

**HERBAL AND ALTERNATIVE THERAPY; A PROMISING FUTURE FOR
TREATING PSORIASIS: A REVIEW**

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ABSTRACT

Psoriasis is a chronic, recurrent autoimmune inflammatory skin disorders. Although there is evidence of various remedies for treating psoriasis, no specific remedy allows satisfactory treatment. There are various types of therapies available to treat psoriasis but they have several side effects. As an alternative to synthetic drugs, herbal therapy has been used. Therefore we can use herbal medicines to treat psoriasis as an alternative therapy of synthetic drugs. These have a greater beneficial rate and have lesser side effects. Herbal drug delivery has a huge potential to boost the therapeutic action. Different types of herbal formulations are available in the market. The present review is therefore, an effort to give a detailed study on Indian herbal drugs used in the treatment of psoriasis which can be delivered for a long duration of time with lesser side effects.

Keywords: Psoriasis; Psoriasis vulgaris; Topical agents; Biological agents; Traditional medicine; Systemic therapy

INTRODUCTION

Psoriasis is a dermatitis disease that is dignified by heavy proliferation, thick inflammatory cell infiltrates, originates of current blood vessels, alternation in the lymphatic system and harmed differentiation

of epidermis layer. It is an autoimmune disease where environment and genetic components have a primary function [1, 2].

Psora means 'irritation', 'rash', 'flake'. Psoriasis is also called the irritation

condition. It affects 2.5% of the universe and 30% of patients suffering from arthritis psoriasis that affect the conjoint. It is identified in the west area as a chronic inflammatory autoimmune disorder generated by hereditary, immune system and enviromental factors [3, 4, 5].

It is a non-contagious infection and terrible dermatitis disorder, which can include full body of person [6]. It is usually genetic and generally classified by distinctly marginated rusted, erythematous plaques that enlarge in a approximately same distribution. The majority areas are the scalp, finger, toes, palms, soles, umbilicus, gluteus, breasts, genitals, elbows, knees, shins and sacrum [7]. It can also cause inflammation in joint, which can be recognized as psoriatic arthritis. Maximum scientific research states that psoriasis vulgaris, which influence about 85-90% of all suffering patients with this disease [8]. The possible factors triggering psoriasis include mental stress, skin surface illness and virus disorder and abdominal troubled. Various types of psoriasis have been reported like plaque psoriasis, psoriatic arthritis, scalp psoriasis, flexural psoriasis, guttate psoriasis, pustular psoriasis, nail psoriasis, erythroderma which can be diagnosed by strong outcome like skin surgery etc [9]. The etiology of this particular disease was

survivor unclear, although there is a symbol for genetic predilection [10]. It is earlier harmful disorders from ancient times; hence we need to find a good and effective antidote to treat psoriasis [11]. This review is, therefore an effort to provide the detailed study report on psoriasis and synthetic, herbal and combined therapy.

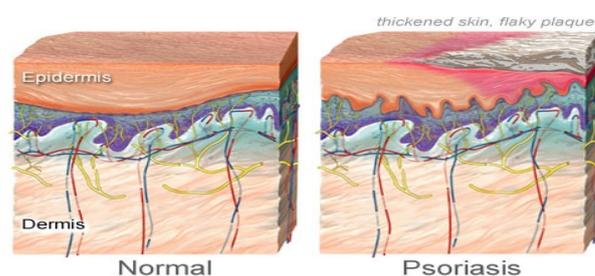


Figure 1: Anatomy of Normal and Psoriatic Skin

TYPES OF PSORIASIS:

1. Plaque Psoriasis:

This disease is very common and it affects 80-90% of patients of the world population [12]. Active cell growth creates a silvery scale, on the top of unsystematic shaped spots of red. Usually occurs on the scalp, knees, elbows and lower back that may create crack and bleed [13].

Almost 80% of the people who are affected with psoriasis have mild to moderate disorder, with 20% having moderate to severe psoriasis affected more than 5% of the body surface area or affected imperative body spheres such as the hand, feet, face or sexual organs [12].

Treatment:

Topical treatment, phototherapy and changes to diet are applied in the affected areas which can treat plaque psoriasis.

