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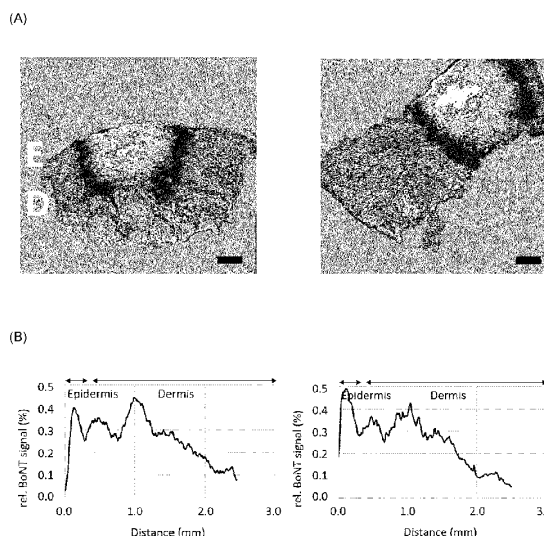


FIG. 1

(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to the use of botulinum toxin for the treatment of hyperpigmentation conditions. The use comprises the intradermal injection of botulinum toxin in the skin of a patient affected with the hyperpigmentation condition at a specified depth, volume and dose, thereby specifically targeting the epidermal and upper dermal layers. For example, the intradermal injection of botulinum toxin according to the present invention may be used in the treatment of melasma.

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