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"I like my curves," says Mischa, who showed off a seemingly cellulite-free figure on a Malibu beach on April 9.



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"Did she develop all of that cellulite in a couple of weeks?" asks Mischa's rep. "There's a lot you can do with Photoshop."



Does Mischa have cellulite

Mischa Barton was enjoying a special mother-daughter vacation with her mom, Nuala, on Australia's scenic Hamilton Island on April 30, when a photographer began taking pictures of her sunbathing topless on a private balcony. But the photos didn't just expose Mischa wearing nothing more than a bikini bottom — they also showed what appeared to be a lot of cellulite on her butt, thighs and legs.

The actress hit back immediately, with her rep, Lisa Perkins, claiming that the pictures were altered by lensman Jamie Fawcett. "The photos are doctored," Lisa insists. "I'm not saying Mischa is perfect — nobody is. But they've given a 22-year-old woman the legs and bottom of an 80-year-old."

While Mischa admits to having some cellulite — "Every woman does," says the star, who's 5'9" and a size 4 — she also believes that Fawcett deliberately took pictures of her at harsh angles. "Photographers try to get the most unflattering shots," she insists. "They know they're worth more money."

Behind the photos

New York cosmetic surgeon **Dr. Lisa A. Zdinak**, who doesn't treat the star, believes that unflattering angles and unforgiving daylight are to blame for the excessive dimpling. Looking at photos of Mischa on the beach and out shopping just three weeks before the balcony shots were taken, Dr. Zdinak says, "It would take years for cellulite to progress to that extent. The photos were taken less than a month apart, and cellulite just does not develop that quickly."

Though Mischa was initially angry

about the debacle, she's refusing to let the pictures affect her positive self-image. "I eat really healthy and I work out," she says. "I'm not self-conscious about my body."



While shopping in Beverly Hills on April 8, Mischa's short dress revealed "a normal amount of cellulite," says **Dr. Zdinak**.



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The star claims unflattering photos were doctored to exaggerate her body flaws