

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

Information about the tested product:

Manufacturer:

Arcaea LLC
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USA

Name of the product:

Optimal Habitat Fragrance Enhancing Primer

Product type:	Final product
Application:	Leave-on
Dilution:	No
Sample received:	21 November 2023
Test Start:	21 November 2023
Test End:	29 December 2023
Test Standard:	MyMicrobiome Standard 18.11 Face / Body
Test result:	1.9
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 epidermidis* 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))	$\leq 1 \times 10^2$ cfu/g or ml ^a	$\leq 1 \times 10^3$ cfu/g or ml ^b
<i>Escherichia coli</i>	Not detectable in 1g or 1 ml	Not detectable in 1g or 1 ml
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	Not detectable in 1g or 1 ml	Not detectable in 1g or 1 ml
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	Not detectable in 1g or 1 ml	Not detectable in 1g or 1 ml
<i>Candida albicans</i>	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. aeruginosa* and *S. aureus*.

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

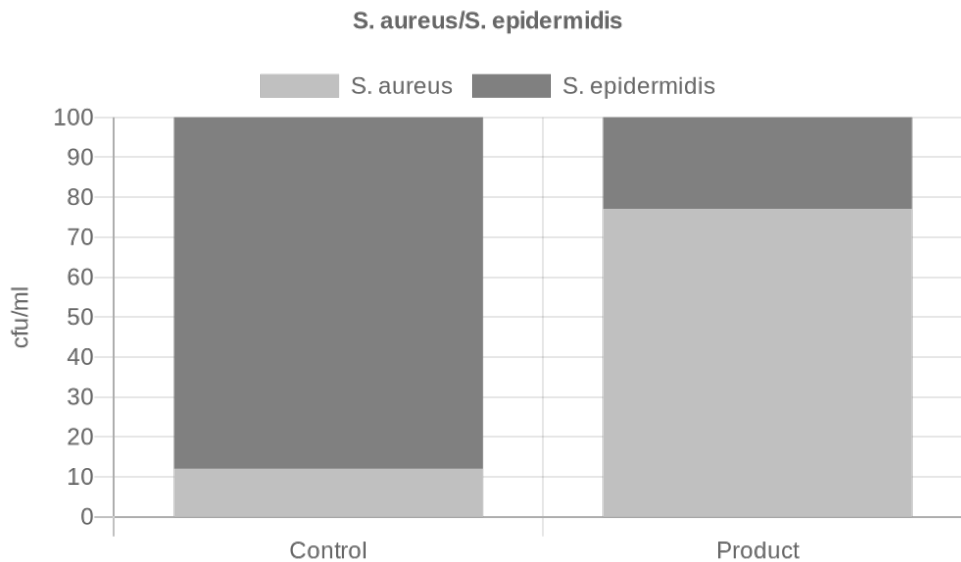
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TAMC [cfu/0,1 ml]	< 1,0E+01
TYMC (incl. <i>Candida albicans</i>) [in 0,1 ml]	negative
<i>Escherichia coli</i> [in 0,1 ml]	negative
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> [in 0,1 ml]	negative
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> [in 0,1 ml]	negative

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).

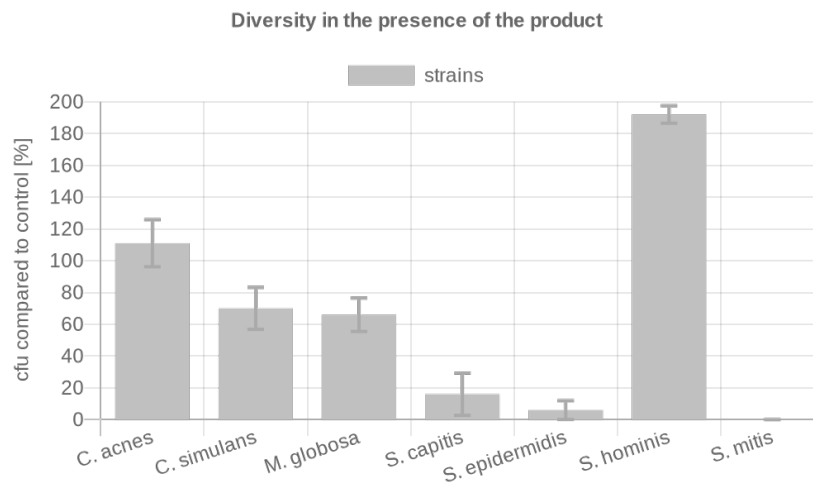


	cfu/ml		Ratio Product/ Control	Grade
	<i>S. aureus</i>	<i>S. epidermidis</i>		
Control	963.3	7300	0	3
Product	7300	2235		

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.

