Claims

1. A dermatological or cosmetic aqueous composition for skin care ~~in the form of a liquid or solid~~ for topical use which includes a salt of an α-hydroxy acid, β-hydroxy acid, poly-hydroxy acid or bionic acid selected from one or more of gluconic acid, glycolic acid, lactic acid, salicylic acid, mandelic acid, benzilic acid, napthoic acid, malic acid, tartaric acid, lactobionic acid and maltobionic acid; in combination with niacinamide wherein the acid salt is present in an amount of at least 2.0% by weight of the composition wherein the composition does not contain salicylic acid or a salt thereof in combination with at 2 actives selected from the group consisting of: lactic acid or a salt thereof; glycyrrhizinic acid or a salt or derivative thereof; bisabolol; cetylhydroxyproline; palmitamide; allantoin; niacinamide; and, epilobium angustifolium extract.

2. A composition according to claim 1, wherein the acid salt is selected from from sodium, potassium, ammonium, triethanolamine, arginine, zinc, copper and magnesium salts.

3. A composition according to either claim 1 or claim 2, wherein the acid salt and the niacinamide are present in the composition in a combined amount in the range 0.1 to 20% by weight of the formulation, typically in the range 1.0% to 15% by weight of the composition.

4. A composition according to any preceding claim, wherein the acid salt is present in an amount no greater than 10% by weight of the composition.

5. A composition according to claim 4, wherein the acid salt is present in an amount no greater than 7% by weight of the composition.

6. A composition according to any preceding claim, wherein the acid salt is present in the range 3.5% to 6.5%.

7. A composition according to any preceding claim wherein the acid salt is a gluconate salt.

8. A composition according to any preceding claim which comprises two acid salts.