Skin Managements and Diseases: A Systematic Article Review

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Abstract

The skin is the largest organ of the body, accounting for about 15% of total adult body weight, it performs vital functions, including protection, against external, physical, chemical, biologic assailants through integumentary system composed of three layers, the epidermis, dermis, and subcutaneous tissue.

The aim of this article is to highlight some important interactions with the skin, these interactions have great important signs and diagnosed for many pathophysiology and skin diseases. Association between light, overweight, and neuropeptide and dermatologic conditions related to skin managements to these parameters will be impacted in this article.

Key Words: Skin Managements and Diseases.

Introduction

THE skin is organ of the body, accounting for 15% of total body weight, it performs many vital functions [1]. Preventing of excess water loss from body and have a role in thermoregulation.

The skin is continuous with the mucous membranes lining the body’s surface. The skin is composed of three layers, the epidermis, dermis and subcutaneous tissue [2]. The outer most level, epidermis, consists of a specific constellation of cells known as Keratinocytes, which function to synthesis keratin which is a long thread like protein with a protective role. The middle layer, the dermis, is made of fibrilar structural proteins known as collagen. The dermis lies on the subcutaneous tissue or, Panniculus [3]. Which contain small lobules of fat cells called lipocytes. The thickness of these layers varies considerably, depending on the geographic location on the anatomy of the body. The eyelid, for example, has the thinnest layer of the epidermis, measuring less than 0.1mm, whereas the palm and soles of the feet have thickest epidermal layer, measuring about 1.5mm.

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The dermis is thickest on back, where it is 30-40 times as thick as overlaying epidermis [1]. Subcutaneous fat embryonically, toward the end of fifth month fat cells begin to develop in the subcutaneous tissue, these lobules of fat cells or lipocytes are separated by fibers septa made up of large blood vessels and collagens, the Panniculus varies in thickness depending on skin site [4].

The subcutaneous tissue provides the body with functions as store house energy, hormone conservation take place in panniculus, converting and roster one into estrone by aromatase. Lipocytes produce leptin, a hormone that regulate body weight by way of the hypothalamus [3].

The three layers of skin form an effective barrier to the external environment, allow the transmission of sensory information, and serve a significant role in maintaining homeostasis.

The dynamic epidermis produce a protective outer layer of corneocytes as cells undergo the process of keratization and terminal differentiation. Collagen and elastic filaments of dermal layer provide underlying tensile strength of skin, whereas the layer of subcutaneous fat provide a store of energy for the body.

The layers of skin is involvd to light interactions and conversion of vitamin D also, have many hormones that relates to regulation of overweight. Finally full of many nerves that modulates many important functions as sensation against many stimulus.

From this view, speculate on special interaction of some parameter and molecules with the skin, may give hopeful information about pathophysiology of skin diseases and treatment.

Skin physiology: A D: Lightful story

Throughout revolution, exposure to sunlight and photosynthesis of vitamin D in the skin has
Vitamin D is likely to be one of oldest if not the oldest hormone that has existed on earth. Emiliania huxleyi, a phytoplankton, that has survived in Sargasso sea (atlantic ocean), unchanged for >7500 million years, produced a large amount of ergosterol (provitamin D), that was 0.1% of dry weight [6], when organism exposed to simulated sunlight, the ergosterol was converted to previtamin D, which rapidly converted into vitamin D [6,7]. Ergosterol acted as an ideal sunscreen to protect organism from UVB, and UVC, radiation which was most damaging to its UV-absorbing DNA, RNA, and protein [6,7]. As life form’s shifts left ocean and ventured onto land, they needed to adapt to the low calcium environment by developing a hormonal system to regulate the efficiency of intestinal and calcium absorption. Furthermore previtamin D was transformed into vitamin D this ejected out of furthermore previtamin D was transformed into vitamin D this ejected out of plasma membrane causing an increase of permeability of calcium ions into cell. Excessive exposure to sunlight will not result in vitamin D intoxication, because both previtamin D and vitamin D are photolyzed to several to no calcemic photoproducts.

Conversion of previtamin D (70 dehydrocholesterol) in plasma membrane into vitamin D processed only in the skin of most mammals, such as, amphibians, reptiles, all avian species, but birds are not able to make any vitamin D in skin covered with feathers, also Cats have n-7-dehydrocholesterol in their skin and therefore cannot make vitamin D, this fact may give new marker for vitamin D deficiencies by measuring amount of 7-dehydrocholesterol in their plasma membranes.

There was a dramatic influences of many factors that affect managements of the skin to light related to vitamin D conversion, such as, latitude, temperature, clouds, clothes, aging. All of these factors will be discussed later in the discussion part.

**Overweight and skin:**

Overweight (obesity) is being recognized as a major public health problem in many countries. The prevalence of obesity, which is defined as a body mass index (BMI) of 30Kg/m² or greater has increased in populations over the past 30 years [8,9]. The impact of obesity on the skin has received minimal attention. Obesity results from both environmental and genetic factors. Approximately 60% to 70% of Varian's in BMI can be attributed to environmental and 30% to 40% of variance in BMI can be attributed to genetics, environmental factors contain dietary choices, socioeconomic status, behavioral factors and reduce physical activity. Genetic obesity results from mutation in genes involve in food intake regulations [10].

Some disorders diseases in the skin due to obesity will be summarized in Table (1).

<table>
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<th>Disorders</th>
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| Insulin resistance | **Insulin resistance syndrome:**  
| | Acanthosis nigricans  
| | Acrochordons  
| | Keratosis pilaris  
| | Hyperandrogenesis  
| | Hirsutism  
| Inflammatory | **Hidradenitis suppurativa:**  
| | Psoriasis  
| Metabolic | **Tophaceous gout**  
| Infectious | **Intertrigo:**  
| | Candida  
| | Dermatophytes  
| | Folliculitis  

![Fig. (1): The cutaneous nerves and skin cells.](image)
Obesity is responsible for a variety of changes in the skin, skin manifests barrier functions, gland production, collagen structure and function, wound healing, micro circulation, so obesity is implicated to many dermatologic diseases, that leading to the fact that clinical feature associate with obesity and managements of skin needed to spotlight and study.

Neuropeptides and the skin:

The cutaneous peripheral nervous system (PNS) plays a pivotal role in skin homestatis and diseases, the central nervous system (CNS) is directly via efferent nerves or CNS-derived mediators or indirectly via the adrenal gland, or immune cells, connected to skin function [11]. Figs. (1,2) show the nerves in the skin and functions.

Sensory as well as autonomic sympathetic nerves influences a variety of physiological and pathophysiological function in the skin. Physiological such as, embryogenesis, vasoconstriction, vasodilation, temperature, barrier function, secretion, growth, differentiation nerve growth. Pathophysiological, such as, inflammation, immune defence, apoptosis, proliferation, wound healing [12,13,14]. Various neuropeptides will be reported here as enkaphlins, vaso active intestinal polypeptide (VIP), primary adenylated cyclase activating polypeptide (PACAP), POMC. Another important neuropeptides will be shown in Table (2).

These interactions is mediated primary afferent as well as autonomic nerves, which release neuromodulators and activates specific receptors on many target cells in the skin, a dense network of sensory nerves releases peptides, that participates in many properties of skin function.

Vasoactive intestinal polypeptide (VIP):

VIP is a 28 amino acid peptide that derived from precursor mRNA, that also encodes histamine, methionine (PHM) [15]. In the skin, VIP, like immuno reactivity, was detected in nerve fibers associated with dermal vessels, glands, such as, sweat, apocrine, Meibomian glands, hair follicle, and Markel cells in the skin, VIP mediate vasodilation [16], and proliferation, induce migration of keratinocytes that important in wound healing [17] and Psoriasis [18].

