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A case study on leucoderma treated with constitutional homoeopathy

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Abstract

Leucoderma is a chronic depigmentary skin disorder characterized by the appearance of well-defined white patches due to the loss of melanocytes. Its not only affects the physical appearance of the patient but also has a profound psychological impact, especially in young adults. Patient presented with a white patch on the right side of the forehead present for the past six months. There was no associated pain or itching, but the patient was mentally distressed. The case was managed with constitutional homoeopathic medicine based on totality of symptoms. *Lycopodium clavatum* was selected as the similimum. Marked repigmentation and arrest of further spread were observed during follow-up. This case highlights the role of individualized homoeopathic treatment in managing localized leucoderma effectively.

Keywords: Leucoderma, *lycopodium clavatum*, homoeopathy

Introduction

Leucoderma, commonly referred to as vitiligo, is an acquired disorder of pigmentation resulting from the destruction or functional impairment of melanocytes. It is clinically characterized by milky white patches with well-defined margins. The disease may affect any part of the body, but lesions on exposed areas such as the face cause significant psychological and social distress.

The etiology of leucoderma is multifactorial and includes autoimmune mechanisms, genetic susceptibility, oxidative stress, endocrine disturbances, and neural factors. Conventional treatment includes topical corticosteroids, immunomodulators, and phototherapy, but these modalities often yield inconsistent results and may cause adverse effects with long-term use. Homoeopathy adopts a holistic approach, treating the individual as a whole rather than the disease alone. Constitutional remedies aim to correct the internal imbalance responsible for the manifestation of the disease. *Lycopodium clavatum* is a well-known homoeopathic remedy indicated in right-sided complaints, digestive disturbances, and low self-confidence, and is frequently prescribed in chronic skin diseases including leucoderma.

Case Report

A 26 year old male patient comes with the complain of white patch located on right side of forehead (leukoderma). He has taken conventional treatment before without any relief so he consulted me for cure.

Past History

No history of any other systemic illness Family history

Nothing significant found in family history

Physical General

Appetite - Good Desire - sweet Aversion - salt

Thirst - For cold water Tongue - dry

Stool - Nothing specific Urine - nothing specific Thermal - hot patient

Mental Generals

When I asked about his working profession he said he is very soft for his higher authorities

repertory LYCOPODIUM 200 was prescribed by reference to the materia medica.

Conclusion

This case study gives the reliable proof that homoeopathic medicine can treat depigmentation based on individualisation of patient

Conflict of Interest

There are no conflicts of interest related to this study.

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