



SAFETY DATA SHEET

1. Identification

Product identifier	Atracurium Besylate	
Other means of identification		
Catalog number	1044800	
CAS number	64228-81-5	
Chemical name	2-(2-Carboxyethyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-6,7-dimethoxy-2-methyl-1-veratrylisoquinolinium benzenesulfonate, pentamethylene ester	
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		
Company name	U. S. Pharmacopeia	
Address	12601 Twinbrook Parkway Rockville MD 20852-1790 United States	
Telephone	RS Technical Services	301-816-8129
Website	www.usp.org	
E-mail	RSTECH@usp.org	
Emergency phone number	CHEMTREC within US & Canada	1-800-424-9300
	CHEMTREC outside US & Canada	+1 703-527-3887

2. Hazard(s) identification

Physical hazards	Not classified.	
Health hazards	Acute toxicity, oral	Category 3
	Acute toxicity, dermal	Category 2
	Serious eye damage/eye irritation	Category 2B
	Specific target organ toxicity, single exposure	Category 2 (neuromuscular system)
Environmental hazards	Not classified.	
OSHA defined hazards	Not classified.	
Label elements		



Signal word	Danger
Hazard statement	Toxic if swallowed. Fatal in contact with skin. Causes eye irritation. May cause damage to organs (neuromuscular system).
Precautionary statement	
Prevention	Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray. Wash thoroughly after handling. Wear protective gloves/protective clothing. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing.
Response	If swallowed: Immediately call a poison center/doctor. Rinse mouth. If on skin: Wash with plenty of water. Immediately call a poison center/doctor. Take off immediately all contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse. If in eyes: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention. 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)	None known.
Supplemental information	Pharmacologically active material.

3. Composition/information on ingredients

Substance

Chemical name	Common name and synonyms	CAS number	%
Atracurium Besylate		64228-81-5	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	Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower. Get medical attention if irritation develops and persists. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.
Eye contact	Rinse with water. Get medical attention if irritation develops and persists.
Ingestion	Rinse mouth thoroughly. If ingestion of a large amount does occur, call a poison control center immediately. Do not use mouth-to-mouth method if substance is ingested. Call a physician or poison control center immediately.
Most important symptoms/effects, acute and delayed	Pharmacologically active material. Occupational exposure may cause physiological effects.
Indication of immediate medical attention and special treatment needed	Provide general supportive measures and treat symptomatically. Treatment of overdose should include the following: Administer anticholinesterase agents, such as edrophonium, neostigmine, or pyridostigmine, to antagonize the action of the nondepolarizing neuromuscular blocking agent. It is recommended that atropine or another suitable anticholinergic agent be administered prior to or concurrently with the antagonist to counteract its cholinergic side effects. Provide ventilatory assistance until the patient can maintain an adequate ventilatory exchange unassisted. Determine the nature and degree of the neuromuscular blockade using a peripheral nerve stimulator. For apnea or prolonged paralysis, maintain an adequate airway and administer manual or mechanical ventilation. Artificial respiration should be continued until complete recovery of normal respiration is assured. For severe hypotension or shock, administer fluids and vasopressors as needed to treat.
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	Water. Foam. Dry chemical or CO2. Use fire-extinguishing media appropriate for surrounding materials.
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.
General fire hazards	No unusual fire or explosion hazards noted.

6. Accidental release measures

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures	Keep unnecessary personnel away. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment. Avoid inhalation of dust from the spilled material. Do not touch damaged containers or spilled material unless wearing appropriate protective clothing. Ensure adequate ventilation. For personal protection, see section 8 of the SDS.
Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up	Avoid the generation of dusts during clean-up. Sweep up or vacuum up spillage and collect in suitable container for disposal. Clean surface thoroughly to remove residual contamination. For waste disposal, see section 13 of the SDS.

Environmental precautions Avoid discharge into drains, water courses or onto the ground.

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. Select and use containment devices and personal protective equipment based on a risk assessment of material potency and exposure potential.

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

Occupational exposure limits

The following constituents are the only constituents of the product which have a PEL, TLV or other recommended exposure limit. At this time, the other constituents have no known exposure limits.

