

CLINICAL DATA – ACETYL TETRAPEPTIDE-5

Description

Tetrapeptide with anti-oedema properties with a proven efficacy in reducing puffy eyebags.

Properties

Anti-eye-bag and anti-dark circle activity, with a draining and decongesting effect.

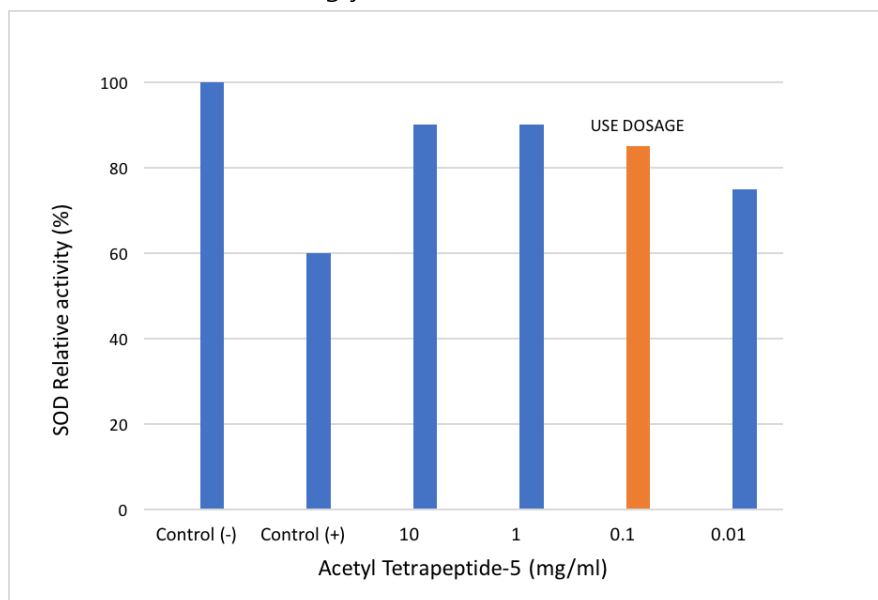
Science

As skin loses its elasticity and muscles weaken through age, loose skin can accumulate around the eyes, forming eyebags. Water accumulation is another reason for puffy eyes, also known as eyelid oedema. This accumulation is due to several vascular diseases, such as a poor lymphatic circulation or an increased capillary permeability. Acetyl Tetrapeptide-5 fights against oedema-forming mechanisms and shows a decongesting effect, enhancing elasticity and skin smoothness.

In vitro efficacy

Glycation inhibitory activity

Collagen cross-linking, as a result of glycation reaction, is one of the main causes of the formation of eyebags. The inactivation of SOD (Superoxide Dismutase) by its reaction with fructose is used as a model of glycation.

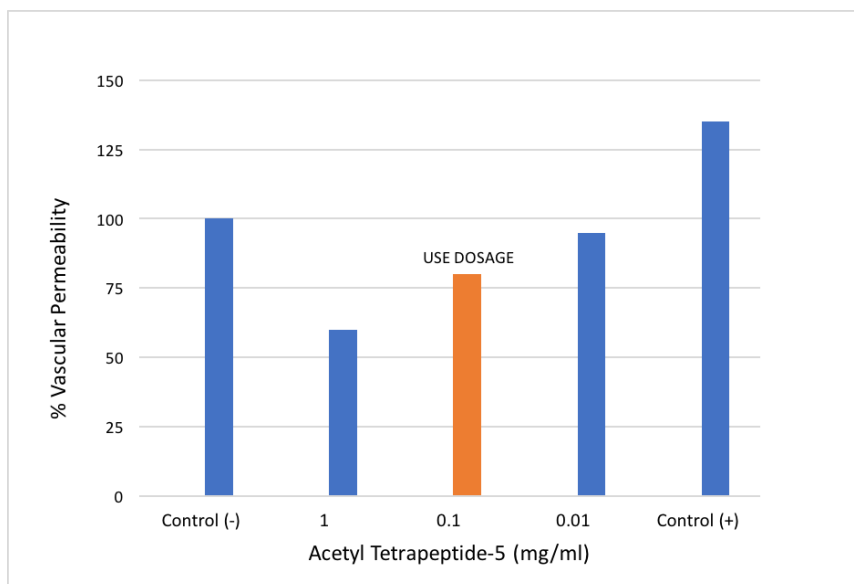


Acetyl Tetrapeptide-5 prevents collagen cross-linking. Inhibition of collagen glycation avoids losing elasticity and subsequent eyebags formation.

