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(54) Title: PHOTOPROTECTIVE COMPOSITIONS COMPRISING SYNERGISTIC COMBINATION OF SUNSCREEN ACTIVE COMPOUNDS

(57) Abstract: Compositions for topical application to skin and/or hair, comprising photoprotecting synergistically effective amounts of sunscreen active agents octinoxate, octocrylene, and amiloxate; methods of protecting skin and/or hair against deleterious effects of sunlight/UV radiation by topical application of compositions.

Photoprotective Compositions Comprising Synergistic Combination of Sunscreen Active Compounds

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FIELD OF THE INVENTION

The subject invention is directed to compositions for topical application containing a synergistic combination of sunscreen active compounds, and more particularly to compositions for topical application comprising a synergistic combination of octinoxate, octocrylene, and amiloxate.

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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

When applied topically, sunscreen compositions impart a film that protects skin against the damaging effects of exposure to the sun's ultraviolet radiation (UVR). Sunscreen active compounds work on skin's surface by absorbing UVR before it can interact with and damage skin. A particular composition's ability to block UVR is usually expressed in a sun protection factor or SPF rating. Combinations of sunscreen active compounds are typically used in sunscreen composition in order to raise the SPF rating of the composition.

20 U.S. Patent Nos. 6,030,629 and 5,968,481 assert synergistic increase in SPF based on combinations of certain sunscreen active compounds. Further, André et al. report a synergistic effect based on a combination of organic and inorganic sunscreens covering UV-A and UV-B absorption. (V. André et al., Cosmetics and Toiletries Manufacture Worldwide 2004, pp. 19-

25 23.) However, as those authors note, such synergistic increases in SPF are not completely understood, nor is it predictable before hand which combination of compounds will demonstrate a synergistic effect. In fact, as demonstrated in the experiments herein, a combination of only two of the three sunscreen actives in the present invention does not show synergistic

30 SPF increases.

Thus a combination of sunscreen active compounds that demonstrate a synergistic increase in SPF, and thus an enhanced UVR protective

capability over what would be predicted from their use alone, would be useful and desirable.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

5 The subject invention provides the following items 1 to 50:

1. A topically applicable sunscreen composition suited for the photoprotection of human skin and/or hair, comprising octinoxate, octocrylene, and amiloxate, wherein octinoxate is present in the composition in an amount from about 6.5 to about 7.5 percent by weight, and wherein the amounts of octinoxate, 10 octocrylene and amiloxate produce a synergistic increase in the SPF rating of the composition.
2. The sunscreen composition as defined by item 1, wherein the molar ratio of octinoxate:octocrylene:amiloxate present in the composition ranges from .034:.028:.04 to 0.26:0.28:0.40.
- 15 3. The sunscreen composition of item 1, wherein octocrylene is present in the composition in an amount from about 1.0 to about 10.0 percent by weight.
4. The sunscreen composition of item 1, wherein octocrylene is present in the composition in an amount from about 5.0 to about 10.0 percent by weight.
5. The sunscreen composition of item 1, wherein octocrylene is present in the 20 composition in an amount from about 8.0 to about 10.0 percent by weight.
6. The sunscreen composition of item 1, wherein amiloxate is present in the composition in an amount from about 1.0 to about 10.0 percent by weight.
7. The sunscreen composition of item 1, wherein amiloxate is present in the composition in an amount from about 5.0 to about 10.0 percent by weight.
- 25 8. The sunscreen composition of item 1, wherein amiloxate is present in the composition in an amount from about 7.5 to about 10.0 percent by weight.
9. The sunscreen composition of item 1, further comprising at least one additional UV-A and/or UV-B sunscreen.
10. The sunscreen composition of item 9, wherein the additional UV-A and/or 30 UV-B sunscreen comprises a photoprotecting effective amount of particulates

of at least one inorganic pigment or nanopigment.

11. The sunscreen composition of item 10, wherein said at least one pigment or nanopigment comprises titanium dioxide, zinc oxide, iron oxide, zirconium oxide, cerium oxide, or mixture thereof.

5 12. The sunscreen composition of item 1, further comprising at least one UV-radiation scattering agent.

13. The sunscreen composition of item 1, further comprising at least one sunless-tanning agent or self-tanning composition.

14. The sunscreen composition of item 1, comprising a nonionic vesicle

10 dispersion, emulsion, cream, milk, gel, cream gel, ointment, suspension, dispersion, powder, solid, stick, foam or spray.

15. The sunscreen composition of item 1, comprising an anhydrous or aqueous solid or paste, emulsion, suspension, or dispersion.

16. The sunscreen composition as defined by item 1, comprising an oil-in-

15 water emulsion.

17. The sunscreen composition as defined by item 1, comprising a water-in-oil emulsion.

18. The sunscreen composition as defined by item 1, comprising an aerosol formulation.

20 19. The sunscreen composition as defined by item 1, having a sun protection factor of at least 2.

20. The sunscreen composition as defined by item 1, having a sun protection factor of at least 30.

21. A cosmetic composition for topical application to human skin and/or hair,

25 comprising octinoxate, octocrylene, and amiloxate, wherein octinoxate is present in the composition in an amount from about 6.5 to about 7.5 percent by weight, and wherein the amounts of octinoxate, octocrylene and amiloxate produce a synergistic increase in the SPF rating of the composition.

22. The cosmetic composition of item 21, wherein the composition comprises

30 a moisturizer, cleanser, conditioner, shampoo, body wash, styling gel/lotion,

eye cream, eye liner, blush, mascara, foundation, nail polish, polish remover, eye shadow, lipstick, lip gloss, lip liners, lip balms, makeup remover, nail treatment, foot care compositions, acne treatment, redness/rosacea treatment, varicose/spider vein treatment, anti-aging compositions, sunless

5 tanning compositions, after-sun compositions, concealers, hair color and bleaching compositions, skin fading/lighteners, body firming lotion, shaving cream, after shave, relaxer, antiperspirant, deodorant, exfoliant, scrub, liquid hand soap, bubble bath, pain and wound treatment, insect repellent, anti-itch/rash cream, styling mousse, foams, perfume, lubricant, body oil, body

10 spray, baby lotion, diaper cream, baby soap, baby shampoo, baby oil, baby wipes, hair-loss treatment, hair spray, depilatory, hair growth inhibitor, hair removal wax, personal cleansing, cologne, oil controller, or hand sanitizer.

23. The cosmetic composition of item 21 further comprising at least one skin protectant active agent.

15 24. The cosmetic composition of item 23, wherein said skin protectant active agent comprise allantoin, aluminum hydroxide gel, calamine, cocoa butter, cod liver oil, colloidal oatmeal, dimethicone, glycerin, hard fat, kaolin, lanolin, mineral oil, petrolatum, sodium bicarbonate, topical starch, white petrolatum, zinc acetate, zinc carbonate, and zinc oxide.