Exposure limit values

Industrial Use Material

Type

Value

Atracurium Besylate (CAS
64228-81-5)

STEL

0.5 mg/m³

TWA

0.1 mg/m³

Biological limit values

No biological exposure limits noted for the ingredient(s).

Appropriate engineering controls

For laboratory operations, use local exhaust ventilation or a ventilated enclosure for high energy operations such as particle sizing. Control exposures to below the occupational exposure level (if available). Select and use containment devices and personal protective equipment based on a risk assessment of exposure potential. Cover all containers for solutions and slurries while being transferred.

Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment

Eye/face protection

Wear safety glasses with side shields, chemical splash goggles, or full face shield, if necessary. Base the choice of protection on the job activity and potential for contact with eyes or face. An emergency eye wash station should be available.

Skin protection

Hand protection

Wear nitrile or other impervious gloves if skin contact is possible. When the material is dissolved or suspended in an organic solvent, wear gloves that provide protection against the solvent.

Other

Train employees in proper gowning and degowning practices. Wear lab coat. Base the choice of skin protection on the job activity, potential for skin contact and solvents and reagents in use. Do not wear protective garments in common areas (e.g., cafeterias) or out-of-doors.

Respiratory protection

Respirators are generally not required for laboratory operations. Use a tight-fitting full-face respirator with HEPA filters for spill cleanup. Choose respiratory protection appropriate to the task and the level of existing engineering controls.

Thermal hazards

Wear appropriate thermal protective clothing, when necessary.

General hygiene considerations

Handling practices in this SDS are recommendations for laboratory use of reference standards. Procedures for any other uses or quantities should be determined after an appropriate assessment.

9. Physical and chemical properties

Appearance

Appearance descriptions are general information and not specific to any USP lot.

Physical state

Solid.

Form

Powder.

Color

White. Yellow.

Odor

Not available.

Odor threshold

Not available.

pH

Not available.

Melting point/freezing point

185 - 194 °F (85 - 90 °C)

Initial boiling point and boiling range

Not available.

Flash point

Not available.

Evaporation rate

Not available.

Flammability (solid, gas) Not available.

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(ies)

Solubility (water) Soluble.

Solubility (other) Acetonitrile: Very soluble.
Acetone: Soluble.
Methanol: Soluble.

Auto-ignition temperature Not available.

Decomposition temperature Not available.

Viscosity Not available.

Other information

Chemical family Benzylisoquinoline.

Molecular formula C65H82N2O18S2

Molecular weight 1243.48

pH in aqueous solution 3.8 - 7 Solution: 1%

10. Stability and reactivity

Reactivity The product is stable and non-reactive under normal conditions of use, storage and transport.

Chemical stability Material is stable under normal conditions.

Possibility of hazardous reactions No dangerous reaction known under conditions of normal use.

Conditions to avoid Contact with incompatible materials.

Incompatible materials Strong oxidizing agents.

Hazardous decomposition products NOx. SOx. Irritating and/or toxic fumes or gases. Emits toxic fumes under fire conditions.

11. Toxicological information

Information on likely routes of exposure

Inhalation Knowledge about health hazard is incomplete.

Skin contact Fatal in contact with skin.

Eye contact Causes eye irritation.

Ingestion Toxic if swallowed. This material may cause: Muscle weakness.

Symptoms related to the physical, chemical and toxicological characteristics Increase in heart rate. Low blood pressure. Respiratory arrest. Wheezing. Shortness of breath.

Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity Fatal in contact with skin. Toxic if swallowed.

