

# SAFETY DATA SHEET

## 1. Identification

<b>Product identifier</b>	<b>Dexamethasone Tablets USP</b>
<b>Other means of identification</b>	
<b>Product code</b>	0.5 mg yellow tablet, embossed with product identification "54 299" on one side, and plain on the other., 0.75 mg blue tablet, embossed with product identification "54 960" on one side, and plain on the other., 1.0 mg yellow tablet, embossed with product identification "54 489" on one side, and plain on the other., 1.5 mg pink tablet, embossed with product identification "54 943" on one side, and plain on the other., 2.0 mg white tablet, embossed with product identification "54 662" on one side, and plain on the other., 4.0 mg green tablet, embossed with product identification "54 892" on one side, and plain on the other., 6.0 mg aqua tablet, embossed with product identification "54 769" on one side, and plain on the other.
<b>Recommended use</b>	Various diseases and disorders
<b>Recommended restrictions</b>	None known.
<b>Manufacturer/Importer/Supplier/Distributor information</b>	
<b>Company name</b>	Boehringer Ingelheim Roxane Inc.
<b>Address</b>	1809 Wilson Road Columbus, Ohio 43228
<b>Telephone</b>	(614) 276-4000
<b>Emergency phone number</b>	(614) 276-4000

## 2. Hazard(s) identification

<b>Physical hazards</b>	Not classified.
<b>Health hazards</b>	Not classified.
<b>OSHA defined hazards</b>	Not classified.
<b>Label elements</b>	
<b>Hazard symbol</b>	None.
<b>Signal word</b>	Warning
<b>Hazard statement</b>	This is a pharmaceutical product designed to be prescribed by a licensed health care professional. Should any person while using this product observe any adverse health effects, they should seek medical treatment.
<b>Precautionary statement</b>	
<b>Prevention</b>	Observe good industrial hygiene practices.
<b>Response</b>	Wash hands after handling.
<b>Storage</b>	Store away from incompatible materials. Store at 68 to 76°F
<b>Disposal</b>	Incineration of waste at an approved USEPA incinerator is recommended.
<b>Hazard(s) not otherwise classified (HNOC)</b>	None known.

## 3. Composition/information on ingredients

### Substances

The manufacturer lists no ingredients as hazardous according to OSHA 29 CFR 1910.1200.

Chemical name	Common name and synonyms	CAS number	%
9-fluoro-11 $\beta$ ,17,21-trihydroxy-16 $\alpha$ -methylpregna-1,4-diene,3,20-dione		50-02-2	0.5 - 6 mg

**Composition comments** Refer to Physician's Desk Reference for common components present at <1%

## 4. First-aid measures

<b>Inhalation</b>	If dust from the material is inhaled, remove the affected person immediately to fresh air. Call a physician if symptoms develop or persist.
<b>Skin contact</b>	Wash off with soap and water. Get medical attention if irritation develops and persists.
<b>Eye contact</b>	Rinse with water. Get medical attention if irritation develops and persists.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Rinse mouth. Get medical attention if symptoms occur. If ingestion of a large amount does occur, call a poison control center immediately.
<b>Most important symptoms/effects, acute and delayed</b>	Side effects may be: Insomnia, acne, increased sweating, headache, dizziness, nausea and stomach pain
<b>Indication of immediate medical attention and special treatment needed</b>	Provide general supportive measures and treat symptomatically. For ingestion, consider gastric lavage.
<b>General information</b>	Ensure that medical personnel are aware of the material(s) involved, and take precautions to protect themselves.

## 5. Fire-fighting measures

<b>Suitable extinguishing media</b>	Water fog. Foam. Dry chemical powder. Carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> ).
<b>Unsuitable extinguishing media</b>	Do not use water jet as an extinguisher, as this will spread the fire.
<b>Specific hazards arising from the chemical</b>	During fire, gases hazardous to health may be formed.
<b>Special protective equipment and precautions for firefighters</b>	Self-contained breathing apparatus and full protective clothing must be worn in case of fire.
<b>Fire fighting equipment/instructions</b>	Use water spray to cool unopened containers.
<b>Specific methods</b>	Use standard firefighting procedures and consider the hazards of other involved materials.
<b>General fire hazards</b>	No unusual fire or explosion hazards noted.

## 6. Accidental release measures

<b>Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures</b>	Keep unnecessary personnel away. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment (See Section 8).
<b>Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up</b>	Sweep up and place into a proper container for disposal. Minimize dust generation and accumulation. Collect dust using a vacuum cleaner equipped with HEPA filter. Following product recovery, flush area with water. Incineration of waste at an approved USEPA incinerator is recommended.
<b>Environmental precautions</b>	Avoid discharge into drains, water courses or onto the ground.

