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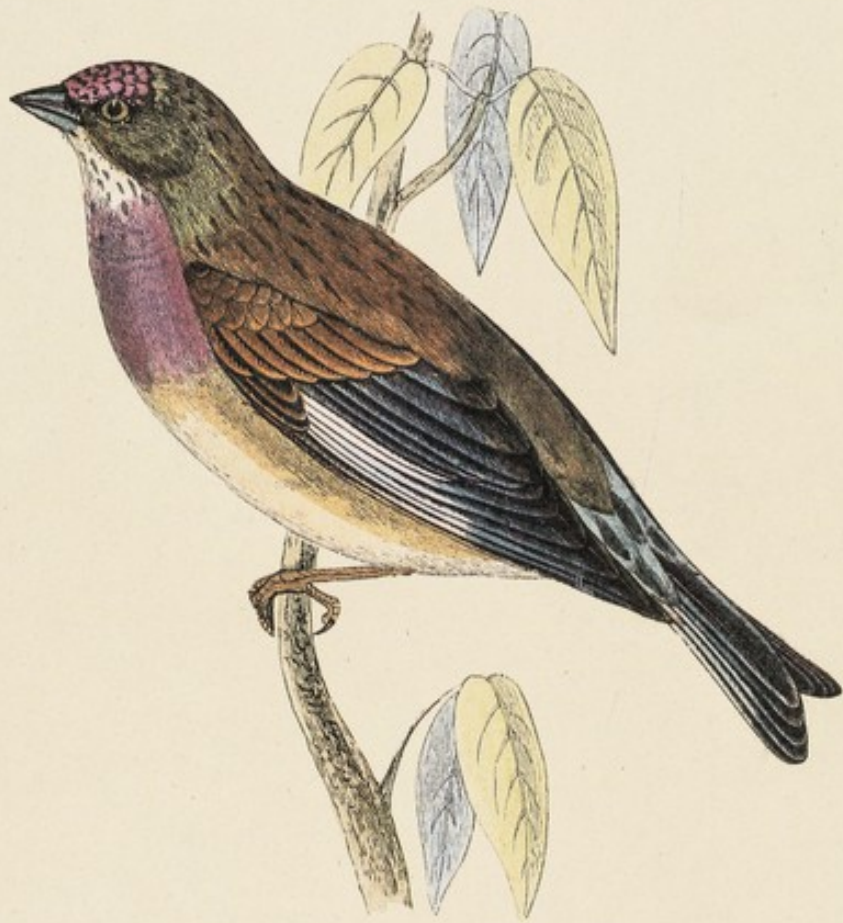
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Trandate

TABLETS (labetalol hydrochloride)

Single drug therapy for the management of all grades of hypertension

PRESENTATION AND BASIC NHS COST

Trandate Tablets 100mg, 200mg and 400mg each contain labetalol hydrochloride 100mg, 200mg and 400mg, respectively. In packs of 50 and 250. Basic NHS cost of 50 tablets £3.44, £4.88 and £7.76, respectively. PL 0045/0106, PL 0045/0107 and PL 0045/0109.

INDICATIONS

For the treatment of all grades of hypertension (mild, moderate and severe).

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

The usual initial dosage should not exceed 100mg 3 times daily. Dosage adjustment should be gradual. Most patients are controlled with 600mg daily or less, but severe cases may require up to 2,400mg daily. Administration should be after a main meal. Once dosage is stabilised a twice-daily regimen may be introduced.

Children: Not applicable.

For use with other agents or transfer to Trandate from other drugs, see Data Sheet.

CONTRA-INDICATIONS, WARNINGS, ETC.

Trandate should not be given to patients with uncontrolled or digitalis-resistant heart failure or with atrioventricular block. Caution is necessary in patients with asthma or prone to bronchospasm. Patients with severe liver damage will probably require lower doses of Trandate than usual. Unnecessary administration of drugs during the first trimester of pregnancy is undesirable.

Warning: There have been reports of skin rashes and/or dry eyes associated with the use of beta-adrenoceptor blocking drugs. The reported incidence is small and in most cases the symptoms have cleared when the drug was withdrawn. Discontinuance of the drug should be considered if any such reaction is not otherwise explicable. Cessation of therapy with a beta-adrenoceptor blocking drug should be gradual.

Symptoms of postural hypotension may occur if initial dosage is too high or increased too rapidly but are uncommon, except at very high doses, if used as recommended. Mild and usually transient side effects include: headache, tiredness, dizziness, depressed mood, lethargy, difficulty in micturition, epigastric pain, and nausea and vomiting. Tingling in the scalp has occasionally occurred but is usually transient. Rarely, a lichenoid rash has been reported which disappears on drug withdrawal. Other skin rashes, blurring of vision, eye irritation and cramps have been reported but have been difficult to relate directly to Trandate treatment.

SELECTED BIRDS OF BRITAIN

LINNET

Acanthis cannabina

The Linnet may be heard or seen almost anywhere in Britain except the extreme North of Scotland. The population contains both resident and migrants. Favours uncultivated heath and moorland. In winter flocks may be seen in open country searching for weed-seeds and insects. The song is a pleasant, high twittering trill. In flight a 'twi-twi' is given. In courtship the male sings sweetly, with wings drooped and tail spread. The female builds the nest in a bush or hedge. Grass, moss and wool are building materials, hair and down being used as lining. The 4-6 eggs are pale blue with dark speckles. The male is distinguished by a reddish crown and breast in the breeding season. The Linnet reaches 5½ inches (14 cm) in length.

(Illustration from "A History of British Birds" by F. O. Morris)

LEGAL CATEGORY

Prescription only medicine.

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