

**METHYLERGONOVINE MALEATE- methylergonovine maleate tablet**  
**Novel Laboratories, Inc.**

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**Methylergonovine Maleate Tablets, USP**

Rx Only

**DESCRIPTION**

Methylergonovine Maleate Tablets, USP is a semi-synthetic ergot alkaloid used for the prevention and control of postpartum hemorrhage.

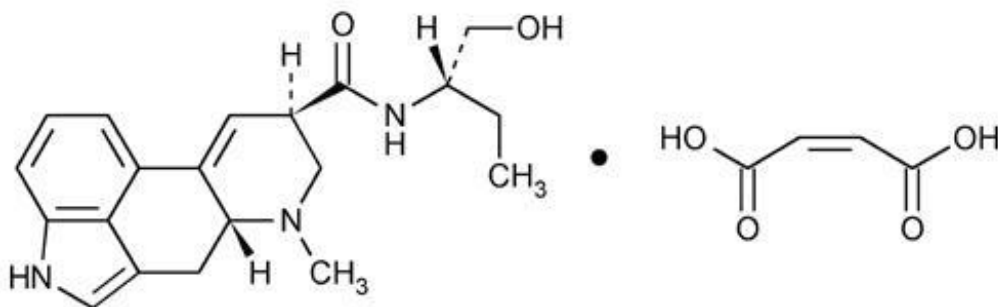
Methylergonovine Maleate Tablets, USP is available in tablets for oral ingestion containing 0.2 mg methylergonovine maleate.

**Tablets**

*Active ingredient:* Methylergonovine maleate, USP 0.2 mg

*Inactive ingredients:* acacia, corn starch, gelatin, lactose anhydrous, methylparaben, microcrystalline cellulose, povidone, propylparaben, stearic acid, tartaric acid.

Chemically, methylergonovine maleate is designated as ergoline-8-carboxamide, 9, 10-didehydro-*N*-[1-hydroxymethyl] propyl]-6-methyl-, [8 $\beta$ (*S*)]-, (*Z*)-2-butenedioate (1:1) (salt). Its structural formula is:



$C_{20}H_{25}N_3O_2 \cdot C_4H_4O_4$  Mol Wt: 455.51

**CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY**

Methylergonovine maleate acts directly on the smooth muscle of the uterus and increases the tone, rate and amplitude of rhythmic contractions. Thus, it induces a rapid and sustained tetanic uterotonic effect which shortens the third stage of labor and reduces blood loss. The onset of action after I.V. administration is immediate; after I.M. administration, 2-5 minutes, and after oral administration, 5-10 minutes.

Pharmacokinetic studies following an I.V. injection have shown that methylergonovine is rapidly distributed from plasma to peripheral tissues within 2-3 minutes or less. The bioavailability after oral administration was reported to be about 60% with no accumulation after repeated doses. During delivery, with intramuscular injection, bioavailability increased to 78 %. Ergot alkaloids are mostly eliminated by hepatic metabolism and excretion, and the decrease in bioavailability following oral administration is probably a result of first-pass metabolism in the liver.

Bioavailability studies conducted in fasting healthy female volunteers have shown that oral absorption of a 0.2 mg methylergonovine tablet was fairly rapid with a mean peak plasma concentration of  $3243 \pm$

1308 pg/mL observed at  $1.12 \pm 0.82$  hours. For a 0.2 mg intramuscular injection, a mean peak plasma concentration of  $5918 \pm 1952$  pg/mL was observed at  $0.41 \pm 0.21$  hours. The extent of absorption of the tablet, based upon methylergonovine plasma concentrations, was found to be equivalent to that of the I.M. solution given orally, and the extent of oral absorption of the I.M. solution was proportional to the dose following administration of 0.1, 0.2 and 0.4 mg. When given intramuscularly, the extent of absorption of methylergonovine solution was about 25 % greater than the tablet. The volume of distribution ( $V_{d_{ss}}/F$ ) of methylergonovine was calculated to be  $56.1 \pm 17.0$  liters, and the plasma clearance ( $CL_p/F$ ) was calculated to be  $14.4 \pm 4.5$  liters per hour. The plasma level decline was biphasic with a mean elimination half-life of 3.39 hours (range 1.5 to 12.7 hours). A delayed gastrointestinal absorption ( $T_{max}$  about 3 hours) of methylergonovine maleate tablet might be observed in postpartum women during continuous treatment with this oxytocic agent.

