Proprietary Preparations (details are given in Part 3) Fr.: Primadrill; Ger.: Phytohustil; Pol.: Althagem; Althamel; Rubital

Multi-ingredient: Austral.: Althaea Complex; Cough Relief†; Garlic and Horseradish + C Complex; Hydrastis Complex; Austria: Heumann's Bronchialtee; Paracodin; The Chambard-Tee; Tuscalman; **Belg.:** Sedemol; provintualizer, ratacolini, i ne chambard-lee; i uscamani, **Beigi.** Sedemoni, **Sida:** Sedemoni, **Brazi.** Peitoral Angico Pelotense†; **Canad.** Original Herb Cough Drops; Swiss Herb Cough Drops; **Cz.**: Detska Cajova Smes; Detsky, caj s Hermankern; Nontusylt; Prudušková; Pulmoran; Species Pectorales Planta; **Fr.:** Apilaxe†; Medillor Tisane No 4 Diuretique; Pansoral Premieres Planta: Fr.: Apilaxe†; Mediflor Tisane No 4 Diuretique; Pansoral Premieres Dents: Ger.: Em-eukal Husten- und Brusttee†; Heumann Bronchialtee Solubifix Т; Junisana†; Tonsilgon; Indon.: Silex; Ital.: Altea (Specie Composta)†; Altuss; Gastrotuss; Malaysia: Horseradish Plus†; Pol.: Rubital Compositum; Syrop Prawoslazowy Zlozony; Tabulettae Laxantes; Rus.: Linkus (Линкас); Pansoral Teething (Пансорал Первые Зубы); Tonsilgon N (Понвилого H); S.Afri: Cough Elbix; Singapore: Pansoral Teething Spain: Bronpul†; Llantusi†; Malvaliz†; Natusor Broncopul†; Natusor Farinof†; Natusor Gastrolen†; Natusor Malvasen†; Senalsor†; Switz.: Malveo); Neo-DP†; Tisane pectorale et antitussive; Tisane pectorale pour les enfants; Tisane Provencale No I; Tuscalman; UK: Herb and Honey Cough Elbixir; Herbeal Oirtment; Modern Herbals Cold & Catarric Putres*; Catarnh Pastilles: bheal Ointment; Modern Herbals Cold & Catarrh; Potter's Catarrh Pastilles; Sinotar; **Venez.:** Novacodin.

Alum

Alaun; Allume; Aluin; Alumbre; Alumen; Aluminium Kalium Sulfuricum: Aluminium Potassium Sulphate: Alumínium-káliumszulfát; Alun; Aluna; Alūnas; E522; Glinowo-potasowy siarczan; Glinu potasu siarczan; Kalii Aluminii Sulfas Dodecahydricus; Potash Alum; Potassium Alum; Síran draselno-hlinitý dodekahydrát. Potassium aluminium sulphate dodecahydrate.

AIK(SO_4)₂,12H₂O = 474.4. CAS — 7784-24-9 (alum dodecahydrate); 10043-67-1 (anhydrous alum). – SOIXAÓ7

ATC Vet - QS01XA07.

Pharmacopoeias. In Chin., Eur. (see p.vii), Jpn, and US. US also includes dodecahydrated ammonia alum (Ammonium Alum). Inn also includes dried alum.

Ph. Eur. 6.2 (Alum). Colourless, transparent, crystalline masses or a granular powder. Freely soluble in water; very soluble in boiling water; practically insoluble in alcohol; soluble in glycerol. A 10% solution in water has a pH of 3.0 to 3.5.

USP 31 (Potassium Alum). A white powder or large, colourless crystals or crystalline fragments. It is odourless. Soluble 1 in 7 of water and 1 in 0.3 of boiling water; insoluble in alcohol; freely but slowly soluble in glycerol. Its solutions are acid to litmus. Store in airtight containers.

Adverse Effects

Large doses of alum are irritant and may be corrosive; gum necrosis and gastrointestinal haemorrhage have occurred. Systemic absorption from bladder irrigation solutions can cause acute aluminium toxicity (see under Aluminium below) including encephalopathy.

♦ Acute encephalopathy has been reported 1,2 after bladder irrigation with alum solutions in the treatment of bladder haemorrhage. Anecdotal evidence would suggest that this practice should be avoided in patients with renal insufficiency.

