Carbamazepine



EMERGENCY:

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SYNONYMS

C15-H12-N2-O, "5H-dibenz[b, f]azepine-5-carboxamide", carbamazepen, carbamezepine, "5-carbamoyl-5H-dibenzo[b, f]azepine", "5-carbamoyl-5H-dibenzo[b, f]azepine", Biston, Carbazepine, Finlepsin, G-32883, "Geigy 32883", Stazepin, Tegretal, Tegretol, Telesmin, Timonil, Convuline, Hermolepsin, Karbamazepin, Nordotol, anticonvulsant, Teril



EMERGENCY OVERVIEW RISK

Harmful if swallowed. May cause SENSITISATION by inhalation and skin contact. Possible risk of harm to the unborn child.

POTENTIAL HEALTH EFFECTS

ACUTE HEALTH EFFECTS

SWALLOWED

Accidental ingestion of the material may be harmful; animal experiments indicate that ingestion of less than 150 gram may be fatal or may produce serious damage to the health of the individual.

■ Antiepileptic drugs (AEDs) act as anticonvulsants and increase the risk of suicidal thoughts or behavior in patients taking these drugs for any indication. Persons exposed to AEDs for any indication should be monitored for the emergence or worsening of depression, suicidal thoughts or behavior, and/or any unusual changes in mood or behavior (such as anxiety, agitation, hostility, pressured/rapid speech).

The increased risk of suicidal thoughts or behavior with AEDs was observed as early as one week after starting drug treatment with AEDs and persisted for the duration of treatment assessed. Because most trials included in the analysis did not extend beyond 24 weeks, the risk of suicidal thoughts or behavior beyond 24 weeks could not be assessed.

The finding of increased risk with AEDs of varying mechanisms of action and across a range of indications suggests that the risk applies to all AEDs used for any indication. The risk did not vary substantially by age (5-100 years) in the clinical trials analysed.

The relative risk for suicidal thoughts or behavior was higher in clinical trials for epilepsy than in clinical trials for psychiatric or other conditions, but the absolute risk differences were similar for the epilepsy and psychiatric indications.

• Common side-effects of carbamazepine include dizziness, drowsiness, and ataxia. Drowsiness and disturbances of the cerebellar and oculo-motor function are also symptoms of excessive plasma concentrations. Gastrointestinal symptoms may include dryness of the mouth, gastric distress, abdominal pain, nausea, vomiting, anorexia, diarrhoea and constipation. 3% of patients develop generalised erythematous rashes which may be severe. Photosensitivity may develop with symptoms including urticaria, exfoliative dermatitis, erythema multiforme and the Stevens-Johnson syndrome - lupus erythematosus has also been reported.

Blood disorders may occur - these include agranulocytosis, aplastic anaemia, eosinophilia, leucopenia, leukocytosis, thrombocytopenia, and purpura. Liver and kidney function may also be affected. Jaundice may develop. Other effects may include paraesthesia, headache, heartblock, congestive heart failure, water intoxication, and dyskinesia, Overdose may cause drowsiness, confusion, delirium, stupor, dizziness, ataxia, nystagmus, nausea, vomiting, agitation, tremor, abnormal reflexes, hypertension, hypotension, coma, and death.

Dangerous or even fatal skin reactions (Stevens Johnson syndrome and toxic epidermal necrolysis), that can be caused by carbamazepine therapy, are significantly more common in patients with a particular human leukocyte antigen (HLA) allele, HLA-B*1502. This allele occurs almost exclusively in patients with ancestry across broad areas of Asia, including South Asian Indians. Patients with ancestry from areas in which HLA-B*1502 is present should be screened for the HLA-B*1502 allele before starting treatment with carbamazepine. If these individuals test positive, carbamazepine should not be started unless the expected benefit clearly outweighs the increased risk of serious skin reactions. Patients who have been taking carbamazepine for more than a few months without developing skin reactions are at low risk of these events ever developing from carbamazepine. This is true for patients of any ethnicity or genotype, including patients positive for HLA-B*1502.

