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The Novel Hair Dyeing Technology by Using Melanin Precursor Prepared by an Aspergillus Tyrosinase

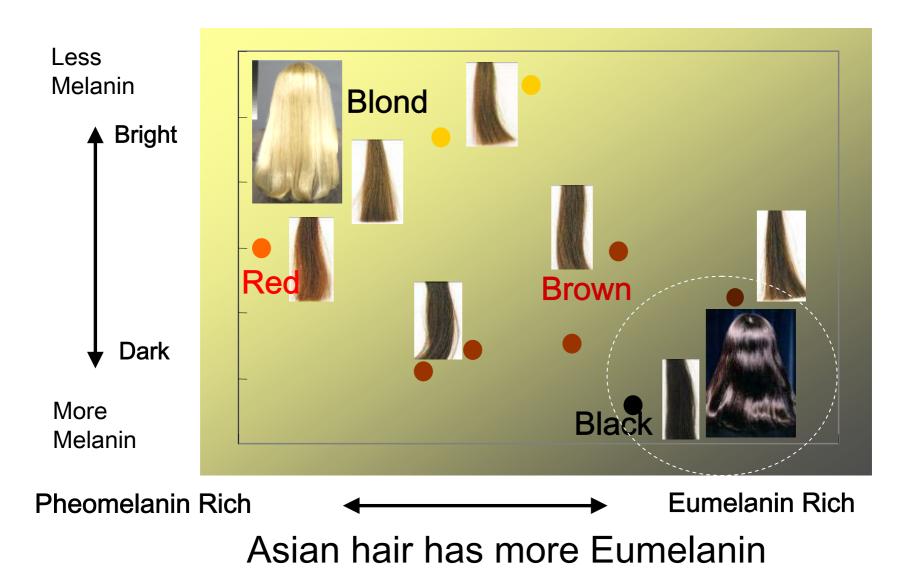
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Background of Our Hair Research

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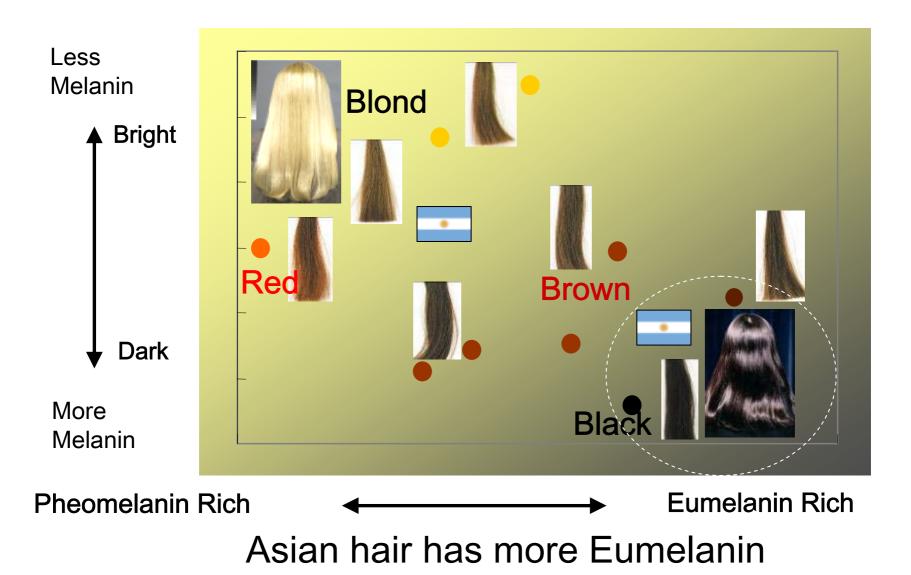
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The difference between Gray and Black Hair

