

## SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking

### 1.1. Product identifier

Trade name or designation of the mixture	ZOVIRAX OINTMENT
Registration number	-
Synonyms	ZOVIRAX OINTMENT 5% * ACYCLOVIR, FORMULATED PRODUCT
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### 1.2. Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

**Identified uses** Medicinal Product

This safety data sheet is written to provide health, safety and environmental information for people handling this formulated product in the workplace. It is not intended to provide information relevant to medicinal use of the product. In this instance patients should consult prescribing information/package insert/product label or consult their pharmacist or physician. For health and safety information for individual ingredients used during manufacturing, refer to the appropriate safety data sheet for each ingredient.

**Uses advised against** No other uses are advised.

### 1.3. Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

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UK General Information (normal business hours): +44-20-8047-5000  
Email Address: [msds@gsk.com](mailto:msds@gsk.com)  
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### 1.4. Emergency telephone number

TRANSPORT EMERGENCIES (by country / geographic region):  
Africa / EU / Israel / Middle East  
(English / European languages): +44 (0) 1235 239 670  
Asia Pacific (except China): +65 3158 1074  
China: +86 10 5100 3039  
Middle East / Africa (Arabic-speaking countries): +44 (0) 1235 239 671  
US: +1 703 527 3887  
available 24 hrs/7 days; multi-language response

## SECTION 2: Hazards identification

### 2.1. Classification of the substance or mixture

#### Classification according to Directive 67/548/EEC or 1999/45/EC as amended

Exempt from requirements - product regulated as a medicinal product, cosmetic product or medical device.

#### Classification according to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 as amended

Exempt from requirements - product regulated as a medicinal product, cosmetic product or medical device.

### 2.2. Label elements

#### Label according to Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008 as amended

Exempt from requirements - product regulated as a medicinal product, cosmetic product or medical device.

**Supplemental label information** None.

### 2.3. Other hazards

Caution - Pharmaceutical agent.  
See section 11 for additional information on health hazards.  
This product will support combustion at elevated temperatures.  
No information is available about the potential of this product to produce adverse environmental effects.

## SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

### 3.2. Mixtures

## General information

Chemical name	%	CAS-No. / EC No.	REACH Registration No.	INDEX No.	Notes
ACYCLOVIR	5	59277-89-3 261-685-1	-	-	
<b>Classification:</b>					
<b>DSD:</b>	-				
<b>CLP:</b>	-				

Other components below reportable levels 95

CLP: Regulation No. 1272/2008.

DSD: Directive 67/548/EEC.

M: M-factor

vPvB: very persistent and very bioaccumulative substance.

PBT: persistent, bioaccumulative and toxic substance.

#: This substance has been assigned Community workplace exposure limit(s).

## SECTION 4: First aid measures

**General information** Not available.

### 4.1. Description of first aid measures

<b>Inhalation</b>	If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, trained personnel should give oxygen. Get medical attention immediately.
<b>Skin contact</b>	Immediately flush with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes while removing contaminated clothing and shoes. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.
<b>Eye contact</b>	In the case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice. Get medical attention if irritation develops and persists.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Call a physician or poison control centre immediately. Only induce vomiting at the instruction of medical personnel. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. If swallowed, rinse mouth with water (only if the person is conscious). Get medical attention if symptoms occur.

**4.2. Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed** Not available.

**4.3. Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed** Treat symptomatically.

## SECTION 5: Firefighting measures

**General fire hazards** This product will support combustion at elevated temperatures.

### 5.1. Extinguishing media

<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.

**5.2. Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture** During fire, gases hazardous to health may be formed.

### 5.3. Advice for firefighters

<b>Special protective equipment for firefighters</b>	Self-contained breathing apparatus and full protective clothing must be worn in case of fire.
<b>Special fire fighting procedures</b>	Move containers from fire area if you can do so without risk.

## SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

### 6.1. Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

<b>For non-emergency personnel</b>	Keep unnecessary personnel away. For personal protection, see section 8.
<b>For emergency responders</b>	Keep unnecessary personnel away. Use personal protection recommended in Section 8 of the MSDS.

**6.2. Environmental precautions** Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so.

### 6.3. Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

ELIMINATE all ignition sources (no smoking, flares, sparks or flames in immediate area).

Large Spills: Stop the flow of material, if this is without risk. Dike the spilled material, where this is possible. Cover with plastic sheet to prevent spreading. Absorb in vermiculite, dry sand or earth and place into containers. Use water spray to reduce vapours or divert vapour cloud drift. Following product recovery, flush area with water.

Small Spills: Wipe up with absorbent material (e.g. cloth, fleece). Clean surface thoroughly to remove residual contamination.

Never return spills in original containers for re-use.

### 6.4. Reference to other sections

For personal protection, see section 8. For waste disposal, see section 13.

## SECTION 7: Handling and storage

### 7.1. Precautions for safe handling

Avoid prolonged exposure. Use care in handling/storage. Avoid contact with ignition sources.

### 7.2. Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Store in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulation. Store away from incompatible materials (see Section 10 of the MSDS). Keep away from heat, sparks and open flame.

### 7.3. Specific end use(s)

Medicinal Product

## SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

### 8.1. Control parameters

#### Occupational exposure limits

##### GSK

##### Components

	Type	Value
ACYCLOVIR (CAS 59277-89-3)	8 HR TWA	5000 mcg/m3
	OHC	1

#### Biological limit values

No biological exposure limits noted for the ingredient(s).

#### Recommended monitoring procedures

Follow standard monitoring procedures.

#### Derived No Effect Level (DNEL)

Not available.

#### Predicted no effect concentrations (PNECs)

Not available.

### 8.2. Exposure controls

#### Appropriate engineering controls

Good general ventilation (typically 10 air changes per hour) should be used. Ventilation rates should be matched to conditions. If applicable, use process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation, or other engineering controls to maintain airborne levels below recommended exposure limits. If exposure limits have not been established, maintain airborne levels to an acceptable level. An Exposure Control Approach (ECA) is established for operations involving this material based upon the OEL/Occupational Hazard Category and the outcome of a site- or operation-specific risk assessment. Refer to the Exposure Control Matrix for more information about how ECA's are assigned and how to interpret them. No special engineering controls are required. Local exhaust ventilation (LEV) is recommended. Only authorised personnel may enter the working area.

#### Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment

##### General information

Personal protection equipment should be chosen according to the CEN standards and in discussion with the supplier of the personal protective equipment.

##### Eye/face protection

Wear approved safety glasses with side shields or cover goggles if eye contact is possible. (eg. EN 166)

##### Skin protection

##### - Hand protection

Glove selection must take into account any solvents and other hazards present. Care must be exercised if insufficient data are available and further guidance should be sought from your local EHS department. The selection of gloves for a specific activity must be based on the material's properties and on possible permeation and degradation that may occur under the circumstances of use. Potential allergic reactions can occur with certain glove materials (e.g. Latex) and therefore these should be avoided. With respect to the above precautions select suitable chemical resistant protective gloves (EN 374) with a protective index 6 (>480min permeation time).

##### - Other

Wear appropriate chemical resistant clothing. (EN 14605 for splashes, EN ISO 13982 for dust)

<b>Respiratory protection</b>	When workers are facing concentrations above the exposure limit they must use appropriate certified respirators. If respiratory protective equipment (RPE) is used, the type of RPE will depend upon air concentrations present, required protection factor as well as hazards, physical properties and warning properties of substances present. Where breathable aerosols/dust are formed, use suitable combination filter for gases/vapours of organic, inorganic, acid inorganic, alkaline compounds and toxic particles (eg. EN 14387).
<b>Thermal hazards</b>	Wear appropriate thermal protective clothing, when necessary.
<b>Hygiene measures</b>	An eye wash station should be available. Wear appropriate clothing to avoid skin contact. Follow all local regulations if personal protective equipment (PPE) is used in the workplace.
<b>Environmental exposure controls</b>	
<b>GSK environmental hazard category</b>	1
<b>Hazard guidance and control recommendations</b>	Not available.

## SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

### 9.1. Information on basic physical and chemical properties

#### Appearance

<b>Physical state</b>	Liquid.
<b>Form</b>	Ointment.
<b>Colour</b>	White.
<b>Odour</b>	Not available.
<b>Odour threshold</b>	Not available.
<b>pH</b>	Not applicable.
<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 applicable.
<b>Flammability (solid, gas)</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits</b>	
<b>Flammability limit - lower (%)</b>	Not available.
<b>Flammability limit - upper (%)</b>	Not available.
<b>Vapour pressure</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Vapour density</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Relative density</b>	Not available.
<b>Solubility(ies)</b>	Not available.
<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 applicable.
<b>Explosive properties</b>	Not available.
<b>Oxidizing properties</b>	Not available.
<b>9.2. Other information</b>	No relevant additional information available.

## SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

<b>10.1. Reactivity</b>	The product is stable and non-reactive under normal conditions of use, storage and transport.
<b>10.2. Chemical stability</b>	Not available.
<b>10.3. Possibility of hazardous reactions</b>	No dangerous reaction known under conditions of normal use.
<b>10.4. Conditions to avoid</b>	Contact with incompatible materials. Heat, flames and sparks.
<b>10.5. Incompatible materials</b>	None known.
<b>10.6. Hazardous decomposition products</b>	Irritating and/or toxic fumes and gases may be emitted upon the products decomposition.

## SECTION 11: Toxicological information

**General information** Occupational exposure to the substance or mixture may cause adverse effects.

### Information on likely routes of exposure

<b>Ingestion</b>	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
<b>Inhalation</b>	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
<b>Skin contact</b>	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
<b>Eye contact</b>	May be irritating to eyes.

**Symptoms** Not available.

### 11.1. Information on toxicological effects

**Acute toxicity** Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

<b>Components</b>	<b>Species</b>	<b>Test results</b>
ACYCLOVIR (CAS 59277-89-3)		
<b>Acute</b>		
<i>Inhalation</i>		
LC50	Rat	> 15.1 mg/l, 4 hours
<i>Oral</i>		
LD50	Rat	> 20 g/kg

\* Estimates for product may be based on additional component data not shown.

**Skin corrosion/irritation** Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

#### Irritation Corrosion - Skin

ACYCLOVIR

Acute dermal irritation, Tested at 5% in a cream; Irritation Index 0.02  
Result: negative  
Species: Rabbit

**Serious eye damage/eye irritation** Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met. May be irritating to eyes.

#### Eye

ACYCLOVIR

Acute ocular irritation  
Result: negative  
Species: Rabbit

**Respiratory sensitisation** Due to lack of data the classification is not possible.

#### Skin sensitisation

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

##### Sensitisation

ACYCLOVIR

Method not specified  
Result: negative  
Species: Guinea pig

#### Germ cell mutagenicity

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met. No data available to indicate product or any components present at greater than 0.1% are mutagenic or genotoxic.

#### Germ cell mutagenicity

##### Mutagenicity

ACYCLOVIR

Ames Assay  
Result: negative  
C3H/T10 1/2 Cell Transformation Assay  
Result: negative  
Chromosomal Aberration Assay In Vitro, Positive response only with levels much above equivalent of human therapeutic dose  
Result: positive  
Species: Hamster  
Chromosomal Aberration Assay In Vitro, human lymphocytes  
Result: Equivocal  
Cytogenetic Analysis In Vivo, bone marrow  
Result: negative  
Species: Mouse  
Mouse lymphoma cell (L5178Y TK) Assay  
Result: positive

#### Carcinogenicity

This product is not considered to be a carcinogen by IARC, ACGIH, NTP, or OSHA. Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

**Carcinogenicity**  
ACYCLOVIR

2 year bioassay  
Result: negative  
Species: Mouse  
2 year bioassay  
Result: negative  
Species: Rat

**IARC Monographs. Overall Evaluation of Carcinogenicity**

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3 Not classifiable as to carcinogenicity to humans.