EYE

■ Although the material is not thought to be an irritant, direct contact with the eye may cause transient discomfort characterized by tearing or conjunctival redness (as with windburn). Slight abrasive damage may also result.

SKIN

• The material is not thought to be a skin irritant (as classified using animal models). Abrasive damage however, may result from prolonged exposures.

Skin contact with the material may damage the health of the individual; systemic effects may result following absorption.

• Open cuts, abraded or irritated skin should not be exposed to this material.

■ Entry into the blood-stream, through, for example, cuts, abrasions or lesions, may produce systemic injury with harmful effects. Examine the skin prior to the use of the material and ensure that any external damage is suitably protected.

INHALED

• The material is not thought to produce respiratory irritation (as classified using animal models). Nevertheless inhalation of dusts, or fume, especially for prolonged periods, may produce respiratory discomfort and occasionally, distress.

■ Inhalation of dusts, generated by the material during the course of normal handling, may be damaging to the health of the individual.

■ Persons with impaired respiratory function, airway diseases and conditions such as emphysema or chronic bronchitis, may incur further disability if excessive concentrations of particulate are inhaled.

CHRONIC HEALTH EFFECTS

Inhaling this product is more likely to cause a sensitization reaction in some persons compared to the general population.

Skin contact with the material is more likely to cause a sensitization reaction in some persons compared to the general population.

Results in experiments suggest that this material may cause disorders in the development of the embryo or fetus, even when no signs of poisoning show in the mother.

Administration of carbamazepine to pregnant epileptic woman was associated with foetal head growth retardation; no catch up growth occurred by 18 months.

Long term exposure to high dust concentrations may cause changes in lung function i.e. pneumoconiosis; caused by particles less than 0.5 micron penetrating and remaining in the lung.

Section 3 - COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS				
NAME	CAS RN	%		
carbamazepine	298-46-4	>95		

Section 4 - FIRST AID MEASURES

SWALLOWED

· IF SWALLOWED, REFER FOR MEDICAL ATTENTION, WHERE POSSIBLE, WITHOUT DELAY. · Where Medical attention is not immediately available or where the patient is more than 15 minutes from a hospital or unless instructed otherwise:

EYE

■ If this product comes in contact with the eyes: • Wash out immediately with fresh running water. • Ensure complete irrigation of the eye by keeping eyelids apart and away from eye and moving the eyelids by occasionally lifting the upper and lower lids.

SKIN

■ If skin contact occurs: · Immediately remove all contaminated clothing, including footwear · Flush skin and hair with running water (and soap if available).

INHALED

· If fumes or combustion products are inhaled remove from contaminated area. · Lay patient down. Keep warm and rested.

NOTES TO PHYSICIAN

For anticonvulsants:

It is recommended that the physician withdraw the drug slowly on the appearance of unusual depression, aggressiveness, or other behavioral alterations.

As with other anticonvulsants, it is important to proceed slowly when increasing or decreasing dosage, as well as when adding or eliminating other medication. Abrupt withdrawal of anticonvulsant medication may precipitate absence (petit mal) status.

For carbamazepine intoxication:

The stomach should be emptied by aspiration and lavage. The use of activated charcoal as an adjunct to lavage has been suggested. Supportive therapy may suffice for patients not severely poisoned. ECG monitoring is recommended to detect arrhythmias or conduction defects.

Slowly but fairly completely absorbed from the gastrointestinal tract.

Extensively metabolised in the liver - one of the primary metabolites is carbamazepine-10,11-epoxide which possesses reportedly about a third of the anti-convulsive activity of carbamazepine. Widely distributed through the body and is extensively bound to plasma-protein. Has the property of inducing its own metabolism so that plasma half-life decreases with repeated administration. Moreover the metabolism of carbamazepine is readily induced by drugs which induce hepatic microsomal enzymes. Crosses the blood-brain barrier and the placenta barrier - excreted in milk.