## **INDICATIONS AND USAGE**

For routine management after delivery of the placenta; postpartum atony and hemorrhage; subinvolution. Under full obstetric supervision, it may be given in the second stage of labor following delivery of the anterior shoulder.

## **CONTRAINDICATIONS**

Hypertension; toxemia; pregnancy; and hypersensitivity.

## **WARNINGS**

This drug should not be administered I.V. routinely because of the possibility of inducing sudden hypertensive and cerebrovascular accidents. If I.V. administration is considered essential as a lifesaving measure, methylergonovine maleate should be given slowly over a period of no less than 60 seconds with careful monitoring of blood pressure. Intra-arterial or periarterial injection should be strictly avoided.

## **PRECAUTIONS**

### ***General***

Caution should be exercised in the presence of sepsis, obliterative vascular disease, hepatic or renal involvement. Also use with caution during the second stage of labor. The necessity for manual removal of a retained placenta should occur only rarely with proper technique and adequate allowance of time for its spontaneous separation.

### ***Drug Interactions***

#### ***CYP 3A4 inhibitors (e.g., Macrolide Antibiotics and Protease Inhibitors)***

There have been rare reports of serious adverse events in connection with the coadministration of certain ergot alkaloid drugs (e.g., dihydroergotamine and ergotamine) and potent CYP 3A4 inhibitors, resulting in vasospasm leading to cerebral ischemia and/or ischemia of the extremities. Although there have been no reports of such interactions of methylergonovine alone, potent CYP 3A4 inhibitors should not be coadministered with methylergonovine. Examples of some of the more potent CYP 3A4 inhibitors include macrolide antibiotics (e.g., erythromycin, troleandomycin, clarithromycin), HIV protease or reverse transcriptase inhibitors (e.g., ritonavir, indinavir, nelfinavir, delavirdine) or azole antifungals (e.g., ketoconazole, itraconazole, voriconazole). Less potent CYP 3A4 inhibitors should be administered with caution. Less potent inhibitors include saquinavir, nefazodone, fluconazole, grapefruit juice, fluoxetine, fluvoxamine, zileuton, and clotrimazole. These lists are not exhaustive, and the prescriber should consider the effects on CYP 3A4 of other agents being considered for

concomitant use with methylergonovine.

No pharmacokinetic interactions involving other cytochrome P450 isoenzymes are known.

Caution should be exercised when methylergonovine maleate is used concurrently with other vasoconstrictors or ergot alkaloids.

### ***Carcinogenesis & Mutagenesis & Impairment of Fertility***

No long-term studies have been performed in animals to evaluate carcinogenic potential. The effect of the drug on mutagenesis or fertility has not been determined.

### ***Pregnancy***

**Category C:** Animal reproductive studies have not been conducted with methylergonovine maleate. It is also not known whether methylergonovine maleate can cause fetal harm or can affect reproductive capacity. Use of methylergonovine maleate is contraindicated during pregnancy because of its uterotonic effects. (See INDICATIONS AND USAGE).

### ***Labor and Delivery***

The uterotonic effect of methylergonovine maleate is utilized after delivery to assist involution and decrease hemorrhage, shortening the third stage of labor.

### ***Nursing Mothers***

Methylergonovine maleate may be administered orally for a maximum of 1 week postpartum to control uterine bleeding. Recommended dosage is 1 tablet (0.2 mg) 3 or 4 times daily. At this dosage level a small quantity of drug appears in mother's milk. Caution should be exercised when methylergonovine maleate is administered to a nursing woman.

### ***Pediatric Use***

Safety and effectiveness in pediatric patients have not been established.

### ***Geriatric Use***

Clinical studies of methylergonovine maleate did not include sufficient number of subjects aged 65 and over to determine whether they respond differently from younger subjects. Other reported clinical experience has not identified differences in response between the elderly and younger patients. In general dose selection for an elderly patient should be cautious, usually starting at the low end of the dosing range, reflecting the greater frequency of decreased hepatic, renal, or cardiac function, and of concomitant disease or other drug therapy.

## **ADVERSE REACTIONS**

The most common adverse reaction is hypertension associated in several cases with seizure and/or headache. Hypotension has also been reported. Nausea and vomiting have occurred occasionally. Rarely observed reactions have included: acute myocardial infarction, transient chest pains, arterial spasm (coronary and peripheral), bradycardia, tachycardia, dyspnea, hematuria, thrombophlebitis, water intoxication, hallucinations, leg cramps, dizziness, tinnitus, nasal congestion, diarrhea, diaphoresis, palpitation, rash, and foul taste.<sup>1</sup>

There have been rare isolated reports of anaphylaxis, without a proven causal relationship to the drug product.

## **DRUG ABUSE AND DEPENDENCE**

Methylergonovine maleate has not been associated with drug abuse or dependence of either a physical

or psychological nature.

## **OVERDOSAGE**

Symptoms of acute overdose may include: nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain, numbness, tingling of the extremities, rise in blood pressure, in severe cases followed by hypotension, respiratory depression, hypothermia, convulsions, and coma.

Because reports of overdosage with methylergonovine maleate are infrequent, the lethal dose in humans has not been established. The oral LD<sub>50</sub> (in mg/kg) for the mouse is 187, the rat is 93, and the rabbit 4.5.<sup>2</sup> Several cases of accidental methylergonovine maleate injection in newborn infants have been reported, and in such cases 0.2 mg represents an overdose of great magnitude. However, recovery occurred in all but in one case following a period of respiratory depression, hypothermia, hypertonicity with jerking movements, and, in one case, a single convulsion.

Also, several children 1-3 years of age have accidentally ingested up to 10 tablets (2 mg) with no apparent ill effects. A postpartum patient took 4 tablets at one time in error and reported paresthesias and clamminess as her only symptoms.

Treatment of acute overdosage is symptomatic and includes the usual procedures of:

1. removal of offending drug by inducing emesis, gastric lavage, catharsis, and supportive diuresis.
2. maintenance of adequate pulmonary ventilation, especially if convulsions or coma develop.
3. correction of hypotension with pressor drugs as needed.
4. control of convulsions with standard anticonvulsant agents.
5. control of peripheral vasospasm with warmth to the extremities if needed.<sup>3</sup>

## **DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION**

Parenteral drug products should be inspected visually for particulate matter and discoloration prior to administration.

### **Intramuscularly**

1 mL, 0.2 mg, after delivery of the anterior shoulder, after delivery of the placenta, or during the puerperium. May be repeated as required, at intervals of 2-4 hours.

### **Intravenously**

Dosage same as intramuscular. (See WARNINGS.)

### **Orally**

One tablet, 0.2 mg, 3 to 4 times daily in the puerperium for a maximum of 1 week.

## **HOW SUPPLIED**

White, round, biconvex compressed tablets debossed with "n" on one side and "01" on the other side.

Bottles of 100: NDC 40032-140-01

Bottles of 28: NDC 40032-140-28

Bottles of 7: NDC 40032-140-07

### ***Storage and Handling***

Tablets: Store below 25°C (77°F); in tight, light-resistant container.

