

TITLE OF THE INVENTION

DETERGENT COMPOSITION

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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Field of the Invention:

The present invention relates to a detergent composition which is primarily used on the skin, and more particularly to a detergent composition to gently moisturize skin without causing excess degreasing or dryness after cleaning.

Discussion of the Background:

Conventional skin detergents are used to wash away dirt or soil caused by such substances as sebum or sweat. Unfortunately, strong skin detergents often cause excess degreasing and dryness by removing many of the skin's natural oils and moisturizers. Thus, it is highly desirable to balance the cleaning ability of the detergent with its ability to moisturize the skin and leave it feeling refreshed after cleaning, without leaving a sticky or tacky feeling.

Conventional methods of hydrating the skin after cleaning include the application of cosmetics such as a toilet water and a milky lotion comprising moisturizers. Another approach to solving the above problem has been to mix the moisturizer with the detergent. Moisturizers, including polyhydric alcohols, such as glycerol, propylene glycol, and sorbitol, have been used. However, due to the presence, in skin of high levels

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of lipids, such as intercellular lipid and sebum, it is difficult for these water-soluble moisturizers to permeate the corneal layer, even when blended with the detergent. Additionally, when the detergent is removed by rinsing, the moisturizer is also removed. Furthermore, moisturizers incorporated into a detergent sometimes provide unfavorable sticky or tacky feeling.

Accordingly, a detergent composition is desired which combines cleaning effect with a sufficient moisturizing effect, without leaving the skin with an unpleasant feeling, such as stickiness or tackiness.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

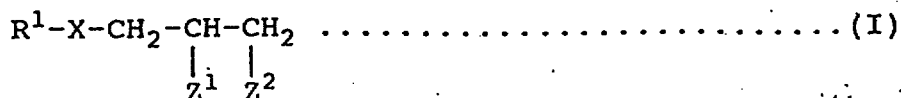
Accordingly, one object of the present invention is to provide a detergent composition which cleans and moisturizes the skin without leaving the skin feeling sticky or tacky.

These and other objects have been satisfied by the discovery that a detergent composition comprising a glycerol derivative, a polyhydric alcohol and a surfactant, will allow a moisturizer to readily permeate the corneal layer to cleanse and moisturize skin without causing stickiness or tackiness.

In accordance with one aspect of the present invention, there is provided a detergent composition comprising:

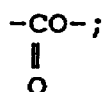
(A) a glycerol derivative having the following formula

(I)



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wherein one of Z^1 and Z^2 represents R^2-Y- and the other of Z^1 and Z^2 represents $-OH$ and wherein R^1 and R^2 represent hydrocarbon groups having a total carbon atom number of 13 to 40 and X and Y represent an oxygen atom or



(B) a water-soluble polyhydric alcohol; and

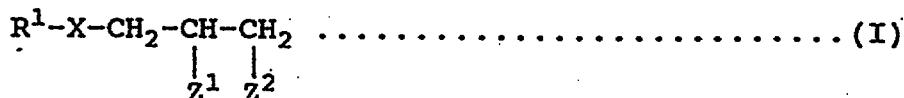
(C) at least one surfactant selected from the group consisting of an anionic surfactant, an amphoteric surfactant and a nonionic surfactant, wherein component (A) and component (C) are present in a ratio of from 2:1 to 1:100 by weight.

Various other objects, features, and attendant advantages of the present invention will be more fully understood from the following detailed description.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

The detergent composition of the present invention comprises:

(A) a glycerol derivative having the following formula (I)



wherein one of Z^1 and Z^2 represents R^2-Y- and the other of Z^1 and Z^2 represents $-OH$, and wherein R^1 and R^2 , which may be the same or different, represent hydrocarbon groups having a total carbon atom number of 13 to 40 and X and Y represent an oxygen atom or $-CO-$;



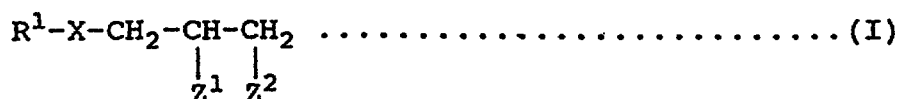
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(B) a water-soluble polyhydric alcohol; and
 (C) at least one surfactant selected from the group consisting of an anionic surfactant, an amphoteric surfactant and a nonionic surfactant, wherein component (A) and component (C) are present in a weight ratio of from 2:1 to 1:100.

Components (A), (B), and (C) are present in the detergent composition of the present invention in amounts of 0.1-20%, 1-90%, and 2-60% by weight respectively.

