Multiple familial trichoepithelioma with basal cell carcinoma
Sir,

The historic city of Istanbul hosted this important meeting on vitiligo and other pigmentary disorders, sponsored by the Vitiligo Research Foundation, the World Health Academy, and Florence Nightingale Hospital. Congress President Prof. Sibel Alper [Figure 1] led an enthusiastic group of physicians and scientists [Figure 2].

This event opened with addresses by T.C. Bilim University Rector Professor Çavlan Çiftçi and Congress President Prof. Sibel Alper. They presented a special award to Torello M. Lotti and Robert A. Schwartz. Professors participating included Torello Lotti (Italy), Davinder Parsad (India), Miroslava Kadurina (Bulgaria), Yan Valle (Canada), Murat Borlu (Turkey), Meltem Önder (Turkey), Igor Korobko (Russia), Brian W. Lee (USA), Paulo Cunha (Brazil), Robert A. Schwartz (USA), and Emel Erdal Çalışoğlu (Turkey).

Torello M. Lotti emphasized vitiligo as a systemic disease. Davinder Parsad highlighted herbal treatments [Figures 3 and 4]. Igor Korobko explained why some vitiligo patients fail to repigment. Yan Valle lamented the extraordinary expense of drug development and described his innovative vitiligo cloud bank.

Murat Borlu elucidated concepts of melasma and other hypermelanoses, with Emel Erdal Çalışoğlu detailing melasma pathophysiology and Paulo Cunha assessing melasma therapy. Brian W. Lee delineated targets for vitiligo phototherapy [Figure 5]. Meltem Önder covered
the use of an excimer laser. Robert A. Schwartz stressed anti-oxidant therapy for vitiligo, applauding the work of Davinder Parsad on gingko and Jim Harris on statins, the latter proudly funded in part by the VR Foundation. Congress President Prof. Sibel Alper received accolades from attendees and speakers alike, most of whom took a little time to enjoy the sites and sounds of Istanbul [Figure 6].