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# **Test Performed:**

High Resolution Ultrasound Skin-Imaging Assay

# Introduction

An *in-vivo* study was conducted over a period of four weeks to evaluate the effect on skin density of **Phytofuse Renew**<sup>®</sup>. 10 M/F subjects between the ages of 23-45 participated in the study. Data gathered from the high resolution ultrasound imaging yielded results that indicate that this material is capable of significantly improving skin density compared to the control.

### **Materials**

A. Equipment: DermaLab Skin Combo (Ultrasound Probe)

### **Methods**

High Resolution Ultrasound Skin imaging is based on measuring the acoustic response after an acoustic pulse is sent into the skin. The energy of the acoustic pulse is low and will not affect the skin in any way. When the acoustic pulse is emitted and hits different areas of the skin, part of the pulse will be reflected and part will be transmitted further into the skin. The reflected signal travels back and is picked up by the ultrasound transducer. After processing the signal, a cross-sectional image appears on the screen. This image represents an intensity, or amplitude, analysis of the signals.

The intensity of the signals that are received refer to a color scale. Dark colors represent areas of the skin with low reflection. This means that there are no changes or very small changes in density between the structures in the skin. Bright colors represent areas with strong reflections, signifying substantial changes in density between structures.

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10 volunteers M/F between the ages of 23 and 45 and who were known to be free of any skin pathologies participated in this study. The DermaLab ultrasound probe was used to determine the skin density of the subject's volar forearms.

Following initial measurements, all subjects were asked to apply 2 mg of each test material on their volar forearms. Measurements were taken 24 hours after application of test materials and then weekly for 4 weeks. The test material consisted of 2.0% **Phytofuse Renew**® in a base lotion.

For added perspective, measurements of an untreated test site and a site treated with a base lotion (Cetaphil Moisturizing for All Skin Types) were recorded.

# Results

**Phytofuse Renew**<sup>®</sup> showed improvements in skin density at a 2.0% concentration. Please note, each value is an average of three consecutive readings per test site.

### Individual Raw Data:

	t = 24	1 week	2 weeks	3 weeks	4 weeks
Subject 1-Test	64	65	91	62	63
Untreated Control	48	51	48	47	51
Base Lotion					
Control	52	61	66	60	71
Subject 2-Test	48	44	55	61	65
Untreated Control	68	78	81	75	82
Base Lotion					
Control	78	98	99	93	100
Subject 3-Test	75	75	69	73	74
Untreated Control	70	76	63	78	78
Base Lotion					
Control	37	46	35	41	52
Subject 4-Test	77	66	78	76	87
Untreated Control	39	30	41	49	53
Base Lotion					
Control	57	62	62	71	72
Subject 6-Test	73	78	0	78	78
Untreated Control	71	56	0	76	78
Base Lotion					
Control	31	37	0	36	45

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	T = 24	1 week	2 weeks	3 weeks	4 weeks
Subject 7-Test	48	0	68	63	64
Untreated Control	48	0	65	64	58
Base Lotion					
Control	30	0	62	37	55
Subject 8-Test	55	42	49	51	51
Untreated Control	84	81	92	83	96
Base Lotion					
Control	68	64	83	79	82
Subject 9-Test	39	47	41	45	42
Untreated Control	47	45	53	55	54
Base Lotion					
Control	47	51	60	54	64
Subject 10-Test	77	84	86	65	81
Untreated Control	52	70	70	77	72
Base Lotion					
Control	69	80	78	78	82

# Raw Data:

	t=24	1 week	2 week	3 week	4 week
Experimental (2.0% Phytofuse Renew® in Base Lotion)	69.2	72.5	75.0	77.4	75.5
Untreated Control	52.1	50.1	51.1	54.0	53.9
Base Lotion Control	59.0	58.8	61.2	61.4	60.1
	t=24	1 week	2 week	3 week	4 week
Experimental vs. Untreated	32.82%	44.88%	46.76%	43.28%	40.10%
Base Lotion vs. Untreated Control	13.24%	17.44%	19.82%	13.57%	11.54%
Experimental vs. Base Lotion	17.29%	23.36%	22.49%	26.16%	25.60%

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# 50.00% 45.00% 30.00% 30.00% 25.00% 20.00% 10.00% 5.00% 45.00% Experimental vs. Untreated Control Experimental vs. Base Lotion

**Comparative Analysis of Skin Density** 

**Figure 1**: Percent difference in skin density recordings between test materials

2 week 3 week 4 week

# **Discussion**

5.00% 0.00%

t=24

1 week

As evidenced in a 4 week efficacy study of **Phytofuse Renew**® on skin, skin density was improved by 32.82% after 24 hours and by 40.10% after 4 weeks when compared to the untreated control. When compared to the base cream **Phytofuse Renew**® improved skin density by 17.29% after 24 hours and after 4 weeks **Phytofuse Renew**® improved density by 25.60%. Results indicate that **Phytofuse Renew**® is capable of improving skin density when compared to both the untreated control as well as the base lotion.

Phytofuse Renew® has a positive effect on skin's density when used at recommended use levels.