

Supplementary Material:

Local Corticosteroids for Alopecia Areata: A Narrative Review

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Supplemental Table 1. Potency classes of various topical corticosteroids used for AA (UpToDate, accessed March 3, 2025).

Potency	Agent	Vehicle	Concentration
Super-high potency (group 1)	Clobetasol propionate	O/C/S/L/F	0.05%
High potency (group 2)	Desoximetasone	C/O/G	0.25%
	Fluocinonide	C/G/O/S	0.05%
High potency (group 3)	Betamethasone valerate	F	0.12%
Lower-mid potency (group 5)	Betamethasone dipropionate	L	0.05%

O = ointment, C = cream, S = solution, L = lotion, F = foam, G = gel