

Novel cosmetic compositions containing topical delivery systems for polar dermatologically active agents are disclosed. Active agents, for example, skin revitalizing alpha hydroxy acids are absorbed or adsorbed on to preferably porous carrier particles with the assistance of a viscous polar solvent such as glycerin, if necessary, and dispersed in an anhydrous cosmetic base along with a film-forming system. Such compositions can be formulated into a variety of different cosmetic products, for example eye shadows, eye treatment primers and lip treatments, each providing significant immediate cosmetic benefits and longer term dermatologic activity.