- The difference is only melanin -

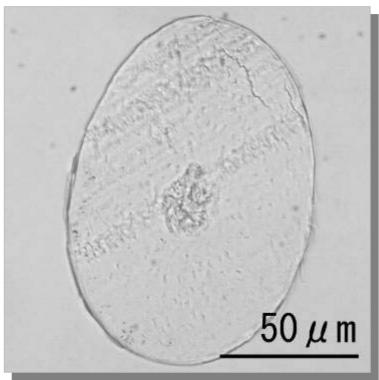
Male hair sample from a Japanese (50's)

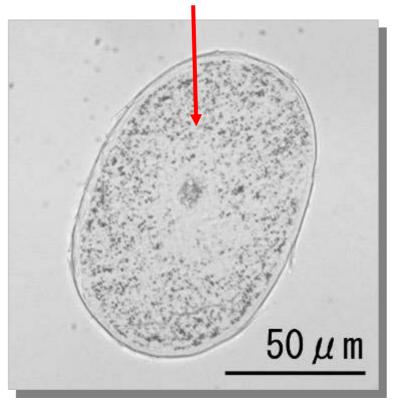
Gray hair

Black hair

No melanin

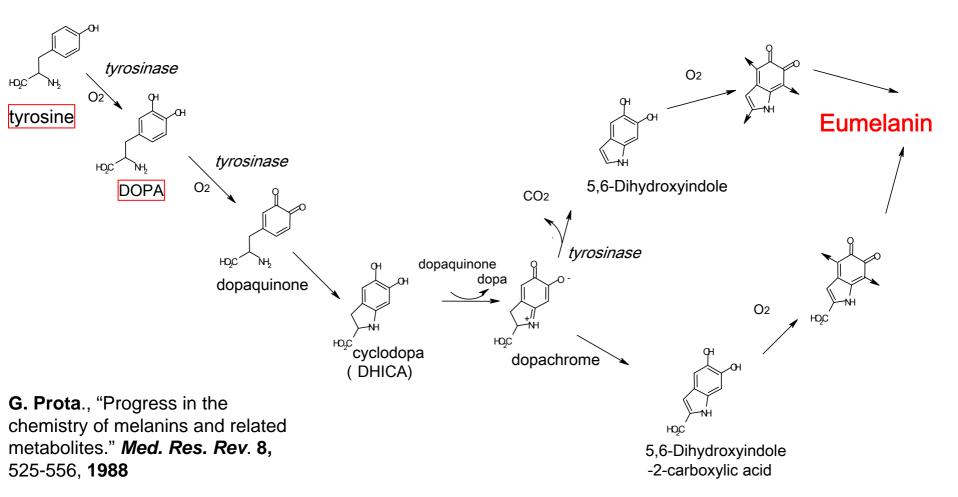
Melanin Granules





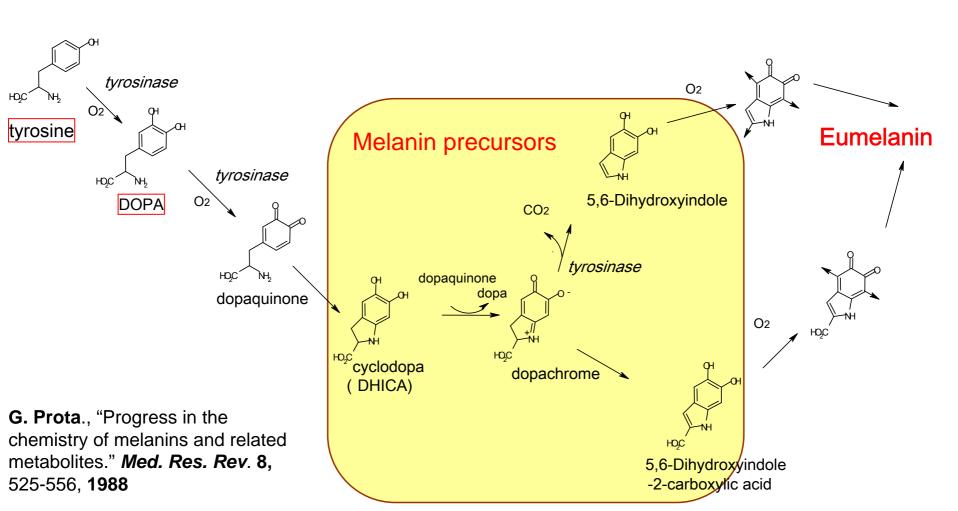
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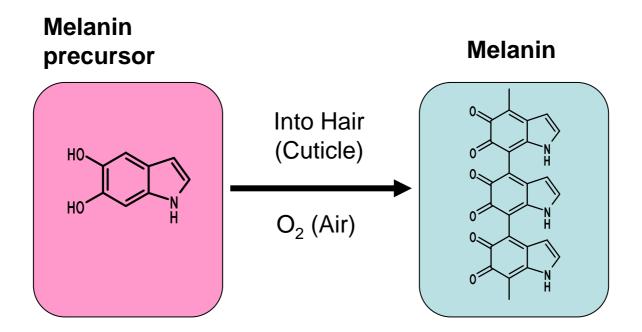


