

## Development of a novel polyherbal topical product for the management of eczema & other chronic dermal inflammatory conditions

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## **Collaborative Drug Development : Inflammatory Skin Diseases**



## The journey so far...









- Eczema or Atopic dermatitis (AD), is a common chronic or recurrent inflammatory skin disease with impaired skin barrier
- Complex interrelationship of genetic, environmental, immunologic, and epidermal factors
- Affects 15-20% of children and 2-10% of adults worldwide
- Characterized by eczematous pruritic lesions and erythematous, vesicular, weeping and crusting patches over dry skin





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- A defective skin barrier is primary feature of eczema that is aggravated by mechanical injury inflicted by scratching.
- Skin lesions are characterized by infiltrating lymphocytes, monocytes/macrophages, eosinophils and oversecretion of Th2 inflammatory cytokines/chemokines.
- Thymus And Activation Regulated Chemokine (TARC) -CCR4 ligand, overexpressed in eczema lesions and attracts Th2 cells.
- IgE and IgE-mediated mast cell and eosinophil activation contribute to severity of eczema.



#### Immunologic pathways in Eczema

New insights into atopic dermatitis, Donald Y.M. Leung, 2004



**Treatment** 



Medscape, 2008









#### **Biologics in Eczema/Atopic Dermatitis**

#### JAK-kinase inhibitors in Eczema

- Janus-Kinases (JAK) are involved in cell signaling pathways activated by cytokines
- Tofacitinib, a JAK kinase inhibitor has emerged as new therapeutics for severe, recalcitrant atopic dermatitis/eczema.



#### **Biologics in Eczema**

Emerging treatments for atopic dermatitis

Therapy Mechanism of Action Phase of Drug Develo		Phase of Drug Development
Biologics		
CIM331	Antibody against IL-31 receptor	2
ILV-094	Antibody against IL-22	2
Tralokinumab	Antibody against IL-13	2
Ustekinumab	Antibody against IL-12 & IL-23	2
Dupilumab	)upilumab Antibody against IL-4 receptor	
Anti-pruritics	·	
CT327	Tropomyosin receptor kinase A kinase inhibitor	2
VLY-686 Neurokinin 1 receptor antagonist 2		2
Adapted from the N	ational Eczema Association's "Eczema Drugs in Development" c	:hart. <sup>20</sup>

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## SIRB 001 - The Product



- A novel mixture of 3 herbs; *Rheum palmatum* L. (Da Huang), *Rehmannia glutinosa* Libosch (Sheng di huang) and *Lonicera Japonica* (Jin yin hua) was developed in the ratio 1:1:3.
- Fingerprinting analysis performed by HPLC with 3 marker compounds Chlorogenic acid, Acteoside and Rhein.
- SIRB 001 has been demonstrated to work as anti proliferative immunopotentiating product. It down regulates key proinflammatory cytokines including TNF alpha, IL17/IL23
- SIRB 001 has shown potential for treatment of chronic dermal inflammatory diseases including psoriasis & Eczema & others





## Anti eczema potential of SIRB 001





#### **Anti-eczema potential of SIRB-001**

Significant downregulation of TNF-α, TARC and VEGF in keratinocytes (HaCaT)
Remarkable inhibition of IL-6 in immune cells (RAW264.7)













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## Anti-eczema potential of SIRB-001

- IgE inhibition in human myeloma cell line; U-266
- Inhibition of JANUS KINASES JAK-1/JAK-3.





#### Anti-eczema potential of SIRB-001 – Mechanism of action





## SIRB-001- Safety

## Extensive studies carried out in animals have demonstrated SIRB-001 safe for topical and oral administration

- Acute and sub acute Safety studies
- Chronic safety studies 6 months
- Mutagenecity
- Reproductive safety
- Skin sensitization
- In vitro HetCAM & 3-D skin studies
- Safety pharmacology



















## **Development of SIRB-001 cream**



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## Nanogel for Eczema

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# Clinical Development of SIRB 001 as a new treatment modality for Eczema



## **FIM Experience with Patients of Eczema**

#### **Basic information on Trial**

Disease/Target Area	Eczema	Age group	18-65 Years
Product/Route	Polyherbal, Topical	Male/Female Ratio	Adequate
Type of Trial	Monocentric; Observational	Race	Asian, India
Subjects	30 (25 Completers)	Eczematous Lesion	≤10% (BSA)
Study Duration	4 Weeks	Severity (as per IGAS)	Mild to severe
Region	India		

#### **Evaluation Criteria of the Study**

	Primary Criteria		Secondary Criteria
•	Clinical Evaluation using ESI Score	•	To assess the local skin tolerability and safety of the
•	Clinical Evaluation using IGAS score		investigational product in subjects with eczematous lesions
•	Reduction of size and area of target lesions	-	Biomarker analysis from serum sample
		•	To compare clinical improvement with serum IgE values
		•	Self-assessment questionnaire by subjects for assessment of
			efficacy and product acceptability

#### **Regulatory Activities**

EC Submission	30th Oct. 2015
EC Approval	16th Nov. 2015

IGAS : Investigator Global Assessment Severity Scale



## Safety & Efficacy...

Effect of SIRB-001 on Eczema Severity



#### Effect of SIRB-001 on Investigator's Global Assessment Severity (IGAS) Scale







## **Subject Images**

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#### EFFICACY RESULTS

**Eczema Severity Index (ESI):** A decrease in the mean score of Eczema Severity Index was observed from D0 to D28. This decrease was found to be statistically significant across all evaluation kinetics when compared to D0.

**Investigator's Global Assessment Severity (IGAS):** The IGAS score also decreased significantly from from D0 to D28. This decrease was found to be statistically significant across all evaluation kinetics when compared to D0.