Vascular permeability inhibition

Test performed in a tissue culture plate using an assay kit, which allows the evaluation of the effects of chemicals on endothelial cell permeability. Acetyl Tetrapeptide-5 is able to inhibit vascular permeability in a dose-dependent manner.

Draining and anti-oedema effect. Acetyl Tetrapeptide-5 prevents liquid accumulation in eyebags.



***In vivo* efficacy**

Acetyl Tetrapeptide-5 Solution 10%

Group of 20 female volunteers, aged 18 to 65. Application of a cream containing 10% Acetyl Tetrapeptide-5 solution under the eyes, twice a day, during 60 days.

Anti-eye-bag activity (dermatological evaluation)



Puffy eyebags reduction in only 14 days.

Skin elasticity (quantitative evaluation)

The elasticity measurements were performed with a Cutometer. Elasticity represents the recovery degree of the maximum deformation of the skin reached.

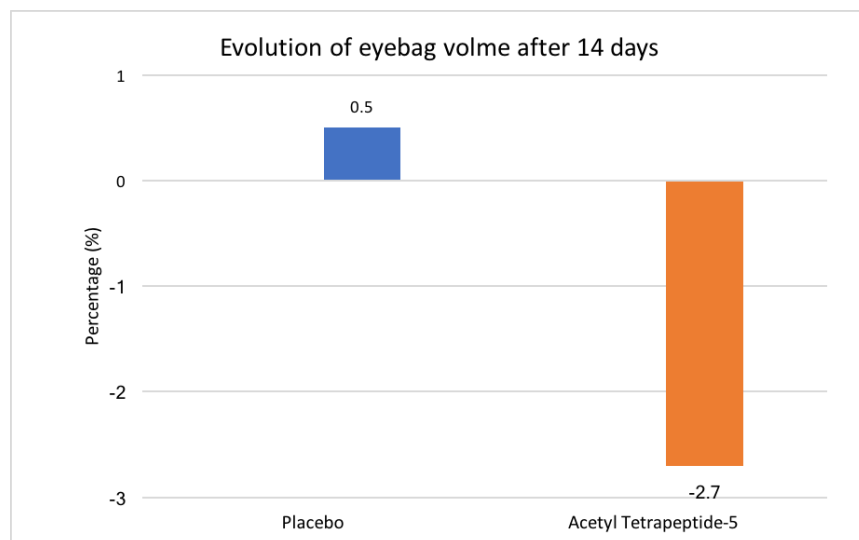
Skin elasticity had a 30% increase after 30 days.

Acetyl Tetrapeptide-5 Solution 1%

A cream containing 1% Acetyl Tetrapeptide-5 Solution was applied twice daily during 28 days on 17 people, aged 34 to 54. Values were measured after 14 and 28 days.

Variation in puffiness

Eyebag volume was measured using a technique called Fringe protection.

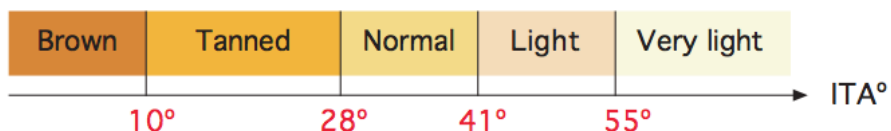


Eyebags were reduced in 70% of the volunteers after 28 days with 1% Acetyl Tetrapeptide-5 Solution.

Anti-dark circle effect

High resolution photographs of the dark circles were taken under polarised light and chromametry studies were performed.

The ITA° (Individual Typological Angle) categorizes skin colour:



L* is luminance which represents relative brightness from total darkness ($L^* = 0$) to absolute white ($L^* = 100$).

Decrease of dark circles under the eyes. ITA° and L* values significantly increased showing a slight lightening effect.