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Treat symptomatically.

Section 5 - FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES Vapour Pressure (mmHG): Negligible Upper Explosive Limit (%): Not available Specific Gravity (water=1): Not available Lower Explosive Limit (%): Not available

EXTINGUISHING MEDIA

· Foam.

· Dry chemical powder.

FIRE FIGHTING

· Alert Emergency Responders and tell them location and nature of hazard.

Wear breathing apparatus plus protective gloves.

GENERAL FIRE HAZARDS/HAZARDOUS COMBUSTIBLE PRODUCTS

· Combustible solid which burns but propagates flame with difficulty.

• Avoid generating dust, particularly clouds of dust in a confined or unventilated space as dusts may form an explosive mixture with air, and any source of ignition, i.e. flame or spark, will cause fire or explosion. Dust clouds generated by the fine grinding of the solid are a particular hazard; accumulations of fine dust may burn rapidly and fiercely if ignited.

Combustion products include: carbon monoxide (CO), carbon dioxide (CO2), nitrogen oxides (NOx), other pyrolysis products typical of burning organic material.

May emit poisonous fumes.

May emit corrosive fumes.

FIRE INCOMPATIBILITY

Avoid contamination with oxidizing agents i.e. nitrates, oxidizing acids, chlorine bleaches, pool chlorine etc. as ignition may result.

PERSONAL PROTECTION

Glasses: Chemical goggles. Gloves: Respirator: Particulate

Section 6 - ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

MINOR SPILLS

· Clean up waste regularly and abnormal spills immediately.

- · Avoid breathing dust and contact with skin and eyes.
- · Wear protective clothing, gloves, safety glasses and dust respirator.
- · Use dry clean up procedures and avoid generating dust.
- · Vacuum up or sweep up. NOTE: Vacuum cleaner must be fitted with an exhaust micro filter (HEPA type) (consider explosion-proof machines designed to be grounded during storage and use).
- · Dampen with water to prevent dusting before sweeping.
- · Place in suitable containers for disposal.

MAJOR SPILLS

- Moderate hazard.
- · CAUTION: Advise personnel in area.
- · Alert Emergency Responders and tell them location and nature of hazard.

Section 7 - HANDLING AND STORAGE

PROCEDURE FOR HANDLING

- · Avoid all personal contact, including inhalation.
- · Wear protective clothing when risk of exposure occurs.

Empty containers may contain residual dust which has the potential to accumulate following settling. Such dusts may explode in the presence of an appropriate ignition source.

· Do NOT cut, drill, grind or weld such containers.

· In addition ensure such activity is not performed near full, partially empty or empty containers without appropriate workplace safety authorisation or permit.

RECOMMENDED STORAGE METHODS

- Glass container.
- \cdot Polyethylene or polypropylene container.
- · Check all containers are clearly labelled and free from leaks.

STORAGE REQUIREMENTS

- · Store in original containers.
- · Keep containers securely sealed.

Section 8 - EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

EXPOSURE CONTROLS

The following materials had no OELs on our records • carbamazepine: CAS:298-46-4

PERSONAL PROTECTION



RESPIRATOR

Particulate

Consult your EHS staff for recommendations

EYE

■ When handling very small quantities of the material eye protection may not be required.

For laboratory, larger scale or bulk handling or where regular exposure in an occupational setting occurs:

· Chemical goggles

· Face shield. Full face shield may be required for supplementary but never for primary protection of eyes

Contact lenses may pose a special hazard; soft contact lenses may absorb and concentrate irritants. A written policy document, describing the wearing of lens or restrictions on use, should be created for each workplace or task. This should include a review of lens absorption and adsorption for the class of chemicals in use and an account of injury experience. Medical and first-aid personnel should be trained in their removal and suitable equipment should be readily available. In the event of chemical exposure, begin eye irrigation immediately and remove contact lens as soon as practicable. Lens should be removed at the first signs of eye redness or irritation - lens should be removed in a clean environment only after workers have washed hands thoroughly. [CDC NIOSH Current Intelligence Bulletin 59].

