The influence of the test product on the key organisms of the respective body region was examined.

Information about the tested product:

Manufacturer:
TRI-K Industries, Inc.
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USA

Name of the product:
TRIcare™ CG

Product type:	Ingredient
Application:	Leave-on
Dilution:	2% in 3% glycerin + 95% water; pH 5.5
Sample received:	23 May 2023
Test Start:	23 May 2023
Test End:	13 July 2023
Test Standard:	**MyMicrobiome Standard 18.11 Face / Body**
Test result:	**1.7**
Certification:	granted

Test description

The MyMicrobiome Standard evaluates cosmetic and personal care products, that encounter the skin or mucous membrane, in terms of their influence on the microbiome located at a specific body site.

An intact skin microbiome has a fundamental influence on skin health. Products which are to be skin-friendly must also be Microbiome-friendly in order not to unbalance the skin of the user.

The MyMicrobiome Standard evaluates the influence of cosmetic and personal care products on the microbial key players of a specific skin or mucous membrane area. The human microbiome is very individual from person to person.

Each area, however, harbors a characteristic composition of bacteria, viruses and fungi. The test examines the products influence on the key organisms typical for each skin area and thus offers a standardized procedure.

Various aspects are examined:

The microbial quality of the product.

The influence of the product on the natural, healthy skin balance.

The skin-commensal bacterium *Staphylococcus epidermidi*s keeps the skin with antimicrobial peptides (so-called bacteriocins) and pH adjustments healthy and keeps skin-harmful germs such as *Staphylococcus aureus* in check. The product should not disturb this balance between skin-friendly and skin-harmful bacteria. This sensitive balance is investigated in conjunction with the product.

The influence of the product on the bacterial diversity of the specific body region.

Each body region is colonized by a certain microbial composition. For a healthy skin it is particularly important to maintain this biodiversity. The influence of the product on the respective microbial mixture is examined in the test. The aim is to find as many key organisms as possible after contact with the product.

The influence of the product on the growth behavior of the microbes of the specific body region.

In addition to the diversity of the specific microbiome, the growth or number of different key organisms should not be influenced by the product. This is investigated in a skin-product contact model. The key organisms are brought into direct and indirect contact with the product and their growth is observed.

Results

The microbial quality of the product.

The prerequisite for the test for microbial friendliness is the microbiological quality of the product. The following table contains the limit values that must be observed.

Types of organisms	Limit values	
	Products specially designed for children under 3 years, eye area or mucous skins	Other products
Total counts mesophilic, aerobic microorganisms (bacteria, yeasts, molds, (TAMC and TYMC))	≤ 1 x 10^2 cfu/g or ml[a]	≤ 1 x 10^3 cfu/g or ml[b]
Escherichia coli	Not detectable in 1g or 1 ml	Not detectable in 1g or 1 ml
Pseudomonas aeruginosa	Not detectable in 1g or 1 ml	Not detectable in 1g or 1 ml
Staphylococcus aureus	Not detectable in 1g or 1 ml	Not detectable in 1g or 1 ml
Candida albicans	Not detectable in 1g or 1 ml	Not detectable in 1g or 1 ml
a >200 cfu/g or ml, b >2000 cfu/g or ml		

Results Microbiological quality

Determination of TAMC, TYMC, absence of *E. coli*, *P. aeruginos*a and *S. aureus.*

The microbiological quality of the product according to DIN EN ISO 17516 is fulfilled.

