

## NOTIFICATION

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**Beware of fake or repacked products being sold as the original.** Some resellers have even gone to the extent of touting a known imitation as the original. If one is concerned about one's health & safety, make it a point that what you get is the original, not fakes.

The practice of some unscrupulous traders, repacking unknown contents into nicely labelled boxes with a well known brand name has been around for many years. Consumers are easily misled into believing that these are the original.

For the sake of safety, please contact local brand distributors or parent companies of the branded goods to ascertain if such products are really manufactured by them.

To get in touch with us, please email us directly at [lovepotionsss@gmail.com](mailto:lovepotionsss@gmail.com)

P/S: Readers might find this article disturbing!

## Derma C

This statement from Mercator Pharma itself proves that Derma C is a fake product.

### **Mercator Pharmaceutical Solutions does not make Derma C!**

Mercator Pharmaceutical Solutions **does not** have a factory in France and **does not** produce the product in the photograph below.

Any claims that it is from France or from Mercator are **PURELY FALSE**. This seems to be a rapidly expanding scam (as we have only noticed this has popped up on the web in the last few weeks) or someone is using our company's name against our will.

There is no way to know that these products are safe. If you see them online, DO NOT BUY them or use them.

If you find a link for a company that is selling these products, please email Nick at([info@mercatorpharma.com](mailto:info@mercatorpharma.com)) and we will contact them directly. There are currently too many companies online claiming they sell a product we don't make for us to track them down on our own, but with your and our efforts, we can take it off the web



Courtesy of <http://mercatorpharma.blogspot.com/>

## Fake Products Confiscated - [Kojic Acid](#)

This is a relatively new product in the market allegedly containing Kojic Acid. Kojic acid for the purpose of cosmetics as many are aware is actually **banned** in a few countries including **Switzerland, Korea and Japan** for its possible **mutagenicity** effects possibly linked to cancer and other health hazards.

What is available in this preparation is none other than **glutathione and vitamin C**. So this is yet another repacked products made to look as if it is a new novel product.

The **bar code below shows that it is not a real bar code**. The number portrayed as the bar code shows it is the wrong sets of numbers for a product said to be made in Japan. This number is only used as voucher codes. It is not a real bar code. A real product made in Japan would bear a different set of numbers. You may refer to our previous article on [bar codes](#). However the packaging we must say is rather impressive, together with the logo of Kyowa Hakko, the purported company that makes it.

This product does not contain Kojic Acid. It is just a name. And it is not made in Japan. The error in the bar code reveals it all:

**Product:** Kojic Acid

**Bar Code:** 9987164432453332

**Origin:** Voucher Codes

**Significance:** This bar code is a **false bar**



**Code**





Insert on the inside of the box

Supposed Certificate of Authenticity (FAKE)



Below is a newspaper clip from a Chinese daily that reported the fake nature of Kojic Acid.

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衛部：Kojic Acid及Lumistor盜用商標  
**2美白產品或有害**

馬雅然表示兩種未經註冊的美白注射產品“KOJIC ACID”與“LUMISTOR”，恐含汞及鉛等有害成分，請各分區分局注意與使用。

（本報記者王世強攝）“Kojic Acid”與“Lumistor”兩種注射產品非法盜用他人商標，安全性受質疑，且含汞及鉛等有害成分，恐含汞及鉛等有害成分，請各分區分局注意與使用。

衛生部藥政執法副處長馬雅然表示，這兩種美白注射產品並沒有向衛生部註冊，可能對人體有害。該處在接獲投訴後已經指示各分區分局，進行檢查行動，若發現上述兩種產品將全面充公。

據在新聞發布會上指出，該處將對銷售者及供應商採取嚴厲的行政行動，他們可在1962年藥物銷售法令下被對付，獲利人、進口、銷售或供應未經註冊的產品，一旦舉報可被罰款不超過2萬5千令吉或監禁不超過3年或兩者兼施；第二次再犯可被罰款不超過5萬令吉或監禁不超過5年或兩者兼施。