Primary adenylated cyclase activating polypeptide (PACAP):

PACAP is a new member of the VIP/secretin peptide family [19]. Two forms can be distinguished, PACAP-38, and truncated product PACAP-27, both of which are derived from a 176 precursor protein (19.5 KDa) by posttranslational cleavage [20]. PACAP is located in many tissues, including skin, PACAP is present in sensory and autonomic fiber of dorsal root ganglia, the spinal cord and, adrenal gland, suggesting involvement in sensory and nociceptive pathways.

In the skin, PACAP was detected in sensory nerve fiber [21] coexisting with VIP, SP, or CGRP respectively, all of which may play an important role in inflammatory skin diseases like Psoriasis, Urticaria, or atopic dermatitis [22]. PACAP -38 appears to be enhanced in lesional skin of Psoriasis patients, indicating that neuropeptide has a role in the pathophysiology of this skin disease, the peptide level was significantly lower in non lesioned Psoriatic skin than in lesioned Psoriasis skin, but was twice as much as in normal skin PACAP appears to be involved in cutaneous inflammation e.g., releasing histamine from mast cells [23].
Table (2): Selected neuropeptide and their functions in the skin.

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<th>Category</th>
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<td>Acetylcholine</td>
<td>Nicotinergic and muscarinal M ACHR, N ACHR acetylcholine</td>
<td>Acetonomic cholinergic nerves keratinocytes, lymphocytes melanocytes</td>
<td>Itch-in dermatic, regulate proliferation, adhesion, migration</td>
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<td>Corticotropin release hormones (CRH)</td>
<td>CRH-R1, R2</td>
<td>Crhr1: Keratinocytes mast cells Crhr2: Bone marrow mast cells</td>
<td>Release histamine VEGF, cytokines immune reactive down regulate stress and infection regulate pigment</td>
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<td>Endocannabinoids (CB)</td>
<td>Cb1, cb2 receptors</td>
<td>Nerves, T cells macrophages receptors keratinocytes skin appendages</td>
<td>Inhibit cytokines during immune response, down regulate release of IL-1, antipruritic</td>
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<td>Interleukin-31</td>
<td>IL-31R heterodimer</td>
<td>Keratinocyte sensory nerve</td>
<td>Skin inflammation by T cells induce itching</td>
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<td>Kinins</td>
<td>Bradykinin receptor B1, B2</td>
<td>Endothelial cells immunocytes keratinocytes sensory nerves</td>
<td>Induce pain over pruritus induce MAP kinase phospholation in keratinocytes</td>
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<td>Opioids</td>
<td>MKS-opioid receptors</td>
<td>Sensory nerves keratinocytes T cells, B cells</td>
<td>Antipruritic effect, donot provoke itch upon injection, intradermal appl</td>
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<td>Propiomelanocorting (POMC gene)</td>
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ACHR: Acetyl choline receptor. VEGF: Vascular endothelial growth factors. 
IL: Interleukin. MAP: Mitogen activate protein.
Δmk-opoid: Peptidergic neurotransmitter.

Several observation supporting idea that PACAP modulate inflammatory responses in the skin, and play an essential role in nociceptive transmission in the skin.

**Enkephalins:**

The endogenous opioid peptides (Met) - enkephalins and (Leu) - enkephalins are known to suppress a number of elements of the immune response, including antimicrobial resistance, antibody production, and delayed - type hypersensitivity [24]. In the skin, application of (Met) - encephalin induced a flare reaction, reducible by pretreatment with antihistamine, suggesting both histamine - and histamine independent involvement of enkephalins in neurogenic inflammation [25]. (Met) - enkephalin induced inflammation of dermal lymphocytes, monocytes, and macrophages and enkephalins protect against tissue damage caused by Hypoxia and inhibit differential and proliferation of keratinocytes [26]. Increased amount of enkephalins were reported in the lesional skin of Psoriasis patients, enhanced levels of enkephalins are reduced in parallel with clinical improvement induced by a topical vitamin D analog and a corticosteroids. Thus, because enkephalins can modulate epidermal different ian and inflammatory processes, these finding indicate that enkephalines may play role in the pathogenesis of Psoriasis [27]. Table (2) Summarizes other neuropeptide and interactions with the skin.

