CLAIMS

1. A composition for treating dry skin, comprising:

an oleaginous base, wherein the oleaginous base comprises white petrolatum, and wherein the white petrolatum is present in the composition in the range of 65% to 75% by weight;

a lipid mixture, the lipid mixture comprising a sphingolipid and at least one oil,

wherein the at least one oil is selected from the group consisting of castor oil, caprylic/capric triglyceride, ethyl oleate, isopropyl myristate, isopropyl palmitate, isopropyl isostearate, isostearyl isostearate, argan oil, and mixtures thereof;

a hydrophilic solvent; and

an emulsifier, wherein the emulsifier is selected from the group consisting of PEG-150 distearate, PEG-150 Pentaerythrityl Tetrastearate, Disteareth-75 IPDI and mixtures thereof;

wherein the composition is in the form of an ointment or gel.

2. The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the sphingolipid is selected from the group consisting of Phytosphingosine, Phytosphingosine HCl, dihydrosphingosine, sphingosine, sphingomyelins, glycosphingolipids and mixtures thereof.

3. The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the sphingolipid is present in the composition in the range of 0.25% to 1% by weight.

4. The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the at least one oil is present in the composition in the range of 15% to 30% by weight.

5. The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the hydrophilic solvents is selected from the group consisting of glycerin, propylene glycol, and DL-panthenol and mixtures thereof.

6. The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the hydrophilic solvents is present in the composition in the range of 1% to 5% by weight.

7. The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the emulsifier is present in the composition in the range of 1% to 10% by weight.

8. A composition for treating dry skin, comprising:

a white petrolatum base;

a lipid mixture, the lipid mixture comprising Phytosphingosine HCl and castor oil;

propylene glycol; and

PEG-150 distearate.

9. The composition according to Claim 8, wherein the white petrolatum is present in the composition in the range of 65% to 75% by weight.

10. The composition according to Claim 8, wherein the Phytosphingosine HCl is present in the composition in the range of 0.25% to 1% by weight.

11. The composition according to Claim 8, wherein the castor oil is present in the composition in the range of 15% to 30% by weight.

12. The composition according to Claim 8, wherein the propylene glycol is present in the composition in the range of 1% to 5% by weight.

13. The composition according to Claim 8, wherein the PEG-150 distearate is present in the composition in the range of 1% to 10% by weight.