不過，他表示，截至目前為止，該處並沒有在市場上查獲上述產品。

他說，凡向衛生部註冊的藥品，包裝上一定貼有由政府授權特定單位所發給的許可執照。

馬雅然指出，為了社會公眾對市面上的藥品是否屬衛生部註冊藥品，公眾可透過衛生部發給全馬所有註冊藥行的許可證，進行確認。

**入侵性藥物需專人指導**

“任何人員若有線索或欲投訴沒有註冊的藥物，可以聯絡該處，電話是63-78412250。”

日本Kyowa Hakko Kasei公司不願在星洲報的代

表指出，其公司不曾生產此美白產品。這兩種產品盜用了他們的商標，在包裝上還標註是該公司生產的產品。

他說，入侵性注射性藥物需要專人指導下才能使用，這兩種使用不明成分的美白注射產品，可能引發感染、發燒并導致死亡。他促請所有公眾及商店勿購買上述兩種美白產品。

他指出，該公司是在約兩年前發現有某士大馬路網店賣此產品，在向衛生部投訴之前，該公司曾向國內貿易、合作社及消費人事務部投訴，也派出設在檳城的網店并將該店關之手法，無奈過後又卷土重來。

該公司代表律師王順輝指出，有美的產品大多數是在網上銷售，公眾要通過特定的網站才能買到。他們也發現本地有少許分的美容院銷售有美產品，每盒售價介乎500至900令吉之間。

出席新聞發布會者包括衛生部藥政執法副處長馬雅然。

In the news today, on television and in the newspaper, 2 salesperson selling Kojic Acid purportedly made by Kyowa Hakko were nabbed after the **Japanese company lodge a complaint stating that they have NEVER manufactured Kojic Acid injections.**

This has proven us true right from the start.

There are many fake products in Malaysia, repacked using famous company trademarks in order to gain trust, in which the actual companies had never even manufactured the items.

Below are the two news items from the 'The Star' and 'Bernama' news.





There is also a news conference which was televised on ntv7 on the same issue [http://www.ntv7.com.my/7edition/local-en/RM10\\_000\\_WORTH\\_OF\\_FAKE\\_WHITENING\\_PRODUCTS\\_SEIZED\\_IN\\_PENANG.html](http://www.ntv7.com.my/7edition/local-en/RM10_000_WORTH_OF_FAKE_WHITENING_PRODUCTS_SEIZED_IN_PENANG.html)

JMedic Dermal Laboratories Master Pro White EGF  
White Essential / Hyal Complex





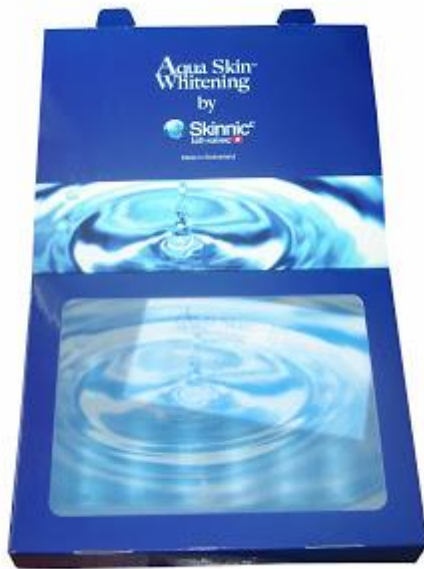


This is another fake product, after checking with our partners in Korea, this company does not exist.

## Aqua Skin Whitening Skinnic

This is another product which is an imitation using the name Skinnic, a brand name and establishment in Malaysia and Expanscience Laboratoires. Upon checks, the manufacturer does not exist in Switzerland. The spelling on the box at the back concerning the address is also a misspelled word for Laboratory in swiss. The bar code also indicates that this is not a product made in Switzerland. We have also looked at the composition in the aqua (water) solution. A few items in it cannot dissolve in a water environment. Thus this is another fake item.





## Glutax 3G , New Glutax 4G & Glutax 5G

Another new version of a fake item, taking the cue from Glutax 3G is apparently on the market now.





This is another repacked product containing glutathione and vitamin C.

Dermedical is actually not an Italian company but an Australian one. This is another case of taking the brand name of another company and relabelling the product whilst making a few changes as to the location, phone number and address. This product is yet again another imitation.

