

**Table 2 Distribution, source and reason for using the preparation in 140 patients who misused topical corticosteroids**

<b>Parameter</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>
<i>Drug</i>		
Clobetasole propionate 0.05%	59	
42.1		
Betamethasone valerate 0.1%	37	
26.4		
Flucinolone acetonide 0.025%	17	
12.1		
Mixed (> 1)	14	
10.0		
Triamcinolone acetonide 0.1%	7	5.0
Hydrocortisone acetate 2.5%	6	4.3
<i>Source of drug</i>		
Paramedical personnel	38	
27.1		
Self, friend or family member <sup>a</sup>	29	
20.7		
Pharmacist	26	
18.6		
Street vendor	25	
17.9		
Physician (non-dermatologist)	16	
11.4		
Dermatologist	6	4.3
<i>Reason for using preparation<sup>b</sup></i>		