#### Diethyltoluamide (BAN, rINN)

DEET; N,N-Diethyl-3-methylbenzamide; Diéthyltoluamide; Diethyltoluamidum; Dietiltoluamida; Dietiltoluamida. NN-Diethylm-toluamide

Диэтилтолуамид  $C_{12}H_{17}NO = 191.3.$ CAS — 134-62-3. ATC — PO3BX01 ATC Vet - QP53GX01.

# Pharmacopoeias. In Int. and US.

**USP 31** (Diethyltoluamide). A colourless liquid with a faint pleasant odour. Practically insoluble in water and in glycerol; miscible with alcohol, with carbon disulfide, with chloroform, with ether, and with isopropyl alcohol. Store in airtight contain-

# **Adverse Effects and Precautions**

Occasional hypersensitivity to diethyltoluamide has been reported. Diethyltoluamide should not be applied near the eyes, to mucous membranes, to broken skin, or to areas of skin flexion, as irritation or blistering may occur. Systemic toxicity has been reported after application of large topical doses, particularly in children.

♦ Hypersensitivity and anaphylaxis has been described in a patient after exposure to diethyltoluamide. ¹ Toxic encephalopathy has been noted in children given liberal applications of this compound;<sup>2</sup> seizures have also been reported,<sup>3</sup> and there have been cases of manic psychosis4 and cardiovascular toxicity (sinus bradycardia and orthostatic hypotension)5 associated with topical application. An assessment<sup>6</sup> of both published and unpublished data concluded that there had been remarkably few problems considering the widespread use of diethyltoluamide and that the encephalopathy in children had not been substantiated by detailed surveillance; however, another case analysis7 did find an association with encephalopathy in children.

Toxic reactions, including death, have been reported after the ingestion of large amounts of diethyltoluamide-containing insect repellents.8

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## Uses

Diethyltoluamide is an insect repellent that is effective against mosquitoes as well as blackflies, harvest-bugs or chiggers, midges, ticks, and fleas. It is considered to be of value for personal protection against malaria (p.594). It has also been used as a repellent against leeches. It may be applied to skin and clothing.

# **Preparations**

USP 31: Diethyltoluamide Topical Solution.

 $\textbf{Proprietary Preparations} \ (\text{details are given in Part 3})$ 

Austral.: Apex Repel Super; Belg.: Mouskito Tropical; Canad.: Bens†; Bug zzz Away†; Cutter†; Deep Woods OFF†; Konk†; Muskol†; Off; Off Skintastic Ungava: Fr.: Insect Eran; Item Antipoux, NZ: Apex Repel Super; S. Afr.: Mylol†; UK: Bens; Jungle Formula Insect Repellent; Mijex.

Multi-ingredient: Arg.: Standard XXI; Austral.: Apex Repel Super; Apex Repel Ultra: Belg.: Mouskito Sur.: Mouskito Travel Milk: Mouskito Travel Milk: Mouskito Travel Stick: Canad.: Coppertone Bug & Sunblock; Muskol with Sunblock; Off Skintastic with Sunscreent; Fr.: Mousticologne: Moustidose Adult et Enfant; Tiq'Aouta; Hong Kong: Pellit; Israel: Yatushan Plus; Hal.: Esolkin; Sinezari; Pin: Una Repellert; NZ: Apex Repel Super; Apex Repel Ultra; S.Afr.: Mylol; No-Bite; Thai.: Pellit;

# Difenacoum

Difenacum. 3-(3-Biphenyl-4-yl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-1-naphthyl)-4hydroxycoumarin.

 $C_{31}H_{24}O_3 = 444.5$ CAS - 56073-07-5.

#### **Profile**

Difenacoum is an anticoagulant rodenticide.

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Toxicity. Difenacoum, a second-generation anticoagulant rodenticide inhibits prothrombin synthesis to cause bleeding that may be occult.1 It is absorbed from the gastrointestinal tract; dermal absorption is possible. Poisons containing 100 mg in each kg of bait are not hazardous to man; more concentrated forms are particularly hazardous and their availability should be restricted. Baits, which should be prepared only by trained personnel, should contain a suitable marker-dye.

There have been reports of poisoning with difenacoum.<sup>2-4</sup>

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# **Diflubenzuron**

I-(4-Chlorophenyl)-3-(2,6-difluorobenzoyl)urea.  $C_{14}H_9CIF_2N_2O_2 = 310.7.$  $CAS = 3\overline{5}3\overline{6}7\overline{-3}8-5.$ ATC Vet - QP53BC02.

Diflubenzuron is an insecticide and larvicide that acts as a growth regulator by interfering with the formation of cuticle. It is used in agriculture and for the control of disease vectors

Diflubenzuron possesses residual activity against mosquito lar-

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## **Dimethoate**

Dimetoato; Fosfamid. O,O-Dimethyl S-methylcarbamoylmethyl phosphorodithioate

 $C_5H_{12}NO_3PS_2 = 229.3.$ CAS — 60-51-5.

Dimethoate is an organophosphorus insecticide (p.2047) used in agriculture.

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- Jovanović D, et al. A case of unusual suicidal poisoning by the organophosphorus insecticide dimethoate. Hum Exp Toxicol 1990; 9: 49–51.
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## **Dimethyl Phthalate**

Dimetilo, ftalato de; DMP; Methyl Phthalate. Dimethyl benzene-1,2-dicarboxylate.

 $C_{10}H_{10}O_4 = 194.2.$ CAS — 131-11-3. ATC — P03BX02. ATC Vet - QP53GX02.

Pharmacopoeias. In Br: and Fr:

BP 2008 (Dimethyl Phthalate). A colourless or faintly coloured liquid, odourless or almost odourless. Slightly soluble in water; miscible with alcohol, with ether, and with most organic sol-

#### Adverse Effects and Precautions

Dimethyl phthalate may cause temporary smarting and should not be applied near the eyes or to mucous membranes. As with other phthalates contact with plastics should be avoided.

Dimethyl phthalate is an insect repellent.

## **Preparations**

**Proprietary Preparations** (details are given in Part 3)

Multi-ingredient: Fr.: SVR Creme Antimoustique†; Tiq'Aouta; Hong Kong: Pellit†; Hung.: Novascabin; Israel: Yatushan Plus†; S.Afr.: Mylol†; Kong: Pellit† Thai.: Pellit†.

# Dimpylate (BAN, rINN)

Diazinon; Diazynon; Dimpilato; Dimpylaatti; Dimpylat; Dimpylatum. O,O-Diethyl O-(2-isopropyl-6-methylpyrimidin-4-yl) phosphorothioate.

Димпилат

 $C_{12}H_{21}N_2O_3PS = 304.3.$ CAS - 333-41-5. ATC Vet - QP53AF03.

Pharmacopoeias. In BP(Vet).

**BP(Vet) 2008** (Dimpylate). A clear, yellowish-brown, slightly viscous liquid. Practically insoluble in water; miscible with alcohol, with ether, and with most organic solvents.

# **Profile**

Dimpylate is an organophosphorus insecticide (p.2047) used as a systemic ectoparasiticide in veterinary practice; it is applied topically to the host animal. It is also used as an insecticide in agriculture and horticulture.

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The symbol † denotes a preparation no longer actively marketed