OVER THE COUNTER TREATMENT:

a) Salicylic acid: It is an over the counter treatment it works to peel the scales, if therapy is left on the skin for a longer period of time it may cause irritation and hair loss.

b) Tar soaps: It is used to reduce the skin cells active growth. Only 0.5-5 % is safe [14].

c) Pleasant, fabricated moisturizers have been found effective and are applied after warmish showers or after washing hands.

d) Volatile oil, oatmeal sachets, bitter salts, Dead Sea salts to a bath can assuage itching and remove scales [14].

NON- STEROIDAL MEDICATION:

a) Dovonex (calcipotriene): It is a fabricated form of VD3, used to slow down the active production of skin cells.

b) Tazorec (tazarotene): It may cause the affected area to become very red before assuage of scales and is obtained from vitamin A.

c) Vertical (calcitriol): It is a natural form of VD3. This type of medication also slows down the skin cell construction [15].



Figure 2: Plaque Psoriasis

2. Inverse Psoriasis:

This type of psoriasis occurs on ridges and skin folds on the body, there is little to no scale and is soft, yet still inflamed and red [16].

Treatment:

The treatment of inverse psoriasis is the same as for plaque but one must be more cautious because the area that inverse psoriasis mostly shows up on are thin, topical steroid gels are preferred more simply and can build syndrome that would not affect thicker skin.

To combat inverse psoriasis topically, analysis shows that anthralin/coal tar soaps can be used as well as phototherapy [16]. Phototherapy uses UVB light to lower inflammation by repressing the immune system [17].



Figure 3: inverse psoriasis

3. Pustular Psoriasis:

A non-contagious, non-infectious type of pustules with inflammation. It can cover the full areas of the body or a small part. There is a

cause for pustular psoriasis listed on the National Psoriasis Foundation Webpage:

Inner therapeutic agents

Irritating topical agents

Overuse to UV light

Pregnancy

Cardiac glycoside/ steroid alcohol

Infections

Anxiety [18].

There are three types of Pustular Psoriasis:

1) Von Zumbusch is most rare in children, but when started on an infant it is generally the initial flare up for the infant and has improved results than adults. But when occurs in adults it must be treated instantly. It has associations of coolness, anemia, weakens and serious irritation.

2) Palmoplantar pustulosis is most appear pustules on the underfoot and palm of the hand.

3) Acropustulosis is very common in all ages and can occur due to an injury to the skin surface or an infection, mostly on the tips of finger/thumb and toes.

Treatment:

Revive the skin chemical balance and prohibit the infection through several choices for topical medication as well as the photochemotherapy. The maximum variation of pustular psoriasis is said to be crucial to

treat especially with the use of steroid ointment. Therapy may depend upon the proper remedy. Maximum physician will try applying topical medication and then try light therapy [18].



Figure 4: Pustular Psoriasis

4. Guttate Psoriasis:

This type of psoriasis develops on limbs and head [12] in the form of lots of red scratches which are similar to varicella-zoster virus. This scratch may be begun on the scalp, face surface, ears. Generally this type will coincide with plaque psoriasis [19] or it can be a result of an increase of long term plaque psoriasis. Known triggers of these diseases include:

Upper respiratory tract infection

Sore throat

Palatine uvula

Nervous tension

Damage to the skin

Treatment:

Modern ointment/gels, light therapy, and systematic medication are the most common treatment for psoriasis [19].



Figure 5: Guttate Psoriasis

5. Erythrodermic Psoriasis:

Erythrodermic psoriasis may be an outcome from a chronic case of plaque psoriasis [12]. It affects the maximum area of the body and redness of longer areas of the body with pustules. This scheme of psoriasis can be endangering life [20].

Known triggers:

- Abrupt withdrawal of systemic treatment
- Sunburn
- Use of systemic steroids (cortisone)
- Infection
- Emotional stress
- Alcohol addiction [20].



Figure 6: Erythrodermic Psoriasis

6. Psoriatic Onychodystrophy:

It is also called nail disease which involved in 50% of the fingernails and 35% in toenails [12]. This type of psoriasis is genetic [21].

Known triggers include:

- Stress
- Injury to skin
- Infection [21].



