

## Case Series

# Initial Experience with Humanized Allogeneic and Autologous Exosome-Based Therapies in Androgenetic Alopecia: A case series

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## Introduction

Hair loss, particularly androgenetic alopecia (AGA) and female pattern hair loss (FPHL), is a common dermatologic concern with significant impact on the quality of life and psychosocial well-being of patients. Although current FDA approved therapies such as minoxidil, finasteride and low-level laser therapy can slow progression and promote modest regrowth, their use is often limited by poor compliance, adverse effects and need for long term use. This has prompted the need for regenerative, cell-free therapies that target the underlying follicular microenvironment and promote prolonged effects. Exosomes are nano-sized extracellular vesicles (30–150 nm) secreted by nearly all cell types and play a crucial role in intercellular communication by transferring proteins, lipids, messenger ribonucleic acids (mRNAs), and microRNAs to recipient cells [1]. In the context of androgenetic alopecia, exosomes have shown therapeutic benefits by modulating inflammation, enhancing angiogenesis, promoting follicular regeneration, and reversing miniaturization of hair follicles [2,3]. Although both humanized exosomes and autologous exosomes are commercially available for clinical use, clinical evidence supporting their effectiveness and safety in hair loss is still emerging. We describe our experience using humanized and autologous exosome therapies in patients with hair loss, discussing outcomes, tolerability, and

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practical considerations, contributing to the growing evidence base for exosome-based hair restoration. There is a paucity of literature in this field and through this case series, we hope to contribute to the existing body of literature supporting the use of exosomes.

## Case Series

In this prospective interventional study, we enrolled 10 cases after obtaining informed consent and a detailed medical history. Clinical photography and trichoscopy were performed at baseline and subsequent follow-ups. In this study we aimed to study efficacy, safety of three different variants (derivative source) of exosomes, namely Metacell Technology (MCT) blood derived exosomes, Exoxe and AdvancExo, along with 3 different methods of administration - Intradermal Injection, Microneedling and Microneedling Radiofrequency (MNRf), for hair growth in Androgenetic alopecia.

Out of 10 cases, 7 cases were thoroughly evaluated clinically and trichoscopically at follow-up along with routine blood reports and detailed dietary history. Two cases (Pt. 7 and 9) were lost to follow up.

## Methodology

All 10 cases were evaluated for the grade of AGA and were treated with exosomes derived from autogenic or allogenic source by various delivery methods. Baseline demographic and clinical characteristics of the patients are summarized in (Table 1).

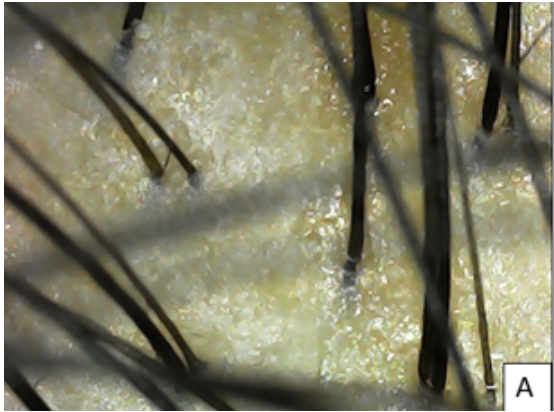
Sr. No.	Patient Code	AGE	SEX	AGA GRADE- Hamilton-Norwood Scale	DURATION
1	Pt. 1	48	F	I(Sinclair's)	1yr
2	Pt. 2	34	M	IIIA	2yrs
3	Pt. 3	27	M	IIIA	6months
4	Pt. 4	64	F	5(Sinclair's)	7-8yrs
5	Pt. 5	37	M	V	2yrs
6	Pt. 6	70	F	2(Sinclair's)	4-5yrs
7	Pt. 7	40	M	IIIA	3yrs
8	Pt. 8	32	M	IV	8months
9	Pt. 9	25	M	IIIA	2yrs
10	Pt. 10	49	F	I(Sinclair's)	1yr

**Table 1:** Demographic profile of all 10 cases in tabulated form.

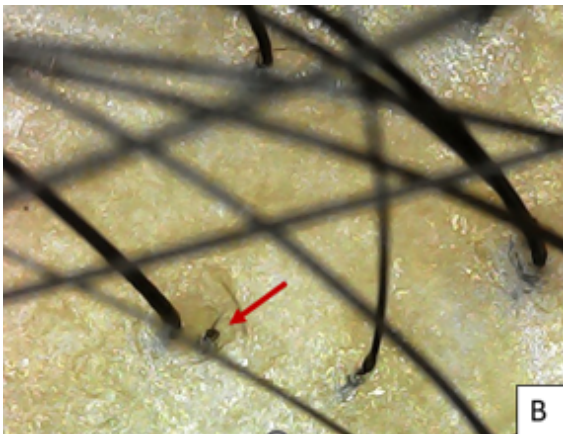
AGA grade- Hamilton-Norwood (Male AGA) and Sinclair's Classification (FPHL)

