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(54) **TENUE INDUITE PAR LA CHALEUR ET OBTENUE A PARTIR
DE COMPOSITIONS APRES-SHAMPOOING CONTENANT
DU SILICONE**
(54) **SHAMPOO AND CONDITIONER HAIR CARE RINSE-OFF
COMPOSITIONS CONTAINING SILICONE**

(57) Cette invention porte sur une méthode thermique conférant une meilleure tenue aux cheveux. Cette méthode consiste à: appliquer sur les cheveux une composition de rinçage comprenant: (1) un agent de conditionnement non volatil au silicone, et (2) un excipient; (b) rincer les cheveux pour éliminer la composition; (c) appliquer de la chaleur au moyen d'un appareil diffusant de la chaleur sur les cheveux traités avec la composition de façon à les sécher ou les coiffer. La réduction du module de courbure induite par l'agent de conditionnement au silicone est d'au moins 1,00 %, cette méthode ayant pour résultat la formation d'un dépôt sur le cheveux d'au moins 30 microgrammes de silicone/1g de cheveux.

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HEAT-MEDIATED CONDITIONING FROM SHAMPOO AND CONDITIONER HAIR
CARE COMPOSITIONS CONTAINING SILICONE

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BACKGROUND OF INVENTION AND PRIOR ART

10 There is sufficient evidence both from both consumer and
clinical testing that the use of heat styling appliances is
damaging to human hair.

For consumers that heat style, their primary concern is to
15 use a shampoo or conditioner treatment that can protect and
improve the condition of their hair. Shampoos and
conditioners containing silicone conditioning agents are
able to deliver these benefits by 1) coating the hair with a
conforming layer of silicone that smoothes the hair's
20 imperfections such as roughness, cracks, cuticle uplift, or
cuticle removal, and, 2) helping to protect the hair from
extreme internal water loss with heat. As a result of
coating the hair with conditioning agents, shampoo and
conditioner treatments often impart increased softness,
25 better combing characteristics, luster, and in general,
improve the appearance of one's hair.

The claimed invention not only protects the hair from the
damaging action of heat, but in addition, uses heat to
30 mediate increased conditioning or softness dependent on the
delivery and deposition of conditioning agent between
certain specified levels.

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Silicones are well known and widely used as conditioning agents for hair in rinse-off formulations such as shampoos and conditioners. Such formulations are disclosed in, for example, DE 32 06 448A, US 5 346 642, WO 98 16189A, 5 US 3 964 500, US 5 612 301 and JP 01 132 509A. However, it is not suggested in these documents that a heat-mediated increase in hair conditioning benefit might be achievable by the use of a heating appliance in conjunction with a silicone containing composition. The use of heating 10 appliances is normally considered injurious to hair, causing dryness, brittleness and damage. Consequently, formulations have to date been developed with the stated aim of protecting against or ameliorating the effect of heat (for example as in EP 0 681 826 A2) rather than using it to 15 condition hair.

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or conditioning to hair, as compared to air dried, treated hair. The heat required to elicit the effect would be the heat exposure of a blow dryer or styling appliance, measured at point of origin of the appliance to be typically between

5 200°F to 400 °F. *« the use of a silicone conditioning agent to elicit a heat-mediated reduction in bending modulus, or softening or conditioning, to hair, as compared to*
 In brief, the present invention is directed to ~~a~~ method for *air-dried* thermal conditioning hair which comprises: *treated hair, in a »*

- 10 (a) applying to hair a rinse-off composition comprising:
- (1) a nonvolatile, silicone conditioning agent; and
- (2) a carrier;
- 15 (b) rinsing the composition from the hair with water;
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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

30 As used herein nonvolatile, silicone conditioning agent means any silicone having a boiling point of 200°C or greater, typically this would include silicones within a broad range of molecular weight, and having viscosities of between 5 centistokes to 1 million centistokes.

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As used herein, heating device means heating appliance.

15 As used herein, % means weight % unless otherwise indicated.

Heat activation is defined as some change that is mediated by use of the composition of the invention with heat, from styling appliances such as a blow dryer, curling iron, hot
20 curler, hot brush, hot comb, hot rollers, crimper, or hair dryer. From internal testing of various appliances this average temperature can range on the "hot" setting to be 200° to 400°F.