Figure 7: Nail Psoriasis

Pathophysiology of Psoriasis:

Fast division of keratinocytes appears in psoriatic patient and their transition from the stratum basale to the upper layer of epidermis appears in 4 days. Hard dry patches or plaque form as the skin does not scatter the cells quickly [22]. In some people moderate psoriasis occur which cannot be imagined as a skin disease. In others has very serious psoriasis where almost full body has been covered by scaly, red skin. Psoriasis appears in all age group, i.e., paediatrics to geriatrics; generally it is diagnosed in adolescence of a person. The other causative factors for psoriasis are hereditary, permutation, climate, psychic, anxiety and virus [23, 24].

The major pathological phenomenon's associated with psoriasis are:

T cells are activated.

T cells are stimulated & then moved into the skin.

And, then T cells are regenerate in dermis and epidermis [25].

Mechanism:

Psoriasis is described by an abnormally excessive and active growth of the epidermal layer of the skin [26]. Abnormal production of skin cells and an overabundance of skin cells result from the continuity of therapeutic action in psoriasis [27]. Usually skin cells are replaced every 28-30 days but in psoriasis, these are replaced every 3-5 days [28]. These changes are considered to stem from the immature infection of keratinocytes induced by an inflammatory cascade in the dermis which involves dendritic cells, macrophages, and t-cells [29, 30]. These immune cells move from the dermis to the epidermis and secrete inflammatory chemical signals such as interleukin-3 γ , tumor necrosis factor- α , interleukin-1 β , interleukin-6, and interleukin-22 [31, 32]. These secreted inflammatory signals are believed to stimulate keratinocytes to proliferate. One assumption is that psoriasis affects an injury in regulatory T cells and cytokine interleukin-10 [31].

Gene mutations of proteins elaborate in the skin's ability to act as a barrier has been identified as markers of susceptibility for the buildup of psoriasis [33, 34].

DNA discharge from dying cells acts as irritation stimulation in psoriasis [35] and stimulates the receptors on dendritic cells, which produces the cytokine interferon- α [35]. In response of this chemical information from dendritic cells and T cells, keratinocytes also secrete cytokines such as interleukin-1, interleukin-6 and tumor necrosis factor- α , which signal downstream inflammatory cells to reach and prompt the inflammation [31].

Dendritic cells link the innate or adaptive immune system. They are raised in psoriatic lesions [26] and cause the proliferation of T cells and type 1 helper T cells. Targeted immunotherapy as well as psoralen and PUVA therapy can decrease the number of dendritic cells and support a Th2 cell cytokine secretion pattern over a Th1/Th17 cell cytokine profile [31, 36]. Psoriatic T cells move from the dermis into the epidermis and secrete interferon- γ and interleukin-17 [37]. Interleukin-23 has known to cause the production of interleukin-17 and interleukin-22 [31, 37]. Interleukin-22 works in combination with interleukin-17 to

cause the keratinocytes to secrete neutrophil-attracting cytokines [37].

Diagnosis:

The Diagnosis of psoriasis commonly depends on the appearance of the skin. Skin characteristics typical for psoriasis are scabby, erythematous plaques, inflammation, or stretch of skin that may be dreadful and itch [38]. No specific blood tests or diagnosis practices are generally needed to make the diagnosis [39, 40].

The differential Diagnosis of psoriasis includes dermatological situation which are same in appearance such as microbial eczema, seborrheic eczema, pityriasis rosea nail fungus or cutaneous T cell lymphoma [41]. Dermatologic manifestations of system sickness such as the rash of secondary venereal diseases (AIDS, STD, HIV) may also be a puzzled with psoriasis [41].

If the scientific diagnosis is unclear, a skin surgery or scraping may be performed to forbid other diseases and to verify the diagnosis. Skin from a biopsy will show pummel epidermal step that interlinks with dermis on microscope. Epidermal swelling is a other characteristics of finding psoriasis lesions [39, 40]. The stratum layer of the epidermis is generally disappeared or reduced in psoriasis scrape; the skin cell from the most superficial layer of skin are also

anomalous as they never fully mature. Unlike their mature counterparts, these superficial cells carry their nucleus [39]. Inflammatory infiltrates can be view on microscopy when checking out skin tissue or joint tissue damaged by psoriasis. Epidermal skin surface tissue is damaged by psoriatic irritation usually has several CD8+T cells while a predominance of CD4+T cells makes up the inflammatory infiltrates of the dermal layer of the skin and the joints [43].

