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Hair Promoting Products (Quasi-Drug)

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Abstract

The category of quasi-drug exists only in the Japanese Pharmaceutical Affairs Law. Quasi-drugs occupy an intermediate position between drugs and cosmetics, and they must contain active ingredients which have gentle and mild effects on human body *etc.* However, the most important aspect for the development of the active ingredients is safety because the quasi-drug products are used for unlimited, long period by an unspecified number of customers, which is critically different from drug application controlled by doctors or pharmacists. The hair promoting products are clearly defined as quasi-drugs. The active ingredients for the quasi-drug hair promoting products are developed with the advent of recent scientific advances in cosmetology and dermatology. Most of them are developed on the basis of normal hair metabolism, not the abnormal hair metabolism classified as disease, which is also an important aspect of active ingredients for quasi-drug because they are applied to healthy human but has hair problems. In the final quasi-drug hair promoting products, the active ingredients and the different ingredients used in cosmetics are well combined to enhance the efficacy for hair promotion.

Key words: quasi-drug, hair promotion, active ingredient, effect, safety.