

11. Debendox, Ancoloxin and other Products for Treatment of Adverse Conditions of Pregnancy

11.1 The Committee received this paper from the Division and were asked to consider, in particular, whether they would be prepared to make a recommendation as at (b) below:

- a. to require that all CTC products should carry a warning that "Medicines should not be taken in pregnancy without consulting your doctor". Consideration will also be given to the practicability of reinforcing this advice by the issue of suitably-worded cards by ante-natal clinics;
- b. to bring under POM control all products carrying an indication for treatment of adverse conditions of pregnancy (and not only those indicated for nausea in pregnancy).

11.2 The Committee noted the proposal at (a) which was primarily a matter for the Committee on Review of Medicines.

11.3 On discussion of the proposal at (b) the Committee decided that without knowledge of the products which might be affected it would be impracticable for them to make any such comprehensive recommendation. Though they were not at present prepared to recommend that all such product

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should be brought under POM, they did consider that all products which contained antihistamines and which carried indications for the treatment of adverse conditions of pregnancy, should be available only on prescription and they recommended that the Licensing Authority be so advised.

11.4 The Committee noted that eventually all groups of products would be reviewed by CRM, who would no doubt, take account of any suspicions of teratogenicity.