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Table SI. Study quality assessment using the Newcastle–Ottawa Scale

Author	Selection	Comparability	Outcome/exposure	Total	Study
Liao et al.	★★★★	★★	★★★★	9	RCT
Lebwohl et al.	★★★★	★★	★★★★	9	RCT
Kleyn et al.	★★★★	★	★★★★	8	RCT
Kreuter et al.	★★★★	★★	★★★★	9	RCT
Gribetz et al.	★★★★	★★	★★★★	9	RCT
Bissonette et al.	★★★	-	★★★★	6	OPL
Rallis et al.	★★★	-	★★★★	6	OPL
Freeman et al.	★★★	-	★★★★	6	OPL
Brune et al.	★★	-	★★★★	5	OPL
Yamamoto et al.	★★★	-	★★★★	6	OPL
Yamamoto et al.	★★★	-	★★★★	6	OPL
Ezquerro et al.	★★★	-	★★★★	6	OPL
Jacobi et al.	★★★	-	★★★★	6	OPL
Frigerio et al.	★★★	-	★★★★	6	OPL

OPL: Open-label study; RCT: Randomized Controlled Trial.

Table SII. Safety of tacrolimus in the treatment of facial and genital psoriasis

Author & country	No. of patients	Itching			Warmth sensation		Stinging/burning			Other			
		Tacrolimus	Vehicle	p-value	Tacrolimus	Calcitriol	Tacrolimus	Calcitriol	p-value	Tacrolimus	Calcitriol	p-value	
Liao et al. (25) Taiwan	49	-			Tacrolimus 0.03%	Calcitriol 0.0003%	Tacrolimus 0.03%	Calcitriol 0.0003%		Tacrolimus 0.03%	Calcitriol 0.0003%		
					4 %	4 %	4 %	-		Perilesional erythema		p-value	
										16 %	58 %	<i>p=0.004</i>	
										Perilesional edema			
										-	4 %		
										Folliculitis/acne			
										4%	-		
										IGT ^a excellent tolerance			
Lebwohl et al. (40) USA	167	Tacrolimus 0.1%	Vehicle	p-value	-			Tacrolimus 0.1%	Vehicle	p-value	Tacrolimus 0.1%	Vehicle	
		7 %	2 %	<i>p=0.27</i>							Hyperesthesia		p-value
									8 %	7 %	<i>p=1.00</i>	5 %	-
Kleyn et al. (30) UK	28	Tacrolimus 0.1%	Clobetasone butyrate 0.05%		-			Tacrolimus 0.1%	Clobetasone butyrate 0.05%		Flushing		
		4 %	7 %					14 %	7 %		Tacrolimus 0.1%	Clobetasone butyrate 0.05%	
											4 %	7 %	
Bisonette et al.(37) Canada	12	Tacrolimus 0.1%	-			Tacrolimus 0.1%	-			-			
		17 %				Tacrolimus 0.1%							41 %
Rallis et al. (28) Greece	10	-			-		-			No adverse effects			
Freeman et al.(39) USA	21	Tacrolimus 0.1%	-			Tacrolimus 0.1%	-			-			
		5 %				Tacrolimus 0.1%							5 %
Brune et al.(41) USA	11	Tacrolimus 0.1%	-			-			-				
		9 %										-	

Yamamoto et al. (23) Japan	21	-	-	-	Tingling	
					Tacrolimus 0.1%	
					19 %	
Yamamoto et al. (24) Japan	11	-	-	-	No local adverse effects. No adverse effects on liver or renal function were noted	
Ezquerro et al. (33) Spain	15	-	Tacrolimus 0.1%	-	-	-
			13 %			
Steele et al. (42) USA	13	-	-	Tacrolimus 0.1%	-	-
				8 %		
Yamamoto et al. (22) Japan	2	-	-	-	No adverse effects were noted	
Yamamoto et al. (19) Japan	1	-	-	-	Deep dermatophytosis with tinea corporis.	

IGT: Investigator's global tolerance of target area.

^aIGT: Scale 0-2 (poor, good, excellent) based on perilesional erythema, perilesional edema, mild/moderate stinging burning, folliculitis/acne breakout.

Table III. Safety of pimecrolimus in the treatment of facial and genital psoriasis

Author & Country	No. of patients	Itching				Warmth sensation				Stinging/burning				Other			
		Pimecrolimus 1%	Calcipotriol 0.005%	Betamethasone 0.1%	Vehicle	Pimecrolimus 1%	Calcipotriol 0.005%	Betamethasone 0.1%	Vehicle	Pimecrolimus 1%	Calcipotriol 0.005%	Betamethasone 0.1%	Vehicle	Pimecrolimus 1%	Calcipotriol 0.005%	Betamethasone 0.1%	Vehicle
Kreuter et al. (26) Germany	80	25 %	-	-	-	-	10 %	-	-	25 %	-	-	-	Erythema			
		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10 %	-	-	
		Herpes genitalis															
		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5 %
Gribetz et al. (38) USA	57	-				-				-				Pimecrolimus 1%	Vehicle		
		Paresthesia															
		4 %															
		Tenderness															
Jacobi et al. (27) Germany	20	-				Pimecrolimus 1%				-				-			
						10 %											
Frigerio et al.(31) Italy	40	Pimecrolimus 1%				-				Pimecrolimus 1%				-			
		2.5 %								2.5 %							
Canpolat et al. (20) Turkey	1	-				-				-				No adverse effects were observed.			