

## Qutenza

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Grunenthal Sweden

Kutant plåster 179 mg

(genomskinligt plåster, märkt med "capsaicin 8 %", 14 x 20 cm)

Lokalanestetikum

### Aktiv substans:

Kapsaicin

### ATC-kod:

N01BX04

Läkemedel från Grunenthal Sweden omfattas av Läkemedelsförsäkringen.

Läkemedlet distribueras också av företag som inte omfattas av Läkemedelsförsäkringen, se Förpackningar.

## Miljöpåverkan

### Kapsaicin

Miljörisk: Användning av capsaicin har bedömts medföra försumbar risk för miljöpåverkan.

Nedbrytning: Capsaicin bryts ned i miljön.

Bioackumulering: Capsaicin har låg potential att bioackumuleras.

### Detaljerad miljöinformation

#### Environmental Risk Classification

#### Predicted Environmental Concentration (PEC)

PEC is calculated according to the following formula:

$$\text{PEC } (\mu\text{g/L}) = (A \cdot 10^9 \cdot (100 - R)) / (365 \cdot P \cdot V \cdot D \cdot 100) = 1.37 \cdot 10^{-6} \cdot A \cdot (100 - R)$$

$$\text{PEC} = 0.0000005288 \mu\text{g/L}$$

Where:

A = 0,3508985 kg (total sold amount API in Sweden year 2021, data from IQVIA). Reduction of A may be justified based on metabolism data.

R = 98.9% as the maximum cutaneous dose absorbed of the drug substance in the patch is 1.1% (Ref. III). The patch administration is carried out under medical supervision. After patch removal, the patch, containing ca. 98.0% of the total drug substance is disposed as biohazard waste. Biohazard waste is usually incinerated and does therefore not enter the terrestrial or aquatic environment.

P = number of inhabitants in Sweden =  $10 \cdot 10^6$

V (L/day) = volume of wastewater per capita and day = 200 (ECHA default) (Ref. I)

D = factor for dilution of waste water by surface water flow = 10 (ECHA default) (Ref. I)

### **Predicted No Effect Concentration (PNEC)**

#### **Ecotoxicological studies**

*Algae (Selenastrum capricornutum)* (guideline eg OECD 201) (Reference II):

EC<sub>50</sub> 72 h (growth) = 5.114 mg/L

*Fish (Brachydanio rerio):*

Acute toxicity

LC<sub>50</sub> 96 h (lethality) = 5.98 mg/L (guideline eg OECD 203) (Reference II)

*Mussel (Dreissena polymorpha):*

Acute toxicity

EC<sub>50</sub> 48 h (endpoint) = 4,9 mg/L (guideline eg ASTM E2455) (Reference IV)

*Other ecotoxicity data:*

PNEC = 0.49 µg/L (justification of chosen assessment factor (AF) – see below)

The PNEC in water environment can be calculated by dividing the lowest LC<sub>50</sub> with an assessment factor (AF). Among the toxicity data from the references and study presented in Ref II, the lowest value of LC<sub>50</sub>/EC<sub>50</sub> is 4.9 mg/L. The value of AF depends on the number of available toxicity tests. With the toxicity data mentioned above, 10 000 is the conservative and protective AF for the calculation of the PNEC.

#### **Environmental risk classification (PEC/PNEC ratio)**

PEC/PNEC =  $0.0000005288 / 0.49 = 0.000001079$ , i.e.  $PEC/PNEC \leq 0.1$  which justifies the phrase "Use of Capsaicin has been considered to result in insignificant environmental risk."

#### **Degradation**

##### **Biotic degradation**

*Ready degradability:*

Test results eg 67.3-73.7% degradation in 14 days (guideline eg OECD 301B). (Reference II)

*Justification of chosen degradation phrase:*

The biodegradation mainly occurred from the 5th day to the 17th day. More than 60% of inorganic carbon was produced within the 10 d window. It can be concluded that capsaicin is readily biodegradable under aerobic conditions according to the criteria of the OECD standard procedure (OECD 301B). The phrase "Capsaicin is degraded in the environment" is thus chosen.

### **Bioaccumulation**

*Bioconcentration factor (BCF): 47-170 (Ref. II)*

*Partitioning coefficient:*

e.g.  $\log K_{ow} = 3.5$  at pH 7 (guideline eg OECD 107). (Reference III)

*Justification of chosen bioaccumulation phrase:*

Since  $BCF < 500$ , the substance has low potential for bioaccumulation.

### **Excretion (metabolism)**

Potential human capsaicin metabolites were determined in vitro. The pharmacokinetics of metabolites in humans could not be determined in clinical trials (below Limit of Quantification) (Ref. III). The pharmacological activity of the metabolites is not known.

### **References**

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