

ment of haemorrhoids. It is an ingredient in a number of dermatological preparations.

Former uses of tannic acid include application to burns, addition to bariurium sulfate enemas to improve the quality of radiological pictures of the colon, and as an ingredient of 'Universal Antidote'. However, tannic acid has been associated with liver toxicity, sometimes fatal.

Tattoo removal. Although tannic acid may be used by plastic surgeons and dermatologists to produce a controlled partial-thickness burn in tattoo removal¹ it has been pointed out that in unskilled or amateur hands this procedure has resulted in full thickness burns requiring skin grafting to obtain satisfactory healing.²

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Preparations

Proprietary Preparations (details are given in Part 3)

Ger.: Tannosynt; **Spain:** Tanagel Papeles.

Multi-ingredient: **Austral.:** SM-33; **Austria:** Haemanal; Paradenton; **Belg.:** Hemorrhinol; **Braz.:** Lacto Vagin; **Canad.:** Tanac; **Fr.:** Allerbiocid S†; Eau Precieuse; HEC; **Ger.:** Biogel†; Tannolif†; **Gr.:** Oulogram; **Irl.:** Phytex; **Israel:** Rectozonin; **Ital.:** Bleforlin; Neo Emocicatrol; **Philipp.:** Zilactin; **Pol.:** Acifugin; Salumin; **Rus.:** Contracriptin T (Контрацептин Т); Neo-Anusol (Нео-анусол); **Singapore:** HEC†; **Spain:** Antihemorrhoidal; Depurativo Richelet; Dextrinace; Sabanotropico; Tanagel; Tangenol†; **Switz.:** HEC; Tanno-Hermal; **UK:** Colson; Phytex; TCP; **USA:** Dermasept Antifungal; Orasept; Outgro; Tanac; Tanac Dual Core.

Tansy

Atanasia; Barbotine; Hierba lombriguera; Rainfar; Tanacet; Tanaisie.

Profile

Tansy, the flowering tops of *Tanacetum vulgare* (*Chrysanthemum vulgare*) (Compositae), has been used as an anthelmintic and to stimulate menstruation. The oil is highly toxic and use of tansy is generally not recommended.

Preparations

Proprietary Preparations (details are given in Part 3)

Multi-ingredient: **Austral.:** Calmo; **Pol.:** Artemisol.

Taraxacum

Dandelion Root; Diente de León; Korzeń mniszka (root); Löwenzahnwurzel; Pissenlit; Taraxaci Herba; Taraxaci Radix (root); Taraxacum officinalis; Taraxacum Root; Ziele Mniszka.

Pharmacopoeias. In *Pol.*

Chin. specifies Taraxacum Herb from other species of *Taraxacum*.

Profile

Taraxacum is the fresh or dried root of the common dandelion, *Taraxacum officinale* (Compositae). It has been used as a bitter, as a diuretic, and as a mild laxative.

Homoeopathy. Taraxacum has been used in homoeopathic medicines under the following names: Taraxacum officinale; Tarax.

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Preparations

Proprietary Preparations (details are given in Part 3)

Cz.: Gallente†; **Ger.:** Carvicum†; Taraleon†; **Pol.:** Talion.

