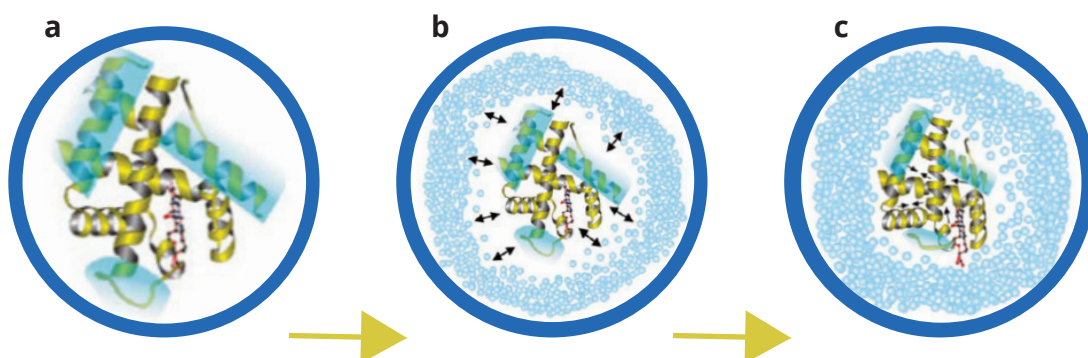


# Ectoine

A new and promising **active ingredient** for **Cosmetics** and **Medical Device**



## Original mechanism of action

Mode of action of extremolytes. The hydrated tertiary structure of globular proteins in aqueous solution (a) is stabilized in the presence of extremolytes (b), which build solute hydrate clusters that are preferentially excluded from the hydrate shell of the protein. This leads to a more compact tertiary structure with reduced surface area (c). Thus, the solute does not interact directly with the protein, the stabilizing effects are rather due to modification of the solvent (water) properties.

## Wide range of uses:

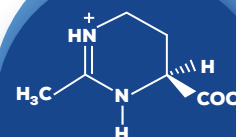
Protection:

- **Cell membranes:** dryness
- **Barrier function:** atopic dermatitis
- **Langerhans cells:** photoallergic reactions
- **Formation of sunburn cells:** photoageing
- **UVA/visible light:** genotoxicity
- **Nasal mucosa:** allergic rhinoconjunctivitis
- **Eye:** eye dryness

## Superior activity:

vs **Urea:** binds more water molecules than urea

vs **Hydrocortisone:** reduces skin irritation comparable with Hydrocortisone



Amphoteric water binding substance



"Suggested applications, provided they are not protected by patents in force"