

High stability and low irritation of Retinol Propionate and Hydroxypinacolone Retinoate Supramolecular Nanoparticles with effective Anti-wrinkle Efficacy

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Table 1. Physicochemical parameters.

	Viscosity (mPa·s)	Density (g/cm ³)	Conductivity (μs/cm)	pH	Appearance
Gravi-A nanoparticles	13.2	1.015	329	6.82	Yellowish Transparent Liquid

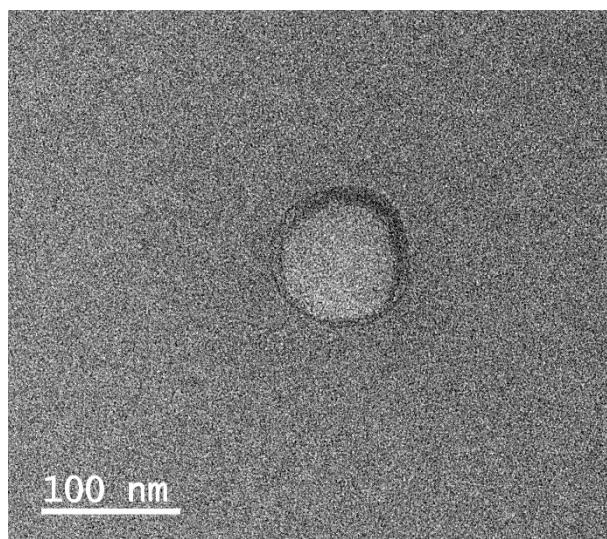


Figure S1. TEM image of the supramolecular Gravi-A nanoparticles (Scale bar 100nm)

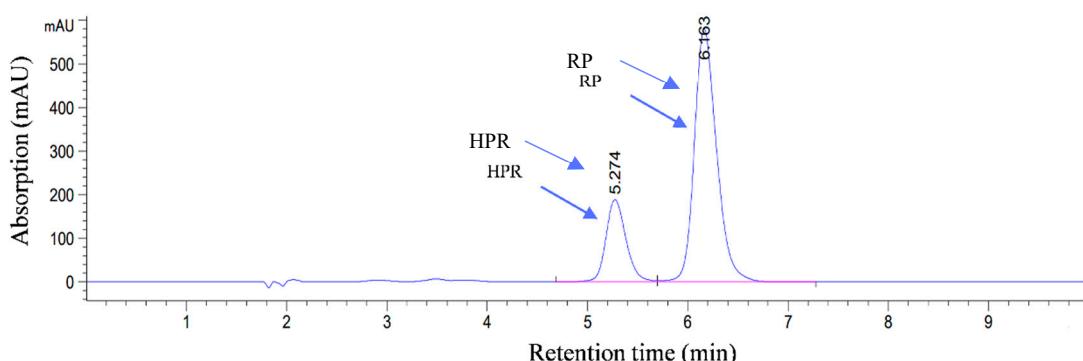


Figure S2. Peak spectra of Gravi-A nonoparticles detected in HPLC

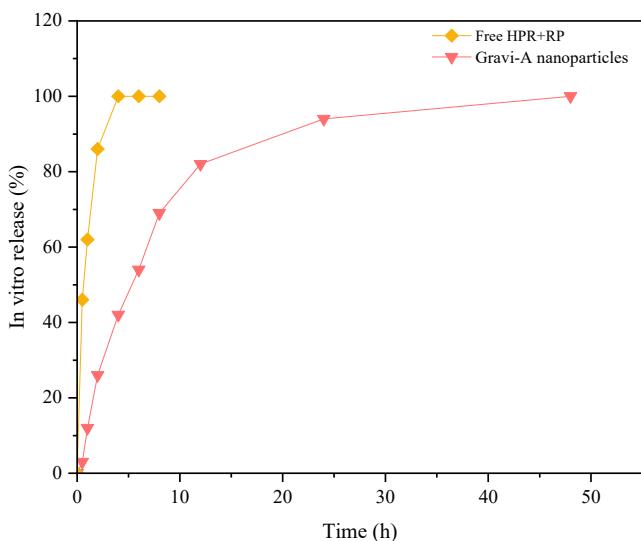


Figure S3. In vitro release curve

Table S2. Results of toxic effect of samples on chorioallantoic membrane of chick embryo.

