

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

#### 1.1. Product identifier

Product form : Solution  
Product name : Levemir®  
Formula :  $C_{267}H_{402}O_{76}N_{64}S_6$   
Other means of identification : Levemir® Flexpen®, Levemir® 10 ml vial, Insulin Detemir, Levemir® FlexTouch®

#### 1.2. Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

Use of the substance/mixture : Drug Product

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

Novo Nordisk  
800 Scudders Mill Road  
Plainsboro, NJ 08536  
T 800-727-6500  
[www.novonordisk-us.com](http://www.novonordisk-us.com)

#### 1.4. Emergency telephone number

Emergency number : 800-727-6500

### SECTION 2: Hazards identification

#### 2.1. Classification of the substance or mixture

##### GHS-US classification

Skin Sens. 1 H317

#### 2.2. Label elements

##### GHS-US labelling

Hazard pictograms (GHS-US) :



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Signal word (GHS-US) : Warning  
Hazard statements (GHS-US) : H317 - May cause an allergic skin reaction  
Precautionary statements (GHS-US) : P261 - Avoid breathing fume, mist, spray, vapors  
P272 - Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace  
P280 - Wear appropriate PPE  
P302+P352 - IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water  
P321 - Specific treatment (see Section 4 on this label)  
P333+P313 - If skin irritation or rash occurs: Get medical advice/attention  
P362+P364 - Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse  
P501 - Dispose of contents/container to comply with local/regional/national/international regulations

#### 2.3. Other hazards

Other hazards not contributing to the classification : Inactive ingredients include: zinc, cresol, glycerol, phenol, disodium phosphate dihydrate, sodium chloride, and water for injection.

#### 2.4. Unknown acute toxicity (GHS-US)

No data available

### SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

#### 3.1. Substance

Not applicable

Full text of H-phrases: see section 16

**3.2. Mixture**

Name	Product identifier	%	Classification (GHS-US)
Aqueous solution for injection contains: Insulin Detemir	(CAS No) 169148-63-4	100	Skin Sens. 1, H317
Metacresol	(CAS No) 108-39-4	≤0.2	Acute Tox. 3 (Oral), H301 Acute Tox. 3 (Dermal), H311 Skin Corr. 1B, H314 Aquatic Acute 3, H402
Phenol	(CAS No) 108-95-2	≤0.17	Acute Tox. 3 (Oral), H301 Acute Tox. 3 (Dermal), H311 Acute Tox. 3 (Inhalation), H331 Skin Corr. 1B, H314 Muta. 2, H341 STOT RE 2, H373 Aquatic Acute 3, H402

**SECTION 4: First aid measures****4.1. Description of first aid measures**

- First-aid measures general : Ensure that medical personnel are aware of the material(s) involved and take precautions to protect themselves.
- First-aid measures after inhalation : Not an anticipated route of entry. If inhaled, remove person to fresh air.
- First-aid measures after skin contact : Remove affected clothing and wash all exposed skin area with mild soap and water, followed by warm water rinse. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.
- First-aid measures after eye contact : Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water, occasionally lifting the upper and lower eyelids. Check for and remove any contact lenses. Continue to rinse for at least 10 minutes. Get medical attention if irritation occurs.
- First-aid measures after ingestion : When swallowed, seek medical attention if symptoms persist and show the physician the package insert. Do NOT induce vomiting. Not expected to be active orally (hypoglycemia).

**4.2. Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed**

- Symptoms/injuries after inhalation : Not investigated. Inhalation of mist containing protein may cause sensitization.
- Symptoms/injuries after skin contact : May cause irritation by the active substance or any of the excipients.
- Symptoms/injuries after eye contact : May cause irritation. Avoid contact with the eyes.
- Symptoms/injuries after ingestion : Not expected to be active orally. Absorption is not expected. Ingestion is not known to cause health effects.
- Symptoms/injuries upon inadvertent injection : Local Allergic Reaction: As with any insulin therapy, injection site reactions may occur and include pain, redness, itching, hives, swelling, bruising and inflammation. Systemic Reactions - Severe, life-threatening, generalized allergy, including anaphylaxis, may occur with any insulin product. May cause hypoglycemia.

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

No additional information available

**SECTION 5: Firefighting measures****5.1. Extinguishing media**

- Suitable extinguishing media : Any. Use media appropriate for surrounding fire.

**5.2. Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture**

- Fire hazard : Not flammable.
- Reactivity : Not reactive under normal use and conditions.

**5.3. Advice for firefighters**

- Protection during firefighting : Positive pressure self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) and structural firefighters' protective clothing will provide adequate protection.

**SECTION 6: Accidental release measures****6.1. Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures**

- General measures : Seek fresh air.
- 6.1.1. For non-emergency personnel**
- Emergency procedures : Evacuate unnecessary personnel.
- 6.1.2. For emergency responders**
- Protective equipment : Equip cleanup crew with proper protection.