20 25. A method for protecting human skin and/or hair against the deleterious effects of ultraviolet solar radiation, comprising topically applying thereto an effective amount of the sunscreen composition of item 1.

26. A method for protecting human skin and/or hair against the deleterious effects of ultraviolet irradiation, comprising topically applying thereto an

25 effective amount of the sunscreen composition of item 1.

27. A method for protecting human skin and/or hair against the deleterious effects of ultraviolet solar radiation, comprising topically applying thereto an effective amount of the cosmetic composition of item 21.

28. A method for protecting human skin and/or hair against the deleterious

30 effects of ultraviolet irradiation, comprising topically applying thereto an effective amount of the cosmetic composition of item 21.

29. A topically applicable sunscreen composition suited for the photoprotection of human skin and/or hair, containing a combination of sunscreen actives, wherein the sunscreen active agents consist essentially of octinoxate, octocrylene, and amiloxate present in an amount to produce a synergistic increase in the SPF rating of the composition.
- 5 30. The sunscreen composition of item 29, wherein octocrylene is present in the composition in an amount from about 1.0 to about 10.0 percent by weight.
31. The sunscreen composition of item 29, wherein octocrylene is present in the composition in an amount from about 5.0 to about 10.0 percent by weight.
- 10 32. The sunscreen composition of item 29, wherein octocrylene is present in the composition in an amount from about 8.0 to about 10.0 percent by weight.
33. The sunscreen composition of item 29, wherein amiloxate is present in the composition in an amount from about 1.0 to about 10.0 percent by weight.
34. The sunscreen composition of item 29, wherein amiloxate is present in the composition in an amount from about 5.0 to about 10.0 percent by weight.
- 15 35. The sunscreen composition of item 29, wherein amiloxate is present in the composition in an amount from about 7.5 to about 10.0 percent by weight.
36. The sunscreen composition of item 29, further comprising at least one pigment or nanopigment selected from the list consisting of titanium dioxide, zinc oxide, iron oxide, zirconium oxide, cerium oxide, and mixture thereof.
- 20 37. The sunscreen composition of item 29, further comprising at least one UV-radiation scattering agent.
38. The sunscreen composition of item 29, further comprising at least one sunless-tanning agent or self-tanning composition.
- 25 39. The sunscreen composition of item 29, comprising a nonionic vesicle dispersion, emulsion, cream, milk, gel, cream gel, ointment, suspension, dispersion, powder, solid, stick, foam or spray.
40. The sunscreen composition of item 29, comprising an anhydrous or aqueous solid or paste, emulsion, suspension, or dispersion.
- 30 41. The sunscreen composition as defined by item 29, comprising an oil-in-

water emulsion.

42. The sunscreen composition as defined by item 29, comprising a water-in-oil emulsion.

5 43. The sunscreen composition as defined by item 29, comprising an aerosol formulation.

44. The sunscreen composition as defined by item 29, having a sun protection factor of at least 30.

10 45. A cosmetic composition for topical application to human skin and/or hair, containing a combination of sunscreen actives, wherein the sunscreen active agents consist essentially of octinoxate, octocrylene, and amiloxate present in an amount to produce a synergistic increase in the SPF rating of the composition.

15 46. The cosmetic composition of item 45, wherein the composition comprises a moisturizer, cleanser, conditioner, shampoo, body wash, styling gel/lotion, eye cream, eye liner, blush, mascara, foundation, nail polish, polish remover, eye shadow, lipstick, lip gloss, lip liners, lip balms, makeup remover, nail treatment, foot care compositions, acne treatment, redness/rosacea treatment, varicose/spider vein treatment, antiaging compositions, sunless tanning compositions, after-sun compositions, concealers, hair color and 20 bleaching compositions, skin fading/lighteners, body firming lotion, shaving cream, after shave, relaxer, antiperspirant, deodorant, exfoliant, scrub, liquid hand soap, bubble bath, pain and wound treatment, insect repellent, anti-itch/rash cream, styling mousse, foams, perfume, lubricant, body oil, body spray, baby lotion, diaper cream, baby soap, baby shampoo, baby oil, baby 25 wipes, hair-loss treatment, hair spray, depilatory, hair growth inhibitor, hair removal wax, personal cleansing, cologne, oil controller, or hand sanitizer.

47. The cosmetic composition of item 45 further comprising at least one skin protectant active agent.

30 48. The cosmetic composition of item 47, wherein said skin protectant active agent comprise allantoin, aluminum hydroxide gel, calamine, cocoa butter, cod liver oil, colloidal oatmeal, dimethicone, glycerin, hard fat, kaolin, lanolin,

mineral oil, petrolatum, sodium bicarbonate, topical starch, white petrolatum, zinc acetate, zinc carbonate, and zinc oxide.

49. A method for protecting human skin and/or hair against the deleterious effects of ultraviolet solar radiation, comprising topically applying thereto an effective amount of the cosmetic composition of item 29.

5 50. A method for protecting human skin and/or hair against the deleterious effects of ultraviolet irradiation, comprising topically applying thereto an effective amount of the cosmetic composition of item 45.

Also disclosed herein is a topically applicable sunscreen composition 10 suited for the photoprotection of human skin and/or hair, comprising photoprotecting synergistically effective amounts of octinoxate, octocrylene, and amiloxate.

Also disclosed herein is a cosmetic composition for topical application to human skin and/or hair, comprising photoprotecting synergistically effective 15 amounts of octinoxate, octocrylene, and amiloxate.

Also disclosed herein is a method for protecting human skin and/or hair against the deleterious effects of solar radiation, more particularly ultraviolet radiation (UVR) comprising topically applying thereto an effective amount of the sunscreen compositions as described herein.

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION

The subject invention provides a topically applicable sunscreen composition suited for the photoprotection of human skin and/or hair, comprising octinoxate, octocrylene, and amiloxate, wherein octinoxate is 25 present in the composition in an amount from about 6.5 to about 7.5 percent by weight, and wherein the amounts of octinoxate, octocrylene and amiloxate produce a synergistic increase in the SPF rating of the composition.

Octinoxate, which is also known as octyl methoxycinnamate or ethylhexyl methoxycinnamate, is listed in Annex VII of the EU Cosmetics Directive for 30 use as a sunscreen agent up to a level of 10%. In the United States, it is listed by the USFDA for use at level up to 7.5%. Octocrylene, whose chemical name is 2-ethylhexyl 2-cyano-3,3-diphenyl-2-propenoate, is listed by the

USFDA for use up to 10% and in the EU Cosmetics Directive for use up to 10%. Amiloxate, whose chemical name is 2-benzoic acid, 2-propenoic acid,3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-methylbutyl ester and is also known by 4-Methoxycinnamic acid,isoamyl ester or isoamyl p-methoxycinnamate, is being 5 reviewed for approval by the USFDA for use up to 10% and is listed in the EU Cosmetics Directive for use up to 10%. It is understood that the compositions of the invention are not limited to these statutory limits but that these limits are provided to illustrate practical limitations on the amount of these sunscreen active agents in products that may be marketed in various 10 countries

In one embodiment of the invention, the molar ratio of octinoxate:octocrylene:amiloxate present in the composition may range from .034:.028:.04 to 0.26:0.28:0.40.

