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Interactions

The possibility of synergistic effects in patients receiving xanthines who consume large amounts of xanthine-containing beverages should be borne in mind.

Antipsychotics. Xanthine-containing beverages have been reported to precipitate some antipsychotic drugs from solution *in vitro*, but do not appear to alter antipsychotic concentrations *in vivo*. For references, see p.975.

Uses and Administration

Xanthine-containing beverages including chocolate, coffee, cocoa, cola, maté, and tea are widely consumed and have a mild stimulant effect on the CNS. The primary xanthine constituent is caffeine (p.1116) but other xanthine derivatives such as theobromine (p.1140) and theophylline (p.1140) may also be present; cocoa and chocolate contain significant amounts of theobromine.

Coffee is the kernel of the dried ripe seeds of *Coffea arabica*, *C. liberica*, *C. canephora* (robusta coffee), and other species of *Coffea* (Rubiaceae), roasted until it acquires a deep brown colour and a pleasant characteristic aroma. It contains about 1 to 2% of caffeine. Coffee has been used in the form of an infusion or decoction as a stimulant and as a flavour in some pharmaceutical preparations. A decoction is used as a beverage containing up to about 100 mg of caffeine per 100 mL. Preparations of instant coffee may contain up to 40% less caffeine while decaffeinated preparations may contain only up to about 3 mg per 100 mL.

Kola (cola, cola seeds, kola nuts) is the dried cotyledons of *Cola nitida* and *C. acuminata* (Sterculiaceae), containing up to about 2.5% of caffeine and traces of theobromine. Kola is used in the preparation of cola drinks which may contain up to 20 mg of caffeine per 100 mL.

Maté (Paraguay Tea) is the dried leaves of *Ilex paraguensis* (Aquifoliaceae), containing 0.2 to 2% of caffeine and traces of theobromine. Maté is less astringent than tea and is extensively used as a beverage in South America.

Tea (thea, chá, thé, tee) is the prepared young leaves and leaf-buds of *Camellia sinensis* (= *C. thea*) (Theaceae). It contains 1 to 5% of caffeine, up to 24% of tannin, and small amounts of theobromine and theophylline. Tea is used in an infusion as a beverage containing up to about 60 mg of caffeine per 100 mL.

Guarana consists of the crushed seeds of *Paullinia cupana* var *sorbilis* (Sapindaceae). Caffeine appears to be its major active ingredient which was once termed guaranine. Herbal preparations include a beverage or liquid extract and may contain 5% caffeine.

Homoeopathy. Coffee has been used in homoeopathic medicines under the following names: *Coffea arabica*; *Coffea*; *Coffea cruda*; *Coff.* cr.

Kola has been used in homoeopathic medicines under the following names: *Cola*.

Maté has been used in homoeopathic medicines under the following names: *Ilex paraguayensis*; *Ile. para*.

Guarana has been used in homoeopathic medicines.

Diabetes mellitus. Regular coffee consumption has been reported^{1–6} to reduce the risk of developing type 2 diabetes mellitus, although it is not clear whether this effect is due to caffeine or some other constituent in coffee.

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Preparations

Proprietary Preparations (details are given in Part 3)

Arg.: Radite; **Braz.:** Guarafort; **Fr.:** Camiline; **Ger.:** Carbo Konigsfeld; **Ital.:** Cateq; **UK:** Yanba; **USA:** Teegreen.

Multi-ingredient: **Arg.:** Centella Incaico; Energy Plus; Ginkgo Biloba Memo Diates; Guarana Diates; Ilox Gel Reductor; Yerba Diet; **Austral.:** Avena Complex; Bioglan 3B Beer Belly Buster; Infant Tonic; Irontona; Vig Vig Recovery; Vig; Vitanox; Vitatona; **Braz.:** Astenof; Dermattive 10; Gastrogenol; Kola Fosfatada Soel; **Canad.:** Biotrim; Energy Plus; **Cz.:** Abfuhr-Heilkräutertee; **Fr.:** Biotone; Drainuryl; Filgel; Maxidraïne; Min-clift; Promincil; Quinotone; Tealine; Tonactil; Uromil; YSE; **Ger.:** Cardibisanat; Myrrhinil-Intest; Nieroxin N; Ramend Krauter; **Hong Kong:** LEAN Formula w/ Advantra; Vvari-Procomil; **Indon.:** F-Slim; Lycog; **Ir.:** Biofreeze; **Ital.:** Altadrine; Biominal 5-Alfa Shampoo; Calmason; Chinoidina; Dam; Four-Ton; Ginkoba Active; Memorandum; Snell Cell; **Mex.:** Noxivid; **Philipp.:** Fitrum; Jamieson Total Energy; Memory DD; Nutrafit; **Pol.:** Cardiol C; Penigra; Tobacoff; **Port.:** Lipoforte; **Rus.:** Insti (Инсти); **Spain:** Exodren; Fitosvelt; Rmagrip; Vigortonic; **Thai.:** Vvari-Procomil; **UK:** Biofreeze; Chlorophyl; Cleansing Herbs; Daily Fatigue Relief; Damiana and Kola Tablets; Glykola; Labiton; Lion Cleansing Herbs; S.F.H.P.; Strength; Zotrim; **Venez.:** Demerung; Eufytosef.

Xanthopterin

2-Amino-4,6-dihydroxypteridine.

$C_6H_5N_5O_2 = 179.1$.

CAS — 119-44-8.

Profile

Xanthopterin is a natural pigment that has been used in the management of eye disorders.

Preparations

Proprietary Preparations (details are given in Part 3)

Multi-ingredient: **Ital.:** Xantervit; Xantervit Antibiotico; Xantervit Eparina.