### 6.2. Environmental precautions

Under normal use, this product is not expected to impact the environment. Prevent entry to sewers and public waters.

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

For containment : Do not touch or walk through spilled material.  
 Methods for cleaning up : Absorb spillage to prevent material damage.

## SECTION 7: Handling and storage

### 7.1. Precautions for safe handling

Precautions for safe handling : Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Use personal protective equipment as required.  
 Hygiene measures : Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Practice good housekeeping. Wash thoroughly after handling. Change contaminated clothing. Do not reuse until laundered.

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

Storage conditions : Must be kept in tightly original packings and store according to product instruction and to prevent degradation.  
 Storage temperature : Keep refrigerated 2 to 8 °C (36 to 46 °F) but not in the freezer. Do not freeze.

### 7.3. Specific end use(s)

Drug Product.

## SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

### 8.1. Control parameters

Phenol (108-95-2)		
USA ACGIH	ACGIH TWA (ppm)	5 ppm
USA ACGIH	Remark (ACGIH)	URT irr; lung dam; CNS impair
USA OSHA	OSHA PEL (TWA) (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	19 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
USA OSHA	OSHA PEL (TWA) (ppm)	5 ppm
Metacresol (108-39-4)		
USA ACGIH	ACGIH TWA (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	22 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
USA ACGIH	ACGIH TWA (ppm)	5 ppm
USA OSHA	OSHA PEL (TWA) (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	22 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
USA OSHA	OSHA PEL (TWA) (ppm)	5 ppm
USA OSHA	Remark (US OSHA)	Skin Irrt.

### 8.2. Exposure controls

Appropriate engineering controls : Work must be done with effective mechanical ventilation. There must be access to running water and eye wash.  
 Personal protective equipment : Avoid all unnecessary exposure.  
 Hand protection : Polyvinylchloride (PVC) /Nitrile rubber gloves.  
 Eye protection : Eye protection such as chemical splash goggles and/or face shield must be worn when possibility exists for eye contact due to splashing or spraying liquid. Contact lenses should not be worn.  
 Skin and body protection : PVC gloves, nitril rubber or similar protection are recommended for waste clear-up and manufacturing operations.  
 Respiratory protection : Not normally required.

## SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

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

Physical state : Liquid  
 Appearance : Clear, colorless neutral liquid.  
 Molecular mass : 5916.9 g/mol  
 Colour : Colorless. clear.  
 Odour : Cresol and phenol  
 Odour threshold : No data available  
 pH : 7.4

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pH solution	: 7,4
Relative evaporation rate (butylacetate=1)	: No data available
Melting point	: No data available
Freezing point	: No data available
Boiling point	: No data available
Flash point	: No data available
Auto-ignition temperature	: No data available
Decomposition temperature	: No data available
Flammability (solid, gas)	: No data available
Vapour pressure	: No data available
Relative vapour density at 20 °C	: No data available
Relative density	: No data available
Solubility	: No data available
Log Pow	: No data available
Log Kow	: No data available
Viscosity, kinematic	: No data available
Viscosity, dynamic	: No data available
Explosive properties	: No data available
Oxidising properties	: No data available
Explosive limits	: No data available

### SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

#### 10.1. Reactivity

Not reactive under normal use and conditions.

#### 10.2. Chemical stability

Product is stable.

#### 10.3. Possibility of hazardous reactions

Hazardous polymerization will not occur.

#### 10.4. Conditions to avoid

None under recommended storage and handling conditions (see section 7).

#### 10.5. Incompatible materials

Protect from excessive heat and sunlight.

#### 10.6. Hazardous decomposition products

No known hazardous decomposition products.

### SECTION 11: Toxicological information

#### 11.1. Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity : Not classified

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Additional information	Hypersensitivity to the active substance or to any of the excipients. May cause hypoglycemia.
Phenol (108-95-2)	
LD50 oral rat	270 mg/kg <i>Gigiena i Sanitariya</i> . For English translation, see HYSAAV. Vol. 38(8), Pg. 6, 1973.
LD50 dermal rabbit	630 mg/kg <i>Union Carbide Data Sheet</i> . Vol. 1/6/1966.
LC50 inhalation rat (ppm)	81 ppm <i>Nagoznyi</i> 1976
ATE CLP (oral)	100.000 mg/kg body weight
ATE CLP (dermal)	300.000 mg/kg body weight
ATE CLP (gases)	700.000 ppmV/4h
ATE CLP (vapors)	3.000 mg/l/4h

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ATE CLP (dust, mist)	0.500 mg/l/4h
Metacresol (108-39-4)	
LD50 oral rat	242 mg/kg BIOFAX Industrial Bio-Test Laboratories, Inc., Data Sheets.Vol. 3-5/1969.
LD50 dermal rabbit	2050 mg/kg BIOFAX Industrial Bio-Test Laboratories, Inc., Data Sheets. Vol. 3-5/1969,
Skin corrosion/irritation	: Not classified
Serious eye damage/irritation	: Not classified
Respiratory or skin sensitisation	: May cause an allergic skin reaction.
Germ cell mutagenicity	: Not classified (Insulin detemir tested negative for genotoxic potential in the in vitro reverse mutation study in bacteria, human peripheral blood lymphocyte chromosome aberration test, and the in vivo mouse micronucleus test.)
Carcinogenicity	: Not classified (Standard 2-year carcinogenicity studies in animals have not been performed.)

