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(57) Abstract: A composition and method for improving the appearance of a hyperpigmented skin comprises the step of applying a composition comprising an effective amount of banyan tree (*Ficus benghalensis*) serum fraction, lotus (*Nelumbo Nucifera*) serum fraction, and clover (*Trifolium Pratense*) serum fraction to a hyperpigmented spot on a skin surface. The composition is applied for a period of time sufficient to improve the appearance of the hyperpigmented spot. Other methods include improving the appearance of post-inflammatory hyperpigmentation.



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