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We used the following ranges to interpret Cohen's Kappa statistic: 0 - 0.20 = *None*, 0.21- 0.39 = *Minimal*, 0.40 - 0.59 = *Weak*, 0.60 - 0.79 = *Moderate*, 0.80 – 0.90 = *Strong*, >0.90 = *Almost Perfect*.²⁵

The strength of the Spearman Rank Correlation Coefficients was interpreted using the following ranges: 0 – 0.19 = *Very Weak*, 0.20 – 0.39 = *Weak*, 0.40 – 0.59 = *Moderate*, 0.60 – 0.79 = *Strong*, 0.80 – 1.0 = *Very Strong*.²⁶

eTable 1. Topical Corticosteroids Manually Assigned to a 7-Category Potency Classification

Topical Corticosteroid	Original Category	Assigned Category	Justification
Previously unclassified TCS			
Beclomethasone Dipropionate 0.025% Lotion	N/A	(2) Potent	Not classified by previous sources; a category was manually assigned by a dermatologist (AMD).
Beclomethasone Dipropionate 0.025% Ointment	N/A	(2) Potent	Not classified by previous sources; a category was manually assigned by a dermatologist (AMD).
Betamethasone Valerate 0.05% Ointment	N/A	(4) Mid-Strength	Not classified by previous sources; a category was manually assigned by a dermatologist (AMD).
Clobetasone Butyrate 0.05% Ointment	N/A	(4) Mid-Strength	Not classified by previous sources; a category was manually assigned by a dermatologist (AMD).
Flumetasone Pivalate 0.02% Ointment	N/A	(6) Mild	Not classified by previous sources; a category was manually assigned by a dermatologist (AMD).
Fluocinolone Acetonide 0.01% Ointment	N/A	(5) Lower Mid-Strength	Not classified by previous sources; a category was manually assigned by a dermatologist (AMD).
Fluocinonide 0.01% Cream	N/A	(3) Upper Mid-Strength	Not classified by previous sources; a category was manually assigned by a dermatologist (AMD).
Fluocinonide 0.01% Ointment	N/A	(3) Upper Mid-Strength	Not classified by previous sources; a category was manually assigned by a dermatologist (AMD).
Flurandrenolide 0.0125% Cream	N/A	(6) Mild	Not classified by previous sources; a category was manually assigned by a dermatologist (AMD).

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Topical Corticosteroid	Original Category	Assigned Category	Justification
Flurandrenolide 0.0125% Ointment	N/A	(5) Lower Mid-Strength	Not classified by previous sources; a category was manually assigned by a dermatologist (AMD).
Halcinonide 0.025% Cream	N/A	(4) Mid-Strength	Not classified by previous sources; a category was manually assigned by a dermatologist (AMD).
Hydrocortisone Acetate 0.5% Ointment	N/A	(7) Least Potent	Not classified by previous sources; a category was manually assigned by a dermatologist (AMD).
Hydrocortisone Powder (Strength N.R)	N/A	(7) Least Potent	Not classified by previous sources; a category was manually assigned by a dermatologist (AMD).
TCS identified in Cochrane Review not previously assigned to a 7-category classification			
Alclometasone Dipropionate (Vehicle and strength N.R)	N/A	(6) Mild	Alclometasone Dipropionate 0.05% cream and ointment were assigned to '(6) Mild', therefore assigned this to the same category.
Betamethasone Dipropionate Cream (Strength N.R)	N/A	(3) Upper Mid-Strength	Assigned to the same category as Betamethasone Dipropionate 0.05% cream.
Betamethasone Valerate 0.1% Ointment - Emollient	N/A	(3) Upper Mid-Strength	Assigned the same potency as Betamethasone Valerate 0.1% ointment.
Betamethasone Valerate 0.12% Ointment	N/A	(3) Upper Mid-Strength	Assigned the same potency as Betamethasone Valerate 0.1% ointment.
Betamethasone Valerate Cream (Strength N.R)	N/A	(4) Mid-Strength	Betamethasone Valerate 0.1% was assigned to '(3) Upper Mid-Strength' and 0.05% and 0.01% were assigned to '(5) Lower Mid-strength'; therefore, assigned to (4) Mid-Strength which is between these two classifications.
Betamethasone Valerate Ointment (Strength N.R)	N/A	(4) Mid-Strength	Betamethasone Valerate 0.1% was assigned to '(3) Upper Mid-Strength' and 0.05% and 0.01% were assigned to '(5) Lower Mid-strength';

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			therefore, assigned to (4) Mid-Strength which is between these two classifications.
Betamethasone Valerate (Strength and vehicle N.R)	N/A	(4) Mid-Strength	Betamethasone Valerate 0.1% was assigned to '(3) Upper Mid-Strength' and 0.05% and 0.01% were assigned to '(5) Lower Mid-strength'; therefore, we assigned to (4) Mid-Strength which is between these two classifications.
Clobetasone 0.05% Cream	N/A	(4) Mid-Strength	Assigned to the same category as Clobetasone Butyrate which was assigned to '(4) Mid-Strength'.
Clobetasone Butyrate Cream (Strength N.R)	N/A	(4) Mid-Strength	Assigned to the same category as Clobetasone Butyrate 0.05% cream.
Clobetasone Butyrate 0.05% Lotion	N/A	(4) Mid-Strength	Assigned to the same category as Clobetasone Butyrate 0.05% cream.
Desonide 0.05% (Vehicle N.R)	N/A	(6) Mild	Assigned to the same category as Desonide 0.05% cream.
Desonide 0.1% Cream	N/A	(5) Lower Mid-Strength	Desonide 0.05% cream was assigned to '(6) Mild', therefore we assigned this to one higher potency category.
Desonide 0.1% Cream*	N/A	(5) Lower Mid-Strength	Desonide 0.05% cream was assigned to '(6) Mild', therefore we assigned this to one higher potency category.
Desonide 0.1% Ointment	N/A	(5) Lower Mid-Strength	Desonide 0.05% cream was assigned to '(6) Mild', therefore we assigned this to one higher potency category.
Fluoclorolone Acetonide 0.2% Cream	N/A	(2) Potent	Fluoclorolone Acetonide was shown to be more potent than Betamethasone Valerate, ¹² therefore we assigned one category higher than Betamethasone Valerate 0.12% ointment, the highest strength B.V in our list, which was assigned to '(3) Upper Mid-strength'.