HERBAL AND ALTERNATIVE TREATMENT OF PSORIASIS:

At present, different therapies are used to treat psoriasis. That is herbal therapy, alternative therapy, and phototherapy. These therapies can be used as single or combined with each other.

AYURVEDIC PERSPECTIVE:

Psoriasis is a type of kushtha (skin disorders according to Charaka the term for skin disorders is the same for worms, microbes, germs, infection disease) [44]. According to the Indian Materia Medica, Kushtha is a name of a plant, and its roots used as a medicinal remedy. Kushtha has strong antiseptic (germ destroying) and disinfectant properties especially opposed to streptococcus and staphylococcus [45]. Multiple Ayurvedic texts, review articles and research articles classified psoriasis which

depends on their types. Ekakushta is also a type of kushta [46], and having another 17 types [47]. In the Indian Materia Medica, psoriasis is classified as Ticharchika which is used to describe eczema [48].

HERBAL THERAPY FOR TREATMENT OF PSORIASIS:

Plants and its ingredient are used in herbal medicine which has fewer side effects than synthetic drugs. Today, herbal sources perform an essential role in the management of the skin and inflaming diseases [49].

Advantages:

- boost therapeutic value by lower noxious and side effects.
- convenient
- More effective

Disadvantages:

- expensive
- struggle in scaling up
- Have harmful and stability issues [49]

There are many herbal plants which show antipsoriatic effect:

1) Angelica Sinensis:

It is a Chinese herb and is commonly known as dong quai, belonging to family Apiaceae. Angelica borne on leaf stalks of height about 2-3 feet, forms a basal clump of large three-sectioned leaves. Koo & Arain reported that two-thirds of patients received complete cure from psoriasis after oral remedy with this

plant extract. Its extract has furocoumarin i.e psoralen. Psoralen has dynamic photosensitizers in the presence of UVA. When exposed to UVA psoralen causes epidermal DNA cross-linking [50].

2) Alpinia galangal:

It also called the Thai ginger belonging to family Zingiberaceae. Its leaves are long and height is about 5 feet. Its rhizomes are used as an herb to treat skin disorder like psoriasis. Chanachai et al reported that the plant Alpinia galangal has a beneficial remedy for the anti-psoriatic effect [51].

3) Aloe vera:

Its scientific name is *Aloe barbadensis* belonging to family Liliaceae. It is stemless and height is about 60-100 cm. The leaves are thick, fleshy, greenish. The active constituents of aloe vera show anti-itching, analgesic, anti-inflammatory properties and also shows wound healing action against psoriasis. Aloe vera is an effective medicine for the treatment of psoriasis. The aloe group produces a powerful effect to treat psoriatic plaques in all patients. Anthraquinone and acemannan are the main active constituents in Aloe vera, having antibacterial activity against staphylococcus and streptococcus species and shows their therapeutic effect to treat psoriasis [52].

4) Annona squamosal:

It is also called the sugar apple belonging to family Annonaceae. The leaves are thin, oblong and flowers are greenish. Its height is about 5 cm. Chanachai et al reported that *Annona squamosa* has shown its anti-psoriatic effect [51].

5) *Andrographis nallamalayanna*:

It is commonly known as green chireta belonging to family Acanthaceae. It is an herb. Stems are dark green and leaves have hairless blades. Height is about 30-110 cm. This plant is used as a traditional medicine to treat mouth ulcers, leucorrhoea, sterility and psoriasis [53].

6) *Azadirachta indica*:

It is also called neem and belongs to family Meliaceae. It is an evergreen tree having a height 12-20 meters. Neem leaves have been used to treat various skin disorders like eczema, psoriasis etc [54, 55].

7) *Capsicum annum*:

It is also called the bell peppers belonging to family Solanaceae. It is a shrub and stems are highly branched. Fruits are berries which are yellow in colour. It consists of a substance known as capsaicin which is used to treat various pain and inflammation of psoriasis. Dry paste of leave is an effective remedy in plaque psoriasis [56].