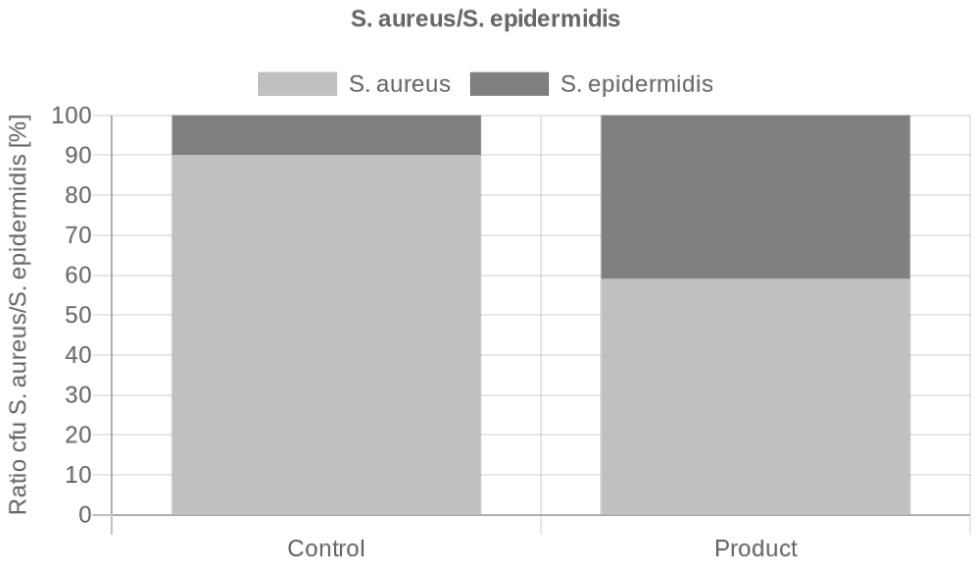
Parameter	Sample no.: 23.614.18.4
TAMC [cfu/0,1 ml]	< 1,0E+01
TYMC (incl. *Candida albicans*) [in 0,1 ml]	negative
***Escherichia coli* [in 0,1 ml]**	negative
***Pseudomonas aeruginosa* [in 0,1 ml]**	negative
***Staphylococcus aureus* [in 0,1 ml]**	negative

Results

The influence of the product on the natural, healthy skin balance.

A co-culture of *S. epidermidis* and *S. aureus* is incubated with the product.
The ratio of the two microbes to each other is determined.

Determination of the bacterial count at time t = 15 min (rinse-off) or 4h (leave-on).

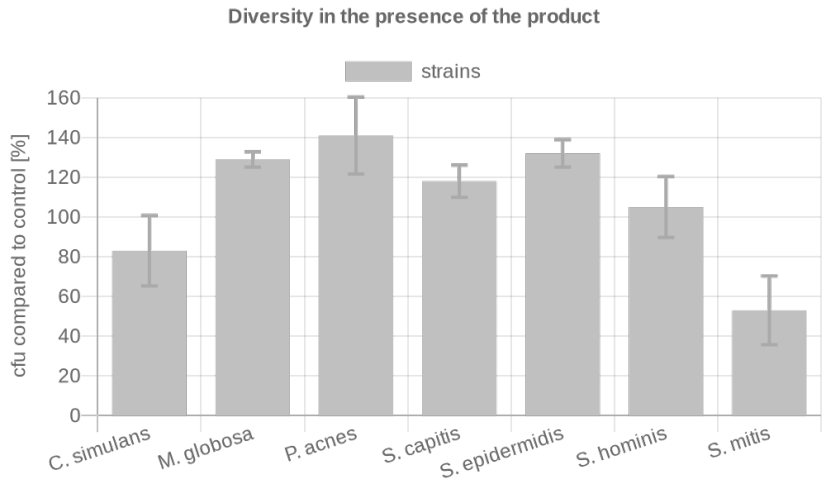


	cfu/ml		Ratio Product/ Control	Grade
	S. aureus	***S. epidermidis***		
Control	5016.7	580	6.1	**1.0**
Product	366.7	256.7		

Results – SEBACEOUS SKIN -

The influence of the product on the microbial diversity of the specific body region.

A co-culture of key organisms of the specific body region is incubated with the product for t = 15 min (rinse-off) or 4h (leave-on). The ratio of the microbes compared to the control (PBS) is determined.

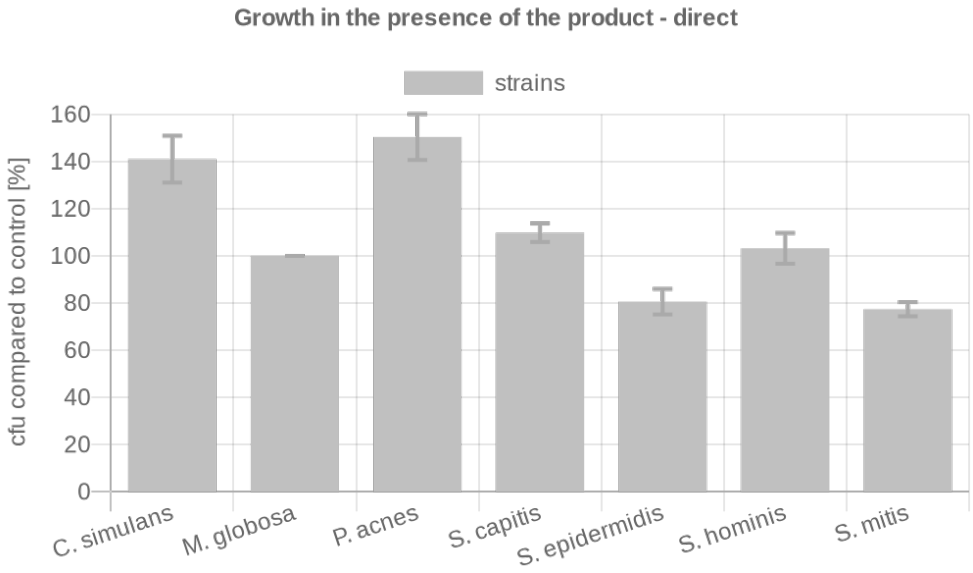


Key-Microbe	t=	4h	Rating
	cfu/ml		
C. simulans	Control	483.3	2
	Product	400	
M. globosa confluence	Control	17866.7	2
	Product	23033.3	
P. acnes	Control	1453.3	2
	Product	2053.3	
S. capitis	Control	1216.7	1
	Product	1433.3	
S. epidermidis	Control	1266.7	2
	Product	1666.7	
S. hominis	Control	4400	1
	Product	4633.3	
S. mitis	Control	3000	3
	Product	1600	
Overall rating:			**1.9**

Results – SEBACEOUS SKIN -

The influence of the product on the growth behavior of the microbes of the specific body region – directly.

The influence of the product on the growth of each individual microbe of the key organisms of the specific body region is investigated and put in relation to the control (PBS). Product contact with the microorganisms is directly.

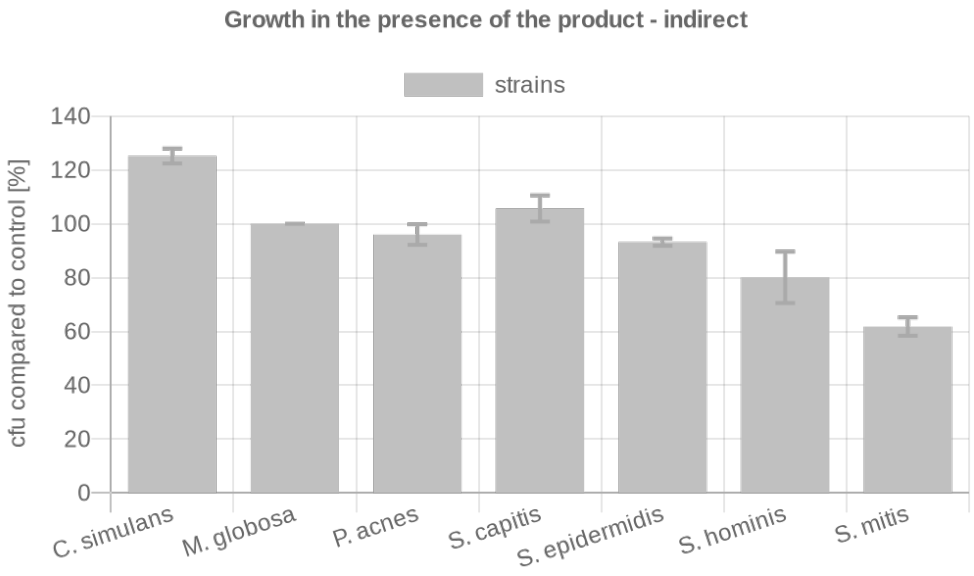


Key-Microbe	cfu/ml		Rating
C. simulans	Control	337.7	2
	Product	476.3	
M. globosa confluence	Control	100	1
	Product	100	
P. acnes	Control	353	2
	Product	531	
S. capitis	Control	184	1
	Product	202	
S. epidermidis	Control	137.3	2
	Product	110.7	
S. hominis	Control	180	1
	Product	185.7	
S. mitis	Control	1736	2
	Product	1343.7	
Overall rating:			**1.6**

Results – SEBACEOUS SKIN -

The influence of the product on the growth behavior of the microbes of the specific body region – indirectly.

