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# Efficacy and Safety of Diphenylcyclopropenone (DPCP) as a Depigmenting Therapy in Extensive Vitiligo

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#### **ABSTRACT**

**Background:** Patients with extensive vitiligo who have residual pigmentation affecting exposed areas especially acral sites or patients with vitiligo universalis often seek depigmentation. At present, there is no ideal depigmenting therapy available. Possible options include; monobenzyl ether of hydroquinone (MBEH) cream, phenol, cryotherapy and Q-switched lasers. Diphenylcyclopropenone (DPCP) has been reported to rarely cause vitiligo as a side effect during the treatment of alopecia areata.

**Aim**: The aim of the present work is to evaluate the efficacy and safety of DPCP as a depigmenting therapy in extensive Vitiligo.

**Patients and methods**: This is a pilot single arm clinical trial study. Twenty patients with extensive vitiligo were recruited from the vitiligo outpatient clinic of Dermatology, Venereology and Andrology Department, Ain Shams University Hospitals. We used DPCP applied topically to residual pigmented patches (sensitization session then therapeutic sessions).

**Results**: Depigmentation occurred among 5 patients (25% of cases). Depigmentation occurred in different tested sites including the scalp, forearm and back. Itching and blister formation were the main side effects leading to intolerability to the DPCP treatment.

**Conclusion**: Cosmetic result of DPCP depigmentation was acceptable with no skin atrophy. Further studies could be done following other protocols using sensitization dose with less concentrations of DPCP to avoid patients' intolerance to the therapy.

Keywords: Diphenylcyclopropenone, Depigmenting Therapy, Extensive Vitiligo

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#### Tist of Abbreviations

Abb.	Full term
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AA	Alopecia areata
AFV	Acrofacial vitiligo
ATPase	Adenosine triphosphatase
BB-UVB	$Broadband\ UVB$
<i>bFGF</i>	Basic fibroblast growth factor
BSA	Body surface area
CO 2	Carbon dioxide
CS	Corticosteroid
DNCB	Dinitrochlorobenzene
DPCP	Diphenylcyclopropenone
<i>EMA</i>	European Medicines Agency
EMLA	Eutectic mixture of lidocaine
FDA	Food and Drug Administration
	Granulocyte-monocyte colony stimulating factor
GWAS	Genome-wide association studies
HS	Highly significant
HSP	Heat-shock proteins
<i>IFN</i>	Interferon
<i>IL</i>	Interleukin
<i>IQR</i>	Interquartile range
KP	Koebner's phenomenon

#### Tist of Abbreviations (Cont...)

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KP	.Koebner phenomenon
<i>KTP</i>	$. Potassium\hbox{-}titanyl\hbox{-}phosphate$
MBEH	$. Monobenzyl\ ether\ of\ hydroquinone$
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<i>MEL</i>	$. Monochromatic\ excimer\ lamp$
<i>MMP-1</i>	$. Matrix\ Metallopeptidase  ext{-}1$
N 2	.Nitrogen
NB-UVB	.Narrowband UVB
<i>NB-UVB</i>	$.Narrowband\ ultraviolet\ B$
<i>NK</i>	.Natural killer
<i>NS</i>	.Non significant
<i>NSV</i>	.Non segmental vitiligo
<i>QSA</i>	.Q-switched alexandrite
<i>QSR</i>	.Q-switched ruby
<i>RNAi</i>	.1A2 RNA interference
ROS	.Reactive oxygen species
S	Significant
<i>SADBE</i>	.Squaric acid dibutylester
SCF	.Stem cell factor
SV	.Segmental vitiligo
<i>TIM</i>	$. Topical\ immuno modulating\ macrolactams$
TNF	.Tumor necrosis factor
Tregs	.T regulatory cells