Xylazine (BAN, rINN)

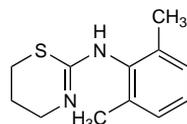
Ksylatsiini; Xilazina; Xylazin; Xylazinum. N-(5,6-Dihydro-4H-1,3-thiazin-2-yl)-2,6-xylidide.

КСИЛАЗИН

$C_{12}H_{16}N_2S = 220.3$.

CAS — 7361-61-7.

ATC Vet — QN05CM92.



Pharmacopoeias. In US.

USP 31 (Xylazine). Colourless to white crystals. Sparingly soluble in acetone, in chloroform, and in dilute acid; insoluble in dilute alkali. Store in airtight containers at a temperature of 25°, excursions permitted between 15° and 30°.

Xylazine Hydrochloride (BANM, USAN, rINN)

Bay-Va-1470; Hidrocloruro de xilazina; Ksylatsiinihidrokloridi; Xilazin-hidroklorid; Xylazine, chlorhydrate de; Xylazin-hydrochlorid; Xylazinhydroklorid; Xylazin hydrochloridum.

КСИЛАЗИНА ГИДРОХЛОРИД

$C_{12}H_{16}N_2S \cdot HCl = 256.8$.

CAS — 23076-35-9.

Pharmacopoeias. In US.

Eur. (see p.vii) includes for veterinary use only.

Ph. Eur. 6.2 (Xylazine Hydrochloride for Veterinary Use; Xylazine Hydrochloride BP(Vet) 2008). A white or almost white, crystalline, hygroscopic powder. Freely soluble in water and in dichloromethane; very soluble in methyl alcohol. A 10% solution in water has a pH of 4.0 to 5.5. Store in airtight containers. Protect from light.

USP 31 (Xylazine Hydrochloride). Colourless to white crystals. Sparingly soluble in acetone, in methyl alcohol, and in dilute acid; insoluble in dilute alkali. A 1% solution in water has a pH of 4.0 to 6.0. Store in airtight containers at a temperature of 25°, excursions permitted between 15° and 30°.

Profile

Xylazine is a sedative, analgesic, and muscle relaxant used in veterinary medicine. The hydrochloride is used similarly. Abuse has been reported.

Adverse effects. Reports^{1–5} of toxicity and abuse associated with xylazine. Bradycardia, hypotension, and coma were associated with the self-administration of 200 mg of xylazine. Treatment was supportive.¹

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Xylose

Ksilozé; Ksyoosi; Ksyoza; Wood Sugar; Xilosa; Xilóz; Xylos; Xylosa; D-Xylose; Xylosum. α -D-Xylopyranose.

$C_5H_{10}O_5 = 150.1$.

CAS — 58-86-6; 6763-34-4.

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

Ph. Eur. 6.2 (Xylose). A white or almost white crystalline powder or colourless needles. Freely soluble in water; soluble in hot alcohol.

USP 31 (Xylose). Odourless, colourless needles or white crystalline powder. Very soluble in water; slightly soluble in alcohol. Store in airtight containers at a temperature of 15° to 30°.

Profile

Xylose has been used for the investigation of absorption from the gastrointestinal tract. In the absence of malabsorption, about 35% of a 5-g oral dose and about 25% of a 25-g oral dose are reported to be excreted in the urine within 5 hours. It has been given by mouth, usually in a dose of either 5 or 25 g, with up to 700 mL of water. The amount recovered in the urine is estimated and used to assess any malabsorption. Adjustment may have to be made for renal impairment. Xylose may cause some gastrointestinal discomfort with large doses. Other drugs may affect the absorption of xylose and interfere with the xylose test.

The test has been adapted to use blood-xylose concentrations.

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Precautions. Preparations that contain, or are metabolised to, xylose may interfere with the results from glucose tests (p.2314). Overestimation of glucose results may mask hypoglycaemia, resulting in the inappropriate use of insulin.^{1,2}

- Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency. Medical device alert: ref MDA/2007/058 issued 19 July 2007. Available at: <http://www.mhra.gov.uk/PrintPreview/PublicationSP/CON2031807> (accessed 01/07/08)
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Yellow Dock

Curly Dock; Lengua de vaca; Sour Dock.

NOTE. The name sour dock has also been used for sorrel (p.2391).

Profile

Yellow dock, the root of *Rumex crispus* (Polygonaceae) has laxative and choleric properties. It is used for constipation, jaundice, and chronic skin disorders.

Homoeopathy. Yellow Dock has been used in homoeopathic medicines under the following names: *Rumex*; *Rumex crispus*; *Rumex c.*

Preparations

Proprietary Preparations (details are given in Part 3)

Multi-ingredient: **Austral.:** Colax; Dermaco; Haemo-Red Formula; Herbal Cleanse; Trifolium Complex; **Canad.:** Herborex; **UK:** Skin Eruptions Mixture.

Ylang Ylang

Cananga; Ylang-ylang.

Profile

The flowers of ylang ylang (*Cananga odorata*, Annonaceae) are the source of ylang ylang oil. Ylang ylang oil is used in perfumery, as a flavouring agent, and in aromatherapy.

Preparations

Proprietary Preparations (details are given in Part 3)

Multi-ingredient: **UK:** Teenstick.

Yucca

Yuca.

Profile

Various species of *Yucca* (Liliaceae), including Mohave yucca (*Y. schidigera*); *Y. mohavensis*), the Joshua tree (*Y. brevifolia*); *Y. arborescens*), and bear grass (*Y. filamentosa*) have been used in herbal medicine and as foods.

Preparations

Proprietary Preparations (details are given in Part 3)

Multi-ingredient: **Austral.:** Prost-1; **Braz.:** Bronchiogem.