HANDS/FEET

• NOTE: The material may produce skin sensitization in predisposed individuals. Care must be taken, when removing gloves and other protective equipment, to avoid all possible skin contact.

Suitability and durability of glove type is dependent on usage. Important factors in the selection of gloves include: such as:

- frequency and duration of contact,
- \cdot chemical resistance of glove material,
- · glove thickness and
- · dexterity

Select gloves tested to a relevant standard (e.g. Europe EN 374, US F739).

· When prolonged or frequently repeated contact may occur, a glove with a protection class of 5 or higher (breakthrough time greater than 240 minutes according to EN 374) is recommended.

· When only brief contact is expected, a glove with a protection class of 3 or higher (breakthrough time greater than 60 minutes according to EN 374) is recommended.

Contaminated gloves should be replaced.

Gloves must only be worn on clean hands. After using gloves, hands should be washed and dried thoroughly. Application of a non-perfumed moisturiser is recommended.

- · Rubber gloves (nitrile or low-protein, powder-free latex). Employees allergic to latex gloves should use nitrile gloves in preference.
- Double gloving should be considered.
- · PVC gloves.
- · Protective shoe covers.
- Head covering.

Experience indicates that the following polymers are suitable as glove materials for protection against undissolved, dry solids, where abrasive particles are not present.

- · polychloroprene
- · nitrile rubber
- · butyl rubber
- · fluorocaoutchouc
- · polyvinyl chloride

Gloves should be examined for wear and/ or degradation constantly.

OTHER

· For quantities up to 500 grams a laboratory coat may be suitable.

· For quantities up to 1 kilogram a disposable laboratory coat or coverall of low permeability is recommended. Coveralls should be buttoned at collar and cuffs.

· For quantities over 1 kilogram and manufacturing operations, wear disposable coverall of low permeability and disposable shoe covers.

- For manufacturing operations, air-supplied full body suits may be required for the provision of advanced respiratory protection.
- · Eye wash unit.
- · Ensure there is ready access to an emergency shower.
- · For Emergencies: Vinyl suit.

ENGINEERING CONTROLS

Enclosed local exhaust ventilation is required at points of dust, fume or vapor generation.

HEPA terminated local exhaust ventilation should be considered at point of generation of dust, fumes or vapors.

Section 9 - PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

Solid.			
Does not mix with water.			
State	Divided solid	Molecular Weight	236.26
Melting Range (°F)	374- 379.4	Viscosity	Not Applicable
Boiling Range (°F)	Not available	Solubility in water (g/L)	Partly miscible
Flash Point (°F)	Not available	pH (1% solution)	Not Applicable
Decomposition Temp (°F)	Not Available	pH (as supplied)	Not applicable
Autoignition Temp (°F)	Not available	Vapour Pressure (mmHG)	Negligible
Upper Explosive Limit (%)	Not available	Specific Gravity (water=1)	Not available
Lower Explosive Limit (%)	Not available	Relative Vapor Density (air=1)	Not Applicable
Volatile Component (%vol)	Negligible	Evaporation Rate	Not Applicable

APPEARANCE

White or yellowish-white crystalline powder with slight-bitter taste; does not mix well with water. Soluble in alcohol (1:10), chloroform (1:10), acetone.

Section 10 - CHEMICAL STABILITY

CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO INSTABILITY

- \cdot Presence of incompatible materials.
- \cdot Product is considered stable.

STORAGE INCOMPATIBILITY

Avoid reaction with oxidizing agents.

For incompatible materials - refer to Section 7 - Handling and Storage.

Section 11 - TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

CARBAMAZEPINE

TOXICITY AND IRRITATION

CARBAMAZEPINE:

TOXICITY

unless otherwise specified data extracted from RTECS - Register of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances.