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Uses and Administration

Alum precipitates proteins and is a powerful astringent. It is often included in preparations used as mouthwashes or gargles and in dermatological preparations.

Alum, either as a solid or as a solution, may be used as a haemostatic. Intravesical instillation of alum, typically as a 1% solution, has been used as a treatment for haemorrhagic cystitis (p.2178). Alum is also used as a mordant in the dyeing industry.

Preparations

Proprietary Preparations (details are given in Part 3)

Multi-ingredient: Arg.: Bentophyto; Austria: EST; Braz.: Lucretin; Canad.: Fletchers Sore Mouth Medicine: Ger.: Retterspitz Ausserlich: Retter nad.: reteriers ore Houri Medicine, Ger.; Acteuspiz Aussenici, networks spiz Innerlich; India: Fed Chill; Ital.: Lavanda Sofar; Mex.: Forcremol; Neth.: Trachitol; NZ: Grans Remedy; Spain: Co Bucal; Lindemil; USA: BFI; Massengill; Mycinette; Venez.: Borogin.

Aluminium

Aluminio; Aluminum; E173; Glin. AI = 26.9815386.CAS = 7429-90-5

Description. Aluminium is a malleable and ductile soft silverywhite metal, becoming coated with a thin layer of oxide.

Pharmacopoeias. Br. includes Aluminium Powder.

BP 2008 (Aluminium Powder). An odourless or almost odourless, silvery-grey powder. It consists mainly of metallic aluminium in very small flakes, usually with an appreciable quantity of aluminium oxide. It is lubricated with stearic acid to protect the metal from oxidation. Practically insoluble in water and in alcohol; it dissolves in dilute acids and in aqueous solutions of alkali hydroxides, with the evolution of hydrogen.

Handling. Aluminium powder has been used for the illicit preparation of explosives or fireworks; care is required with its sup-

Incompatibility. Incompatibilities have been reported between aluminium in injection equipment and metronidazole, 1,2 and between aluminium and various antineoplastics including cisplatin, daunorubicin, and doxorubicin.³⁻⁶ The suitability of aluminium caps for sugar-containing liquids has also been questioned. Abrasion of the aluminium cap by sugar from Ceporex Syrup [cefalexin] has resulted in the formation of a black slime.

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Adverse Effects, Treatment, and Precautions

Aluminium toxicity is well recognised in patients with renal impairment. Patients undergoing dialysis have experienced encephalopathy, osteodystrophy, and anaemia associated with an aluminium salt taken as a phosphate binder or with aluminium present in the water supply. For this reason, aluminium-free phosphate binders are often used in dialysis patients and the concentration of aluminium in dialysis fluid has been limited to not more than 10 micrograms/litre (see Aluminium Overload under Dialysis Solutions, p.1671). Serum-aluminium concentrations should be monitored regularly in patients undergoing dialysis.

Aluminium toxicity has followed the use of parenteral fluids and infant feeds with a high concentration of aluminium.

Aluminium toxicity may be treated by removal of the aluminium with desferrioxamine (p.1441).

The adverse effects of aluminium salts and precautions to be observed are described under Aluminium Hydroxide, p.1706.

A review of aluminium toxicity1 lists possible sources of aluminium including water, antacids, phosphate-binding gels, total parenteral nutrition solutions, processed human serum albumin, fluids used in infants, and environmental pollution; cooking utensils and beverages such as tea have also been suggested as possible sources of aluminium. It has been suggested that overthe-counter preparations of antacids, which can contain significant amounts of aluminium, represent the most important quantitative source of aluminium exposure.2 Toxicity tends to occur when the gastrointestinal barrier to aluminium absorption is circumvented, as in intravenous fluid use or dialysis, or if the excretion of aluminium is reduced, as in renal impairment. Infants, especially preterm infants, form a special risk group.3-

