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### COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is an interesting narrative review of the evidence available to treat psoriasis by herbal and non-conventional treatment. I would suggest to reduce the length of the paper focusing on the main objective of the study: - reducing section 3 on clinico-pathological features which any clinician should know about - combining section 4 and 5 (PASI is a well known outcome measure) - deleting figure 1 or 2 dealing with the same issue - deleting table 1 and 2 (in table 2 there are many inaccuracies (efalizumab is no longer available, similarly alefacept; adalimumab is not under investigation but available on the market since many years))



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There is an important topic as long as in some parts of the world alternative therapies are used up to 60% of the patients. It is good to know more about this topic taking in consideration of intense migration of populations together with their habits and the potential hazards for the patients taking these types of medications. Chapter 4 about therapeutics is all about biologic agents. It could be a resume of all choices as group of agents (topical: Keratolytics, aso) or directly the alternative therapies. Chapter 5 is not needed as a special chapter, only a mention in the introduction. Mention of liver function to be monitored using Chinese Herbal Medicine because of the toxic effect, also the risk for salicylism, risk of TEN or. The review of the biologic agents is not related to the subject. I do not see necessary so extensive presentations of the types of psoriasis, as long as the journal is for dermatologists and not for GPs. The histologic images could be resumed.