

# HYDROXYSOMES® RETINALDEHYDE

Next Generation Bioactives



**LABORATORY SKIN CARE®**, **INC.** (LSC) has developed a novel method for co-engineering retinaldehyde (retinal) with its patented Hydroxysomes® Dermal Delivery Platform.

Retinaldehyde is a direct precursor to retinoic acid providing the same therapeutic benefits as retinoic acid while eliminating skin irritation. However, it is highly unstable in its pure form. Hydroxysomes® stabilizes retinaldehyde for use in topical formulations.

Retinoids are natural antioxidants, improving skin texture by enhancing its firmness and thickness.

Its natural metabolic pathway in the body is as follows:

 $Vitamin \ A \longrightarrow Retinol \longrightarrow Retinaldehyde \longrightarrow Retinoic \ Acid \ (Rx)$ 

- Topical application of retinoic acid and retinol only delivers 2% of the retinoids into the skin<sup>1</sup>
- The remaining retinoic acid / retinol pool remains on the skin causing irritation
- Retinaldehyde is 20x more potent than retinol, and it is not irritating

## KEY ADVANTAGES OF HYDROXYSOMES® RETINALDEHYDE

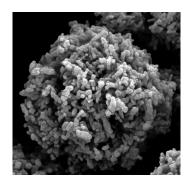
RETINALDEHYDE AND CALCIUM DELIVERY	• HIGHLY STABLE	SUSTAINED RELEASE
STIMULATES COLLAGEN & ELASTIN SYNTHESIS	• NON-IRRITATING	• SKIN REJUVENATION

### ADDITIONAL BENEFITS OF HYDROXYSOMES® RETINALDEHYDE

Hydroxysomes® Retinaldehyde also delivers calcium to the skin which enhances the effect of retinaldehyde. Delivering retinaldehyde and calcium simultaneously provides integrated anti-aging properties for younger looking skin.

# ANTI-AGING EFFECTS OF CALCIUM

According to clinical study, calcium restores the skin's normal balance by repairing the barrier function and maintaining the barrier integrity of stratum corneum (SC). A healthy skin barrier improves firmness, cellular cohesion, and hydration, allowing skin's youthful appearance. Calcium plays a significant role in skin differentiation, which reduces the appearance of fine lines and wrinkles.



Hydroxysomes® Particle SEM 18,000x

References: 1. Saurat, J.H., Sorg, O., Dermatology 1999; 199(suppl 1):1-255(8):1129-41.

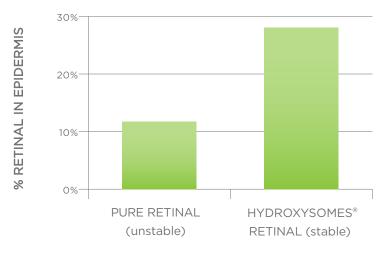
#### HYDROXYSOMES® RETINALDEHYDE DERMAL DELIVERY

Hydroxysomes Retinaldehyde delivers stable retinaldehyde into the stratum corneum and epidermis. Not withstanding the instability issue of retinaldehyde, more retinaldehyde penetrates the epidermis when delivered with Hydroxysomes than the standard control using retinaldehyde alone in the same formulation. The comparison was conducted with flow-through diffusion cells using human skin over a 24 hour treatment period (Figure 1). Additionally, some retinaldehyde was observed in the dermis from the Hydroxysomes Retinaldehyde formulation, but no retinaldehyde was observed in the dermis from the same formulation with retinaldehyde.

Fig. 1 Tissue: Human skin

Vehicle: Topical Formulation

Analysis: HPLC



### FORMULATION STABILITY:

Several formulations with Hydroxysomes® Retinaldehyde were stable at room temperature for 24 months, and at 40° C for three months, and at 50° C for one month. No change in bioactivity, pH, color, appearance, or viscosity was observed. Retinaldehyde active assay confirmed % activity as per specifications on C of A.

# PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS

INCI NAME: HYDROXYAPATITE, RETINAL ACTIVE LOAD: 15 ± 2.0% RETINALDEHYDE

APPEARANCE: POWDER

> **COLOR:** LIGHT YELLOW **ODORLESS**

ODOR:

**AVERAGE PARTICLE SIZE:** < 10 um

**STORAGE CONDITIONS:** ROOM TEMPERATURE (AVOID LIGHT AND HUMIDITY)

SHELF LIFE: 24 MONTHS

SOLUBILITY / COMPATIBILITY: FREELY DISPERSIBLE IN ALL TYPES OF WATER

AND OIL-BASED COSMETIC FORMULATIONS

0.07 - 0.7% HYDROXYSOMES RETINALDEHYDE RECOMMENDED USAGE:

(0.01 - 0.1% RETINAL)

FORMULATION GUIDELINES: ADD BELOW 40°C AT pH ≥ 5.5

> PACKAGE SIZE: 1 Kg CATALOG NUMBER: 200130