

ABSTRACT

NOVEL OCCLUSIVE COMPOSITIONS

The invention provides for a topical o/w emulsion having moisturizing, and protecting, repairing or restoring the skin lipid barrier of the lips of a mammal, and is a topical oil-in-water emulsion composition comprising:

- (a) a discontinuous oil phase;
- (b) a continuous aqueous phase comprising water;
- (c) a thickening agent;
- (d) at least one lamellar membrane structure comprising (i) an alkyl amphiphilic component, (ii) an ester of a branched fatty acid and a branched fatty alcohol, (iii) a fatty acid, (iv) a fatty alcohol, and optionally (v) a phospholipid; and

wherein in use the composition has a water vapor transmission rate of less than $65 \text{ g.m}^{-2}.\text{hr}^{-1}$ measured in vitro.

[no suitable figure]