Patient 1(Pt. 1) was treated with intradermal injection of MCT blood derived exosomes with dermaroller on androgen sensitive area of scalp. MCT exosomes was prepared from autologous source (blood) as per set protocol. First, the PRP was prepared by harvesting 20 ml of venous blood, mixed with 3 ml of ACD-A anticoagulant, processed for 4 minutes at 3400 rpm by single spin method in two YCELL Biokits in Remi cold centrifuge. Eight ml of PRP thus harvested was preconditioned with MCT system, a novel device based on Thermo-photobiomodulation (TPBM) with blue light (467nm) at

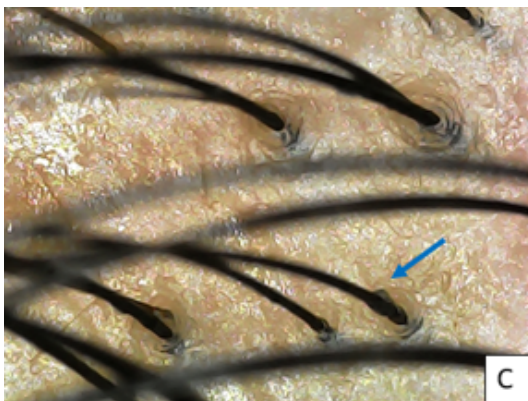
a temperature-controlled setting of 37 °C for 10 minutes and finally 8 ml of exosomes were harvested [4]. On trichoscopy, an abrupt eruption of terminal hairs from base of vellus hairs (candle hairs) was seen at 2 months and multirooted hair follicles were noticed at 4 months on the right frontal area of scalp (Figures 1A-1C).



**Figure 1A:** Pt 1 A. At baseline, hair diameter variation with primary roots seen.

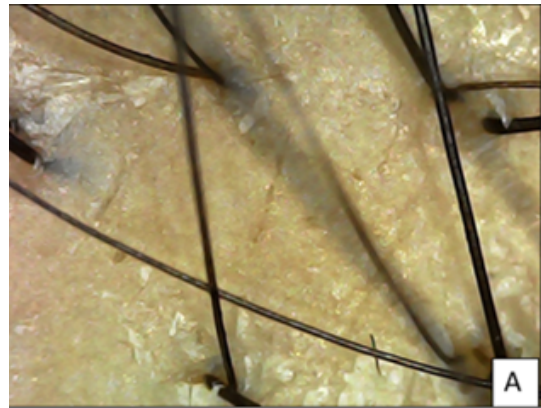


**Figure 1B:** After 2 months of single session of intradermal injection of MCT blood derived exosomes combined with derma-roller, fine vellus hair abruptly converted to terminal hair – ‘Candle hair sign’ (red arrow), seen at frontal area.



**Figure 1C:** At 4 months, secondary and tertiary hair follicles with increased hair shaft diameter (blue arrow) are seen in the frontal area.

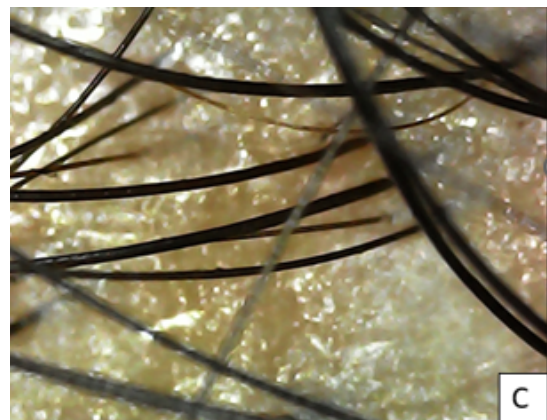
Pt. 2 was treated with 2 sessions of MNRF with application of exosomes (EXOXE). On trichoscopy, new secondary and tertiary follicles were observed at 4 months following the 1<sup>st</sup> session and increased density with thickened hair shaft diameter was seen at 2 months after 2<sup>nd</sup> session on the vertex and fronto-temporal region (Figures 2A-2C). On clinical examination, significant increase in hair density was visible at vertex region (Figure 3).



