

Minoxidil-induced hypertrichosis in a 4-year-old child



Figure 1: (a and b) Hypertrichosis of the forehead and cheeks

A 4-year-old girl presented with hypertrichosis of forehead and sides of face 5 weeks after being prescribed 5% topical minoxidil lotion for treatment of alopecia areata on both parietal areas. There was no history of receiving topical and/or systemic corticosteroids.

Minoxidil prescribed for the scalp is known to cause hypertrichosis on other skin areas, too. This adverse effect is probably mediated by inadvertent transfer of the topical application since only an insignificant amount of about 1.4% of the dose applied gets absorbed systemically.

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