Supplementary Table 3: Study parameters and suggested mechanism (s) of the included topical administration of herb and their active constituents' studies

| Herb Name | Sample Type | Experimental Outcomes | Proposed mechanism | References |
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| Isodon inflexus (Thunb.) Kudo | Ethanolic extract (Dried whole plant) | ↓dermatitis severity ↓scratching, ↓histamine ↓ear swelling, ↓epidermal thickness, ↓serotonin ↓serum IgE, ↓CORT ↓IFN-γ, ↓NF-κB, ↓TNF-α ↓macrophage activation i.e., CD68 & Iba1 ↓mast cell count | Attenuation of increase stress levels and depression-related hormones via glucocorticoid-related mechanisms | (112) |
| Gardenia jasminoides J. Ellis | Ethanolic extract (Dried whole plant) | ↓scratching, ↓dermatitis severity ↓ear thickness, ↑epidermal thickness ↓mast cell count ↓IL-4, ↓IL-5, ↓IL-13, ↓TNF-α ↑skin barrier proteins (involucrin & loricrin) | Restoration of skin barrier function and suppression of Th2 cytokines Analysis on signaling pathway was not performed | (111) |
| Morus alba L. | Ethanolic extract (Dried whole plant) | ↓AD-like symptoms, ↓dermatitis severity ↓cellular infiltration, ↓epidermal hyperplasia ↓plasma IgE, ↓plasma histamine | Suppression of TARC production via inhibition of NO and PGE ₂ (<i>in vitro</i>) Analysis on signaling pathway was not performed | (85) |
| Artemisia capillaris Thunb. | Ethanolic extract (Dried whole plant) | ↓AD-like symptoms ↓dermatitis severity ↓mast cell count ↓plasma IgE, ↓plasma histamine | Reduction of histamine by inhibiting IgE- mediated mast cell degranulation Analysis on signaling pathway was not performed | (31) |
| Saxifraga stolonifera (L) Meeb (Saxifragaceae) | Ethanolic extract (Dried whole plant) | ↓ear thickness, ↓epidermal thickness ↓auricle swelling | Suppression of Th2 cytokines and promotion of Th1 cytokines | (143) |

| | | ↓eosinophils, ↓mast cell count, ↓IL-4, ↓IL-6 ↓immune organ weight (thymus & spleen) ↑TNF-α & ↑IL-2 No significant changes of IFN-γ | Analysis on signaling pathway was not performed | |
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| Spirodela polyrhiza (L.) Schleid. | Ethanolic extract (Leaves) | ↓mast cell count ↓serum IgE, ↓IL-4, ↓IL-6, ↓TNF-α ↑epidermal and dermal hyperplasia ↓NF-κB, ↓IκBα, ↓MAP kinase | Suppression of pro- inflammatory mediators via inhibition of MAPK and NF-kB signalling pathways | (77) |
| Alpinia Intermedia Gagnep | Ethanolic extract (Leaves) | ↓AD-like symptoms ↓dermatitis severity ↓TEWL, ↓scratching ↓mast cell degranulation | Abrogation of itch sensation and inhibition of mast cell degranulation | (2) |
| Pyrus ussuriensis Maxim. | Ethanolic extract (Leaves) | ↓TEWL, ↑skin hydration ↓erythema, ↓scratching, ↓hypertrophy ↓AD-like symptoms, ↓dermatitis severity ↓serum IgE, ↓cellular infiltration | Suppression of pro- inflammatory cytokines Analysis on signalling pathway was not performed | (17) |
| Pyrus ussuriensis Maxim. | Ethanolic Extract (Leaves) | ↓TEWL, ↓AD-like symptoms, ↓scratching, ↓dermatitis severity, ↓epidermal thickness ↓serum IgE, ↓IL-1β ↓mast cell count, ↓cellular infiltration ↑skin barrier proteins (filaggrin & involucrin) | Restoration of skin barrier function & improvement in skin hydration Analysis on signalling pathway was not performed | (16) |
| Urtica thunbergiana Siebold & Zucc. | Ethanolic extract (Leaves) | ↓AD-like symptoms, ↓TEWL ↓spleen weight, ↓scratching, ↓epidermal thickness ↑skin hydration, ↓erythema index, ↑filaggrin ↓mast cell count, ↓serum IgE ↓MAPKs phosphorylation (p38, ERK), ↑IκBα ↓NFATc1 phosphorylation | Suppression of MAPK/NF-κB signalling pathways | (100) |