Multi-ingredient: **Arg.:** Quelodin F; **Austral.:** Berberis Complex; Bioglan Cranbiotic Super; Colax; Digest; Extralife Fluid-Care; Extralife Liva-Care; Feminine Herbal Complex; Fluid Loss†; Glycoplex†; Herbal Cleanse†; Herbal Diuretic Formula†; Lifesystem Herbal Formula 7 Liver Tonic†; Liver Tonic Herbal Formula 6†; Livstim†; Livton Complex†; Profluid†; Silybum Complex†; St Mary's Thistle Plus; Trifolium Complex†; Uva-Ursi Complex†; Uva-Ursi Plus†; **Austria:** Gallen- und Lebertee St Severin; Magentee St Severin; Montana; Urelum Neu; **Canad.:** Milk Thistle Extract Formula†; **Cz.:** Cynarosani†; Diabetan; Diabeticka Cajova Smes-Megadiabetin; Original Schwedenbitter; The Salvat; Ungelen†; **Fr.:** Detoxell; Diacure; Drainuryl; Hydracur; Maxidraïne†; Romarene; **Ger.:** Alasen; Amara-Tropfen; Aristochol N†; Carmol Magen-Galle-Darm; Cholosom SL†; Cholosom-Tee; Gallenmolan forte; Gallenmolan G†; Gallixer; Galloselect M†; Neurochol C†; Nieron S†; Nieron-Tee N†; Pascolbin novo†; Presselin Hepaticum P†; Tonsilgon; **Hong Kong:** Hepatofalk; **Indon.:** Naturica DFM; **Ital.:** Centaurea (Specie Composita)†; Cinarepa; Tarassaco (Specie Composita)†; Varicofit; **Malaysia:** Dandelion Complex†; **Pol.:** Artechol; Artecholwex; Cholavisol; Cholisol; Cholitol; Diabetosol; Dyspepsin; Gastrobonisol; Nefrobonisol; Nefrol; Tabletki Preczic Niestrawnosci; **Rus.:** Tonsilgon N (Тонзилгон Н); **S.Afr.:** Amara; **Spain:** Diurete; **Switz.:** Boldocynara; Demontaur Gouttes pour le biliaire; Gales; Gastrosan; Heparafelin; Phytomed Hepato†; Phytomed Nephro†; Strath Gouttes pour les reins et la vessie; Tisane hepatique et biliaire; **UK:** Adios; Aqualette; Backache; Bolde; HealthAid Boldo-Plus; Herbalax; HRI Water Balance; Natravene; Natural Herb Tablets; Out-of-Sorts; Rheumatic Pain; Senokot Dual Relief; Stomach Mixture; Uvacin; Weight Loss Aid; Wind & Dyspepsia Relief; **Venez.:** Celyth's; Flocadep; Rheu-Tarx I.

Tartaric Acid

Acide tartrique; Acidum tartaricum; Borkósvav; E334; E353 (metatartaric acid); Kwas winowy; Kyselina vinná; Tart. Acid; Tartárico, ácido; Tartarik Asit; Tartrique (Acide); Viinihapo; Vinsyra; Vyno rūgštis; Weinsäure. (+)-L-Tartaric acid; (2R,3R)-2,3-Dihydroxybutane-1,4-dioic acid. C₄H₆O₆ = 150.1. CAS — 87-69-4; 526-83-0.

Pharmacopoeias. In *Eur.* (see p.vii) and *Jpn.* Also in *USNF.*

Ph. Eur. 6.2 (Tartaric Acid). A white or almost white, crystalline powder or colourless crystals. Very soluble in water; freely soluble in alcohol.

USNF 26 (Tartaric Acid). Colourless or translucent crystals or a white, fine to granular, crystalline powder. Is odourless. Soluble 1 in 0.8 of water, 1 in 0.5 of boiling water, 1 in 3 of alcohol, 1 in 250 of ether, and 1 in 1.7 of methyl alcohol.

Adverse Effects

Strong solutions of tartaric acid are mildly irritant and if ingested undiluted may cause violent vomiting and diarrhoea, abdominal pain, and thirst. Cardiovascular collapse or acute renal failure may follow.

Pharmacokinetics

Tartaric acid is absorbed from the gastrointestinal tract but up to 80% of an ingested dose is probably destroyed by micro-organisms in the lumen of the intestine before absorption occurs. Absorbed tartaric acid is excreted unchanged in the urine.

Uses and Administration

Tartaric acid is used in the preparation of effervescent powders, granules, and tablets, as an ingredient of cooling drinks, and as a saline purgative. If not neutralised, it must be taken well diluted. Tartaric acid or metatartaric acid is used in wine-making as deacidifying agents to assist in the removal of excess malic acid by forming an insoluble double salt with calcium carbonate.

