

The article “A Review of Clinical Experience and Recommendations for Improving Patient Care” in the February 2005 supplement (*Cutis*. 2005;75[suppl 2]:32-39) used the incorrect information for the author’s perceived efficacy level of Differin® 0.1% gel,

solution, and pledgets in Table 3. The correct level should have read “Standard Efficacy.” Consequently, the entire page 34 is reprinted below in its corrected form. *Cutis*® makes every possible effort to ensure accuracy in its articles and apologizes for the mistake.

Table 2.

**Irritation Potential of Current Retinoids\***

Product	Low Irritation	Medium Irritation	High Irritation
Retin-A Micro® 0.04% gel microsphere	X		
Avita® 0.025% cream	X		
Differin® 0.1% cream and gel	X		
Retin-A Micro 0.1% gel microsphere		X	
Tazorac® 0.05% and 0.1% creams		X	
Differin 0.1% solution and pledgets			X
Tazorac 0.05% and 0.1% gels			X

\*Based on the author’s clinical experience.

Table 3.

**Perceived Efficacy Levels of Current Retinoids\***

Product	Low Efficacy	Standard Efficacy	High Efficacy
Differin® 0.1% cream	X		
Retin-A Micro® 0.04% gel microsphere	X		
Differin 0.1% gel, solution, and pledgets		X	
Retin-A Micro 0.1% gel microsphere		X	
Tazorac® 0.05% cream and gel		X	
Tazorac 0.1% cream and gel			X

\*Based on the author’s clinical experience.

undertaken trials to directly compare different formulations. One of the adapalene 0.1% pivotal trials showed this product to be statistically superior ( $P < .01$ ) to tretinoin 0.025% gel in reducing acne lesion counts, but another trial did not distinguish the 2 products statistically in all types of lesions measured.<sup>16,17</sup> Nonetheless, clinical use through the years has led to the perception among clinicians that some of the topical retinoid formulations are stronger or more efficacious than others. These

perceived efficacy differences are highlighted in Table 3. Of note, those formulations with greater perceived efficacy also tend to have greater irritation potential. Hence, the choice of a topical retinoid by a clinician often involves evaluating the trade-off between efficacy and irritation.

*Patient-Related Factors for Choosing a Topical Retinoid*—Selection of a retinoid for individual patients is a process involving multiple factors. In addition to the attributes of the different retinoids