**Neurotrophins and skin:**

The mammalian skin expresses a variety of neurotrophic growth factors such as, nerve growth factor (NGF), brain derived nerve growth factor (BDNF), neurotrophin-3 and neurotrophin 4/5 (NT-3, NT 4/5), which are essential for growth, proliferation and maintenance of nerves [28,29]. Cutaneous neurotrophins are expressed by sensory and sympathetic neurons and non-neuronal cells, whereby regulating various biologically modulating such as, nociception, prioeception, mechanoreception, nerve growth, and development, apoptosis, epidermal homeostasis and inflammation, hair growth. Several observation suggesting that neurotrophins participate in neuroimmunological network, such as in cutaneous application of neuropeptides such as, cholecystokinin-8 enhances NGF expression in the skin30, recently enhanced expression of NGF mRNA was described in mast cells and keratinocytes, less in fibroblasts of patients with atopic dermatitis [31].
NGF level are increased in inflammatory skin disease, as Psoriasis, also stimulate degranulation of mast cells. NGF is regulated in patients with atopic dermatitis, in which it may contribute to Pruitus, mast cell stimulation eosinophil activation and keratinocytes dysfunction [30]. This may account for a role of NGFα disease in which these cells are activated in atopic dermatitis. a number of cutaneous nerve system contribute to pathogenesis of skin will be shown in Table (3).

Table (3): Disorders of skin related to neuropeptides.

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<td>Neurokinins, Sp, CGRP</td>
<td>Induce mast cell, release histamine, cytokines TNF-α</td>
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<td>Psoriasis</td>
<td>VIP, SP, CGRP, PACAP-38</td>
<td>Immunoreactivity, atopic dermatitis</td>
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<td>Atopic dermatitisis</td>
<td>Takykinin</td>
<td>Neurogenic inflammation, pruritic erythema wheal, flare</td>
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<td>Immediate and delayed</td>
<td>Langerhans cell CHS</td>
<td>Immunohistochemical epidermal antigen, erythema, swelling, pain</td>
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<tr>
<td>hypersensitivity</td>
<td>High conc of SP</td>
<td>Growth factors production, cell proliferation, cytokines</td>
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<tr>
<td>Wound-healing</td>
<td>Kinin, kallikreins, protease tryptase, cytokine, protons</td>
<td>Malignancy infection metabolic disorder edema, erythema</td>
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SP: Substance peptide. CHS: Contact hypersensitivity. CGRP: Calcitonin gene relate peptide.

Discussion and Further Directions

The skin is the largest organ of the body, performing many functions, including protection, thermoregulation, etc., pathophysiology of skin is taken an important view in last decades especially, pathophysiology with light, overweight, neuropeptides. The following discussion investigated those parameters, opening new therapy and treatments for many diseases.

Some people are susceptible than others to developing vitamin D deficiency, defined as a level below 20ng/ml.

Risk factors for susceptibility include, obesity [11], smoking, a high skin phototype [33], insufficient sun exposure and age [34], the skin produce less of precursor 7-dehydrocholesterol in the epidermis, intestinal absorption of vitamin D declines due to a reduction in the number of vitamin D receptors (VDR) in entocytes, and the bodys ability to hydrolyase vitamin D in the liver and kidney also decrease [11]. Some clinical conditions predispose to inadequate vitamin D level [35] as chronic liver disease, osteoporosis, hyperparathyroidism.

Another risk factor is long term treatment drugs include anticonvulsants, antiretroviral, rifampicin, hormonal treatments.