And there is yet new versions of the above Glutax 4G and Glutax 5G.



## Lucchini (Blue & Green)



**FAKE (IMITATION)**  
**Not Genuine Article**



**FAKE (IMITATION)**  
**Not Genuine Article**

Lucchini, the original company from Switzerland had been closed down since 2003.

The above product, purportedly human placenta is said to still being made in Switzerland under the above brand name & stated manufacturer. Obviously this is not an original product since the company has failed to exist since the stipulated time. The manufacturer's details printed on the box is but a pharmaceutical trading company, and not even one that is based in Switzerland (they are based in Italy instead). They do not produce this item and have no knowledge of this so called human placenta injection allegedly made by the group.



## SLC24A5 Inhibitor II

**Does SLC24A5 Gene-Inhibitor really whitens the skin?**



Recently, there has been a new up and coming whitening injection procedure called the SLC24A- Inhibitor. I have seen this product being advertised by several well known aesthetic clinics in the country.

Don't let the complex name confuse you. Putting it simply, what this injection claims to do is that once injected, it will go into your DNA and telling your body to "switch-off" the genetic information that pigments your skin causing a much lighter skin appearance without affecting other pigmented body parts such as your hair, eyes, etc.

Now, this information does sound like too good to be true and honestly as an aesthetic physician, i was very interested to inquire more info bout the product especially before introducing it to my patients.

Here's the information i found out from the **manufacturer's website**:



**Fig.1 "Chief Researcher" in SLC24A5 technology**

(Picture screen-printed directly from the manufacturer's website)

**Information from the Manufacturer's Site :** *"Swiss Institution of Medical sciences -- Aeskulap Brunnen has once again invented the most powerful skin whitening formulations*

*which is the safest and most powerful in the world – SLC24A5 Inhibitor, which disables the pigmentation gene in the body."*



**Fig 2. Dark Zebra Fish claimed to turn white after SLC24A5 Inhibitor Injection**  
(A Picture posted on the Manufacturer's Website)

My first instinct was that of amazement. I thought to myself, if scientific research on genetics is already this advanced, we are days away from injectable drugs that can "turn-off" genes for cancer and various auto-immune disease, certainly skin-whitening would not be the number one priority medical application for such advanced genetic engineering technology.

So, my curiosity got me to the path of finding the full article of that "Zebra Fish Research"(Fig.2) that claims to whiten the color of a fish after several injections of this substance.

When i couldn't find this suggested article by "Prof Jason Mest" (Fig.1) through the conventional medical literature search engine, i tried finding the article through the "Aeskulap Brunnen Institution of Medical Research." I thought, this is such a huge research and since "Prof. Mest" is the lead scientist in that particular institute, surely i could find a full-text paper of this calibre easily on that site.

To my surprise, there is no such "Aeskulap Brunnen Institution of Medical Research" in Switzerland as the manufacturer suggested. There is, however, an Aeskulap Klinik <http://www.aeskulap-klinik.ch/> (Its a big Clinic in the city of Brunen, Switzerland, not a medical research institute). I tried inquiring if this SLC24A5 Gene Inhibitor therapy is even offered there and at this point i was not surprised anymore that there isn't such therapy or even anything similar to such thing existed in Aeskulap Klinik !

Since the manufacturer also claimed that "Professor Mest" is a Professor in Genetic at the University of Philadelphia Medical School, i thought if this person was real, someone of his caliber would definitely be listed as a faculty in the university website, right?

<http://www.med.upenn.edu/faculty.shtml>,

and again, not surprisingly, there's not a known professor in that university ever existed.

