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A Novel Breakthrough for Creating Cosmetheticals

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Abstract

Several cosmetic products have proved to be effective for dry skin management as well as protection of photo-aging, though they are not allowed to claim any clinical effects in Japan. Cosmetic industry has already established potential academic capacity to develop “cosmetheticals,” which have comparable clinical effects to OTC drugs indicating the field of cosmetics and OTC drugs revealed borderless now. In view of global harmonization and future regulation of cosmetics, it is required to create a novel category of cosmetheticals, which have some scientifically approved clinical functions. The market will accept this new concept and the industry should make every effort for this breakthrough by abandoning the vested rights of fuzzy “Quasi-drugs.”

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