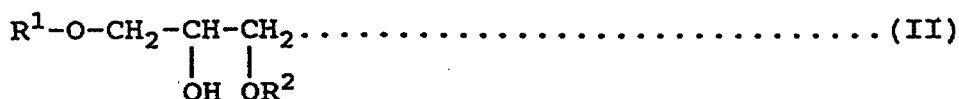
The glycerol derivatives of component (A) are represented by formula (I):



Preferred glycerol derivatives are those which are liquid at 20°C or higher. Further, these glycerol derivatives can be divided into two groups including dialkylglyceryl ethers and diacyl glycerols depending on whether X and Y represent oxygen atoms or -CO-.



Dialkylglyceryl ethers can be used, such as 1,3-dialkylglyceryl ethers which are represented by formula (II):



wherein R¹ and R² are as described above.

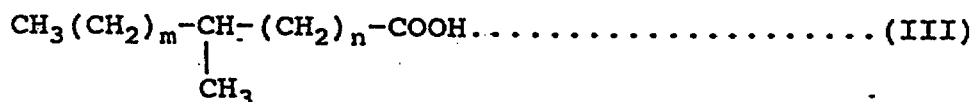
Preferred combinations of R¹ and R² in formula (II) includes cases where R¹ = R² = octyl, R¹ = lauryl, R² = methyl; R¹ = myristyl, R² = methyl; R¹ = stearyl, R² = butyl; R¹ = 2-



heptylundecyl, R^2 = methyl; R^1 = oleyl, R^2 = methyl; R^1 = oleyl, R^2 = butyl; R^1 = oleyl, R^2 = octyl; R^1 and R^2 = 2-ethylhexyl; and R^1 = 2-ethyl-hexyl, R^2 = octyl.

Diacyl glycerols can also be used, such as 1,2-diacyl glycerol and 1,3-diacyl glycerol. These diacyl glycerols can be obtained by separating and refining by processes such as molecular distillation, or solvent extraction of a fatty acid glycerol ester (containing not less than 60% of diester). Such a fatty acid glycerol ester may be obtained by any conventional method, such as esterification of a glycerol and a fatty acid, glycerolysis of a glycerol and a natural animal or vegetable fat/oil or a hydrogenated natural animal or vegetable fat/oil, or glycerolysis of a higher fatty acid higher alcohol ester and a glycerol. Alternatively, one may use conventional enzymatic methods utilizing lipase, instead of the above non-enzymatic methods.

Preferable diacyl esters include di-(2-ethylhexanoic acid) glycerol ester, dioctanoic acid glycerol ester, dioleic acid glycerol ester, diesters of myristic acid and methyl-branched isostearic acid represented by formula (III):



wherein m and n are integers of 4 to 10 and $m + n = 14$, having a distribution centering around $m = n = 7$, {5,7,7-trimethyl-2-(1,3,3-trimethylbutyl)-octanoic acid} myristic acid glycerol diester (two of three -OH groups of glycerol are

reacted with 5,7,7-trimethyl-2-(1,3,3-trimethylbutyl)-octanoic acid and myristic acid to form two ester connections), and (2-heptylundecanoic acid) myristic acid glycerol diester.

The glycerol derivative of component (A) is present at a level of from 0.1 to 20 weight % (hereinafter referred to as %), preferably 0.5 to 10%, more preferably 0.5 to 5%, in the detergent composition.

Component (B) may include any water-soluble polyhydric alcohol, such as ethylene glycol, diethylene glycol, dipropylene glycol, propylene glycol, butylene glycol, glycerol, diglycerol, or sorbitol. Of these, propylene glycol, butylene glycol, ethylene glycol, glycerol and sorbitol are particularly preferred due to their high water-solubility. Component (B) is present at a level of from 1 to 90%, preferably 1 to 30%, more preferably 5 to 25% in the detergent composition of the present invention.

While components (A) and (B) may be mixed at any ratio and temperature which provides effective dissolution, it is preferred to mix the water-soluble polyhydric alcohol of component (B) with the glycerol derivative of component (A) in any mixing ratio at 20°C.

Component (C) is at least one surfactant chosen from the group consisting of anionic surfactants, amphoteric surfactants and nonionic surfactants. Suitable anionic surfactants include paraffin sulfonate, α -olefin sulfonate, alkylbenzene sulfonate, (polyoxyethylene) alkyl ether sulfate,

(polyoxyethylene)alkyl ether carboxylate, mono- or dialkyl phosphate, acyl isothionate, N-acyl amino acid, N-acyl-N-alkyltaurin, alkylcarboxylic acid, and dermatologically acceptable salts of these compounds. Suitable salts include alkali metal salts, such as sodium or potassium, ammonium salts, and organic ammonium salts such as monoethanol ammonium, diethanol ammonium, or triethanol ammonium.