Accidental deposition of 20 tonnes of aluminium sulfate in a reservoir in Cornwall, UK in 1988 led to contamination of a nearby town's water supply.7 Symptoms reported included diarrhoea, mouth ulcers or blisters, malaise, joint symptoms (mainly deterioration of existing symptoms), and memory defects (usually beginning 2 to 3 months after the incident). Although some medical experts considered that no long-term toxic effects were to be expected,7 aluminium deposits were found in the bones of 2 individuals 6 to 7 months later.8 In a study9 undertaken 3 years after the incident, 55 adults who claimed to have suffered cerebral damage performed poorly in psychomotor testing. The authors attributed this to aluminium exposure, but the study's design and conclusions have been criticised. 10-12 An inquiry by the UK DoH¹³ does not anticipate that exposure to aluminium from this incident would have caused long-term health problems in people who were adults or toddlers at the time, although this possibility should be explored further in those who were bottle-fed infants (i.e. below one year of age) at that time. Further studies have also been recommended on the neuropsychological status and prevalence of joint problems in the population who consumed the con-

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Burns. Thermal burns have been reported in patients undergoing magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) procedures when wearing transdermal medication patches containing aluminium in the backing material.1 Aluminium is a conductive material and could induce a concentration of electrical currents sufficient to cause serious burns if placed in the MRI field; a similar phenomenon could also occur with external defibrillation.

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Effects on mental function. Encephalopathy with seizures has been associated with the use of aluminium-containing materials used for bone reconstruction.^{1,2} In each case, reconstruction of areas of the skull resulted in high concentrations of aluminium in the CSF.

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ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE. The role of aluminium in the aetiology of Alzheimer's disease (see Dementia, p.362) is, at best, unclear.1-4 Circumstantial evidence of a positive association arises from animal and in-vitro data, together with clinical observations that aluminium is present in senile plaques and neurofibrillary tangles occurring in Alzheimer's disease, that giving aluminium chelators to Alzheimer patients may slow the progression of the disease, and that the risk of brain changes is increased in people living in areas with a high aluminium content in the drinking water supply. Some of these findings have been criticised, disproved, or not confirmed by other workers. Listed below are some of the studies which point to an association between aluminium intake and Alzheimer's disease, 5-8 some criticisms, 9-13 and some negative findings. 14,15

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Uses and Administration

Aluminium is used in packaging and in injection equipment. The foil is also used as a dressing and for insulation. Aluminium may also be employed as a colouring agent for some foodstuffs. Aluminium powder alone and in paste form with zinc oxide has been used as a dressing. Astringent aluminium salts are used as antiperspirants. Aluminium hydroxide (p.1706) is used as an antac-

Aluminium oxide (p.1585) has been used as an abrasive agent.

Homoeopathy. Aluminium has been used in homoeopathic medicines under the following names: Aluminium metallicum; Al. met.

Preparations

BP 2008: Compound Aluminium Paste.

Proprietary Preparations (details are given in Part 3)

Multi-ingredient: Arg.: Effidrate†; Braz.: Belagin; Fr.: Supro; Mex.: Dicentril; Gavicid+; Ulge

Aluminium Acetate

Aluminio, acetato de; Aluminum Acetate. $C_6H_9AIO_6 = 204.1.$ CAS - 139-12-8.

Profile

Aluminium acetate is prepared from aluminium sulfate and acetic acid.

Solutions containing aluminium acetate are astringent. Ear drops, which correspond to a solution of aluminium acetotartrate in that they are prepared from aluminium sulfate with the aid of acetic acid and tartaric acid, reduce oedema and inflammation of the ear in conditions such as otitis externa (p.182) by producing an acidic environment hostile to pathogenic bacteria; they are also hygroscopic. Solutions, usually prepared from glacial acetic acid and an aluminum subacetate topical solution (which is itself prepared from aluminium sulfate and acetic acid), have also been used in dermatology as astringent lotions for irritating skin con-

Various preparations containing aluminium acetate have been known as Burow's creams, emulsions, lotions, or solutions

Aluminium acetotartrate and aluminium subacetate (basic aluminium acetate) are also used as topical astringents.

Preparations

BP 2008: Aluminium Acetate Ear Drops; **USP 31:** Aluminum Subacetate Topical Solution.

Proprietary Preparations (details are given in Part 3)

Canad.: Buro-Sol; Ger.: Alsol; Alsol N†; Alsol†; Essigsaure Tonerde-Salbe; Essitol; Hung.: Alsol; Pol.: Altacet; Altix; Switz.: Euceta; USA: Bite Rx; Buro-Sol†; Venez.: Acid Mantle.

Buro-Soft Venez.: Acid Mantle.