Preparations

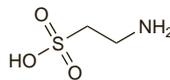
Proprietary Preparations (details are given in Part 3)

Multi-ingredient: **Austral.:** Citralite; Citravessent; Dexasil; Salvitax; Ural†; Uricalm†; **Austria:** Duplotrast-Weinsäure; Helo-acid; Lactolavol; **Belg.:** Zoru†; **Canad.:** E-Z-Gas II†; **Chile:** Frunalia; Frutasal Knop; Uroknop; **Fr.:** Dermacide; Zeniac LP Fort†; **Ger.:** Retterspitz Ausserlich; Retterspitz Innerlich; **India:** Unisoda; **Ital.:** Antimicolica Solforata; Geffin; Magnesia Effervescente Sella; **Malaysia:** Citravessent†; Ezee; Ural; **NZ:** Ural†; **Port.:** Safrux; Thiospot; **S.Afr.:** Adco-Sodasol; Alkafizz; Citro-Soda; Quatro-Soda†; Uri-Alk; **Spain:** Citioinolis; Hectonona; Salcedol; Sales de Frutas P G; Sales Fruta Mag Viviar; Salmagne; **Switz.:** Siesta-I; **Turk.:** Enhos; Purgy; **UK:** Jaaps Health Salt; **USA:** Baros.

Taurine (rINN)

Taurina; Taurinum. 2-Aminoethanesulphonic acid.

Таурин C₂H₇NO₃S = 125.1. CAS — 107-35-7.



Pharmacopoeias. In *Chin.*, *Jpn.* and *US.*

USP 31 (Taurine). White crystals or crystalline powder. Soluble in water.

Profile

Taurine is an amino acid known to be involved in bile acid conjugation as well as other physiological functions. It has been included in preparations for parenteral nutrition of low-birth-weight infants and in infant formulas but its role as an essential nutrient has not been established.

Taurine is included in some preparations for cardiovascular and metabolic disorders.

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5. Franconi F, et al. Taurine supplementation and diabetes mellitus. *Curr Opin Clin Nutr Metab Care* 2006; **9**: 32-6.
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Preparations

Proprietary Preparations (details are given in Part 3)

Ital.: O-Due; **Philipp.:** Taurax; **Rus.:** Dibacor (Дибакор); Taufone (Тауфон).

Multi-ingredient: **Indon.:** Biofos; **Ital.:** Novostatin; **Port.:** Detoxergon; **Spain:** Taurobetina†.

Terlipressin (BAN, USAN, rINN)

Terlipresina; Terlipressine; Terlipressinum; Triglycyl-lysine-vasopressin. N-[N-(N-Glycylglycyl)glycyl]ypressin; Gly-Gly-Gly-Cys-Tyr-Phe-Gln-Asn-Cys-Pro-Lys-Gly-NH₂ cyclic (4→9) disulphide.

Терлипрессин C₅₂H₇₄N₁₆O₁₅S₂ = 1227.4. CAS — 14636-12-5. ATC — H01BA04. ATC Vet — QH01BA04.

Terlipressin Acetate (BANM, rNNM)

Acetato de terlipresina; Terlipresin Asetat; Terlipressiiniasettaatti; Terlipressin Diacetate; Terlipressinacetat; Terlipressine, Acétate de; Terlipressini Acetas.

Терлипрессина Ацетат C₅₂H₇₄N₁₆O₁₅S₂·2C₂H₄O₂·5H₂O = 1437.6. ATC — H01BA04. ATC Vet — QH01BA04.

Adverse Effects, Treatment, and Precautions

As for Vasopressin, p.2412. The pressor and antidiuretic effects of terlipressin are reported to be less marked than those of vasopressin.

Effects on electrolytes. A report of hypokalaemia in a patient receiving terlipressin.¹

1. Stéphan F, Paillard F. Terlipressin-exacerbated hypokalaemia. *Lancet* 1998; **351**: 1249-50.

Effects on the skin. Ischaemic skin necrosis developed in 3 patients several days after starting terlipressin treatment.¹ Skin lesions developed on the abdomen and lower limbs, which are not typical areas for ischaemia related to vasoconstrictors, and the authors concluded that obesity and venous insufficiency in these patients put them at particular risk.

1. Donnellan F, et al. Ischaemic complications of Glypressin in liver disease: a case series. *Br J Clin Pharmacol* 2007; **64**: 550-2.