15 In a further embodiment of the invention octocrylene may present in the composition in an amount from about 1.0 to about 10.0 percent by weight, preferably in an amount from about 5.0 to about 10.0 percent by weight, more preferably in an amount from about 8.0 to about 10.0 percent by weight.

20 In a further embodiment of the invention, amiloxate may be present in the composition in an amount from about 1.0 to about 10.0 percent by weight, preferably in an amount from about 5.0 to about 10.0 percent by weight, more preferably in an amount from about 7.5 to about 10.0 percent by weight.

25 The compositions of the invention containing the synergistic combination of sunscreen actives can comprise any form readily known by those of ordinary skill in the art of preparing cosmetic compositions, in particular compositions containing sunscreen active agents. Examples of such include, but are not limited to, nonionic vesicle dispersions, emulsions, creams, milks, gels, cream gels, ointments, suspensions, dispersions, powders, solids, sticks, foams or sprays.

30 In certain preferred embodiments, the composition can comprise an anhydrous or aqueous solid or paste, emulsion, suspension, or dispersion. Preferable forms of the compositions include an oil-in-water emulsion, a water-in-oil emulsion, an alcohol solution, or an aerosol formulation.

In one embodiment the subject invention, the composition can be in the form of an aerosol, wherein the composition is combined with at least one

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propellant, which may be any suitable gas that can be compressed or liquefied within a spray dispensing canister and which expands or volatilizes to vapor or gas form upon exposure to ambient temperature and pressure conditions to deliver the composition in an aerosol form. Suitable propellants 5 include hydrocarbons having 1 to 5 carbon atoms, including but not limited to methane, ethane, propane, isopropane, butane, isobutane, butene, pentane, isopentane, neopentane, pentene, hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), chlorofluorocarbons(CFCs), nitrogen, ethers including dimethyl ether, and any mixtures thereof. Those of ordinary skill in the art recognize that in a closed 10 container such as an aluminum can or glass bottle, propellants such as dimethyl ether condense to the liquid state at ambient temperature. Thus, the composition in the aerosol container is liquid formulation which can contain dissolved propellant, undissolved liquid propellant and gaseous propellant. All of this is under pressure due to the vapor pressure of the propellant. In the 15 practice of the subject invention, the propellant can be present in an amount up to about 90 weight percent, preferably from about 2 weight percent to about 50 weight percent, and more preferably about 5 weight percent to about 40 weight percent, most preferably 30 weight percent, based on the total weight of the aerosol composition.

20 The compositions of the invention can also comprise aerosol foams or so-called mousse compositions. For example, U.S. Patent No. 6,627,585 describes a mousse-forming cleansing shampoo composition comprising a foamable concentrate comprising at least one surfactant, dispersed particles of a water-insoluble conditioning agent, an aqueous carrier; and an aerosol 25 propellant. U.S. Patent No. 6,264,964 describes a cosmetic composition including a crosslinked non-emulsifying polysiloxane elastomer and a carboxyvinyl polymer which is in the form of an aerosol foam in a pressurized system. The propellant may be introduced into the mousse composition at the time of filling by using a standard aerosol dispenser, e.g. a spray can 30 arrangement.

The subject invention contemplates the incorporation of the synergistic combination of sunscreen actives in sunscreen and sunblock products and any other topically applied composition where the addition of sunscreen

active agents would not detract from the efficacy of the product nor affect the sunscreening ability of the sunscreen active agents. Thus the subject invention also provides a cosmetic composition for topical application to human skin and/or hair, comprising octinoxate, octocrylene, and amiloxate, 5 wherein octinoxate is present in the composition in an amount from about 6.5 to about 7.5 percent by weight, and wherein the amounts of octinoxate, octocrylene and amiloxate produce a synergistic increase in the SPF rating of the composition. Non-limiting examples of such cosmetic compositions may include such products as moisturizers, 10 cleansers, conditioners, shampoo, body wash, styling gel/lotion, eye cream and eye liner, blush, mascara, foundation, nail polish, polish remover, eye shadow, lipstick, lip gloss, lip liners, lip balms, makeup remover, nail treatment, foot care compositions, acne treatment, redness/rosacea treatment, varicose/spider vein treatment, anti-aging compositions, sunless tanning compositions, after-sun compositions, concealers, hair color and 15 bleaching compositions, skin fading/lighteners, body firming lotion, shaving cream, after shave, relaxer, antiperspirants and deodorants, exfoliants, scrubs, liquid hand soap, bubble bath, pain and wound treatment compositions, insect repellent, anti-itch and rash cream, styling mousse and foams, perfume, lubricants, body oil, body spray, baby lotion, diaper cream, 20 baby soap, baby shampoo, baby oil, baby wipes, hair-loss treatment, hair spray, depilatory, hair growth inhibitors, hair removal waxes, personal cleansing, cologne, oil controller, and hand sanitizer.

The compositions of the present invention may contain a wide range of additional, optional components which are referred to herein as "cosmetic components", but which can also include components generally known as 25 pharmaceutically active agents. The CTFA Cosmetic Ingredient Handbook, Seventh Edition, 1997 and the Eighth Edition, 2000, which is incorporated by reference herein in its entirety, describes a wide variety of cosmetic and pharmaceutical ingredients commonly used in skin care compositions, which are suitable for use in the compositions of the present invention. Examples of 30 these functional classes disclosed in this reference include: absorbents, abrasives, anticaking agents, antifoaming agents, antioxidants, binders, biological additives, buffering agents, bulking agents, chelating agents, chemical additives, colorants, cosmetic astringents, cosmetic biocides, denaturants, drug astringents, external analgesics, film formers, fragrance

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components, humectants, opacifying agents, pH adjusters, plasticizers, reducing agents, skin bleaching agents, skin-conditioning agents (emollient, humectants, miscellaneous, and occlusive), skin protectants, solvents, foam boosters, hydrotropes, solubilizing agents, suspending agents
5 (nonsurfactant), sunscreen agents, ultraviolet light absorbers, SPF boosters, waterproofing agents, and viscosity increasing agents (aqueous and nonaqueous).