**Reproductive toxicity**

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

**Reproductive toxicity**

**Fertility effects - Males and females**

ACYCLOVIR

Subcutaneous injection  
Result: NOAEL = 25 mg/kg/day; LOAEL = 50 mg/kg/day  
(decreased implantation efficiency, no effect on litter size)  
Species: Rat

**Reproductivity**

ACYCLOVIR

Embryo-foetal development - Oral, sub-cutaneous administration  
Result: NOAEL = 50 mg/kg/day; no adverse foetal effects  
Species: Rabbit  
Embryo-foetal development - Oral, sub-cutaneous administration  
Result: NOAEL = 50 mg/kg/day; no adverse foetal effects  
Species: Rat

**Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure**

Due to lack of data the classification is not possible.

**Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure**

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

**Aspiration hazard**

Not available.

**Mixture versus substance information**

Not available.

**Other information**

Not available.

**SECTION 12: Ecological information**

**12.1. Toxicity**

Not expected to be harmful to aquatic organisms.

**Components**

**Species**

**Test results**

ACYCLOVIR (CAS 59277-89-3)

**Aquatic**

*Acute*

Activated Sludge Respiration

IC50

Residential sludge

> 100 mg/l, 3 hours, OECD 209

Algae

EC50

Green algae (*Selenastrum capricornutum*)

> 99 mg/l, 96 hours, Static test, OECD 201

Crustacea

EC50

Water flea (*Daphnia magna*)

> 93 mg/l, 48 hours, Static test, OECD 202

Fish

EC50

Fathead minnow (Juvenile *Pimephales promelas*)

> 95 mg/l, 96 hours, Static renewal test, OECD 203

Microtox

MIC

*Aspergillus flavus*

> 993 mg/l, 5 days

*Azotobacter chroococcum*

> 993 mg/l, 5 days

*Chaetomium globosum*

> 993 mg/l, 5 days

*Nostoc* sp.

> 993 mg/l, 5 days

*Pseudomonas fluorescens*

> 993 mg/l, 5 days

*Chronic*

Crustacea

LOEC

Water flea (*Ceriodaphnia dubia*)

> 10 mg/l, 7 days, 7 day static renewal, EPA 1002

NOEC

Water flea (*Ceriodaphnia dubia*)

10 mg/l, 7 days

\* Estimates for product may be based on additional component data not shown.

**12.2. Persistence and degradability**

No data is available on the degradability of this product.

## Persistence and degradability

### Photolysis

#### Half-life (Photolysis-aqueous)

ACYCLOVIR 3.55 Hours Measured, pH 7 Buffer Solution

### Hydrolysis

#### Half-life (Hydrolysis-neutral)

ACYCLOVIR > 1 Years Measured

### Biodegradability

#### Percent degradation (Aerobic biodegradation-inherent)

ACYCLOVIR 50 %, < 1 day Modified Zahn-Wellens, Activated sludge

#### Percent degradation (Aerobic biodegradation-ready)

ACYCLOVIR 0.7 %, 28 days Sturm test

**12.3. Bioaccumulative potential** No data available for this product.

### Partition coefficient

#### n-octanol/water (log Kow)

ACYCLOVIR -1.2

### 12.4. Mobility in soil

#### Adsorption

##### Sludge/biomass distribution coefficient - log Kd

ACYCLOVIR 2.33 - 2.37 Estimated

##### Soil/sediment sorption - log Koc

ACYCLOVIR 2.6 - 2.64 Measured

**12.5. Results of PBT and vPvB assessment** Not available.

**12.6. Other adverse effects** Not available.

## SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

### 13.1. Waste treatment methods

#### Residual waste

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).