## 7. Handling and storage

<b>Precautions for safe handling</b>	Avoid contact with eyes, skin, and clothing. Avoid breathing dust. Wash hands thoroughly after handling.
<b>Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities</b>	Protect from moisture. Store away from incompatible materials (see Section 10 of the SDS). Store at 68 to 76F. Dispense in a USP tight, light-resistant container.

## 8. Exposure controls/personal protection

<b>Occupational exposure limits</b>	No exposure limits noted for ingredient(s).
<b>Biological limit values</b>	No biological exposure limits noted for the ingredient(s).
<b>Appropriate engineering controls</b>	Ventilation should be matched to conditions.
<b>Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment</b>	
<b>Eye/face protection</b>	None required for consumer use. In laboratory, medical or industrial settings, safety glasses with side shields are recommended. The use of goggles or full face protection may be required depending on the industrial exposure setting. Contact a health and safety professional for specific information.
<b>Skin protection</b>	
<b>Hand protection</b>	For consumer use, no unusual precautions are necessary.

<b>Other</b>	None required for consumer use. In laboratory, medical or industrial settings, gloves and lab coats are recommended. The use of additional personal protective equipment such as shoe coverings, gauntlets, hood or head coverings may be necessary. Contact a health and safety professional for specific information.
<b>Respiratory protection</b>	None required for consumer use. Respirators may be required for certain laboratory and manufacturing tasks if engineering controls do not maintain airborne concentrations below recommended exposure limits (where applicable) or to an acceptable level (where exposure limits have not been established). Workplace risk assessments should be completed before specifying and implementing respirator usage. All respirators must conform to specifications for efficiency and performance. In the United States of America, if respirators are used, a program should be instituted to assure compliance with OSHA Standard 29 CFR 1910.134. Respirator type: Air-purifying respirator with an appropriate, air-purifying filter, cartridge or canister. Contact a health and safety professional or manufacturer for specific information.
<b>Thermal hazards</b>	None.
<b>General hygiene considerations</b>	Always observe good personal hygiene measures, such as washing after handling the material and before eating, drinking, and/or smoking. Routinely wash work clothing and protective equipment to remove contaminants.

## 9. Physical and chemical properties

<b>Appearance</b>	Various colored tablet depending on dosage
<b>Physical state</b>	Solid.
<b>Form</b>	Tablet.
<b>Color</b>	Various colors.
<b>Odor</b>	None.
<b>Odor threshold</b>	Not available.
<b>pH</b>	Not available.
<b>Melting point/freezing point</b>	Not available.
<b>Initial boiling point and boiling range</b>	Not available.
<b>Flash point</b>	Not available.
<b>Evaporation rate</b>	Not available.
<b>Flammability (solid, gas)</b>	Not available.
<b>Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits</b>	
<b>Flammability limit - lower (%)</b>	Not available.
<b>Flammability limit - upper (%)</b>	Not available.
<b>Explosive limit - lower (%)</b>	Not available.
<b>Explosive limit - upper (%)</b>	Not available.
<b>Vapor pressure</b>	Not available.
<b>Vapor density</b>	Not available.
<b>Relative density</b>	Not available.
<b>Solubility(ies)</b>	
<b>Solubility (water)</b>	Insoluble
<b>Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water)</b>	Not available.
<b>Auto-ignition temperature</b>	Not available.
<b>Decomposition temperature</b>	Not available.
<b>Viscosity</b>	Not available.
<b>Other information</b>	
<b>Molecular formula</b>	C <sub>25</sub> H <sub>43</sub> NO <sub>18</sub>
<b>Molecular weight</b>	645.6

## 10. Stability and reactivity

<b>Reactivity</b>	The product is stable and non-reactive under normal conditions of use, storage and transport.
<b>Chemical stability</b>	Material is stable under normal conditions.

<b>Possibility of hazardous reactions</b>	No dangerous reaction known under conditions of normal use.
<b>Conditions to avoid</b>	Contact with incompatible materials. Avoid dispersal of dust in the air (i.e., clearing dust surfaces with compressed air).
<b>Incompatible materials</b>	Strong oxidizing agents.
<b>Hazardous decomposition products</b>	No hazardous decomposition products are known.

