

# Summary of Product Characteristics

## 1 NAME OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT

Desenex Powder Zinc undecylenate 20% w/w Undecylenic Acid 2.0% w/w

## 2 QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE COMPOSITION

Zinc Undecylenate 20.0 % w/w

Undecylenic Acid 2.0 % w/w

Excipients with known effect

Also includes benzyl benzoate maximum 0.25% w/w.

For the full list of excipients, see section 6.1.

## 3 PHARMACEUTICAL FORM

Cutaneous powder (powder).

White free-flowing powder, free from lumps and grit.

## 4 CLINICAL PARTICULARS

### 4.1 Therapeutic Indications

Desenex is recommended in the prophylaxis and treatment of mycotic superficial dermatophytoses of feet and relief of itching and scaling produced by these fungal infections. Is it also used to remove foot odour and prevent sweating.

### 4.2 Posology and method of administration

Posology:

For topical administration only.

*General directions:*

Apply Desenex Powder liberally over the affected areas as required after washing and drying.

*Feet:*

Twice daily, sprinkle powder liberally between toes, on feet, and in the shoes and socks.

Continue treatment for two weeks after symptoms disappear. If there is no improvement after 2 weeks treatment or symptoms worsen consult your doctor or pharmacist.

To prevent reinfection, use Desenex Powder daily.

### 4.3 Contraindications

Hypersensitivity to the active substances or to any of the excipients listed in section 6.1.

### 4.4 Special warnings and precautions for use

Not recommended for nail or scalp infections.

Do not use on children under 2 years of age except under the advice and supervision of a doctor.

If there is no response within 2 weeks, or the condition is aggravated, use of the product should be stopped and the physician should be notified.

Desenex Powder contains benzyl benzoate which may cause local irritation.

Do not apply to broken skin

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

None stated.

#### 4.6 Fertility, pregnancy and lactation

There are no or limited amount of data from the use of Zinc Undecylenate and Undecylenic Acid in pregnant women, pregnancy and lactation

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

Not applicable.

#### 4.8 Undesirable effects

Summary of the safety profile.

Adverse reactions have been ranked under headings of frequency using the following convention:

1. Very common ( $\geq 1/10$ );
2. Common ( $\geq 1/100$ ,  $< 1/10$ );
3. Uncommon ( $\geq 1/1000$ ,  $< 1/100$ );
4. Rare ( $\geq 1/10000$ ,  $< 1/1000$ );
5. Very rare ( $< 1/10000$ )
6. Not known (cannot be estimated from the available data).

System Organ Class	Incidence	Adverse reaction
Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders	Not known	Mild irritation of the skin.
		Local skin reactions e.g. contact dermatitis.
		Allergic reactions.
		Irritant to the mucous membranes
Eye disorders	Not known	Mild irritation to the eyes

#### 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 HPRA Pharmacovigilance, Earlsfort Terrace, IRL - Dublin 2; Tel: +353 1 6764971; Fax: +353 1 6762517. Website: [www.hpra.ie](http://www.hpra.ie); E-mail: [medsafety@hpra.ie](mailto:medsafety@hpra.ie).

#### 4.9 Overdose

None stated.

### 5 PHARMACOLOGICAL PROPERTIES

#### 5.1 Pharmacodynamic properties

Pharmacotherapeutic group: Undecylenic Acid, combinations  
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Zinc undecylenate and undecylenic acid have antifungal properties and are applied topically in the prophylaxis and treatment of mycotic superficial dermatophytoses and the relief of itching and scaling produced by these fungal infections.

## **5.2 Pharmacokinetic properties**

Not applicable.

## **5.3 Preclinical safety data**

Not applicable.

## **6 PHARMACEUTICAL PARTICULARS**

### **6.1 List of excipients**

Talc  
Perfume, Undeca\*

\* contains: Benzyl Benzoate, Eugenol, Isoeugenol and Phenyl Ethyl Alcohol White.

### **6.2 Incompatibilities**

Not applicable.

### **6.3 Shelf life**

3 years.

### **6.4 Special precautions for storage**

Do not store above 25°C. Keep the container tightly closed.

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

Multidose container: Polypropylene container with polypropylene sprinkler lid.

Pack size: 55g.

### **6.6 Special precautions for disposal of a used medicinal product or waste materials derived from such medicinal product and other handling of the product**

No special requirements.

## **7 MARKETING AUTHORISATION HOLDER**

Clonmel Healthcare Ltd  
Clonmel  
Co. Tipperary  
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## **8 MARKETING AUTHORISATION NUMBER**

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## **9 DATE OF FIRST AUTHORISATION/RENEWAL OF THE AUTHORISATION**

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Date of last renewal: 20th March 2008

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