

ingredient herbal preparation promoted for weight loss; one patient required emergency liver transplantation.¹

1. Sanchez W, *et al.* Severe hepatotoxicity associated with use of a dietary supplement containing usnic acid. *Mayo Clin Proc* 2006; **81**: 541–4.

Preparations

Proprietary Preparations (details are given in Part 3)
Ger.: Dr Grandel Granobil[†]; Tetesept Hals-activ; **Ital.:** Vidermina; Zeta N.
Multi-ingredient: **Indon.:** Scabidex; **Ital.:** Foot Zeta; Micofoot; Steril Zeta.

Valepotriates

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Acevaltrate (*rINN*)

Acévaltrate; Acevaltrato; Acevaltrum. 4-Acetoxyethyl-(1 or 6)-3-(acetoxy-3-methylbutyryloxy)-1,6,7,7a-tetrahydro-(6 or 1)-isovaleryloxy-5-cyclopenta[c]pyran-7-spiro-2'-oxiran.

Ацевалтрат
C₂₄H₃₂O₁₀ = 480.5.
CAS — 25161-41-5.

Didrovaltrate (*rINN*)

Didrovaltrato; Didrovaltrum. 6-Acetoxy-1,4a,5,6,7,7a-hexahydro-1-isovaleryloxy-4-isovaleryloxyethylcyclopenta[c]pyran-7-spiro-2'-oxiran.

Диаровальтрат
C₃₂H₃₂O₈ = 424.5.
CAS — 18296-45-2.

Valtrate (*pINN*)

Valtrato; Valtrum. 4-Acetoxyethyl-1,6-di-isovaleryloxy-1,6,7,7a-tetrahydrocyclopenta[c]pyran-7-spiro-2'-oxiran.

Вальтрат
C₂₂H₃₀O₈ = 422.5.
CAS — 18296-44-1.

Profile

Valepotriates are epoxy-iridoid esters, isolated from valerian (see below). They include acevaltrate, didrovaltrate, and valtrate. On prolonged storage and drying they are hydrolysed to yield isovaleric acid.

A mixture stated to contain acevaltrate, didrovaltrate, and valtrate has been used as a sedative and as an anxiolytic. Concern has been expressed over the potential toxicity of valepotriates which have been reported to have cytotoxic properties *in vitro*.

Preparations

Proprietary Preparations (details are given in Part 3)
Austria: Valmane; **Gr.:** Valmane.
Multi-ingredient: **Arg.:** SDN 200.

Valerian

Baldrianwurzel; Korzeń kozłka; Kozlíkový kořen; Macskagyökér; Valer; Valeriananjanjuuri; Valerian Rhizome; Valerian Root; Valeriana; Valeriana radix; Valerianarot; Valériane, racine de; Valerijonų šaknys.

CAS — 8057-49-6 (*valerian extract*).
ATC — N05CM09.
ATC Vet — QN05CM09.

Pharmacopoeias. In *Eur.* (see p.vii) and *US. Eur.* also includes valerian dry hydroalcoholic extract and tincture. *US.* includes the powdered form.

Jpn has Japanese Valerian from *V. fauriei*.

Ph. Eur. 6.2 (Valerian Root; Valerian BP 2008). The yellowish-grey to pale brownish-grey whole underground parts of *Valeriana officinalis*, including the rhizome surrounded by the roots and stolons, or by fragments of these parts. It contains not less than 0.4% w/w of essential oil for the whole drug and not less than 0.3% w/w for the cut drug, both calculated with reference to the dried drug. Protect from light.

USP 31 (Valerian). The subterranean parts of *Valeriana officinalis* (Valerianaceae), including the rhizome, roots, and stolons. It contains not less than 0.5% of volatile oil and not less than 0.05% of valeric acid, calculated on the dried basis. Store in airtight containers. Protect from light.

Profile

Valerian has sedative properties and is used as an extract, infusion, or tincture, or occasionally as the dried root, in preparations for anxiety states. It has also been used as a carminative. Valerian oil is used in aromatherapy. The odour of valerian may be removed from the skin and from hard surfaces with sodium bicarbonate.

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Adverse effects. Liver damage¹ was reported in 4 patients who took herbal stress remedies that contained valerian. Cardiac complications and delirium in a 58-year-old man may have been caused by the withdrawal of prolonged therapy with a valerian root extract preparation.²

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2. Garges HP, *et al.* Cardiac complications and delirium associated with valerian root withdrawal. *JAMA* 1998; **280**: 1566–7.

