

Tensile breaking strength of human scalp hair in diffuse alopecia. A. B. Gupta, K. G. Ghosh and B. Halder (Phys Earth Sci Dvn, Indian Statist Inst, Calcutta) Cal Med J, 1980; 77 : 129-134.

The tensile breaking strength (TBS) of normal healthy human scalp hair (category I) has been examined and compared with that of hair in diffuse alopecia (category II). The study concerns with 50 female subjects belonging to the Bengali-speaking Hindu group in the age range 14 - 38 years, the mean ages being 24.68 ± 5.95 and 23.50 ± 4.70 for category I and II respectively. Of the subjects, 22 possess normal healthy scalp hair, while the rest 28 suffer from manifest diffuse alopecia. The category I with healthy hair shows a much higher TBS (16.56 ± 1.92 kg/mm²) compared to category II with diffuse alopecia (12.62 ± 1.23 kg/mm²). Statistical test confirms that the observed differences are highly significant ($p < 0.01$).

Primary knuckle pads. V. N. Sehgal, M. Singh, H. M. K. Saxena and M. Nayyar. (Dept Dermatol Venereol, Safdarjang Hosp and Assoc Univ Col Med Sci, New Delhi). Clin Exper Dermatol 1979; 4 : 337-339.

The clinical and histological features of three patients with primary knuckle pads are described.

Histopathological evaluation of griseofulvin therapy in lichen planus. A double-blind controlled study. V. N. Sehgal, R. Bikhchandani, R. V. Koranne, M. Nayar and H. M. K. Saxena. (Dept Dermatol Venereol, Safdarjang Hosp and Assoc Univ Col Med Sci, New Delhi). Dermatologica, 1980; 161:22-27.

In a double-blind trial on 44 patients having lichen planus, 500 mg griseofulvin-FP daily for 8 weeks produced significantly better results compared to a placebo. The clinical improvement was accompanied by corresponding histological changes.

Degenerative collagenous plaque of the hand (Linear keratoelastoidosis of the hands). A variant of acrokeratoelastosis. V.N. Sehgal, M. Singh, R. V. Koranne, M. Nayyar and M. Chandra. (Dept Dermatol Venereol, Safdarjang Hosp and assoc Univ Col Med Sci, New Delhi). Dermatologica, 1980; 161 : 200-204.

Clinical and histological features of three examples of degenerative collagenous plaques of the hands in Indian housewives have been described in detail in order to focus attention on a hitherto uncommon entity. Household trauma has been incriminated as the precipitating or triggering factor in these cases.

Announcement...

I. A. D. V. & L next conference (January 1982)

Nominations for award of the GLAXO and AMBADDY orations for the X All India Conference of IADVL to be held in January 1982 are invited. They must be accompanied by a biodata of the proposed individual, and should reach the undersigned by the 1st week of May 1981.

Abstracts of papers for the X All India Conference of I.A.D.V.L. to be held in January 1982 must reach the undersigned by the 1st of August 1981. Results of the work must be clearly stated. Papers stating that the results will be discussed or those reaching late may be excluded from consideration.

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The XVI International Congress of Dermatology will be held in Tokyo, during May 23—28, 1982.

Scientific programme

Special lectures, Advances in dermatology, Symposia, Workshops, Courses, Case presentation, free communications, informal discussion and posters.

Dermatologists wishing to participate in these events are requested to contact the following respective organisers :

Dr. D. S. Wilkinson, Whitecroft, Hervines Road., Amersham HP6 5HT, England for Case Presentations

Professor F. Serri, Dept. of Dermatology, Universita Cattolica del Sacre Cuore, Via della Pineta Sacchetti 644, 1-00168 ROMA, Italy for Free Communications

Professor Dominguez Soto, Hospital General, Dr. Manuel Geo Gonzalez, Calz de Tlalpan 4.800, Mexico 22 D. F. for Informal Discussions

Professor Alejandro Cordero, Carlos Pellegrini 1560, 1011 Buenos Aires, Argentine for the Posters.

I. U. V. D. T. Conference

The 2nd regional meeting of International Union against the Venereal Diseases and Treponematoses Conference 1981, S. E. Asian and Western Pacific Region, will be held from October-23-26, 1981.

Proposed Themes with special emphasis on regional problems will include :