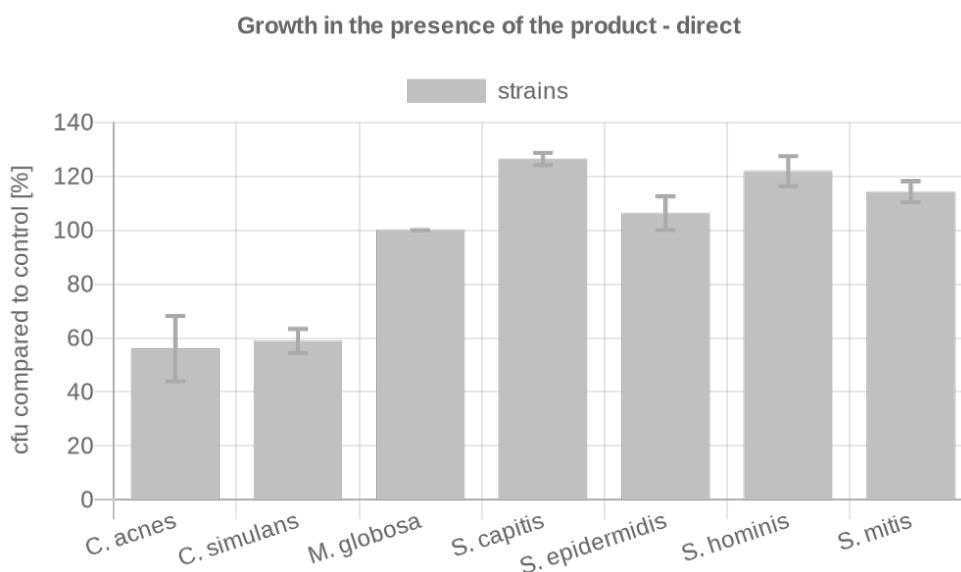


Key-Microbe	t=	4h	Rating
	cfu/ml		
C. acnes	Control	335	1
	Product	373.3	
C. simulans	Control	350	2
	Product	243.3	
M. globosa confluence	Control	16033.3	2
	Product	10533.3	
S. capitis	Control	540	3
	Product	86.7	
S. epidermidis	Control	2633.3	3
	Product	170	
S. hominis	Control	2650	3
	Product	5100	
S. mitis	Control	520	3
	Product	0	
Overall rating:			2.4

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.