**So, who is James Mest really? Is the research even valid? or does the "zebra fish" article even exist?**

I finally located the original article that has been misconstrued in the manufacturer's website and here's what i found out:



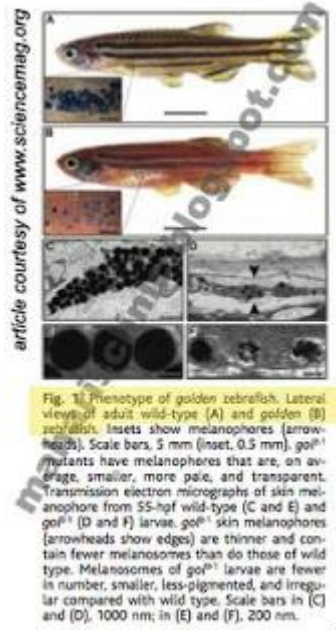
**Fig. 3: The Original /Real Research Article :** [www.sciencemag.org](http://www.sciencemag.org)

The original/ **real article (Fig.3)** is a fully valid article entitled "*SLC24A5 a Putative Cation Exchanger, Affects Pigmentation in Zebra Fish and Humans.*"

To my current knowledge, this article was published in magazine called "Science" Vol 310, 16 Decemer 2005 Issue (Note: Although "Science" magazine is an informative and trustworthy scientific journalism, however it is not categorized as a peer-reviewed medical journal).

Basically what the **real article (Fig. 3)** (explained by the abstract in Fig.3, i have highlighted the important bits of information for easier understanding of the real article) *is saying is that through this research, they have possibly identified the source of different skin colorations in Zebra Fish (Fig.4), so it's not that lighter colored fish turned dark to light as a result of the injection as the caption in Fig.2 suggested. But that picture is basically pictures of 2 different variants of Zebra Fish that are being compared and studied/ Based on comparing these 2 different colored fish, the researchers found out that the SLC2A45 gene in this particular type of fish may have an important role in determining how one fish gets to be a lighter color than the other.*

*The article suggested that the human genes is somewhat similar to that of Zebra Fish and therefore although this research was primarily on Zebra Fish, the result that they found can very well be applied to humans as well.*



**Fig 4: Pictures of 2 Different Variants of Zebra Fish**

As for "Jason Mest," as you can see in **Fig. 3**, he actually does really exist (to my surprise) and in fact one of the main researchers in the study from Dept of Pathology in Jake Gilden Cancer Research Institute (as the real article suggested) and not an aesthetic researcher/professor in the non-existent biomedical institute in Switzerland or part of the faculty in the University of Philadelphia.

Now, before you decide on dropping on thousands of dollars and getting daily injection for 2-4 weeks (the recommended dosage by the manufacturer is: daily or every other day for a total of 36 vials injection in the first cycle to be injected into the muscle/vein) of this "high-tech" genetic engineering whitening solution is not only to question about its efficacy, but also more importantly think about its safety!



Because as a physician, i would be having a difficult time in assuring the safety (or let alone the efficacy) of a product whose primary ingredient is rather questionable.

Therefore, the next time you see amazing before/after pictures (**Fig.5**) in a magazine or waiting lounge of a swanky place somewhere (as I have seen these very sets of pictures being used to advertise this injection product to the general public in several well-known beauty magazines and even sadly endorsed by a medical specialist!), I encourage you to think again and this time more critically and bear in mind these 3 important principles:

- 1. If the results seem to good to be true -> they probably are, and**
- 2. If the technology seems to be too advanced from where are now, it probably is !**  
and if you're still in doubt,
- 3. Ask your doctor a detailed information about the procedure you're interested in, it's your right to know and remember that it is OK to ask critical questions!**

