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PEPPERMINT LEAF Technical-Scientific report

GENERAL INFORMATION

Select Botanical, SL manufactures highest quality extracts following strictest Quality Management System in compliance with the "Good Manufacturing Practices" requirements, carrying on the last manufacturing steps in classified areas (Clean Rooms).

Select Botanical, SL assures the traceability with rigorous analysis form raw material to finished product.

SPECIFICATIONS/ TECHNICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Raw material

Definition: Leaves of *Mentha x piperita*

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Description:

Macroscopic
 Microscopic
 Pesticides:
 Complies Ph.Eur. current Ed
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 According to Ph. Eur.

current ed.

Assay (HPLC) Rosmarinic acid

Composition of Extract Preparation

Native Dry Extract Maltodextrin

Colloidal Silicon Dioxide

Extract Specifications

Loss on drying: \leq 6 % w/w Total ash: \leq 10 % w/w

Heavy metals: Analysis of Pb,As,Cd and Hg Microbiological assay: Acc. to Ph. Eur. current Ed.

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Residual solvents: According to guidelines

CPMP/ICH/283/95

Assay (HPLC): Rosmarinic acid

REGISTRY NUMBERS

CAS: 84082-70-2 **EINECS**: 282-015-4

INCI/ UE: MENTHA PIPERITA LEAF EXTRACT

INFORMATION ABOUT PLANT ORIGIN

Botanical Description

A plant, with a distinctly 4 angled stem and decussate leaves, growing to a height of about 60 cm. The flowers are pale red in spicate whorls. $^{(1)}$

Analytical marker / Active principle

Hydroxycinnamic acid derivatives: Rosmarinic acid

Rosmarinic acid

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PHARMACOLOGICAL STUDIES

- Antispasmodic activity: Alcoholic extracts of Peppermint leaf have antispasmodic effects on the isolated guinea pig ileum. (3,7)
- Choleretic activity: Peppermint leaf stimulated bile secretion and the synthesis of bile acids. (3,7)
- Carminative activity: In human pharmacological studies, Peppermint leaf extract has a carminative action by causing a reduction in tonus of the oesophageal sphincter, thus enabling release of entrapped air. (3,7)

PHYTOTHERAPY

Activities

Oral use:

Carminative. (1, 2, 3, 5, 6,7)
 Spasmolytic. (1, 2, 5, 6,7)

Stimulate the bile secretion. (1, 2, 3, 5, 6,7)

Indications:

Oral use.

Traditional herbal medicinal product indicated for the symptomatic relief of digestive disorders such as dyspepsia and flatulence. (1, 3, 6, 7)

Side effects:

There are no reported toxic effects or intolerance phenomenon to normal use doses. $^{(3,\;6)}$

The gastro-oesophageal reflux may worsen and heartburn may increase. (7)

Precautions / Contraindications:

Patients with gastro-oesophageal reflux (heartburn) should avoid peppermint leaf preparations, because heartburn may increase. (7)

Patients with gallstones and any other biliary disorders should be cautious using peppermint leaf preparations. (7)

The use in children under 4 years of age is not recommended as there is no experience available. $^{(7)}$

If symptoms worsen during the use of the medicinal product, a doctor or a qualified health practitioner should be consulted. $^{(7)}$

Dosage and administration:

Traditional oral use (7):

Adults, elderly (daily dose)

Herbal tea: 4.5 - 9 g of the herbal substance, divided in three single doses.

Tincture: 6-9 ml, divided in three single doses.

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