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The product

iDelivery i.S.r.l. developed Bulbixin, a versatile nanocarrier able to go through the transfollicular barrier allowing the delivery of actives at full potential, for all the topical treatment related to the pilosebaceous unit (i.e. anti hair-loss, hair removal, anti acneic products).



The problem

Currently actives for cosmetic and pharmaceutical use often suffer of low efficiency in terms of targeting - the biological structures.

Traditional product vs Bulbixin



Minoxidil Concentration measurement at follicular level express as % of the initial topical applied dosage, using different nanocarriers and the "free" drug.

Striping Test (Active Minoxil)	Bulbixin	Nanoparticles	Vesicles	Free
After 1h	91%	42%	47%	13%
After 24h	86%	24%	31%	11%
After 48h	74%	18%	13%	1%

The main target market

The main reference market for Bulbixin is the one related to chemical anti hair loss treatments **(5,4 Billions yearly revenue industry, with 5% yearly growth rate)**. 1,5 billions people suffer of hairloss problems worldwide (65% of men have visible hairloss by the age of 60, 80% of women have visible hairloss by the age of 60). Numerous reports and statistic show how hairloss problems have a serious effect on person lifestyle and level of self-confidence.

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% of Active Concentration at Hair root Level



% Increase of Active Concentration at Hair root Level (Vs Free drug at 1h)





The Beneficts

The proposed nanocarrier confers to the final customers the following beneficts:

- Increase care efficiency, due to specific targeting (3,35 times from preliminary resting)
- Increase care efficacy, due to the amplification of compound delivery in follicular site (up to two times theoretical increase)
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The results

Our recent studies confirm the nanocarrier attitude to target the hair bulb, since the first hour of experiment test (figure 1 & table 1)

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Table 1 Main Experiment performed in order to assess the Bulbixin[®] nano carrier performances

	TYPE TESTING	EXPERIMENT AIM	RESULTS OBTAINED
A	Vitro bioassay in human cell	Bulbixin® un-loaded Toxicity assessment	Bulbixin® shown high level of tolerability
в	Toxicity in vivo human experiments	Bulbixin® un-loaded Toxicity assessment	Bulbixin® demonstrated high level of tolerability and safety.
с	Ex vivo (Franz Cells) experiments	Benchmarking with state of the art nanocarrier in terms of: -Percutaneous permeation -Dose Release -Physical- Chemical stability	Bulbixin® shown: -Good permeation capabilities - Optimal Releasing capabilities - High level of Physical- Chemical stability
D	In vivo experiments on mice benchmarking against three state of the art Nano carriers	Benchmarking Bulbixin® against the state of the art Nano carriers in terms of specific targeting capabilities for the hair hair root	Bulbixin® shows superior targeting capacity for the pilosabeceous unit.
E	In vivo experiments on mice	Benchmarking Bulbixin® capabilities with anti-hair loss / drugs (Minoxidil)	Better targeting capacity to pilosebaceus unit besides showing a long life time in situ and high dosage delivered.
F	Differential Stripping: Determination of the Amount Penetrated into the Hair Follicles	To determine the amount of topically applied substances penetrated into the hair follicles.	Bulbixin® showed a selective targeting for the pilosebaceus unit.
G	In vivo measurement of the stratification in the different skin layers of the drug	Evaluation of the disposition of the drug in the skin layers, when topically applied.	Bulbixin® disposes in the dermis, where pilosebaceus units are present.
н	Production process and encapsulation studies	Assessment of the cost related to Bulbixin® production process and raw materials.	The technology introduction cost are minimal for Bulbixin®: -Simple technological production process - Availability and low cost of raw materials

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