DESCRIPTION

MINOXIDIL-CONTAINING COMPOSITION FOR EXTERNAL USE

TECHNICAL FIELD

The present invention relates to a minoxidil-containing composition for external use which, when applied onto skin, has a reduced skin irritation.

BACKGROUND ART

Minoxidil (2,4-diamino-6-piperidino-pyrimidine-3-oxide), a therapeutic agent of hypertension, was found to cause hypertrichosis as a side-effect, thereby it has recently been used as an effective component in the compositions for external use for the purpose of therapy of genital baldness or seborrheic baldness. However, it is reported that minoxidil-containing compositions for external use, when used, rarely have side-effects such as skin irritation (Contact Dermatitis 1987:17:44). Generally, glycols (e.g., glycerol) and anti-inflammatory agents (e.g., glycyrrhetic acid) are used for healing the drug-caused skin irritation, but they have an insufficient inhibition effect on the skin irritation when used together with minoxidil.

DISCLOSURE OF THE INVENTION

As a result of extensive researches in order to overcome the above problem, the present inventors

have found that the skin irritation as a side-effect of the minoxidil-containing composition for external use is surprisingly reduced by combining the minoxidil-containing composition for external use with an antihistaminic agent which has been used as a medicine to relieve itching, thereby the present invention has been accomplished. That is, the present invention is directed to a composition for external use comprising minoxidil and an antihistaminic agent.

Preferably, the composition for external use according to the present invention contains minoxidil in an amount of from 0.1 to 5 % by weight, and an antihistaminic agent in an amount of from 0.01 to 5 % by weight. When the amount of minoxidil is less than 0.1 % by weight, the therapeutic effect may not be expected, and when it exceeds 5 % by weight, there may be a risk that a lowering action of blood pressure occurs. Furthermore, when the amount of the antihistaminic agent is less than 0.01 % by weight, the inhibition effect of skin irritation may be weak, on the contrary, when it exceeds 5 % by weight, there may be a possibility that the antihistaminic agent causes skin irritation by itself. With regard to the amount ratio of minoxidil and the antihistaminic agent, it is preferable that the amount of the antihistaminic agent ranges from 0.01 to 2 parts by weight per 1 part by weight of minoxidil.

Preferred examples of the antihistaminic

agent in the present invention are chlorphenylamine maleate, diphenylimidazole, diphenhydramine and a salt thereof. The amount of the antihistaminic agent to be incorproated ranges preferably from 0.01 to 1 part by weight for chlorphenylamine maleate or diphenylimidazole and from 0.02 to 2 parts by weight for diphenhydramine or a salt thereof, respectively, per 1 part by weight of minoxidil. These antihistaminic agents may be also properly used in combination.

In order to further reduce the skin irritation of the composition for external use of the present invention, it is preferable to further incorporate an anti-inflammatory agent thereinto. Suitable anti-inflammatory agent includes glycyrrhetic acid, glycyrrhizic acid, a salt thereof, dimethylisopropylazulene and sodium azulenesulfonate. The amount of the anti-inflammatory agent is not particularly limited unless the effect of the present invention is degraded thereby, but preferably it is in the range of from 0.05 to 1 % by weight.

The composition for external use according to the present invention can contain effective components other than the above-mentioned effective components. Specific examples thereof include carpronium chloride, benzyl nicotinate, tocopherol acetate, urea, salicylic acid, sodium hyaluronate, chondroitin sulfuric acid, crude drugs (e.g., swertia, panax ginseng, capsicum,

plant worm vegetative wags, saffron or extracts thereof), antimicrobial agents (e.g., chlorhexidine gluconate, isopropyl methyl phenol, quaternary ammonium salts or hinokitiol).

The composition for external use of the present invention, if necessary, can contain components which are ordinarily used for making preparations for external use in a desired form such as liquids, creams, ointments, gels or aerosols; and specific examples of such components are water, lower alcohols, solubilizers (e.g., fatty acid esters, polyhydric alcohols, polyhydric alcohol fatty acid esters, medium chain fatty acid glycerides, vegetable oils, animal oils, alkyl glycerol ethers and hydrocarbons), surface active agents (e.g., nonionic surface active agents, lecithin derivatives and high molecular emulsifiers), emulsifying stabilizers, gelling agents, adhesives, anti-oxidants (e.g., dibutylhydroxytoluene and isopropyl gallate), refrigerants (e.g., menthol, mentha oil and camphor), perfumes or dyes.

BEST MODE FOR CARRYING OUT THE INVENTION

The present invention makes it possible to provide a minoxidil-containing composition for external use which has a reduced skin irritation. The present invention is illustrated in more detail with reference to the following examples and test examples.

Example 1

Minoxidil	1.0	(W/V %)
Chlorphenylamine maleate	0.1	
Propylene glycol	10.0	
Denatured ethanol	60.0	
Purified water	Balance to total 100 ml	

The above-mentioned components were stirred and uniformly dissolved to obtain a liquid preparation for external use.