Multi-ingredient: Arg.: Aseptalum†, Epiprocto; Austral.: Xyloproct; Austria: Acetonal; Euceta mit Kamille; Methyment; Nasanal; Braz.: Xyloproct; Fin.: Xyloproct; Fin.: Xyloproct; Fin.: Syloproct; Isnael: Proctozorin-N; Ital.: Betaderm; Micofoot; Oleo Calcarea†, Vegetallumina; Malaysia: Xyloproct; Mex.: Dermanol; Littiset; Xyloproct; Nus; Norw.: Xyloproct; Nus; Xyloproct; Pol.: Kamagel; Port.: Proctonostrum†; Spain: Awni; Swed.: Xyloproct; Switz.: Anginesin†; Euceta avecamomille et arnica; Euceta Pic; Fortacet; Frigoplasma†; Fungex; Leucen; Mikutan N; Realderm; Topaceta; Turk.: Hemoralgine; UK: Xyloproct; USA: Borofair Otic; Burow's; Otic Domeboro; Star-Otic.

Aluminium Lactate

Aluminio, lactato de. Tris(lactato)aluminium. $C_9H_{15}AIO_9 = 294.2.$ CAS — 537-02-0; 18917-91-4.

Profile

Aluminium lactate is used in the local treatment of various disorders of the mouth.

Preparations

Proprietary Preparations (details are given in Part 3)

Fr.: Etiaxil; Ital.: Aluctyl.

Multi-ingredient: Israel: Aronal Forte; Ital.: Lacalut; Port.: Gartun; Switz.: Deaftol avec lidocaine.

Aluminium Sulfate

Aliuminio sulfatas; Alumiinisulfaatti; Aluminii sulfas; Aluminii Sulfas Hydricus; Aluminio, sulfato de; Aluminium, sulfate d'; Aluminium Sulfuricum; Aluminium Sulphate; Aluminium Trisulphate; Aluminiumsulfat; Alumínium-szulfát; Aluminum Sulfate; E520; Glinu siarczan; Síran hlinitý hydrát.

 $Al_2(SO_4)_3$, $xH_2O = 342.2$ (anhydrous). CAS = 10043-01-3 (anhydrous aluminium sulfate); 17927-65-0 (aluminium sulfate hydrate).

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

Ph. Eur. 6.2 (Aluminium Sulphate). Colourless lustrous crystals or crystalline masses. It contains 51 to 59% of Al₂(SO₄)₃. Soluble in cold water; freely soluble in hot water; practically insoluble in alcohol. Store in airtight containers.

USP 31 (Aluminum Sulfate). Contains 54 to 59% of Al₂(SO₄)₃. An odourless, white, crystalline powder, shining plates, or crys talline fragments. Soluble 1 in 1 of water; insoluble in alcohol. The pH of a 5% solution in water is not less than 2.9.

Profile

Aluminium sulfate has an action similar to that of alum (p.2254) but is more astringent. A 20% solution is used for the treatment of envenomation by certain insects and marine organisms. The aluminium may cause precipitation of the proteins contained within the venoms thus reducing local toxicity. Aluminium sulfate is also included in astringent preparations intended to soothe irritating skin conditions.

Aluminium sulfate is also used in the preparation of aluminium acetate solutions.

Adverse effects. Possible adverse effects or toxicity associated with aluminium, or aluminium salts such as aluminium sulfate, in the public water supply are discussed under Aluminium, p.2254.

Preparations

USP 31: Aluminum Subacetate Topical Solution; Aluminum Sulfate and Calcium Acetate for Topical Solution; Aluminum Sulfate and Calcium Acetate Tablets for Topical Solution.

Proprietary Preparations (details are given in Part 3)

Austral.: Stingose; Hong Kong: Stingose; NZ: Stingose; S.Afr.: Stingose†; UK: Stingose.

Multi-ingredient: Arg.: Gineseptina†; Ger.: Tannolil†; Hung.: Burofix†; Mex.: Domeboro; USA: Bluboro†; Boropak†; Domeboro; Ostiderm; Pedi-Boro Soak Paks.

Ambucetamide (BAN, rINN)

A-16: Ambucetamida: Ambucétamide: Ambucetamidum: Dibutamide. 2-Dibutylamino-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)acetamide.

 $C_{17}H_{28}N_2O_2 = 292.4.$ CAS — 519-88-0.

Ambucetamide is an antispasmodic and has been given for the relief of dysmenorrhoea. The hydrochloride has also been used.