## **REFERENCES**

1. Information on Adverse Reactions supplied by Medical Services Department, Novartis Pharmaceuticals, E. Hanover, NJ based on computerized clinical reports.
2. Berde, B. and Schild, H.O.: *Ergot Alkaloids and Related Compounds*, Springer-Verlag, New York, 1978, p. 810.
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Manufactured by:

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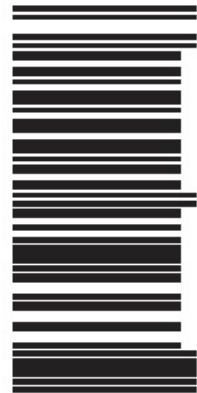

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**PACKAGE LABEL.PRINCIPAL DISPLAY PANEL**

Bottles of 100 count- NDC 40032-140-01

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<p><b>Methylergonovine Maleate Tablets, USP</b></p>	<p><b>Store below 25°C (77°F). Dispense in tight, light-resistant container.</b></p>	
<p><b>0.2 mg</b></p>	<p>Keep this and all drugs out of the reach of children.</p>	<p>Lot # EXP</p>
<p><b>Rx only</b></p>	<p>Manufactured by: Novel Laboratories, Inc. Somerset, NJ 08873 NLB-140-01-00 Rev. 02/11</p>	
<p><b>100 Tablets</b></p>		
		

Bottles of 28 count- NDC 40032-140-28

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<p><b>Methylergonovine Maleate Tablets, USP</b></p>	<p><b>Store below 25°C (77°F). Dispense in tight, light-resistant container.</b></p>	
<p><b>0.2 mg</b></p>	<p>Keep this and all drugs out of the reach of children.</p>	<p>Lot # EXP</p>
<p><b>Rx only</b></p>	<p>Manufactured by: Novel Laboratories, Inc. Somerset, NJ 08873 LA1402800101 Rev. 02/2013</p>	
<p><b>28 Tablets</b></p>		
		


Bottles of 7 count- NDC 40032-140-07

**NDC 40032-140-07**

**Methylergonovine  
Maleate  
Tablets, USP**

**0.2 mg**

**Rx only  
7 Tablets**




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## METHYLERGONOVINE MALEATE

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### Product Information

<b>Product Type</b>	HUMAN PRESCRIPTION DRUG	<b>Item Code (Source)</b>	NDC:40032-140
<b>Route of Administration</b>	ORAL		

### Active Ingredient/Active Moiety

Ingredient Name	Basis of Strength	Strength
METHYLERGONOVINE MALEATE (UNII: IR84JPZ1RK) (METHYLERGONOVINE - UNII:W53L6FE61V)	METHYLERGONOVINE MALEATE	0.2 mg

### Inactive Ingredients

Ingredient Name	Strength
LACTOSE MONOHYDRATE (UNII: EWQ57Q8I5X)	
CELLULOSE, MICROCRYSTALLINE (UNII: OP1R32D61U)	
POVIDONE K30 (UNII: U725QWY32X)	
STARCH, CORN (UNII: O8232NY3SJ)	
GELATIN (UNII: 2G86QN327L)	
ACACIA (UNII: 5C5403N26O)	
METHYL PARABEN (UNII: A2I8C7HI9T)	
PROPYL PARABEN (UNII: Z8IX2SC1OH)	
TARTARIC ACID (UNII: W4888I119H)	
STEARIC ACID (UNII: 4ELV7Z65AP)	

### Product Characteristics

<b>Color</b>	WHITE	<b>Score</b>	no score
<b>Shape</b>	ROUND	<b>Size</b>	6mm
<b>Flavor</b>		<b>Imprint Code</b>	
<b>Contains</b>			

### Packaging

#	Item Code	Package Description	Marketing Start Date	Marketing End Date
1	NDC:40032-140-01	100 in 1 BOTTLE; Type 0: Not a Combination Product	06/15/2011	
2	NDC:40032-140-28	28 in 1 BOTTLE; Type 0: Not a Combination Product	06/15/2011	
3	NDC:40032-140-07	7 in 1 BOTTLE; Type 0: Not a Combination Product	06/15/2011	

### Marketing Information

Marketing Category	Application Number or Monograph Citation	Marketing Start Date	Marketing End Date
ANDA	ANDA091577	06/15/2011	

**Labeler** - Novel Laboratories, Inc. (793518643)

**Registrant** - Novel Laboratories, Inc. (793518643)

### Establishment

Name	Address	ID/FEI	Business Operations
Novel Laboratories, Inc.		793518643	MANUFACTURE(40032-140) , ANALYSIS(40032-140) , PACK(40032-140)

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