The influence of the product on the growth of each individual microbe of the key organisms of the specific body region is investigated and put in relation to the control (PBS). The product contact to the microorganisms is indirect.

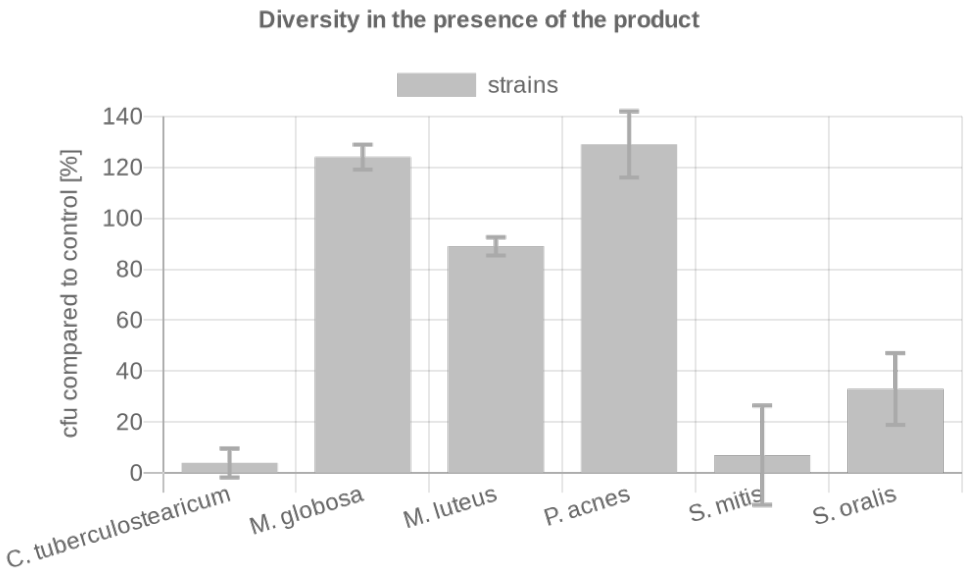


Key-Microbe	cfu/ml		Rating
C. simulans	Control	376	2
	Product	470.7	
M. globosa confluence	Control	100	1
	Product	100	
P. acnes	Control	404.7	1
	Product	388.7	
S. capitis	Control	186.3	1
	Product	197	
S. epidermidis	Control	118.3	2
	Product	110.3	
S. hominis	Control	247.7	2
	Product	198.3	
S. mitis	Control	1941	3
	Product	1198.7	
Overall rating:			**1.7**

Results – DRY SKIN -

The influence of the product on the microbial diversity of the specific body region.

A co-culture of key organisms of the specific body region is incubated with the product for t = 15 min (rinse-off) or 4h (leave-on). The ratio of the microbes compared to the control (PBS) is determined.

