

fluid retention or adverse effect on renal function or serum-lipids. In these reports, intramuscular doses of nandrolone decanoate have ranged from 100 mg once every 2 weeks<sup>4</sup> up to 600 mg weekly,<sup>2</sup> and treatment has generally been given for 12 to 24 weeks.

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#### Preparations

**BP 2008:** Nandrolone Decanoate Injection; Nandrolone Phenylpropionate Injection;  
**USP 31:** Nandrolone Decanoate Injection; Nandrolone Phenpropionate Injection.

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

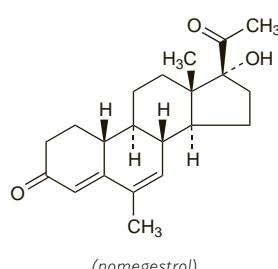
**Arg.:** Deca-Durabolin; Keratyl†; **Austria:** Deca-Durabolin; **Belg.:** Deca-Durabolin; **Braz.:** Deca-Durabolin; **Canad.:** Deca-Durabolin; **Chile:** Anaprolina; Deca-Durabolin; Nandrosande; **Cz.:** Deca-Durabolin†; Keratyl†; Superanabolon; **Fin.:** Deca-Durabolin; **Fr.:** Keratyl†; **Ger.:** Deca-Durabolin; Keratyl†; **Gr.:** Anaboline Depot; Deca-Durabolin; Extraboline; Nurezan†; **Hong Kong:** Deca-Durabolin; **Hung.:** Retabol; **India:** Deca-Durabolin; Decaneurabol†; Durabolin; Metabol; Metadec; Neurobol; **Indon.:** Deca-Durabolin; **Ital.:** Deca-Durabolin; Dynabol†; **Malaysia:** Deca-Durabolin; **Mex.:** Deca-Durabolin; **Neth.:** Deca-Durabolin; Durabolin; **Norw.:** Deca-Durabolin; **NZ.:** Deca-Durabolin; **Pol.:** Deca-Durabolin; **Port.:** Deca-Durabolin; Nandain†; **Rus.:** Retabol (Ретабол); **S.Afr.:** Deca-Durabolin; **Singapore:** Deca-Durabolin; **Spain:** Deca-Durabolin; **Swed.:** Deca-Durabolin; **Switz.:** Deca-Durabolin; Keratyl; **Thail.:** Deca-Durabolin; Keratyl; **UK:** Deca-Durabolin; **USA:** Androlone-D; Deca-Durabolin; Durabolin; Hybolin; Neo-Durabolin; **Venez.:** Deca-Durabolin.

**Multi-ingredient:** **Arg.:** Dexatopic†; **Indon.:** Dexatopic; **Neth.:** Dexatopic†.

#### Nomegestrol Acetate (BANM, rINN)

Acetato de nomegestrol; Nomegestrol acetát; Nomégestrol, acetát de; Nomegestrol Asetat; Nomegestrolacetat; Nomegestrol acetas; Nomegestrolasetaatti; Nomegestrolio acetatas; Nomegesztrol-acetát. 17-Hydroxy-6-methyl-19-norpregna-4,6-diene-3,20-dione acetate.

Homerectrolo Aacetat  
 $C_{23}H_{30}O_4 = 370.5$ .  
 CAS — 58691-88-6 (nomegestrol); 58652-20-3 (nomegestrol acetate).  
 ATC — G03DB04.  
 ATC Vet — QG03DB04.



**Pharmacopoeias.** In *Eur.* (see p.vii).

**Ph. Eur. 6.2** (Nomegestrol Acetate). A white or almost white crystalline powder. Practically insoluble in water; soluble in alcohol; freely soluble in acetone. Protect from light.

#### Profile

Nomegestrol acetate is a progestogen structurally related to progesterone (p.2125) that has been used in the treatment of menstrual disorders and as the progestogen component of menopausal HRT (p.2071). Typical oral doses are 5 mg daily for 10 to 14 days of a 28-day cycle. A subdermal implant is under investigation as a long-acting progestogen-only contraceptive.

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#### Preparations

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

**Arg.:** Lutetyl; **Belg.:** Lutetyl; **Braz.:** Lutetyl; **Chile:** Lutetyl; **Cz.:** Lutetyl; **Hong Kong:** Lutetyl; **Indon.:** Lutetyl; **Ital.:** Lutetyl; **Mex.:** Lutetyl; **Mon.:** Lutetyl; **Pol.:** Lutetyl; **Port.:** Lutetyl; **Turk.:** Lutetyl; **Venez.:** Lutetyl.

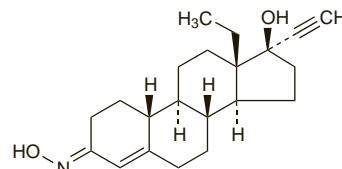
**Multi-ingredient:** **Ital.:** Naemis; **Mon.:** Naemis; **Neth.:** Naemis; **Port.:** Naemis.

#### Norelgestromin (BAN, USAN, rINN)

17-Deacylorgestimate; Norelgestromin; Norelgestromina; Norelgestromine; Norelgestrominum; RWJ-10553. 13-Ethyl-17-hydroxy-18,19-dinor-17α-pregn-4-en-20-yn-3-one oxime.

Норэльгестромин

$C_{21}H_{29}NO_2 = 327.5$ .  
 CAS — 53016-31-2.



