

# Cosmetic Efficacy for Hydrothermal Extract of Korean *Castanea crenata* Stem and its Application to Nanoliposome for Transdermal Delivery.

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- **Abstract:** In this study, Korean chestnut stem (KCWE) have been developed as a natural material of functional cosmetics. First of all, the antioxidant, wrinkle improvement, whitening and antimicrobial efficacy of the KCWE was evaluated. The total polyphenol content was  $164.96 \pm 2.44$  mg GAE/g; and the DPPH radical scavenging activity was  $82.02 \pm 1.00$  % at  $12.5 \mu\text{g/mL}$ ; and the ABTS+ radical scavenging activity was  $92.85 \pm 0.67$  % at  $25 \mu\text{g/mL}$ ; and the elastase activity inhibition was  $87.63 \pm 3.09$  % at  $1000 \mu\text{g/mL}$ ; and the tyrosinase activity inhibition was  $85.38 \pm 1.97$  % at  $1000 \mu\text{g/mL}$ ; and the antimicrobial activity were shown to the strains of *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Escherichia coli* and *Cutibacterium acnes*, and the inhibition zones were  $12.50 \pm 0.80$  mm,  $10.60 \pm 1.10$  mm and  $15.60 \pm 0.20$  mm, respectively. Next, liposomes containing KCWE were manufactured, whose particle size and zeta potential were  $100.67 \pm 2.36$  nm and  $-98.10 \pm 1.00$  mV, respectively. Then, in vitro transdermal permeability of the liposomes was measured, and as a result, cumulative amount permeated of the liposomes was  $63.99 \pm 2.27 \mu\text{g/cm}^2$  at 24 h, which is 1.75 times higher than the control group. In this study, the physiological activities of Korean chestnut stem were confirmed, and the effect was maximized by enhancing the transdermal permeability by applying liposome technology, so it is inferred very efficient in showing effects on the skin.
- **Keywords:** Korean *Castanea crenata* stem, Physiological activity, Liposome, Transdermal permeability. Functional cosmetics