

1. Identification

Product identifier Rauwolfia Serpentina

Other means of identification

Catalog number 1599000

Recommended use Specified quality tests and assay use only.

Recommended restrictions Not for use as a drug. Not for administration to humans or animals.

Manufacturer/Importer/Supplier/Distributor information

Manufacturer

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2. Hazard(s) identification

Physical hazards Not classified.

Health hazards Specific target organ toxicity, single exposure Category 2 (nervous system, cardiovascular system)

Environmental hazards Not classified.

OSHA defined hazards Not classified.

Label elements



Signal word Warning

Hazard statement May cause damage to organs (nervous system, cardiovascular system).

Precautionary statement

Prevention Wash thoroughly after handling.

Response If exposed or concerned: Call a poison center/doctor.

Storage Store locked up.

Disposal Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.

Hazard(s) not otherwise classified (HNOC) Not classified.

Other hazards which do not result in classification None known.

3. Composition/information on ingredients

Substance

Chemical name	Common name and synonyms	CAS number	%
Rauwolfia Serpentina		8063-17-0	100

4. First-aid measures

Inhalation If breathing is difficult, remove to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. Call a physician if symptoms develop or persist.

Skin contact	Rinse skin with water/shower. Get medical attention if irritation develops and persists.
Eye contact	Rinse with water. Get medical attention if irritation develops and persists.
Ingestion	Rinse mouth. If ingestion of a large amount does occur, call a poison control center immediately.
Most important symptoms/effects, acute and delayed	Cardiovascular effects. Nervous system effects.
Indication of immediate medical attention and special treatment needed	Treatment of overdose should be symptomatic and supportive and may include the following: Immediate evacuation of the stomach by gastric lavage, followed by instillation of an activated charcoal slurry. If treatment with a vasopressor is necessary, one with a direct action on smooth muscle (phenylephrine, norepinephrine, metaraminol) should be used. The patient should be observed for at least 72 hours. [USP DI 2004]
General information	Remove from exposure. Remove contaminated clothing. For treatment advice, seek guidance from an occupational health physician or other licensed health-care provider familiar with workplace chemical exposures. In the United States, the national poison control center phone number is 1-800-222-1222. If person is not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen if available. Persons developing serious hypersensitivity (anaphylactic) reactions must receive immediate medical attention.

5. Fire-fighting measures

Suitable extinguishing media	Use fire-extinguishing media appropriate for surrounding materials. Water. Foam. Dry chemical or CO ₂ .
Unsuitable extinguishing media	None known.
Specific hazards arising from the chemical	No unusual fire or explosion hazards noted.
Special protective equipment and precautions for firefighters	Wear suitable protective equipment.
Fire-fighting equipment/instructions	Use water spray to cool unopened containers. As with all fires, evacuate personnel to a safe area. Firefighters should use self-contained breathing equipment and protective clothing.
Specific methods	Use standard firefighting procedures and consider the hazards of other involved materials.

6. Accidental release measures

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures	Keep unnecessary personnel away. Do not touch damaged containers or spilled material unless wearing appropriate protective clothing. Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid inhalation of dust from the spilled material. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment.
Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up	Sweep up or vacuum up spillage and collect in suitable container for disposal. Avoid the generation of dusts during clean-up. For waste disposal, see section 13 of the SDS. Clean surface thoroughly to remove residual contamination.

7. Handling and storage

Precautions for safe handling	As a general rule, when handling USP Reference Standards, avoid all contact and inhalation of dust, mists, and/or vapors associated with the material. Clean equipment and work surfaces with suitable detergent or solvent after use. After removing gloves, wash hands and other exposed skin thoroughly.
Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities	Store in tight container as defined in the USP-NF. This material should be handled and stored per label instructions to ensure product integrity.