| Broussonetia kazinoki Siebold | Ethanolic extract (Leaves) | ↓AD-like symptoms, ↓dermatitis score ↓dermal thickness, ↓epidermal thickness ↓mast cell count ↓serum IgE, ↓IL-4 | Inhibition of Th2 response via suppression of TARC and MDC binding to CCR4 Analysis on signaling pathway was not performed | (76) |
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| Wikstroemia indica (L.) C.A. Mey. | Ethanolic extract (Stem & Leaves) | ↓AD-like symptoms, ↓epidermal thickness ↑skin hydration, ↓TEWL ↓mast cell count ↓serum IgE, ↓IL-4 | Inhibition of IL-4 over expression Analysis on signaling pathway was not performed | (83) |
| Angelica sinensis (Oliv.) Diels | Ethanolic extract (Roots) | ↓epidermal &dermal thickness, ↓mast cell count, ↓scratching ↓serum IgE, ↓substance P ↓IL-4, ↓ IL-6, ↓TNF-α, ↓ IFN-γ ↓NF-κB, ↓p- IκBα ↓MAPKs phosphorylation (p38, ERK & JNK) | Suppression of Th1 & Th2 cytokines and down-regulation of substance P | (78) |
| Inula helenium L. | Ethanolic extract (Roots) | ↓dermatitis score, ↓right ear swelling ↓epidermal thickness, ↓dermal thickness ↓cellular infiltration ↓serum IgE, ↓TNF-α, ↓IFN-γ ↓IL-4, ↓IL-5, ↓IL-13 | Down-regulation of Th1/Th2 -associated cytokines Analysis on signaling pathway was not performed | (134) |
| Tribulus terrestris L. | Ethanolic extract (Fruits) | ↓AD-like symptoms, ↓TEWL ↓dermatitis severity ↓eosinophil & ↓mast cell count ↓Orai-1 channel | Modulation of calcium ion channel and suppression of mast cell count | (57) |
| Juniperus rigida Siebold & Zucc. | Ethanolic extract (Fruits) | ↓TEWL, ↓AD-like symptoms ↓lymphocyte infiltration, ↑ skin hydration ↓ear thickness, ↓epidermal thickness ↓serum IgE & IL-4 | Restoration of skin barrier function and suppression of serum IgE and IL-4 production Analysis on signaling pathway was not performed | (82) |

| Pterocarpus santalinus L.f. | Ethanolic extract (Bark) | ↓epidermal thickness, ↓TEWL ↓skin hypertrophy, ↓eosinophil ↓mast cell count, ↓serum IgE, ↑serum IgG2a ↓TNF-α, ↓IL-4, ↓PGE ₂ | Regulation of serum levels of IgE and IgG2a, along with suppression of Th1 and Th2 cytokines Analysis on signaling pathway was not performed | (33) |
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| Coptis chinensis Franch. | Ethanolic extract (Rhizomes) | ↓scratching, ↓spleen weight ↓AD-like symptoms, ↓dermatitis severity ↓skin thickness, ↓serum IgE, ↓IL-4 | Inhibition of apoptosis of keratinocytes by reducing key protein expressions (<i>in vitro</i>) Analysis on signalling pathway was not performed | (137) |
| <i>Dioscorea</i> quinqueloba Thunb. | Ethanolic extract (Rhizomes) | ↓ear swelling, ↓lymphocyte infiltration ↓ear thickness, ↓epidermal thickness ↓serum IgE, ↓IL-4, ↓TEWL ↓skin surface pH, ↓epidermal hyperplasia | Suppression of serum IgE & Th2 cytokine Analysis on signalling pathway was not performed | (48) |
| Forsythia Suspensa (Thunb.) Vahl | Ethanolic extract (Fruits) | ↓AD-like symptoms ↓dermatitis severity ↓ear thickness, ↓epidermal thickness, ↓serum IgE ↓mast cell count ↓mRNA IL-4, IFN-γ | Suppression of Th2 response, down- regulation of IgE- mediated mast cell activation Analysis on signalling pathway was not performed | (124) |
| Gardenia jasminoides J. Ellis | Ethanolic extract (Fruits) | ↓dermatitis severity, ↓ear thickness ↓epidermal thickness, ↓histamine, ↓total IgE ↓mast cell count ↓serum IL-4, ↓IL-6, ↓TNF- α ↓ICAM-1, ↓VCAM-1 | Suppression in the production of proinflammatory cytokines & expression of adhesion molecules Analysis on signalling pathway was not performed | (125) |