25 Any nonvolatile silicone conditioning agent which will deposit silicone on hair may be used in the compositions and methods of the present invention. Silicone agents in the compositions of the present invention include dimethicone, dimethiconol, phenyl trimethicone, dimethicone copolyols,
30 amino functional silicones, organically modified silicone resins such as stearyl siloxysilicate and lauric

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siloxysilicate, silicone gums, silicone elastomers, and cross-linked siloxane polymers which may be either linear or branched.

5 Silicone conditioning agents are responsible for a heat-induced reduction in bending modulus or softening of the hair. The preferred non-volatile silicone conditioning agents are dimethiconol, dimethicone, amodimethicone which are added to a composition of the present invention in an
10 amount sufficient to provide improved combing and improved feel (softness) to the hair after shampooing.

Preferred silicones include linear and branched polydimethylsiloxanes, of the following general
15 formula: $(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{SiO}-[\text{Si}(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{O}]_n-\text{Si}(\text{CH}_3)_3$, wherein n is from 7 to 15,000, preferably from 7 to 9,000. Silicones useful in compositions of the present invention are available from a variety of commercial sources, including General Electric Company and Dow Corning. In
20 addition to the linear and branched polydimethylsiloxanes, the polydimethylsiloxanes can be organically modified to include amine, hydroxyl, alkyl, alkyl aryl, ethoxylated, and propoxylated functionalities.

25 In accordance with one important embodiment, the composition of the present invention also includes from 0.1% to 10%, particularly 0.5% to 10%, and preferably from 1.0% to 5.0%, by weight of a non-volatile silicone compound or other conditioning agent(s), preferably a

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water-insoluble, emulsifiable conditioning agent. Any nonvolatile silicone agent will work in the compositions and methods of the invention provided that the silicone agent deposits sufficient silicone onto the hair.

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Deposition of silicone onto the hair may be quantitated by extraction of silicone from hair treated with the composition followed by spectroscopic analysis for the element silicon. Comparison against a standard (i.e a solution of the silicone of known concentration) then gives an amount of silicone which may be converted into micrograms of silicone/gram of hair.

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Using compositions and methods of the invention, the nonvolatile, silicone conditioning agent was present in the compositions at an active range of 0.1 to 2.0%, depositing on hair in the range of 30microgram/g to 1200microgram/g hair. In these just above mentioned compositions, the nonvolatile, silicone conditioning agents were as follows:

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Dimethiconol containing silicone emulsions such as, Dimethiconol (and) TEA- Dodecylbenzenesulfonate (and) Polyethylene Oxide Laurel Ether. Non-emulsion forms of silicone conditioning agents include dimethicone; and amodimethicone.

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The surface active agent can be anionic, cationic, nonionic, zwitterionic or amphoteric. Typically useful surface active agents contain at least one fatty, carbon atom,

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chain. The individual surface active agents can also be used in mixtures of two or more surface active agents or their salts.

5 Exemplary anionic surface active agents include but are not limited to alkali metal and ammonium salts of fatty alkyl sulfates and fatty alpha-olefin sulfonates such as ammonium lauryl sulfate and the sodium alpha-olefin sulfonate prepared from mixed olefins having 12
10 to 18 carbon atoms in the fatty chain, alkali metal and ammonium soaps such as potassium oleate and ammonium palmitate, alkali metal ethoxylated fatty alkanol sulfates and phosphates such as sodium polyoxyethylene myristyl sulfate and potassium polyoxyethylene lauryl phosphate in
15 which there are an average of 1 to 4 oxyethylene units per molecule, and the like.

Exemplary nonionic surface active agents include but are not limited to polyoxyethylene derivatives of fatty
20 alcohols containing 4 to 25 oxyethylene units per molecule such as polyoxyethylene (20) cetyl ether and polyoxyethylene (4) lauryl ether, polyoxyethylene derivatives of octyl- and nonylphenols containing an average of 4 to 25 oxyethylene units such as
25 polyoxyethylene (9) octylphenyl ether and polyoxyethylene (15) nonylphenyl ether, mono- and dialkanol amides of fatty acids such as N-(2-hydroxyethyl) tallow acid amide and N,N-bis-(2-hydroxyethyl) coco fatty acid amide, and the like.

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Exemplary cationic surface active agents include but are not limited to quaternary nitrogen-containing compounds that include the following structures: (1) one fatty chain and three lower alkyl (one to four carbon atoms) substituents on the quaternary nitrogen such as stearyltrimethylammonium chloride and cetyldimethylethylammonium bromide; (2) one fatty chain, two lower alkyl groups and a benzyl group such as cetyldimethylbenzylammonium bromide; (3) two fatty chains and two lower alkyl groups such as dimethyldi-(hydrogenated tallow)-ammonium chloride; (4) three fatty chains and one lower alkyl group such as tricetylmethylammonium chloride; and the like.