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Topical Corticosteroid	Original Category	Assigned Category	Justification
Fluoclorolone Acetonide 0.2% Ointment	N/A	(2) Potent	Fluoclorolone Acetonide was shown to be more potent than Betamethasone Valerate. ¹² Therefore, we assigned this to one category higher than Betamethasone Valerate 0.12% ointment (the highest strength B.V in our list) which was assigned to '(3) Upper Mid-strength'.
Flumetasone Pivalate 0.2% Ointment	N/A	(5) Lower Mid-Strength	Assigned one higher than flumetasone pivalate ointment 0.02%
Fluocortin Butylester 0.75% Cream	N/A	(7) Least Potent	Shown to be similar in efficacy to hydrocortisone acetate. ¹³ Therefore, we assigned this to the same category as the majority of the other hydrocortisone acetate entries.
Fluocortolone 0.2% (Vehicle N.R)	N/A	(4) Mid-Strength	Assigned to '(4) Mid-Strength', consistent with the other Fluocortolone entries.
Fluocortolone 0.5% Ointment	N/A	(4) Mid-Strength	Assigned to '(4) Mid-Strength', consistent with the other Fluocortolone entries.
Fluocortolone/Fluocortolone Carpoate 0.25% Cream - Emollient	N/A	(4) Mid-Strength	Betamethasone Valerate 0.1% ointment was shown to be superior to Fluocortolone Caproate. ¹⁴ Betamethasone Valerate 0.1% ointment was classified as '(3) Upper Mid-Strength', therefore we assigned this to '(4) Mid-strength'.
Fluocortolone/Fluocortolone Carpoate 0.25% Ointment	N/A	(4) Mid-Strength	Betamethasone Valerate 0.1% ointment was shown to be superior to Fluocortolone Caproate. ¹⁴ Betamethasone Valerate 0.1% ointment was classified as '(3) Upper Mid-Strength', therefore we assigned this to '(4) Mid-strength'.
Fluprednidene Acetate 0.1% Cream	N/A	(4) Mid-Strength	Classified by some as 'Potent', ¹⁵ while others classified this as 'Moderate'. ¹⁶ Manually assigned to '(4) Mid-Strength' which is between moderate and potent.
Halometasone 0.05% Cream	N/A	(4) Mid-Strength	Assigned to the same category as Clobetasone Butyrate 0.05% cream which was previously shown to be similar to Halometasone. ¹⁷
Hydrocortisone 0.5% Ointment - Emollient	N/A	(7) Least Potent	Assigned to '(7) Least Potent', consistent the other hydrocortisone entries.

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Topical Corticosteroid	Original Category	Assigned Category	Justification
Hydrocortisone 1.0% Cream - Emollient	N/A	(7) Least Potent	Assigned to '(7) Least Potent', consistent the other hydrocortisone entries
Hydrocortisone Cream (Strength N.R)	N/A	(7) Least Potent	Assigned to '(7) Least Potent', consistent with other hydrocortisone entries.
Hydrocortisone Buteprate 0.1% Cream - Emollient	N/A	(5) Lower Mid-Strength	Hydrocortisone Buteprate corresponds to 'Pandel' cream ¹⁸ which was classified as '(5) Lower Mid-Strength' in the data sources, but was assigned to the drug name 'Hydrocortisone'. Therefore, we assigned this TCS to '(5) Lower Mid-strength'.
Hydrocortisone Butyrate (Strength and vehicle N.R)	N/A	(5) Lower Mid-Strength	Assigned to '(5) Lower Mid-Strength', consistent with other hydrocortisone butyrate entries.
Methylprednisolone Aceponate Cream (Strength N.R)	N/A	(4) Mid-Strength	Classified by some as 'Potent' ¹⁵ and 'Moderate' by others ^{19, 20} on a 4-category scale. Therefore, we manually assigned this to '(4) Mid-Strength' which is in-between moderate and potent.
Methylprednisolone Aceponate 0.1% Cream	N/A	(4) Mid-Strength	Classified by some as 'Potent' ¹⁵ and 'Moderate' by others ^{19, 20} on a 4-category scale. Therefore, we manually assigned this to '(4) Mid-Strength' which is in-between moderate and potent.
Methylprednisolone Aceponate 0.1% Lotion	N/A	(4) Mid-Strength	Classified by some as 'Potent' ¹⁵ and 'Moderate' by others ^{19, 20} on a 4-category scale. Therefore, we manually assigned this to '(4) Mid-Strength' which is in-between moderate and potent.
Methylprednisolone Aceponate 0.1% Ointment	N/A	(4) Mid-Strength	Classified by some as 'Potent' ¹⁵ and 'Moderate' by others ^{19, 20} on a 4-category scale. Therefore, we manually assigned this to '(4) Mid-Strength' which is in-between moderate and potent.
Methylprednisolone Aceponate 0.1% Ointment - Emollient	N/A	(4) Mid-Strength	Classified by some as 'Potent' ¹⁵ and 'Moderate' by others ^{19, 20} on a 4-category scale. Therefore, we manually assigned this to '(4) Mid-Strength' which is in-between moderate and potent.
Mometasone Furoate 0.1% Cream - Emollient	N/A	(4) Mid-Strength	Assigned to '(4) Mid-Strength' to be consistent with most Mometasone Furoate entries.