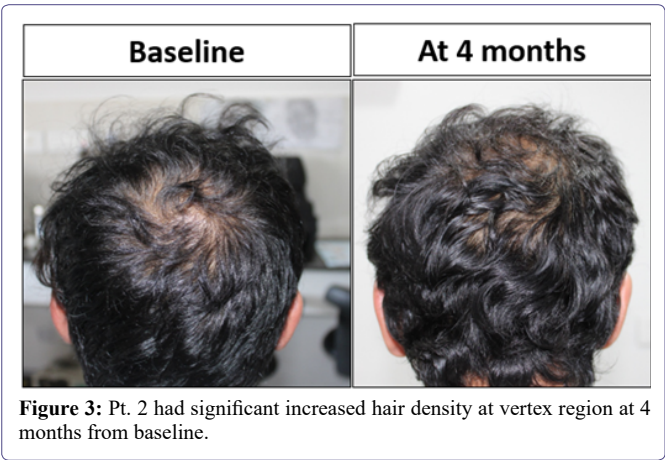
**Figure 2A:** Pt 2 at baseline showing miniaturization of hair with anisotrichosis and sparse density and scaling seen.



**Figure 2B:** After 4 months of 1st session, multiple secondary and tertiary hair roots seen (red arrow) with uniform hair shaft diameter.



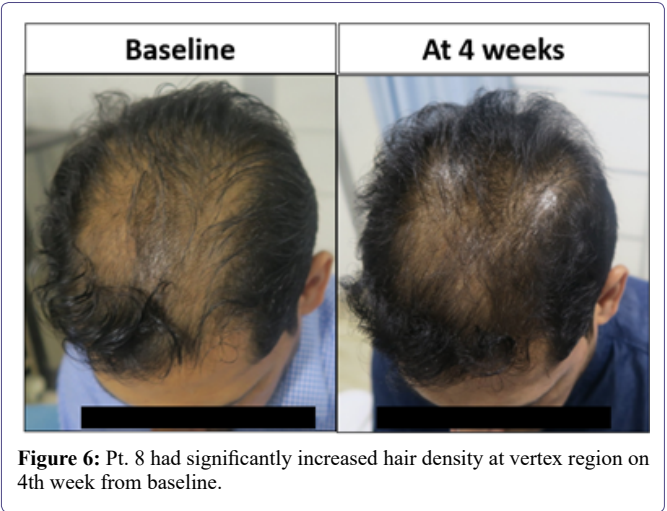
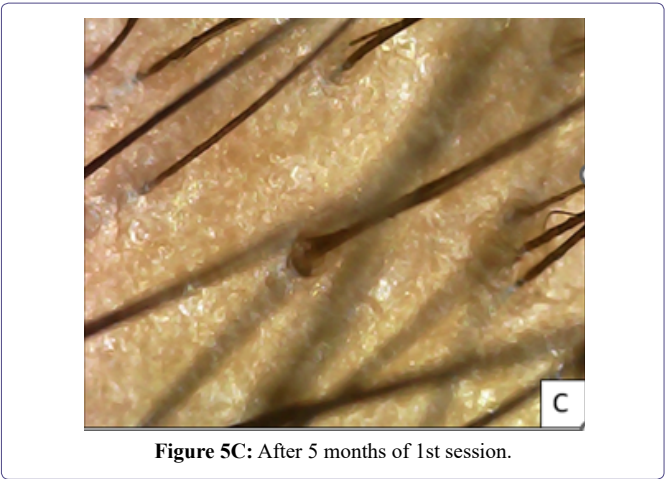
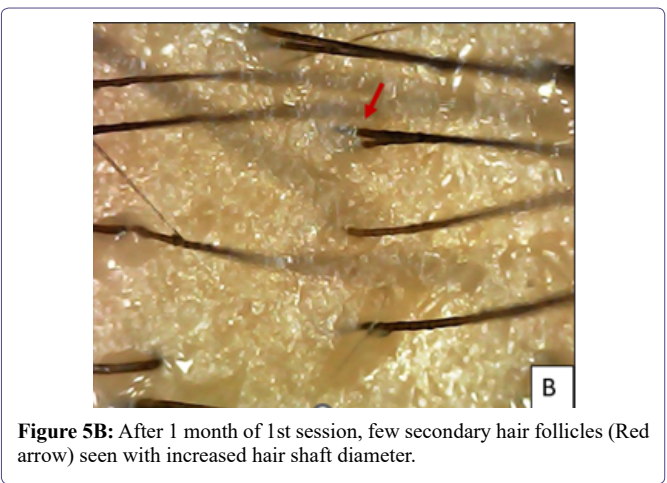
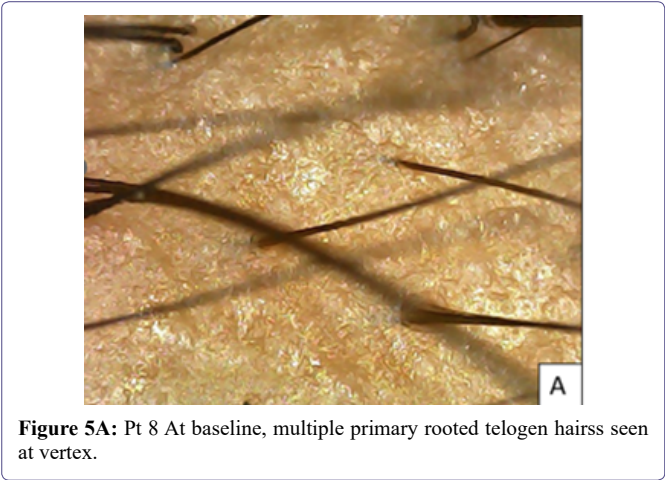
**Figure 2C:** After 2 months of 2nd session, new multirooted terminal hairs with increased density seen at vertex.



