

TeraBiome™



fermentation surfactant & solubilizer

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INCI

Glycolipids

Optional INCI Name

Starmerella Bombicola/Brassica Oil Ferment

Physical Description

Amber liquid

Applications

- Gentle cleansing, especially dermatological conditions (e.g. eczema, dry scalp)
- Product for aged or damaged skin or hair
- Shampoo & body washes
- Cleansing conditioners
- Hair refreshers & stylers
- Leave-in conditioners
- Frizz-control and dry shampoos
- Skin toners, wipes, micellar waters
- Homecare applications (hard surface, dish, air care)

Key Benefits

- Very high detergency: cleanses oils and makeup at low use-levels
- No irritation: it can be used in rinse-less or rinse-off cleansing solubilizes, fragrances, and actives
- Leave-on products that offer better skin feel and frizz control
- Inhibits biofilms associated with body odor

Formulation Guidelines

Use at 0.5 – 2.0%. Add to the water phase or adsorb onto an absorbent powder.

Bioactive Rationale

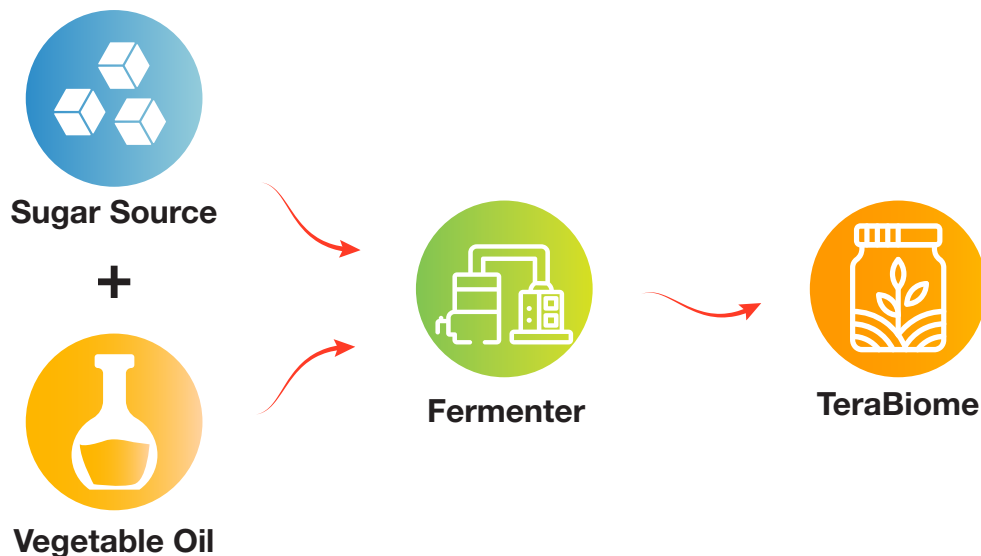
TeraBiome is a sophorolipid surfactant from fermentation that acts as both prebiotic and gentle cleanser. It has a bioactive and cleansing effect in the skin, reducing inflammation and ensuring barrier function and balanced microbiome.

Ideal for hand hygiene. TeraBiome reduces the inflammatory cytokine production of skin cells, whereas traditional synthetic surfactants often cause hand irritation and sensitization.

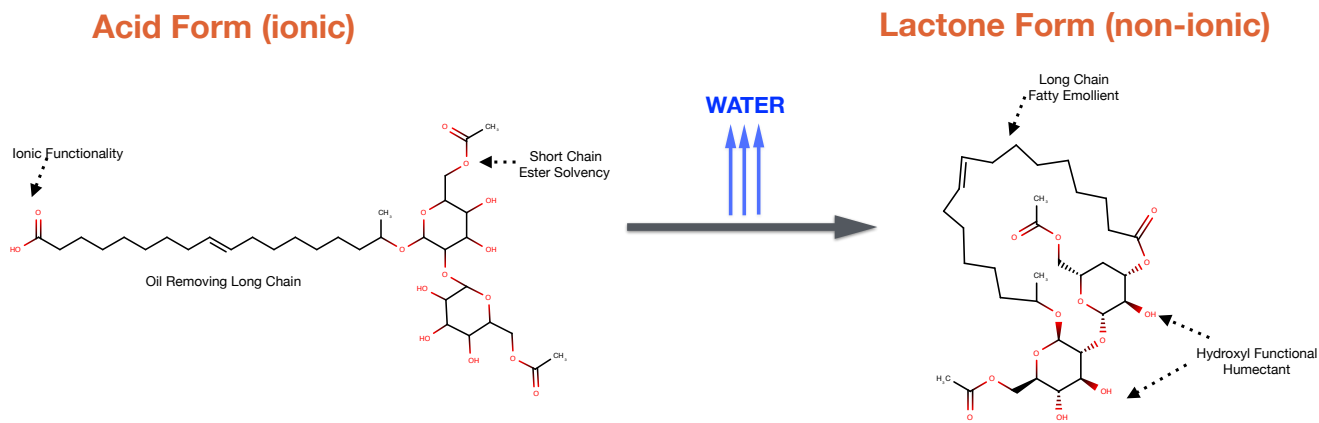
Suitable for both leave-on and rinse-off products. Typical applications include facial toners, body sprays, wipes, as well as hand and face washes. Ideal for non-traditional hair cleansing (no-poo and cleansing conditioners) as well as scalp treatments.

