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-Kampo-preparation-

# SANWA Hochuekkito Extract Fine Granules

<hochuekkito>

This product is easy to take, fine granules made from the extract of "hochuekkito" listed in "BENWAKURON".

#### Storage. Precautions for handling

Since this product is hygroscopic property, keep a container tightly closed in a cool place away from direct rays after use.

#### **Expiration date**

Use before the expiration date indicated on the label or the package.

# DESCRIPTION

## Composition

9g/day of this product contains 5.3g of a dried JP Hochuekkito extract of the following mixed crude drugs.

JP Ginseng4.0gJP Atractylodes Rhizome4.0gJP Astragalus Root3.0gJP Japanese Angelica Root3.0gJP Citrus Unshiu Peel2.0gJP Jujube2.0gJP Ginger0.5gJP Bupleurum Root2.0gJP Glycyrrhiza1.5gJP Cimicifuga Rhizome1.0g

(JP: The Japanese Pharmacopoeia)

It also contains Lactose Hydrate, Corn Starch, Microcrystalline Cellulose, Partly Pregelatinized Starch, Light Anhydrous Silicic Acid as inactive ingredients.

#### **Product Description**

This product is fine granules, yellow-brown color, it has characteristic smell, and it tastes sweet, a little bitter and a little pungent. ID code: S-12

## **INDICATIONS**

The following symptoms of those patients who have a delicate constitution, anemia, reduced gastrointestinal functions, fatigue and malaise, anorexia, or perspiration during sleep, etc.:

Debility after disease or surgery, reinforcement of physical strength after chest disease, anemia, hypotension, summer emaciation, dyspepsia, weak gastrointestinal functions, and hyperhidrosis

# **DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION**

The usual adult dose is 9g/day orally in 3 divided doses before or between meals. The dosage may be adjusted according to the patient's age and symptoms.

## PRECAUTIONS

# **1. Important Precautions**

(1) When this product is used, the patient's "SHO" (constitution /symptoms) should be taken into account. The patient's progress should be carefully monitored, and if no improvement in symptoms/findings is observed, continuous treatment should be avoided.

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- (2) Since this product contains Glycyrrhiza, careful attention should be paid to the serum potassium level, blood pressure, etc., and if any abnormality is observed, administration should be discontinued.
- (3) When this product is coadministered with other Kampo-preparations (Japanese traditional herbal medicines),etc., attention should be paid to the duplication of the contained crude drugs.

SHO: The term "SHO" refers to a particular pathological status of a patient evaluated by the Kampo diagnosis, and is patterned according to the patient's constitution, symptoms, etc. Kampopreparations (Japanese traditional herbal medicines) should be used after confirmation that it is suitable for the identified "SHO" of the patient.

#### 2. Drug Interactions

Precautions for coadministration(Hochuekkito should be administered with care when coadministered with the following drugs.)

Drugs	Signs, Symptoms, and Treatment	Mechanism and Risk Factors
(1)Preparations conta-	Pseudoaldosteronism	Since glycyrrhizinic
ining Glycyrrhiza	is likely to occur.	acid has an accelerating
(2)Preparations cont-	Besides, myopathy is	action on the potassium
aining glycyrrhizi-	likely to occur as a re-	excretion at the renal
nic acid or glycyr-	sult of hypokalemia.	tubules, an acceleration
rhizinates	(Refer to the section	of decrease in the serum
	"Clinically significant	potassium level has
	adverse reactions".)	been suggested.

## 3. Adverse Reactions

This product has not been investigated (drug use investigations, etc.) to determine the incidence of adverse reactions. Therefore, the incidence of adverse reactions is not known.

## (1) Clinically significant adverse reactions

**1) Interstitial pneumonia:** If fever, cough, dyspnea, abnormal pulmonary sound (fine crackle), etc. are observed, administration of this product should be discontinued, and examinations such as X-ray should be performed immediately and appropriate measures such as administration of adrenocortical hormones taken. Besides, the patient should be advised to discontinue this product immediately and to make contact with the physician in the event of fever, cough, dyspnea, etc.

- 2) Pseudoaldosteronism: Pseudoaldosteronism such as hypokalemia, increased blood pressure, retention of sodium/ body fluid, edema, increased body weight, etc. may occur. The patient should be carefully monitored (measurement of serum potassium level, etc.), and if any abnormality is observed, administration should be discontinued and appropriate measures such as administration of potassium preparations should be taken.
- 3) Myopathy: Myopathy may occur as a result of hypokalemia. The patient should be carefully monitored, and if any abnormality such as weakness, convulsion/paralysis of limbs, etc. are observed, administration should be discontinued and appropriate measures such as administration of potassium preparations should be taken.
- 4) Hepatic dysfunction and jaundice: Hepatic dysfunction and/or jaundice with elevation of AST(GOT), ALT(GPT), Al-P and γ-GTP or other symptoms may occur. The patient should be carefully monitored for abnormal findings. Administration should be discontinued and appropriate therapeutic measures should be taken, if abnormalities are observed.

#### (2) Other adverse reactions

	Incidence unknown
Hypersensitivity <sup>Note1)</sup>	Rash, Urticaria, etc.
Gastrointestinal	Anorexia, Epigastric distress, Nausea,
	Diarrhea, etc.

Note1) If such symptoms are observed, administration should be discontinued.

#### 4. Use in the Elderly

Because elderly patients often have reduced physiological function, careful supervision and measures such as reducing the dose are recommended.

#### 5. Use during Pregnancy, Delivery or Lactation

The safety of this product in pregnant women has not been established. Therefore, the product should be used in pregnant women, women who may possibly be pregnant only if the expected therapeutic benefits outweigh the possible risks associated with treatment.

#### 6. Pediatric Use

The safety of this product in children has not been established. [Insufficient clinical data.]

#### 7. Other Precautions

Eczema, dermatitis, etc. may be aggravated.

# PACKAGING

Bottles of 500g 3g x 300 packets

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