8. Exposure controls/personal protection

Biological limit values	No biological exposure limits noted for the ingredient(s).
Exposure guidelines	No exposure standards allocated.
Appropriate engineering controls	Airborne exposure should be controlled primarily by engineering controls such as general dilution ventilation, local exhaust ventilation, or process enclosure. Local exhaust ventilation is generally preferred to general exhaust because it can control the contaminant at its source, preventing dispersion into the work area. An industrial hygiene survey involving air monitoring may be used to determine the effectiveness of engineering controls. Effectiveness of engineering controls intended for use with highly potent materials should be assessed by use of nontoxic surrogate materials. Local exhaust ventilation such as a laboratory fume hood or other vented enclosure is recommended, particularly for grinding, crushing, weighing, or other dust-generating procedures.
Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment	
Eye/face protection	Safety glasses with sideshields are recommended. Face shields or goggles may be required if splash potential exists or if corrosive materials are present. Approved eye protection (e.g., bearing the ANSI Z87 or CSA stamp) is preferred. Maintain eyewash facilities in the work area.

Skin protection	
Hand protection	Chemically compatible gloves. For handling solutions, ensure that the glove material is protective against the solvent being used. Use handling practices that minimize direct hand contact. Employees who are sensitive to natural rubber (latex) should use nitrile or other synthetic nonlatex gloves. Use of powdered latex gloves should be avoided due to the risk of latex allergy.
Other	For handling of laboratory scale quantities, a cloth lab coat is recommended. Where significant quantities are handled, work clothing may be necessary to prevent take-home contamination.
Respiratory protection	Where respirators are deemed necessary to reduce or control occupational exposures, use NIOSH-approved respiratory protection and have an effective respirator program in place (applicable U.S. regulation OSHA 29 CFR 1910.134).
General hygiene considerations	Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice.

9. Physical and chemical properties

Appearance	Tan to light-brown powder.
Physical state	Solid.
Form	Powder.
Odor	Slight aromatic odor.
Odor threshold	Not available.
pH	Not available.
Melting point/freezing point	Not available.
Initial boiling point and boiling range	Not available.
Flash point	Not available.
Evaporation rate	Not available.
Flammability (solid, gas)	Not applicable.
Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits	
Flammability limit - lower (%)	Not available.
Flammability limit - upper (%)	Not available.
Explosive limit - lower (%)	Not available.
Explosive limit - upper (%)	Not available.
Vapor pressure	Not available.
Vapor density	Not available.
Relative density	Not available.
Solubility in water	Slightly soluble.
Auto-ignition temperature	Not available.
Decomposition temperature	Not available.
Viscosity	Not available.
Other information	
Chemical family	Alkaloid mixture.

10. Stability and reactivity

Reactivity	Not available.
Chemical stability	Material is stable under normal conditions.
Possibility of hazardous reactions	No dangerous reaction known under conditions of normal use.
Conditions to avoid	None known.
Incompatible materials	Oxidizing agents.
Hazardous decomposition products	Irritating and/or toxic fumes or gases. Emits toxic fumes under fire conditions.

11. Toxicological information

Information on likely routes of exposure

Ingestion	Due to lack of data the classification is not possible.
Inhalation	Due to lack of data the classification is not possible.
Skin contact	Due to lack of data the classification is not possible.

Eye contact	Due to lack of data the classification is not possible.
Symptoms related to the physical, chemical, and toxicological characteristics	Dizziness. Confusion. Drowsiness. Headache. Weakness. Mental depression. Nervousness. Loss of appetite. Nausea. Vomiting. Diarrhea. Dry mouth. Cramps. Stuffy nose. Swelling of feet or lower legs. Slow heartbeat. Irregular heartbeat. Chest pain. Shortness of breath. Black or bloody stools. Blood in vomit. Decreased sexual ability. Abnormal thoughts or dreams. Nightmares.
Cross sensitivity	Persons sensitive to other rauwolfia alkaloids may be sensitive to this material also.
Medical conditions aggravated by exposure	Mental depression. Gallstones. Peptic ulcer. Ulcerative colitis.
Acute toxicity	Due to lack of data the classification is not possible.
Skin corrosion/irritation	Due to lack of data the classification is not possible.
Serious eye damage/eye irritation	Due to lack of data the classification is not possible.
Respiratory or skin sensitization	
Respiratory sensitization	Due to lack of data the classification is not possible.
Skin sensitization	Due to lack of data the classification is not possible.
Germ cell mutagenicity	Due to lack of data the classification is not possible.
Carcinogenicity	Due to lack of data the classification is not possible. This material is not considered to be a carcinogen by IARC, NTP, or OSHA. The suggestion that long-term use of rauwolfia alkaloids may increase the risk of breast cancer in postmenopausal women has been controversial. Studies in rats and mice given 100 to 300 times the usual human dose found an increased incidence of mammary fibroadenomas in females, and malignant tumors of the seminal vesicles and adrenal medullas in males. [USP DI 2004]
Reproductive toxicity	Due to lack of data the classification is not possible. Rauwolfia alkaloids administered to pregnant women prior to delivery may cause adverse effects in the infants, including respiratory distress, lethargy, cyanosis, and anorexia.
Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure	May cause damage to organs (nervous system, cardiovascular system).
Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure	Due to lack of data the classification is not possible.
Aspiration hazard	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