Six patients (Pt 3,4,5,6,7 and 9) underwent single session of MNRF with infusion of Advancexo for AGA. Pt. 4 was followed up at 5 weeks post treatment, showing significantly increased terminal: vellus hair ratio at bilateral frontotemporal angles (Figure 4).



Pt.8 and Pt. 10 underwent a single session of MNRF followed by EXOXE infusion, with follow up at 4 weeks and 1 week, respectively. Pt. 8 had significant secondary new hair follicles at 4 weeks at the vertex region (Figures 5A-5C), with significant terminal hair growth clinically at the parietal and vertex regions of scalp (Figure 6). While Pt. 10 at 3 days and 7 days at trichoscopy showed oedema erythema and increased hair shaft diameter at base at 2 weeks respectively (Figures 7A-7C).

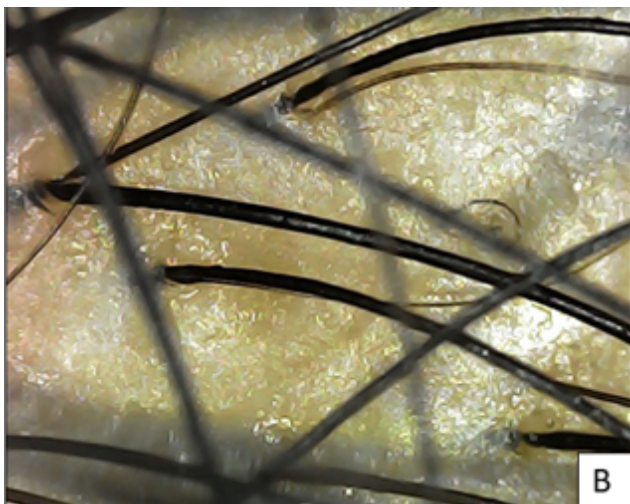


Pt. 5 after single session of MNRF with Advancexo was followed at 2<sup>nd</sup> month, with an interesting finding of abrupt conversion of telogen hair to anagen hair with 90° angulation named as ‘Tricho-angulation in Rescue Hair’ (Figure 8).

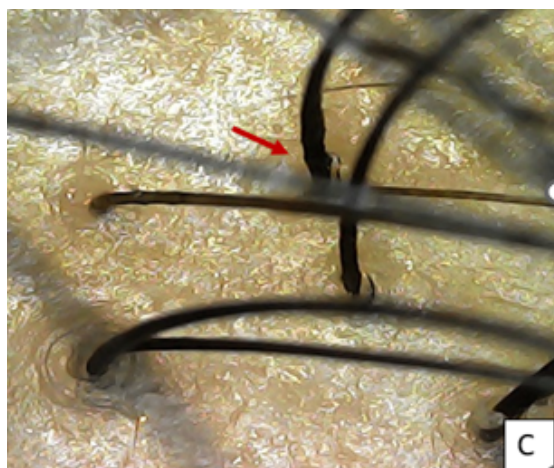
There was only one patient (Pt. 3) who reported aggravation of hair loss for 2 weeks after Advancexo. Rest of the cases reported significant reduction or stoppage of hair loss within 7 days.



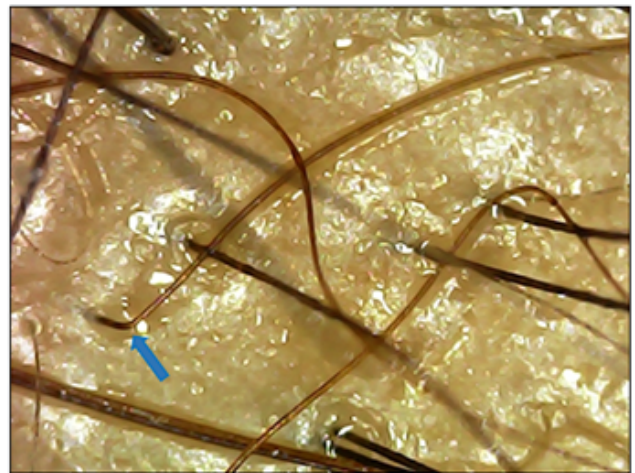
**Figure 7A:** Pt 10 A. At baseline, single rooted hair noted at frontal hair-line.