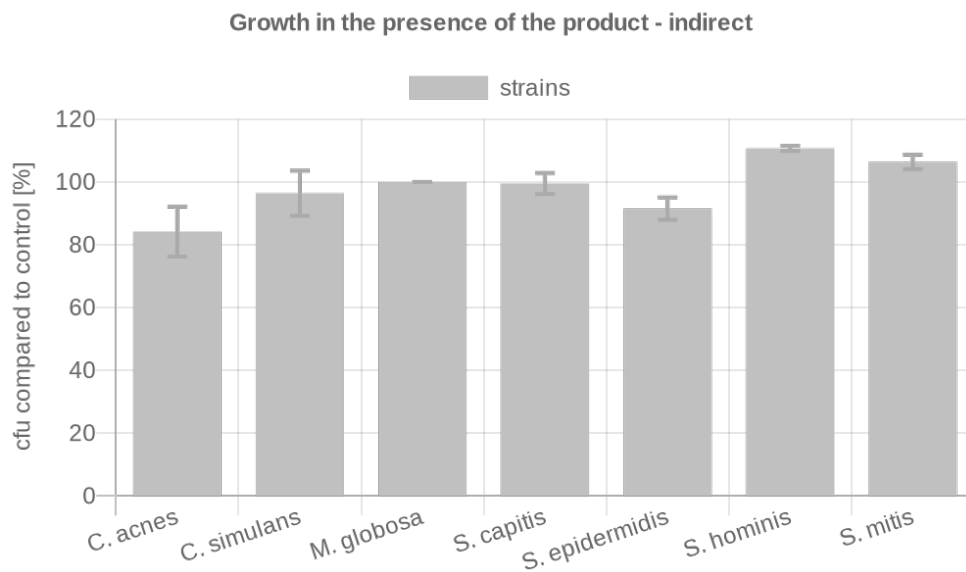


Key-Microbe	cfu/ml		Rating
	Control	Product	
C. acnes	Control	327.7	3
	Product	184	
C. simulans	Control	650.5	3
	Product	383	
M. globosa confluence	Control	100	1
	Product	100	
S. capitis	Control	221	2
	Product	279.3	
S. epidermidis	Control	432.3	1
	Product	459.7	
S. hominis	Control	336.7	1
	Product	410.3	
S. mitis	Control	601.3	1
	Product	686.7	
Overall rating:			1.7

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.

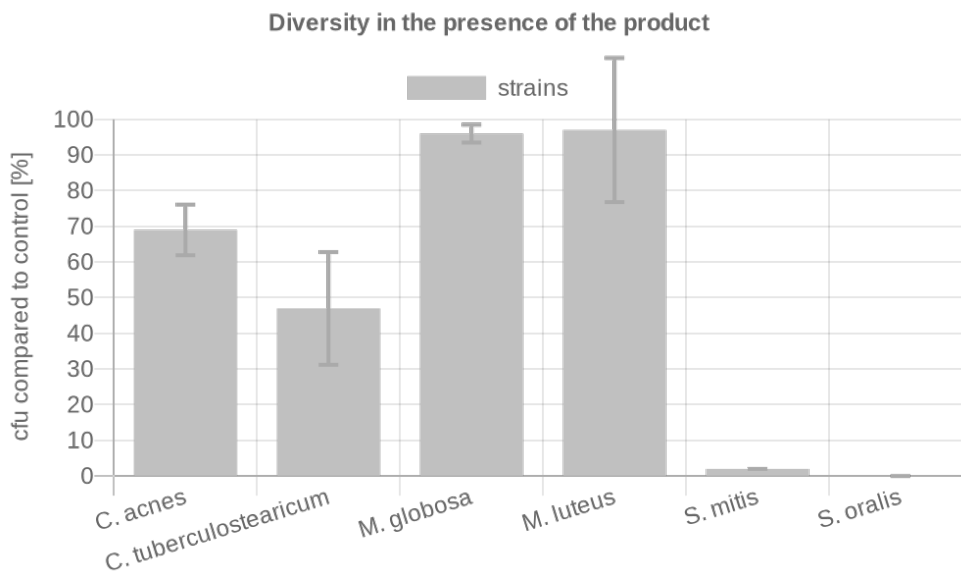


Key-Microbe	cfu/ml		Rating
<i>C. acnes</i>	Control	181.7	2
	Product	153	
<i>C. simulans</i>	Control	394.7	1
	Product	380.3	
<i>M. globosa confluence</i>	Control	100	1
	Product	100	
<i>S. capitis</i>	Control	296.7	1
	Product	295.3	
<i>S. epidermidis</i>	Control	539	2
	Product	493.3	
<i>S. hominis</i>	Control	379.3	1
	Product	420	
<i>S. mitis</i>	Control	524	1
	Product	557.3	
Overall rating:			1.3

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.



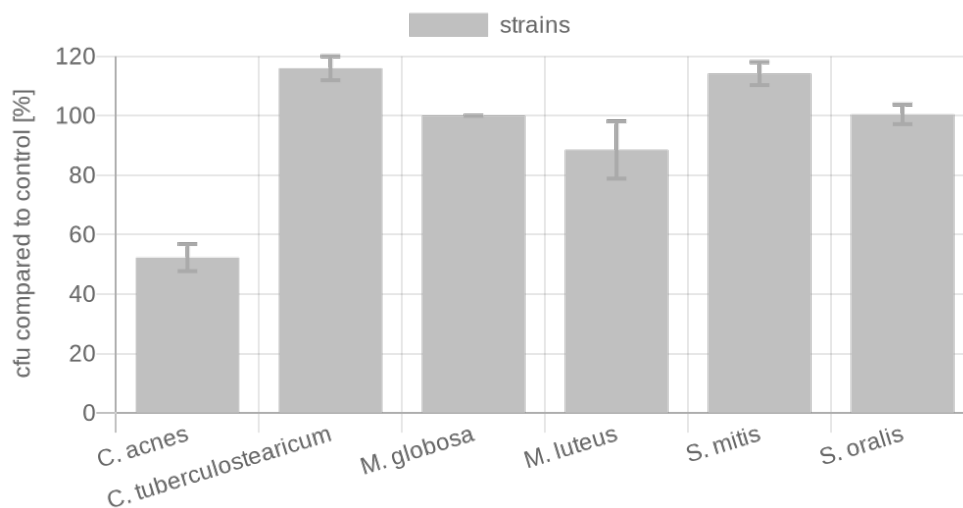
Key-Microbe	t=	4h	Rating
	cfu/ml		
<i>C. acnes</i>	Control	740	2
	Product	510	
<i>C. tuberculostearicum</i>	Control	95	3
	Product	45	
<i>M. globosa confluence</i>	Control	34866,7	1
	Product	33433,3	
<i>M. luteus</i>	Control	396,7	1
	Product	385	
<i>S. mitis</i>	Control	816,7	3
	Product	20	
<i>S. oralis</i>	Control	346,7	3
	Product	0	
Overall rating:			2.2

