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1. Name of the medicinal product

To be specified for the individual finished product.

2. Qualitative and quantitative composition[1,2]

Well-established use	Traditional use
	With regard to the registration application of Article 16d(1) of Directive 2001/83/EC as amended *Echinacea purpurea* (L.) Moench, radix (purple coneflower root) i) Herbal substance Not applicable. ii) Herbal preparations a) dry extract (5.5-7.5:1), extraction solvent ethanol 45% (v/v).

3. Pharmaceutical form

Well-established use	Traditional use
	Herbal preparations in solid dosage forms for oral and oromucosal use. The pharmaceutical form should be described by the European Pharmacopoeia full standard term.

4. Clinical particulars

4.1. Therapeutic indications

Well-established use	Traditional use
	Traditional herbal medicinal product for supportive treatment of common cold.

1 The material complies with the Ph. Eur. monograph (ref.: 01/2008:1824).
2 The declaration of the active substance(s) for an individual finished product should be in accordance with relevant herbal quality guidance.

Well-established use	Traditional use
	The product is a traditional herbal medicinal product for use in the specified indication exclusively based upon long-standing use.

4.2. Posology and method of administration

Well-established use	Traditional use
	Posology *Adolescents, adults and elderly* a) 1 chewing tablet containing 40 mg of extract every second hour (maximum 9 tablets a day). The use in children under 12 years of age is not recommended (see section 4.4 'Special warnings and precautions for use'). **Duration of use** The therapy should start at first signs of common cold. If the symptoms persist longer than 10 days during the use of the medicinal product, a doctor or a qualified health care practitioner should be consulted. **Method of administration** Oral and oromucosal use.

4.3. Contraindications

Well-established use	Traditional use
	Hypersensitivity to the active substance or to plants of the Asteraceae (Compositae) family.

4.4. Special warnings and precautions for use

Well-established use	Traditional use
	Not recommended in cases of progressive systemic diseases such as tuberculosis, diseases of the white blood cell system, collagenoses, multiple sclerosis, AIDS, HIV infections and other immune diseases. If the symptoms worsen or high fever occurs during the use of the medicinal product, a doctor or a qualified health care practitioner should be

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	consulted. There is a possible risk of allergic reactions in sensitive individuals. Those patients should consult their doctor before using *Echinacea*. There is a possible risk of anaphylactic reactions in atopic patients. Atopic patients should consult their doctor before using *Echinacea*. The use in children under 12 years of age has not been established due to lack of adequate data.

4.5. Interactions with other medicinal products and other forms of interaction

Well-established use	Traditional use
	None reported.

4.6. Pregnancy and lactation

Well-established use	Traditional use
	Safety during pregnancy and lactation has not been established. In the absence of sufficient data, the use during pregnancy and lactation is not recommended.

4.7. Effects on ability to drive and use machines

Well-established use	Traditional use
	No studies on the effect on the ability to drive and use machines have been performed.

4.8. Undesirable effects

Well-established use	Traditional use
	Hypersensitivity reactions (skin reactions) may occur. The frequency is not known. If other adverse reactions not mentioned above occur, a doctor or a qualified health care practitioner should be consulted.

4.9. Overdose

Well-established use	Traditional use
	No case of overdose has been reported.

5. Pharmacological properties

5.1. Pharmacodynamic properties

Well-established use	Traditional use
	Not required as per Article 16c(1)(a)(iii) of Directive 2001/83/EC as amended.

5.2. Pharmacokinetic properties

Well-established use	Traditional use
	Not required as per Article 16c(1)(a)(iii) of Directive 2001/83/EC as amended.

5.3. Preclinical safety data

Well-established use	Traditional use
	Not required as per Article 16c(1)(a)(iii) of Directive 2001/83/EC as amended, unless necessary for the safe use of the product. Tests on reproductive toxicity, genotoxicity and carcinogenicity have not been performed.

6. Pharmaceutical particulars

Well-established use	Traditional use
	Not applicable.

7. Date of compilation/last revision

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