

Naomi sues the 'King of Botox'

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Naomi: Said to be furious her name has been used

Naomi Campbell is suing a cosmetic surgeon known as 'The King of Botox' for more than £50,000 for claiming that he was behind her flawless complexion.

The 35-year-old supermodel is incensed by two adverts in Hello! magazine which suggest that she is a celebrity client of Dr Jean-Louis Sebagh.

Although she has refused to deny she has had Botox injections, the model is furious that her name has been used to endorse the doctor. The advertisements, which carry pictures of the supermodel, claimed that she 'owes her flawless complexion to Dr Sebagh'.

Dr Sebagh is credited for making Botox as popular as it is today, having started using it as a cosmetic tool in the early 1990s.

It is now a favourite among celebrities for ironing out wrinkles on the forehead and around the eyes.

Dr Sebagh has also launched a range of skincare products with Cindy Crawford, called Meaningful Beauty, while Madonna and Elle Macpherson are also rumoured to be clients.

Lawyers from Miss Campbell's solicitors Schillings went to the High Court on Monday to launch proceedings against the doctor, who has so far refused to comment. If the case goes to trial it could cost the supermodel hundreds of thousands of pounds in legal fees.

Miss Campbell, whose mother was also a model, has denied having any cosmetic surgery in the past, saying: "I'm not against plastic surgery, especially if I had an accident, but I wouldn't do it now. I am living in hope that I have inherited skin as good as my grandmother's." Her lawyers issued an application for a 'pre-action disclosure' in the Queen's Bench division of the Royal Courts of Justice, in Central London. This means that

Dr Sebagh may be forced to produce evidence relating to the case before a claim is actually issued. "She does not endorse Mr Sebagh's products. We are trying to find out how her name came to be connected to him," the supermodel's lawyers said in a statement. A spokesman has, however, refused to confirm or deny whether the supermodel was a client of Dr Sebagh,

saying only: "These articles give the impression that she endorses his products which she doesn't."

Top plastic surgeon Alex Karidis, has speculated that she may have had Botox on her forehead, saying: "I've seen lots of pictures of her and she looks like she has got a suspiciously smooth forehead and Botox could be how she has maintained that affect."

"She's about the right age at 35 to consider having Botox in any case."

Frenchman Dr Sebagh practices for three days a week from his exclusive clinic in Wimpole Street in Central London. For the rest of the week he is based at his home in Paris. A spokesman at the London clinic declined to comment.

Miss Campbell, who was born and brought up in South London, has spent millions of pounds protecting her image.

She successfully sued the Daily Mirror for breach of confidence after the newspaper published pictures of her leaving a Narcotics Anonymous meeting in London.

She also launched High Court action against her former personal assistant after she sold her story to the News of the World about life working for the model.