Phenol (108-95-2)	
IARC group	3 - Not classifiable
Reproductive toxicity	: Not classified (In a fertility and embryonic development study, insulin detemir was administered to female rats before mating, during mating, and throughout pregnancy at doses up to 300 nmol/kg/day (3 times a human dose of 0.5 Units/kg/day, based on plasma AUC ratio). There were no effects on fertility in the rat.)
Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)	: Not classified
Specific target organ toxicity (repeated exposure)	: Not classified

Phenol (108-95-2)	
LOAEL (oral,rat,90 days)	1.8 mg/kg bodyweight/day
Aspiration hazard	: Not classified
Symptoms/injuries after inhalation	: Not investigated. Inhalation of mist containing protein may cause sensitization.
Symptoms/injuries after skin contact	: May cause irritation by the active substance or any of the excipients.
Symptoms/injuries after eye contact	: May cause irritation. Avoid contact with the eyes.
Symptoms/injuries after ingestion	: Not expected to be active orally. Absorption is not expected. Ingestion is not known to cause health effects.
Symptoms/injuries upon inadvertant injection.	: Local Allergic Reaction: As with any insulin therapy, injection site reactions may occur and include pain, redness, itching, hives, swelling, bruising and inflammation. Systemic Reactions - Severe, life-threatening, generalized allergy, including anaphylaxis, may occur with any insulin product. May cause hypoglycemia.

## SECTION 12: Ecological information

### 12.1. Toxicity

Ecology - general : Avoid discharge to drain or surface water.

Phenol (108-95-2)	
LC50 fish	20.5 mg/l Cairns, J.Jr., and A. Scheier 1959. The Relationship of Bluegill Sunfish Body Size to Tolerance for Some Common Chemicals. Proc.13th Ind.Waste Conf., Purdue Univ.Eng.Bull 96:243-252; Smith, S., V.J. Furay, P.J. Layiwola, and J.A. Menezes-Filho 1994. Ev
EC50 Daphnia	20 mg/l Kamshilov, M.M., and B.A. Flerov 1976. Experimental Research on Phenol intoxication of Aquatic Organisms and Destruction of Phenol in Model Communities. In: D.I.Mount, W.R.Swain, N.K.Ivanikiw (Eds.), Proc.1st and 2nd USA-USSR Symp.on Effects of Pollutants upon Aquatic Ecosystems, Duluth, MN :181-192 (U.S.NTIS PB-287-219) (Author Communication Used); Cowgill, U.M., and D.P. Milazzo 1991. The Sensitivity of Ceriodaphnia dubia and Daphnia magna to Seven Chemicals Utilizing the Three-Brood Test. Arch.Environ.Contam.Toxicol. 20(2):211-217
EC50 Daphnia	12.6 mg/l Holcombe, G.W., G.L. Phipps, A.H. Sulaiman, and A.D. Hoffman 1987. Simultaneous Multiple Species Testing: Acute Toxicity of 13 Chemicals to 12 Diverse Freshwater Amphibian, Fish, and Invertebrate Families. Arch.Environ.Contam.Toxicol. 16:697-710 (OECDG Data File)
ErC50 (algae)	229 mg/l (72 hours) Tisler, T., and J. Zagorc-Koncan 1995. Relative Sensitivity of Some Selected Aquatic Organisms to Phenol. Bull.Environ.Contam.Toxicol. 54(5):717-723

Phenol (108-95-2)	
ErC50 (other aquatic plants)	84.5 mg/l (96 hours) Thellen, C., C. Blaise, Y. Roy, and C. Hickey 1989. Round Robin Testing with the Selenastrum capricornutum Microplate Toxicity Assay. Hydrobiologia 188/189:259-268
Metacresol (108-39-4)	
LC50 fish	15.9 (8.9 - 55.9) mg/l Wellens, H. 1982. Comparison of the Sensitivity of Brachydanio rerio and Leuciscus idus by Testing the Fish Toxicity of Chemicals and Wastewaters. Z.Wasser-Abwasser-Forsch. 51(2):49-52 (GER) (ENG ABS)
EC50 Daphnia	18.8 mg/l Parkhurst, B.R., A.S. Bradshaw, J.L. Forte, and G.P. Wright 1979. An Evaluation of the Acute Toxicity to Aquatic Biota of a Coal Conversion Effluent and its Major Components. Bull. Environ.Contam.Toxicol. 23(3):349-356

### 12.2. Persistence and degradability

No additional information available

### 12.3. Bioaccumulative potential

Phenol (108-95-2)	
Log Pow	1.5

### 12.4. Mobility in soil

No additional information available

### 12.5. Other adverse effects

No additional information available

## SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

### 13.1. Waste treatment methods

Waste disposal recommendations : The product is not hazardous waste. Dispose in a safe manner in accordance with local/national regulations.