Exemplary zwitterionic surface active agents include but are not limited to betaine and sultaine derivatives such as stearyldimethylglycine, cocamidopropyldimethylglycine, cocamidopropyldimethyl sultaine, cocamidopropylbetaine and the like, as well as fatty tertiary amine oxides such as dimethylcocoamine oxide and dimethylstearylamine oxide.

Illustrative amphoteric surface active agents include but are not limited to fatty chain derivatives of mono- and dicarboxy substituted imidazolines such as 2-heptadecyl-1-carboxymethyl-1-(2-hydroxyethyl)-2-imidazolinium chloride, 2-undecyl-1-(sodium carboxymethyl)-1-(2-hydroxyethyl)-2-imidazolinium hydroxide. Also included among the amphoteric surface active agents are fatty derivatives of glycine such as lauryl aminopropylglycine.

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The word "fatty" is used herein to refer to carbon atom chains that contain 12 to 18 carbon atoms. The word "fatty" is also used in conjunction with carbon atom chains that are derived from chains of 12 to 18 carbon atoms, wherein at least one atom of the chain is within a ring structure, rather than being pendant from that ring structure, as is the case for one imidazoline derivative discussed hereinbefore.

10 The composition also can include a suspending agent for the conditioning agent, in an amount of 0.5% to 10%, by total weight of the composition. The particular suspending agent is not critical and can be selected from any materials known to suspend water-insoluble liquids in shampoo or
15 conditioner compositions. Suitable suspending agents are for example, distearyl amate (distearyl phthalamic acid); fatty acid alkanolamides; esters of polyols and sugars; polyethyleneglycols; the ethoxylated or propoxylated alkylphenols; ethoxylated or propoxylated fatty alcohols;
20 and the condensation products of ethylene oxide with long chain amides. These suspending agents, as well as numerous others not cited herein, are well known in the art and are fully described in the literature, such as McCUTCHEON'S DETERGENTS AND EMULSIFIERS, 1989 Annual, published by
25 McCutcheon Division, MC Publishing Co.

A nonionic alkanolamide also is optionally included in an amount of 0.1% to 5% by weight in the shampoo or conditioner compositions that include a conditioning agent
30 to provide exceptionally stable emulsification of

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water-insoluble conditioning agents and to aid in thickening and foam stability.

Suitable alkanolamides include, but are not limited to, those known in the art of hair care formulations, such as cocamide monoethanolamide (MEA), cocamide diethanolamide (DEA), soyamide DEA, lauramide DEA, oleamide monoisopropylamide (MIPA), stearamide MEA, myristamide MEA, lauramide MEA, capramide DEA, ricinoleamide DEA, myristamide DEA, stearamide DEA, oleylamide DEA, tallowamide DEA, lauramide MIPA, tallowamide MEA, isostearamide DEA, isostearamide MEA and combinations thereof. Other suitable suspending agents are disclosed in Oh et al. U.S. Pat. No. 4,704,272 Grote et al. U.S. Pat. No. 4,741,855; and Bolich, Jr. et al. U. S. Pat. No. 4,788,006, which patents are hereby incorporated by reference.

Other useful suspending and thickening agents can be used instead of the alkanolamides such as monosodium glutamate, sodium alginate; guar gum; xanthan gum; gum arabic; cellulose derivatives, such as carbomer, methylcellulose, hydroxybutylcellulose, hydroxyethylcellulose, hydroxypropylcellulose and carboxymethylcellulose; and various synthetic polymeric thickeners, such as the polyacrylic acid derivatives.

Emulsion stabilizers also may be used in compositions of the invention. Useful examples include, such compounds as polyethylene glycol, silicone copolyols, polyvinyl

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alcohol, sorbitan monostearate, oleth-2, sorbitan monolaurate, and nonionic block copolymers of ethylene oxide and propylene oxide such as those marketed by BASF Wyandotte under the name PLURONICS(R). When present, such
5 stabilizers comprise from 0.05% to 1%, preferably from 0.1% to 0.8%, by weight of the composition.

Other common cosmetic additives can be incorporated with the essential ingredients of the present invention, as
10 long as the basic properties of the shampoo and conditioners or the like are not adversely affected. These additives include, but are not limited to, commonly used fragrances, dyes, opacifiers, pearlescing agents, foam stabilizers, preservatives, water softening agents, acids,
15 bases, sequestering agents, buffers, protein, amino acids, other non-silicone conditioning agents and the like; and will usually be present in weight percentages of less than 1% each, and 2% to 5% in total.