#### Profile

Norelgestromin is a progestogen (see Progesterone, p.2125); it is the primary active metabolite of norgestimate (p.2121). Norelgestromin is used as the progestogenic component of a combined contraceptive transdermal patch. A dose of 150 micrograms of norelgestromin is released daily with ethynodiol diol. A new patch is applied each week for 3 weeks of a 4-week cycle. Norelgestromin exposure from such a patch may be greater than that resulting from a comparable oral contraceptive.

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#### Preparations

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

**Multi-ingredient:** **Arg.:** Evra; **Belg.:** Evra; **Braz.:** Evra; **Canad.:** Evra; **Chile:** Evra; **Cz.:** Evra; **Denn.:** Evra; **Fin.:** Evra; **Fr.:** Evra; **Ger.:** Evra; **Gr.:** Evra; **Hong Kong:** Evra; **Hung.:** Evra; **Irl.:** Evra; **Israel:** Evra; **Ital.:** Evra; **Venez.:** Evra.

The symbol † denotes a preparation no longer actively marketed

**Mex.:** Evra; **Neth.:** Evra; **Norw.:** Evra; **Philipp.:** Evra; **Pol.:** Evra; **Port.:** Evra; **Rus.:** Evra (Епра); **S Afr.:** Evra; **Singapore:** Evra; **Spain:** Evra; **Swed.:** Evra; **Switz.:** Evra; **Thail.:** Evra; **UK:** Evra; **USA:** Ortho Evra; **Venez.:** Evra.

#### Norethandrolone (BAN, rINN) ⊗

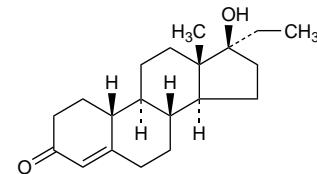
17α-Ethyl-17β-hydroxyestr-4-en-3-one; 17β-Hydroxy-19-nor-17α-pregn-4-en-3-one; Norethandrolona; Noréthandrolone; Норэтандролон

$C_{20}H_{30}O_2 = 302.5$ .

CAS — 52-78-8.

ATC — A14AA09.

ATC Vet — QA14AA09.



#### Adverse Effects and Precautions

As for androgens and anabolic steroids in general (see Testosterone, p.2130). As with other 17α-alkylated compounds, norethandrolone may produce hepatotoxicity and liver function should be monitored. It should probably be avoided in patients with impaired liver function, and certainly if this is severe.

#### Uses and Administration

Norethandrolone is an anabolic steroid with some androgenic properties (see Testosterone, p.2131). It is given in the treatment of aplastic anaemia in an oral dose of 0.25 to 2 mg/kg daily.

#### Preparations

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

**Fr.:** Nillevac.

#### Norethisterone (BAN, pINN)

Ethylnortestosterone; Etilin hidroxiestriona; Etilinortestosterna; Norethindrone; Norethisteron; Noréthistérone; Norethisteronum; Noretindrona; Noretisteron; Noretisterona; Noretisteronas; Noretisterone; Noretisteroni; Noretisteron; Noretysteron; Norethisteronolona; Norethisteronolone; NSC-9564. 17β-Hydroxy-19-nor-17α-pregn-4-en-20-yn-3-one.

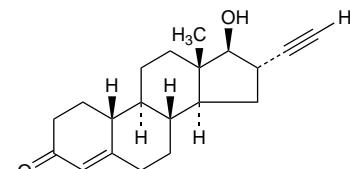
Норэтистерон

$C_{20}H_{26}O_2 = 298.4$ .

CAS — 68-22-4.

ATC — G03AC01; G03DC02.

ATC Vet — QG03AC01; QG03DC02.



**Pharmacopoeias.** In *Chin., Eur.* (see p.vii), *Int., Jpn.*, and *US.*

**Ph. Eur. 6.2** (Norethisterone). A white or yellowish-white crystalline powder. Practically insoluble in water; sparingly soluble in dehydrated alcohol and in acetone; soluble in dichloromethane.

**USP 31** (Norethindrone). A white to creamy-white odourless crystalline powder. Practically insoluble in water; sparingly soluble in alcohol; soluble in chloroform and in dioxan; slightly soluble in ether.

#### Norethisterone Acetate (BANM, pINN)

Acetato de noretisterona; Norethindrone Acetate; Norethisteron-acetát; Noréthistérone, acétate de; Norethisteron acetas; Noretisteron Asetat; Noretisteronacetat; Noretisteronetasetaatti; Noretisterono acetatas; Noretizsteron-acetát. 3-Oxo-19-nor-17α-pregn-4-en-20-yn-17β-yl acetate.

Норэтистерона Ацетат

$C_{22}H_{28}O_3 = 340.5$ .

CAS — 51-98-9.

ATC — G03AC01; G03DC02.

ATC Vet — QG03AC01; QG03DC02.

**Pharmacopoeias.** In *Eur.* (see p.vii), *Int.*, and *US.*

**Ph. Eur. 6.2** (Norethisterone Acetate). A white or yellowish-white crystalline powder. It exhibits polymorphism. Practically insoluble in water; soluble in alcohol; freely soluble in dichloro-

The symbol ⊗ denotes a substance whose use may be restricted in certain sports (see p.vii)