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Topical Corticosteroid	Original Category	Assigned Category	Justification
Mometasone Furoate Cream (Strength N.R)	N/A	(4) Mid-Strength	Assigned to '(4) Mid-Strength' to be consistent with most Mometasone Furoate entries.
Prednicarbate Ointment (Strength N.R)	N/A	(5) Lower Mid-Strength	Classified as '(5) Lower Mid-Strength' consistent with the majority of prednicarbate entries.
Prednicarbate 0.25% Cream	N/A	(4) Mid-Strength	Classified as 'Moderate' by some ²¹ while others classified as 'Potent' ⁷ on a 4-category scale. UpToDate classified prednicarbate 0.1% as '(5) Lower mid-strength', ⁵ therefore we manually assigned this to '(4) Mid-Strength'.
Prednicarbate 0.25% Ointment	N/A	(4) Mid-Strength	Classified as 'Moderate' by some ¹² while others classified as 'Potent' ⁷ on a 4-category scale. UpToDate classified prednicarbate 0.1% as '(5) Lower mid-strength', ¹⁷ therefore we manually assigned this to '(4) Mid-Strength'.
Prednisolone Valerate Acetate 0.3% (Vehicle N.R)	N/A	(4) Mid-Strength	Shown to be similar in efficacy as Betamethasone Valerate 0.1% ointment and cream. ²² We assigned ointment to '(3) Upper Mid-Strength' and cream to '(5) Lower Mid-Strength', therefore we assigned this (with no vehicle reported) to '(4) Mid-Strength' which is in-between.
Tralonide 0.025% Ointment	N/A	(4) Mid-Strength	Tralonide was shown to be similar to flurandrenolone acetonide (also known as fludroxycortide) for psoriasis, but more effective for eczema. ²³ Fludroxycortide cream was assigned to '(5) Lower Mid-strength' and ointment was assigned to '(4) Mid-Strength'. Therefore, we assigned this to '(4) Mid-Strength'.
Triamcinolone 0.1% Cream	N/A	(5) Lower Mid-Strength	Assigned to the same category as Triamcinolone Acetonide 0.1% cream.
Triamcinolone 0.1% Ointment	N/A	(4) Mid-Strength	Assigned to the same category as Triamcinolone Acetonide 0.1% ointment.

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Topical Corticosteroid	Original Category	Assigned Category	Justification
TCS identified in ATC Classification not previously assigned to a 7-category classification			
Hydrocortisone Aceponate 0.1% Cream	N/A	(5) Lower Mid-Strength	Classified by some as 'Moderate', ^{15, 21} and 'Potent' by others ²⁴ on a 4-category scale; therefore we assigned this to '(5) Mid-Strength' which is between moderate and potent.
Hydrocortisone Aceponate 0.1% Ointment	N/A	(5) Lower Mid-Strength	Classified by some as 'Moderate', ^{15, 21} and 'Potent' by others ²⁴ on 4-category scale; therefore we assigned this to '(5) Mid-Strength' which is between moderate and potent.
TCS with incoherent classifications relative to other TCS categories			
Betamethasone Valerate 0.01% Lotion	(5) Lower Mid-Strength	(6) Mild	Classified under category 5 by only one source. ¹⁰ Betamethasone valerate 0.1% lotion and 0.05% ointment were classified under category 6, therefore this category was changed from 5 to 6 to remain consistent with others.
Flumetasone Pivalate 0.02% Cream	(5) Lower Mid-Strength	(6) Mild	Classified under category 5 by only one source. ⁹ Flumetasone 0.03% cream and 0.02% ointment were classified under category 6, therefore this category was changed from 5 to 6 (Mild).

Abbreviation: N.R, Not Reported

eTable 2. Reorganized 7-Category Potency Classifications

Original US Classification	Reverse-Coded	Consolidated^a
(1) Super Potent	(7) Super Potent	(4) Very Potent
(2) Potent	(6) Potent	(3) Potent
(3) Upper Mid-Strength	(5) Upper Mid-Strength	
(4) Mid-Strength	(4) Mid-Strength	(2) Moderate
(5) Lower Mid-Strength	(3) Lower Mid-Strength	
(6) Mild	(2) Mild	(1) Weak
(7) Least Potent	(1) Least Potent	

^aAs shown in WHO, 1997⁶

eTable 3. Final List of Topical Corticosteroid Potency Classifications

ATC	Corticosteroid	Vehicle	Concentration	US Classification (7-Category)	Cochrane Review (4-Category)	ATC Classification (4-Category)
ALCLOMETASONE D07AB10	ALCLOMETASONE	N.R	N.R	(6) Mild	(2) Moderate	(2) Moderate
	ALCLOMETASONE DIPROPIONATE	CREAM	0.05%	(6) Mild	(2) Moderate	(2) Moderate
		OINTMENT	0.05%	(6) Mild	(2) Moderate	(2) Moderate
AMCINONIDE D07AC11	AMCINONIDE	CREAM	0.1%	(3) Upper Mid-Strength		(3) Potent
		LOTION	0.1%	(3) Upper Mid-Strength		(3) Potent
		OINTMENT	0.1%	(2) Potent		(3) Potent
BECLOMETHASONE D07AC15	BECLOMETHASONE	CREAM	0.025%	(4) Mid-Strength		(3) Potent
	BECLOMETHASONE DIPROPIONATE	LOTION	0.025%	(2) Potent		(3) Potent
		OINTMENT	0.025%	(2) Potent		(3) Potent
BETAMETHASONE D07AC01	BETAMETHASONE	CREAM	0.025%	(5) Lower Mid-Strength		(3) Potent
	BETAMETHASONE BENZOATE	GEL	0.025%	(4) Mid-Strength		(3) Potent
		LOTION	0.025%	(5) Lower Mid-Strength		(3) Potent
	BETAMETHASONE DIPROPIONATE	SPRAY	0.05%	(4) Mid-Strength		(3) Potent
		SPRAY	0.1%	(2) Potent		(3) Potent
		CREAM	N.R	(3) Upper Mid-Strength	(3) Potent	(3) Potent
		CREAM - EMOLLIENT	0.05%	(3) Upper Mid-Strength		(3) Potent
		CREAM*	0.05%	(2) Potent		(3) Potent
		CREAM	0.05%	(3) Upper Mid-Strength	(3) Potent	(3) Potent
		GEL*	0.05%	(1) Super Potent		(3) Potent
		GEL	0.05%	(2) Potent		(3) Potent
		LOTION*	0.05%	(1) Super Potent		(3) Potent
		LOTION	0.02%	(5) Lower Mid-Strength		(3) Potent
		LOTION	0.05%	(5) Lower Mid-Strength		(3) Potent
		OINTMENT*	0.05%	(1) Super Potent		(3) Potent
		OINTMENT	0.05%	(2) Potent	(3) Potent	(3) Potent
	BETAMETHASONE VALERATE	N.R	N.R	(4) Mid-Strength	(3) Potent	(3) Potent
		AEROSOL FOAM	0.12%	(3) Upper Mid-Strength		(3) Potent
		PATCH	0.1%	(3) Upper Mid-Strength		(3) Potent