Suitable amphoteric surfactants include betainic surfactants such as imidazolium betaine, carbobetaine, sulfobetaine and the like.

Suitable nonionic surfactants include polyoxyethylenealkyl ether, polyoxyethylenepolypropylenealkyl ether, alkyl glycosides represented by formula (IV)



wherein R^3 represents a C_8-C_{18} alkyl, C_8-C_{18} alkylphenyl, C_8-C_{18} hydroxy-alkyl or C_8-C_{18} hydroxyalkylphenyl group, R^4 represents C_2-C_4 alkyl group, t is an integer of 0 to 5, G represents a group derived from a C_5-C_6 reducing sugar and u represents a number of from 1 to 3.

The amount of component (C) present varies depending on detergent types and requirements of the detergent composition and ranges from 2 to 60%, preferably 10 to 50%, more preferably 10 to 40%.

Further, the weight ratio of component (A) and component (C) is 2:1 to 1:100, preferably 1:2 to 1:50, more preferably 1:5 to 1:30.

In the detergent composition of the present invention, various other conventional detergent additives may be used in addition to those listed above, as long as the particular

additive does not adversely affect the function of the detergent composition. These conventional additives may include viscosity regulators, such as anionic polymers, nonionic polymers or cationic polymers, conditioners, moisturizers other than the aforementioned moisturizers, preservatives, perfumes, and pigments.

The detergent composition of the present invention can be produced using conventional methods. While the physical form of the present detergent composition is not restricted in particular, it is preferably in a liquid or a creamy form.

EXAMPLES

Having generally described this invention, a further understanding can be obtained by reference to certain specific examples which are provided herein for purposes of illustration only and are not intended to be limiting unless otherwise specified.

Example 1:

Compositions were prepared using mixtures of the components shown in Table 1. The compositions were used to clean the inside portion of a human arm for one minute at 40°C. The conductance value of the skin was measured before cleaning and five minutes after cleaning. Table 1 indicates the relative conductance values, thus obtained with respect to the conductance value measured before cleaning, which is considered as a value of 100.

TABLE 1

(%)

Component Name	Compa Compa Compa Compa Present				
	1	2	3	4	1
(1) Isostearic acid myristic acid glycerol diester	-	-	2	-	2
(2) Tri-2-ethyl- hexanoic acid glycerol ester	2	-	-	-	-
(3) Ethyleneglycol distearate	-	-	-	2	-
(4) Alkyl glucoside (C ₁₂ H ₂₅ -O-(G) _{1.5} , G: glucose)	10	10	10	10	10
(5) Polyoxyethylene- sec-tetradecyl ether (3.3EO)	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
(6) Glycerol	10	10	0	10	10
(7) Water	Ba	Ba	Ba	Ba	Ba
Conductance value (Relative value) [Before treated = 100]	70	60	70	70	120

Compa: Comparative sample

Present: Present sample

Ba: balance

In Examples 2 to 6, detergent compositions were prepared in the same manner as Example 1.

Example 2 (face cleaner):

Monolauryl phosphate-triethanol amine salt	25 (%)
Lauric acid triethanol amine salt	15
Isostearic acid myristic acid glycerol ester	3
Glycerol	10
Dibutylhydroxytoluene	0.3
Perfume	0.5
<u>Purified water</u>	<u>balance</u>
	100.0

Example 3 (Body shampoo):

Sodium polyoxyethylenelauryl ether	
sulfonate (2 to 3EO)	30 (%)
Dioleic glycerate	10
Glycerol	15
Dibutylhydroxytoluene	0.3
Perfume	0.5
<u>Purified water</u>	<u>balance</u>
	100

Example 4 (Face cleaner):

Monolauryl phosphate-triethanolamine salt	20 (%)
Di-(2-ethylenehexanoic acid) glycerol ester	20
Ethylene glycol	10
Sorbitol	10

γ -Tocopherol	0.3
Methylparaben	0.5
Perfume	0.5
<u>Purified water</u>	<u>balance</u>
	100.0

Example 5 (Body shampoo):

Alkyl glucoside ($C_{12}H_{25}-O-(G)_{1.3}$, G: glucose)	10 (%)
Sodium polyoxyethelenelauryl ether	:
sulfonate (3EO)	10
dioctanoic acid glycerol ester	0.8
Glycerol	10
Dibutylhydroxytoluene	0.3
Perfume	0.5
Methylparaben	0.3
<u>Purified water</u>	<u>balance</u>
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Example 6 (Body shampoo):