8) *Calendula officinalis*:

It is also called pot marigold and scotch marigold belonging to family Asteraceae. It is short-lived aromatic herbaceous perennial and leaves are oblong-lanceolate. Height is about 5-17 cm. It is an Indian herb used to treat various diseases like antifungal, wound healing and anti-diabetic agents [57]. These herbs have been reported to treat various skin diseases like psoriasis and leprosy [58].

9) *Cassia fistula*:

It is also called golden shower and Indian laburnum belonging to family Fabaceae. It is a herb and its flowers are bright, yellow in colour. Height is about 2 cm. It used to treat various skin diseases like leprosy, psoriasis, etc [59]. The pharmacological activities includes anti-inflammatory, antioxidant, antifungal, antimicrobial and anti-psoriatic activity [60].

10) *Cassia tora*:

It is also called Senna Tora belonging to family Caesalpinioideae. It has pinnate leaves having height 10 cm. It has been used to treat psoriasis [61]. Its leaves are rich in glycoside and also contains aloe-emodin here property to treat various skin disorder [62].

11) *Curcuma longa*:

It is also known as turmeric belonging to family Zingiberaceae. It is a rhizomatous herb. It has oblong, pointed leaves and bears yellow flowers and height is about 3-5 feet.

Its active agent curcumin is used to treat various skin diseases like leprosy, psoriasis. It is also reported that decreased Phosphorylase Kinase activity in the curcumin and calcipotriol treated groups corresponded to the severity of parakeratosis. It also decreases keratinocyte transferrin receptor expression and density of epidermal CD8+T cells [63-66].

12) Centella Asiatica:

It is also called Gotu Kola belonging to family Apiaceae. It is a perennial, herbaceous and medicinal herb having height is 2 cm. It is used to treat various diseases like sunburn, psoriasis, wound healing [67].

13) Givotia rottleriformis:

It is also known as white Catamaran. Leaves are heart-shaped and rounded. The bark and seed have been used to treat various skin disorders like rheumatism, psoriasis [68].

14) Leucas Aspera:

It is also called Thumbe belonging to family Lamiaceae. It is an erect and branched annual herb. Leaves are linear or oblong having height 2.5-7.5 cm. Its leaves have been used to treat various diseases like chronic rheumatism, psoriasis, respiratory tract disorder [69].

15) Matricaria recutita:

It is known as chamomile belonging to family Asteraceae. It is erect, branched and

smooth stem. Leaves are long, bipinnate and tripinnate. It is used to treat psoriatic plaques and gastrointestinal disorder [70].

16) Momordica charantia:

It is also called bitter apple and bitter gourd belonging to family Cucurbitaceae. It is herbaceous having height is about 5 m. It is used to treat various skin diseases like acne, wound, psoriasis. These herbs have been reported for their usefulness in the form of decoctions, infusions, and tinctures in the traditional system of medicines for treating skin diseases like psoriasis, leprosyetc [58, 57, 71].

17) Nigella sativa:

It is also called black cumin belonging to family Ranunculaceae. It is a biennial herb. Its seed contains fats, vitamins, carbohydrates, mineral elements [72]. Pharmacological research of the seed extract shows a broad chromatic of action including antibacterial, antifungal, anti-inflammatory and anti-helminthic [73]. The seeds are applied for eruption of the skin. The seeds are used as an acceptable remedy for psoriasis, topically with general pain and the burst of patches [74].

18) Psoralea corylifolia:

It is a biennial herb belonging to family Fabaceae. It is erect with elliptic leaves. Flowers are short, condensed and yellowish.

It has been used for the treatment of anthelmintic, diuretic and various skin diseases like leprosy, psoriasis [75]. *Psoraliacorylifolia* contains psoralens which are capable of absorbing radiant energy. In ultraviolet range Photoactivation by Psoralens with (200–320nm) is known to ameliorate various skin disorders such as psoriasis, vitiligo and mycosis fungicides in humans [76]. *Psoraliacorylifolia* has been used traditionally as an anti-psoriatic agent. A compound ointment of the powdered seeds of *Psoralea corylifolia* and *Cassia tora* with lime juice was tried in cases of ringworm with marked beneficial results [77].