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A new idea for hair dyeing system with melanin (precursor)



Benefits

- · Melanin and its precursors are biological substances.
- · The Melanin precursor is small enough to penetrate hair.
- · It converts to melanin by exposure to air.
- · Melanin has a **natural** dark color.

Issues: The Melanin precursor is very unstable.

None of the natural compounds were industrially available.

By the way, we have traditional biotechnology in Japan.

Fungus and yeast have been used in food manufacturing and various fermentation processes in Japan for over 1000 years.

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02. Preparation of Melanin Precursor using fungus Tyrosinase

Manufacturing new ingredient from natural resources using same process as in nature.

Collaboration between Kao & Gekkeikan

Japanese Sake manufacturing



Japanese Traditional Biotechnology

Rice

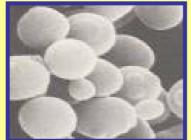






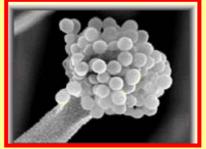
Clean Water

酵母(KOBO)



Saccharomyces cerevisiae (yeast)

麴(KOJI)



Aspergillus oryzae fungas)



酒造り (SAKE Dukuri) Alcohol Fermentation



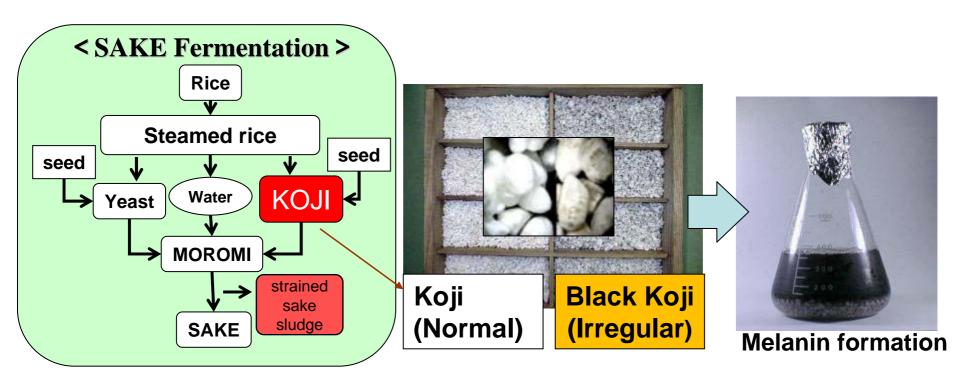
日本酒 Japanese SAKE

Traditional Brand from 17th century (400 yrs)



There was a color problem, occasionally, during 1950s and 1960s.

Fungal melanin formation in the process of fermentation.



As a result, the Black Koji was identified, and the Melanin formation mechanism was found.

Tyrosinase from Aspergillus oryzae makes melanin.

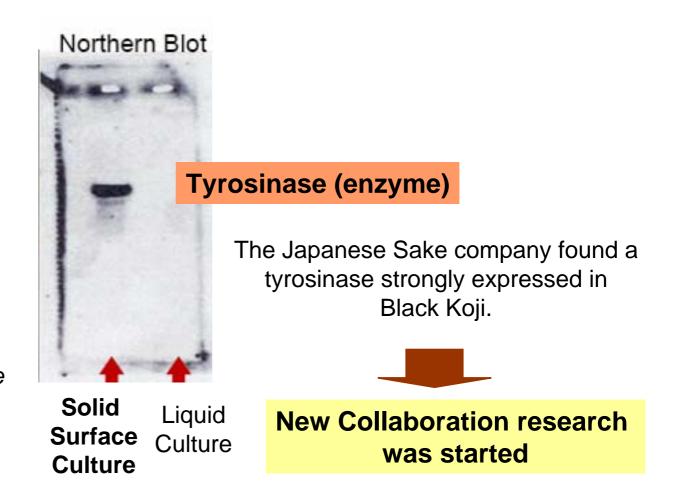
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Tyrosinase was found to be expressed in Black Koji.

Black Koji



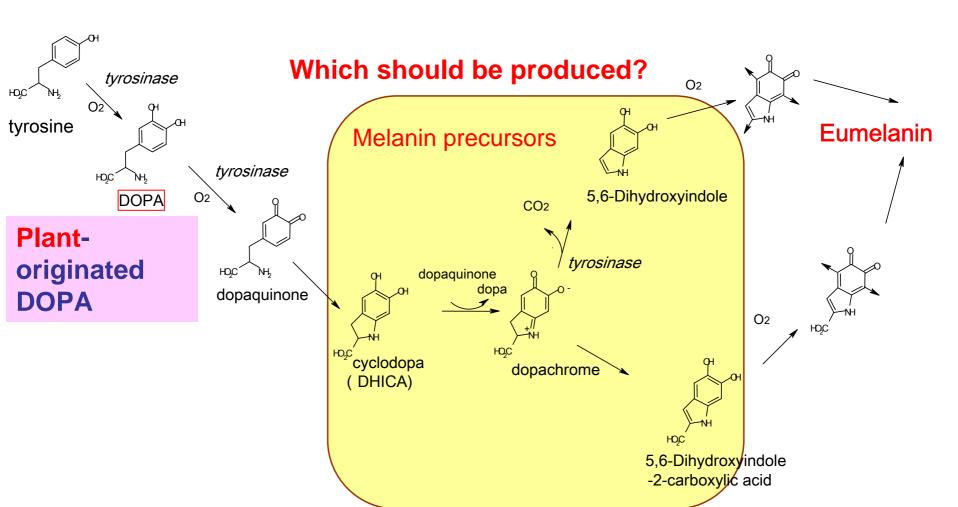
Koji : Fermented rice with *Aspergillus oryzae*



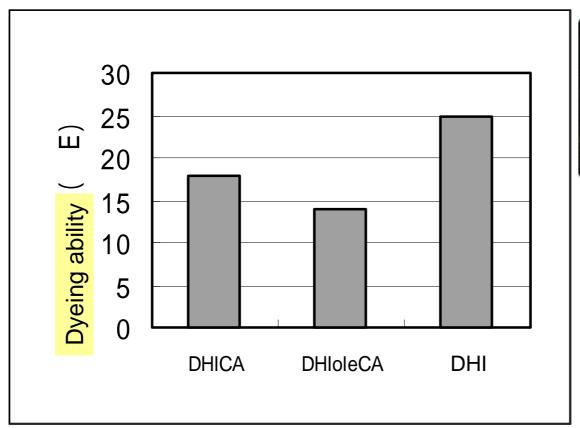
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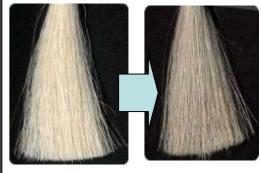
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The dyeing ability of melanin precursors





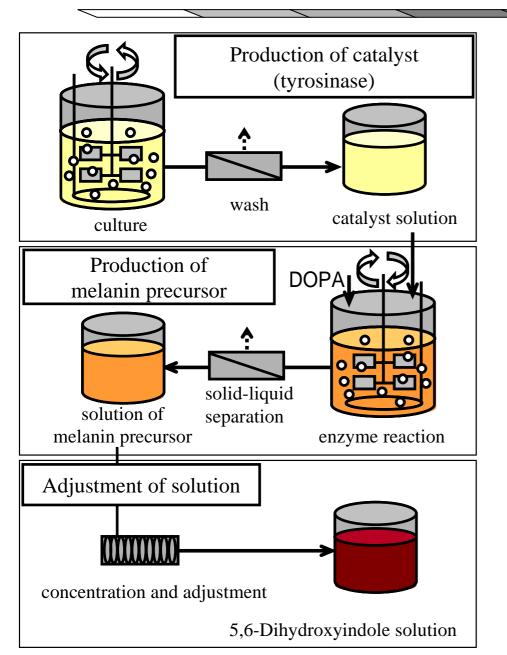
DHICA: 5,6-Dihydroxyindline 2-carboxylic acid

DHIoleCA: 5,6-Dihydroxyindole 2-carboxylic acid

DHI: 5,6-Dihydroxyindole (DHI)

Dyeing condition: 3%Ammonia, 0.1% each compound, 3 times

The total system for melanin precursor production



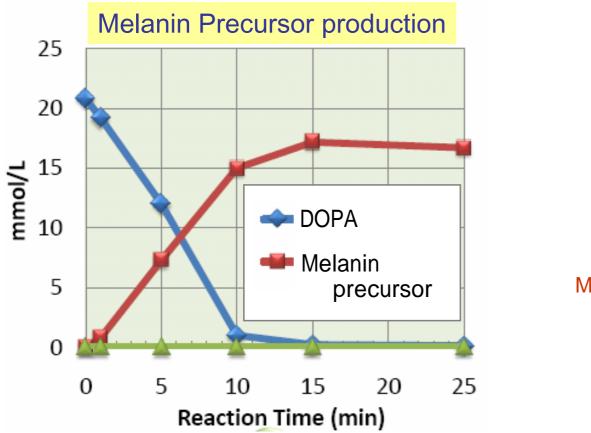
Tyrosinase is produced by fermentation.

 Dopa is converted to Dihydroxyindole in tyrosinase process.

 The product is adjusted for cosmetics materials.

Melanin precursor production by fungus Tyrosinase

Melanin precursor was produced from Plant-originated Dopa.



DOPA (Plant-origin)



Melanin precursor (DHI)

- DOPA (the starting material) is of Plant-origin.
- Melanin precursor was produced by using the same process as in nature.
- The Melanin precursor is a sustainable compound.

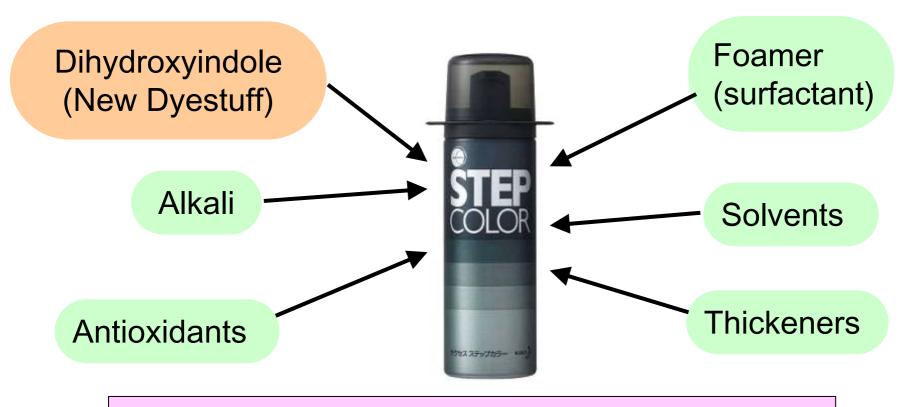
03. Application of Melanin Precursor to Hair Dye

Development of a natural coloring product for gray hair.

New Concept of Natural Hair Dye

- The new dyestuff, 5,6-dihydroxyindole,has been manufactured from natural resources using a similar process to nature.
- It ensures "True Natural Hair Color" by recovering color by melanin.
- Air oxidation system without H₂O₂
 - Gentle to hair: less damage
 - Easy to use: no mixing, no long waiting.

Formulation of the Hair Dye

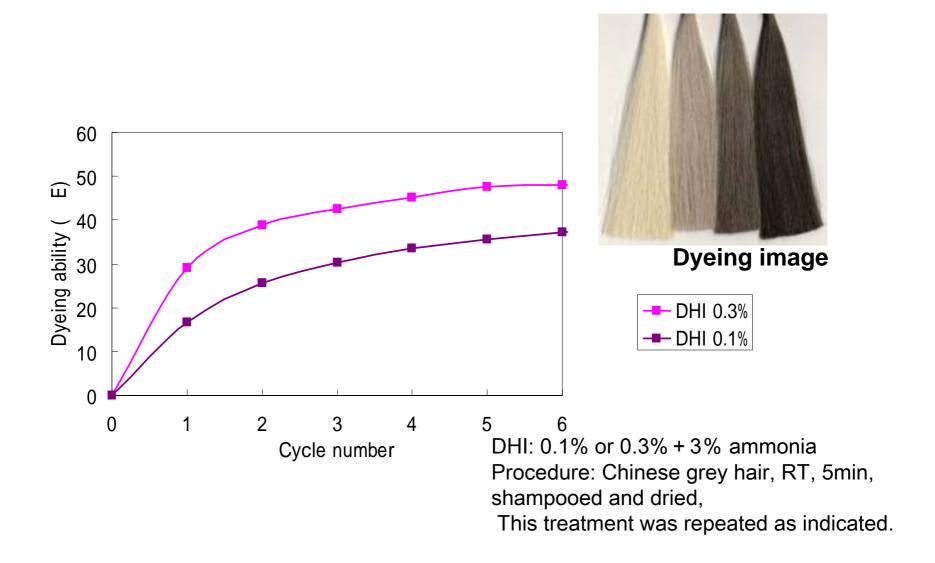


Foam type: Ease of Use

Aerosol: maintain stability by Oxygen shutoff

How to Use: 20g of the product was applied to hair. After standing for 5 min. hair is washed with shampoo.

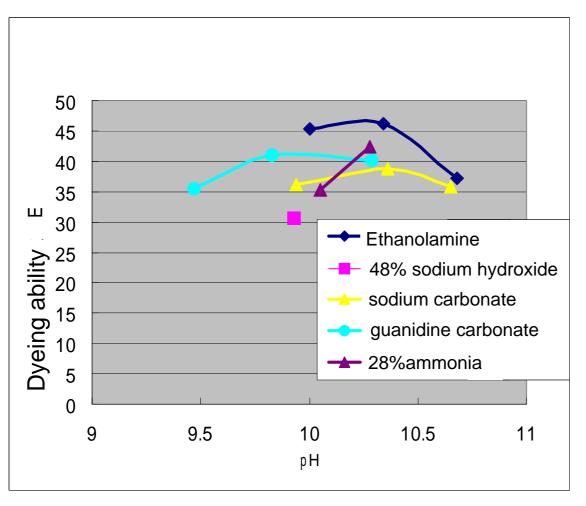
The relationship between DHI conc. and Dyeing ability



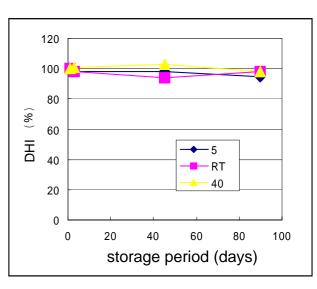
DHI at 0.1 - 0.3% dyed gray hair gradually.

The effect of alkaline and pH in Dyeing ability

pH 10 with ethanolamine was most effective



Melanin precursor in the formulation was stable for 6 months



Brown and Ash shades were achieved.

Brown shade

Ash shade



DHI: 0.3% + 1% Ethanolamine + Antioxidants Procedure: Chinese grey hair, RT, 5min, shampooed and dried, This treatment was repeated up to 5 times.

Melanin precursor is converted to Melanin by air

Dyeing ability: + +





Dyeing ability: ±



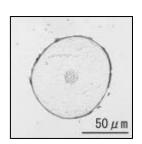


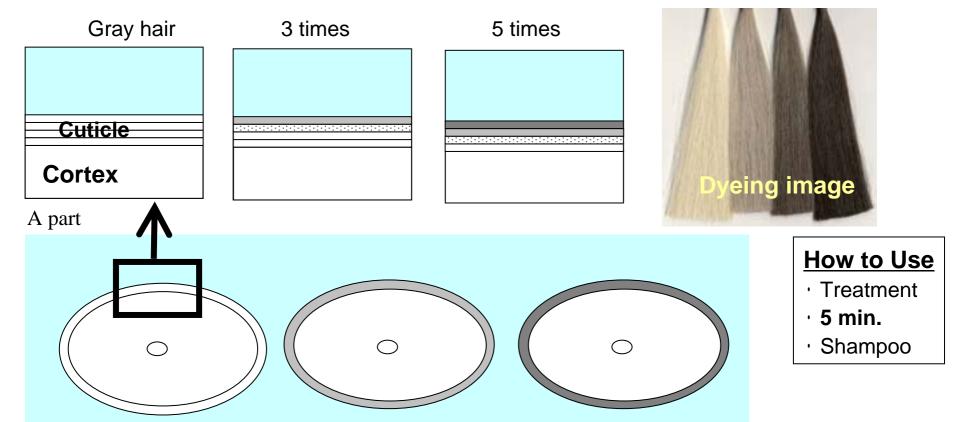
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The mechanism for dyeing with melanin precursor

Cross section

- 1. Melanin precursor can penetrate into the cuticle of hair.
- 2. Melanin is formed by exposure to air.
- 3. Gray hair is gradually dyed by step-wise use (3-5 times).
- 4. The final color of hair then looks more natural.





Dyeing ability

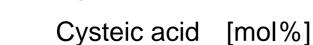
Panelist results

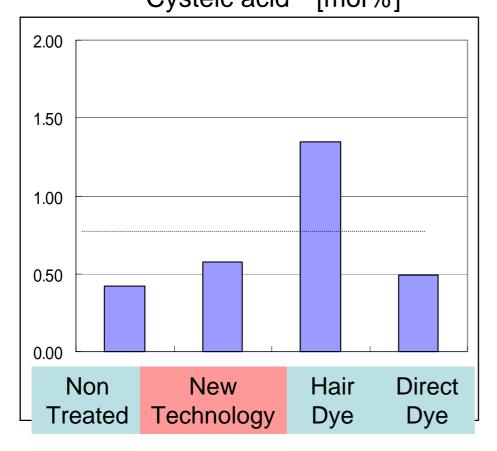


- Each repeated treatment brought natural change.
- The color of hair became very natural.
- The color only faded after application was stopped.

Advantages of the new technology

Hair damage level





Hair → Hydrolysis → A.A. analysis (HPLC)

Skin staining



Skin → 30 min. → Washing with water

A New Natural Hair Dye

- The new dyestuff from natural resources
 - DHI has been manufactured using a similar process to nature.
- Restoring Melanin into gray hair.
 - Recovery of natural color by melanin
- Gentle to hair and Easy to use
 - Air oxidation system without H₂O₂

Thank you for your attention! Gracias mucho!!

