

## **SUMMARY OF PRODUCT CHARACTERISTICS**

### **1 NAME OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT**

Nizoral 2% shampoo

### **2 QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE COMPOSITION**

Ketoconazole 2% w/w (each gram contains 20 mg).

Excipient(s) with known effect:

Sodium lauryl ether sulfate 24% w/w

For a full list of excipients, see 6.1

### **3 PHARMACEUTICAL FORM**

Pink viscous shampoo.

### **4 CLINICAL PARTICULARS**

#### **4.1 Therapeutic indications**

Prevention and treatment of infections in which the yeast *Malassezia* (previously called *Pityrosporum*) is likely to be involved, such as dandruff and seborrhoeic dermatitis. Treatment of tinea (pityriasis) versicolor.

## 4.2 Posology and method of administration

For topical administration.

Ketoconazole shampoo 2% is for use in adolescents and adults:  
Wash affected areas and leave for 3-5 minutes before rinsing.

### Treatment:

Dandruff and seborrhoeic dermatitis: Wash hair twice weekly for 2-4 weeks.

Tinea versicolor: Once daily for 1-5 days.

### Prophylaxis:

Dandruff and seborrhoeic dermatitis: Use once every 1-2 weeks.

## 4.3 Contraindications

Known hypersensitivity to ketoconazole or any of the excipients.

## 4.4 Special warnings and precautions for use

In patients who have been on prolonged treatment with topical corticosteroids, it is recommended that the steroid therapy be gradually withdrawn over a period of 2 to 3 weeks, while using Nizoral 2% shampoo, to prevent any potential rebound effect.

Keep out of the eyes. If the shampoo should get into the eyes, they should be bathed with water.

### Excipient warnings:

This medicine contains 24% w/w sodium lauryl ether sulfate in each application. Sodium lauryl ether sulfate may cause local skin reactions (such as stinging or burning sensation) or increase skin reactions caused by other products when applied on the same area.

## 4.5 Interaction with other medicinal products and other forms of interaction

No interaction studies have been performed

#### **4.6 Fertility, Pregnancy and lactation**

There are no adequate and well-controlled studies in pregnant or lactating women. Data on a limited number of exposed pregnancies indicate no adverse effects of topical ketoconazole on pregnancy or on the health of the foetus/newborn child. Animal studies have shown reproductive toxicity at doses that are not relevant to the topical administration of ketoconazole. No effects on the breastfed newborn/infant are anticipated. See Pharmacokinetic properties, section 5.2

Plasma concentrations of ketoconazole were not detectable after topical administration of ketoconazole 2% shampoo to the scalp of non-pregnant humans. Plasma levels were detected after topical administration of ketoconazole 2% shampoo on the whole body. There are no known risks associated with the use of ketoconazole 2% shampoo in pregnancy or lactation.

#### **4.7 Effects on ability to drive and use machines**

Not relevant

#### **4.8 Undesirable effects**

The safety of ketoconazole 2% shampoo was evaluated in 2890 subjects who participated in 22 clinical trials. Ketoconazole 2% shampoo was administered topically to the scalp and/or skin. Based on pooled safety data from these clinical trials, there were no ADRs reported with an incidence  $\geq 1\%$ . The following table displays ADRs that have been reported with the use of Ketoconazole 2% Shampoo from either clinical trial or postmarketing experiences.

The displayed frequency categories use the following convention:

Very common ( $\geq 1/10$ )

Common ( $\geq 1/100$  to  $< 1/10$ )

Uncommon ( $\geq 1/1,000$  to  $< 1/100$ )

Rare ( $\geq 1/10,000$  to  $< 1/1,000$ )

Very rare ( $< 1/10,000$ )

Not known (cannot be estimated from the available clinical trial data).

System Organ Class	Adverse Drug Reactions		
	Frequency Category		
	Uncommon ( $\geq 1/1,000$ to $< 1/100$ )	Rare ( $\geq 1/10,000$ and $< 1/1,000$ )	Not Known
Immune System disorders		Hypersensitivity	
Nervous System Disorders		Dysgeusia	
Infections and Infestations	Folliculitis		
Eye Disorders	Increased lacrimation	Eye irritation	
Skin and Subcutaneous Tissue Disorders	Alopecia Dry skin Hair texture abnormal Rash Skin burning sensation	Acne Dermatitis contact Skin disorder Skin exfoliation	Angioedema Urticaria Hair colour changes
General Disorders and Administration Site Conditions	Application site erythema Application site irritation Application site pruritus Application site reaction	Application site hypersensitivity Application site pustules	

#### Reporting of suspected adverse reactions

Reporting suspected adverse reactions after authorisation of the medicinal product is important. It allows continued monitoring of the benefit/risk balance of the medicinal product. Healthcare professionals are asked to report any suspected adverse reactions via the Yellow Card Scheme at [www.mhra.gov.uk/yellowcard](http://www.mhra.gov.uk/yellowcard) or search for MHRA Yellow Card in the Google Play or Apple App Store.

#### 4.9 Overdose

In the event of accidental ingestion, supportive and symptomatic measures should be carried out. In order to avoid aspiration, neither emesis nor gastric lavage should be instigated.

## 5 PHARMACOLOGICAL PROPERTIES

## **5.1 Pharmacodynamic properties**

Pharmacotherapeutic group: Imidazole and triazole derivatives  
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Ketoconazole is an imidazole-dioxolane antimycotic, active against yeasts, including *Malassezia* and dermatophytes. Its broad spectrum of activity is already well known.

## **5.2 Pharmacokinetic properties**

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## **5.3 Preclinical safety data**

Effects in non-clinical studies were observed only at exposures considered sufficiently in excess of the maximum human exposure indicating little relevance to clinical use.

## **6.1 List of excipients**

Sodium lauryl ether sulfate  
Disodium monolauryl ether sulphosuccinate  
Coconut fatty acid diethanolamide  
Laurdimonium hydrolysed animal collagen  
Macrogol 120 methyl glucose dioleate  
Sodium chloride  
Concentrated hydrochloric acid  
Imidurea  
Sodium hydroxide

Erythrosine sodium (E217)  
Water purified (Ph. Eur.)

## **6.2 Incompatibilities**

Not applicable

## **6.3 Shelf life**

36 months.

## **6.4 Special precautions for storage**

Store below 25°C.

## **6.5 Nature and contents of container**

High density polyethylene bottles, containing 120 ml shampoo.

## **6.6 Special precautions for disposal**

No special requirements

## **7 MARKETING AUTHORISATION HOLDER**

Thornton & Ross Ltd., Linthwaite, Huddersfield, HD7 5QH, UK

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