Sample	Concentration (%)	Number of chicken embryos	Number of positive reactions	RC ₅₀ ^a
Gravi-A nanparticles	50	3	0	
	30		0	94.61%
	50	10	2	(95% NaCl:
	80		4	71.96%–271.29%)
	100		5	
Free HPR + RP	50	3	0	> 100%
	80	10	2	(95% NaCl: N.D.)
	100		3	

^aThe results showed no irritation (RC₅₀ > 3.0 %), unpredictable (RC₅₀ = 1.0 %–3.0 %), irritant (RC₅₀ < 1.0 %).

Table S3. Results of skin irritation score of supramolecular bis- A nanoparticles in New Zealand rabbits^a

Number	Skin irritation response	Observation days												
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1	Erythema	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	Edema	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	Erythema	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	Edema	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Erythema	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	Edema	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Erythema	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	Edema	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Average points per animal per day														0.68
$= \frac{\sum \text{Total integral of erythema and edema}}{\text{Number of animals tested}} \div 14 =$														0.68

The results were recorded according to the skin reaction grading standard in 6.4 of Cosmetic Technical Specifications (2015 edition). Erythema formation: no erythema (0), mild erythema (1), obvious erythema (2), moderate to severe erythema (3), severe erythema to mild eschar formation (4). Edema formation: no edema (0), mild edema (1), mild edema (2), moderate edema (3), severe edema (4). The results showed no irritation (0–0.5), light irritation (0.5–2.0), moderate irritation (2.0–6.0) and strong irritation (6.0–8.0).

Table S4. Results of skin irritation score of free HPR + RP in New Zealand rabbits^a

Number	Skin irritation response	Observation days													
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
1	Erythema	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	Edema	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	Erythema	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	Edema	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Erythema	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	Edema	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Erythema	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	Edema	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Average points per animal per day															
$= \frac{\sum \text{Total integral of erythema and edema}}{\text{Number of animals tested}} \div 14 =$														0.84	

The results were recorded according to the skin reaction grading standard in 6.4 of Cosmetic Technical Specifications (2015 edition). Erythema formation: no erythema (0), mild erythema (1), obvious erythema (2), moderate to severe erythema (3), severe erythema to mild eschar formation (4). Edema formation: no edema (0), mild edema (1), mild edema (2), moderate edema (3), severe edema (4). The results showed no irritation (0–0.5), light irritation (0.5–2.0), moderate irritation (2.0–6.0) and strong irritation (6.0–8.0).

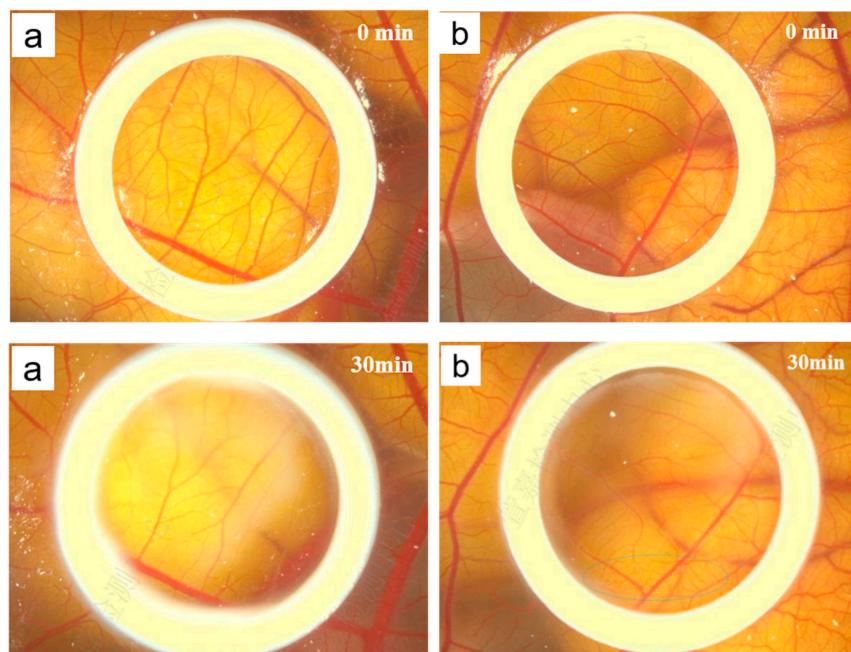
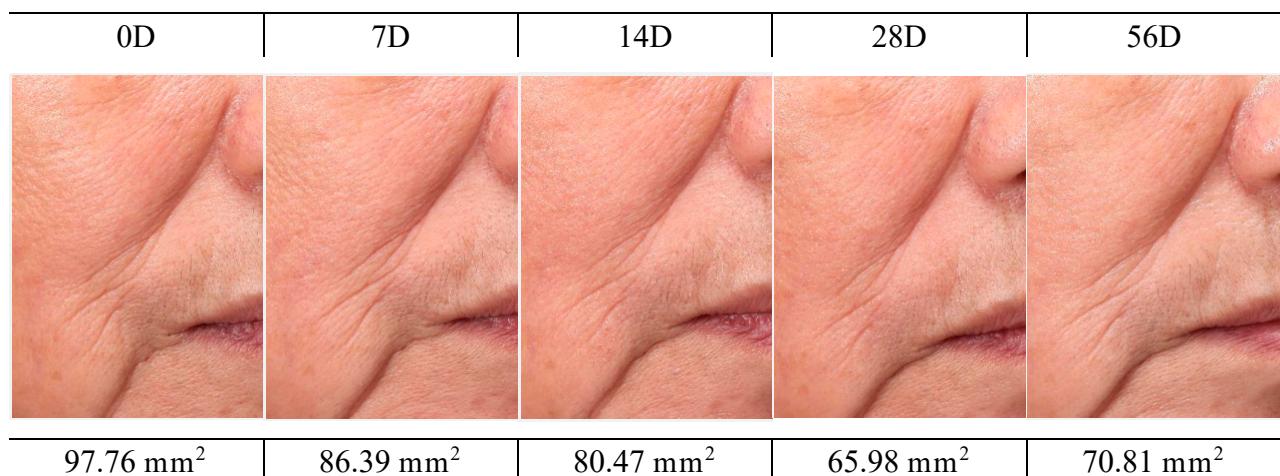


Figure S4. Effect of free HRP+PR on chorioallantoic membrane toxicity of chicken embryo after 30 min administration at different concentrations. 4% sample concentration in group a and 5% sample concentration in group b, where the yellow circle represents the selected viewing area.

Table S5. Summary of the results of patch test of bis-A nanoparticles on human skin^a

Group	Number of subjects	Observation time (h)	Number of people with different skin reaction levels in patch test				
			0	1	2	3	4
5 % Gravi-A nanoparticles	32	0.5	32	0	0	0	0
		24	32	0	0	0	0
		48	32	0	0	0	0
7 % Gravi-A nanoparticles	32	0.5	32	0	0	0	0
		24	32	0	0	0	0
		48	32	0	0	0	0
10 % Gravi-A nanoparticles	32	0.5	32	0	0	0	0
		24	32	0	0	0	0
		48	32	0	0	0	0
Negative control (blank + filter)	32	0.5	32	0	0	0	0
		24	32	0	0	0	0
		48	32	0	0	0	0

The results were recorded according to the skin reaction grading standard in 6.4 of Cosmetic Technical Specifications (2015 edition). Erythema formation: no erythema (0), mild erythema (1), obvious erythema (2), moderate to severe erythema (3), severe erythema to mild eschar formation (4).

**Figure S5.** Changes of nasolabial folds area in volunteer after using Gravi-A nanoparticles for 56 days

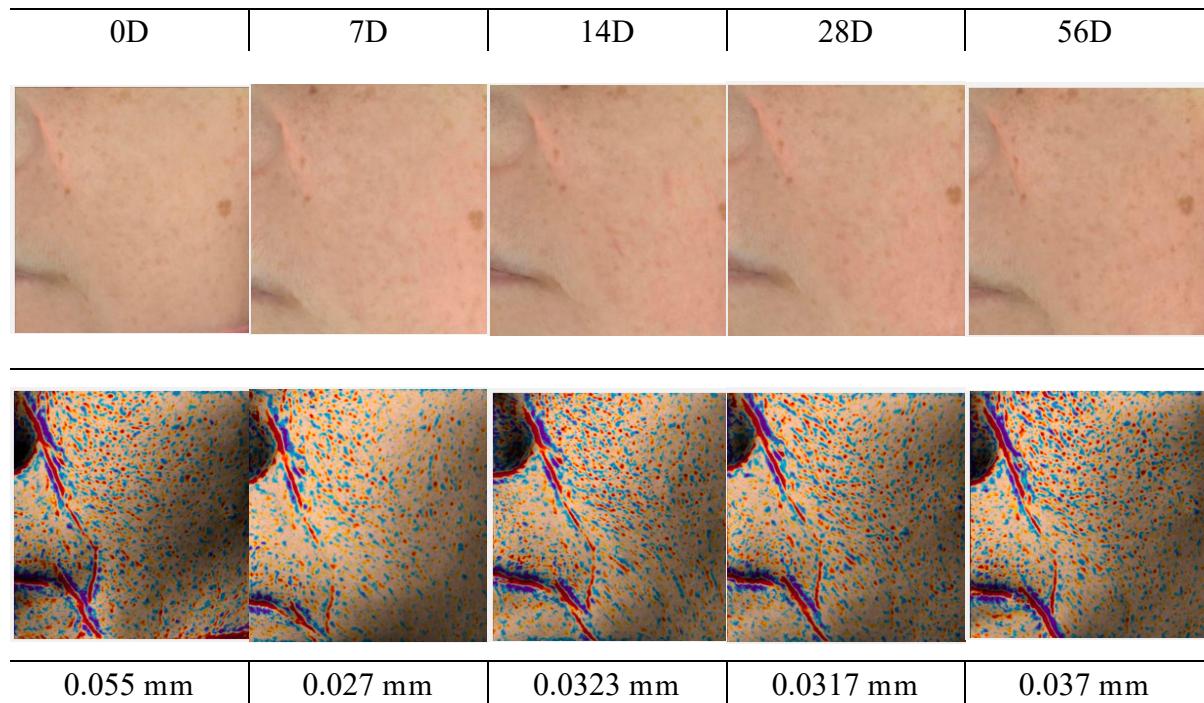


Figure S6. Changes in the average depth of the volunteers' nasolabial folds after using Gravi-A nanoparticles for 56 days. The blue lines reflect the smoothness and fullness of the skin, and the purple lines reflect the smoothness and fullness of the skin.

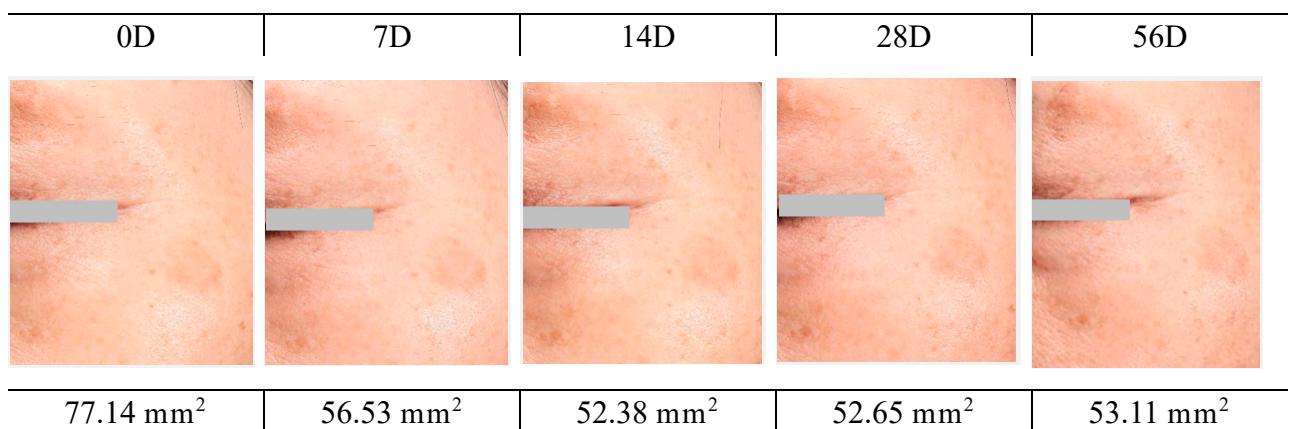


Figure S7. Changes of crow's feet area in volunteer after using Gravi-A nanoparticles for 56 days

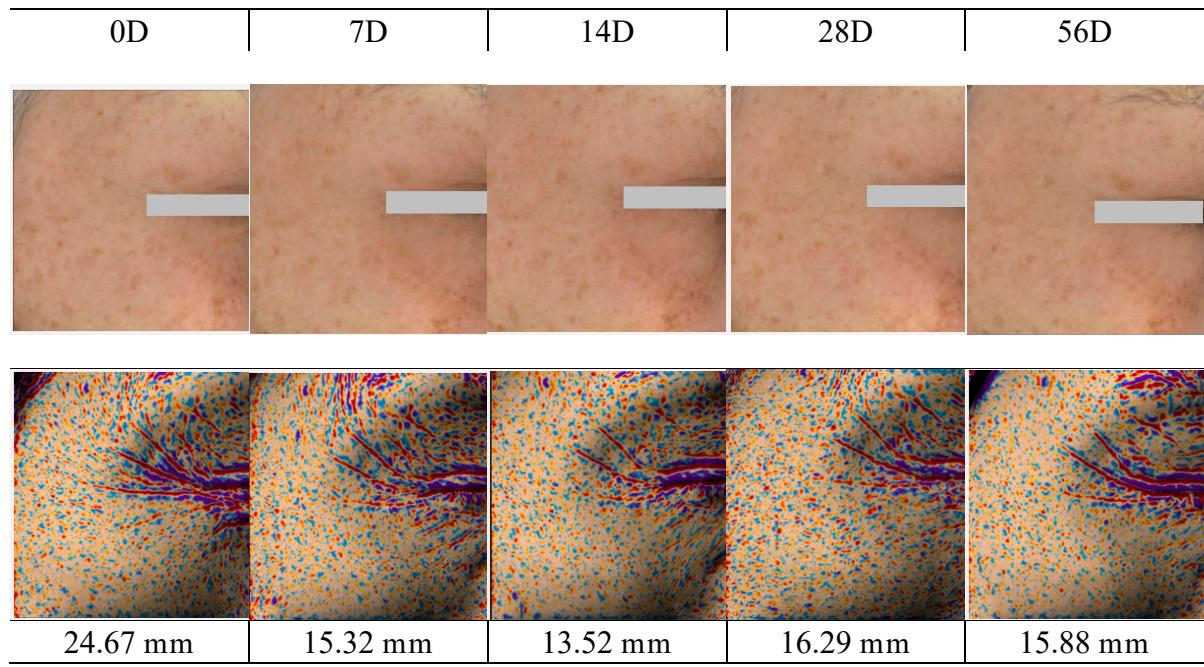


Figure S8. Changes in the length of crow's feet on volunteers' faces after using Gravi-A nanoparticles for 56 days. The blue lines reflect the smoothness and fullness of the skin, and the purple lines reflect the smoothness and fullness of the skin.

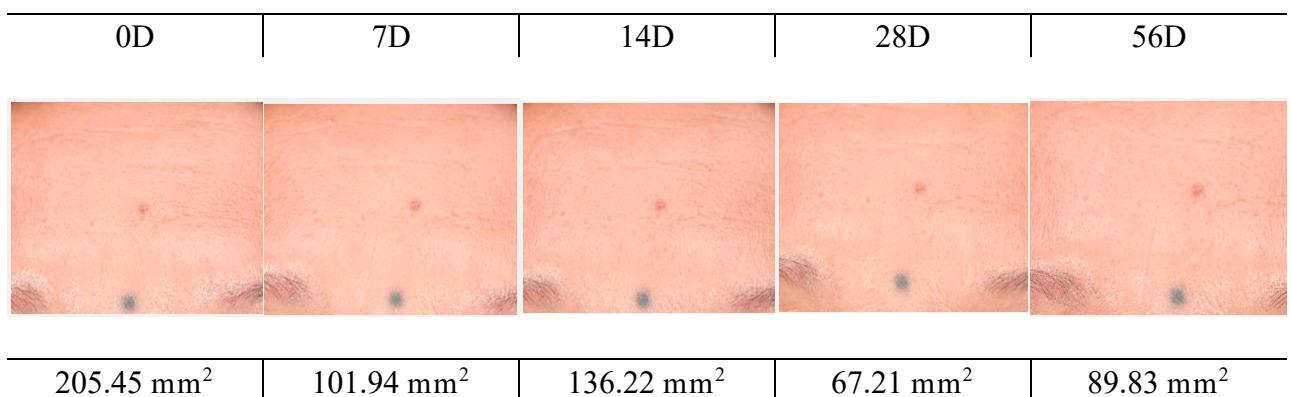


Figure S9. Changes of forehead wrinkles area in volunteer after using Gravi-A nanoparticles for 56 days

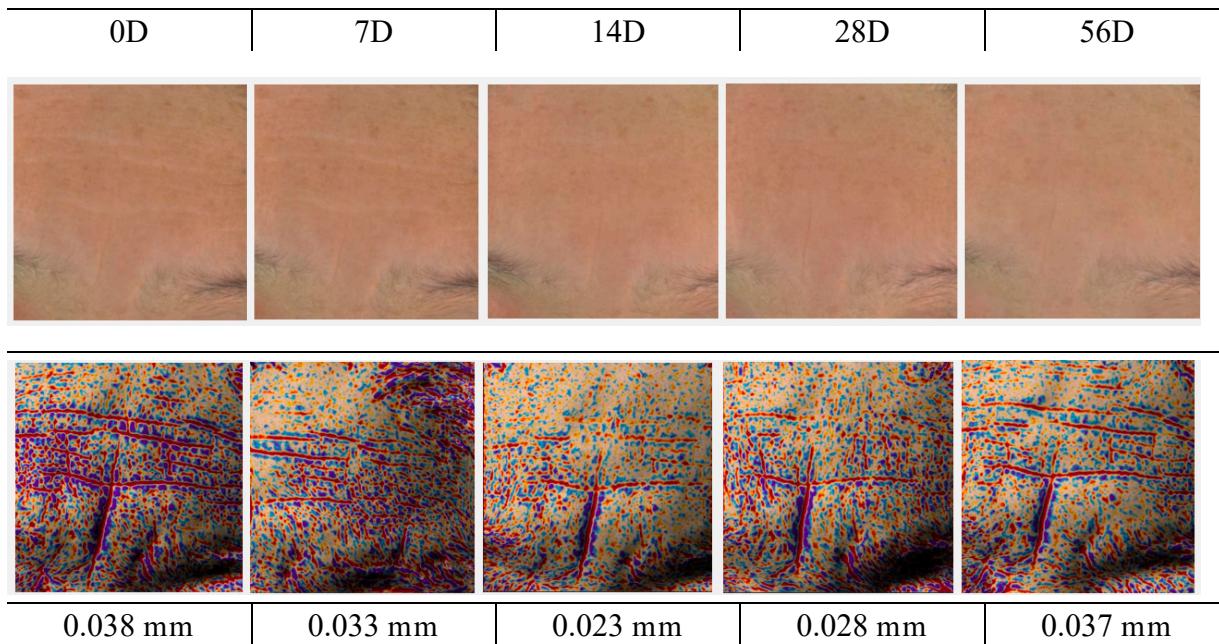


Figure S10. Changes in the average depth of the volunteers' forehead wrinkles after using Gravi-A nanoparticles for 56 days. The blue lines reflect the smoothness and fullness of the skin, and the purple lines reflect the smoothness and fullness of the skin.

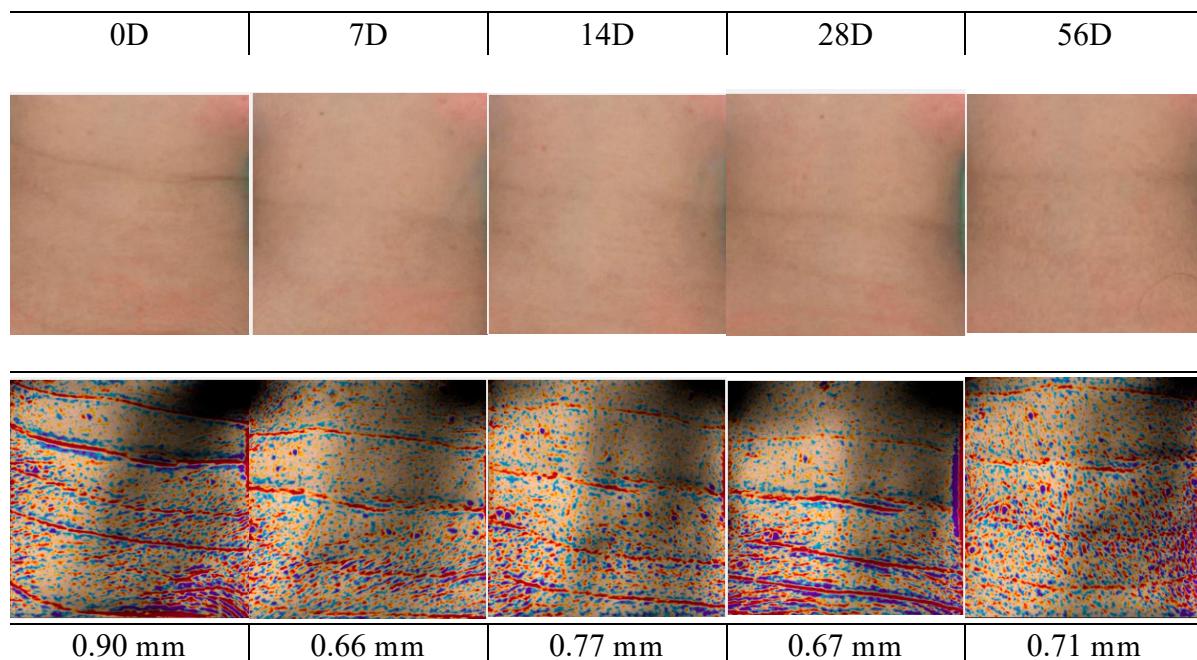
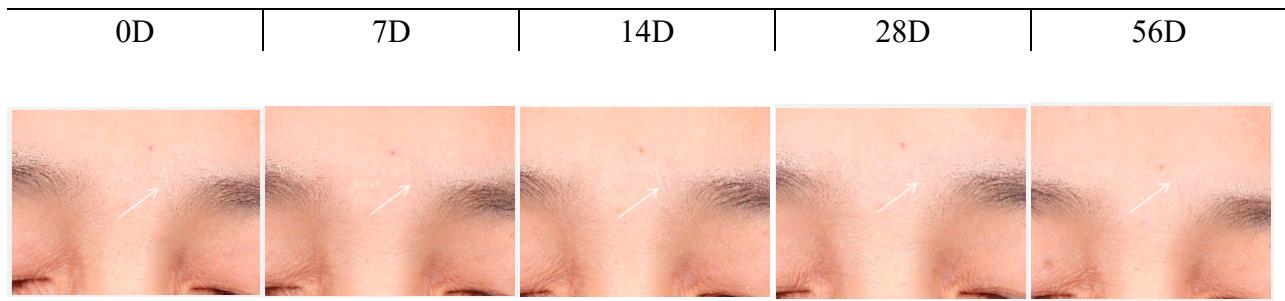


Figure S11. Changes in the average width of the volunteers' cervical stripe after using Gravi-A nanoparticles for 56 days. The blue lines reflect the smoothness and fullness of the skin, and the purple lines reflect the smoothness and fullness of the skin.



83.74 mm² 69.50 mm² 67.59 mm² 67.63 mm² 66.01 mm²

Figure S12. Changes of frown lines area in volunteer after using Gravi-A nanoparticles for 56 days, where the white arrows indicate areas that have changed significantly.