**Figure 7B:** After 3 days of 1st session, mild oedema and erythema seen.



**Figure 7C:** After 1 week of 1st session, Increased hair shaft diameter at base (red arrow) with mild erythema seen.



**Figure 8:** Pt. 5, after 2 months of single session (MNRF with Advancexo), finding of telogen hair converting to anagen with acute change in angle – ‘Trichoangulation’ - Rescue hair (blue arrow) with significant change in color of hair shaft is seen at vertex.

The treatment protocol and clinical outcomes along with trichoscopic findings for all the patients is summarised in (Tables 2 & 3).

## Discussion

The growing need for regenerative therapies in the field of androgenetic alopecia and female pattern hair loss has triggered research into cell free approaches towards hair restoration. This case series highlights the potential of exosome therapy as an emerging therapy in AGA/FPHL.

Exosomes are nano-sized extracellular vesicles, secreted particularly by mesenchymal stem cells (MSCs) and various cell types such as human umbilical vein endothelial cells, T and B cells, macrophages, dendritic cells, natural killer cells [5]. They are generated from multivesicular bodies through the endosomal pathway and mediate cell-to-cell communication via membrane fusion, endocytosis (clathrin/caveolin-mediated), phagocytosis, and pinocytosis. Exosomes carry a rich cargo of diverse materials such as nucleic acids (mRNA, miRNA, circRNA), lipids, enzymes, cytokines, and surface proteins such as CD9, CD63, and CD8. Upon internalisation, this rich cargo of bio-active molecules such as miRNA, proteins and lipids modulates stem cells, fibroblasts and endothelial cells. Owing to their size, they seep easily into the hair follicles. The regenerative effects appear to be mediated by paracrine signalling mechanisms that stimulate follicular cell proliferation, prolong the anagen phase, promote angiogenesis, and mitigate local inflammation [6].

Exosomes can be isolated and modified to deliver proteins, DNA, RNA, or drugs, and the surface receptors can be tailored to direct exosomes to the desired tissues and cells [7]. Therefore, they can deliver tailored contents to target cells, thereby influencing gene expression and cell differentiation. This targeted form of therapy allows for minimal side effects, with a simultaneous increased therapeutic concentration dose [8]. The use of exosomes spans across various domains of aesthetic dermatology, including anti-aging and anti-inflammatory therapies, wound healing, scar reduction, and hair regeneration [9].

In our case series both humanised and commercial preparations were explored in the treatment of AGA. We utilised three types of exosomes; MCT blood derived exosomes (Autologous blood

Patient Code	Past history of treatment taken			Family History of AGA/Chronic Illness	Dietary deficiency and Blood reports
	Oral	Topical	Procedural		
Pt. 1	Cyclical Micronutrients Therapy	Peptides	PRP*, GFC*	None	All WNL*
Pt. 2	Cyclical Micronutrient therapy	Peptides, Minoxidil 5% Finasteride	PRP, GFC	Yes, Paternal	Low Vitamin (Vit) D3 and Iron
Pt. 3	Micronutrient, Minoxidil 1.25mg (2 months)	Finasteride, Peptides	PRP, GFC	Yes, Both Maternal and Paternal	Low iron, Vit D3, high cholesterol
Pt. 4	Calcium	Peptides	PRP, GFC	None	Low iron and Vit D3
Pt. 5	Cyclical Micronutrient therapy	Peptides	PRP, GFC	AGA in Father, History of hair transplant (hair line and fronto-temporal angles) 3 yrs back	Low Iron, Vit D3 and ferritin
Pt. 6	Cyclical Micronutrient therapy	Peptides	PRP, GFC	History of breast cancer, treated with lumpectomy along with chemotherapy and radiotherapy for 9 months, 4 yrs back	Low hemoglobin
Pt. 7	Micronutrient, Iron, D3	Minoxidil, Peptides	PRP, GFC	Hypothyroidism	Low Vit D3, Vit B12
Pt. 8	None	None	None	Yes, Paternal	WNL
Pt. 9	None	Minoxidil	PRP	None	WNL
Pt. 10	Cyclical Micronutrient therapy	Peptides	GFC	None	WNL

**Table 2:** Detailed Past treatment history, Family history and Blood profile in tabulated form.

\*WNL: Within normal limits, \*PRP: Platelet rich plasma, \*GFC: Growth factor concentrates