Preparations

Ph. Eur.: Valerian Dry Hydroalcoholic Extract; Valerian Tincture; **USP 31:** Valerian Tablets.
Proprietary Preparations (details are given in Part 3)

Arg.: Nervisat; Sedante Nativa[†]; **Austral.:** Herbal Sleep Formula[†]; **Austria:** Baldrinet[†]; **Belg.:** Dormiplant; Relaxine; Valdispert[†]; Valeria; **Braz.:** Nocivall; Reacalm; Sonoripain; Traminer; Valdorm; Valeriane; Valerimed; Valerin; Valeria; Valezen; Valmane; **Canad.:** Nytol Natural Source; Sleep-Eze V Natural; Unisom Natural Source[†]; **Chile:** Somnec; **Cz.:** Koren Kozlíku Lekarskeho[†]; Kozlík Valdispert[†]; **Fin.:** Valian; **Ger.:** Baldorm; Baldriparan Stark[†]; Baldriwt; Baldurat; Cefaluna[†]; Cefan; Dolestan; Euvegal Balance; Kytta-Sedativum; Luvased mono; Phytodormat[†]; Recvalysat[†]; Sedonium; Sporal mono; Valdispert[†]; **Hong Kong:** Cirkus Sed[†]; **Israel:** Relaxine; Valeron; **Ital.:** Ticalma; Val-Unio[†]; **Mex.:** Neolaikan; **Neth.:** Dormiplant; Sedonium; Valdispert; **Pol.:** Cirkused; Relana Forte; Valerin; **Port.:** Valdispert; Valditas; **Rus.:** Novo-Passit (Hobo-Flaccor); **S.Afr.:** Calmettes; **Spain:** Ansiokey; Cirkused[†]; Coenrelax; Tauval[†]; Valdispert; Valeriana Orto; Valse-dan; **Swed.:** Baldrian-Dispert; Neurol; Valerecen; **Switz.:** Baldriparan pour la nuit; Baldrisedon[†]; Natu-Seda; Plantival Mono[†]; ReDormin; Sedasol eco natura; Sedonium; Sirop pour le sommeil[†]; Valdispert; Valverde Sommeil[†]; **UK:** Niteherb; Phytorelax; Sedonium; **Venez.:** Floral Pas.