#### Contaminated packaging

Empty containers should be taken to an approved waste handling site for recycling or disposal.

#### EU waste code

The Waste code should be assigned in discussion between the user, the producer and the waste disposal company.

#### Disposal methods/information

Collect and reclaim or dispose in sealed containers at licensed waste disposal site.

## SECTION 14: Transport information

### ADR

Not regulated as dangerous goods.

### IATA

Not regulated as dangerous goods.

### IMDG

Not regulated as dangerous goods.

#### 14.7. Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL73/78 and the IBC Code

MARPOL Annex II applies to liquids used in a ship's operation that pose a threat to the marine environment. These materials may not be transported in bulk.

## SECTION 15: Regulatory information

### 15.1. Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture

#### EU regulations

##### Regulation (EC) No. 1005/2009 on substances that deplete the ozone layer, Annex I

Not listed.

##### Regulation (EC) No. 1005/2009 on substances that deplete the ozone layer, Annex II

Not listed.

##### Regulation (EC) No. 850/2004 On persistent organic pollutants, Annex I as amended

Not listed.

##### Regulation (EC) No. 689/2008 concerning the export and import of dangerous chemicals, Annex I, part 1 as amended

Not listed.

##### Regulation (EC) No. 689/2008 concerning the export and import of dangerous chemicals, Annex I, part 2 as amended

Not listed.

- Regulation (EC) No. 689/2008 concerning the export and import of dangerous chemicals, Annex I, part 3 as amended**  
Not listed.
- Regulation (EC) No. 689/2008 concerning the export and import of dangerous chemicals, Annex V as amended**  
Not listed.
- Regulation (EC) No. 166/2006 Annex II Pollutant Release and Transfer Registry**  
Not listed.
- Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006, REACH Article 59(1) Candidate List as currently published by ECHA**  
Not listed.

**Authorisations**

- Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006, REACH Annex XIV Substances subject to authorization, as amended**  
Not listed.

**Restrictions on use**

- Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006, REACH Annex XVII Substances subject to restriction on marketing and use as amended**  
Not listed.
- Directive 2004/37/EC: on the protection of workers from the risks related to exposure to carcinogens and mutagens at work**  
Not listed.
- Directive 92/85/EEC: on the safety and health of pregnant workers and workers who have recently given birth or are breastfeeding**  
Not listed.

**Other EU regulations**

- Directive 96/82/EC (Seveso II) on the control of major-accident hazards involving dangerous substances**  
Not listed.
- Directive 98/24/EC on the protection of the health and safety of workers from the risks related to chemical agents at work.**  
Always applicable.
- Directive 94/33/EC on the protection of young people at work**  
Not regulated.

**Other regulations**

The product is classified and labelled in accordance with EC directives or respective national laws. This Safety Data Sheet complies with the requirements of Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006.

**National regulations**

Not available.

**15.2. Chemical safety assessment**

No Chemical Safety Assessment has been carried out.

**SECTION 16: Other information**

**List of abbreviations**

Not available.

**References**

GSK Hazard Determination

**Information on evaluation method leading to the classification of mixture**

The classification for health and environmental hazards is derived by a combination of calculation methods and test data, if available.

**Full text of any statements or R-phrases and H-statements under Sections 2 to 15**

R52 Harmful to aquatic organisms.

**Revision information**

Product and Company Identification: Business Units  
Composition / Information on Ingredients: Disclosure Overrides  
Physical & Chemical Properties:  
TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION:  
Transport Information: Agency Name and Packaging Type/Transport Mode Selection

**Training information**

Follow training instructions when handling this material.

**Disclaimer**

The information and recommendations in this safety data sheet are, to the best of our knowledge, accurate as of the date of issue. Nothing herein shall be deemed to create any warranty, express or implied. It is the responsibility of the user to determine the applicability of this information and the suitability of the material or product for any particular purpose.