IRRITATION

Oral (rat) LD50: 1957 mg/kg Nil Reported

Intraperitoneal (rat) LD50: 293 mg/kg

Subcutaneous (rat) LD50: >1500 mg/kg Oral (mouse) LD50: 529 mg/kg

Intraperitoneal (mouse) LD50: 114 mg/kg

Subcutaneous (mouse) LD50: >1000 mg/kg

Oral (dog) LD50: 5620 mg/kg

Oral (rabbit) LD50: 2680 mg/kg

Oral (g.pig) LD50: 920 mg/kg

Contact allergies quickly manifest themselves as contact eczema, more rarely as urticaria or Quincke's edema. The pathogenesis of contact eczema involves a cell-mediated (T lymphocytes) immune reaction of the delayed type.

Allergic reactions involving the respiratory tract are usually due to interactions between IgE antibodies and allergens and occur rapidly. Allergic potential of the allergen and period of exposure often determine the severity of symptoms.

Attention should be paid to atopic diathesis, characterized by increased susceptibility to nasal inflammation, asthma and eczema.

Exogenous allergic alveolitis is induced essentially by allergen specific immune-complexes of the IgG type; cell-mediated reactions (T lymphocytes) may be involved. Such allergy is of the delayed type with onset up to four hours following exposure.

Reports suggest an association between the use of anticonvulsant drugs by women with epilepsy and an elevated incidence of birth defects in children born to these women. Data are more extensive with respect to phenytoin and phenobarbital, but these are also the most commonly prescribed anticonvulsants; less systematic or anecdotal reports suggest a possible similar association with the use of all known anticonvulsant drugs.

The frequency of major malformations, growth retardation, and hypoplasia of the midface and fingers, known as "anticonvulsant embryopathy", is increased in infants exposed to anticonvulsant drugs in utero. However, whether the abnormalities are caused by the maternal epilepsy itself or by exposure to anticonvulsant drugs is not known

The reports suggesting an elevated incidence of birth defects in children of drug-treated epileptic women cannot be regarded as adequate to prove a definite cause and effect relationship. There are intrinsic methodologic problems in obtaining adequate data on drug teratogenicity in humans; the possibility also exists that other factors, eg, genetic factors or the epileptic condition itself, may be more important than drug therapy in leading to birth defects. The great majority of mothers on anticonvulsant medication deliver normal infants.

At least one study has shown a distinctive pattern of physical abnormalities in infants of mothers with epilepsy is associated with the use of anticonvulsant drugs during pregnancy, rather than with epilepsy itself (L.B. Holmes etal New England Jnl of Med, 344: 1132-1138; 2001).

It is important to note that anticonvulsant drugs should not be discontinued in patients in whom the drug is administered to prevent major seizures because of the strong possibility of precipitating status epilepticus with attendant hypoxia and threat to life. In individual cases where the severity and frequency of the seizure disorder are such that the removal of medication does not pose a serious threat to the patient. discontinuation of the drug may be considered prior to and during pregnancy, although it cannot be said with any confidence that even minor seizures do not pose some hazard to the developing embryo or foetus.

Reproductive dysfunction in epilepsy is attributed to the seizures themselves and also to antiepileptic drugs (AEDs), which affect steroid production, binding, and metabolism. In turn, neuroactive steroids may influence neuronal excitability. A previous study in this cohort of consecutive women with epilepsy showed that patients with more frequent seizures had higher cortisol and lower dehydroepiandrosterone sulfate levels than those with rare or absent seizures. Actual hormone titers were not significantly correlated with seizure frequency scores (SFS) rather these hormonal changes were explained by AED treatments, mainly when enzyme-inducing AEDs (EIAED) polytherapies were aiven.

Exposure to the material for prolonged periods may cause physical defects in the developing embryo (teratogenesis).

Oral (man) LDLo: 54 mg/kg/9d - I

Oral (woman) LDLo: 1920 mg/kg/17w - I

Fasciculation, altered sleep patterns, somnolence, hallucinations, ataxia, spasticity, nausea, vomiting, impaired liver function tests, urine volume increase, agranulocytosis, thrombocytopenia, aplastic anaemia, dermatitis after systemic exposure, effects on fertility, foetotoxicity, foetolethality, specific developmental abnormalities (musculoskeletal system) recorded.

Section 12 - ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

No data

Ingredient

Ecotoxicity carbamazepine

Persistence: Water/Soil Persistence: Air HIGH

Bioaccumulation LOW

Mobility MED

GESAMP/EHS COMPOSITE LIST - GESAMP Hazard Profiles

Name / EHS TRN A1a A1b A1 A2 B1 B2 C1 C2 C3 D1 D2 D3 E1 E2 E3 Cas No / RTECS No

Poly(2+)c 224 574 4 4 4 NR (4) NI (1) (1) (2) (1) (1) CM S 3 yclic 6 aromatics / CAS:298- 46- 4 /

Legend: EHS=EHS Number (EHS=GESAMP Working Group on the Evaluation of the Hazards of Harmful Substances Carried by Ships) NRT=Net Register Tonnage, A1a=Bioaccumulation log Pow, A1b=Bioaccumulation BCF, A1=Bioaccumulation, A2=Biodegradation, B1=Acuteaquatic toxicity LC/ECIC50 (mg/l), B2=Chronic aquatic toxicity NOEC (mg/l), C1=Acute mammalian oral toxicity LD50 (mg/kg), C2=Acutemammalian dermal toxicity LD50 (mg/kg), C3=Acute mammalian inhalation toxicity LC50 (mg/kg), D1=Skin irritation & corrosion, D2=Eye irritation& corrosion, D3=Long-term health effects, E1=Tainting, E2=Physical effects on wildlife & benthic habitats, E3=Interference with coastal amenities, For column A2: R=Readily biodegradable, NR=Not readily biodegradable. For column D3: C=Carcinogen,

M=Mutagenic, R=Reprotoxic, S=Sensitising, A=Aspiration hazard, T=Target organ systemic toxicity, L=Lunginjury, N=Neurotoxic, I=Immunotoxic. For column E1: NT=Not tainting (tested), T=Tainting test positive. For column E2: Fp=Persistent floater, F=Floater, S=Sinking substances. The numerical scales start from 0 (no hazard), while higher numbers reflect increasing hazard. (GESAMP/EHS Composite List of Hazard Profiles - Hazard evaluation of substances transported by ships)

Section 13 - DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Disposal Instructions

All waste must be handled in accordance with local, state and federal regulations.

| Puncture containers to prevent re-use and bury at an authorized landfill.

Legislation addressing waste disposal requirements may differ by country, state and/ or territory. Each user must refer to laws operating in their area. In some areas, certain wastes must be tracked.

A Hierarchy of Controls seems to be common - the user should investigate:

- · Reduction
- · Reuse
- · Recycling

· Disposal (if all else fails)

This material may be recycled if unused, or if it has not been contaminated so as to make it unsuitable for its intended use. Shelf life considerations should also be applied in making decisions of this type. Note that properties of a material may change in use, and recycling or reuse may not always be appropriate.

DO NOT allow wash water from cleaning equipment to enter drains. Collect all wash water for treatment before disposal.

· Recycle wherever possible.

· Consult manufacturer for recycling options or consult Waste Management Authority for disposal if no suitable treatment or disposal facility can be identified.

Section 14 - TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

NOT REGULATED FOR TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS: DOT, IATA, IMDG

Section 15 - REGULATORY INFORMATION

carbamazepine (CAS: 298-46-4) is found on the following regulatory lists;

"Canada Domestic Substances List (DSL)","OECD Representative List of High Production Volume (HPV) Chemicals", "US - California Proposition 65 - Priority List for the Development of MADLs for Chemicals Causing Reproductive Toxicity", "US - California Proposition 65 - Reproductive Toxicity", "US - Maine Chemicals of High Concern List"

Section 16 - OTHER INFORMATION

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Substance CAS Suggested codes carbamazepine 298-46-4

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