods used for perfomance evaluation
  - Comparative ITA<sup>0</sup> before & after treatment;
  - Expert & Panelists grading (scale 0 to 4) (i) Skin tone, (ii)
    Reduction in hyperpigmentation spots & (iii) Roughness & dryness
  - o Photography

#### % Improvement in ITA<sup>0</sup> after treatment



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## Why Select Ethyl Linoleate (Synovea® EL)?



### Anti-acne Activity

- Linoleic acid (LA) is an essential fatty acid needed for skin nourishment; EL is a stable version of LA
- o Low level of LA is found in acne subjects (Ottaviani et al., Mediators of Inflammation, Article ID 858176, 2010)
- EL has been clinically proven to have anti-acne property (Charakida eo al., Brit J Dermatol, 157(3):569-574, 2007)
  - Parameters Inflammatory & Non-inflammatory lesions & sebum production; Photography
  - 12 weeks treatment: Significant improvement in reducing acne severity (from 4 to 2) whereas placebo worsens (from 4 to 5)





## Why Select Ethyl Linoleate (Synovea® EL)?



### Barrier Function Improvement

- A major pathogenic factor of acne is the disturbed keratinization due to decrease in LA in the sebum
- Alteration of skin surface lipids & linoleate deficiency results in dysfunctional lipid metabolism

Gene	Full Name	Key Biological Functions
SMPD3	Sphingomyelin phosphodiesterase 3	Catalyzes hydrolysis of sphingomyelin to ceramide.
ABHD5	CGI-58 acid lipase	Generates diacylglycerides and FFAs from triacylglycerides (J Lipid Res, 49(4):697-714, 2008)
ELOVL2	Elongation of very long chain fatty acids	Found not only as constituents of cellular lipids such as sphingolipids and glycerophospholipids but also as precursors of lipid mediators (Biomol Ther (Seoul), 22(2): 83–92, 2014)

#### Barrier Building Lipid Genes: Fold Change



#### Protocol

- Used EpidermFT human full thickness skin substitute tissues from Mattek; 48 hrs. incubation
- Expression profile vs placebo with p <0.05 taken into consideration



## Why Select Ethyl Linoleate (Synovea® EL)?



### Improvement in Sebaceous Gland Activity

- Normal function of sebum is to produce & secret sebum
- Sebum lubricates the skin to protect against friction and makes it more impervious to moisture
- Low level of LA is found in acne subjects (Ottaviani et al., Mediators of Inflammation, Article ID 858176, 2010)
- The biological function of sebocytes is regulated by several factors, linoleic acid one of the key lipids (Makrantonaski et al., Dermatoendiocrinology, 3(1):41-49, 2011)
  - Lacking any one of the lipids makes sebaceous gland dysfunctional with increasing severity of acne



### Synactin® AC: Pilot Anti-acne Study Protocol

### Protocol

- Subjects (10): Mild acne as graded by trained expert
  - $\circ \geq$  5 and  $\leq$  20 total lesions (inflammatory and non-inflammatory lesions);  $\geq$  3 inflammatory lesions
  - Age: 21.30 ± 4.54
  - Fritzpatrick skin Type: Skin type II (2), III (6) & IV (2)
  - Race: White (9); Hispanics (1)
  - Gender: Male (5); Female (5)
- Duration of the study: 6 weeks; March 27 to April 25, 2014
- Frequency of application: Twice a day
- Product: Synactin® AC (3% lotion)
- Assessment of Efficacy Methodology
  - Tolerance evaluation Objective (Dryness; Erythema & Edema) & Subjective (Stinging; Tingling; Itching & Burning)
    - Well tolerated; 50% of subjects showing reduction in erythema (p < 0.015)
  - Photography Clarity 2D Ti image analysis Acne lesions; Post-inflammatory hyper-pigmentation; Pores
  - Subjective questionnaire Comparison to baseline



### Synactin® AC: Pilot Anti-acne Study Results

**Photography - Clarity 2D Ti Image Analysis** 

% of Subjects Showing Improvement from Baseline





### Synactin® AC: Pilot Anti-acne Study Results Subjective Questionnaire

% of Subjects Responded Favorably



#### CONCLUSION

Acne Control Lotion with Synactin® AC showed:

- Improvement in skin condition in subjects with mild acne
- Showed reduction in erythema, lesion counts, PIH and improvement in pores
- Found to be well tolerated by the study panel



## **Clinical Study-Panelist 09TAD**, Right

### BASELINE



AFTER 6 WEEKS





## Clinical Study- Panelist 01AMR, Left

BASELINE



AFTER 6 WEEKS





## Clinical Study- Panelist 03MB, Left

BASELINE



AFTER 6 WEEKS





### **Formulation Guidelines**

- Add Synactin® AC to the oil phase directly or after making the lotion while cooling at ~40 °C
- □ For preparation of serum or transparent gel, use non-ionic solubilizers having high HLB values. Use PEG-40 hydrogenated castor oil, Laureth 23, Polysorbate 20 or 80
- Addition of a chelant (~0.1%) resolves the coloration problem, if any, due to the presence of iron or copper;
  Propyl gallate (~0.15 to 0.2%) can be used to stabilize formulation color, if needed
- □ The finished product must be acidic, preferably having pH below 6.5
- Formulations containing Synactin®AC may cause drop in viscosity. Acidic (such as, Xanthan gum) or neutral thickeners (such as, Cellulosics) are good for maintaining desired viscosity
- □ The finished product should be protected from prolong exposure to heat and light

Suggested co-actives for improving anti-acne benefit

Co-actives	Rational/Skin Benefits	Use Level
Salicylic Acid	Helps unclog the pores to resolve & prevent lesions (http://www.webmd.com/skin-problems-and-treatments/acne/understanding-acne-treatment)	2%
Sytenol® A (INCI: Bakuchiol)	Required for inhibiting formation of squalene peroxide which promotes acne, roughening of skin, & wrinkling (Chiba et al., Exper Dermatol, 8:471-479, 1999); Sytenol® A is an excellent peroxidation inhibitor ( $IC_{50} = 0.61$ ; $IC_{100} = 1.46 \mu g/ml$ ) (Chaudhuri & Ou, 130;64-75, 2015) & a very effective anti-acne agent (Chaudhuri & Marchio, C&T, 126:502-510, 2011)	0.25%
Niacinamide	Provides potent anti-inflammatory activity without reducing bacterial resistance (Shalita et al, Int J Dermatol, 34(6):434-437, 1995); Multiple skin benefits	2%