Pt. Code	Treatment Given			Clinical Evaluation			Trichoscopic evaluation
	Oral	Topical	Procedural	Hairfall Aggravated	Hairfall Arrested	Hair density	
Pt. 1	Cyclical Micronutrient therapy and Plant based protein	Peptides	Intradermal injection of MCT blood derived Exosomes with dermaroller	Not applicable (NA)	NA	30% improvement and mild increase in density	Multiple terminal upright hair growth seen at 2 weeks in frontal region and abrupt change of vellus hair into terminal hair - Candle hair
Pt. 2	Cyclical Micronutrient therapy, Multivitamin, Vit D3, Plant based protein	Peptides, Minoxidil 5%, Finasteride once	2 sessions of EXOXE at 4 months interval	NA	Abrupt stop in hair fall in 1 week	40% increased density at vertex at 4months	New multirooted terminal hairs with good density seen at vertex area (4months) & frontotemporal area (6months)
Pt. 3	Minoxidil 1.25mg, Micronutrient, Iron, D3, Statin	FinasteridePeptides	1 session of MNRF with Advancexo	Aggravated for 2weeks	NA	20% improvement, increased density in vertex after 4weeks	Multirooted vellus hairs with improved density at vertex and temporal angles seen
Pt. 4	Micronutrient and Plant based protein	FinasteridePeptides	1 session of MNRF with Advancexo	NA	NA	30-35% improved density at temporal areas at 5 weeks	Increased terminal to vellus hair ratio, significant improvement in temporal thinning
Pt. 5	Micronutrient, Iron and D3, Plant based protein	FinasteridePeptides	1 session of MNRF with Advancexo	NA	1 week after 1 session	30% improvement in hair density at frontal and vertex region	At 2 months, 'Trichoangulation/Rescue hair' seen at vertex
Pt. 6	Micronutrient, Antioxidant, Plant based protein	FinasteridePeptides	1 session of MNRF with Advancexo	NA	NA	10-15% Improved hair density in sagittal area	Few multirooted vellus hairs seen with improved hair shaft diameter
Pt. 7	Micronutrient, Iron, D3, Plant based protein	Minoxidil, Peptides, Finasteride	1 session of MNRF with Advancexo	NA	NA	NA	NA
Pt. 8	Plant based protein supplement	None	Single session of Derma-pen with EXOXE	NA	NA	30% Improvement in Hair density at parietal and vertex region	Few secondary hair follicles with greater hair shaft diameter seen at 1month and effect waned off in 5 months

Pt. 9	Micronutrient, Plant based protein supplement	Finasteride,- Peptides	1 session of MNRF with Advancexo	NA	Within 7 days	NA	NA
Pt. 10	Micronutrient, Plant based protein supplement	Peptides	1 session MNRF and EXOXE	NA	NA	No specific change in hair density seen at 1 week	Increased terminal to vellus hair ratio with mild erythema at 1week

**Table 3:** Describes the treatment prescribed with respective Exosome procedure along with clinical and trichoscopic evaluation.

derived), EXOXE exosomes (Umbilical fluid derived) and Advancexo Exosomes (Umbilical cord-derived, Hair Rejuve Kit) for regenerative therapy.

MCT Blood-Derived Exosomes

MCT (MetaCell Technology) blood-derived exosomes are produced from autologous peripheral blood mononuclear cells (PB-MCs). These exosomes are generated by cultivating PBMCs under temperature controlled regenerative conditions, often in hypoxia [10] or TPBM [4]and harvesting the exosomal fraction via filtration and centrifugation.

Mechanism of Action

- **Immunomodulatory and anti-inflammatory properties:** Exosomes derived from PBMCs contain anti-inflammatory cytokines like interleukin-10 (IL-10) and transforming growth factor- beta (TGF-β) that reduce perifollicular inflammation [11].
- **Stimulation of angiogenesis:** They are rich in vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF) and angiopoietin, promoting dermal capillary growth and improving follicular nutrition and oxygenation [12].
- **Activation of Wnt/β-catenin signaling:** These exosomes transfer miRNAs (e.g., miR-100, miR-21, miR-218) to dermal papilla cells (DPCs), activating the Wnt pathway and inhibiting androgen receptor (AR)-mediated apoptosis [13].
- **Enhanced cell proliferation:** PBMC-derived exosomes upregulate Ki67 expression, promoting keratinocyte and follicular cell proliferation [14].
- Delivery is typically performed via intradermal injections to enhance dermal absorption and follicular uptake or microneedling [microneedling radiofrequency / Dermaroller/Dermapen] [10].