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| Persicaria tinctoria (Aiton) Spach | Distilled water extract (Dried whole plant) | ↓AD-like symptoms, ↓epidermal thickness ↓scratching ↓cellular infiltration ↓TSLP, ↓histamine ↓serum IgE, ↓IL-4, ↓IL-6 | Blockade of caspase- 1/receptor-interacting protein 2 pathway in stimulated mast cells | (38) |
| Vincetoxicum atratum (Bunge) C. Morren & Decne. | Distilled water extract (Roots) | ↓scratching ↓epidermal & dermal thickness, ↓serum IgE, ↓skin mast cell ↓IL-4, ↓ IL-6, ↓TNF-α, ↓IL-1β ↓NF-κB, ↓ IκBα, ↓MAPK | Suppression of pro- inflammatory mediators and Th2 response via inhibition MAPK and NF-κB signaling pathways | (23) |
| Pseudostellaria heterophylla (Miq.) Pax | Distilled water extract (Roots) | ↓dermal thickness, ↓epidermal thickness ↓mast cell count, ↓serum IgE, ↓CD4 ⁺ T-cell recruitment ↓IL-4, ↓IL-6, ↓IL-8 ↓IL-1β, ↓TNF-α, ↓IFN-γ ↓p- IκBα, ↓p-JNK, ↓p-ERK1/2, ↓p-p38 | Suppression of MAPK/NF-kB signaling pathways | (21) |
| Rosa multiflora Thunb. | Acetone extract (Roots) | ↓AD-like symptoms ↓dermatitis severity ↓iNOS, ↓COX-2, ↓eosinophil ratio ↓serum IgE, ↑IL-10 ↓IL-4, ↓IL-5, ↓IL-13 | Suppression of Th2 response via activation of Treg Analysis on signaling pathway was not performed | (110) |
| C2RLP • Rosa multiflora Thunb. • Lespedeza bicolor Turez. • Platycladus orientalis (L.) Franco | Mixture (Ethanolic extracts) | ↓dermatitis severity, ↓cellular infiltration ↓epidermal hyperplasia ↓IL-4, ↓nitrite (NO), ↓PGE2, ↓TARC | Suppression of Th2 cytokines and pro- inflammatory mediators | (92) |

| • Castanea | | | | |
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| Castanea crenata Siebold & Zucc. Cornus officinalis Siebold & | | | | |
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| Dangguibohyul- Tang • Astragalus mongholicus Bunge • Angelica sinensis (Oliv.) Diels | Mixture (Ethanolic extracts) | ↓AD-like symptoms, ↓scratching ↓dermal thickness, ↓epidermal thickness ↓mast cell count, ↓serum IgE ↓IL-4, ↓IL-6, ↓IL-1β, ↓TNF-α, ↓IFN-γ ↓NF-κB, ↓p- IκBα ↓MAPKs phosphorylation (p38, ERK & JNK) | Suppression of both Th1 & Th2 cytokine production via the inhibition of MAPK and NF-kB signalling pathways | (22) |
| Danggui Buxue Tang | | ↓AD-like symptoms, ↓ear swelling | Suppression of Th1 &Th2 cytokines | |
| Astragalus mongholicus Bunge | Mixture (Ethanolic extracts) | ↓epidermal thickness, ↓eosinophil infiltration ↓mast cell count, ↓serum IgE, | Analysis on signalling pathway was not | (28) |
| Angelica sinensis (Oliv.) Diels | | ↓IgG1 ↓IL-4, ↓TNF-α | performed | |
| KAJD Phellodendro n amurense Rupr. Sesamum indicum L. Sophora flavescens Aiton Glycyrrhiza glabra L. Ophiopogon japonicus (Thunb.) Ker Gawl. Radix rehmanniae Exsiccat | Mixture (Water extracts) | ↓AD-like symptoms, ↓CD4 ⁺ T-cell recruitment ↓mast cell count, ↓eosinophil count ↓serum IgE ↓IL-6, ↓IL-10, ↓IL-12 | Suppression of Th2 response by controlling transcriptional expression of cytokines Analysis on signalling pathway was not performed | (42) |

| Pentaherbs | | | | |
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| Lonicera japonica Thunb. Mentha canadensis L. Paeonia × suffruticosa Andrews Atractylodes lancea (Thunb.) DC. Phellodendro n amurense Rupr. | Mixture (Water extracts) | ↓ear redness, ↓ear swelling (only ORAL) ↓epidermal thickness, ↓eosinophil infiltration ↓mast cell count ↓serum IL-5, ↓IL-12 | Inhibition of pro- inflammatory cytokine production, IL-12 & eosinophil activator, IL-5 Analysis on signalling pathway was not performed | (131) |
| Huang-Lian-Jie-Du- Tang (HLJDT) | Mixture (Water extracts) | ↓AD-like symptoms, ↓cellular infiltration ↓ear swelling, ↓hyperkeratosis ↓IL-2, ↓IL-4, ↓IL-5, ↓IL-6 ↓IL-1α, ↓IL-1β, ↓NF-κB ↓IκB-α, ↓IFN-γ, ↓TNF-α ↓CD4+/CD8+ T-lymphocyte ratio ↓MAPKs phosphorylation (p38, ERK & JNK) | Suppression of pro- inflammatory mediators via inhibition of MAPKs, IκB-α & NF-κB signalling pathways | (27) |
| Si-Ni-San • Bupleurum chinense DC. • Paeonia lactiflora Pall. • Glycyrrhiza uralensis Fisch. ex DC. • Citrus aurantium L. | Mixture (Water extracts) | ↓AD-like symptoms, ↓cellular infiltration ↓IL-2, ↓IL-4, ↓IL-6 ↓IL-1α, ↓IL-1β, ↓TNF-α ↓CD4+/CD8+ T-lymphocyte ratio, ↓epidermal hyperplasia, ↓IκB-α, ↓NF-κB ↓MAPKs phosphorylation (p38, ERK & JNK) | Suppression of MAPKs signalling pathway activation | (26) |
| Atofreellage | | ↓dermal thickness, ↓epidermal thickness | Regulation of IgE and histamine production | (67) |

| | Rhus javanica Linne Kochi scoparia Schrader Cnidium monnieri (L.) Cusson Houttuynia cordata Thunb. Nepeta tenuifolia Benth. Sophora flavescens Aiton Rheum palmatum L. Lithospermu m erythrorhizon Siebold & Zucc. Terminalia chebula Retz. Trichosanthe s kirilowii Maxim. | Mixture (Distilled water extracts) | ↓mast cell count, ↓leukocyte count ↓serum IgE, ↓serum histamine ↓IL-4, ↓IL-5, ↓IL-13 ↓IL-6, ↓IL-1β, ↓TNF-α, ↓NF-κB ↓MAPKs phosphorylation (p38, ERK & JNK) | by inhibition of Th2 response via MAPK and NF-kB signalling pathways | |
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| • | Aucklandia costus Falc. Platycladus orientalis (L.) Franco | Mixture (1,3-butylene glycol extracts) | ↓AD-like symptoms ↓dermis thickness ↓epidermal thickness ↓eosinophil, ↓mast cell count ↓serum IgE, ↓IL-4, ↓IL-13 ↓ mRNA TNF- α & ↓IFN- γ | SC: Suppression of IFN- γ & TNF- α activation by inhibiting STAT1 phosphorylation TOL: Suppression of pro-inflammatory cytokines mainly TNF- α and IL-1β Detailed analysis on signalling pathway was not performed | (141) |

| Mixture (N/A) | ↓skin thickness, ↓WBCs ↓mast cell count ↓serum IgE, ↓IL-6, ↓IL-10, ↓IL-12, ↓IL-2, ↓IL-4, ↓IL-13, ↓TNF-α | Down-regulation of serum IgE levels and suppression of Th1 & Th2 cytokines Analysis on signalling pathway was not performed | (70) |
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| 5,6- dihydroergoste ol-glucoside (isolated compound) | ↓lymph node weight, ↓spleen weight ↓AD-like symptoms, ↓epidermal thickness ↓eosinophil, ↓mast cell count ↓CCL17, ↓CCL22 ↓histamine, ↓total IgE | Suppression in the production of Th2 chemokines Analysis on signalling pathway was not performed | (55) |
| Ophiopogonin D (isolated compound | ↓epidermal thickness, ↓spleen weight ↓IL-4, ↓IL-5, ↓IL-13, ↓eotaxin ↓TNF-α, ↓IFN-γ, ↓IL-1β mRNA ↓mast cell count | Suppression of mast cell activation and inhibition of mRNA gene expression of Th2-type cytokines Analysis on signalling pathway was not performed | (4) |
| Peiminine (isolated compound) | ↓epidermal thickness, ↓dermal thickness ↓eosinophil, ↓mast cell count ↓serum IgE, ↓IL-4, ↓IL-6, ↓IL-13 ↓NF-κB, ↓TNF-α ↓MAPKs phosphorylation (p38, ERK & JNK) | Suppression of pro- inflammatory mediators via inhibition of NF-κB & MAPK signalling pathways | (88) |
| 3,5-dicaffeoyl- epi-quinic acid (isolated compound) | ↓AD-like symptoms, ↓scratching ↓epidermal thickness ↓mast cell count, ↓eosinophil infiltration ↓serum histamine, ↓serum IgE ↓TNF- α, ↓caspase-1 activation | Regulation of caspase- 1 signalling pathways | (115) |
| Spilanthol (isolated compound) | ↓ear thickness, ↓collagen deposition ↓mast cell count, ↓eosinophils ↓serum IgE, ↓IgG1, ↑IgG2a ↓MAPK proteins, ↓COX-2, ↓iNOS | Restoration of Th1/Th2 balance, inhibition of MAPK pathway and mast cell infiltration | (46) |
| | 5,6- dihydroergoste ol-glucoside (isolated compound) Ophiopogonin D (isolated compound Peiminine (isolated compound) 3,5-dicaffeoyl- epi-quinic acid (isolated compound) Spilanthol (isolated | $\begin{array}{c} \text{Mixture} \\ (N/A) \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\$ | $\begin{array}{c} \text{Mixture} \\ \text{(N/A)} \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\$ |