What is TeraBiome?

- Yeast-fermented, lipid-based, gentle cleansing and water-soluble emollient
- Aligned with consumer sensibilities
- High performance & multi functionality
- Glycolipids (extra-cellular lipids) from fermentation with *Starmella bombicola* yeast
- Lipid source typically vegetable oil
- Complex mixture with multiple properties and functions



TeraBiome Molecules: Two Main Forms

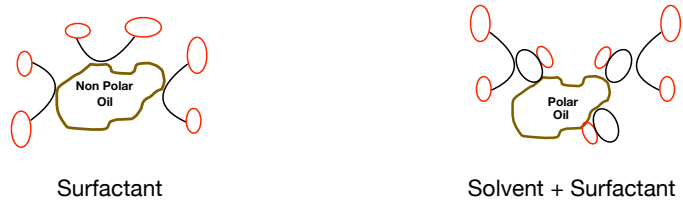


Removal of water transitions the molecule from ionic to non-ionic

Inherent Cleansing Synergy

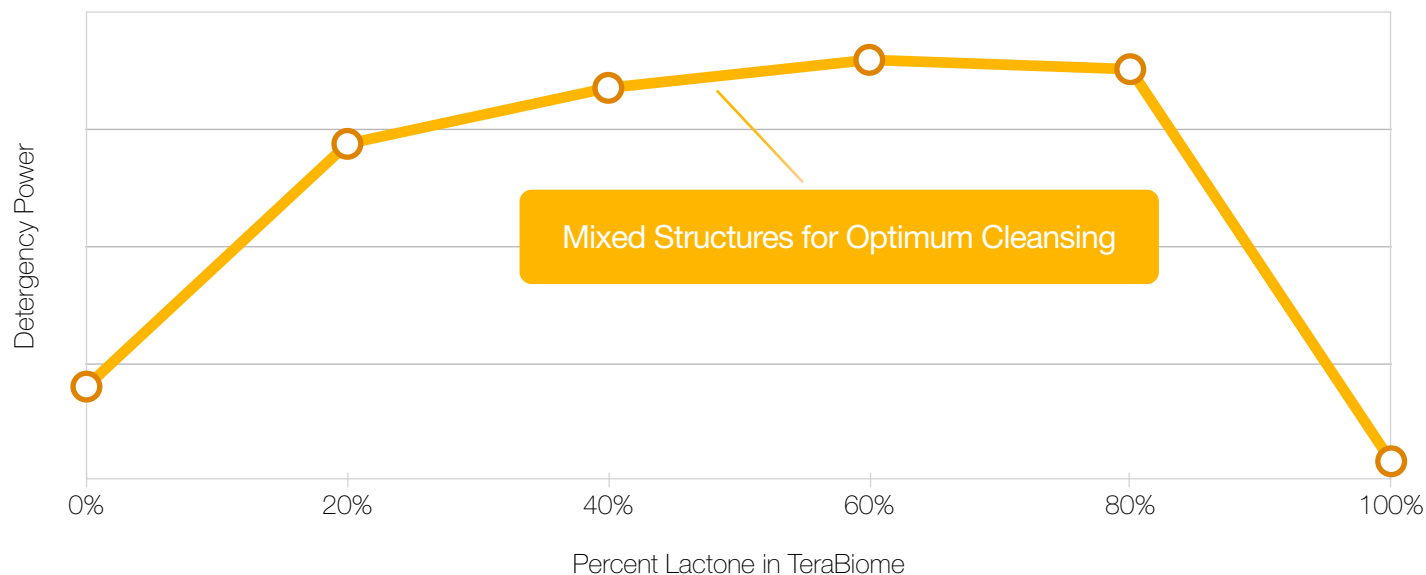
Surfactant			Acid Form (ionic) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Two head groups• Can be high HLB , >10 if ionized• Very water soluble
Solvent			Lactone Form (anionic) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ester polar oil• Fatty and humectant character• Sparingly water soluble