EXOXE Exosomes (REGENBOGEN)

EXOXE exosomes, with primary source as amniotic fluid; developed by REGENBOGEN Biotech, are derived from mesenchymal stem cells (MSCs) and manufactured under good manufacturing practice (GMP) conditions. <sup>(11)</sup> These exosomes are known for their high purity and are rich in hair growth-promoting factors.

Mechanism of Action

- **Growth factor delivery:** EXOXE exosomes are enriched in keratinocyte growth factor (KGF), VEGF, platelet-derived growth factor (PDGF), and insulin- like growth factor-1 (IGF-1), all of which are known to stimulate dermal papilla cell (DPC) activity and prolong the anagen phase [12,15].
- **Anti-apoptotic signaling:** They activate the AKT and ERK pathways in DPCs, helping to counteract dihydrotestosterone (DHT)-induced follicular miniaturization [14].

- **Immunomodulation:** The exosomes suppress inflammatory mediators like tumour necrosis factor-alpha (TNF-α) and IL-6, improving scalp homeostasis [16].
- **Extracellular matrix remodeling:** Matrix metalloproteinases (MMPs) and tissue inhibitors (TIMPs) in the exosomes enhance follicular anchoring and scalp structure.

The delivery method involves microneedling, nano-infusion, or dermal stamping, typically in sessions spaced 2–4 weeks apart [17].

Advancexo Exosomes (Hair Rejuve Kit)

Advancexo, part of the Hair Rejuve Kit, uses exosomes derived from adipose or umbilical cord-derived MSCs. It combines exosomal therapy with peptides, growth factors, and supportive agents.

Mechanism of Action

- **Hair follicle cycling:** Exosomes promote the transition from telogen to anagen by upregulating key regenerative signals [14,18]
- **Androgen modulation:** Certain miRNAs in Advancexo exosomes reduce androgen receptor expression and inhibit 5α-reductase, lowering local DHT activity.
- **Nutrient enrichment:** They contain matrix proteins, adenosine triphosphate (ATP) precursors, and amino acids that enhance keratinocyte and DPC activity [16].
- **Scalp repair:** By reducing inflammation and supporting ECM remodelling, Advancexo restores a healthy follicular microenvironment [10].

These are delivered through microneedling-assisted transdermal infusion, with standard protocols involving 6–8 sessions, sometimes followed by booster applications [10].

The comparative summary for these therapies is listed in (Table 4).

Numerous pre-clinical and clinical studies have demonstrated the potential of exosome-based therapy in regeneration of hair. Most of the pre-clinical and clinical studies have explored mesenchymal stem cells, dermal papilla cells and adipose derived stem cells (ADSC’s) as the source of exosomes. Li et al. demonstrated increased dermal papilla cell proliferation and migration, reduced apoptosis and activation of Wnt/β-catenin pathway in vitro and in murine models using DPC derived exosomes [20]. Similarly, Kwack et al. reported upregulation of growth factors such as IGF-1, KGF, and hepatocyte growth factor (HGF) by three-dimensional cultured DPCs and human hair follicles, which promoted both anagen induction and prolongation in mice [21]. In addition, the enhancement of VEGF and PDGF expression, suppression of TGF-β, and acceleration of the telogen-to-anagen transition has been demonstrated in various murine studies [22-24]. In an interesting study by Zhou et al. [23] DPC derived exosomes were injected into the hair follicles at different stages of the hair follicle and

Parameter	MCT Blood-Derived Exosomes [4,19]	EXOXE (REGEN-BOGEN) [15]	Advancexo (Hair Rejuve Kit) [10]
Source	Autologous PBMCs	Allogenic amniotic fluid MSCs	Allogenic Adipose/Umbilical MSCs
Key Action	Immunomodulation, angiogenesis	Follicle stimulation, anti-apoptotic	DHT modulation, follicle cycling
Wnt/ $\beta$ -catenin Activation	Moderate	Strong	Moderate to strong
Delivery Method	Microneedling, injections	Microneedling, nano-infusion	Microneedling + topical application
Inflammation Control	Strong	Moderate to strong	Strong
Ideal for AGA Stage	Early to moderate	Moderate-to-severe	All stages

**Table 4:** Comparative parameters for the three types of Exosomes used in study.

evaluated by histological and IHC analysis. They noted accelerated onset of anagen, delayed catagen and upregulation of beta catenin and sonic hedgehog levels in mice. In vitro, DPC-Exo treatment enhanced proliferation and migration of outer root sheath cells, stimulated the expression of  $\beta$ -catenin and sonic hedgehog levels. Apart from these sources, bovine derived colostrum has been show to promote dorsal hair regrowth in mice at levels comparable to minoxidil, without associated adverse effects [25]. In another study, hyaluronic acid–preconditioned MSCs significantly improved DPC function and promoted hair regrowth, suggesting that preconditioning stem cells can significantly enhance the clinical outcome [26].