Product	Species	Test Results
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Atracurium Besylate (CAS 64228-81-5)

Acute

Dermal

LD50	Rabbit	200 mg/kg
	Rat	> 2000 mg/kg

Product	Species	Test Results
Oral LD50	Rat	50 - 500 mg/kg
Skin corrosion/irritation	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.	
Serious eye damage/eye irritation	Causes eye irritation.	
Local effects		
Irritancy test		
Result: Irritant.		
Species: Rabbit		
Organ: Eye.		
Severity: Mild to moderate.		
Irritancy test		
Result: Non-irritant.		
Species: Rabbit		
Organ: Skin.		
Respiratory or skin sensitization		
Respiratory sensitization	Knowledge about health hazard is incomplete. Anaphylactic reactions following therapeutic use have been reported.	
Skin sensitization	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met. There have been reports of anaphylactic reactions following therapeutic use of this material.	
Guinea pig maximization test		
Result: Non-sensitizing.		
Germ cell mutagenicity	Knowledge about mutagenicity is incomplete.	
Mutagenicity		
Ames Salmonella assay		
Result: Negative.		
Mouse lymphoma assay		
Result: Positive.		
Rat bone marrow cytogenicity assay		
Result: Negative.		
Carcinogenicity	Knowledge about carcinogenicity is incomplete.	
IARC Monographs. Overall Evaluation of Carcinogenicity		
Not listed.		
OSHA Specifically Regulated Substances (29 CFR 1910.1001-1053)		
Not listed.		
US. National Toxicology Program (NTP) Report on Carcinogens		
Not listed.		
Reproductive toxicity	Knowledge about health hazard is incomplete.	
Reproductivity		
0.15 mg/kg/day Reproductivity study		
Result: Visceral and skeletal anomalies and increased postimplantation loss.		
Species: Rabbit		
Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure	May cause damage to organs (neuromuscular system).	
Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure	Knowledge about health hazard is incomplete.	
Aspiration hazard	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.	
Further information	Pharmacologically active material. Occupational exposure may cause physiological effects.	
12. Ecological information		
Ecotoxicity	The product is not classified as environmentally hazardous. However, this does not exclude the possibility that large or frequent spills can have a harmful or damaging effect on the environment.	
Persistence and degradability	No data is available on the degradability of this substance.	
Bioaccumulative potential	No data available.	
Mobility in soil	No data available.	

Other adverse effects

No other adverse environmental effects (e.g. ozone depletion, photochemical ozone creation potential, endocrine disruption, global warming potential) are expected from this component.

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

Dispose in accordance with all applicable regulations.

Hazardous waste code

The waste code should be assigned in discussion between the user, the producer and the waste disposal company.

Waste from residues / unused products

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

Since emptied containers may retain product residue, follow label warnings even after container is emptied.

14. Transport information**DOT****UN number**

UN2811

UN proper shipping name

Toxic solid, organic, n.o.s. (Atracurium Besylate)

Transport hazard class(es)**Class**

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Subsidiary risk

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Packing group

II

IATA**UN number**

UN2811

UN proper shipping name

Toxic solid, organic, n.o.s. (Atracurium Besylate)

Transport hazard class(es)**Class**

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Subsidiary risk

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Packing group

II

Other information**Passenger and cargo aircraft**

Allowed with restrictions.

Cargo aircraft only

Allowed with restrictions.

Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code

Not applicable.

DOT; IATA**General information**

It is the shipper's responsibility to determine the correct transport classification at the time of shipment.

15. Regulatory information**US federal regulations**

This product is a "Hazardous Chemical" as defined by the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard, 29 CFR 1910.1200.

Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA)**TSCA Section 12(b) Export Notification (40 CFR 707, Subpt. D)**

Not regulated.

CERCLA Hazardous Substance List (40 CFR 302.4)

Not listed.

SARA 304 Emergency release notification

Not regulated.

OSHA Specifically Regulated Substances (29 CFR 1910.1001-1053)

Not listed.

Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA)**SARA 302 Extremely hazardous substance**

Not listed.

SARA 311/312 Hazardous chemical Yes

Classified hazard categories Acute toxicity (any route of exposure)
Serious eye damage or eye irritation
Specific target organ toxicity (single or repeated exposure)

SARA 313 (TRI reporting)

Not regulated.

Other federal regulations**Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 112 Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs) List**

Not regulated.

Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 112(r) Accidental Release Prevention (40 CFR 68.130)

Not regulated.

Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) Not regulated.**US state regulations****California Proposition 65**

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. For more information go to www.P65Warnings.ca.gov.

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)	Yes
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
Philippines	Philippine Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances (PICCS)	No
Taiwan	Taiwan Chemical Substance Inventory (TCSI)	Yes
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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