Multi-ingredient: **Arg.:** Armonik; Calmtabs[†]; Dioxicalgol; Erbonda Noche[†]; Herbacion Sedante[†]; Incaico Serenidad[†]; Insomnal[†]; Nervocalm; SDN 200; Sedanat; Sedante Arcelil[†]; Sedante Dia; Serenil; Sigmasedan; Top Life Relax[†]; Trivolt[†]; Valeriana Diates; Valeriana Oligoplex; Valeriana Relax Diates; **Austral.:** Calmo; Coleus Complex; Dan Shen Compound; Executive Day; Extralife Sleep-Care; Goodnight Formula[†]; Humulus Compound; Lifesystem Herbal Plus Formula 2 Valerian[†]; Macro Anti-Stress[†]; Multi-Vitamin Day & Night[†]; Natural Deep Sleep; Pacifinity[†]; Passiflora Complex[†]; Passionflower Plus; Prosed-X[†]; ReDormin; Relaxaplex[†]; Valerian Plus Herbal Plus Formula 12[†]; Valerian[†]; **Austria:** Baldracin; Baldrian AMA; Eryval; Euvekan; Hova; Nervenruh; Nerventee St Severin; Sedadom; Sedogelat; Songha; Species nervinae; Thymoval; Valin Baldrian; Wechseltsee St Severin; **Belg.:** Natudor; Seneval; Songha; **Braz.:** Anevrage[†]; Passicalm[†]; Remilev; Somnec; Sonhare; **Canad.:** Herbal Nerve; Herbal Sleep VWell[†]; Relax and Sleep; **Chile:** Armony; Reacalm; Valupass; **Cz.:** Baldracin; Bio-Strath[†]; Contrapan[†]; Dr Theiss Rheuma Creme[†]; Dr Theiss Schwedenbitter; Euvekan; Herz- und Kreislauftee[†]; Hova; Klosterfrau Beruhigungs Forte[†]; Nervova Cajova Smes; Novo-Passit; Persen; Sanason; Schlaf-Nerventee N[†]; Songha Night[†]; Species Nervinae Planta; Valofyt Neo; Visinal[†]; **Fr.:** Anxoral[†]; Biocardie; Euphytose; Mediflor Tisane Calmante Troubles du Sommeil No 14; Mediflor Tisane Circulation du Sang No 12; Neurofoliane; Palipax[†]; Passinevryl; Phytocalm[†]; Spasmine; Sympaoneuro; Tranquital[†]; **Ger.:** Alluna Nacht; Ardeyседон; Avsedom duo; Baldrian-Dispert Nacht; Baldriparan N Stark[†]; Biosedon[†]; Boxocalm; Cefasedativ[†]; Cor-Select[†]; Dormanist[†]; Dormeasan; Dormo-Sern[†]; Dormoverlan; Dr Scheffler Bergischer Krautertee Nerven- und Beruhigungstee; Dreierlei; Euvegal; Euvegal Entspannung- und Einschlafdragees[†]; Euvegal Entspannung- und Einschlaftröpfchen; Gutmacht[†]; Habstall-Nerv N[†]; Heumann Beruhigungstee Teneval; Hingefong-Essenz Hofmanns; Hyperasa; JuDorm[†]; Kavosporal comp[†]; Kneipp Gute Nacht; Kytta-Sedativum; Leukona-Beruhigungsbad[†]; Lomasleep[†]; Luvased; Majocarmarin mitei[†]; Moradom S; Mutellon; Nervendragees[†]; Nervenka-pselin; Nervoregion forte[†]; Nervoregin phyto; Nervosana[†]; Neurapas; Ni-trangin compositum[†]; Oxacant N[†]; Oxacant-Kediv[†]; Pascosedon; Phytocinctu; Plantival novo; Presselin Nervex K I N[†]; Pronervon Phyto; Psychotonin-sed[†]; Rhovall[†]; Rubiesed[†]; Schlaf- und Nerventee; Schweden-trunk Elixier; Seda-Plantina[†]; Sedacur; Sedariston Konzentrat; Sedariston plus; Sedaselect N[†]; Sedasyx[†]; Sedinfant N[†]; Selon; Sensinerv forte[†]; Som-nuvix S[†]; Tormix; Valdispert comp[†]; Valeriana comp novum; Valeriana forte N[†]; Valeriana mild[†]; Valverde Baldrian Hopfen bei Einschlafstörungen und zur Beruhigung[†]; Vinoxon Day; **Hong Kong:** Epizon[†]; **Hung.:** Euvekan; Hova; ReDormin; Sedacur; **India:** Well-Being[†]; **Indon.:** Slip-izzzz; **Israel:** Calmanervin; Nerven-Dragees; Passiflora; Passiflora Compound; Songha Night; **Ital.:** Anevrax; Bianco Val[†]; Biocalm; Calmason; Camomilla (Specie Composita)[†]; Dormiplant; Fitosonono; Florelax; Glicero-Valerovit[†]; Luvased (Specie Composita)[†]; Noctis; Parvisedil; Reve; Sedatol; Sedopuer F; Val-Plus[†]; Valeriana (Specie Composita)[†]; **Mex.:** Ivel; Nervinetas; Pasinordin; Plantival; **Pol.:** Calmina; Cardiol C; Cardiotonic; Cholitol; Dormiplant; Fort-estomachicae; Guttas Stomachicae; Hova; Kalms; Kropke Zoladkowie; Leko-sen; Lumeval; Neocardina; Neospasmina; Neospasmol; Nervendragees; Nervomix; Nervosol; Nervobonisol; Passispasmin; Passispasmol; Persen; Prostopal; Relana; Sedomix; Tabletki Uspokajajace; Uproprost; Vallup; Valused; **Port.:** Antispasmina Colica; Gabisedil[†]; Neurocardiol[†]; Songha[†]; Valesono[†]; **Rus.:** Doppelherz Vitalotonik (Доппельгерц Виталотоник); Herbion Drops for the Heart (Тербийон Сердечные Капли); Insti (Инсти); Passifit (Пассифит); Persen (Персен); Sanason (Санасон); **S.Afr.:** Avena Sativa Comp; Biral; Entressdruppels HM; Helmontskruie; Krampdruppels; Restin; Stuidruppels; Wonderkroonessens; **Spain:** Dormiplant; Melival[†]; Nat-tutor Somnisedant[†]; Nervikan; Relana; Sedasort[†]; Sedonat; Valdispert Com-plex; **Switz.:** Baldriparan; Baldrisedon plus[†]; Dicalm[†]; Dormeasan; Dormi-plant; Dragees pour la detente nerveuse; Dragees pour le coeur et les nerfs; Dragees pour le sommeil; Dragees sedatives Dr Welti; Hova; Nervinette; Perceptor[†]; Phytomed Somni[†]; ReDormin; Relaxane; Relaxo; Songha Night; Soporin; Strath Gouttes pour le nerfs et contre l'insomnie; Tisane calmante pour les enfants; Tisane pour le sommeil et les nerfs; Tisane relax-ante N[†]; Valverde Coeur; Valverde Detente dragees; Valverde Sommeil; Valviska; Zeller Sommeil; **UK:** Avena Sativa Comp; Bio-Strath Valerian For-mula; Daily Tension & Strain Relief; Digestive; Gerard House Serenity; Ger-ard House Somnus; Herbal Indigestion Naturtabs; Herbal Pain Relief; HRI Calm Life; HRI Golden Seal Digestive; HRI Night; Indigestion and Flatulence; Kalms; Kalms Sleep; Laxative Tablets; Menopause Relief; Modern Herbals Stress; Natrasleep; Natural Herb Tablets; Newrelax; Niteherb Plus; Nodoff; Nytol Herbal; Period Pain Relief; PMT Formula; Prementaid; Quiet Days; Quiet Life; Quiet Nite; Quiet Tyne; Relax B ; Scullcap & Gentian Tablets; Somnec Herbal; Stressless; SuNerven Sure-Lax (Herbal); Tranquil; Unwind Herbal Nytol; Valerina Day Time; Valerina Night-Time; Vegetable Cough Remover; Wellwomn; Wind & Dyspepsia Relief; **Venez.:** Cratex[†]; Equival; Eufytose[†]; Euvekan; Femendol; Inscap; Lupassin; Nervinetas; Pasidor; Pas-ifludina; Rendetil; Sedval.