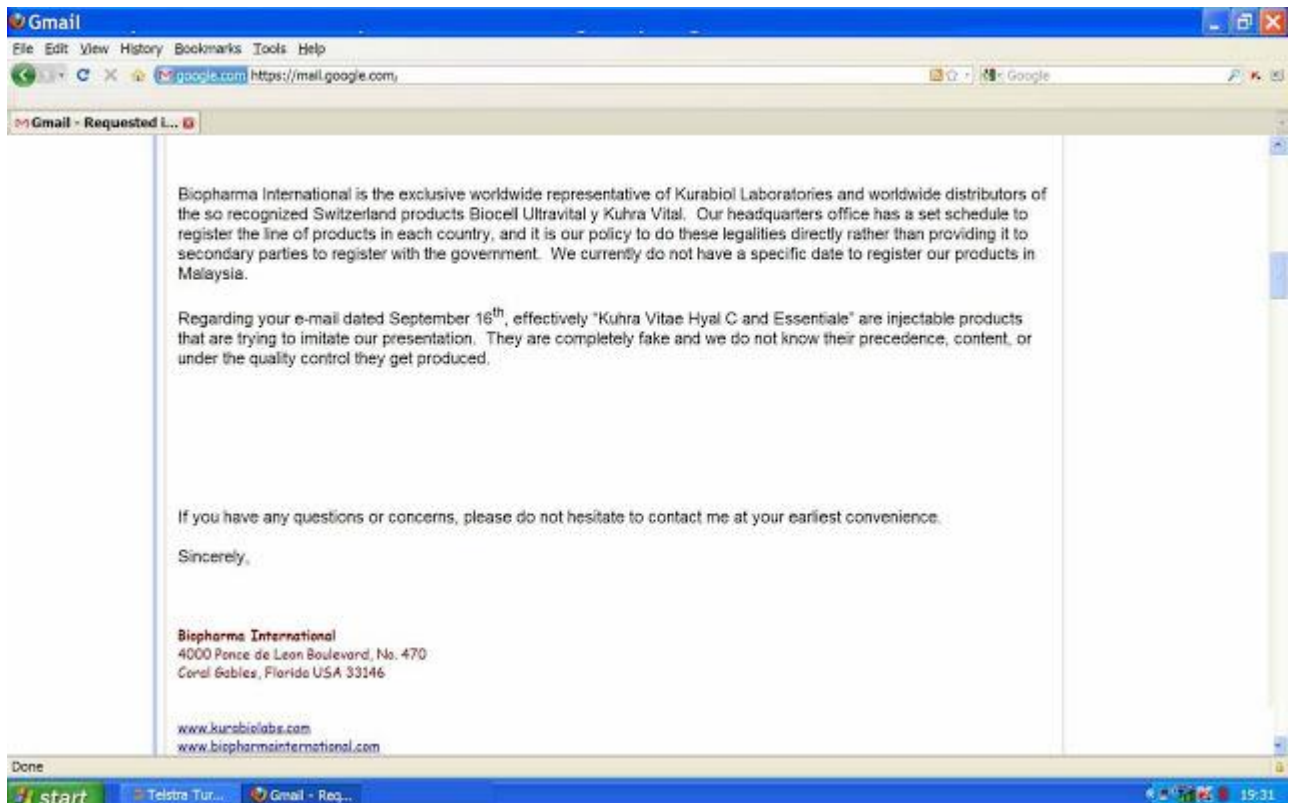
Articel courtesy of Maharis Clinic:

<http://maharisclinic.blogspot.com/2011/05/does-slc24a5-gene-inhibitor-really.html>

## Kuhra Vitae Essentiale & Hyal C







## NC24 Vitamin C + Collagen



## NC24



NC24 is actually an Australian brand name (Nature's Care Australia) which produces dietary supplements and topical applications for the skin. They do not produce injectables. NC24 is not a Japanese brand name. This fake product is said to be produced in China.



The site can be visited online:

<http://www.naturescare.com.au/skincare/nc24bio/index.htm>

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■ Pure Crystal Skin Whitening

### Glutathione as a Detoxicant

Supplemental detoxicants become necessary as our environment becomes increasingly polluted. Our food and water sources are contaminated with chemicals. One of our main defenses against pollutants is a glutathione which is present in the liver in high concentrations. Glutathione acts as a detoxifying agent by combining with undesirable substances and ridding the body of them through urine and bile. It is important to note that unless the COOL, Liver and Bile are also detoxified, the benefits of Glutathione as a detoxicant may be minimized.

### Functions of Glutathione

Enhancing the Immune System- Your body's immune activity, involving unimpeded multiplication of lymphocytes and antibody production, requires maintenance of normal levels of glutathione inside the lymphocytes.

Antioxidant and Free Radical Scavenger- Glutathione plays a central protective role against the damaging effects of bacteria, viruses, pollutants and free radicals.

Regulator of Other Antioxidants- Without glutathione, other important antioxidants such as Vitamin C and E cannot do their job adequately, to protect your body against disease.

4. Detoxifying Agent- Another major function of glutathione is in the detoxification of foreign chemical compounds such as carcinogens and harmful metabolites.