Although there is a paucity of clinical studies on exosomes in hair growth, the existing literature supports the findings of the pre-clinical studies. In a study by Gupta et al, statistically significant increase in hair thickness and density in 39 patients of androgenetic alopecia (AGA) using ADSC-derived exosomes [27]. An open-label study conducted in 2023 on 16 AGA patients combined microneedling with ADSC-exosomes, resulting in an average increase of approximately 35 hairs per cm<sup>2</sup> at 12 months. Similar results were noted in a retrospective analysis in South Korea, where hair density and thickness were notably enhanced among 39 patients with alopecia after 12 weeks of ADSC-Exos treatment, without adverse effects [28]. Interestingly, Sasaki et al. investigated intradermal injection of human bone marrow MSC-derived extracellular vesicles (EVs) in 31 early AGA patients (22 females, 9 males), and observed frequent positive responses, particularly in older females, younger males, and patients at earlier stages of hair loss, with no significant adverse effects [29].

The method of delivering exosomes to the scalp is critical for ensuring their effective penetration and interaction with hair follicle cells. Currently, for autologous exosomes, intradermal injection, similar to the technique used in platelet rich plasmas (PRP) is the most commonly employed technique, where exosomes suspended in fluid are injected directly into the scalp, providing localized delivery near the follicular unit. Clinical and preclinical studies evaluating exosomes for androgenetic alopecia have reported concentrations ranging from  $2 \times 10^9$  to  $1 \times 10^{10}$  particles/mL, as determined by nanoparticle tracking analysis (NTA), with a total injection volume of approximately 3 mL per treatment session [30-32]. However, this method can be painful, operator-dependent, and may result in uneven distribution. Microneedling combined with topical application is another widely

used approach, where the microchannels created by the process of microneedling facilitates exosome penetration while also stimulating follicular regeneration through mechanical injury. Authors have utilized Impact ultrasonic infusion through Alma Hybrid laser after creating microchannel through micro needling radiofrequency. An emerging, innovative method involves dissolvable microneedle patches, which embed exosomes in biodegradable microneedles that painlessly penetrate and dissolve in the skin, ensuring uniform delivery and improved patient comfort; although this remains largely experimental [33-35]. Although topical application is the least invasive method, poor penetration through intact skin limits its efficacy unless combined with adjunctive techniques. In a review of various exosome delivery methods across multiple indications, including hair loss, four studies specifically utilized microneedle-based delivery systems for exosomes in hair growth [36]. These studies demonstrated improved targeted and uniform deposition, as well as longer retention of exosomes within the dermal layer and around hair follicles, compared to intradermal injections.

In our case series, the intradermal injections of humanized (commercial) and autologous (blood-derived) exosomes were well tolerated and associated with visible improvements in hair density, scalp coverage, and patient satisfaction over the observation period.

The growing body of evidence for role of exosome therapy in hair loss is compelling. Our observations align with preclinical and clinical studies which demonstrate arrest of active hair fall, conversion of telogen hair into anagen (trichoangulation in rescue hair), conversion of vellus hair into terminal hair (candle hair), the acceleration of onset of anagen, prolongation of duration of anagen, enhancement of hair follicle diameter and density. The comparative use of both humanized and autologous exosomes in our series demonstrates safety in both the sources, with minimal transient side effects, suggesting that exosome therapy is an innovative adjunct or alternative to existing hair loss treatments.

Limitations

Limitation of this series include the small sample size, lack of a control group, and assessment measures. Nonetheless, our case series contributes to the emerging literature supporting use of exosome therapy in hair loss. Large-scale, randomised control trials studies need to be conducted to standardise the production of exosomes, optimise the protocols, and investigate the potential of combining exosomes with modalities such as microneedling or energy-based devices. As the process of hair loss is chronic & progressive, the longevity of exosome induced improvement and maintenance schedule remain interesting areas of future research.

Conclusion

Exosome therapy represents a novel and promising approach in the treatment of androgenetic alopecia. Only a few small-scale clinical studies or case series exist, and standardized protocols are lacking. Our case series is among the few reported real-world experience with both humanized and autologous exosomes.

While the humanized exosomes are standardized, convenient for use, the autologous exosomes are safer in terms of lack of immunogenicity.

Each formulation—MCT, EXOXE, and Advancexo—offers a unique combination of regenerative properties. The selection of exosome type may be guided by AGA stage, inflammation severity, DHT sensitivity, and patient-specific response. As research evolves, standardized protocols and head-to-head clinical trials will further validate and refine the role of exosomes in hair regeneration.

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