19) *Pongamia pinnata*:

It is also called Karanja belonging to family Leguminosae. It is semi-evergreen tree having height is 18 m or above. Leaves are alternate, imparipinnate and 5-7 leaflets are present. It occurs in all parts of India and grows near edges of river. It is also a source of energy which is safe and non-pollutant. *Pongamia* oil is very useful for the treatment of psoriasis [78, 79].

20) *Rubia cordifolia*:

It is also known as common madder and Indian madder belonging to family Rubiaceae. It is an annual climbing herb having height 1.5 m. Leaves here 3-9 veined, heart-shaped and are hairless. The extract of

these plants is used to treat psoriasis and is useful plant for the treatment and management of psoriasis [80].

21) *Smilax china*:

It is known as china root. It is an annual herb. It is used to treat various diseases like rheumatism, chronic nervous diseases, epilepsy, gout, skin diseases, dyspepsia, constipation, helminthiasis, syphilis, flatulence, colic, neuralgia, psoriasis, and seminal weakness. They demonstrated anti-psoriatic action on HaCaT cell lines [81, 82].

22) *Tribulus Terrestris*:

It is also known as Puncture Vine belonging to family Zygophyllaceae. It is an annual plant that grows in summer. It is used in china to treat skin diseases like psoriasis, eczema and liver disease [83].

23) *Thespesia populnea*:

It is also known as Indian tulip belonging to family Malvaceae. It is used to treat scabies, ringworm, guinea worm, eczema, psoriasis, and herpetic diseases. Oil prepared by boiling the ground bark in coconut oil is applied externally in psoriasis and scabies [84].

24) *Wrightia tinctoria*:

Leaves of *Wrightia tinctoria* contains hydroalcoholic extract which showed significant anti-psoriatic effect on the mouse tail test model as compared to isotretinoin acid as standard. Its extract is found to

produce significant orthokeratosis, prominent antioxidant activity in DPPH, Nitric oxide and hydrogen peroxide scavenging assay [85, 86].

25). Olive oil:

Olive oil is an effective medication for moderate cases of plaque psoriasis. It can be massaged straight on a damaged area of the skin to lower dryness and inflammation as well as to promote repair. It has been noted to have antioxidant properties (vitamin E) which has been used to cure psoriasis since free radicals have been linked to psoriasis outbreaks [87, 88].

26). Milk thistle:

It is also known as silymarin. It is a herb used to treat blood purification, protect the liver. It is a useful remedy for psoriasis [87, 88].

27). Oleum horwathiensis formula:

It contains many herbal ingredients that showed anti-psoriatic activity. It is a herb used to be applied locally to treat psoriasis with different severity. The result showed a rising response against psoriasis after 12 weeks [89].

28). Furocoumarins formula:

It is a class of organic chemical compounds produced by various herbal plants. This formula contains many active agents obtained from different herbal plants including Ammi majus.

Its anti-psoriatic activity mainly depends on the photo-activation of furocoumarins by ultraviolet when tested locally or in oral form. The action primarily depends upon the activation of skin cell apoptosis by DNA linkage and fragmentation. Therefore, degradation in overexposed of inflammatory and protein has been reported within psoriatic lesions [90]. These actions have been more examined with standard therapy. The data obtained from analysis showed minimum side effects [91, 92].

29). Green tea potential benefits for psoriasis:

It is a type of tea that is obtained from Camelia Sinesis leaves. Tea is considered the second global beverage next to water. It has been reported that green tea is the most essential agent of targeting human health [93]. The maximum investigation indicated that green tea has been used in the medications used as antioxidant, antimicrobial, anti-tumor, anti-inflammatory, and thermogenic agents [94, 95]. The variable action of green tea elements along with its photo suppressing action endorses dermatologists to use it as a current remedy for skin diseases, especially for psoriasis [96-99].

The therapy of skin with green tea extracts save the skin from developing skin cancer

through harmful DNA via photochemical action of ultraviolet a radiation [100]. It was reported that green tea or its natural elements when tested on psoriatic skin, boosts the production of skin cell apoptosis via triggering of certain biological enzyme [101-106]. Finally, the activity of green tea against psoriasis summarized in activation of a set of apoptotic genes which endorse epidermal differentiation and skin barrier formation along with enhancement of the healing process [107-111].

