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「美白製品は日の目を見ているか？」

医薬部外品と美白化粧品

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Aspects of Whitening Cosmetics

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Abstract

Eighteen years have passed since the last revision of “The Scope of the Efficacy for Quasi-Drugs and Cosmetics” (Notice of the Director of the Pharmaceutical Affairs Bureau, MHW) in 1980. Since the revision, cosmetic efficacy evaluation methods have made remarkable advances. However, no changes have been made in the contents of the notice of the Director of the Pharmaceutical Affairs Bureau for 18 years. We have had a view of the problems on cosmetic efficacy, which are likely to come in sight after the completion of the international harmonization of the cosmetic regulations now under way, taking whitening cosmetics as examples, and submitted a request for the revision of the law concerning cosmetic indications to the MHW.

Key words: scope of efficacy, evaluation, harmonization, regulation.