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'Alcopar'

(bephenium
hydroxynaphthoate)

'Alcopar' is outstandingly effective in the treatment of hookworm, roundworm and trichostrongylus infections. Clinicians in many countries continue to commend the ease of administration, high clearance rates and absence of toxicity of 'Alcopar', whether it is employed for single or mixed infections of intestinal worms.

EGYPT

Abdallah and Saif (1963)—"The single-dose regime of bephenium hydroxynaphthoate is recommended as a safe and effective mode of treatment of ancylostomiasis, even in patients suffering from severe anaemia and debility".

KOREA

Shim Suk Hahn *et al.* (1960)—"('Alcopar') . . . is an ideal anthelmintic for infections with multiple intestinal helminths".

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from the *British Medical Journal* (1964)—"('Alcopar') (bephenium hydroxynaphthoate) is a convenient ascaricide; there is no need for preliminary preparation or subsequent purging".

Advantages of treatment with 'Alcopar'

A single 5 G. dose usually suffices

Patients of all ages can be treated

No hospitalisation

No fasting, purging or other supportive measures

'Alcopar' is particularly suitable for routine treatment in clinics, schools, etc., and for mass campaigns in entire communities.

Dosage

Adults and children over two years should be given the contents of one sachet, in water. This should be taken on an empty stomach, at least one hour before food, thereby ensuring maximum contact between 'Alcopar' and the parasite. Hospitalised patients with persistent diarrhoea may need three doses in one day between meals. In such patients the fluid balance must always be maintained.

Children under two years or under 10 Kg. (20 lb. approx.) in weight, should receive half the contents of a sachet.

This may be divided into two equal parts which are given either in the morning and evening of the same day, or on two successive days. To overcome any possibility of nausea due to the somewhat bitter taste of the

drug, children may be given 'Alcopar' in a sweet liquid, such as a solution of sugar.

Treatment should be withheld from patients of any age who are suffering from severe vomiting or dehydration, until their fluid balance has been restored.

Residual eggs may continue to be excreted for some days after elimination of the adult worms. Therefore, when assessing the effects of 'Alcopar', egg-counts should be deferred until two or three weeks after treatment.

In areas of high worm incidence, where reinfection with these helminths is an ever-present threat, routine administration of 'Alcopar' is the decisive answer.

Side-effects

Side-effects, other than possible nausea due to the somewhat bitter taste of the drug, are unknown.

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'Alcopar'^{brand} Dispersible Granules

Issued in single-dose sachets of 5 G., containing bethovenium hydroxynaphthoate equivalent to 2·5 G. bethovenium base.
Packs of 25 sachets.



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