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ATC	Corticosteroid	Vehicle	Concentration	US Classification (7-Category)	Cochrane Review (4-Category)	ATC Classification (4-Category)
BETAMETHASONE D07AC01 (cont'd)	BETAMETHASONE VALERATE (cont'd)	CREAM	N.R	(4) Mid-Strength	(3) Potent	(3) Potent
		CREAM	0.01%	(5) Lower Mid-Strength		(3) Potent
		CREAM	0.05%	(5) Lower Mid-Strength		(3) Potent
		CREAM	0.1%	(5) Lower Mid-Strength	(3) Potent	(3) Potent
		LOTION	0.01%	(6) Mild		(3) Potent
		LOTION	0.05%	(6) Mild		(3) Potent
		LOTION	0.1%	(6) Mild		(3) Potent
		OINTMENT	N.R	(4) Mid-Strength	(3) Potent	(3) Potent
		OINTMENT - EMOLLIENT	0.1%	(3) Upper Mid-Strength	(3) Potent	(3) Potent
		OINTMENT	0.05%	(4) Mid-Strength		(3) Potent
		OINTMENT	0.1%	(3) Upper Mid-Strength	(3) Potent	(3) Potent
		OINTMENT	0.12%	(3) Upper Mid-Strength	(3) Potent	(3) Potent
CLOBETASOL D07AD01	CLOBETASOL	AEROSOL FOAM - EMOLLIENT	0.05%	(1) Super Potent		(4) Very Potent
CLOBETASOL D07AD01 (cont'd)	CLOBETASOL PROPIONATE	AEROSOL FOAM	0.05%	(1) Super Potent		(4) Very Potent
		SHAMPOO	0.05%	(1) Super Potent		(4) Very Potent
		SPRAY	0.05%	(1) Super Potent		(4) Very Potent
		CREAM - EMOLLIENT	0.05%	(1) Super Potent		(4) Very Potent
		CREAM	0.025%	(2) Potent		(4) Very Potent
		CREAM	0.05%	(1) Super Potent	(4) Very Potent	(4) Very Potent
		GEL	0.05%	(1) Super Potent		(4) Very Potent
		LOTION	0.05%	(1) Super Potent		(4) Very Potent
		OINTMENT	0.05%	(1) Super Potent	(4) Very Potent	(4) Very Potent
		SCALP SOLUTION	0.05%	(1) Super Potent		(4) Very Potent
		SOLUTION	0.05%	(1) Super Potent		(4) Very Potent

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CLOBETASONE D07AB01	CLOBETASONE	CREAM	N.R	(4) Mid-Strength	(2) Moderate	(2) Moderate
			0.05%	(4) Mid-Strength	(2) Moderate	(2) Moderate
	CLOBETASONE BUTYRATE	CREAM	0.05%	(4) Mid-Strength	(2) Moderate	(2) Moderate
		LOTION	0.05%	(4) Mid-Strength	(2) Moderate	(2) Moderate
	OINTMENT	0.05%	(4) Mid-Strength	(2) Moderate	(2) Moderate	
CLOCORTOLONE D07AB21	CLOCORTOLONE	CREAM	0.1%	(4) Mid-Strength	(2) Moderate	(2) Moderate
DESONIDE D07AB08	DESONIDE	N.R	0.05%	(6) Mild	(1) Mild	(2) Moderate
		AEROSOL FOAM	0.05%	(6) Mild		(2) Moderate
		CREAM*	0.1%	(5) Lower Mid-Strength	(1) Mild	(2) Moderate
		CREAM	0.05%	(6) Mild	(1) Mild	(2) Moderate
		CREAM	0.1%	(5) Lower Mid-Strength	(2) Moderate	(2) Moderate
		GEL	0.05%	(5) Lower Mid-Strength		(2) Moderate
		LOTION	0.05%	(6) Mild	(1) Mild	(2) Moderate
		OINTMENT	0.05%	(5) Lower Mid-Strength	(2) Moderate	(2) Moderate
OINTMENT	0.1%	(5) Lower Mid-Strength	(2) Moderate	(2) Moderate		
DESOXIMETASONE D07AC03	DESOXIMETASONE	SPRAY	0.25%	(2) Potent		(3) Potent
		CREAM - EMOLLIENT	0.25%	(4) Mid-Strength		(3) Potent
		CREAM	0.025%	(2) Potent		(3) Potent
		CREAM	0.05%	(3) Upper Mid-Strength		(3) Potent
		CREAM	0.25%	(2) Potent		(3) Potent
		GEL	0.05%	(2) Potent		(3) Potent
		OINTMENT	0.025%	(2) Potent		(3) Potent
		OINTMENT	0.05%	(3) Upper Mid-Strength		(3) Potent
OINTMENT	0.25%	(2) Potent		(3) Potent		
DEXAMETHASONE D07AB19	DEXAMETHASONE	N.R	N.R	(7) Least Potent		(2) Moderate
DEXAMETHASONE D07AB19 (cont'd)	DEXAMETHASONE SODIUM PHOSPHATE	CREAM	0.1%	(7) Least Potent		(2) Moderate

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DIFLORASONE D07AC10	DIFLORASONE	CREAM - EMOLLIENT	0.05%	(2) Potent		(3) Potent
	DIFLORASONE DIACETATE	CREAM*	0.05%	(2) Potent		(3) Potent
		CREAM	0.05%	(3) Upper Mid-Strength	(2) Moderate	(3) Potent
		OINTMENT - EMOLLIENT	0.05%	(2) Potent		(3) Potent
		OINTMENT*	0.05%	(1) Super Potent		(3) Potent
		OINTMENT	0.05%	(2) Potent	(4) Very Potent	(3) Potent
DIFLUCORTOLONE D07AC06	DIFLUCORTOLONE	CREAM - EMOLLIENT	0.1%	(3) Upper Mid-Strength	(3) Potent	(3) Potent
	DIFLUCORTOLONE VALERATE	CREAM - EMOLLIENT	0.3%	(1) Super Potent		(3) Potent
		CREAM	0.1%	(3) Upper Mid-Strength	(3) Potent	(3) Potent
		OINTMENT	0.1%	(3) Upper Mid-Strength	(3) Potent	(3) Potent
		OINTMENT	0.3%	(1) Super Potent		(3) Potent
FLUCLOROLONE D07AC02	FLUCLOROLONE	CREAM	0.2%	(2) Potent	(3) Potent	(3) Potent
	FLUCLOROLONE ACETONIDE	OINTMENT	0.2%	(2) Potent	(3) Potent	(3) Potent
FLUDROXYCORTIDE D07AC07	FLUDROXYCORTIDE	CREAM	0.05%	(5) Lower Mid-Strength		(3) Potent
		OINTMENT	0.05%	(4) Mid-Strength		(3) Potent
	FLURANDRENOLIDE	TAPE	4 mcg/cm ²	(1) Super Potent		(3) Potent
		CREAM	0.0125%	(6) Mild		(3) Potent
		CREAM	0.025%	(6) Mild		(3) Potent
		CREAM	0.05%	(5) Lower Mid-Strength		(3) Potent
		LOTION	0.05%	(5) Lower Mid-Strength		(3) Potent
		LOTION	0.5%	(5) Lower Mid-Strength		(3) Potent
		OINTMENT	0.0125%	(5) Lower Mid-Strength		(3) Potent
		OINTMENT	0.025%	(5) Lower Mid-Strength		(3) Potent
OINTMENT	0.05%	(4) Mid-Strength	(2) Moderate	(3) Potent		
FLUMETASONE D07AB03	FLUMETASONE	CREAM	0.02%	(6) Mild	(1) Mild	(2) Moderate
	FLUMETASONE PIVALATE	CREAM	0.03%	(6) Mild		(2) Moderate
		OINTMENT	0.02%	(6) Mild		(2) Moderate

eTable 3. Final list of Topical Corticosteroid Potency Classifications (continued).

ATC	Corticosteroid	Vehicle	Concentration	US Classification (7-Category)	Cochrane Review (4-Category)	ATC Classification (4-Category)
FLUMETASONE D07AB03	FLUMETASONE PIVALATE (cont'd)	OINTMENT	0.2%	(5) Lower Mid-Strength	(2) Moderate	(2) Moderate
FLUOCINOLONE ACETONIDE D07AC04	FLUOCINOLONE ACETONIDE	OIL	0.01%	(6) Mild		(3) Potent
		SHAMPOO	0.01%	(6) Mild		(3) Potent
		CREAM	0.01%	(6) Mild	(2) Moderate	(3) Potent
		CREAM	0.025%	(5) Lower Mid-Strength	(3) Potent	(3) Potent
		CREAM	0.05%	(4) Mid-Strength		(3) Potent
		CREAM	0.2%	(4) Mid-Strength		(3) Potent
		OINTMENT	0.01%	(5) Lower Mid-Strength		(3) Potent
		OINTMENT	0.025%	(4) Mid-Strength	(3) Potent	(3) Potent
		SOLUTION	0.01%	(6) Mild		(3) Potent
FLUOCINONIDE D07AC08	FLUOCINONIDE	CREAM - EMOLLIENT	0.05%	(3) Upper Mid-Strength	(3) Potent	(3) Potent
		CREAM	0.01%	(3) Upper Mid-Strength		(3) Potent
		CREAM	0.05%	(2) Potent	(3) Potent	(3) Potent
		CREAM	0.1%	(1) Super Potent	(4) Very Potent	(3) Potent
		GEL	0.05%	(2) Potent		(3) Potent
		OINTMENT	0.01%	(3) Upper Mid-Strength		(3) Potent
		OINTMENT	0.05%	(2) Potent		(3) Potent
		SOLUTION	0.05%	(2) Potent		(3) Potent
FLUOCORTIN D07AB04	FLUOCORTIN	CREAM	0.75%	(7) Least Potent	(1) Mild	(2) Moderate
FLUOCORTOLONE D07AC05	FLUOCORTOLONE	N.R	0.2%	(4) Mid-Strength	(2) Moderate	(3) Potent
		OINTMENT	0.5%	(4) Mid-Strength	(2) Moderate	(3) Potent
FLUOCORTOLONE D07AC05 (cont'd)	FLUOCORTOLONE/ FLUOCORTOLONE CAPROATE	CREAM - EMOLLIENT	0.25%	(4) Mid-Strength	(2) Moderate	(3) Potent
		OINTMENT	0.25%	(4) Mid-Strength	(2) Moderate	(3) Potent
FLUPREDNIDENE D07AB07	FLUPREDNIDENE	CREAM	0.1%	(4) Mid-Strength	(2) Moderate	(2) Moderate
FLUTICASONE D07AC17	FLUTICASONE	CREAM	0.05%	(5) Lower Mid-Strength	(3) Potent	(3) Potent
	FLUTICASONE	LOTION	0.05%	(5) Lower Mid-Strength		(3) Potent
	PROPIONATE	OINTMENT	0.005%	(3) Upper Mid-Strength	(3) Potent	(3) Potent

eTable 3. Final list of Topical Corticosteroid Potency Classifications (continued).

ATC	Corticosteroid	Vehicle	Concentration	US Classification (7-Category)	Cochrane Review (4-Category)	ATC Classification (4-Category)
HALCINONIDE D07AD02	HALCINONIDE	CREAM - EMOLLIENT	0.1%	(2) Potent		(4) Very Potent
		CREAM	0.025%	(4) Mid-Strength		(4) Very Potent
		CREAM	0.1%	(2) Potent	(3) Potent	(4) Very Potent
		OINTMENT	0.1%	(2) Potent		(4) Very Potent
		SOLUTION	0.1%	(2) Potent		(4) Very Potent
HALOMETASONE D07AC12	HALOMETASONE	CREAM	0.05%	(4) Mid-Strength	(3) Potent	(3) Potent
HYDROCORTISONE D07AA02	HYDROCORTISONE	N.R	N.R	(7) Least Potent		(1) Weak
	HYDROCORTISONE & PRAMOXINE HCL	CREAM	1.0%	(7) Least Potent		(1) Weak
		CREAM	2.5%	(7) Least Potent		(1) Weak
		LOTION	1.0%	(7) Least Potent		(1) Weak
		LOTION	2.5%	(7) Least Potent		(1) Weak
		OINTMENT	1.0%	(7) Least Potent		(1) Weak
		OINTMENT	2.5%	(7) Least Potent		(1) Weak
	HYDROCORTISONE ACETATE	AEROSOL FOAM	1.0%	(7) Least Potent		(1) Weak
		CREAM	0.5%	(7) Least Potent		(1) Weak
		CREAM	1.0%	(7) Least Potent		(1) Weak
		CREAM	2.5%	(7) Least Potent		(1) Weak
		LOTION	1.0%	(7) Least Potent		(1) Weak
		LOTION	2.0%	(7) Least Potent		(1) Weak
		LOTION	2.5%	(7) Least Potent		(1) Weak
		OINTMENT	0.5%	(7) Least Potent		(1) Weak
		OINTMENT	1.0%	(7) Least Potent	(1) Mild	(1) Weak
		OINTMENT	2.5%	(7) Least Potent		(1) Weak
	HYDROCORTISONE PROBUTATE	CREAM	0.1%	(5) Lower Mid-Strength		(1) Weak
	HYDROCORTISONE VALERATE	CREAM	0.2%	(5) Lower Mid-Strength	(2) Moderate	(1) Weak
		OINTMENT	0.2%	(5) Lower Mid-Strength	(2) Moderate	(1) Weak
HYDROCORTISONE	N.R	1.0%	(7) Least Potent	(1) Mild	(1) Weak	
	SPRAY	1.0%	(7) Least Potent		(1) Weak	

eTable 3. Final list of Topical Corticosteroid Potency Classifications (continued).

ATC	Corticosteroid	Vehicle	Concentration	US Classification (7-Category)	Cochrane Review (4-Category)	ATC Classification (4-Category)
HYDROCORTISONE D07AA02 (cont'd)	HYDROCORTISONE (cont'd)	CREAM	N.R	(7) Least Potent	(1) Mild	(1) Weak
		CREAM - EMOLLIENT	1.0%	(7) Least Potent	(1) Mild	(1) Weak
		CREAM	0.5%	(7) Least Potent	(1) Mild	(1) Weak
		CREAM	1.0%	(7) Least Potent	(1) Mild	(1) Weak
		CREAM	2.5%	(7) Least Potent		(1) Weak
		GEL	1.0%	(7) Least Potent		(1) Weak
		LOTION	0.5%	(7) Least Potent		(1) Weak
		LOTION	1.0%	(7) Least Potent		(1) Weak
		LOTION	2.0%	(7) Least Potent		(1) Weak
		LOTION	2.5%	(7) Least Potent		(1) Weak
		OINTMENT - EMOLLIENT	0.5%	(7) Least Potent	(1) Mild	(1) Weak
		OINTMENT	0.5%	(7) Least Potent		(1) Weak
		OINTMENT	1.0%	(7) Least Potent	(1) Mild	(1) Weak
		OINTMENT	2.5%	(7) Least Potent	(1) Mild	(1) Weak
		TOP PD	N.R	(7) Least Potent		(1) Weak
		SOLUTION	0.5%	(7) Least Potent		(1) Weak
		SOLUTION	1.0%	(7) Least Potent		(1) Weak
SOLUTION	2.5%	(7) Least Potent		(1) Weak		
HYDROCORTISONE ACEPONATE D07AC16	HYDROCORTISONE ACEPONATE	CREAM	0.1%	(5) Lower Mid-Strength		(3) Potent
		OINTMENT	0.1%	(4) Mid-Strength		(3) Potent
HYDROCORTISONE BUTEPRATE D07AB11	HYDROCORTISONE BUTEPRATE	CREAM - EMOLLIENT	0.1%	(5) Lower Mid-Strength	(2) Moderate	(2) Moderate
HYDROCORTISONE BUTYRATE D07AB02	HYDROCORTISONE BUTYRATE	N.R	N.R	(5) Lower Mid-Strength	(3) Potent	(2) Moderate
		CREAM - EMOLLIENT	0.1%	(5) Lower Mid-Strength	(3) Potent	(2) Moderate
		CREAM	0.1%	(5) Lower Mid-Strength	(3) Potent	(2) Moderate
		LOTION	0.1%	(5) Lower Mid-Strength	(3) Potent	(2) Moderate
		OINTMENT	0.1%	(5) Lower Mid-Strength	(3) Potent	(2) Moderate
		SOLUTION	0.1%	(5) Lower Mid-Strength		(2) Moderate

eTable 3. Final list of Topical Corticosteroid Potency Classifications (continued).

ATC	Corticosteroid	Vehicle	Concentration	US Classification (7-Category)	Cochrane Review (4-Category)	ATC Classification (4-Category)
METHYLPREDNISOLONE D07AA01	METHYLPREDNISOLONE	N.R	N.R	(7) Least Potent		(1) Weak
	METHYLPREDNISOLONE ACETATE	CREAM	0.25%	(7) Least Potent		(1) Weak
		LOTION	0.25%	(7) Least Potent		(1) Weak
METHYLPREDNISOLONE ACEPONATE D07AC14	METHYLPREDNISOLONE ACEPONATE	CREAM		(4) Mid-Strength	(3) Potent	(3) Potent
		CREAM	0.1%	(4) Mid-Strength	(3) Potent	(3) Potent
		LOTION	0.1%	(4) Mid-Strength	(3) Potent	(3) Potent
		OINTMENT - EMOLLIENT	0.1%	(4) Mid-Strength	(3) Potent	(3) Potent
		OINTMENT	0.1%	(4) Mid-Strength	(3) Potent	(3) Potent
MOMETASONE D07AC13	MOMETASONE	CREAM	N.R	(4) Mid-Strength	(3) Potent	(3) Potent
	MOMETASONE FUROATE	CREAM - EMOLLIENT	0.1%	(4) Mid-Strength	(3) Potent	(3) Potent
		CREAM	0.1%	(4) Mid-Strength	(3) Potent	(3) Potent
		LOTION	0.1%	(4) Mid-Strength		(3) Potent
		OINTMENT	0.1%	(2) Potent	(3) Potent	(3) Potent
		SOLUTION	0.1%	(4) Mid-Strength		(3) Potent
PREDNICARBATE D07AC18	PREDNICARBATE	CREAM - EMOLLIENT	0.1%	(5) Lower Mid-Strength		(3) Potent
		CREAM	0.05%	(6) Mild		(3) Potent
		CREAM	0.1%	(5) Lower Mid-Strength		(3) Potent
		CREAM	0.25%	(4) Mid-Strength	(2) Moderate	(3) Potent
		OINTMENT	N.R	(5) Lower Mid-Strength	(2) Moderate	(3) Potent
		OINTMENT - EMOLLIENT	0.1%	(4) Mid-Strength		(3) Potent
		OINTMENT	0.05%	(6) Mild		(3) Potent
		OINTMENT	0.1%	(5) Lower Mid-Strength		(3) Potent
OINTMENT	0.25%	(4) Mid-Strength	(2) Moderate	(3) Potent		

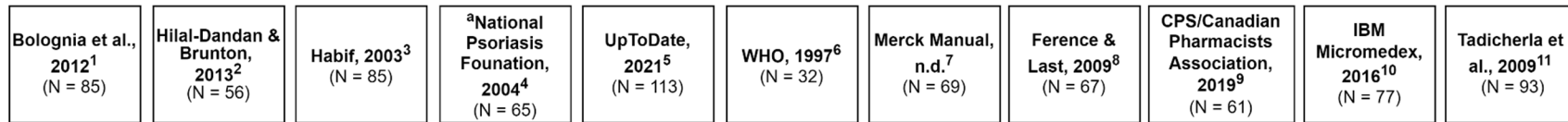
eTable 3. Final list of Topical Corticosteroid Potency Classifications (continued).

ATC	Corticosteroid	Vehicle	Concentration	US Classification (7-Category)	Cochrane Review (4-Category)	ATC Classification (4-Category)
PREDNISOLONE D07AA03	PREDNISOLONE	N.R	N.R	(7) Least Potent		(1) Weak
	PREDNISOLONE VALERATE ACETATE	N.R	0.3%	(4) Mid-Strength	(2) Moderate	(1) Weak
TRIAMCINOLONE D07AB09	TRIAMCINOLONE ACETONIDE	SPRAY	0.2%	(4) Mid-Strength		(2) Moderate
		CREAM	0.025%	(6) Mild		(2) Moderate
		CREAM	0.1%	(5) Lower Mid-Strength		(2) Moderate
		CREAM	0.5%	(3) Upper Mid-Strength		(2) Moderate
		LOTION	0.025%	(6) Mild		(2) Moderate
		LOTION	0.1%	(5) Lower Mid-Strength		(2) Moderate
		OINTMENT	0.025%	(5) Lower Mid-Strength		(2) Moderate
		OINTMENT	0.05%	(4) Mid-Strength		(2) Moderate
		OINTMENT	0.1%	(4) Mid-Strength	(3) Potent	(2) Moderate
		OINTMENT	0.5%	(3) Upper Mid-Strength		(2) Moderate
	SOLUTION	0.01%	(6) Mild		(2) Moderate	
	TRIAMCINOLONE	SPRAY	0.1%	(4) Mid-Strength		(2) Moderate
		CREAM	0.1%	(5) Lower Mid-Strength	(3) Potent	(2) Moderate
		OINTMENT	0.1%	(4) Mid-Strength	(3) Potent	(2) Moderate
ULOBETASOL D07AC21	ULOBETASOL	AEROSOL FOAM	0.05%	(1) Super Potent		(3) Potent
	HALOBETASOL PROPIONATE	CREAM	0.05%	(1) Super Potent	(4) Very Potent	(3) Potent
		LOTION	0.01%	(2) Potent		(3) Potent
		LOTION	0.05%	(1) Super Potent		(3) Potent
		OINTMENT	0.05%	(1) Super Potent		(3) Potent
ATC N.R	TRALONIDE	OINTMENT	0.025%	(4) Mid-Strength	(3) Potent	

Abbreviation: N.R, Not Reported

eFigure 1. Flowchart Outlining the Process of Developing a TCS List and Assigning a 7-Category Potency Classification Based on the US System

STEP 1: A dataset was created for each potency source. The number of unique values (by corticosteroid, vehicle, and concentration) is shown below.



