

Number of Medicines Containing Excipients with a Known Effect in the Lebanese Market

Excipient with a Known Effect	No. of Medicines Containing the Excipients
Lactose	1070
Sodium	1015
Mannitol (E 421)	295
Propylene glycol (E 1520) and esters of propylene glycol	224
Sucrose	224
Sodium laurilsulfate	222
Glycerol (E 422)	152
Sorbitol (E 420)	151
Ethanol	134
Benzyl alcohol	64
Benzalkonium chloride	62
Macroglycerol ricinoleate (castor oil polyoxyl) Macroglycerol hydroxystearate (castor oil polyoxyl hydrogenated)	58
Potassium	52
Aspartame (E 951)	48
Cetostearyl alcohol including Cetyl alcohol	45
Butylated hydroxytoluene (E 321)	36
Benzoic acid (E 210) and benzoates	34
Wheat starch (containing gluten)	31
Glucose	29
Parahydroxybenzoates and their esters	29
Phosphate buffers	27
Butylated hydroxyanisole (E 320)	23
Soya oil Hydrogenated soya oil	21
Sorbic acid (E 200) and salts	20
Azo colouring agents	17
Stearyl alcohol	14
Boric acid (and borates)	13
Sulphites including metabisulphites	13
Cyclodextrins	11
Maltitol (E 965) Isomalt (E 953) (isomaltitol) Maltitol liquid (hydrogenated glucose syrup)	11
Sesame oil	11
Xylitol (E 967)	10

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Chlorocresol	6
Wool fat (lanolin)	5
Arachis oil (peanut oil)	4
Fructose	4
Bronopol	2
Formaldehyde	2
Heparin (as an excipient)	2
Phenylalanine	1