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.

Growth in the presence of the product - direct



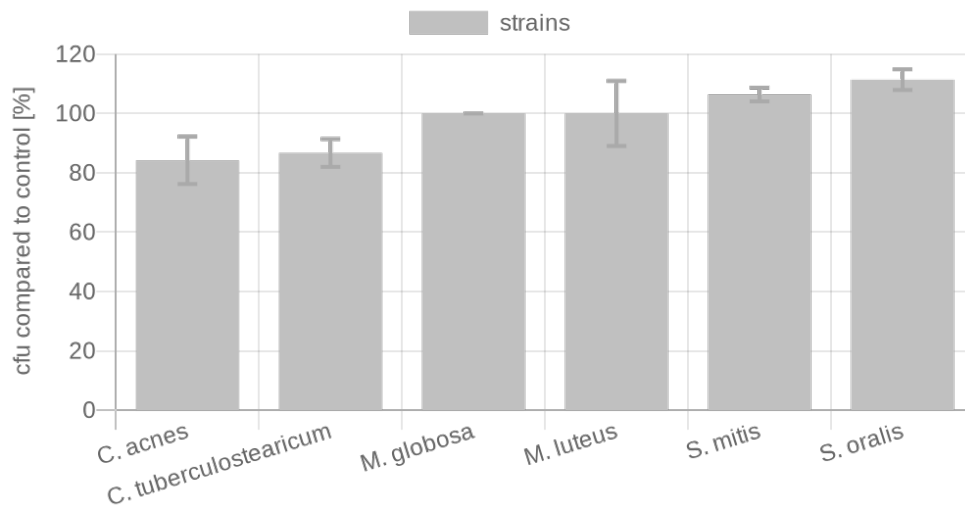
Key-Microbe	cfu/ml		Rating
C. acnes	Control	327.7	3
	Product	171.5	
C. tuberculostearicum	Control	890.7	1
	Product	1033.3	
M. globosa confluence	Control	100	1
	Product	100	
M. luteus	Control	30.5	1
	Product	27	
S. mitis	Control	601.3	1
	Product	686.7	
S. oralis	Control	187	1
	Product	188	
Overall rating:			1.3

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.

Growth in the presence of the product - indirect



Key-Microbe	cfu/ml		Rating
	Control	Product	
<i>C. acnes</i>	Control	181.7	2
	Product	153	
<i>C. tuberculostearicum</i>	Control	858	2
	Product	744	
<i>M. globosa confluence</i>	Control	100	1
	Product	100	
<i>M. luteus</i>	Control	13.7	1
	Product	13.7	
<i>S. mitis</i>	Control	524	1
	Product	557.3	
<i>S. oralis</i>	Control	214.3	1
	Product	238.7	
Overall rating:			1.3

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	3
Diversity of the corresponding skin microbiome (sebaceous, x2)	2.4
Diversity of the corresponding skin microbiome (dry, x2)	2.2
Skin-product contact direct (sebaceous, x2)	1.7
Skin-product contact direct (dry, x2)	1.3
Skin-product contact indirect (sebaceous)	1.3
Skin-product contact indirect (dry)	1.3
Overall grade	1.9

With an overall grade of 1.9 the seal „Microbiome-friendly“ is awarded according to MyMicrobiome Standard 18.11 Face / Body.

Place, Date: Balzers, 10 January 2024

Responsible person: Dr. Kristin Neumann

Signature:

