



AN ASSESSMENT OF MEADOWFOAM SEED OIL'S CONDITIONING EFFECTS ON HAIR COMPARED TO DIMETHICONE

Background: Meadowfoam Seed Oil (MSO) is a fully refined triglyceride composed of approximately 95% fatty acids with chain lengths of 20 carbons or more. The oil is a light-colored, odor-free product prized for its exceptional oxidative stability and functionality in a wide range of cosmetic and personal care formulations.

Objective: To evaluate MSO conditioning effects on hair compared to 1000 cSt dimethicone.

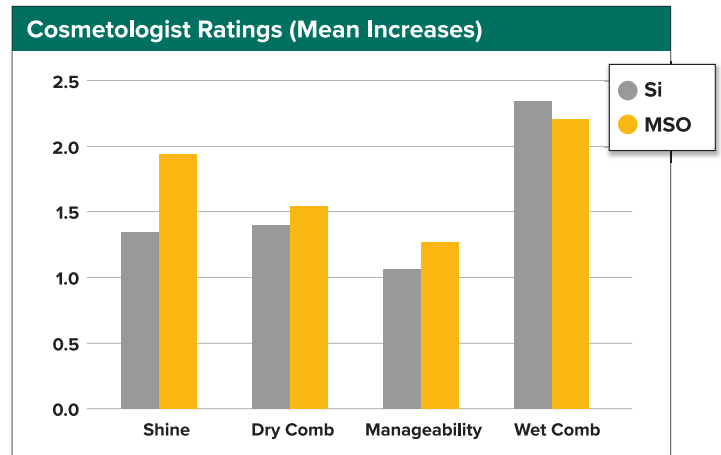
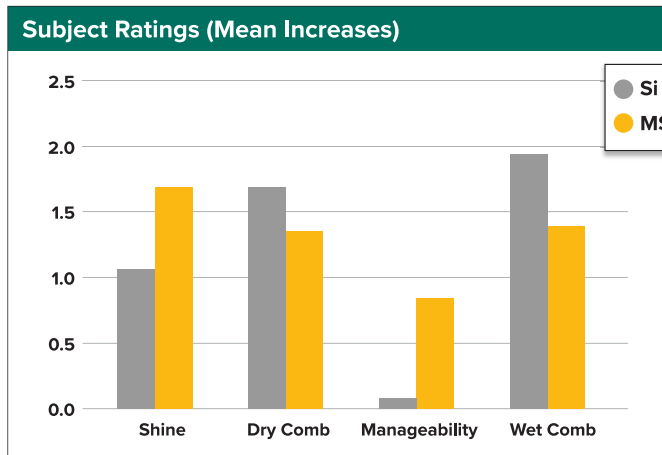
MSO Hair Conditioning: Test Formulation

Ingredient	INCI	Function	%
Incroquat Behenyl TMS	Behentrimonium Methosulfate (and) Cetearyl Alcohol	Conditioner	4.0
GE SF 95 -1000 or Meadowfoam Seed Oil	Dimethicone or Limnanthes Alba (Meadowfoam) Seed Oil	Emollient	5.0
Deionized Water	Water	Solvent	89.3
Jaguar C-14S	Guar Hydroxypropyltrimonium Chloride	Viscosity Control Agent	0.3
Citric Acid (25% aqueous solution)	Citric Acid	pH Control Agent	0.2
Phenobact	Phenoxyethanol (and) Methylparaben (and) Propylparaben (and) Butylparaben (and) Ethylparaben	Preservative	1.0
Herbalesse #116778	Fragrance	Fragrance	0.2
Colorants	Color	Color	QS

MSO Hair Conditioning: Protocol

- N=15 subjects, male and female, age range 18-69
- Half head study comparing control (1000 cSt dimethicone) formula and test formula
- Ratings by subject and cosmetologist
- Laboratory: Essex Testing (New Jersey)
- Four criteria scored 1-10 (poor to excellent)
 1. Shine
 2. Dry Comb
 3. Manageability
 4. Wet Comb
- **Evaluation:** Paired, two tail t-test

MSO Hair Conditioning: Subject and Cosmetologist Ratings



MSO Hair Conditioning: Summary Table

SUBJECT RATINGS	Silicone Control			MSO			p-Value
	Pre-App	Post-App	Difference	Pre-App	Post-App	Difference	
Shine	5.0	6.1	1.1	4.7	6.4	1.7	0.12
Dry Comb	7.9	9.6	1.7	7.8	9.1 <svg	1.3	0.43
Manageability	6.6	6.7	0.1	5.9	6.7	0.9	0.13
Wet Comb	7.7	9.6	1.9	7.9	9.3	1.4	0.12

COSMETOLOGIST RATINGS	Silicone Control			MSO			p-Value
	Pre-App	Post-App	Difference	Pre-App	Post-App	Difference	
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Manageability	6.6	6.7	0.1	5.9	6.7	0.9	0.13
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MSO Hair Conditioning: Conclusions

- No statistically significant difference between changes in criteria in either panelist or cosmetologist ratings
- No loss in perceived benefits when MSO was substituted for dimethicone (1000 cSt)
- Perception that shine increased with substitution was consistent across both panelists and cosmetologists, but did not meet criteria for significance

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