| Soy isoflavone daidzin | 7,8,4'- Trihydroxyisofl avone (isolated compound) | ↓AD-like symptoms, ↓dermatitis severity, ↓TEWL ↓ear thickness, ↓epidermal hypertrophy, ↓scratching ↓serum IgE, ↓eosinophil, ↓mast cell count, ↓TARC ↓IL-4, ↓IL-5, ↓IL-13 ↓IL-12, ↓IFN-γ | Suppression of Th1 & Th2 cytokines Analysis on signalling pathway was not performed | (63) |
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| Gardenia jasminoides J. Ellis | Crocin (isolated compound) | ↓dermatitis severity, ↓eosinophil ↓mast cell count ↓ear thickness, ↓epidermal thickness, ↓serum IgE ↓IL-4, ↓IL-5, ↓IL-13 ↓TARC, ↓p-STAT6, ↓IκBα | Suppression of Th2 response via inhibition of NF-κB/STAT6 signalling pathways | (123) |
| Stellera chamaejasme L. | Stechamone (isolated compound) | ↓stratum corneum thickness ↓dermal thickness, ↓lymphocyte infiltration ↓mast cell count ↓mast cell densities, ↓TEWL ↓serum IgE, ↓IL-4 | Inhibition of IL-4 expression, regulation of IgE synthesis and suppression of mast cell degranulation Analysis on signalling pathway was not performed | (52) |
| Alpinia officinarum Hance | Galangin (isolated compound) | ↓dermal thickness, ↓epidermal thickness ↓eosinophil, ↓mast cell count ↓total IgE, ↓DfE-specific IgE, ↓IgG2a ↓IL-4, ↓IL-5, ↓IL-13 ↓IL-31, ↓IL-32, ↓IFN-γ | Suppression of Th1 & Th2 cytokines, with IL-32 as its target Analysis on signalling pathway was not performed | (19) |
| Artemisia species (Species was not mentioned) | Eupatilin (isolated compound) | ↓AD-like symptoms, ↓ear thickness, ↓skin barrier protein expression (filaggrin & loricrin) ↓serum IgE, ↓IL-4, ↑PPAR-α ↓ mRNA TNF- α, ↓IFN- γ, TSLP ↓mRNA IL-25, ↓IL-33, ↓IL-1β | Suppression of Th2 cytokines & IL-33 mRNA expression Suppression of TARC inflammation via the inhibition of TSLP cytokine expression | (56) |

| | | | Analysis on signalling pathway was not performed | |
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| Origin of the herb was not mentioned | Quercetin (compound) | ↓epidermal thickness, ↓hyperplasia ↓IL-4, ↓IL-6, ↓CCL17, ↓CCL22 ↓IFN-γ, ↓TNF-α ↓mast cell count | Suppression of Th1 & Th2 cytokines via TLR2 and TLR6 signalling pathway | (45) |
| Nigella sativa L. | Thymoquinone (isolated oil) | ↓ear clinical score (dermatitis severity) ↓ear thickness & weight ↓total leukocyte count ↓serum IgE ↓mRNA IL-4, IL-5 & IFN-γ | Suppression of both Th1 & Th2 cytokines Analysis on signalling pathway was not performed | (5) |
| Labiatae or mint family | (R)- (+)- Pulegone (isolated oil) | ↓AD-like symptoms, ↓scratching ↓dermal thickness, ↓epidermal thickness ↓mast cell count, ↓total IgE, ↓nerve growth factor ↓IL-4, ↓IL-6, ↓IL-1β, ↓TNF-α, ↓IFN-γ ↓MAPKs phosphorylation (p38, ERK & JNK) ↓p- IκBα/ IκBα ratio | Suppression MAPK/NF-κB signalling pathways and cytokine production | (24) |

N/A: Part of the plant or type of extract was not mentioned