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(54) Title: SKIN LIGHTENING COMPOSITION

(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to a cosmetic skin lightening composition comprising the combination of sclareolide, kojic acid and ascorbyl glucoside, wherein kojic acid is encapsulated within a targeted microcapsule or nanocapsule having a melanocortin 1 receptor (MC1R) agonist peptide bound to the surface. It was found that such combination of active substances provided synergistic skin-whitening effect. The present invention also relates to the cosmetic use of this composition for skin whitening, particularly, for the elimination or reduction of hyperpigmented marks of the skin, such as UV exposure related marks, post-scar marks, post-inflammation marks, melasma marks, lentigo marks or age-related marks.



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