## Is it Safe To Those Persons with Thyroid Problems?

YES... both hypothyroidism and hyperthyroidism are associated with enhanced oxidative stress, involving antioxidants.  
Resisto. Austral. 4/11 November 2002

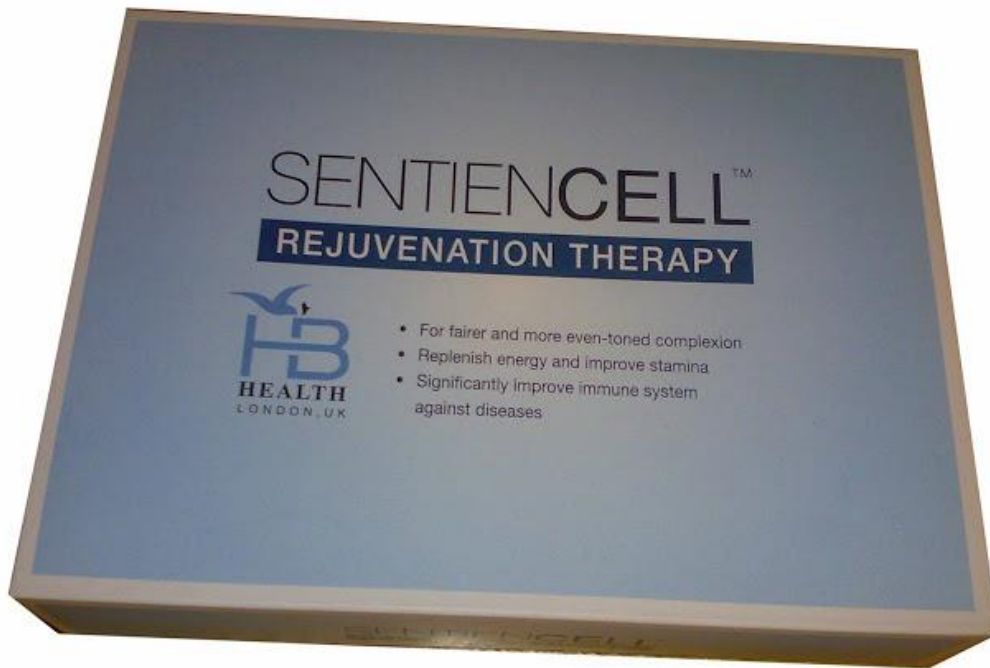
...has a direct relationship with free radical formation and inverse relationship with levels of endogenous glutathione and glutathione peroxidase in human subjects.  
Turkish Journal of Endocrinology & Metabolism, Feb. 2007



皮の白くを結晶化させなさい



## Sentien Cell



This product is not a real product.

The description on the front & back of the box is laden with grammatical errors & poor use of English.

The company HB Health does exist but it does not produce this product. The real address of HB Health is:

**HB Health of Knightsbridge**

12 Beauchamp Place

London SW3 1NQ

Tel: +44 (0)20 7838 0765

Fax: +44 (0)20 7838 0766

Email us: [info@hbhealth.com](mailto:info@hbhealth.com)

<http://www.hbhealth.com/contact.html>

And the address on the box of Sentien Cell is actually occupied by **L'Occitane** with a slight change in the telephone number given:

**address:**

L'Occitane

15-19 Cavendish Place

London

W1G 0QE

**telephone:**

020 79070300

Compare the telephone number of L'Occitane and the company above. And if you wish to verify further you may call the number and see for yourself what you get. Or alternatively you may call HB Health itself or send an email to them.

The true content of Sentien Cell is [Gerovital H3](#). Thus the mentioning of procaine as one of the constituent ingredients of Sentien Cell. In other words, the content is Gerovital H3 but repacked into a completely different product.



## Tationil Bayer (FAKE/IMITATION)



**This product is an imitation of the tationil teofarma/roche.**

These are far cheaper than the [original](#) and thus some individuals would not mind buying them because of the cost. Some sellers also insist that these are genuine articles when they are clearly not. Bayer produces Laroscorbine vitamin C but it does not and have never produced Tationil. The trademarked brand "Tationil" is the sole possession of its manufacturer [Teofarma](#) in which the rights to the use of the brand has reverted back from Roche since last year.

