

### Therapeutic usefulness

Dronabinol preparations have been used in a limited number of countries in the treatment of nausea and vomiting associated with cancer chemotherapy in patients who have failed to respond adequately to conventional antiemetic treatments and in the treatment of anorexia associated with weight loss in patients with acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS). It has also been indicated in the treatment of chronic pain (e.g. in multiple sclerosis, neuropathic disorders and arthritis), neurological disorders and appetite loss in cachexia, and is being evaluated for use in various other clinical situations.

### Recommendation

The Committee reconsidered the recommendation of the thirty-third Expert Committee after considering the updated critical review report. The Committee concluded that dronabinol constitutes a substantial risk to public health. However this risk is different from those related to cannabis—controlled under the 1961 Convention. The substance has a moderate therapeutic usefulness and as a result of continuing clinical research its medical use is likely to increase. Therefore, the Committee recommended that dronabinol (INN) and its stereoisomers should be rescheduled from Schedule II to Schedule III of the 1971 Convention.

To avoid legal and forensic chemical problems that may arise in some countries when placing stereoisomers of the same substance under different control systems, the Committee indicated that the recommendation pertains to all stereoisomeric forms of delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol as specified above.

### References

1. WHO Expert Committee on Drug Dependence. Twenty-sixth report. Geneva, World Health Organization, 1989 (WHO Technical Report Series, No. 787).
2. WHO Expert Committee on Drug Dependence. Twenty-seventh report. Geneva, World Health Organization, 1991 (WHO Technical Report Series, No. 808).
3. Report of the thirty-fourth session (29 April–9 May 1991). Economic and Social Council, Commission on Narcotic Drugs, Official Records, 1991, Supplement No. 4. New York, United Nations, 1991 (E/1991/24, E/Cn.7/1991/26).
4. WHO Expert Committee on Drug Dependence. Thirty-second report. Geneva, World Health Organization, 2001 (WHO Technical Report Series, No. 903).
5. WHO Expert Committee on Drug Dependence. Thirty-third report. Geneva, World Health Organization, 2003 (WHO Technical Report Series, No. 915).

### Recommendation on oripavine

#### Substance identification

Oripavine, 3-O-demethylthebaine, or 6,7,8,14-tetrahydro-4,5-*alpha*-epoxy-6-methoxy-17-methylmorphinan-3-ol is a phenanthrene alkaloid contained in species of the *Papaver* plant. It is a major metabolite of thebaine.

#### Previous review

Oripavine was pre-reviewed at the thirty-third meeting of the Expert Committee in 2002 (1). The reason for pre-review in 2002 was that oripavine is a substance that is

convertible into thebaine, and because thebaine is in turn convertible into morphine. Thebaine and morphine are both in Schedule I of the 1961 Convention. Owing to uncertainties regarding the scheduling of oripavine based on the additional possibility of applying the 1988 Convention (2), the Committee did not finalize this review at its thirty-third meeting, but asked WHO for clarification of issues related to the conversion of precursors into scheduled substances. Subsequent clarification of these issues allowed the Committee to come to a conclusion at its thirty-fourth meeting.

#### Recommendation

The Committee decided that oripavine is a substance that is easily convertible into thebaine and other substances controlled in Schedule I of the 1961 Convention. Hence, the Committee recommended that oripavine be scheduled, like the substances mentioned, in Schedule I of the 1961 Convention.

#### References

1. WHO Expert Committee on Drug Dependence. Thirty-third report. Geneva, World Health Organization, 2003 (WHO Technical Report Series, No. 915).
2. United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances, 1988. New York, United Nations, 1991.

### III. Discussion

Although WHO has made specific scheduling recommendations for each of the drug substances, CND is not obliged to follow the WHO recommendations. Options available to CND for substances considered for control under the 1971 Convention include the following: (1) Acceptance of the WHO recommendations; (2) acceptance of the recommendations to control, but control the drug substance in a schedule other than that recommended; or (3) reject the recommendations entirely.

Synthetic *delta*-9-tetrahydrocannabinol (*delta*-9-THC), or dronabinol, is the active component of the drug product Marinol, which is marketed in the United States as an antiemetic in the setting of cancer chemotherapy and for treatment of AIDS wasting syndrome. Marinol is currently controlled in Schedule III of the CSA, and the drug substance dronabinol (which is the synthetic equivalent of the natural active component of marijuana, *delta*-9-THC) is controlled in Schedule I of the CSA. The drug substance dronabinol, including its stereoisomers, is controlled internationally in Schedule II of the Psychotropic Convention.