12. Ecological information

Ecotoxicity	No ecotoxicity data noted for the ingredient(s).
Persistence and degradability	No data is available on the degradability of this product.
Bioaccumulative potential	Not available.
Mobility in soil	Not available.
Other adverse effects	Not available.

13. Disposal considerations

Disposal instructions	Dispose in accordance with all applicable regulations. Under RCRA, it is the responsibility of the user of the product to determine, at the time of disposal, whether the product meets RCRA criteria for hazardous waste.
Local disposal regulations	Not available.
Hazardous waste code	Not regulated.
Waste from residues / unused products	Dispose of in accordance with local regulations. Empty containers or liners may retain some product residues. This material and its container must be disposed of in a safe manner (see: Disposal instructions).
Contaminated packaging	Empty containers should be taken to an approved waste handling site for recycling or disposal. Since emptied containers may retain product residue, follow label warnings even after container is emptied.

14. Transport information

DOT	
UN number	UN1544
UN proper shipping name	Alkaloids, solid, n.o.s. (Rauwolfia Serpentina)
Transport hazard class(es)	
Class	6.1
Subsidiary risk	-
Packing group	III
IATA	
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Transport hazard class(es)**Class** 6.1**Subsidiary risk** -**Packing group** III**Other information****Passenger and cargo aircraft** Allowed.**Cargo aircraft only** Allowed.**Transport in bulk according to** Not available.**Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code****DOT; IATA****15. Regulatory information****US federal regulations**

CERCLA/SARA Hazardous Substances - Not applicable.

One or more components are not listed on TSCA.

Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA)**Hazard categories**

Immediate Hazard - Yes

Delayed Hazard - No

Fire Hazard - No

Pressure Hazard - No

Reactivity Hazard - No

SARA 302 Extremely hazardous substance

Not listed.

SARA 311/312 Hazardous chemical

Yes

SARA 313 (TRI reporting)

Not regulated.

Other federal regulations**Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA)**

Not regulated.

Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

Not regulated.

US state regulations

California Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65): This material is not known to contain any chemicals currently listed as carcinogens or reproductive toxins.

US. California Proposition 65

Not Listed.

International Inventories**Country(s) or region****Inventory name****On inventory (yes/no)***

Australia	Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances (AICS)	No
Canada	Domestic Substances List (DSL)	No
Canada	Non-Domestic Substances List (NDSL)	No
China	Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances in China (IECSC)	No
Europe	European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances (EINECS)	No
Europe	European List of Notified Chemical Substances (ELINCS)	No
Japan	Inventory of Existing and New Chemical Substances (ENCS)	No
Korea	Existing Chemicals List (ECL)	No
New Zealand	New Zealand Inventory	No

Country(s) or region	Inventory name	On inventory (yes/no)*
Philippines	Philippine Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances (PICCS)	No
United States & Puerto Rico	Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Inventory	No

*A "Yes" indicates that all components of this product comply with the inventory requirements administered by the governing country(s)
A "No" indicates that one or more components of the product are not listed or exempt from listing on the inventory administered by the governing country(s).

16. Other information, including date of preparation or last revision

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