

Table 1 Main therapeutic categories prescribed for the 802 outpatients attending dermatological clinics

Category of drug	No. of prescriptions				Main therapeutic agent (%)
	Oral	Topical	Injection	Total	
Emollient & antipruritic	0	29	0	29	Dexpanthinol (29%)
Antifungal	195	607	0	802	Clotrimazole (14%), miconazole (13.4%),
Antibacterial, antiviral & disinfectant	302	43	0	345	Minocycline (27.8%), erythromycine (18.9%).
Scabicide & pediculocide	0	41	0	41	Carbaryl (41%), lindane (39%)
Herpes	0	3	0	3	Acyclovir (100%)
Psoriasis, seborrhoea	0	16	0	16	Selenium sulfide (76%)
Acne	48	141	0	189	Retinoid (39%)
Wart remover	0	25	0	25	(Salicylic acid + 5- fluorouracil) (28%)
Topical corticosteroid (alone or in combination)	34	616	0	650	Betamethasone 17-valerate (22%)
Topical anaesthetic	0	2	0	2	Lignocaine (100%)
Alopecia	0	7	0	7	Minoxidil (100%)
Antihistamine	208	69	2	279	Hydroxyzine (71%)
Vitamin	57	0	0	57	B-complex (90%)
Miscellaneous	0	13	0	13	
Total	844	1612	2	2458	