20 The composition vehicle, or carrier, is predominantly water but organic solvents also can be added to the composition in order to solubilize compounds that are not sufficiently soluble in water. Suitable solvents include the lower alcohols like ethanol and isopropanol; polyols
25 like glycerol; glycols or glycol ethers, like 2-butoxyethanol, ethylene glycol, ethylene glycol monoethyl ether, propylene glycol and diethylene glycol monomethyl ether; and mixtures thereof. These solvents can be present in the shampoo or conditioner or the like
30 composition of the present invention in an amount from

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1% to 85% by weight and, in particular, from 5% to 50% by weight, relative to the total weight of the composition.

- 5 Hair serums are included within the compositions of the invention.

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FORMULATION EXAMPLES

As shown in the data below, nonvolatile silicone conditioning agents, contained within the formulations of the invention and depositing silicone within certain ranges, are responsible for the heat-mediated reduction in bending modulus, or hair softening, or conditioning.

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10 Shampoo formulations were tested for heat induced bending modulus changes. The formulas ranged from base shampoo detergent in water, next, to the addition of carbopol, propylene glycol, jaguar, and anionic silicone emulsion (DC1784), to base detergent and water with DC1784. The

15 shampoo formulations and results are presented in Table I. Only hair arrays treated with the formulas of the invention containing silicone with jaguar(D, F) and silicone alone (E) exhibit any statistical change in modulus, a reduction of approximately 8.00%, 6.00%, and 7.00%, respectively.

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TABLE I

SHAMPOO COMPOSITIONS, INGREDIENTS, WT %, AND BENDING MODULUS RESULT (P>.05)

SHAMPOO FORMULATION	INGREDIENTS	WT%	BENDING MODULUS
Formula A	SLES -2 moles Cocamidopropyl Betaine Water	56.00 6.7 q.s. *	No change
Formula B	SLES -2 moles Cocamidopropyl Betaine Carbopol Slurry ¹ Water	56.00 6.7 20.00 q.s.	No Change
Formula C	SLES -2 moles Cocamidopropyl Betaine Carbopol Slurry Jaguar ² Propylene Glycol Water	56.00 6.7 20.00 0.1 0.5 q.s.	No Change
Formula D	SLES -2 moles Cocamidopropyl Betaine Carbopol Slurry Jaguar Propylene Glycol Dimethiconol (DC1784) Water	56.00 6.7 20.00 0.1 0.5 4.0 q.s.	Approximate Reduction of 8.00%
Formula E	SLES -2 moles Cocamidopropyl Betaine Carbopol Slurry Dimethiconol (DC1784) Water	56.00 6.7 20.00 4.0 q.s.	Approximate Reduction of 7.00%
FORMULA F	SLES -2 moles Cocamidopropyl Betaine Carbopol Slurry	56.00 6.7 20.00 0.1	Approximate Reduction of

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	Jaguar	0.5	6.00
	Propylene Glycol	1.5	
	Dimethiconol (DC1784)	q.s.	
	Water		

* q.s. - quantity sufficient for the formula weight percentage to equal 100%.

¹ 2% Carbomer slurry

² Jaguar is guar-hydroxypropyltrimmonium chloride

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Conditioner formulations were tested for heat induced bending modulus changes. The compositions and bending modulus results are listed in Table II.

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TABLE II. CONDITIONER COMPOSITIONS, INGREDIENTS, WT %, AND BENDING MODULUS RESULT (P>.05)

CONDITIONER G INGREDIENTS	INGREDIENTS	BENDING MODULUS RESULT
water, soft	q.s.*	Reduction of 4.00%
cetrimonium chloride	4.65	
cetyl/stearyl alcohol	3.75	
cetyl alcohol	3.75	
paraffin wax	1.25	
stearyl stearate	0.50	
dimethiconol (DC 1784)	2.50	
fragrance/ preservatives	0.90	

10 * q.s. - quantity sufficient for the total formula weight percentage to equal 100%.