The content of this particular item (Tationil Bayer) is of non-Italian origin, most probably of Chinese origin and repacked & relabelled to make it look original. One close look will reveal its real identity. The labels on the vials/ampoules are made by the use of **plastic stickers** bearing the logo and description of the product. These stickers can be easily removed and can be easily produced anywhere. The original product (Teofarma) however do not employ stickers. The logo is printed directly onto the vials/ampoules themselves. Furthermore there are no **bar code tags** on the repacked products as opposed to the original.

Always use original genuine articles for safety concerns as the adverse effects may take years to manifest themselves.

For further details you may contact local Bayer representative in your countries and inquire them if they ever produce this product and you will be surprised that they do not.

## Biotad



Others:

## Identifying fake products by examining Bar Codes.

**All original products used for injections and for oral consumption and for topical use, should portray their bar codes clearly. If they are not present, they are not original. No two different products will bear identical numbers.**

Readers may verify themselves that what is written below is accurate by doing the necessary checks themselves. Readers may also find this information disturbing:

<b>Product</b>	<b>Claimed Origin</b>	<b>Bar Code</b>	<b>Country of Origin</b>	<b>Original or Fake</b>
Laroscorbine Platinum Vit C+ Collagen	<b>France</b>	3421357	<b>France</b>	Identical product as Laroscorbine, therefore this number is a Fake Number
Sentien Cell	<b>UK</b>	5130482  991882773	<b>Does Not Exist</b>  <b>Voucher codes</b>	Fake Number
Vitacicol Forte P3000	<b>USA</b>	9761187610318	<b>Does Not Exist</b>	Fake Number
Cell Roma	<b>Italy</b>	No Number	<b>Does Not Exist</b>	No Number
Oxydermal	<b>Germany</b>	No Number	<b>Does Not Exist</b>	No Number
Prolene	<b>Germany</b>	No Number	<b>Does Not Exist</b>	No Number
Kojic Acid	<b>Japan</b>	9987164432453332	<b>Voucher Codes</b>	Fake Number
Tationil Bayer	<b>Italy</b>	No Number	<b>Does Not Exist</b>	Fake Number

Vitacicol (Green Box)	<b>USA</b>	8993156006120	<b>Indonesia</b>	Fake Number
Biome		5997001311783	<b>Hungary</b>	Fake Number
NC24	<b>Japan</b>	2987174436423	<b>Internal use</b>	Fake Number
Lucchini	<b>Switzerland</b>	No Number	<b>Does Not Exist</b>	No Number
MF3 HP 230mg	<b>Switzerland</b>	8360926794301	<b>Italy</b>	Fake Number
MF3 Advance Formula	<b>Switzerland</b>	5232918799527	<b>Does Not Exist</b>	Fake Number (number does not exist but this  product is  registered in Malaysia)

## Some products which are tested and confirmed original:

(however, repackaged products might also imitate the original barcodes, so please be cautious and only buy from the seller you trust!- you can also compare the products from the original items- differences such as hologram stickers, the form of the liquids, the smells, the quality of the ampoule bottles, and the texture of the contents)

<b>Product</b>	<b>Claimed Origin</b>	<b>Bar Code</b>	<b>Country of Origin</b>	<b>Original or Fake</b>
Tathion 500	South Korea	8806425034543	South Korea	Original
Vit C Bayer (Laroscorbine)	France	3421357	France	Original
Grovital	Romania	594470705002141	Romania	Original
Lipostabil	Germany	PZN 3352900	German Pharmaceuticals	Original

Wiedemann Homookomplex	Germany	PZN 0507265	German Pharmaceuticals	Original
Wiedemann Vit B12	Germany	PZN 2260834	German Pharmaceuticals	Original
Melsmon	Korea	TBA	Korea	Original
Melsmon	Japan	4987546000014	Japan	Original
Tationil Teofarma	Italy	A 026185049	Italian Pharma	Original
Mita C	Japan	4987154434423	Japan	Original

Source: Vivie Beauty Shack Malaysia , 2013