Uses and Administration

Terlipressin is an inactive prodrug which is slowly converted in the body to lypressin, and has the general physiological actions of vasopressin (p.2412).

Terlipressin acetate is used to control bleeding oesophageal varices and is given by intravenous injection in doses of 2 mg, followed by 1 or 2 mg every 4 to 6 hours if necessary, until bleeding is controlled, for up to 72 hours.

Terlipressin is under investigation in the treatment of hepatorenal syndrome and shock.

Hepatorenal syndrome. Terlipressin has been found to be of benefit in the hepatorenal syndrome, a form of renal impairment associated with cirrhosis of the liver. A retrospective study¹ found that doses of about 3 mg/day for a mean of 11 days appeared to improve renal function in 58 of 91 patients; it may also have improved survival. Further prospective studies have also reported beneficial effects on renal function; these used doses of terlipressin 1 mg every 4 hours for 7 to 15 days,² and 1 mg every 12 hours for up to 15 days.³ Meta-analysis⁴ of 11 studies confirmed the efficacy of terlipressin in hepatorenal syndrome although a significant number of patients who responded to treatment relapsed after it was stopped. A systematic review⁵ of 3 small randomised controlled studies of terlipressin suggested that it may reduce mortality and improve renal function in patients with hepatorenal syndrome, although the evidence was not sufficiently reliable to make recommendations for clinical practice.

1. Moreau R, et al. Terlipressin in patients with cirrhosis and type 1 hepatorenal syndrome: a retrospective multicenter study. *Gastroenterology* 2002; **122**: 923-30.
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3. Solanki P, et al. Beneficial effects of terlipressin in hepatorenal syndrome: a prospective, randomized placebo-controlled clinical trial. *J Gastroenterol Hepatol* 2003; **18**: 152-6.
4. Fabrizi F, et al. Meta-analysis: terlipressin therapy for the hepatorenal syndrome. *Aliment Pharmacol Ther* 2006; **24**: 935-44.
5. Gluud LL, et al. Terlipressin for hepatorenal syndrome. Available in The Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews; Issue 4. Chichester: John Wiley; 2006 (accessed 25/06/08).

Shock. Terlipressin has vasopressor effects and has been tried^{1,2} in the management of septic shock (p.1183). In a group of 8 patients who could not be adequately managed with conventional vasopressor therapy, an intravenous bolus of terlipressin 1 to 2 mg produced a progressive increase in mean arterial pressure over 10 to 20 minutes that was sustained for at least 5 hours, allowing reduction or cessation of noradrenaline.³ Similar beneficial results have also been reported by others.^{4,5} The use of a continuous infusion of terlipressin (500 micrograms/hour for 6 hours followed by half this dose for a further 12 hours) has been described in one case and appeared to be effective.⁶ There is also a report⁷ of 4 children treated with bolus doses of 20 micrograms/kg every 4 hours for up to 72 hours.

1. Delmas A, et al. Clinical review: vasopressin and terlipressin in septic shock patients. *Crit Care* 2005; **9**: 212-22.
2. Pesaturo AB, et al. Terlipressin: vasopressin analog and novel drug for septic shock. *Ann Pharmacother* 2006; **40**: 2170-7.
3. O'Brien A, et al. Terlipressin for norepinephrine-resistant septic shock. *Lancet* 2002; **359**: 1209-10.

The symbol † denotes a preparation no longer actively marketed

- Morelli A, et al. Effects of terlipressin on systemic and regional haemodynamics in catecholamine-treated hyperkinetic septic shock. *Intensive Care Med* 2004; **30**: 597–604.
- Leone M, et al. Terlipressin in catecholamine-resistant septic shock patients. *Shock* 2004; **22**: 314–19.
- Jolley DH, et al. Terlipressin infusion in catecholamine-resistant shock. *Anaesth Intensive Care* 2003; **31**: 560–4.
- Rodríguez-Núñez A, et al. Terlipressin for catecholamine-resistant septic shock in children. *Intensive Care Med* 2004; **30**: 477–80.

