

Fenticonazole: cream works rapidly to heal dermatomycoses

A double-blind study of 30 patients with dermatomycosis compared the efficacy of a new antifungal imidazole, fenticonazole 2% cream [Rec-15/1476; Recordati] with miconazole 2% cream. All patients had 2 separate but comparable areas of skin infection and treated each lesion with separate cream. Thus all patients used both drugs. The creams were applied bid until complete resolution or for 4 weeks.

Treatment with fenticonazole resulted in more rapid healing than with miconazole (23 vs 18 lesions healed by week 3). Erythema, itching and oedema resolved significantly more rapidly with fenticonazole treatment. Although both drugs were well tolerated 4 patients withdrew from treatment because of no healing, with miconazole involved in all instances and fenticonazole in 3. No relapses were seen at 4-8 weeks after treatment stopped. Thus the study shows fenticonazole 2% cream to be a more rapid healer of dermatomycosis than miconazole 2% cream.

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