Valspodar (*BAN, USAN, rINN*)

PSC-833; SDZ-PSC-833; Valspodarum. Cyclo[[[(2S,4R,6E)-4-methyl-2-(methylamino)-3-oxo-6-octenoyl]-L-valyl-N-methylglycyl-L-N-methyl-L-leucyl-L-valyl-N-methyl-L-leucyl-L-alanyl-D-alanyl-N-methyl-L-leucyl-N-methyl-L-leucyl-N-methyl-L-valyl].

Вальсподар
C₆₃H₁₁₁N₁₁O₁₂ = 1214.6.
CAS — 121584-18-7.

Profile

Valspodar is an analogue of ciclosporin (p.1822). It inhibits P-glycoprotein, which is associated with multidrug resistance. Valspodar is being investigated in various neoplasms to restore sensitivity of resistant tumour cells to anticancer drugs, but results have been disappointing.

Valspodar inhibits the cytochrome P450 isoenzyme CYP3A4, and may reduce the metabolism and clearance of other drugs.

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Vanilla

Baunilha; Vainilla; Vanilla Beans; Vanilla Pods.

Pharmacopoeias. In *USNF*.

USNF 26 (Vanilla). The cured, full-grown, unripe fruit of *Vanilla planifolia*, often known in commerce as Mexican, Bourbon, or Madagascar vanilla, or of *V. tahitensis*, known in commerce as Tahitian vanilla (Orchidaceae). Vanilla that has become brittle should not be used. Store in airtight containers at a temperature not exceeding 8°.

Profile

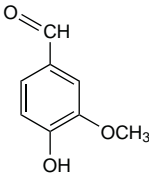
Vanilla is used as a flavour and in perfumery. However, the odour and flavour of vanilla are not entirely due to vanillin (see below) but depend on the presence of other aromatic substances. Preparations of vanilla have been used in aromatherapy.

Preparations

USNF 26: Vanilla Tincture.

Vanillin

Vainillina; Vaniliini; Vanilin; Vanilinas; Vanillic Aldehyde; Vanilline; Vanillinum; Wanilina. 4-Hydroxy-3-methoxybenzaldehyde.
C₈H₈O₃ = 152.1.
CAS — 121-33-5.



Pharmacopoeias. In *Eur.* (see p.vii) and *Viet.* Also in *USNF*. **Ph. Eur. 6.2** (Vanillin). White or slightly yellowish crystalline needles or powder. M.p. 81° to 84°. Slightly soluble in water; freely soluble in alcohol and in methyl alcohol; it dissolves in dilute solutions of alkali hydroxides. Protect from light.

USNF 26 (Vanillin). Fine, white to slightly yellow crystals, usually needle-like, having an odour and taste suggestive of vanilla.