## 11. Toxicological information

### Information on likely routes of exposure

<b>Inhalation</b>	Not expected to be hazardous in final pharmaceutical form. Mechanical processing may generate dust. Inhalation of dusts may cause respiratory irritation.
<b>Skin contact</b>	Not expected to be hazardous in final pharmaceutical form. Mechanical processing may generate dust. Dust or powder may irritate the skin.
<b>Eye contact</b>	Not expected to be hazardous in final pharmaceutical form. Mechanical processing may generate dust. Dust may irritate the eyes.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Ingestion may cause irritation and malaise.

**Symptoms related to the physical, chemical and toxicological characteristics** Side effects may be: Insomnia, acne, increased sweating, headache, dizziness, nausea and stomach pain

### Information on toxicological effects

<b>Acute toxicity</b>	Not expected to be acutely toxic.
<b>Skin corrosion/irritation</b>	Prolonged skin contact may cause temporary irritation.
<b>Serious eye damage/eye irritation</b>	Dust in the eyes will cause irritation.

### Respiratory or skin sensitization

<b>Respiratory sensitization</b>	Not a respiratory sensitizer.
<b>Skin sensitization</b>	This product is not expected to cause skin sensitization.

**Germ cell mutagenicity** No adequate studies have been conducted in animals to determine if there is a potential for mutagenesis.

**Carcinogenicity** Long-term studies in animals have not been conducted to evaluate carcinogenic potential

#### OSHA Specifically Regulated Substances (29 CFR 1910.1001-1050)

Not listed.

**Reproductive toxicity** Pregnancy Category C: There are no adequate and well-controlled studies in pregnant women.  
Has shown teratogenic effects in laboratory animals.  
This product passes into breast milk. Breast-feeding is not advised in mothers being treated.

**Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure** Not classified.

**Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure** Not classified.

**Aspiration hazard** Due to the physical form of the product it is not an aspiration hazard.

**Further information** See package insert.

## 12. Ecological information

<b>Ecotoxicity</b>	The product is not classified as environmentally hazardous.
<b>Persistence and degradability</b>	No data is available on the degradability of this product.
<b>Bioaccumulative potential</b>	No data available.
<b>Mobility in soil</b>	No data available.
<b>Other adverse effects</b>	None.

## 13. Disposal considerations

<b>Disposal instructions</b>	Collect and reclaim or dispose in sealed containers at licensed waste disposal site.
<b>Local disposal regulations</b>	Dispose in accordance with all applicable regulations.

<b>Hazardous waste code</b>	The waste code should be assigned in discussion between the user, the producer and the waste disposal company.
<b>Waste from residues / unused products</b>	Dispose of in accordance with local regulations. 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).
<b>Contaminated packaging</b>	Empty containers should be taken to an approved waste handling site for recycling or disposal. Since emptied containers may retain product residue, follow label warnings even after container is emptied.

## 14. Transport information

### DOT

Not regulated as dangerous goods.

### IATA

Not regulated as dangerous goods.

### IMDG

Not regulated as dangerous goods.

**Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code** Not applicable.

## 15. Regulatory information

**US federal regulations** This material is not listed on the US TSCA Inventory. Therefore, it can only be used for TSCA exempt purposes such as R&D or drug use.

### TSCA Section 12(b) Export Notification (40 CFR 707, Subpt. D)

Not regulated.

### OSHA Specifically Regulated Substances (29 CFR 1910.1001-1050)

Not listed.

### CERCLA Hazardous Substance List (40 CFR 302.4)

Not listed.

### Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA)

**Hazard categories** Immediate Hazard - No  
Delayed Hazard - No  
Fire Hazard - No  
Pressure Hazard - No  
Reactivity Hazard - No

### SARA 302 Extremely hazardous substance

Not listed.

**SARA 311/312 Hazardous chemical** No

### SARA 313 (TRI reporting)

Not regulated.

**Other federal regulations** Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA): Dexamethasone is not a controlled substance.

### 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.

Not listed.

### US state regulations

#### US. Massachusetts RTK - Substance List

Not regulated.

#### US. New Jersey Worker and Community Right-to-Know Act

Not listed.

#### US. Pennsylvania Worker and Community Right-to-Know Law

Not listed.

**US. Rhode Island RTK**

Not regulated.

**US. 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.

**International Inventories**

Country(s) or region	Inventory name	On inventory (yes/no)*
Canada	Domestic Substances List (DSL)	No
United States & Puerto Rico	Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Inventory	Yes

\*A "Yes" indicates this product complies 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**

<b>Issue date</b>	30-December-2014
<b>Revision date</b>	-
<b>Version #</b>	01
<b>References</b>	1) Dexamethasone Tablets USP, Package Insert, Roxane Laboratories, Inc. , Columbus, Ohio. 2) PDR – Physicians Desk Reference. 3) Ariel Webinsight. Regulatory and ChemExpert Database.

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