30). Coleus:

It is also known as *Plectranthus barbatus* and its vernacular name is forskhohili. It is an ayurvedic herb. It has been used in herbal remedies of psoriasis. It is beneficial in treating skin disease like psoriasis due to its capacity to improve regular cell analysis [87, 88].

31). Crotalaria juncea:

It is also known as sunn hump, brown hump and Indian hump. It is a tropical Asian plant belonging to family Fabaceae. It is grown in the tropics and subtropics regions of India, Nepal, Sri Lanka and South Africa. It is used as a blood purifier, abortifacient, astringent, demulcent, emetic, purgative and in the treatment of anemia, impetigo, menorrhagia and psoriasis [112-115].

ALTERNATIVE THERAPY FOR PSORIASIS:

Alternative therapy is used by 60% of the world's population. This therapy has been used by backward areas for their Central health care but also used in the country where current medicines dominate [116]. The Indian continent has a huge stockroom of medicines plants that has been used in traditional medicine therapy. The alternative therapy in the traditional schemes is acquired from herbs, native rock, and unprocessed materials while for the preparation of herbal drug only medicinal plants have been used.

The National Center for Alternative Medicine has been introduced as the United States Federal Government's lead agency for scientific research in this arena of medicine. Its mission is to search alternative improved systems in the context of precise science, support experience researchers, train researchers, circulate instruction to the public on the technique that works and describe the scientific reason underlying discoveries. The center is devoted to search and endowment all therapies for which there is enough elementary data, fascinating social health needs and ethical justification [117, 118].

There are many alternative therapies for the treatment of psoriasis:

Narrowband UVB therapy:

Narrowband UVB is the most prevalent type of phototherapy. It is the latest treatment for psoriasis and is more efficient than other therapy. It commonly administered 2 or 3 times a week until skin recovers, only weekly periods are required for maintenance. It emits wavelengths of light between 311-313 nm. It has been used to treat plaque or guttate psoriasis [119-123].

Goeckerman therapy:

It is a form of light therapy. It is a procedure for treatment of moderate to serious plaque psoriasis using a combination of crude coal tar and artificially ultraviolet radiation which contains polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon, a carcinogen, that's why this therapy is considered as safe to use [124, 125].

Photochemotherapy:

It contains light sensitive therapy (psoralen) being exposed to UVA light. UVA light invades deeper into the skin than UVB and psoralen makes the skin more responsive to UVA exposure. It has been used to treat psoriasis [126].

Excimer laser:

It is a form of light therapy used for treating psoriasis. A controlled beam of UVB light of a definite wavelength is directed to the psoriasis plaques to cure scaling and

irritation. Its wavelength is about 308 nm [127, 128].

Pulsed dye laser:

In recent years, it has been used by researchers to treat skin disorders like acne vulgaris, scar, plaque and nail psoriasis [129, 130].

LASER THERAPY;

It is also called cold therapy. It has been used to treat various skin disorders like psoriasis, eczema. Inflammation and chronic pain of plaque psoriasis is also treated by this therapy [131, 132, 133].

PHOTODYNAMIC THERAPY

In recent years, photodynamic therapy has been used to treat various skin disorders like psoriasis, acne, rosacea. It is non toxic light to treat psoriasis [134, 135].

Phototherapy**SUNLIGHT:**

These rays consist of UVA and UVB rays. UVB rays have been more effective to treating psoriasis because they slower the skin growth and shedding. When UV light penetrates into the skin, it represses the process leading to disease, causing activated T cells in the skin to die. This process reduces inflammation and slows the turnover of skin cells that causes scaling. Hence, exposing damaged skin to sunlight is one of the initiative therapies for the disease.

Ultraviolet B (UVB) phototherapy:

UVB is a light with a small wavelength that is absorbed in skin's epidermis layer. UVB phototherapy may be used for a treatment of psoriasis. Controlled doses of UVB light from an artificial light source may improve mild to moderate psoriasis.