In the practice of the invention, the composition may contain one or more additional sunscreen active agents. For purposes of the present
10 invention, a "sunscreen active agent" or "sunscreen active" shall include all of those materials, singly or in combination, that are regarded as acceptable for use as active sunscreening ingredients based on their ability to absorb UV radiation. Such compounds are generally described as being UV-A, UV-B, or UV-A/UV-B active agents. Approval by a regulatory agency is generally
15 required for inclusion of active agents in formulations intended for human use.

Those active agents which have been or are currently approved for sunscreen use in the United States include organic and inorganic substances including, without limitation, para aminobenzoic acid, avobenzone, cinoxate, dioxybenzone, homosalate, menthyl anthranilate, octyl salicylate,
20 oxybenzone, padimate O, phenylbenzimidazole sulfonic acid, sulisobenzone, trolamine salicylate, titanium dioxide, zinc oxide, diethanolamine methoxycinnamate, digalloy trioleate, ethyl dihydroxypropyl PABA, glyceryl aminobenzoate, lawsone with dihydroxyacetone, red petrodatum. Examples of additional sunscreen actives that have not yet been approved in the US but
25 are allowed in formulations sold outside of the US include ethylhexyl triazole, dioctyl butamido triazole, benzylidene malonate polysiloxane, terephthalylidene dicamphor sulfonic acid, disodium phenyl dibenzimidazole tetrasulfonate, diethylamino hydroxybenzoyl hexyl benzoate, bis diethylamino hydroxybenzoyl benzoate, bis benzoxazoylphenyl ethylhexylimino triazine,
30 drometrizole trisiloxane, methylene bis-benzotriazolyl tetramethylbutylphenol, and bis-ethylhexyloxyphenol methoxyphenyltriazine, 4-methylbenzylidenecamphor, and isopentyl 4-methoxycinnamate. However, as the list of approved sunscreens is currently expanding, those of ordinary skill

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will recognize that the invention is not limited to sunscreen active agents currently approved for human use but is readily applicable to those that may be allowed in the future.

5 In one embodiment of the invention the additional sunscreen active agent comprises a photoprotecting effective amount of particulates of at least one inorganic pigment or nanopigment, non-limiting examples of which include titanium dioxide, zinc oxide, iron oxide, zirconium oxide, cerium oxide, or mixture thereof.

10 The compositions of the invention may also include materials that also increase the SPF of the final composition by such mechanisms as UV radiation scattering and dispersion. Such materials are referred to herein as "UV-radiation scattering agents" and comprise materials that exhibit UV absorbing activity or exhibit no UV absorbing activity. An example of such UV-radiation scattering agents include polymeric materials, such as the 15 product known as SunSpheres™ (Rohm and Haas; Philadelphia, PA) which are described by their manufacturer as hollow styrene/acrylates copolymer spheres manufactured by emulsion polymerization. The polymer spheres are said to raise SPF values across the UVA and UVB region by dispersing and/or scattering the incident UV radiation throughout the film of sunscreen 20 present on a surface, such as human skin. It is understood that the spheres cause less UV radiation to penetrate into the skin by redirecting the radiation towards the UV-absorbing sunscreen actives in the sunscreen formulation, where the radiation reacts with the sunscreen active molecules and the energy is dissipated as heat. As used herein, the terms "spheres" or 25 "scattering agents" are not limited by chemical makeup or shape, but comprise any agent that produces the effect of lengthening the path of incident UV radiation, increasing the statistical likelihood that the radiation will contact a sunscreen active molecule, i.e., a UV absorbing active agent. These materials may also include UV absorbing materials that also exhibit 30 scattering properties such as ZnO (examples include Z-Cote™ products available from BASF), TiO₂ (examples include the Solaveil™ products available from Uniqema (New Castle, DE, USA)), compounds such as methylene bis-benzotriazolyl tetramethylbutylphenol, ("Tinasorb™ M"

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available from Ciba Specialty Chemicals, Inc. (Basel, Switzerland). UV radiation scattering agents are typically present in the formulation in amounts up to about 10% by weight, preferably in ranges of about 0.5% to about 7.0% by weight, in particularly preferred ranges of 3% to about 5% by weight.

5 As used herein, the terms "sunless-tanning agent" or "self-tanning compositions" refer to compositions which, when applied to human skin, impart thereto an appearance similar to that achieved by exposing the skin to natural or artificial sunlight. Examples of sunless tanning active agents are described in U.S. Patent Nos. 6,482,397, 6,261,541, and 6,231,837. Such
10 sunless tanning compositions typically comprise, in addition to an artificial tanning effective amount of a self tanning agent, effective amounts of a composition coloring agent and a cosmetically acceptable carrier adapted for topical application to human skin. The self tanning agents can also include those compositions generally accepted in the art for application to human
15 skin, and which, when so applied, react therein with amino acids so as to form pigmented products. Such reactions give the skin a brown appearance similar to the color obtained upon exposing it to sunlight for periods of time sufficient to tan the skin. Suitable self tanning agents include, without limitation, alpha-hydroxy aldehydes and ketones, glyceraldehyde and related alcohol
20 aldehydes, various indoles, imidazoles and derivatives thereof, and various approved pigmentation agents. Presently preferred herein as self tanning agents are the alpha-hydroxy aldehydes and ketones. Most preferably, the self tanning agent is dihydroxyacetone ("DHA"). Other suitable self tanning agents include, without limitation, methyl glyoxal, glycerol aldehyde,
25 erythrulose, alloxan, 2,3-dihydroxysuccindialdehyde, 2,3-dimethoxysuccindialdehyde, 2-amino-3-hydroxy-succindialdehyde and 2-benzylamino-3-hydroxsuccindialdehyde.

Suitable emulsifiers or surfactants include pharmaceutically acceptable, non-toxic, non-ionic, anionic and cationic surfactants. Examples
30 of suitable non-ionic surfactants include glycerol fatty acid esters such as glycerol monostearate, glycol fatty acid esters such as propylene glycol monostearate, polyhydric alcohol fatty acid esters such as polyethylene glycol (400) monooleate, polyoxyethylene fatty acid esters such as polyoxyethylene

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(40) stearate, polyoxyethylene fatty alcohol ethers such as polyoxyethylene
(20) stearyl ether, polyoxyethylene sorbitan fatty acid esters such as
polyoxyethylene sorbitan monostearate, sorbitan esters such as sorbitan
monostearate, alkyl glycosides such as cetearyl glucoside, fatty acid
5 ethanolamides and their derivatives such as the diethanolamide of stearic
acid, and the like. Examples of suitable anionic surfactants are soaps
including alkali soaps, such as sodium, potassium and ammonium salts of
aliphatic carboxylic acids, usually fatty acids, such as sodium stearate.
Organic amine soaps include organic amine salts of aliphatic carboxylic acids,
10 usually fatty acids, such as triethanolamine stearate. Metallic soaps include
salts of polyvalent metals and aliphatic carboxylic acids, usually fatty acids,
such as aluminium stearate. Other classes of suitable anionic surfactants
include sulfated fatty acid alcohols such as sodium lauryl sulfate, sulfated oils
such as the sulfuric ester of ricinoleic acid disodium salt, and sulfonated
15 compounds such as alkyl sulfonates including sodium cetane sulfonate,
amide sulfonates such as sodium N-methyl-N-oleyl laurate, sulfonated dibasic
acid esters such as sodium dioctyl sulfosuccinate, alkyl aryl sulfonates such
as sodium dodecylbenzene sulfonate, alkyl naphthalene sulfonates such a
sodium isopropyl naphthalene sulfonate, petroleum sulfonate such as aryl
20 napthalene with alkyl substitutes. Examples of suitable cationic surfactants
include amine salts such as octadecyl ammonium chloride, quartemary
ammonium compounds such as benzalkonium chloride.

An emollient is an oleaginous or oily substance which helps to smooth
and soften the skin, and may also reduce its roughness, cracking or irritation.

25 Typical suitable emollients include mineral oil having a viscosity in the range
of 50 to 500 centipoise (cps), lanolin oil, coconut oil, cocoa butter, olive oil,
almond oil, macadamia nut oil, aloe extracts such as aloe vera lipoquinone,
synthetic jojoba oils, natural sonora jojoba oils, safflower oil, corn oil, liquid
lanolin, cottonseed oil and peanut oil. Preferably, the emollient is a
30 cocoglyceride, which is a mixture of mono, di and triglycerides of cocoa oil,
sold under the trade name of Myritol 331 from Henkel KGaA, or Dicaprylyl
Ether available under the trade name Cetiol OE from Henkel KGaA or a C₁₂-
C₁₅ Alkyl Benzoate sold under the trade name Finsolv TN from Finetex. One

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or more emollients may be present ranging in amounts from about 1 percent to about 10 percent by weight, preferably about 5 percent by weight. Another suitable emollient is DC 200 Fluid 350, a silicone fluid, available Dow Corning Corp.

5 Other suitable emollients include squalane, castor oil, polybutene, sweet almond oil, avocado oil, calophyllum oil, ricin oil, vitamin E acetate, olive oil, silicone oils such as dimethylopolysiloxane and cyclomethicone, linolenic alcohol, oleyl alcohol, the oil of cereal germs such as the oil of wheat germ, isopropyl palmitate, octyl palmitate, isopropyl myristate, hexadecyl stearate, butyl stearate, decyl oleate, acetyl glycerides, the octanoates and benzoates of (C₁₂ -C₁₅) alcohols, the octanoates and decanoates of alcohols and polyalcohols such as those of glycol and glyceryl, ricinoleates esters such as isopropyl adipate, hexyl laurate and octyl dodecanoate, dicaprylyl maleate, hydrogenated vegetable oil, phenyltrimethicone, jojoba oil and aloe vera extract.

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Other suitable emollients which are solids or semi-solids at ambient temperatures may be used. Such solid or semi-solid cosmetic emollients include glyceryl dilaurate, hydrogenated lanolin, hydroxylated lanolin, acetylated lanolin, petrolatum, isopropyl lanolate, butyl myristate, cetyl myristate, myristyl myristate, myristyl lactate, cetyl alcohol, isostearyl alcohol and isocetyl lanolate. One or more emollients can optionally be included in the formulation.

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A humectant is a moistening agent that promotes retention of water due to its hygroscopic properties. Suitable humectants include glycerin, polymeric glycols such as polyethylene glycol and polypropylene glycol, mannitol and sorbitol. Preferably, the humectant is Sorbitol, 70% USP or polyethylene glycol 400, NF. One or more humectants can optionally be included in the formulation in amounts from about 1 percent to about 10 percent by weight, preferably about 5 percent by weight.

30 A dry-feel modifier is an agent which when added to an emulsion, imparts a "dry feel" to the skin when the emulsion dries. Dry feel modifiers can include talc, kaolin, chalk, zinc oxide, silicone fluids, inorganic salts such as barium sulfate, surface treated silica, precipitated silica, fumed silica such

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as an Aerosil available from Degussa Inc. of New York, N.Y. U.S.A. Another dry feel modifier is an epichlorohydrin cross-linked glyceryl starch of the type that is disclosed in U.S. Patent No. 6,488,916.

It may be advantageous to incorporate additional thickening agents, 5 such as, for instance, various Carbopol available from Noveon Co. Particularly preferred are those agents which would not disrupt the lamellar structure in the formulation of the final product, such as non-ionic thickening agents. The selection of additional thickening agents is well within the skill of one in the art.

10 An "antioxidant" is a natural or synthetic substance added to the sunscreen to protect from or delay its deterioration due to the action of oxygen in the air (oxidation). They may also reduce oxidation reactions in skin tissue. Anti-oxidants prevent oxidative deterioration which may lead to the generation of rancidity and nonenzymatic browning reaction products.

15 Typical suitable antioxidants include propyl, octyl and dodecyl esters of gallic acid, butylated hydroxyanisole (BHA, usually purchased as a mixture of ortho and meta isomers), butylated hydroxytoluene (BHT), green tea extract, uric acid, cysteine, pyruvate, nordihydroguaiaretic acid, Vitamin A, Vitamin E and Vitamin C and their derivatives. One or more antioxidants can optionally be 20 included in the sunscreen composition in an amount ranging from about 0.001 to about 5 weight percent, preferably about 0.01 to about 0.5 percent.

"Chelating agents" are substances used to chelate or bind metallic ions, such as with a heterocyclic ring structure so that the ion is held by chemical bonds from each of the participating rings. Suitable chelating agents 25 include ethylene diaminetetraacetic acid (EDTA), EDTA disodium, calcium disodium edetate, EDTA trisodium, albumin, transferrin, desferoxamine, desferal, desferoxamine mesylate, EDTA tetrasodium and EDTA dipotassium, or combinations of any of these.

"Fragrances" are aromatic substances which can impart an 30 aesthetically pleasing aroma to the sunscreen composition. Typical fragrances include aromatic materials extracted from botanical sources (i.e., rose petals, gardenia blossoms, jasmine flowers, etc.) which can be used alone or in any combination to create essential oils. Alternatively, alcoholic

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extracts may be prepared for compounding fragrances. However, due to the relatively high costs of obtaining fragrances from natural substances, the modern trend is to use synthetically prepared fragrances, particularly in high-volume products. One or more fragrances can optionally be included in the 5 sunscreen composition in an amount ranging from about 0.001 to about 5 weight percent, preferably about 0.01 to about 0.5 percent by weight. Additional preservatives may also be used if desired and include well known preservative compositions such as benzyl alcohol, phenyl ethyl alcohol and benzoic acid, diazolidinyl, urea, chlorphenesin, iodopropynyl and butyl 10 carbamate, among others.