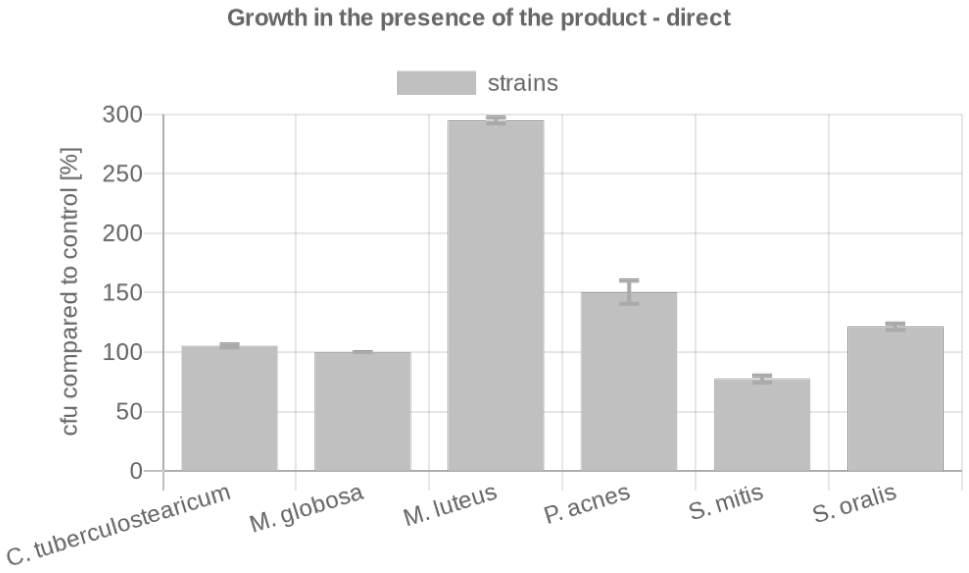


Key-Microbe	t=	4h	Rating
	cfu/ml		
C. tuberculostearicum	Control	14600	3
	Product	616,7	
M. globosa confluence	Control	12166,7	1
	Product	15133,3	
M. luteus	Control	1843,3	2
	Product	1633,3	
P. acnes	Control	310	2
	Product	400	
S. mitis	Control	15000	3
	Product	1066,7	
S. oralis	Control	3033,3	3
	Product	1000	
Overall rating:			**2.3**

Results – DRY SKIN -

The influence of the product on the growth behavior of the microbes of the specific body region – directly.

The influence of the product on the growth of each individual microbe of the key organisms of the specific body region is investigated and put in relation to the control (PBS). Product contact with the microorganisms is directly.



Key-Microbe	cfu/ml		Rating
C. tuberculostearicum	Control	1334.7	1
	Product	1404.3	
M. globosa confluence	Control	100	1
	Product	100	
M. luteus	Control	157.3	3
	Product	463.7	
P. acnes	Control	353	2
	Product	531	
S. mitis	Control	1736	2
	Product	1343.7	
S. oralis	Control	1600.3	1
	Product	1942.3	
Overall rating:			**1.7**

Results – DRY SKIN -

The influence of the product on the growth behavior of the microbes of the specific body region – indirectly.

The influence of the product on the growth of each individual microbe of the key organisms of the specific body region is investigated and put in relation to the control (PBS). The product contact to the microorganisms is indirect.

Key-Microbe	cfu/ml		Rating
C. tuberculostearicum	Control	1326	2
	Product	1223	
M. globosa confluence	Control	100	1
	Product	100	
M. luteus	Control	184.7	1
	Product	188.7	
P. acnes	Control	404.7	1
	Product	388.7	
S. mitis	Control	1941	3
	Product	1198.7	
S. oralis	Control		
	Product		
Overall rating:			**1.6**

Results

The results are evaluated with grades from 1 (one) to 3 (three). If the product shows no or positive influence to the above-mentioned aspects, a grade of 1 is awarded respectively.

If only a very weak negative influence can be detected in the tests, the grade 2 is awarded and in case of a clearly negative influence, the product receives the grade 3.

The product has passed up to grade 2.0.

Here the grade means

1.0 – 2.0 = Microbiome-friendly; 2.1 – 3.0 = Microbiome-influencing

Test	Grade
Balance of the skin microbiome	1.0
Diversity of the corresponding skin microbiome (sebaceous, x2)	1.9
Diversity of the corresponding skin microbiome (dry, x2)	2.3
Skin-product contact direct (sebaceous, x2)	1.6
Skin-product contact direct (dry, x2)	1.7
Skin-product contact indirect (sebaceous)	1.7
Skin-product contact indirect (dry)	1.6
Overall grade	**1.7**

With an overall grade of 1.7 the seal „Microbiome-friendly“ is awarded according to MyMicrobiome Standard 18.11 Face / Body.

Place, Date: Balzers, 09 June 2024

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Signature: