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HIGHLIGHTS AAD: Área de Tricología y Onicología

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23 PONENCIAS SOBRE TRICOLOGIA
22 PONENCIAS SOBRE ONICOLOGIA



ONICOLOGIA

> [Clin Exp Dermatol](#). 2022 Jun;47(6):1165-1168. doi: 10.1111/ced.15110. Epub 2022 Feb 18.

A pilot study of intralesional methotrexate injections versus triamcinolone acetonide in patients affected by nail matrix psoriasis

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- METROTEXATE INTRALESIONAL VS TRIAMCINOLONA INTRALESIONAL
- AMBOS MUY BUENOS RESULTADOS
- MENOS EFECTOS ADVERSOS CON MTEROTEXATO INTRALESIONAL



Topical Tofacitinib as Effective Therapy in Patients with Plaque Psoriasis Responsive to Systemic Drugs but with Resistant Nail Psoriasis

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Abstract

Introduction: Psoriasis is a chronic inflammatory disease that may also involve nails. Unfortunately, topical treatments available are limited and often responsible for side effects and/or lack of compliance due to the necessary prolonged use to see results. Intralesional treatment instead is often unwanted or unaccepted by patients. Lack of efficacy is, moreover, always a possible outcome. Novel modalities for the therapy of nail psoriasis are thus needed and always welcomed.

Case presentation: We then aimed to develop a topical 2% tofacitinib formulation expected to

TOFACITINIB AL 2%

PSORIASIS UNGUEAL

- BIMEKIZUMAB

• To be eligible, patients were required to be ≥ 18 years of age with a diagnosis of moderate to severe plaque psoriasis evidenced by an absolute PASI ≥ 12 , an affected body surface area $\geq 10\%$, and an Investigator's Global Assessment score of ≥ 3 on a 5-point scale

Study Name	Trial Design	Intervention	Comparator
BE VIVID ² (PS0009)	Phase 3, double-blind, RCT	BKZ 320 mg Q4W	PBO; UST 45/90 mg Q12W ^a
N = 567			
BE READY ³ (PS0013)	Phase 3, double-blind, RCT, randomized withdrawal	BKZ 320 mg Q4W; 320 mg Q4W/Q8W	PBO
N = 435			
BE SURE ⁴ (PS0008)	Phase 3, double-blind, RCT	BKZ 320 mg Q4W; 320 mg Q4W/Q8W	ADA 80 mg LD/40 mg Q2W ^b
N = 478			
BE BRIGHT ¹¹ (PS0014) ¹¹	Ongoing Phase 3b, open-label extension study ^c	BKZ 320 mg Q4W; 320 mg Q8W	N/A
N = 1789 as of 9/2020			
BE RADIANT ³ (PS0015)	Phase 3b, double-blind, RCT	BKZ 320 mg Q4W; 320 mg Q4W/Q8W	SECU 300 mg Q4W ^d
N = 743			

70.7% versus 53.5% at week 48
Eyerich K, et al. BKZ vs SECU for the treatment of NpsO in patients with moderate to severe psoriasis: Results from the BE RADIANT phase 3b trial Poster AAD 2023

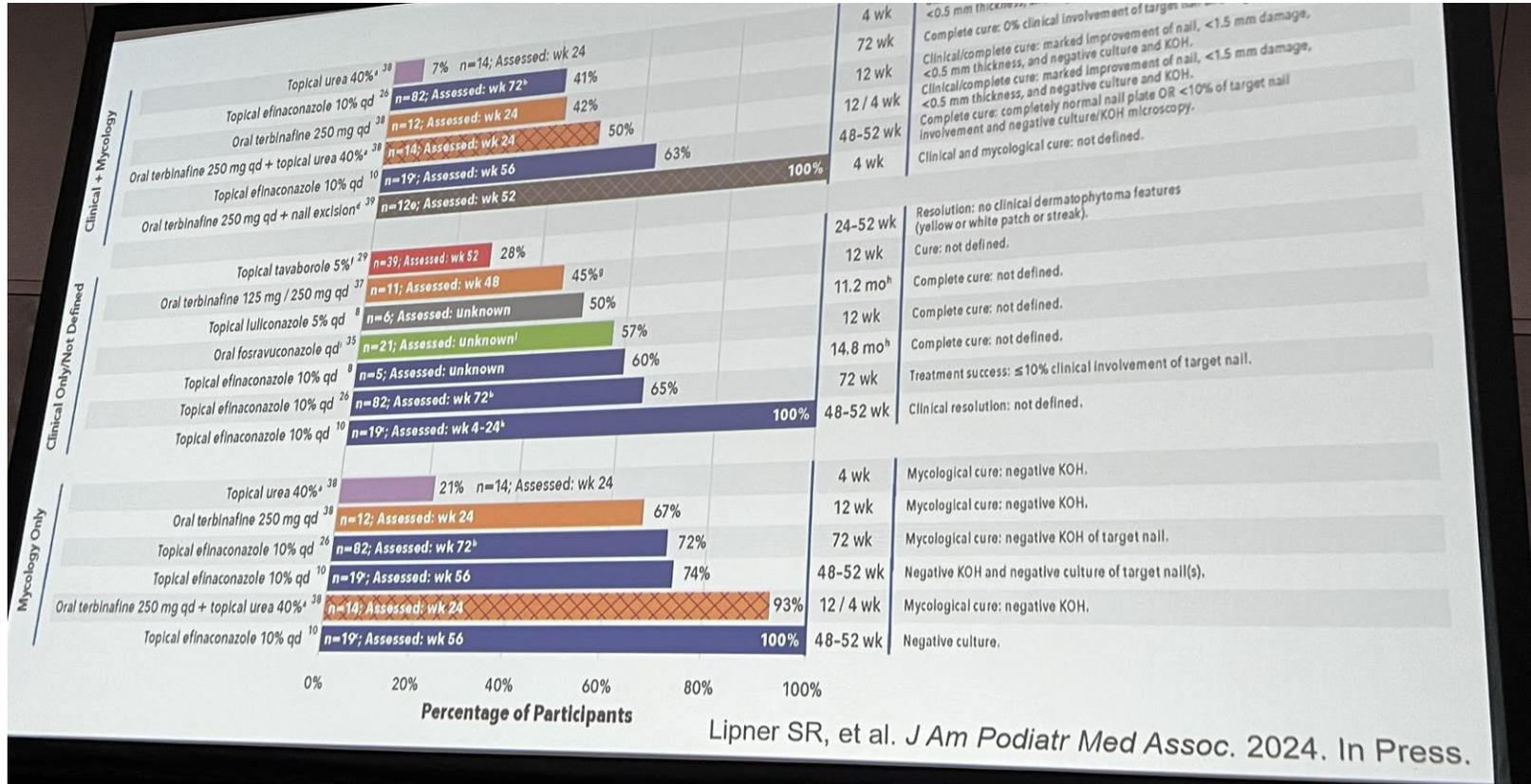
ONICOMICOSIS-ONICOMICETOMAS

Dermoscopic Findings

- Central color: yellow dermatophytomas (85.7%), white non-dermatophytomas (70.0%)
- Lateral involvement: dermatophytomas (85.7%), non-dermatophytomas(50.0%)
- >2/3 of nail plate: dermatophytomas (28.6%) non-dermatophytomas(50.0%)



ONICOMICOSIS-ONICOMICETOMAS



TRATAMIENTO TOPICO

ES MAS EFICAZ QUE TRATAMIENTO ORAL

1. Clasificación de Severidad y Número de Uñas Afectadas:

1. **Menos de 3 uñas afectadas**, enfermedad leve a moderada.
2. **Menos de 3 uñas afectadas**, enfermedad severa.
3. **Más de 3 uñas afectadas**, cualquier presentación.

2. Tratamiento Según Severidad:

1. **Involucramiento de la matriz o lecho ungueal:**
 1. *Leve a moderado:* Triamcinolona intralesional (5-10 mg) o Acitretina oral (0.2-0.3 mg/kg/día o 30mg/día).
 2. *Severo:* Triamcinolona intralesional + Triamcinolona intramuscular (0.5-1 mg/kg), Acitretina oral, o combinación de inmunosupresores (Azatioprina 100mg/día, Ciclosporina 3mg/kg/día, Micofenolato 2gr/día).

3. Consideraciones Especiales:

1. Triamcinolona Intramuscular:

1. Indicada en enfermedad severa, especialmente si afecta a más de 3 uñas.
2. Administración de 0.5-1 mg/kg cada mes por 3-6 meses.
3. Importante considerar la protección ósea (Vitamina D y Calcio) y evaluar condiciones subyacentes (diabetes, glaucoma, osteoporosis).

2. Retinoides Orales (Acitretina O alitretinoína):

1. Dosis de 0.2 a 0.3 mg/kg/día o una dosis fija de 30 mg/día.
2. Alitretinoína puede ser preferible por su mayor acción antiinflamatoria y regulación de la diferenciación y proliferación de queratinocitos.

5. Tratamientos Adicionales:

1. Inhibidores de JAK (Janus Kinase):

1. Tofacitinib (10 mg/día) o Baricitinib (4 mg/día) mostrando resultados prometedores en la mejora de la apariencia de las uñas afectadas.

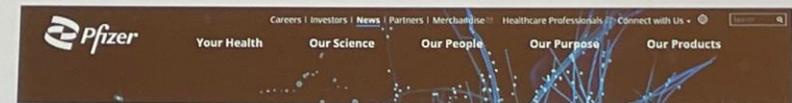


TRICOLOGIA



Ritlecitinib

- Selective JAK3 TEC kinase family inhibitor
- Novel mechanism of action



NEWS / Pfizer Announces Positive Top-Line Results From Phase 2b/3 Trial Of Ritlecitinib In Alopecia Areata

PFIZER ANNOUNCES POSITIVE TOP-LINE RESULTS FROM PHASE 2B/3 TRIAL OF RITLECITINIB IN ALOPECIA AREATA

Wednesday, August 04, 2021 - 06:45am

- ALLEGRO 2b/3 trial met primary efficacy endpoint of improving scalp hair regrowth -

NEW YORK--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- [Pfizer Inc.](#) (NYSE: PFE) today announced positive top-line results from the Phase 2b/3 ALLEGRO trial evaluating oral once-daily ritlecitinib in patients with alopecia areata, an autoimmune disease driven by an immune attack on the hair follicles that causes hair loss on the scalp and can also affect the face and body.^{1,2} Ritlecitinib 50 mg and 30 mg achieved the primary efficacy endpoint of the study, namely the proportion of patients with less than or equal to 20 percent scalp hair loss after six months of treatment versus placebo.

"We are pleased by these positive results for ritlecitinib in patients with alopecia areata, a devastating and complex autoimmune disease for which there are currently no U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) or European Medicines Agency approved treatments," said Michael Corbo, PhD, Chief Development Officer, Inflammation & Immunology, Pfizer Global Product Development. "We look forward to bringing this potential new treatment option to patients living with alopecia areata as soon as possible."

PERDIDA DE PELO EN TRANSEXUALES

- **MUJERES TRANS**

- First line treatment:

- - Topical minoxidil 5% once per day
- - Oral minoxidil 0.25-1mg
- -LLLT
- - Oral finasteride 1-2.5 mg/day
- Spironolactone 100-200mg/day
- - Bicalutamide 50mg/day

Second line treatment:

- Topical clascoterone
- Topical finasteride 0.25%
- Oral dutasteride 0.5mg
- PRP
- Hair transplant

PERDIDA DE PELO EN TRANSEXUALES

- **HOMBRES TRANS**

First line treatment:

- Topical minoxidil 5% once or twice per day

Oral minoxidil 2.5-5mg/day

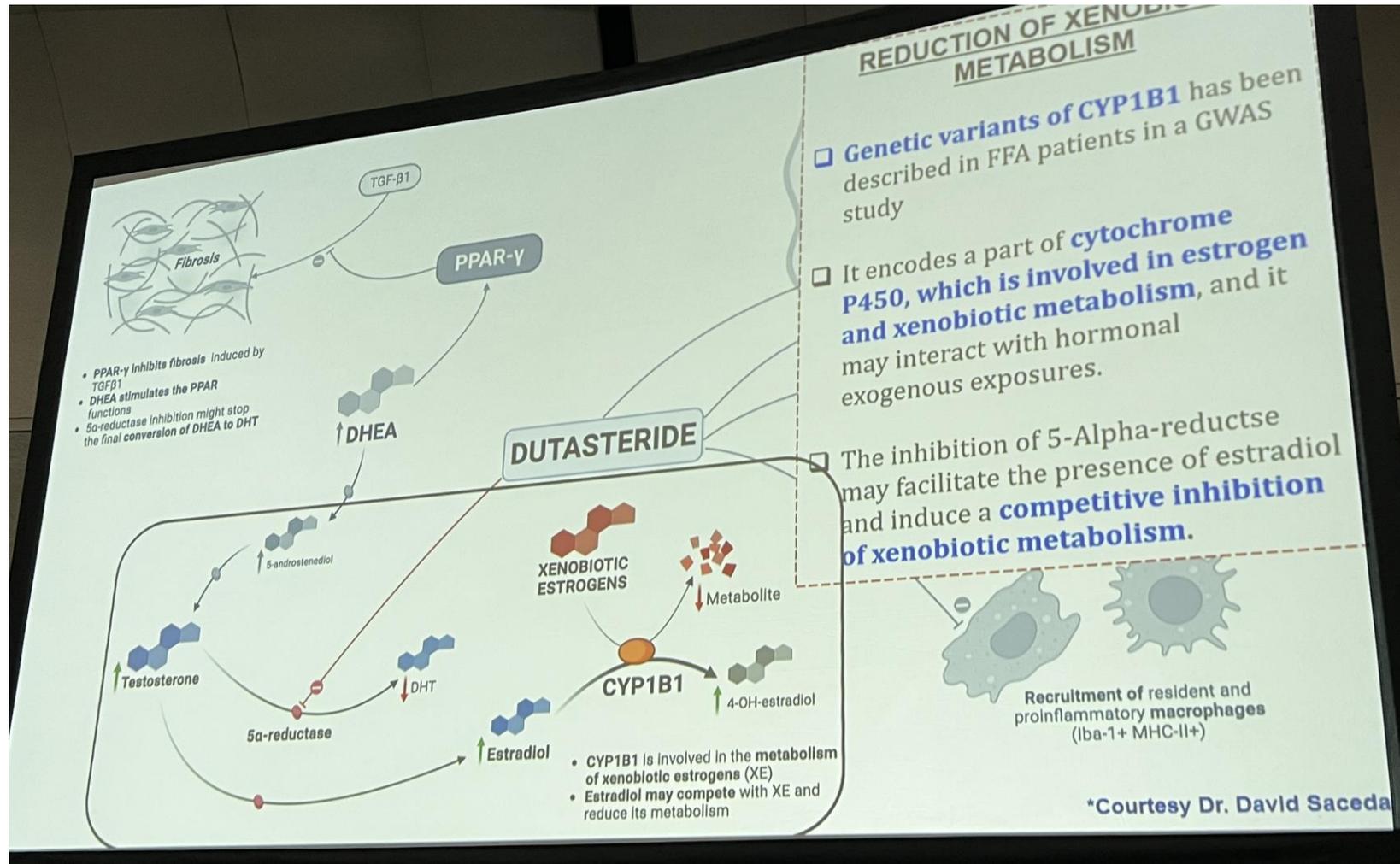
LLLT

Oral finasteride 1mg (**after 2 years**)

Second line treatment:

- Topical clascoterone
- Topical finasteride 0.25%
- Oral dutasteride 0.5mg
- PRP
- Hair transplant

ALOPECIA FRONTAL FIBROSANTE



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POTENTIAL NEW LINES OF RESEARCH

NEW

- > Tapinarof binds to AhR: potential treatment for FFA?
- > CYP1B1 modifiers?

AhR-CYP1B1 PATHWAY - FFA scenario

Overexposure to exogen ligand?

Overexpression of the AhR (Doche et al. JEADV 2020)

Silent mutation in WES (Ortega-Quijano, Saceda-Corralo et al. Unpublished data)

AhR/ARNT complex

CYP1B1

Potential antigen?

Absence of protective p.Asn453Ser allele (Tzitzios, Vañó-Galván...et al. Nat Commun. 2019)

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NUEVOS TRATAMIENTO ALOPECIA FRONTAL

FFA: EYEBROW REGROWTH WITH LOW-DOSE ORAL MINOXIDIL

Eyebrow Regrowth in Patients with Frontal Fibrosing Alopecia Treated with Low-Dose Oral Minoxidil.
Pimentel R, Spagnoli Abraham L.
Skin Appendage Disord. 2021 Feb;7(2):112-114. doi: 10.1159/000511744. Epub 2020 Dec 2.
PMID: 33706656

NEW

- The authors report eyebrow regrowth in 7 FFA female patients treated with LDOM: 0.5 mg (n=2), 0.75 mg (n=2) and 1.25 mg (n=3) daily. At month 3, the dose was increased to 2.5 mg daily in 3 patients.
- No topical medications or intralesional steroids were used in these patients.
- Eyebrow regrowth: partial in 5 patients and almost complete in 2 patients. No serious adverse events were detected. One patient reported regrowth of body hair in areas previously affected by the disease.
- Conclusion: LDOM could be a promising adjunctive therapy for treatment of the eyebrows in patients with FFA, particularly in early disease.



PLATELET RICH PLASMA FOR FRONTAL FIBROSING ALOPECIA

NEW

(PRELIMINARY AND NON-PUBLISHED DATA)

n=52

- Decrease in atrophy and hypopigmentation in the alopecic band
- Decrease in the inflammatory signs (perifollicular erythema and perifollicular scales)



*Courtesy Dr. David Saceda

NUEVOS TRATAMIENTO ALOPECIA FRONTAL

FRONTAL FIBROSING ALOPECIA: SUMMARY OF THERAPIES 2024

A) TREATMENT TO DECREASE INFLAMMATION	SLIGHT INFLAMMATION	Topical tacrolimus or pimecrolimus (preferred) or topical steroids 1-2 days per week
	MODERATE INFLAMMATION	Intralesional triamcinolone 4 mg/mL every 3 mon. NEW consider antimalarial drugs and/or platelet rich plasma NEW Excimer NEW
	INTENSE INFLAMMATION	Intralesional +/- systemic steroids. NEW +/- JAKI ? Consider antimalarial drugs / doxycycline / pioglitazone.

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B) TREATMENT TO PREVENT DISEASE PROGRESSION	- Dutasteride 0.5 mg 5-7 / week (preferred) vs 3 / week NEW	AhR – CYP1B1 pathway modifiers? NEW
	- Finasteride 2.5 – 5 mg daily	

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C) TREATMENT TO IMPROVE THE AESTHETICS	-If facial papules: oral isotretinoin 5-10 mg daily
	-Eyebrows /scalp micropigmentation NEW
	-Minoxidil 2%-5% vs oral minoxidil NEW
	-Hair integration systems / wigs / FAS systems NEW
	-If skin atrophy: consider platelet rich plasma NEW

+/-

D) SURGICAL TREATMENT (only selected cases!!)	-FFA should be clinically stabilized for at least 1 year
	-Hair transplantation should be performed in small areas
	-Discuss with the patient the durability of the grafts (40% after 5 years)!!



> [Clin Cosmet Investig Dermatol](#). 2021 Nov 19:14:1725-1736. doi: 10.2147/CCID.S334807.
eCollection 2021.

