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Japanese Cosmetic Science Society: What We Did, and What We Should Do

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Abstract

In quitting the president of the Japanese cosmetic science society, I looked back on the ten years in office and described the results during the interim and the remaining issues. The greatest achievement is the formulation of guidelines for evaluation of cosmetic functions. In the guidelines, four committees formulated guidelines for evaluation of anti-wrinkle products, whitening products, sunscreen products, and evaluation of safety of functional cosmetics. The most memorable result is that anti-wrinkle cosmetics and quasi drugs were recognized as new efficacy for the first time in more than 30 years. On the other hand, we saw multiple occurrences of leukoderma due to side effects of a whitening product. Based on that, a new safety test was obliged. As for the sunscreen products, we are looking forward to being able to claim the efficacy that photoaging can be prevented by daily use. However, since the educational activities have not been fully developed, there are few people who understand the meaning of photoaging correctly. This indication of efficacy leads not only to prevention of photoaging but also prevention of skin cancer. Thus, it must be achieved in order to extend the healthy life expectancy of the people and to control medical expenses.

Key words: guidelines for evaluation of cosmetic functions, anti-wrinkle products, safety test, photoaging, sunscreen products.