Multiple TeraBiome structures allow effective cleansing for a range of unclean materials (polar and non-polar)



Performance Claims

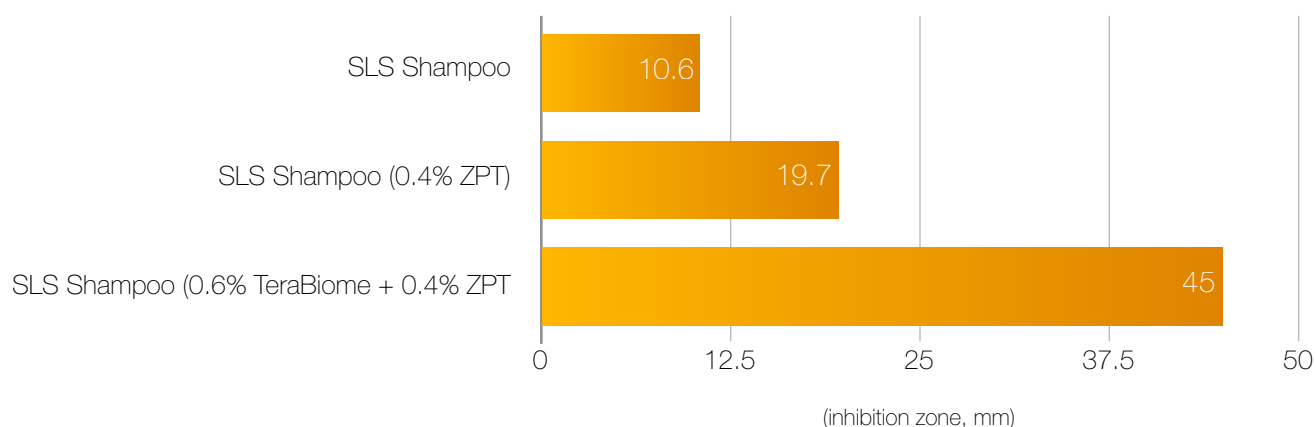
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Low Foaming Detergent Compositions, US Patent Application 20040171512

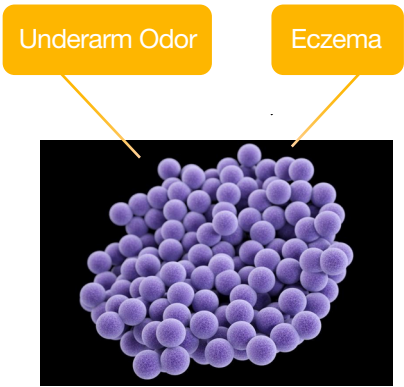
Dandruff Reduction

TeraBiome is synergistic with typical actives in dandruff shampoos.

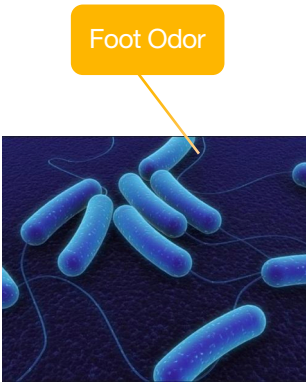


TeraBiome: Topical PreBiotic

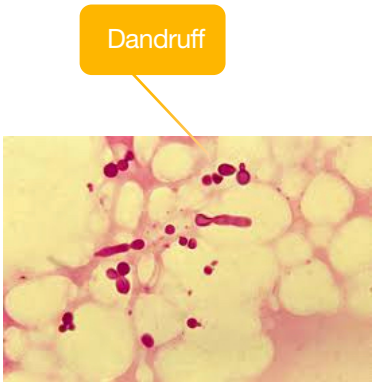
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Staphylococcus spp.



Bacillus spp.



Malassezia spp.

Research on TeraBiome demonstrates inhibition of these microorganisms.

Odor Causing Gram Positive Bacteria

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	MIC of Sophorolipid (ppm)
Bacillus subtilis	4
Staphylococcus xylosus	1
Streptococcus mutans	1
Propionibacterium acne	0.5

Very low concentration of TeraBiome will inhibit odor-causing organisms.

Micellar Water

Low levels of TeraBiome remove make-up, and leave smooth lactone deposit

	A	B	C
Water	Q/S	Q/S	Q/S
Propanediol	5	5	
Glycerin	2	2	2
TeraBiome (as-is, 50% solution)	0.5		0.5
Tetrasodium EDTA	0.1	0.1	0.1
Witch Hazel	1	1	1
Lactic Acid, 90%	pH 4.72	pH 4.72	pH 4.72
Benzoic Acid	0.2	0.2	0.2
Benzyl Alcohol	1	1	1



Method:

- 1. Non-waterproof mascara was applied to skin and allowed to dry.
- 2. 25 drops of each formula was applied to a dry cotton pad.
- 3. Mascara was wiped once with wet cotton pad.
- 4. Photo was taken to show A removed makeup better than B = the addition of TeraBiome helped with the removal of makeup.
- 5. Version C was made without Propanediol to show that TeraBiome is an effective makeup remover on its own.

Low Foaming Cleanser

Superior cleansing to alkyl polyglucosides in rinse-off test

	A	B
Water	90.8	90.8
Sucraclear HC-31 (Cellulose Gum & Carrageenan & Ceratonia Siliqua Gum & Sucrose)	2	2
TeraBiome (as-is, 50% active)	1	
Coco Glucoside (50% active)		1
Jojoba Oil	5	5
Lactic Acid, 90%	pH 4.23	pH 4.23
Benzoic Acid	0.2	0.2
Benzyl Alcohol	1	1
	A	B



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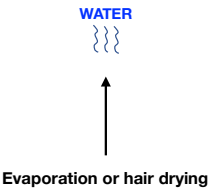
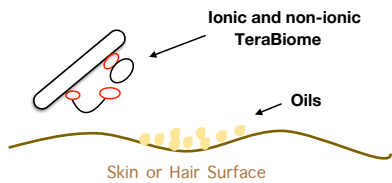
- 1. Non-waterproof mascara was applied to skin and allowed to dry.
- 2. Skin was wet with warm water then equal quantities of cleanser was applied and rubbed 5 times with moderate pressure.
- 3. Skin was rinsed and then patted dry.

Leave-on or Rinse-off Multifunctionality

Unlike most surfactants, TeraBiome can be left-on the skin and hair, and transformed into non-ionic materials that provide leave-on benefits

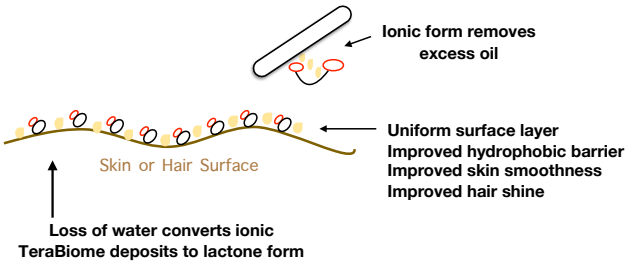
Application of TeraBiome

Both ionic and lactone molecules applied to skin or hair



Post Application

All remaining TeraBiome converts to lactone form



Multifunctional Consumer Benefits

		Product Forms	Claims
Skin Care	Rinse-off	Facial Cleansers Cleansing Oil Hand & Body Wash	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Glycolipid cleansing● Ultra-gentle & non-stripping● Supports skin's natural flora● ProBiotic or PreBiotic action● Odor control
	Leave-on	Wipes & Sprays Micellar Water, Toners & Essence Facial Masks Hand Sanitizers Deodorants	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Oil control / Dissolves excessive sebum● Evens skin tone● Replenishes skin glycolipids● Promotes healing● Deposits natural Sophorolactone
Hair Care	Rinse-off	Shampoo Cream Cleansers Cleansing Conditioners (co-wash) Hair Masks Conditioners	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Dual-functional glycolipids● Cleanses & repairs & conditions● Extra-cellular lipids● Fermented yeast extracts● Non-irritating and non-stripping
	Leave-on	Leave-in Conditioner Styling Sprays Smoothing Creams Curl Enhancers Dry Shampoo	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Frizz and fly-away control● Scalp health & microbial balance● Refreshes hair fibers● Heat activated● Deposits smoothing Sophorolactone

Hair Perfecting

Hair control evaluation of (A) TeraBiome 0.5% in water vs. (B) water alone

TeraBiome treatment provides:

- Anti-Frizz
- Curl Defining
- Weightlessness
- Smoothness
- Shine



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