

COSMETIC AND/OR PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITIONS
AND METHODS FOR THEIR USE

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Topical cosmetic and pharmaceutical compositions are provided for the external protection of human or animal tissues from contact with heavy metals, and said composition comprising a metal sequestering component capable of binding metal ions and a physiologically inert carrier suitable for topical administration. The said metal sequestering component comprises one or more metal binding peptide having a high proportion of cysteine residues, for example a metallothionein.