Oripavine is controlled domestically in Schedule II of the CSA because it is a derivative of thebaine, opium, and other opiates. Oripavine is not under international control.

### IV. Comments

Interested persons may submit to the Division of Dockets Management (see

ADDRESSES) written or electric comments regarding this document. Submit a single copy of electronic comments or two paper copies of any mailed comments, except that individuals may submit one paper copy. Comments are to be identified with the docket number found in brackets in the heading of this document. Received comments may be seen in the Division of Dockets Management between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. The abbreviated period for the submission of comments is necessary to allow sufficient time for the Secretary of HHS to carry out the required action and respond to the United Nations.

Dated: December 6, 2006.

#### Jeffrey Shuren,

Assistant Commissioner for Policy.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Office of Inspector General

#### Notice of Program Exclusions

**AGENCY:** Office of Inspector General, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of program exclusions.

*Important Announcement:* This is the final publication of the Office of Inspector General's (OIG) monthly exclusion actions in the **Federal Register**. Downloadable files of exclusion actions taken each month are available on the OIG's Web site. In addition, the Web site has a downloadable data file and an online searchable database containing all exclusion actions currently in effect. This data is called the List of Excluded Individuals/Entities (LEIE) and is located at <http://oig.hhs.gov>. Click on EXCLUSIONS DATABASE to access the LEIE and other important information about the OIG's exclusion program.

*Program Exclusions:* November 2006. During the month of November 2006, the HHS Office of Inspector General imposed exclusions in the cases set forth below. When an exclusion is imposed, no program payment is made to anyone for any items or services (other than an emergency item or service not provided in a hospital emergency room) furnished, ordered or prescribed by an excluded party under the Medicare, Medicaid, and all Federal Health Care programs. In addition, no program payment is made to any business or facility, e.g., a hospital, that submits bills for payment for items or services provided by an excluded party.

Program beneficiaries remain free to decide for themselves whether they will continue to use the services of an excluded party even though no program

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Dated: December 6, 2006.

**Maureen R. Byer,**

*Director, Exclusions Staff, Office of Inspector General.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### National Institute of Dental & Craniofacial Research; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the National Advisory Dental and Craniofacial Research Council.

The meeting will be open to the public as indicated below, with attendance limited to space available. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should notify the Contact Person listed below in advance of the meeting.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and/or contract proposals and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications and/or contracts proposals, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

*Name of Committee:* National Advisory Dental and Craniofacial Research Council.

*Date:* January 22, 2007.

*Open:* 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

*Agenda:* Directors' Report, Budget Update, The NIEHS ONES Program: Encouraging New Investigators, Center for Scientific Review: New Approaches in Peer Review for New Investigators

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, Building 31, C Wing, 31 Center Drive, 6th Floor, Conference Room 6, Bethesda, MD 20892.

*Closed:* 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications and/or proposals.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, Building 31, C Wing, 31 Center Drive, 6th Floor, Conference Room 6, Bethesda, MD 20892.

*Contact Person:* Norman S. Braveman, PhD, Assistant to the Director, NIH-NIDCR, Building 31, Rm. 5B55, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301 594-2089, NORMAN.BRAVEMAN@NIH.GOV.

Any interested person may file written comments with the committee by forwarding the statement to the Contact Person listed on this notice. The statement should include the name, address, telephone number and when applicable, the business or professional affiliation of the interested person.

In the interest of security, NIH has instituted stringent procedures for entrance onto the NIH campus. All visitor vehicles, including taxicabs, hotel, and airport shuttles will be inspected before being allowed on campus. Visitors will be asked to show one form of identification (for example, a government-issued photo ID, driver's license, or passport) and to state the purpose of their visit.

Information is also available on the Institute's/Center's home page: <http://www.nidcr.nih.gov/about>, where an agenda and any additional information for the meeting will be posted when available.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.121, Oral Diseases and Disorders Research, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: December 11, 2006.

**Anna Snouffer,**

*Acting Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research; Notice of Closed Meetings

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*Name of Committee:* National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research Special Emphasis Panel, 07-22, Review PAR-05-101 Institutional Dental Research Training Program.

*Date:* January 9, 2007.

*Time:* 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Bethesda Marriott, 5151 Pooks Hill Road, Bethesda, MD 20814.

*Contact Person:* Lynn M. King, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Scientific Review Branch, 45 Center Dr., Rm 4AN-32F, National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial