



# Starch Microsponges for Enhanced Retention of Benzophenone-3 by Biodegradable Sunscreen

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## Abstract

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## Introduction

A sunscreen cream made of starch microsponges was created, described, and put to the test in a clinical setting [8]. Rheological, texture, and sensory evaluations revealed that sunscreen products made with starch microsponges had high spread ability and a rich, non-sticky texture that was suitable for consumer use [9]. Benzophenone-loaded starch microsponges provided better photo protection, a higher SPF, and less cutaneous penetration than raw benzophenone-3 cream, according to in vitro and ex vivo experiments [10]. A clinical patch test verified the skin safety and biocompatibility of the sunscreen cream produced using starch microsponges [11]. Thus, a new, safe sunscreen product was created by combining the sunscreen ingredient benzophenone-3 with starch microsponges [12]. UV light exposure is linked to a number of adverse effects on human skin. In order to shield humans from dangerous sun radiation, several compounds are utilised as UV-filters [13]. Radiation But the majority of chemical sunscreens cause allergic reactions and safety concerns as a result of their systemic distribution via the skin circulation. Although Oxybenzone, also known as benzophenone-3, is a sunscreen that has received USFDA approval, its high permeability makes it difficult to retain on the skin. Studies have shown that a significant amount of BNZ was found in human urine breast milk and blood plasma after the use of BNZ-containing products [14]. BNZ has been linked to contact eczema, and melanoma formulations are meant to stay on the skin's surface and form a UV protection barrier. Normally, a decent sunscreen lotion should release a little amount of melanin. It retains it topically across the skin's surface and is active throughout application [15]. Therefore, a method or carrier must be created to enhance sunscreen actives' retention on the skin while reducing their transdermal penetration. A potential strategy to lessen the biological toxicity of sunscreens is to prevent cutaneous penetration by encasing sunscreen actives in an appropriate carrier. Microsponges are porous microspheres that may hold a wide range of active ingredients, including anti-inflammatory, anti-acne, fragrance, and essential oil molecules. A huge number of interconnected nanopores with a lot of interior surface area make up the matrix of microsponges, which is a no collapsible structure. Microsponges come in sizes ranging from 5 to Microsponges are a perfect topical carrier since their pore capacity may expand to 300 m. Starch is a well-known inert substance that is frequently employed as

a carrier, gradually releasing its encapsulated active without passing through the skin or mucous barrier. Many scientists have used starch as a biomaterial for medicine delivery, scaffolds for tissue engineering, and cosmetics. In our work, we created starch microsponges with outstanding properties, including a nanopores structure, a high surface area, a big pore volume, biocompatibility, and biodegradability. To create an effective UV-protective cream, the study aims to encapsulate BNZ in these starch microsponges. Specifically, to look at how it affects BNZ retention and absorption into the skin. It was assessed how BNZ encapsulation in starch microsponges affected the criteria for UV protection, SPF, texture, and sensory perception.

## Discussion

Many other carriers, including cyclodextrin, polymeric microspheres, and lipid have been found to encapsulate and boost the effectiveness of UV actives. However, there have been no instances of UV filters being encapsulated in starch microsponges and used for enhanced topical retention or UV protection. We bought Span 80, soluble starch, ethanol, dichloromethane, and other chemicals from SD Fine. 60 grammes of soluble starch were provided. Acidity standard, acceptable white powder with mesh. Galaxy Surfactants sent a complimentary sample of benzophenone-3. Caprylic Acid Triglyceride and Carbopol 987 were gifts from Lubrizol and Abitec, respectively. Sasol Germany GmbH procured Cosmacol ELI and Imwitor 380, Wacker Chemie AG Belsil®DM 350, SEPPIC Montanov 202, Montanov 68, and Simulsol 165, Ashland Germaben II E, and Ultra International Floral Perfume. The emulsion gelation process was modified to create starch microsponges. 800 mg of soluble starch in 10 ml of an 8.0% w/w aqueous solution were heated in a beaker to 100

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°C while being agitated. The resultant transparent starch solution was cooled, mixed with 50 ml of dichloromethane, and homogenised using a Silverson homogenizer at 5000 rpm without creating an emulsion

s separates the two compressions. The TPA criteria are With the XTRA Dimension programme, the hardness, compressibility, adhesiveness, and cohesiveness of sunscreen samples was determined. On the texture profile analysis curve of the equipment measuring the load and displacement at predefined locations. The TTC Spread ability Rig