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CONDITIONER H INGREDIENTS	WEIGHT %	BENDING MODULUS RESULT
water, soft	q.s.*	Approximate Reduction of 5.00%
natrosol (250 HHR)	0.2500000	
stearylamidopropyl dimethylamine	0.5000000	
liquid citric acid 50%	0.1850000	
stearyl octyldimonium methosulfate	1.7500000	
cetyl alcohol	2.7500000	
stearyl alcohol	1.2500000	
behenamidopropyl ethylmonium ethosulfate	0.7200000	
preservatives	0.2800000	
amodimethicone (DC929)	1.2500000	
cyclomethicone	1.6000000	
fragrance	0.6000000	
ajidew (N-50)	0.0200000	
glycerin USP	0.0500000	
solu-soy (EN-25)	0.0450000	
potassium hydroxide (liquid 50%)	0.1000000	

* q.s. - quantity sufficient for the total formula weight percentage to equal 100%.

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CONDITIONER I INGREDIENTS	WEIGHT %	BENDING MODULUS RESULT
water, soft	q.s.	Approximate Reduction of 3.00%
propylene glycol	0.5000000	
stearylamidopropyl dimethyl amine	0.5000000	
liquid citric acid (50% liquid)	0.1850000	
dicetyldimonium chloride	2.1000000	
cetyl alcohol	3.7500000	
stearyl alcohol	1.0000000	
disodium EDTA	0.1000000	
preservative	0.1800000	
dimethicone	0.1000000	
cyclomethicone	1.8000000	
fragrance	0.6000000	

* q.s. - quantity sufficient for the total formula weight percentage to equal 100%.

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TESTING METHODSQuantitation of Silicone Deposited on Treated Tresses

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A one gram sampling of a tress that has been treated with the test composition is extracted with two 50 ml aliquots of chloroform using sonication to aid the extraction. The extracts are combined and evaporated to dryness. The residue is dissolved in 10 ml of chloroform.

This solution is analyzed by aspiration into an Inductively Coupled Plasma Atomic Emission Spectrometer (ICP-AES) using a solution of known concentration of silicone as the one point standard. This instrument is an elemental analyzer, so the element, silicon, is being quantitated. The amount of silicone in the extract can be calculated using the known silicon fraction in the silicone.

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Dynamic mechanical testing of bending modulus

Dynamic mechanical testing of the force or modulus to bend a bundle of hair fibers characterizes the stiffness of the hair array, i.e., its resistance to a controlled normal force imposed on the array in the vertical direction. If the modulus increases with treatment the array is stiffer. If the modulus decreases with treatment the array is less stiff; softer; fibers have reduced interfiber friction.

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The measurement of bending modulus is not unique to analysis of the physical properties of hair, but reported works had been exclusively devoted to the properties of single hair fiber (see Robbins, Clarence R., Chemical and Physical Behavior of Hair, Third edition. Springer-Verlag, New York. 1993 herein incorporated by reference) and therefore never addressed the characteristics of multiple fibers. In addition, the bending modulus was calculated from the deflection of a single fiber in a static not dynamic mode as used in this test method and reported in the literature for other materials (Lee, T.H., Boey, F.Y., and Loh, N.L.. Characterization of Fibre-Reinforced PPS Composite By Dynamic Mechanical Analysis: Effect of Aspect Ratio and Static Stress. *Composites Science and Technology* 49 (1993) 217-223).

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Instruments are commercially available to measure the mechanical properties of a variety of materials, hair included. The Perkin Elmer DMA 7 Dynamic Mechanical Analyzer, used at Helene Curtis R&D, is equipped to perform three point bending modulus, and was used for thermal studies of bending modulus of treated hair. The use of a hair bundle or array allows evaluation of multiple fiber changes and/or fiber interaction in contrast to single fiber effect.

25 Two hundred fifty fibers of the same length are selected from a regular brown hair tress. The fibers are wetted and aligned on a flat surface to form a ribbon-like swatch. A single drop of water proof adhesive is placed at five spots on the swatch.

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The distance between each junction is about 1 inch. When dry, four bundles are cut from one swatch.

Eight hair bundles are treated with a composition per
5 treatment group. The weight of each hair bundle is measured
prior to the test in order to assure that the amount of
composition applied remains at a constant proportion to the
mass of hair of 1:10 for shampoos and 3:5 with respect to
conditioners. For rinse-off products such as shampoos and
10 conditioners, the desired amount of product is applied with a
micropipette to the wet hair, worked in for 30 seconds and
rinsed out in warm water for 30 seconds. All samples are air
dried in the instrument at 72F and a controlled humidity of
30%. To heat the sample in the testing chamber the DMA
15 furnace is engaged to 200° F, and the sample is heated for
approximately 7 minutes.

