

# Sinarest<sup>®</sup> Plus

## Suspension

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Each 5 ml contains

Paracetamol	250 mg
Phenylephrine	5 mg
Chlorpheniramine maleate	2mg
Sodium Citrate	60mg
Menthol	1ml

### **Pharmacokinetic properties:**

Paracetamol is readily absorbed from the gastrointestinal tract with peak plasma concentrations occurring about 10 to 60 minutes after oral doses. Paracetamol is distributed into most body tissues. It crosses the placenta and is present in breast milk. Plasma-protein binding is negligible at usual therapeutic concentrations but increases with increasing concentrations. The elimination half-life of paracetamol varies from about 1 to 3 hours. Paracetamol is metabolised mainly in the liver and excreted in the urine mainly as the glucuronide and sulfate conjugates. Less than 5% is excreted as unchanged paracetamol. A minor hydroxylated metabolite (Nacetyl-p-benzoquinoneimine), is usually produced in very small amounts by cytochrome P450 isoenzymes (mainly CYP2E1 and CYP3A4) in the liver and kidney. It is usually detoxified by conjugation with glutathione but may accumulate after paracetamol over dosage and cause tissue damage.

Phenylephrine has low oral bioavailability owing to irregular absorption and first-pass metabolism by monoamine oxidase in the gut and liver. When injected subcutaneously or intramuscularly it takes 10 to 15 minutes to act; subcutaneous and intramuscular injections are effective for up to about 1 hour and up to about 2 hours, respectively. Intravenous injections are effective for about 20 minutes. Systemic absorption follows topical application.

Chlorphenamine maleate is absorbed relatively slowly from the gastrointestinal tract, peak plasma concentrations occurring about 2.5 to 6 hours after oral doses. Bioavailability is low, values of 25 to 50% having been reported. Chlorphenamine appears to undergo considerable first-pass metabolism. About 70% of chlorphenamine in the circulation is bound to plasma proteins. There is wide inter individual variation in the pharmacokinetics of chlorphenamine; values ranging from 2 to 43 hours have been reported for the half-life. Chlorphenamine is widely distributed in the body, and enters the CNS. Chlorphenamine maleate is extensively metabolised. Metabolites include desmethyl- and didesmethylchlorphenamine. Unchanged drug and metabolites are excreted primarily in the urine; excretion is dependent on urinary pH and flow rate. Only trace amounts have been found in the faeces. Duration of action of 4 to 6 hours has been reported; this is shorter than may be predicted



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from pharmacokinetic parameters. More rapid and extensive absorption, faster clearance, and a shorter half-life have been reported in children.

Sodium citrate is metabolised after absorption to bicarbonate. Bicarbonate ions are excreted in the urine, which is rendered alkaline, and there is an accompanying diuresis.

### **Mechanism of Action**

Paracetamol act primarily in the CNS, increasing the pain threshold by inhibiting both isoforms of cyclooxygenase, COX-1, COX-2, and COX-3 enzymes involved in prostaglandin (PG) synthesis. The antipyretic properties of acetaminophen are likely due to direct effects on the heat-regulating centres of the hypothalamus resulting in peripheral vasodilation, sweating and hence heat dissipation.

Phenylephrine decreases nasal congestion by acting on  $\alpha_1$ -adrenergic receptors in the arterioles of the nasal mucosa to produce constriction; this leads to decreased edema and increased drainage of the sinus cavities.

In allergic reactions an allergen interacts with and cross-links surface IgE antibodies on mast cells and basophils. Once the mast cell-antibody-antigen complex is formed, a complex series of events occurs that eventually leads to cell-degranulation and the release of histamine (and other chemical mediators) from the mast cell or basophil. Once released, histamine can react with local or widespread tissues through histamine receptors. Histamine, acting on  $H_1$ -receptors, produces pruritis, vasodilatation, hypotension, flushing, headache, tachycardia, and bronchoconstriction. Histamine also increases vascular permeability and potentiates pain. Chlorpheniramine maleate binds to the histamine  $H_1$  receptor. This block the action of endogenous histamine, which subsequently leads to temporary relief of the negative symptoms brought on by histamine.

The Sodium citrate in Sinarest Plus Suspension liquefies mucus and helps expectoration.

Menthol has a cooling and soothing effect.

### **Other pharmacodynamic properties:**

Paracetamol is a widely used analgesic and antipyretic drug that is used for the relief of fever, headaches, and other minor aches and pains. It is a major ingredient in numerous cold and flu medications and many prescription analgesics. It is extremely safe in standard doses, but because of its wide availability, deliberate or accidental overdoses are not uncommon. Paracetamol, unlike other common analgesics such as aspirin and ibuprofen, has no anti-inflammatory properties or effects on platelet function, and it is not a member of the class of drugs known as non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs or NSAIDs. At therapeutic doses Paracetamol does not irritate the lining of the stomach nor affect blood coagulation, kidney function, or the fetal ductus arteriosus (as NSAIDs can). Like NSAIDs and unlike opioid analgesics, Paracetamol does not cause euphoria or alter mood in any way. Paracetamol and NSAIDs have the benefit of being completely free of problems with addiction, dependence, tolerance and withdrawal. Paracetamol is used on its own or in combination with pseudoephedrine, dextromethorphan, chlorpheniramine, diphenhydramine, doxylamine, codeine, hydrocodone, or oxycodone.



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Phenylephrine is a powerful vasoconstrictor. It is used as a nasal decongestant and cardiostimulant agent. Phenylephrine is a postsynaptic  $\alpha_1$ -receptor agonist with little effect on  $\beta$ -receptors of the heart. Parenteral administration of phenylephrine causes a rise in systolic and diastolic pressures, a slight decrease in cardiac output, and a considerable increase in peripheral resistance; most vascular beds are constricted, and renal, splanchnic, cutaneous, and limb blood flows are reduced while coronary blood flow is increased. Phenylephrine also causes pulmonary vessel constriction and subsequent increase in pulmonary arterial pressure. Vasoconstriction in the mucosa of the respiratory tract leads to decreased edema and increased drainage of sinus cavities.

Chlorpheniramine maleate is a histamine H<sub>1</sub> antagonist of the alkylamine class. It competes with histamine for the normal H<sub>1</sub>-receptor sites on effector cells of the gastrointestinal tract, blood vessels and respiratory tract. It provides effective, temporary relief of sneezing, watery and itchy eyes, and runny nose due to hay fever and other upper respiratory allergies.

Citrate prevents activation of the clotting cascade by chelating calcium ions. Citrate neutralizes acid in the stomach and urine, raising the pH .

**Indication:**

Sinarest Plus Suspension is indicated for:

- Relief of nasal and sinus congestion.
- Relief of allergic symptoms of the nose or throat due to upper respiratory tract allergies.
- Relief of sinus pain and headache.
- Adjunct with antibacterials in sinusitis, tonsillitis and otitis media.

**Contraindication:**

The use of Sinarest Plus Suspension is contraindicated in patients with:

- Hypersensitivity to any of the ingredients of the formulation.
- Severe hypertension.

**Drug Interaction:**

Clinically significant drug interactions may occur on concomitant administration of Sinarest Plus Suspension with monoamine oxidase inhibitors, tricyclic antidepressants, beta-adrenergic agents, and methyldopa, reserpine and veratrum alkaloids.

**Adverse effects:**

Sinarest Plus Suspension is generally well tolerated and adverse events are rare. Hypersensitive individuals may display ephedrine-like reactions such as tachycardia, palpitations, headache, dizziness and nausea. Use of sympathomimetics has been associated with fear, anxiety, restlessness, tremor, weakness, dysuria, insomnia, hallucinations and convulsions. Chlorpheniramine in Sinarest Plus Suspension may cause sedation.



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### **Warnings and Precautions:**

- In case a hypersensitivity reaction occurs which is rare, Sinarest Plus Suspension should be discontinued.
- Sinarest Plus Suspension contains Paracetamol and therefore should not be used in conjunction with other Paracetamol containing products.
- Sinarest Plus Suspension should be used with caution in patients with renal or hepatic dysfunction, diabetes mellitus, hyperthyroidism, cardiovascular problems, epilepsy and closed angle glaucoma.
- It is advisable not to drive or operate machinery when on treatment with Sinarest Plus Suspension.

### **Use in special population:**

1. **Pediatric:** Sinarest Plus Suspension should be used with caution in children less than 2 years of age.
2. **Geriatric:** Elderly population may be at greater risk for the side-effects.
3. **Liver impairment:** Use with caution.
4. **Renal failure:** Use with caution.
5. **Pregnancy and lactation:** US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has specified Chlorphenamine maleate as a pregnancy category B drug which indicates that animal and human studies have failed to demonstrate a risk to the fetus in any trimester. Paracetamol has been specified as a pregnancy category C drug which indicates that animal studies show an adverse effect on the fetus but there are no teratogenic studies of Paracetamol in pregnant women. Sinarest is recommended to be taken during pregnancy only under doctor's recommendation.

### **Dosage:**

The usual recommended dose of Sinarest Plus Suspension in children is:

- 6-12 years: 1 teaspoonful thrice or four times a day
- 2-5 years ½ teaspoonful thrice or four times a day

### **Presentation:**

Sinarest Plus Suspension is available in bottles of 60 ml and 100 ml with a measuring cup.

### **Storage and handling:**

Store below 30 °C in a dark and dry place.



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