Variceal haemorrhage. Systematic review has indicated¹ that terlipressin is effective in the management of acute oesophageal variceal haemorrhage (see under Monoethanolamine, p.2346), and reduces the relative risk of mortality by about one-third. Differences in effectiveness from other therapies could not be conclusively shown. Comparison of a regimen of terlipressin given by intravenous bolus injection, plus glyceryl trinitrate given sublingually, with balloon tamponade in variceal bleeding has suggested similar efficacy.² However, tamponade was successful in all patients that were previously unresponsive to terlipressin plus glyceryl trinitrate whereas this drug combination failed in all patients previously unresponsive to tamponade. A comparison of terlipressin and endoscopic injection sclerotherapy found them to be equally effective for the control of acute variceal bleeding.³

- Ioannou G, et al. Terlipressin for acute esophageal variceal hemorrhage. Available in The Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews; Issue 1. Chichester: John Wiley; 2003 (accessed 16/09/05).
- Fort E, et al. A randomized trial of terlipressin plus nitroglycerin vs balloon tamponade in the control of acute variceal hemorrhage. *Hepatology* 1990; **11**: 678–81.
- Escorsell A, et al. Multicenter randomized controlled trial of terlipressin versus sclerotherapy in the treatment of acute variceal bleeding: the TEST study. *Hepatology* 2000; **32**: 471–6.

Preparations

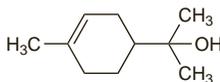
Proprietary Preparations (details are given in Part 3)

Arg.: Glypressin; **Austria:** Glycylpressin; Haemopressin; **Belg.:** Glypressin; **Braz.:** Glypressin; **Cz.:** Glypressin; Remestyp; **Denm.:** Glypressin; **Fin.:** Glypressin; **Fr.:** Glypressine; **Ger.:** Glycylpressin; Haemopressin; **Gr.:** Glypressin; **Hong Kong:** Glypressin; **Hung.:** Glypressin; **Irl.:** Glypressin; **Ital.:** Glypressina; **Malaysia:** Glypressin; **Mex.:** Glyverase; **Neth.:** Glypressin; **Pol.:** Remestyp; **Rus.:** Remestyp (Реместип); **Singapore:** Glypressin; **Spain:** Glypressin; **Switz.:** Glypressine; **Thai.:** Glypressin; **Turk.:** Glypressin; **UK:** Glypressin.

Terpineol

$C_{10}H_{18}O = 154.2$.

CAS — 8000-41-7 (terpineol); 98-55-5 (α -terpineol).



Pharmacopoeias. In Br.

BP 2008 (Terpineol). A mixture of structural isomers in which α -terpineol predominates. It is a colourless, slightly viscous liquid which may deposit crystals; it has a pleasant characteristic odour. Very slightly soluble in water; freely soluble in alcohol (70%); soluble in ether.

Profile

Terpineol has disinfectant and solvent properties. It is used with other volatile agents in preparations for respiratory-tract disorders.

Preparations

BP 2008: Chloroxylenol Solution.

Proprietary Preparations (details are given in Part 3)

Multi-ingredient: **Arg.:** Aseptobron; Aseptobron Ampicilina; Atomo Desinflamante; Atomo Desinflamante Familiar; Atomo Desinflamante G; Bronco Etersan; Di-Neumobron; **Austral.:** Karvol; Tixlix Chest Rub; **Braz.:** Bromil; Eucaliptan; Mentalol; Penetro; Tabletes Valda; Valda; **Cz.:** Coldestop; **Fr.:** Nazinette du Docteur Gilbert; Pectoderme; Valda; **Hong Kong:** Valda; **India:** Dettol Obstetric; Easi Breathe; Fairgenol; Karvol Plus; Sinarast Vapocaps; **Irl.:** Karvol; Valda; **Israel:** Gargol; Karvol; Rextol; **Ital.:** Calyptol; Rikospray; Skab 2; **NZ:** Tixlix Chest Rub; **Port.:** Valda; **S.Afr.:** AF; Karvol; **Singapore:** Karvol; **Spain:** Caltoson Balsamico; Eupnol; Pastillas Juanola; **Switz.:** Perskindol Classic; Sedotussin; **UK:** Chymol; Jacksons Mentholated Balm; Karvol; Nowax Waxwane.