Bending Modulus Results: Thermally-Induced Changes to the
Bending Modulus of Formulas of the Invention- Treated Hair
20 Arrays.

The results of testing are presented in Tables I and II.
Hair arrays treated with the shampoo and conditioner
formulations of the invention, exhibit a statistically
25 significant reduction in bending modulus ($p < .05$), following
heat treatment. Measurement of the storage bending modulus
of untreated, air dried hair vs. heated hair reveals that
untreated hair will exhibit an increase in bending modulus
of approximately +8.00%, probably due to water loss. All

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decreases in bending modulus listed in Tables I and II are statistically significant at >95% confidence level using a t-test to compare the means of the treated air-dried samples vs. treated, heated samples.

AMENDED CLAIMS

1. The use of a silicone conditioning agent to elicit a heat-mediated reduction in bending modulus, or softening or conditioning to hair, as compared to air-dried, treated hair, in a method for thermal conditioning hair which comprises:

(a) applying to hair a rinse-off composition comprising:

- (1) a ~~non~~non-volatile, silicone conditioning agent; and
 (2) a carrier;

(b) rinsing the composition from the hair with water;

(c) applying heat via a heating appliance to the composition treated hair to dry or style the hair and wherein a reduction in the bending modulus caused by the silicone conditioning agent is at least 1.00%; and wherein the method for thermal

conditioning hair results in the deposition on the hair of at least 30 microgram silicone / 1g of hair.

2. Use a method according to claim 1, wherein the silicone conditioning agent is any silicone having a boiling point of 200°C or greater.

3. Use a method according to claim 1, wherein the ~~non~~non-volatile, silicone conditioning agent is in an emulsion.

4. Use a method according to claim 1, wherein the ~~non~~non-volatile, silicone conditioning agent is selected from the group consisting of dimethicone, dimethiconol, phenyl trimethicone, dimethicone copolyols, amino functional silicones, organically modified silicone resins such as stearyl siloxysilicate and lauric siloxysilicate, silicone gums, silicone elastomers, and

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crosslinked siloxane polymers which may be either linear or branched.

5 5. ~~Use A method~~ according to claim 1, wherein the heating appliance or device is a blow-dryer, curling iron, hot comb, hot curlers, hot rollers, hot brush, crimper, or hair dryer.

10 6. ~~Use A method~~ according to claim 1, wherein the temperature of the heating appliance during the heating step is from 200°F to 400°F.

15 7. ~~Use A method~~ according to claim 1, wherein the composition is a hair serum.

8. ~~Use A method~~ according to claim 1, wherein the hair being conditioned is in a hairpiece, extension, or wig.

20 ~~9. The use of a silicone based conditioning agent to elicit a heat-mediated reduction in bending modulus, or softening or conditioning to hair, as compared to air-dried, treated hair, in a A method for thermal conditioning hair which comprises:~~

25 (a) applying to hair a rinse-off composition comprising:

 (1) a ~~nonvolatilenon-volatile~~, silicone conditioning agent; and

 (2) a carrier;

30 (b) rinsing the composition from the hair with water;

 (c) applying heat via a heating appliance to the composition treated hair to dry or style the hair wherein the method of the invention results in the deposition on the hair of at least 30 microgram

35 ~~silicone/ 1g of hair.~~

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16. ~~The use of a silicone based conditioning agent to
 elicit a heat-mediated reduction in bending modulus, or
 softening or conditioning to hair, as compared to air-dried,
 treated hair, in a A method for thermal conditioning hair
 5 which comprises:~~

(a) applying to hair a rinse-off composition
 comprising:

10 (1) a ~~nonvolatilenon-volatile~~ silicone
 conditioning agent; and

(2) a carrier;

(b) rinsing the composition from the hair with water;

15 (c) applying heat via a heating appliance to the
 composition treated hair to dry or style the hair
 and wherein a reduction in the bending modulus
 caused by the silicone conditioning agent is at
 least 1.00%; and wherein the method of the
 invention results in the deposition on the hair of
 at least 30 microgram silicone/1g of hair.

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Use

9. ~~17. A method for conditioning hair according to claim 1
 wherein the reduction in the bending modulus caused by the
 silicone conditioning agent is at least 2.00%.~~

Use

25 ~~18. A method for thermal conditioning hair according to
 10 claim 1 wherein the amount of silicone deposited on the
 hair is at least 60 microgram silicone/1g of hair.~~

30 ~~19. A kit comprising a composition according to claim 1
 and a heating appliance.~~

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