Proprietary Preparations (details are given in Part 3)

Multi-ingredient: Neth.: Femerital.

Ambutonium Bromide (BAN)

Ambutonii Bromidum; Ambutoniumbromid; Ambutoniumbromidi; BL-700B; R-100. (3-Carbamoyl-3,3-diphenylpropyl)ethyldimethylammonium bromide.

 $C_{20}H_{27}BrN_2O = 391.3.$

CAS — 14007-49-9 (ambutonium); 115-51-5 (ambutonium bromide)

Profile

Ambutonium bromide is a quaternary ammonium antimuscarinic that has been used in gastrointestinal disorders with smooth muscle spasm.

Preparations

Proprietary Preparations (details are given in Part 3)

Multi-ingredient: Port.: Sedioton+.

Amikhelline Hydrochloride (rINNM)

Amikhelline, Chlorhydrate d'; Amikhellini Hydrochloridum; Hidrocloruro de amikelina. 9-(2-Diethylaminoethoxy)-4-hydroxy-7methyl-5H-furo[3,2-g][1]benzopyran-5-one hydrochloride.

Амикеллина Гидрохлорид

 $C_{18}H_{21}NO_5,HCI = 367.8.$

CAS — 4439-67-2 (amikhelline); 40709-23-7 (amikhelline hydrochloride).

 CH_3

(amikhelline)

Profile

Amikhelline hydrochloride has been used as an antispasmodic.

Amilomer (HNN)

Amilomère; Amilómero; Amilomerum.

Амиломер

CAS = 42615-49-6

Profile

Amilomer consists of microspheres produced by reaction of partially hydrolysed starch with epichlorohydrin, quickly degradable by amylase (with a half-life of less than 120 minutes); the name is followed by a hyphenated numerical code in which the number preceding the hyphen indicates the half-life in minutes and that following the hyphen indicates the mean diameter of the microspheres in µm.

Amilomer is used in transarterial chemoembolisation procedures in the management of hepatic malignancies.

Preparations

Proprietary Preparations (details are given in Part 3) Ger.: Spherex

Aminohippuric Acid

Acidum Aminohippuricum; p-Aminobenzoylglycine; p-Aminohippuric Acid; Aminohippurihappo; Aminohippursyra; Aminohipúrico, ácido; Kwas aminohipurowy; PAHA; Para-aminohippuric Acid. N-4-Aminobenzoylaminoacetic acid.

 $C_9H_{10}N_2O_3 = 194.2.$

CAS — 61-78-9 (aminohippuric acid); 94-16-6 (sodium aminohippurate).

ATC - V04CH30

ATC Vet — QV04CH30.

Pharmacopoeias. In US.

USP 31 (Aminohippuric Acid). A white crystalline powder which discolours on exposure to light. Soluble 1 in 45 of water, 1 in 50 of alcohol, and 1 in 5 of 3N hydrochloric acid; very slightly soluble in carbon tetrachloride, in chloroform, in ether, and in benzene; freely soluble in alkaline solutions with some decomposition, and in diluted hydrochloric acid. Store in airtight containers. Protect from light.

Sodium aminohippurate may cause nausea and vomiting, hypersensitivity reactions, vasomotor disturbances, flushing, tingling, cramps, and a feeling of warmth. Patients may develop an urge to urinate or defaecate after infusion.

Interactions

The estimation of sodium aminohippurate may be affected in patients taking procaine, sulfonamides, or thiazosulfone. Probenecid diminishes the excretion of aminohippuric acid. Clearance is also affected by penicillins, salicylates, and other drugs that compete for the same excretory pathways.

Uses and Administration

Aminohippuric acid is excreted mainly by proximal tubular secretion, with some glomerular filtration. It is given by intravenous infusion, as sodium aminohippurate (aminohippurate sodium; $C_9H_9N_2NaO_3=216.2$), for the estimation of effective renal plasma flow. Doses are aimed at producing a plasma concentration of 20 micrograms/mL; at these concentrations about 90% of aminohippurate is cleared from the renal bloodstream in a single circuit in patients with normal renal function. Sodium aminohippurate has also been used for the assessment of the renal tubular secretory mechanism. Doses for this purpose are infused slowly to achieve a plasma concentration of 400 to 600 micrograms/mL to saturate the tubular secretion. These tests are used mainly in research procedures.