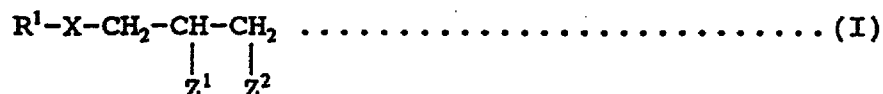
Lauric acid triethanolamine salt	5(%)
Alkyl glucoside ($C_{10}H_{21}-O-(G)_2$, G:glucose)	10
2-Ethylhexyl octyl glyceryl ether	5
Propylene glycol	20
γ -Tocopherol	0.3
Methylparaben	0.3
Perfume	0.6
<u>Purified water</u>	<u>balance</u>
	100.0

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A detergent composition comprising:

(A) a glycerol derivative having the following formula

(I)



wherein one of Z^1 and Z^2 represents $\text{R}^2\text{-Y-}$ and the other of Z^1 and Z^2 represents -OH and wherein R^1 and R^2 , which may be the same or different, represent hydrocarbon groups having a total carbon atom number of 13 to 40 and X and Y represent an oxygen atom or -CO- ;



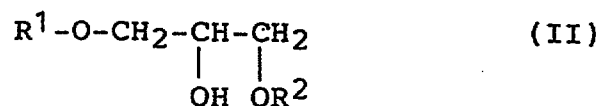
(B) a water soluble polyhydric alcohol; and

(C) at least one surfactant selected from the group consisting of an anionic surfactant, an amphoteric surfactant and a nonionic surfactant,

wherein component (A) and component (C) are present in a ratio of from 2:1 to 1:100, by weight.

2. The detergent composition of Claim 1, wherein component (A) is a liquid at 20°C .

3. The detergent composition of Claim 1, wherein component (A) is 1,3-dialkyl glyceryl ether represented by the following formula (II):



wherein R^1 and R^2 are as defined above.

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4. The detergent composition of Claim 1, wherein component (A) is a diacyl glycerol.

5. The detergent composition of Claim 1, wherein the content of component (A) is from 0.1 to 20% by weight, based on the total amount of detergent composition.

6. The detergent composition of Claim 1, wherein component (B) is selected from the group consisting of diethylene glycol, ethylene glycol, dipropylene glycol, propylene glycol, butylene glycol, glycerol, diglycerol and sorbitol.

7. The detergent composition of Claim 1, wherein the content of component (B) is from 1 to 90% by weight, based on the total amount of detergent composition.

8. The detergent composition of Claim 1, wherein the content of component (C) is approximately 2 to 60% by weight, based on the total amount of detergent composition.

9. The detergent composition of Claim 1, wherein component (A) is selected from the group consisting of 1,2-dialkylglycerol ethers, 1,3-dialkylglycerol ethers, 1,2-diacylglycerol and 1,3-diacylglycerol.

10. The detergent composition of Claim 1, wherein component (C) is an anionic surfactant selected from the group consisting of paraffin sulfonate, α -olefin sulfonate, alkylbenzene sulfonate, alkylether sulfonate, (polyoxyethylene) alkyl ether carboxylate, mono- or dialkyl phosphate, acyl isothionate, N-acyl-amino acid, N-acyl-N-alkyl



taurin alkyl carboxylic acid, and their dermatologically acceptable salts.

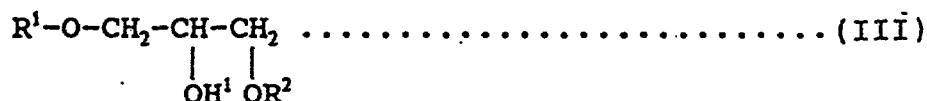
11. The detergent composition of Claim 1, wherein component (C) is an amphoteric surfactant selected from the group consisting of imidazolium betaine, carbobetaine, and sulfobetaine.

12. The detergent composition of Claim 1, wherein component (C) is a nonanionic surfactant selected from the group consisting of polyoxyethylene alkyl ether, polyoxyethylene polypropylene alkyl ether, and alkyl glycosides represented by the following formula (IV)



wherein R^3 represents a C_8-C_{18} alkyl, C_8-C_{18} alkyl phenyl, C_8-C_{18} hydroxyalkyl or C_8-C_{18} hydroxylalkyl phenyl group, R^4 represents a C_2-C_4 alkyl group, T is an integer of from 0 to 5, G represents a group derived from a C_5-C_6 reducing sugar and u represents a number of from 1 to 3.

13. The cleaning agent composition of Claim 8, wherein component (A) is a 1,3-dialkylglyceryl ether represented by the following formula (III)



wherein R^1 and R^2 , which may be the same or different, each represent hydrocarbon groups having a total carbon atom number of 13 to 40.