Short-Term Efficacy of Autologous Cellular Micrografts in Male and Female Androgenetic Alopecia: A Retrospective Cohort Study

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Abstract

Purpose: Autologous cellular micrografts (ACM) is a novel treatment method in hair loss, and few data are available regarding its efficacy. The present study was carried out to assess the short-term clinical efficacy of a single application of ACM in the treatment of male and female androgenetic alopecia (AGA).

Materials and methods: This was a single-center retrospective study involving 140 consecutive adults with confirmed AGA, who received a single session of ACM (Regenera Activa®). Efficacy was evaluated 1-6 months after treatment, by analyzing the change of trichometry parameters, which were assessed using TrichoScan digital image analysis.

Results: Depending on the scalp region, there was increase in mean hair density by 4.5-7.12 hair/cm², average hair thickness by 0.96-1.88 μm, % thick hair by 1.74-3.26%, and mean number of follicular units by 1.30-2.77, resulting in an increase of cumulative hair thickness by 0.48-0.56 unit. Additionally the frontal region showed a significant decrease in % thin hair (-1.81%, p = 0.037) and yellow dots (-1.93 N/cm², p = 0.003). A favorable response was observed in 66.4% of the participants in the frontal region. Further, a gender-specific effect of treatment was observed.

Conclusion: ACM is a promising treatment in AGA with a short-term favorable response observed in up to approximately two-thirds of patients.

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Botulinum Toxin for Scalp Conditions: A Systematic Review

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Background

- Many reports have described the use of botulinum toxin in the treatment of scalp conditions, but no studies have synthesized these collective findings.

Objective

- We conducted a systematic review to summarize the scalp conditions for which treatment with botulinum toxin has been described.

Methods

- We searched PubMed/MEDLINE and Scopus for articles in English published before November 1, 2022 using the keywords "hair" or "scalp" and botulinum toxin-related search terms.
- Articles that described patients who received injections of botulinum toxin for the management of scalp conditions were included.

Results

24 studies were identified reporting data on 309 patients with the following conditions:

- **Hair loss** (73.1%, 226/309)
 - Androgenetic alopecia (*n*=199)
 - Telogen effluvium (*n*=12)
 - Alopecia areata (*n*=7)
 - Folliculitis decalvans (*n*=4)
 - Cephalgia alopecia (*n*=3)
 - Filler-induced alopecia (*n*=1)
- **Craniofacial or gustatory hyperhidrosis** (17.5%)
- **Hyperseborrhea** (8.1%)
- **Linear scleroderma** (0.6%)
- **Scalp pain** (0.6%)

Formulations of botulinum toxins used:

- onabotulinumtoxinA (BOTOX[®])
- Chinese botulinum toxin type A (Hengli[®])
- abobotulinumtoxinA (Dysport[®])
- prabotulinumtoxinA (Nabota[®])
- rimabotulinumtoxinB (NeuroBloc[®])

Key Takeaways

- Androgenetic alopecia, craniofacial hyperhidrosis, and scalp hyperseborrhea had the most robust data supporting the clinical efficacy of botulinum toxin.
- Possible mechanism: Increased blood flow from scalp muscle relaxation

Conclusions

- The current quality of evidence is highly variable and, for many conditions, limited to small observational studies.
- Botulinum toxin may be a promising therapeutic option for patients with various scalp conditions, but future studies are needed to better understand its efficacy and safety.

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IXEKIZUMAB LIQUEN PLANOPILAR

Ixekizumab in Patients with Lichen Planopilaris- An Open-Label Study

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Introduction

- Lichen planus (LP) is an inflammatory dermatosis that affects 0.5-1% of the population.
- Classic cutaneous LP presents as purple, polygonal, pruritic, flat-topped papules and plaques and may affect any area of the body. Lichen planopilaris (LPP) is characterized by perifollicular erythema and scale that can progress to cicatricial alopecia. Frontal fibrosing alopecia (FFA) is a variant of LPP that presents as a band-like zone of hair loss along the anterior hairline and may affect eyebrows.
- Majority of LP/LPP/FFA patients are adults (95%).
- LPP is predominantly T-cell mediated diseases, with the presence of T helper, regulatory, and cytotoxic lymphocytes, natural killer (NK) cells and dendritic cells.
- There are few available therapies to treat LPP.
- Ixekizumab is an investigational drug that is currently FDA approved to treat psoriasis, psoriatic arthritis, ankylosing spondylitis, and radiographic axial spondyloarthritis.
- Ixekizumab is a monoclonal antibody that selectively binds to IL-17A and inhibits its interaction with the IL-17 receptor. IL-17 is a pro-inflammatory cytokine that promotes epithelial proliferation. Ixekizumab has the potential to improve or clear symptoms of LP and LPP.
- There is data supporting the role of IL-17 in the pathogenesis of LP, oral LP, and LPP; therefore, IL-17A blockers could be a promising new therapy to treat this group of conditions that until now have so few treatment options.
- Primary Objective:** To test the efficacy of 24-week treatment with ixekizumab of LPP in adult patients.

Methods

- Study setting:** University of New Mexico Department of Dermatology Clinic
- Study design:** Non-randomized controlled observational study
- Study groups:** Cases: 6 female patients, ≥ 18 years of age with mild to moderate LPP who failed at least 1 topical/systemic treatment.

Baseline (Visit 1)

Week 24

Baseline (Visit 1)

24

Data Collection/ Analysis

LPPAI - Lichen Planopilaris Activity Index

Subject ID	Baseline	OT
1	8.87	3.5
2	2.05	0.67
3	4.7	4.83
4	2.08	0.67
5	2.67	0
6	4.06	1.83

DLQI - Dermatology Life Quality Index

Subject ID	Baseline	OT
1	3	0
2	4	0
3	20	9
4	1	1
5	2	0
6	11	2

6 female participants completed the 24-week study. LPPAI scores showed statistical significance (p=0.029) with a BL mean of 4.06 and SD of 2.51 and OT mean of 1.83 and

ALITRETINOINA –ALOPECIA AREATA



Evaluating the Efficacy of Oral alitretinoin in Alopecia Areata

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Background

- Alitretinoin can be a new treatment modality of alopecia areata (AA)?
- Dual role of retinoic acid in modulating T cell responses
 - Evoking tolerogenic or inflammatory effects depending on the microenvironment and the synergizing cytokines
 - Possibly effects on the hair cycle and immune response in AA
 - But limited data with only a few case reports until now

Objective

- To evaluate the efficacy of alitretinoin in the treatment of alopecia areata

Method

- Author has no relationships to disclose
- Period
 - October 2013 to August 2023
- A retrospective study: Medical records, clinical/dermoscopic photos
- Patients
 - 53 AA patients treated with alitretinoin for at least 12 weeks in the Pusan National University Hospital
 - Treatment dose: 30mg of oral alitretinoin once-daily
 - Patients were divided into three groups based on treatment method

Group A	Group B	Group C
✓ Alitretinoin monotherapy	✓ Adding other Tx after limited response with alitretinoin monotherapy	✓ Adding alitretinoin when showing resistance to other Tx

Assessment

- Demographics
- Baseline and Delta (Δ) Severity of Alopecia Tool (SALT) score at last follow-up
- Analysis of treatment effects based on baseline SALT scores

Results – clinical findings

Table 1. Baseline characteristics

	Group A (n=14)	Group B (n=10)	Group C (n=29)
Onset age (Year)	39.5 ± 16.6	24.1 ± 10.5	32.4 ± 18.1
Sex			
Male	5 (35.7)	4 (40.0)	17 (58.6)
Female	9 (64.3)	6 (60.0)	12 (41.4)
Disease duration (Month)	78.9 ± 85.2	78.8 ± 88.0	78.4 ± 96.5
Duration of follow-up (Month)	34.2 ± 55.2	17.5 ± 13.4	11.2 ± 9.2
Family history of AA	1 (7.7)	2 (20.0)	3 (10.3)
Baseline SALT score	52.2 ± 36.4	78.8 ± 32.0	80.1 ± 25.4
Disease, subtype			
Patch AA	5 (35.7)	6 (60.0)	10 (34.5)
Diffuse AA	5 (35.7)	0	11 (37.9)
Alopecia totalis	2 (14.3)	3 (30.0)	6 (20.7)
Alopecia universalis	2 (14.3)	1 (10.0)	2 (6.9)
Nail change			
(+)	2 (14.3)	0	2 (6.9)
(-)	0	0	0
Comorbidities			
Atopic dermatitis	2 (14.3)	5 (50.0)	4 (13.8)
Allergic rhinitis	2 (14.3)	1 (10.0)	6 (20.7)
Hyperthyroidism	3 (21.4)	0	2 (6.9)
Asthma	2 (14.3)	0	0
Hyperlipidemia	3 (21.4)	0	1 (3.4)
Diabetes mellitus	2 (14.3)	0	1 (3.4)

Results – treatment response & adverse events

Table 2. Treatment response

	Group A (n=14)	Group B (n=10)	Group C (n=29)
Treatment duration (Month)	18.9 ± 22.2	5.4 ± 5.6	4.5 ± 1.8
Treatment response			
Hair regrowth	8 (57.1)	3 (30.0)	9 (31.1)
Δ SALT (% change)			
<25	1	3	2
26-50	0	0	2
>50	7	0	5
No response	5 (35.7)	7 (70.0)	19 (65.5)
Worsening	1 (7.1)	0	1 (3.4)

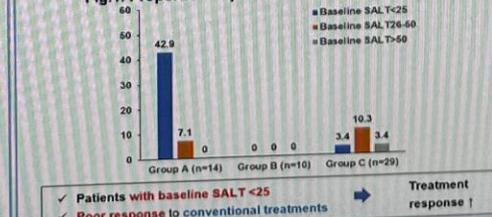
Table 3. Adverse events (n=79)

Adverse event*	Number of patients, n (%)	Discontinued, n (%)
Headache	21 (26.6)	9 (11.4)
Flushing	3 (3.8)	0
Dryness	1 (1.3)	0
Cheilitis	1 (1.3)	0

Fig.2 Clinical course of AA treatment. Group A (a-b), group B (c-e), group C (f-h).



Fig.1. Proportion of patients achieving Δ SALT >50%

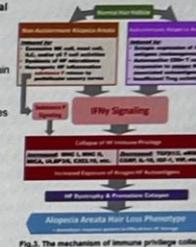


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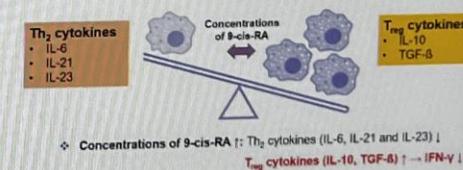
Pathogenesis of AA

- Polygenic disease with wide spectrum of phenotypes arising from a combination of genetic and environmental factors
- AA lesions can be experimentally induced in healthy human scalp skin xenotransplants onto SCID under certain conditions.
- Ag-specific autoimmune attack on the anagen hair follicles (HF) / genetic predisposition to AA are quite unlikely.
- Stereotypic response pattern that any anagen HFs will show
 - Irrespective of the genetic predisposition and the preexistence of autoreactive CD8⁺T cells provided that HF immune privilege (IP) collapses
 - Excessive IFN-γ signaling causes cytotoxic HF damage



IFN-γ, type II inflammation vs. Alitretinoin

- Alitretinoin (9-cis-retinoic acid): dual retinoic acid receptor and retinoid X receptor agonist
- Central role in balancing Th₂ cell and T_{reg} responses
- Balance of tolerogenic and inflammatory responses



Alitretinoin could be a new therapeutic option for AA!

Conclusion

- Though this study seems to show limited results, alitretinoin can be a new treatment option
 - in mild alopecia areata (SALT score < 25)
 - as add-on therapy in recalcitrant AA who had poor response to conventional treatments

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