## SECTION 14: Transport information

In accordance with DOT

Not regulated for transport

### Additional information

Other information : No supplementary information available.

### ADR

Transport document description :

### Transport by sea

No additional information available

### Air transport

No additional information available

## SECTION 15: Regulatory information

### 15.1. US Federal regulations

Phenol (108-95-2)	
Listed on the United States TSCA (Toxic Substances Control Act) inventory	
Listed on United States SARA Section 313	
RQ (Reportable quantity, section 304 of EPA's List of Lists) :	1000 lb
Metacresol (108-39-4)	
Listed on the United States TSCA (Toxic Substances Control Act) inventory	
Listed on United States SARA Section 313	
RQ (Reportable quantity, section 304 of EPA's List of Lists) :	100 lb
Aqueous solution for injection contains: Insulin Detemir (169148-63-4)	
Not listed on the United States TSCA (Toxic Substances Control Act) inventory	

### 15.2. International regulations

#### CANADA

No additional information available

#### EU-Regulations

No additional information available

#### Classification according to Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008 [CLP]

#### Classification according to Directive 67/548/EEC [DSD] or 1999/45/EC [DPD]

Not classified

#### 15.2.2. National regulations

No additional information available

### 15.3. US State regulations

#### Phenol (108-95-2)

U.S. - Idaho - Non-Carcinogenic Toxic Air Pollutants - Acceptable Ambient Concentrations  
 U.S. - Maine - Air Pollutants - Hazardous Air Pollutants  
 U.S. - Massachusetts - Right To Know List  
 U.S. - New Jersey - Right to Know Hazardous Substance List  
 U.S. - New York - Reporting of Releases Part 597 - List of Hazardous Substances  
 U.S. - Pennsylvania - RTK (Right to Know) List

#### Metacresol (108-39-4)

U.S. - Idaho - Non-Carcinogenic Toxic Air Pollutants - Acceptable Ambient Concentrations  
 U.S. - Maine - Air Pollutants - Hazardous Air Pollutants  
 U.S. - Massachusetts - Right To Know List  
 U.S. - New Jersey - Right to Know Hazardous Substance List  
 U.S. - New York - Reporting of Releases Part 597 - List of Hazardous Substances  
 U.S. - Pennsylvania - RTK (Right to Know) List

## SECTION 16: Other information

#### Data sources

- ChemIDplus [<http://chem.sis.nlm.nih.gov/chemidplus/rn/116094-23-6>].
- Environmental Health & Toxicology - National Library of Medicine [<http://sis.nlm.nih.gov/enviro.html>].
- Novo Nordisk. 2013. Levemir Prescribing Information. Retrieved from <http://www.novonordiskmedicalinformation.com/products.aspx>

#### Training advice

- No special training is necessary but a thorough knowledge of this safety data sheet is assumed.

#### Full text of H-phrases: see section 16:

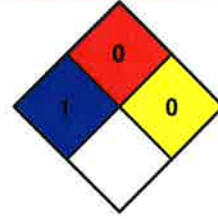
Acute Tox. 3 (Dermal)	Acute toxicity (dermal) Category 3
Acute Tox. 3 (Inhalation)	Acute toxicity (inhalation) Category 3
Acute Tox. 3 (Oral)	Acute toxicity (oral) Category 3
Aquatic Acute 3	Hazardous to the aquatic environment - Acute Hazard Category 3
Muta. 2	Germ cell mutagenicity Category 2
Skin Corr. 1B	Skin corrosion/irritation Category 1B
Skin Sens. 1	Skin sensitization Category 1
STOT RE 2	Specific target organ toxicity (repeated exposure) Category 2
H301	Toxic if swallowed
H311	Toxic in contact with skin
H314	Causes severe skin burns and eye damage
H317	May cause an allergic skin reaction
H331	Toxic if inhaled
H341	Suspected of causing genetic defects
H373	May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure
H402	Harmful to aquatic life

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- NFPA health hazard : 1 - Exposure could cause irritation but only minor residual injury even if no treatment is given.
- NFPA fire hazard : 0 - Materials that will not burn.
- NFPA reactivity : 0 - Normally stable, even under fire exposure conditions, and are not reactive with water.



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