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# **CASE STUDY**

# A CASE STUDY OF HOMEOPATHIC TREATMENT FOR ALOPECIA AREATA

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### **ABSTRACT**

Alopecia Areata is an autoimmune disease characterized by sudden hair loss in round patches, this case study discusses the successful homeopathic treatment of a patient suffering from alopecia areata for two years. The paper outlines the patient's gradual improvement observed over several months. It highlights the effectiveness of homeopathy in managing this condition, emphasizing the importance of constitutional treatment tailored to the individual's mental and physical symptoms.

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# INTRODUCTION

A is an autoimmune disorder that leads to the sudden appearance of round patches of hair loss.

*Cause:* The immune system mistakenly attacks hair follicles, causing inflammation. Although the precise cause is not fully understood, both genetic and environmental factors are believed to contribute.

**Signs and Symptoms:** Hair loss typically starts as round or oval, smooth bald patches on the scalp or beard, but can occur anywhere on the body. Patients may also experience hair loss in eyebrows, eyelashes, or other areas.

**Complications:** Associated complications include depression, anxiety, permanent hair loss, recurrence, nail abnormalities, and susceptibility to sunburn and skin damage.

# **CASE PROFILE**

The patient is a young male suffering from Alopecia Areata for the past two years. His condition began with a patch of hair loss on the vertex of his scalp, which gradually spread to other areas. Initially, his family first noticed the bald patches, prompting him to seek treatment from a local homeopathic doctor; however, the condition did not improve significantly. There were no accompanying symptoms of itching, burning, or pain in the affected areas, and the hair loss remained patchy. Additionally, the patient reported a history of seasonal skin eruptions and itching across his body, sometimes with thick watery secretions from the lesions.

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These eruptions were a recurring issue, but there were no active signs of hair fall outside the patchy regions.

#### **Physical Generals:**

**Diet:** Non-vegetarian **Appetite:** Poor

Desires: Biryani, banana, warm food, chicken, sweets

Aversion: Pumpkin, some vegetables

Thermal Reaction: Prefers warm weather, feels chilly

**Thirst:** Less than 2-3 glasses/day

Stools: Not regular (hard, every 2-3 days, requires pressure)

Urine: Normal

Perspiration: Less, offensive from the forehead

Sleep: Good but not refreshing, prefers sleeping on back

Dreams: Bad

Mental Generals: The patient is calm and gentle by nature but is typically shy and reserved. He has difficulty mingling with others and struggles to communicate openly, often keeping to himself. Describing himself as an introvert, he prefers to stay in his comfort zone rather than interact socially. However, he remains active and enjoys physical activities like playing, traveling, and cycling. The patient tends to get angry easily but quickly becomes emotional, often crying when frustrated. His emotions are suppressed, and he is sensitive but does not outwardly react in a volatile manner. Though emotionally weak, he is academically strong and organized in his daily life. He comes from a supportive joint family where relationships are good, and his environment is nurturing, though he tends to shy away from conflict and emotional confrontations.

#### **Past History**

### Family History:

Hypothyroidism in mother Paralysis in father

Case Analysis: Repertorial Totality.

Repertory Used	Rubrics Selected
Synthesis	- Head: Hair falling - Spots
	- Mind: Timidity - Bashful
	- Mind: Emotions - Suppressed
	- Mind: Weeping - Children
	- Mind: Sensitive - Children

## Repertory screenshot

Remedies	180	1/C	nat-m.	staph.	calc.	Carc.	caust	Sil	buls	lloq	Kallic	kali.p.	phos	chin	COFF	graph.	tub	Sep.	cham.	PSOL
Serial Number	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Symptoms Covered	5	5	5	4	4	4	4	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	2
Intensity	9	6	6	8	6	5	4	4	7	5	5	5	5	4	4	4	4	3	5	4
Result	5/9	5/6	5/6	4/8	4/6	4/5	4/4	4/4	3/7	3/5	3/5	3/5	3/5	3/4	3/4	3/4	3/4	3/3	2/5	2/4
Clipboard 7														000		200				
HEAD - HAIR - falling - spots, in	1	1	2	1	2			1			2	1	2			1	2			2
MIND - TIMIDITY - bashful	2	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	3	1		2	1	2	1	1	1	1		
WIND - EMOTIONS suppressed	2	1	1	3		1	1								1					
MIND - WEEPING - children, in	2	2	1		1	1	1	1	2	2	2			1	2	2		1	3	2
MIND - SENSITIVE	10.70	1	1		1	-		1270		- 7	1	-		1			1	1	2	

# **Selection of Remedy**

Type	Name	Potency	Dose	Reasons for Selection
Constitutional	Ignatia	1M	2 doses in 1st week	Based on mental symptoms: sadness, suppressive behavior, weeping.
Acute	Fluoric Acid	200C	2 doses per day	Specific remedy for Alopecia Areata.
Intercurrent	5 Phos	6X	2 doses per day	To address internal deficiency.

## **Miasmatic Approach**

Symptoms	Psora	Sycosis	Syphilis	Tubercular
Skin eruptions and itching	Yes			
No secretion but burning sensation in the skin	Yes			
Falling of hair in patches	Yes			
Paleness of the face	Yes			

# **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

Software Used: Radar Opus with Synthesis Repertory.

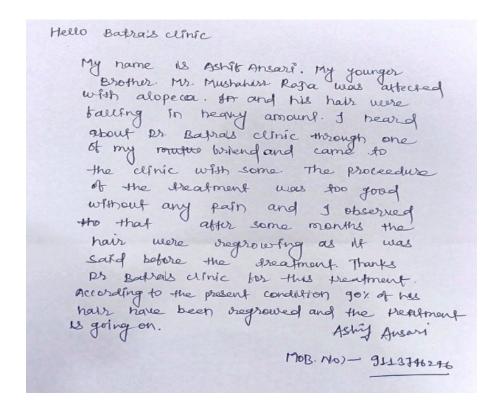
# **RESULTS**

Month	Progress	Prescription
1st	No changes; condition stable.	Fluoric Acid 200C, 2 doses/day + 5 Phos 6X + Local Application: Jab.MT(Q) + Immunoforce 2 doses/day
2nd	Slight increase in patches; 2-3 new patches appeared.	Same as above.
3rd	Hair growth observed in patches.	Same as above.
4th	No new patches; old patches improving; no itching reported.	Same as above.
5th	Condition improved; no new patches.	Same as above.
6th	Very good hair growth; stable condition.	Same as above.
7th	No new patches; one patch remaining with slight itching.	Same as above.
8th	Almost cured; no new patches; maintaining regular diet and sleep.	Same as above.
9th	Stable condition; patches improving.	Same as above.
10th	Only two patches remaining; no itching or burning sensations reported.	Same as above.
11th	New patches noted; issues with stool and itching.	Ignatia 1M + Fluoric Acid 200C + 5 Phos 6X + Local Application: Jab.MT(Q) + Immunoforce 2 doses/day
12th	Old patches better; patient claims to be cured; no itching or burning sensations.	Fluoric Acid 200C + 5 Phos 6X + Local Application: Jab.MT(Q) + Immunoforce 2 doses/day

#### The transformation



#### **Testimonial**



# **DISCUSSION & CONCLUSION**

This case study illustrates that Alopecia Areata can be effectively managed with homeopathic treatment through a combination of constitutional and specific remedies, along with proper diet and management. The patient showed significant improvement over time, highlighting the importance of addressing both physical and emotional aspects of the condition. Homeopathy offers a holistic approach that can lead to successful outcomes in cases of hair loss. Overall, this reinforces the potential for complete recovery from Alopecia Areata through individualized treatment.

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