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## Detection and analyses of structural changes of various stratum corneum

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EPR (Electron Paramagnetic Resonance) spin-probe method along with spectral simulation was used to investigate structural changes of various stratum corneum (SC). The SC was stripped consecutively from one to three or four times using a glass plate coated with a cyanoacrylate resin. Aliphatic spin probes, 5-doxylstearic acid (5-DSA) and 3 $\beta$ -doxyl-5 $\alpha$ -cholestane (CHL), were used to evaluate the SC ordering. EPR spectrum of 5-DSA incorporated in the SC demonstrated a characteristic peak for the first strip. A slow-tumbling simulation for 5-DSA showed clear differences in EPR intensities as well as ordering values ( $S_0$ ) of the SC for control and terpenes treated SC. In addition, a little, broad three-line pattern of 5-DSA in psoriasis vulgaris stratum corneum (pv-SC) was observed. The spectral pattern of pv-SC is quite different from those of control SC reported. The  $S_0$ -values obtained for the pv-SC and the control were approximately 0.20 and 0.49, respectively. The statistical analysis suggests that the 0.20 value of pv-SC is significantly smaller than the 0.49 value of the control ( $p < 0.01$ ). The results suggest that the pv-SC is less rigid of the structure than that of the control SC, indicating irregular architecture of pv-SC. Therefore, the present EPR results can be useful for analyses of various SC.

### Biography

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