Example 2

Minoxidil	1.0	(W/V %)
Diphenhydramine hydrochloride	0.2	
Glycyrrhetic acid	0.1	
Tocopherol acetate	0.1	
l-Menthol	0.3	
Propylene glycol	10.0	
Denatured ethanol	60.0	
Purified water	Balance to total 100 ml	

The above-mentioned components were stirred and uniformly dissolved to obtain a liquid preparation for external use.

Example 3

Minoxidil	5.0	(W/W %)
Diphenylimidazole	1.0	

Diphenhydramine salicylate	2.0
Sodium azulenesulfonate	0.5
Medium chain fatty acid triglyceride	20.0
Diisopropyl adipate	5.0
Propylene glycol	12.0
Polyoxyethylene sorbitan monostearate	6.0
Sorbitan monostearate	3.0
Glyceryl monostearate	8.0
Purified water	Balance to total 100 g

A cream preparation for external use was obtained from the above-mentioned components according to a conventional method.

Example 4

Minoxidil	0.5 (W/W %)
Diphenhydramine	0.02
Dipotassium glycyrrhizinate	0.1
Dimethylisopropylazulene	0.01
Polyethylenegylcol monostearate	5.0
Diisopropyl adipate	3.0
1,3-Butylene glycol	8.0
Polyvinylpyrrolidone	0.5
Carboxyvinyl polymer	1.5
Diisopropanolamine	q.s.
Denatured ethanol	30.0
Purified water	Balance to total 100 g

A gel preparation for external use was obtained from the above-mentioned components according to a conventional method.

Example 5

Minoxidil	0.1 (W/W %)
Chlorphenylamine maleate	0.008
Polyethylene sorbitan tristearate	1.2
Diisopropyl adipate	2.0
1,3-Butylene glycol	1.2
Denatured ethanol	20.0
Purified water	15.152
Isopentane	10.0
Liquefied petroleum gas	3.0
Dimethyl ether	47.0

An aerosol preparation for external use was obtained from the above-mentioned components according to a conventional method.

Test Example 1

Three subjects who had been identified to induce skin irritation with a minoxidil-containing preparation for external use were each occlusively pasted with a plaster for patch test (mini-size, Torii Pharmaceuticals Co.) which had been spread with 10 μg of each of the liquid preparations produced according to the formulation shown in Table 1. At the same time,

no-spread plaster was also pasted as a blank in the same manner. Twenty-four hours later, the plaster was ripped off, and the irritation values were macroscopically judged immediately, 1 hour, 3 hours, 5 hours and 24 hours after ripping. The macroscopic judge was carried out by scoring according to the following criterion.

Macroscopic judge criterion of skin irritation

No response 0

Slight erythema 1

Distinct erythema 2

The results are shown in Tables 2 to 4.

Table 1

	Example 1	Comparative Example 1	Comparative Example 2	Comparative Example 3
Minoxidil	1.0	1.0	1.0	-
Chlorphenylamine maleate	0.1	-	-	-
Glycyrrhetic acid	-	-	0.1	-
Propylene glycol	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Denatured ethanol	60.0	60.0	60.0	60.0
Purified water	Balance to total 100 ml	Balance to total 100 ml	Balance to total 100 ml	Balance to total 100 ml

Table 2 Patch test results of Subject A

	Immediately after	After 1 hour	After 3 hours	After 5 hours	After 24 hours
Example 1	0	0	0	0	0
Comparative Example 1	2	2	2	2	2
Comparative Example 2	2	2	2	2	2
Comparative Example 3	1	0	0	0	0
Blank	0	0	0	0	0

Table 3 Patch text results of Subject B

	Immediately after	After 1 hour	After 3 hours	After 5 hours	After 24 hours
Example 1	1	0	0	0	0
Comparative Example 1	1	1	2	2	2
Comparative Example 2	1	1	1	2	1
Comparative Example 3	1	1	0	0	0
Blank	0	0	0	0	0

Table 4 Patch text results of Subject C

	Immediately after	After 1 hour	After 3 hours	After 5 hours	After 24 hours
Example 1	0	0	0	0	0
Comparative Example 1	1	1	2	2	1
Comparative Example 2	2	1	2	2	1
Comparative Example 3	0	0	0	0	0
Blank	0	0	0	0	0

The results shown in Tables 2 to 4 demonstrate that the liquid preparation obtained by Example 1 remarkably lowered the irritation of minoxidil, and it had a lowering grade approximately equal to that of the preparation obtained by Example 3 and blank, both of which do not contain minoxidil. They also confirm that the liquid preparation obtained by Example 1 has a higher inhibition effect on skin irritation than the preparation obtained by Example 2 containing glycyrrhetic acid which is used widely for the inhibition of skin irritation.

INDUSTRIAL APPLICABILITY

There is provided a minoxidil-containing composition for external use which lowers skin irritation.

CLAIMS

1. A composition for external use comprising minoxidil and an antihistaminic agent.

2. The composition for external use according to Claim 1 wherein it contains the antihistaminic agent in an amount of from 0.01 to 2 parts by weight per 1 part by weight of minoxidil.

3. The composition for external use according to Claim 1 or 2 wherein the antihistaminic agent is at least one member selected from the group consisting of chlorphenylamine maleate, diphenylimidazole, diphenhydramine and a salt thereof.

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