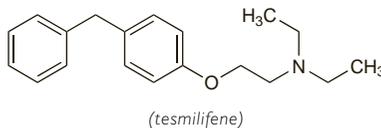
Tesmilifene Hydrochloride (USAN, rINN)

BMS-217380-01; BMY-33419; DPPE; Hidrocloruro de tesmilifeno; Tesmilifene, Chlorhydrate de; Tesmilifeni Hydrochloridum. 2-[(α -Phenyl-*p*-tolyl)oxy]triethylamine hydrochloride; N,N-Diethyl-2-[4-(phenylmethyl)phenoxy]-ethanamine hydrochloride.

Тезмилифена Гидрохлорида

$C_{19}H_{25}NO \cdot HCl = 319.9$.

CAS — 98774-23-3 (tesmilifene); 92981-78-7 (tesmilifene hydrochloride).



Profile

Tesmilifene hydrochloride is an intracellular histamine antagonist that appears to augment the antineoplastic activity of drugs such as the anthracyclines and taxanes. It is under investigation for the treatment of various cancers, including hormone-refractory cancer of the prostate and gastric and hepatic cancers.

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- Raghavan D, et al. Phase II trial of tesmilifene plus mitoxantrone and prednisone for hormone refractory prostate cancer: high subjective and objective response in patients with symptomatic metastases. *J Urol (Baltimore)* 2005; **174**: 1808–13.

Tetrabenazine (BAN, rINN)

Ro-1-9569; Tetrabenatsiini; Tetrabenazin; Tetrabenazina; Tétrabénazine; Tetrabenazinum. 1,3,4,6,7,11b-Hexahydro-3-isobutyl-9,10-dimethoxybenzo[*a*]quinolin-2-one.

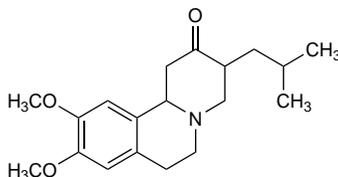
Тетрабенезин

$C_{19}H_{27}NO_3 = 317.4$.

CAS — 58-46-8.

ATC — N07XX06.

ATC Vet — QN07XX06.



Adverse Effects

Drowsiness is the most frequent adverse effect of tetrabenazine. Orthostatic hypotension, symptoms of extrapyramidal dysfunction, gastrointestinal disturbances, and depression may also occur. Neuroleptic malignant syndrome and parkinsonism have been reported rarely. Overdosage has produced sedation, sweating, hypotension, and hyperthermia.

Effects on mental function. Depression is well documented as an adverse effect of tetrabenazine, and occurs in about 15% of patients; it has been reported to respond to reboxetine.¹ Florid psychiatric symptoms such as panic attacks and obsessive-compulsive symptoms may be precipitated or exacerbated by tetrabenazine.²

- Schreiber W, et al. Reversal of tetrabenazine induced depression by selective noradrenaline (norepinephrine) reuptake inhibition. *J Neurol Neurosurg Psychiatry* 1999; **67**: 550.
- Bruneau MA, et al. Catastrophic reactions induced by tetrabenazine. *Can J Psychiatry* 2002; **47**: 683.

Extrapyramidal disorders. Dysphagia and choking were associated with tetrabenazine in the treatment of Huntington's chorea.¹ Fatal pneumonia, probably as a consequence of aspiration, had also been reported.

- Snaith RP, Warren H de B. Treatment of Huntington's chorea with tetrabenazine. *Lancet* 1974; **i**: 413–14.

Overdosage. A patient who swallowed about 1 g (40 tablets) of tetrabenazine became drowsy 2 hours later and marked sweating occurred.¹ Her state of consciousness improved after 24 hours and she talked rationally and gained full control of micturition after 72 hours.

- Kidd DW, McLellan DL. Self-poisoning with tetrabenazine. *Br J Clin Pract* 1972; **26**: 179–80.

Precautions

Tetrabenazine may exacerbate the symptoms of parkinsonism. It may cause drowsiness; affected patients should not drive or operate machinery.

Interactions

Tetrabenazine has been reported to block the action of reserpine. It may also diminish the effects of levodopa and exacerbate the symptoms of parkinsonism. Use of tetrabenazine immediately after a course of an MAOI may lead to confusion, restlessness, and disorientation; tetrabenazine should not be given with, or within 14 days of stopping, such therapy.

Pharmacokinetics

Absorption of tetrabenazine is poor and erratic after oral doses. It appears to be extensively metabolised by first-pass metabolism.

Its major metabolite, hydroxytetrabenazine, which is formed by reduction, is reported to be as active as the parent compound. It is excreted in the urine mainly in the form of metabolites.

Uses and Administration

Tetrabenazine is used in the management of movement disorders including chorea (p.953), ballism (p.953), dystonias (p.809), tardive dyskinesia (see under Extrapyramidal Disorders, p.971), and similar symptoms of CNS dysfunction.

For the treatment of chorea, ballism, and other organic CNS movement disorders, a starting oral dose of 25 mg three times daily has been recommended; the *BNF* considers a dose of 12.5 mg twice daily (or 12.5 mg daily in the elderly) more appropriate initially, which is less likely to cause excessive sedation. The dose may be gradually increased by 25 mg daily every 3 or 4 days according to response up to a maximum of 200 mg daily. If the patient does not respond within 7 days of receiving the maximum dose further treatment with tetrabenazine is unlikely to be of benefit.

For moderate to severe tardive dyskinesia, a dose of 12.5 mg daily is recommended initially, subsequently titrated according to response.

Extrapyramidal disorders. In a long-term study¹ of the use of tetrabenazine in 400 patients with movement disorders, the best responses seemed to be in tardive dyskinesia, tardive dystonia, and Huntington's disease but benefit was also obtained in some patients with idiopathic dystonia, segmental myoclonus, and Tourette's syndrome. Others have commented that in severe dystonia unresponsive to other drugs a combination of tetrabenazine with trihexyphenidyl and pimozide is sometimes effective.² Tetrabenazine significantly reduced chorea in ambulatory patients with Huntington's disease in a small 12-week randomised placebo-controlled study.³ It was well tolerated, although there was a significant increase in reports of drowsiness and insomnia, which generally resolved with adjustment of doses.

- Jankovic J, Beach J. Long-term effects of tetrabenazine in hyperkinetic movement disorders. *Neurology* 1997; **48**: 358–62.
- Marsden CD, Quinn NP. The dystonias. *BMJ* 1990; **300**: 139–44.
- Huntington Study Group. Tetrabenazine as antichorea therapy in Huntington disease: a randomized controlled trial. *Neurology* 2006; **66**: 366–72.

Preparations

Proprietary Preparations (details are given in Part 3)

Canad.: Nitoman; **Denm.:** Nitoman; **Fr.:** Xenazine; **India:** Revocon; **Irl.:** Nitoman; **Israel:** Xenazine; **NZ:** Xenazine; **Port.:** Nitoman; Revocon; **UK:** Xenazine.

Tetrachlorodecaoxide

TCDO; Tetrachlorodecaoxygen Anion Complex; Tetrachlorodecaóxido; WF-10.

$Cl_4O_{10} = 301.8$.

CAS — 92047-76-2.

Profile

Tetrachlorodecaoxide is a water-soluble anion complex containing oxygen in a chlorite matrix. Active oxygen is only released in the presence of biological material. It has been applied as a solution for the stimulation of wound healing.

Wounds. Tetrachlorodecaoxide was reported to promote wound healing compared with saline in a double-blind study of 271 patients,¹ but a smaller study failed to show any benefit over glycerol.²

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Preparations

Proprietary Preparations (details are given in Part 3)

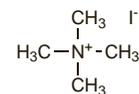
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Tetramethylammonium Iodide

Tetrametilamonio, ioduro de.

$C_4H_{12}IN = 201.0$.

CAS — 75-58-1.



Profile

Tetramethylammonium iodide is a quaternary ammonium compound that has been used for the emergency disinfection of drinking water. It has also been employed for its ganglion-blocking properties.