**Immunoglobulin E (IgE) estimation:** An increase in the mean value of IgE from D0 to D28 was observed. However, this increase was not found to be statistically significant at D28 when compared to D0.

**Self assessment Questionnaire:** The self asessment questionnaire analysis done to assess the product acceptability, efficacy and global acceptability also showed significant product acceptability by the subjects in terms of its organoleptic properties and efficacy in reducing the symptoms and size of the eczematous lesion.

Biomarker analysis: Biomarker analysis on serum samples



# Therapeutic potential of SIRB 001 in other chronic skin inflammatory diseases



## Anti psoriatic potential of SIRB 001





## **FIM experience in Psoriasis**

<b>Basic information on Trial</b>		
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	Product/Route	Polyherbal, Topical
	Type of Trial	Observational
	Subjects	21
	Study Duration	8 Weeks
	Primary Endpoint	Tolerability
	Region	Germany
Population Characteristics		
- · <b>r</b>	Age	18-65 Years
	Male/Female Ratio	Adequate
	Population	German
	Severity	Mild to Moderate

#### **Study Details**

- Each subject attended 5 visits at the study site with 14 day interval
- The objective was to assess the tolerability and safety of investigational product in subjects with psoriatic lesions treated for 4 weeks with twice daily use of investigational products.
- The severity of psoriatic lesion was assessed through PASI score obtained by clinical evaluations of subjects by Dermatologist. Dermatological evaluation criteria involved were, Erythema, Thickness and Scaliness.
- No safety issue was observed during conduct of the study.





#### Response of SIRB-001 measured by the percentage of patients achieving PASI-40, PASI-50, PASI-75 and PASI-100



SIRB-001 demonstrated an increase in percentage of patients achieving PASI-40, PASI-50, PASI-75 and PASI-100 after 14 d, 28 d, 42 d and 56 d of treatment.

#### Response of SIRB-001 in males vs females



 SIRB-001 demonstrated an increase in the no of responders in both male and female patients after 14 d, 28 d, 42 d and 56 d of treatment.



## FIM experience - scalp psoriasis

#### **Basic information on Trial**

Product/Route	Polyherbal, Topical
Type of Trial	Observational
Subjects	30 (25 Completers)
Study Duration	8 Weeks
Primary Endpoint	Tolerance & Safety
Secondary Endpoint	Efficacy & Product Acceptability
Region	India

#### **Population Characteristics**

Age	18-65 Years
Male/Female Ratio	Adequate
Region	Asian, India
Scalp involvement area	10% or greater
Severity (as per IGSS)	At least moderate

#### **Regulatory Activity**

EC Submission	1 <sup>st</sup> September 2015
EC Approval	21 <sup>st</sup> September 2015

#### Results

Based on data, preliminary observation by principal investigator suggest that data suggest that administered IP (Hair Shampoo and Lotion) is highly effective in Scalp Psoriasis. Some highlights of study results shown below:

70% of subjects shows improvement of more than 50% in PSSI



- > 56% of subjects shows improvement of more than 51% or more in terms of VSCAPSI
- No serious adverse event was reported in the study
- Overall, maximum reduction as per all three standard scoring system s are:
- PSSI : Maximum reduction achieved 95%
- VSCAPSI : Maximum reduction achieved 92%
- IGSS : Maximum reduction achieved 75%

PSSI: Psoriasis Scalp Severity Index; VSCAPSI: Videodermascopy Scalp Psoriasis Severity Index; IGSS: Investigator's Global Severity Index

## **Efficacy - scalp psoriasis**









## Patient stratification for SIRB 001

Development of a stratification kit to aid patient selection

#### Patient stratification for SIRB-001



- Serum samples collected from 30 patients at 2 time points (baseline and completion of treatment) were analysed for 27 inflammatory markers associated with psoriasis using Multiplex technology.
- Serum samples were also collected from 7 healthy volunteers to evaluate the markers elevated in disease condition.
- Levels of 7 markers was found to be elevated (> 1.5 fold) in disease condition as compared to healthy controls.
- Down regulation (>20%) was observed in 6 markers upon treatment with SIRB-001 cream for 56 weeks.

1	IL-1-beta	
2	IL-1-RA	
3	IL-4	
4	IL-5	
5	IL-6	
6	IL-7	
7	IL-8	
8	IL-9	
9	IL-10	
10	IL-12	
11	IL-13	
12	IL-17	
13	Eotaxin	
14	FGF b	
15	G-CSF	
16	GMCSF	
17	IFN-g	
18	IP-10	
19	MCP-1	
20	MIP-1-a	
21	PDGF-bb	
22	MIP-1-b	
23	RANTES	
24	TNF-a	
25	VEGF	
26	IL-33	
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Biomarkers vs % Decrease in Biomarker levels in patients after treatment (D56 VS D0)

% Decrease = (Mean value Day 0-Mean value Day 56)x100/Mean value Day 0



## Work in progress - New and better formulations

No.	Formulation	Indication	
1	Cream	Psoriasis, Eczema, Atopic dermatitis	
2	Shampoo - 1	Scalp Psoriasis	
3	Hair lotion	Scalp psoriasis	
4	Hair Serum / vitalizer	Seborrhoea / Dandruff	
5	Shampoo - 2	Seborrhoea / Dandruff	-
6	NanoGel	Psoriasis, Eczema, Atopic dermatitis	
7	Oral Tablets	Psoriasis, other chronic inflammatory disorders	1974
8	Oral Nanoparticles	Psoriasis, other chronic inflammatory disorders	



## **THANKS**