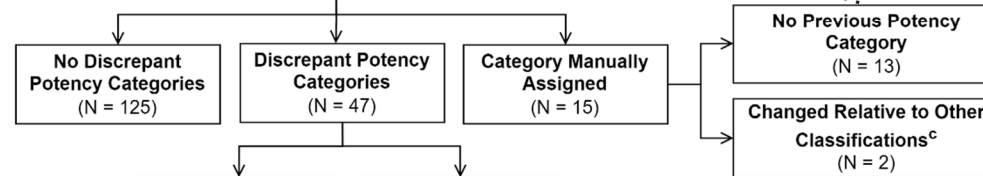
STEP 2: Datasets were merged by corticosteroid, vehicle, and concentration. Additional TCS were identified and assigned to a potency classification and merged into a dataset. An average potency category was first calculated within each source (to account for TCS assigned to >1 category) and then across the sources. Unique values were determined by corticosteroid, vehicle, and concentration.

Merged Dataset
(N = 252)

Additional TCS from Ontario Drug Benefit Formulary^b
(N = 13)

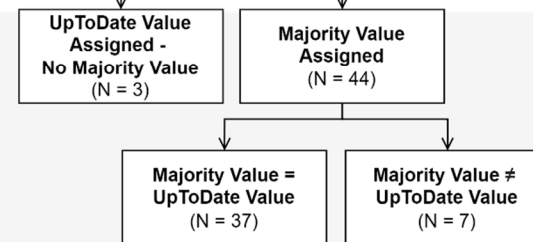
Unique Values
(N = 187)

STEP 3: TCS were manually assigned to a category if they were not classified in previous data sources, or if their assigned category was incoherent with other TCS classifications.^c Potency categories that were inconsistent between sources were flagged as discrepant.



STEP 4: TCS with discrepant categories between sources assigned to a potency classification using the following algorithm:

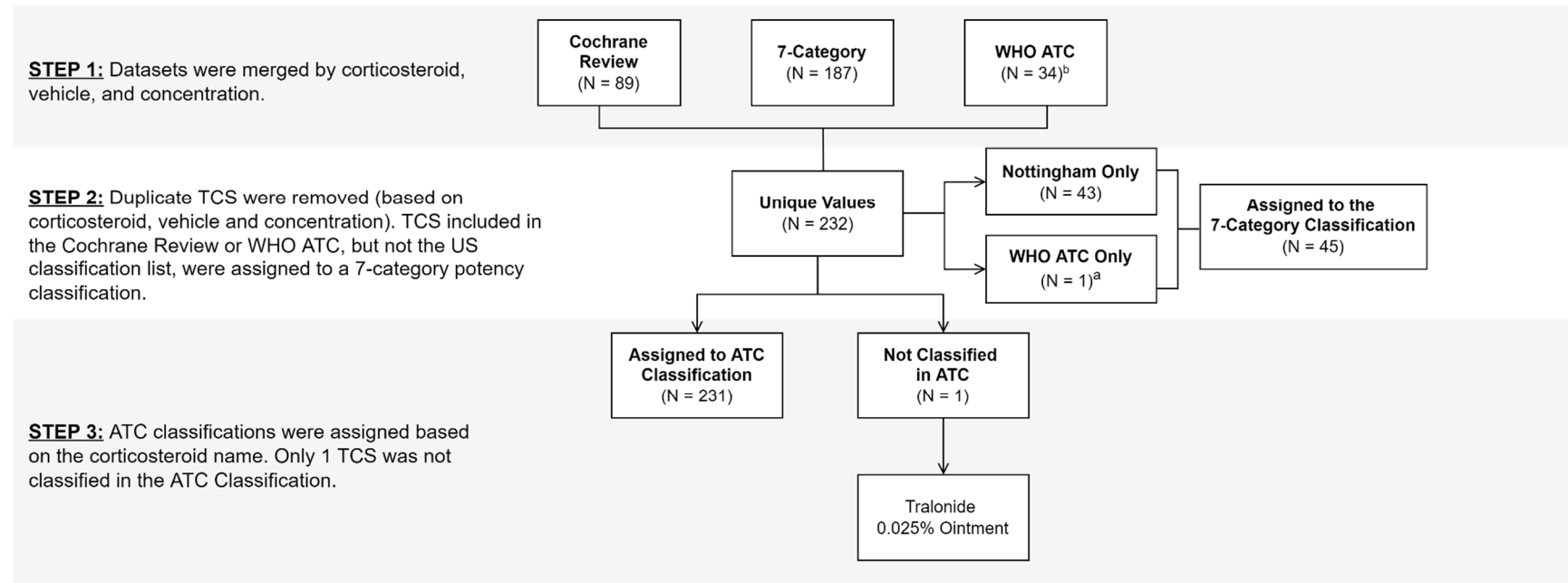
- If there was no majority value, then UpToDate value was assigned.
- If there was a majority value, the majority values was assigned.



^aCited by Mikhail & Scheinfeld (2004)

^bAvailable from: <https://www.formulary.health.gov.on.ca/formulary/>; these TCS formulations were not included in any of the other potency sources and manually assigned to a potency category.

^cThe complete list of manual changes is shown in eTable1.

eFigure 2. Flowchart of the Process of Assigning the ATC Classifications to the Combined List of TCSs

^aWe included 2 additional TCS identified in the literature that corresponded to the ATC classification; these were manually assigned to a 7-category classification.

^bWe excluded ATC corticosteroids that were never marketed (Fluperolone) and those not indicated for the treatment of inflammatory dermatological diseases (Budesonide, Fluorometholone, Difluprednate).

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