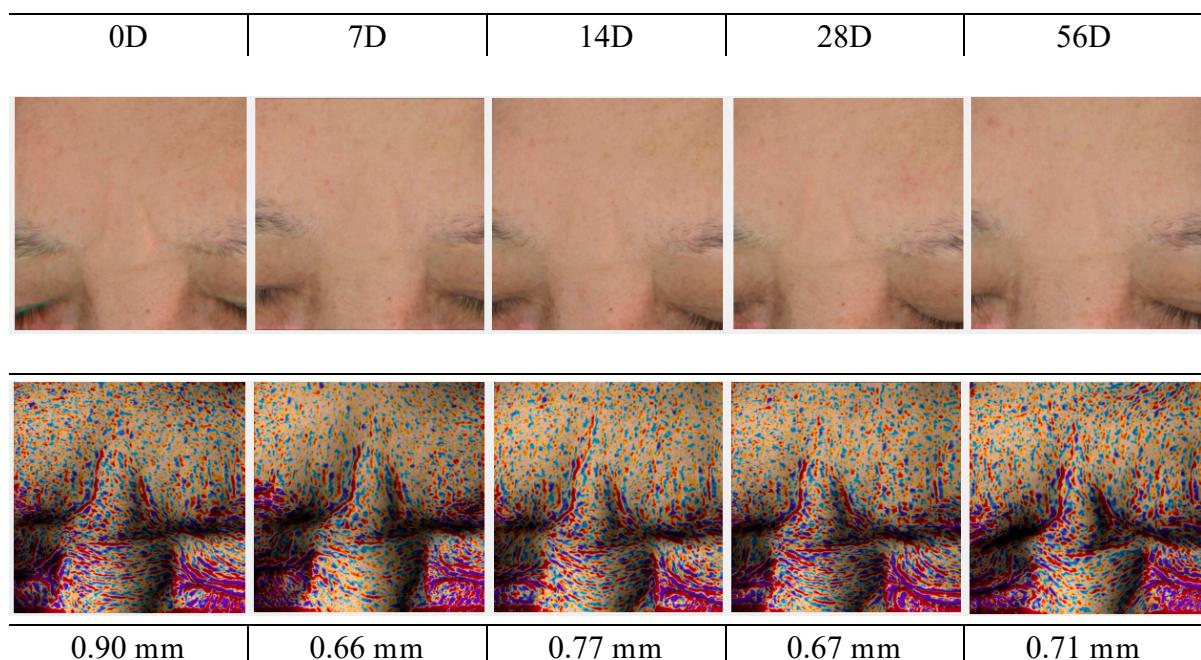


Figure S13. Changes in the length of the volunteers' frown lines after using Gravi-A nanoparticles for 56 days. The blue lines reflect the smoothness and fullness of the skin, and the purple lines reflect the smoothness and fullness of the skin.

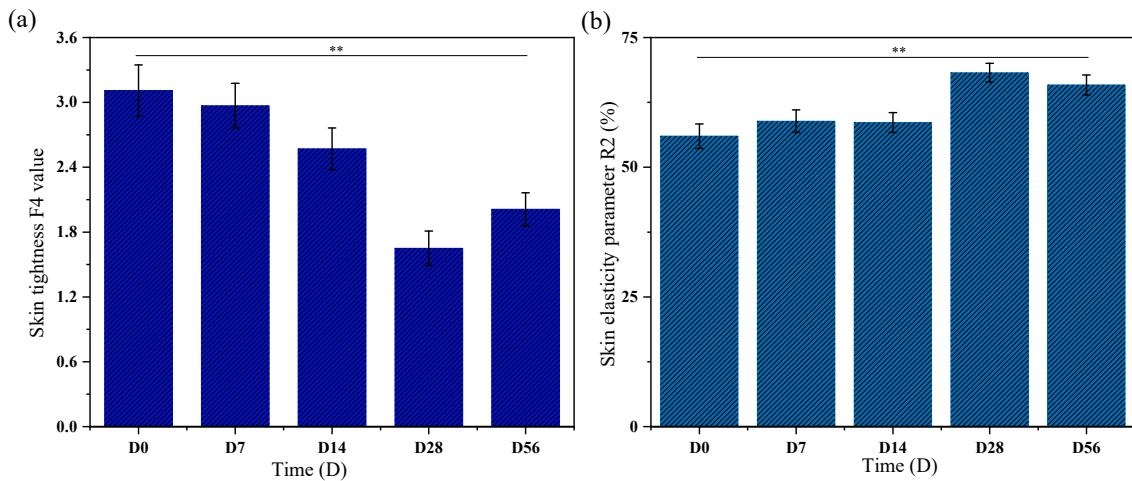


Figure S14. The degree of skin improvement within 56 days after using Gravi-A nanoparticles. (a) Detection value of skin tightness F4 at different time points. (b) Detection value of skin elasticity parameter R2 at different time points, ** $p < 0.01$.



Figure S15. Ethics Screening Document