Vitamin D has been implicated in the pathogenesis and treatment of wide variety of skin diseases Psoriasis [36], atopic dermatitis, Acne. Value above 30ng/ml of serum vitamin D be essential for maintain good health. Blood level above 200ng/ml are considerable toxic so most medical societies consider 25 (OH) D level is high than 125 to 150ng/ml to be undesirable in order to avoid the adverse effects of vitamin D.

Obesity is known to significantly affected both skin and systemic physiology, with growing numbers of obsess patients, it will increasing important for dermatologists to be able to modify and adapt topical and systemic dermatosis [8] therapy for obsess patients. It is important to know drug induced weight gain is also have a side effect for many medications prescribed by dermatologists [37]. This view should be point to toxic effect made by these drugs. Although obesity is a major public health problem, little attention has been paid to the impact of obesity on the skin, [38]. Drug induced weight gain is also a significant side effect of many medications commonly prescribed by dermatologists. Such weight gain can lead to patient noncompliance as well as exacerbation of comorbid conditions related to obesity. Medications that promote weight gain include, corticosteroids, oral-histamines, oral contraceptives, antidepressants as antiiriptyline, serotonine reptake inhibitors, as mirtazapine and paroxelin [37,38].

Constant nutiitional monitoring irregular use of antiretroviral therapy drugs is necessary in order to prevent complication in the nutritional status with immune deficiency virus pateints [38].
Obesity is responsible for a variety of changes in the skin physiology and a wide spectrum of dermatologic diseases. So dermatologists must work with primary care physicians and patients to reduce the detrimental effects of obesity on the skin.

Further directions should be made towards nervous system and skin, when stimulate nervous system, nerve fibers release neuromodulators of different chemical origin, predominantly peptides, which targets skin cells, expresses specific neuropeptide receptors. The homestasis is accompanied by peptidases which degraded neuropeptides, neurotrophins that influence innervation and receptor expression in ganglia of primary effect neurons [39].

The bidirectional of communication between skin cells and nervous system act as a homeostatic unit as guarantee regulation during physiological and pathophysiological states.

Important questions about physiological and pathophysiological role of nerves in skin function is still have to be elucidated, as how neuropeptide regulated, their receptors regulated and potential dysregulation in disease states. Also neuropeptide degrade-enzymes is crucial point for skin function, which factors influenced these enzymes [40] during inflammation, pain, pruritus.

Finally, the use of morphological, molecular, and pharmacological techniques along with new genomic and proteomic approaches will lead to an integrated-understanding of the skin as a neuro immune endocrine organ during health [41], and disease. Hopefully to new and innovative approaches for the treatment of many skin diseases that still need to be cured [42].

TRP-transit receptors potential ion channels contributes to cutaneous thermosentation-OSMO regulation-inflammation - and cell growth. Under pathological conditions such as inflammation of tissue injury [43], TRP are ultimately involved in signaling painful, and pruritus, stimulate to the CNS, thus identify of ion channels that detect heat or cold is non provide insight into molecular basis of neurogenic inflammation, pain, pruritus, may also be way to detect heat in case of covid [19].

Desensitation, this is caused by TRP V1-mediated depletion of neuronal-derived neuropeptides within certain subdivision of sensory nerves [44].

Finally, enkaphalines are reduced in parallel with improve induced by a topical vitamin D analog and corticosteroids, this point may be give great relation between enkaphallines, vitamin D, covid 19 and hoping many researches be made on these area will be helpful.

Also, association between dermatologic disease with vitamin D level and sensory modulator receptors in subcutaneous of skin should taken in great attendance to understand and get new hopeful treatment.

References
تحليل مرجعي على تفاعل الجلد مع عناصر هامة
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يعتبر الجلد من أهم الأعضاء في الجسم ويشمل حوالي 6% من وزن الجسم. ويقوم الجلد بالعديد من الوظائف الهامة: مثل حماية الجسم من العوامل الفيزيائية والكيميائية والبيولوجية الخارجية من خلال ثلاث طبقات وهي: ابдерمس والدرمسو ونسيج الدهن تحت الجلد.

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