Emerging Designer Drug Monograph

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Drug Name: Pentedrone

Synonyms: 2-(methylamino)-1-phenylpentan-1-one, 2-(methylamino)-1-phenyl-1-pentanone,

monohydrochloride, α-methylamino-Valerophenone

Structure:

Formula: $C_{12}H_{17}NO$

Molecular Weight: 191.3

Pharmacological Drug Class: Ketone derivative of amphetamine that acts as a CNS stimulant.

Metabolism: Metabolism for Pentedrone has not been recorded in the literature.

Blood Concentrations: No blood concentrations have been recorded in literature on pentedrone.

Effects and Toxicity: Pentedrone is a stimulant drug structurally related to methcathinone. User accounts describe effects similar to cocaine at moderate doses including alertness, mild euphoria, numbness, and paranoia. Toxicity in cases of co-administration with other stimulants is caused by cardiovascular effects (1).

Analysis: This is a low molecular weight, basic compound that can be found has a hydrochloride salt. Pentedrone base form has been analyzed by NMR and GC-MS. GC-MS analysis should follow derivatization of active hydrogens. Trimethylsilyl derivatives give a molecular ion of m/z 249 and an alpha cleavage ion of m/z 234. Silylated derivatives yield ions m/z 144 and 105 (2). SWGDRUG outlines GC-MS parameters and sample chromatograms.

References:

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Forendex

http://forendex.southernforensic.org/index.php/detail/index/1164

SWGDRUG Monograph

http://www.swgdrug.org/Monographs/pentedrone.pdf

Drugs- Forum User Accounts

http://www.drugs-forum.com/forum/showwiki.php?title=Pentedrone