Psoralen and ultraviolet phototherapy (PUVA):

This therapy consist of oral or topical medication called psoralen alongwith exposure to ultraviolet A light. UVA has longer wavelength that penetrates deep into the skin than UVB. The skin has been made more sensitive to this light by psoralen. PUVA has been commonly used when more than 10% of skin is affected and has little side effects. It is ultraviolet light therapy used to treat eczema, plaque psoriasis [136-140].

Nutritional Therapy:

To decrease effects of psoriasis, more water should be consumed. Numerous green vegetable should be taken to reduce the intensity of skin condition. Few foods can cause the disease to be avoided. E.g. coke, junk food, oily food meat, acidic food etc. Psoriasis affected those people who followed poor diet. Furmaric acid, fish oil, vit-D, folic acid have been found effective against psoriasis [141, 142, 143].

Hydro therapy/ physical therapy

Hydro or water therapy has been used as alternative therapy for psoriasis in which the skin is supplied with humidity, heat and minerals. The use of warm water for bathing enhanced blood circulation. Water rich in sulphur and minerals has been used for bathing. To improve water therapy treating psoriasis, the patient were made to bathe in Dead Sea which is rich in salt and minerals and due to presence of ultraviolet light radiation, this was said to be perfect for sunbathing [144].

Role of Nanotechnology in treating Psoriasis:

These are nano or sub nano structures which consists of synthetic or semi-synthetic polymers. Size of nano particles vary between 10-1000 nm. Nanotechnology has been used for initial stage or moderate stage of psoriasis. Different nanotechnology colloidal carriers like liposomes, niosomes, ethosomes, microspheres, micelles has been used for treating psoriasis [145, 146].

Mind-Body Therapies**Meditation and Guided imagery**

The role of stress as a trigger in psoriasis has been identified. This has get some researchers to figure out that decrease in stress by meditation, clinical therapy, relief techniques using guided imagery training

programs and hypnosis has decrease the natural and sensitive expression of the psoriasis [147].

Methotrexate:

This is a popular anti-metabolite which is effective agent used in treating several types of psoriasis. It can be given orally, subcutaneously or intramuscularly. It represses the cells of immune system that because the psoriasis rashes, inflammation, pain, scales etc.

Cyclosporine:

It is a cyclic peptide and commonly used in organ transplantation as an immunorepressant. It shows prohibit effect on t-cells and act on psoriasis. It should be limited for patients with severe psoriasis. When Cyclosporine is administered to psoriatic patients for more then 12-16 weeks, they showed rapid improvement. It should be given to that patient who is affected by plaque psoriasis, pustule psoriasis and nail psoriasis.

Acitretin:

It is an oral retinoid which acts by its anti-inflammatory action. It demonstrates good effect on combining with topical agents or light therapy in the treatment of pustular and erythrodermic type of psoriasis. It is the safest treatment for psoriasis [148, 149, 150].

FUTURE CHALLENGES FOR HERBAL THERAPY FOR TREATMENT OF PSORIASIS:

The herbal sources are presently getting more reliable because of their safety and convenience. The major purpose of treating psoriasis is the activation of T-cell, negotiating of T-cells, anti cytokines and anti-irritating scheme. Anti-inflammatory and immunosuppressant effect has been capable to treat psoriasis. There are numerous future challenges which consist of the protecting and supervising of patient and biologic supervised of the ancient tradition, incurable irritation mediators. The specific cause identified for the initial production of TNF- α (Tumor necrosis factor-alpha) cytokines may also impact TNF- α production include HMG- B1 (High mobility group box 1), IL-15 (Interleukin 15) and IL-23 (Interleukin 23). Explanation of the main structure by which the disease is transferred from one generation to another is another facet of the analysis that must be researched to examine some more herbal drugs for the treatment of psoriasis.

CONCLUSION

Psoriasis is a chronic, recurrent autoimmune inflammatory skin disorders. Current understanding of this complicated disorder of skin has catalyzed the development of targeted biological analysis. This review maintains an understanding of

pathophysiology and scientific problem of psoriasis as well as treatments. Herbal or alternative therapy gives an option for boosting safety and capability in the management of psoriasis. This review will clearly confirm to be an exposure to the patients suffering from psoriasis as well as the medical practitioners, pharmacists, nurses and other persons related to giving and taking the treatment and the management of psoriasis and help them to identify the infection in a preferred way to take safe and beneficial treatment.

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