The compositions of the invention can further comprise skin protectant active agents. Suitable examples include (with preferred weight percent ranges), Allantoin (0.5 to 2 percent); Aluminum hydroxide gel (0.15 to 5 percent); Calamine (1 to 25 percent); Cocoa butter (greater than 50); Cod liver 15 oil (5 to 14 percent); Colloidal oatmeal; Dimethicone (1 to 30 percent); Glycerin (20 to 45 percent); Hard fat (greater than 50); Kaolin (4 to 20 percent); Lanolin (12.5 to 50 percent); Mineral oil (greater than 50 percent); Petrolatum (greater than 30 percent); Sodium bicarbonate; Topical starch (10 to 98 percent); White petrolatum (greater than 30 percent); Zinc acetate (0.1 20 to 2 percent); Zinc carbonate (0.2 to 2 percent); and Zinc oxide (1 to 25 percent).

The compositions of the invention may further include insect repelling components. The most widely used insect repelling active agent for personal care products is N,N-Diethyl-m-toluamide, frequently called "DEET" and 25 available in the form of a concentrate containing at least about 95 percent DEET. Other synthetic chemical repellents include ethyl butylacetaminopropionate (also known as IR 3535), dimethyl phthalate, ethyl hexanediol, indalone, di-n-propylisocinchoronate, bicycloheptene, dicarboximide and tetrahydrofuraldehyde. Certain plant-derived materials 30 also have insect repellent activity, including citronella oil and other sources of citronella (including lemon grass oil), limonene, rosemary oil and eucalyptus oil. Choice of an insect repellent for incorporation into the sunscreen emulsion will frequently be influenced by the odor of the repellent. The

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amount of repellent agent used will depend upon the choice of agent; DEET is useful at high concentrations, such as up to about 15 percent or more, while some of the plant-derived substances are typically used in much lower amounts, such as 0.1 percent or less.

5 Topical application of the compositions of the invention described herein to the hair or skin of a human will provide enhanced protection against deleterious effects of ultraviolet radiation (UVR). Thus, the subject invention further provides a method for protecting human skin and/or hair against the deleterious effects of solar radiation, more particularly UVR, which method 10 comprises topically applying thereto an effective amount of the sunscreen compositions as described herein. An esthetically beneficial result of exposure of skin to UVR (i.e., light radition wavelengths of from 280 nm to 400 nm) is the promotion of tanning of the human epidermis. Another benefit of sun exposure comes from production of vitamin D within the skin. UVR is 15 typically divided into UV-A (light wavelengths from 320 to 400 nm) and UV-B (wavelengths ranging from 280 to 320 nm) regions. Overexposure to UV-B irradiation is generally understood to lead to skin burns and erythema. In addition, overexposure to UV-A radiation may cause a loss of elasticity of the skin and the appearance of wrinkles, promoting premature skin aging. Such 20 irradiation promotes triggering of the erythema reaction or amplifies this reaction in certain individuals and may even be the source of phototoxic or photoallergic reactions. It is increasingly believed that overexposure to UV-A may also lead to melanoma. Thus, the application of the compositions of the invention to the skin and/or hair of an individual will provide enhanced UVR 25 photoprotection (UV-A and/or UV-B) of the skin and/or hair of the individual.

 The compositions of the invention are intended to provide a sun protection factor (SPF) rating of at least 2, with additional preferable embodiments having a sun protection factor of at least 5, at least 10, at least 15, at least 20, at least 25, at least 30, at least 35, at least 40, at least 45, at 30 least 50, and at least 55.

 The invention will be further described by means of the following examples, which are not intended to limit the invention, as defined by the

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appended claims, in any manner.

EXAMPLES

5 **Formulation of Sunscreen Lotions**

Several oil-in-water formulations comprising the sunscreen active compounds amiloxate, octinoxate, and octocrylene, individually and in various combinations, were tested in *in vitro* SPF experiments. Tables 1 and 2 list the ingredients for the formulations containing either one or two sunscreen actives 10 used for comparative purposes. Table 3 contains ingredients for formulations that contain combinations of all three sunscreen actives, which illustrate the surprising synergy between amiloxate, octinoxate, and octocrylene. All formulations were prepared according to the following general method:

1. Keltrol and Veegum were added to the water of Part A in a suitable 15 container and mixed with mechanical stirrer until completely hydrated. The remainder of the Part A ingredients are then added with mixing to form the water phase and heated to 165-175 °F.
2. In a separate container all of the Part B ingredients are combined and heated to 180-185 °F.
- 20 3. The Part B ingredients are then added to the water phase of Part A, mixed well, and cooled slowly to 120-125 °F.
4. The Germaben II of Part C is then added and mixed well.
5. The formulation is then cooled to room temperature and then Part D water is added QS to weight.

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Table 1
Formulations Containing Single Sunscreen Active¹

Part	INCI Name	Trade Name	Ex. 1	Ex. 2	Ex. 3	Ex. 4	Ex. 5
A	Purified Water	Water	74.75	77.25	77.25	72.25	72.25
A	Sodium Cetearyl Sulfate	Sodium Cetearyl Sulfate	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30
A	Propylene Glycol	Propylene Glycol	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
A	Magnesium Aluminum Silicate	Veegum Ultra	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
A	Xanthan Gum	Keltrol CGF	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.35
B	Neopentyl Glycol Diheptanoate	Lexfeel 7	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
B	PVP Eicosene Copolymer	Ganex V-220	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
B	Arachidyl Alcohol (and) Behenyl Alcohol (and) Arachidyl Glucoside	Montanov 202	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
B	Octinoxate	Parsol MCX	7.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
B	Amiloxate	Neoheliopan E-1000	0.00	5.00	0.00	0.00	10.00
B	Octocrylene	Uvinul N 539 T	0.00	0.00	5.00	10.00	0.00
B	Peg-30 Dipolyhydroxystearate	Arlacel P 135	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10
B	Dimethicone	Dow Coming 200 Fluid, 350 CST	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
C	Propylene glycol (and) Diazolidinyl urea (and) methyl paraben (and) propyl paraben	Germaben II	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
D	Purified Water	Water	QS	QS	QS	QS	QD
		Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

¹ All amounts listed as percent by weight.

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Table 2
Formulations Containing Two Sunscreen Actives¹

Part	INCI Name	Trade Name	Ex. 6	Ex. 7	Ex. 8	Ex. 9
A	Purified Water	Water	69.75	62.25	67.25	64.75
A	Sodium Cetearyl Sulfate	Sodium Cetearyl Sulfate	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30
A	Propylene Glycol	Propylene Glycol	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
A	Magnesium Aluminum Silicate	Veegum Ultra	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
A	Xanthan Gum	Keltrol CGF	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.35
B	Neopentyl Glycol Diheptanoate	Lexfeel 7	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
B	PVP Eicosene Copolymer	Ganex V-220	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
B	Arachidyl Alcohol (and) Behenyl Alcohol (and) Arachidyl Glucoside	Montanov 202	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
B	Octinoxate	Parsol MCX	7.50	0.00	0.00	7.50
B	Amiloxate	Neoheliopan E-1000	5.00	10.00	5.00	0.00
B	Octocrylene	Uvinul N 539 T	0.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
B	Peg-30 Dipolyhydroxystearate	Arlacel P 135	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10
B	Dimethicone	Dow Coming 200 Fluid, 350 CST	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
C	Propylene glycol (and) Diazolidinyl urea (and) methyl paraben (and) propyl paraben	Germaben II	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
D	Purified Water	Water	QS	QS	QS	QS
		Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

¹ All amounts listed as percent by weight.

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Table 3
Formulations Containing Three Sunscreen Actives¹

Part	INCI Name	Trade Name	Ex. 10	Ex. 11	Ex. 12
A	Purified Water	Water	64.75	59.25	59.75
A	Sodium Cetearyl Sulfate	Sodium Cetearyl Sulfate	0.30	0.30	0.30
A	Propylene Glycol	Propylene Glycol	5.00	5.00	5.00
A	Magnesium Aluminum Silicate	Veegum Ultra	1.00	1.00	1.00
A	Xanthan Gum	Keltrol CGF	0.35	0.35	0.35
B	Neopentyl Glycol Diheptanoate	Lexfeel 7	5.00	5.00	0.00
B	PVP Eicosene Copolymer	Ganex V-220	2.00	2.00	2.00
B	Arachidyl Alcohol (and) Behenyl Alcohol (and) Arachidyl Glucoside	Montanov 202	2.00	2.00	2.00
B	Octinoxate	Parsol MCX	7.50	7.50	7.50
B	Amiloxate	Neoheliopan E-1000	5.00	5.00	10.00
B	Octocrylene	Uvinul N 539 T	5.00	10.00	10.00
B	Peg-30 Dipolyhydroxystearate	Arlacel P 135	0.10	0.10	0.10
B	Dimethicone	Dow Coming 200 Fluid, 350 CST	1.00	1.00	1.00
C	Propylene glycol (and) Diazolidinyl urea (and) methyl paraben (and) propyl paraben	Germaben II	1.00	1.00	1.00
D	Purified Water	Water	QS	QS	QS
		Total	100.00	100.00	100.00

¹ All amounts listed as percent by weight.

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SPF Measurements

All SPF measurements were conducted using Vitro-Skin® (IMS, Inc., Orange, CT; USA) as the substrate to which the sunscreen formulas were applied. The substrates were hydrated according to the manufacturer's

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instructions. Test formulations were applied to the substrates at 2 mg/cm², mounted in 6X7 photographic slide mounts (B&H Photo Video, New York, NY; USA) and allowed to dry for 20 minutes. An untreated, hydrated Vitro-Skin® substrate was also mounted in a slide mount and allowed to air dry for 20 minutes to serve as a reference and blank. The in vitro SPF of each formula was determined using an Optometrics SPF 290S Analyzer (Optometrics LLC, Ayer, MA; USA) equipped with a computer-controlled X-Y sampling stage and operated according to the manufacturer's instructions. A total of 12 in vitro SPF values were obtained for each formula using a different, non-overlapping position on each mounted substrate. The resulting in vitro SPF values are shown in Table 4. All the SPF values reported are the average of 12 values measured for each formulation.

Table 4
Measured vs. Expected SPF

Formula Example	Octinoxate (% w/v)	Amiloxate (%w/v)	Octocrylene (% w/v)	Measured SPF (sd) ¹	Expected SPF ²
1	7.5	--	--	10.5 (1.0)	
2	--	5.0	--	8.6 (1.3)	
3	--	--	5.0	5.6 (0.4)	
4	--	--	10.0	15.6 (3.0)	
5	--	10.0	--	13.1 (1.5)	
6	7.5	5.0	--	18.0 (1.3)	19.1
7	--	10.0	10.0	30.2 (3.7)	28.7
8	--	5.0	10.0	24.6 (3.3)	24.2
9	7.5	--	10.0	26.5 (3.9)	26.1
10	7.5	5.0	5.0	30.0 (2.4)	24.7
11	7.5	5.0	10.0	42.0 (5.9)	34.7
12	7.5	10.0	10.0	48.2 (5.0)	39.2

15 ¹Measured SPF represents the mean of three different determinations.

²Expected SPF values reported for Examples 6-12 were calculated by adding the sum of the individual SPF's from each sunscreen at the same concentration.

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The results in Table 4 clearly demonstrate that a unique synergy exists for the combination of sunscreen actives of the invention, as demonstrated for example in formulas 10-12 containing various levels of all three sunscreen actives. Formulas 10-12 increase SPF values by 5 to 9 SPF units relative to the SPF's expected from the arithmetic sum of the SPF's from individual sunscreen actives at the same concentrations. In contrast, measured SPF values of formulas 6-9 containing two sunscreen actives remain about the same as the expected SPF values, confirming that the synergies observed for 10 the combination of all three sunscreen actives do not derive from any possible combination of the two sunscreen actives. The synergistic effect in SPF performance only exists for combinations of all three sunscreen actives in the same formula.

In addition to the oil-in-water emulsions described above, additional 15 representative examples of photoprotective compositions according to the invention can be made for example as water-in-oil emulsions and alcohol spray compositions. Representative Examples 13 (water-in-oil emulsion) and 14 (alcohol spray) are described below.

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Table 5
Water-in-Oil Emulsion Formulation (Ex. 13)

Part	No.	INCI Name	Trade Name	Wt. % (w/w)
A	1	Octinoxate	Parsol MCX	7.50
A	2	Amiloxate	NeoHeliolan E-1000	10.00
A	3	Octocrylene	Unvinul N 539 T	10.00
A	4	Bis-hydroxyethoxypropyl Dimethicone	DC 5562 Carbinol Fluid	4.00
A	5	Cyclopentasiloxane (and) PEG-12 Dimethicone Crosspolymer	Dow Corning 9011 Silicone Elastomer	5.00
B	6	Tocopherol	d,l - alpha Tocopherol	0.20
B	7	Purified Water	Water	56.70
B	8	Propylene Glycol	Propylene Glycol	5.00
B	9	Polyaminopropyl Biguanide	Cosmacil CQ	1.00
B	10	Sodium Chloride	Sodium Chloride	0.50
B	11	Chlorphenesin	3-(4-Chlorphenoxy)-1,2-Propanediol	0.10
			Total	100.00

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The water-in-oil formulation above can be prepared by first adding the oil phase ingredients of part A in a container large enough to hold the entire batch and mixing until uniform. Next, in a separate container add the water of part B followed by the remaining ingredients of Part B in the listed order and mix well. Finally, the water phase of the second step can be added slowly to the oil phase of step one with slow mixing until all of the aqueous phase has been added and then the mixing speed is increased for rapid mixing to complete the emulsification and set the lotion composition.

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Table 6
Alcohol Spray Formulation (Ex. 14)

Part		INCI Name	Trade Name	Wt. % (w/w)
A	1	Octinoxate	Parsol MCX	7.50
A	2	Amiloxate	Neoheliopan E-1000	5.00
A	3	Octocrylene	Uvinul N 539 T	5.00
A	4	SD Alcohol 40	SD Alcohol 40	79.30
A	5	Acrylates/Octylacrylamide Copolymer	Dermacryl 79	3.00
A	6	Fragrance	Fragrance	0.20
			Total	100.00

5 The composition is prepared by adding all ingredients to a suitable sized container in the order listed and mixing until uniform. The compositions can then be loaded, for example, into a pump bottle for spray application to the skin and/or hair.

10 The compositions of the invention can also be prepared as aerosol formulations for application as a spray to the skin and/or hair. The following composition in Table 7 (Example 15) is an example of the production of an aerosol formulation according to the subject invention.

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Table 7
Aerosol Lotion Formulation

Part	INCI Name	Trade Name	Wt. % (w/w)
A	Purified Water	Water	41.83
A	Sodium Cetearyl Sulfate	Sodium Cetearyl Sulfate	0.21
A	Propylene Glycol	Propylene Glycol	3.50
A	Magnesium Aluminum Silicate	Veegum Ultra	0.70
A	Xanthan Gum	Keltrol CGF	0.24
B	PVP Eicosene Copolymer	Ganex V-220	1.4
B	Arachidyl Alcohol (and) Behenyl Alcohol (and) Arachidyl Glucoside	Montanov 202	1.4
B	Octinoxate	Parsol MCX	5.25
B	Amiloxate	Neoheliopan E-1000	7.00
B	Octocrylene	Uvinul N 539 T	7.00
B	Peg-30 Dipolyhydroxystearate	Arlacel P 135	0.07
B	Dimethicone	Dow Corning 200 Fluid, 350 CST	0.70
C	Propylene glycol (and) Diazolidinyl urea (and) methyl paraben (and) propyl paraben	Germaben II	0.70
E	Dimethyl Ether		30.0
		Total	100.00

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The aerosol lotion listed in Table 7 can be easily prepared by combining the lotion formulation described herein with a common propellant and loaded into a suitable container to allow for storage until applied. In the above Example 15, 70% of the lotion described in Example 12 can be combined with a common propellant, in this case 30% dimethyl ether, in a closed container, such as an aluminum can or glass bottle.

To prepare the aerosol formulation, the emulsion is allowed to cool to room temperature and then weighed into the appropriate container such as an

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aluminum aerosol can or glass bottle. The appropriate valve, dip tube and actuator are placed in the can or bottle and the system is crimped and sealed using a hand crimper designed for the specific diameter of the can or bottle. The sealed assembly is then immersed in an ice bath. While the assembly is 5 maintained at or near 0°C, the propellant is introduced into the can or bottle from a gas cylinder containing the dimethyl ether by depressing the actuator stem and allowing the gas to flow into the aerosol can or bottle. This transfer occurs because the pressure inside the aerosol can or bottle at 0°C is less than the pressure in the gas cylinder at ambient temperature. The can or 10 bottle can be periodically weighed to determine the amount of propellant that has been added.

Although certain presently preferred embodiments of the invention have been described herein, it will be apparent to those skilled in the art to 15 which the invention pertains that variations and modifications of the described embodiments may be made without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention.

It is to be understood that, if any prior art publication is referred to 20 herein, such reference does not constitute an admission that the publication forms a part of the common general knowledge in the art, in Australia or any other country.

In the claims which follow and in the preceding description of the 25 invention, except where the context requires otherwise due to express language or necessary implication, the word "comprise" or variations such as "comprises" or "comprising" is used in an inclusive sense, i.e. to specify the presence of the stated features but not to preclude the presence or addition of further features in various embodiments of the invention.

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A topically applicable sunscreen composition suited for the photoprotection of human skin and/or hair, comprising octinoxate, octocrylene, and amiloxate, wherein octinoxate is present in the composition in an amount from about 6.5 to about 7.5 percent by weight, and wherein the amounts of octinoxate, octocrylene and amiloxate produce a synergistic increase in the SPF rating of the composition.
2. The sunscreen composition as defined by claim 1, wherein the molar ratio of octinoxate:octocrylene:amiloxate present in the composition ranges from .034:.028:.04 to 0.26:0.28:0.40.
3. The sunscreen composition of claim 1, wherein octocrylene is present in the composition in an amount from about 1.0 to about 10.0 percent by weight.
4. The sunscreen composition of claim 1, wherein octocrylene is present in the composition in an amount from about 5.0 to about 10.0 percent by weight.
5. The sunscreen composition of claim 1, wherein amiloxate is present in the composition in an amount from about 1.0 to about 10.0 percent by weight.
6. The sunscreen composition of claim 1, wherein amiloxate is present in the composition in an amount from about 5.0 to about 10.0 percent by weight.
7. The sunscreen composition as defined by claim 1, having a sun protection factor of at least 2.
8. The sunscreen composition as defined by claim 1, having a sun protection factor of at least 30.

9. A cosmetic composition for topical application to human skin and/or hair, comprising octinoxate, octocrylene, and amiloxate, wherein octinoxate is present in the composition in an amount from about 6.5 to about 7.5 percent by weight, and wherein the amounts of octinoxate, octocrylene and amiloxate produce a synergistic increase in the SPF rating of the composition.
10. The cosmetic composition of claim 9 further comprising at least one skin protectant active agent.
11. The cosmetic composition of claim 10, wherein said skin protectant active agent comprise allantoin, aluminum hydroxide gel, calamine, cocoa butter, cod liver oil, colloidal oatmeal, dimethicone, glycerin, hard fat, kaolin, lanolin, mineral oil, petrolatum, sodium bicarbonate, topical starch, white petrolatum, zinc acetate, zinc carbonate, and zinc oxide.
12. A method for protecting human skin and/or hair against the deleterious effects of ultraviolet solar radiation, comprising topically applying thereto an effective amount of the sunscreen composition of claim 1.
13. A method for protecting human skin and/or hair against the deleterious effects of ultraviolet irradiation, comprising topically applying thereto an effective amount of the sunscreen composition of claim 1.
14. The sunscreen composition of claim 1, the cosmetic composition of claim 9, or the method of claim 12 or claim 13, substantially as herein described with reference to the Examples.