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- Kampo product -

## JUNKOU Hochuekkito FC Extract Fine Granules for Ethical Use (Hochuekkito)

<p>Storage: Store at room temperature. See the section "PRECAUTIONS FOR HANDLING" Expiration date: The expiration date is indicated on the outer package.</p>
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### DESCRIPTION

(1) The daily dose of this product, 7.50 g, contains 4.90 g of the dried extract (Hochuekkito extract) from the following mixed crude drugs.

JP Ginseng -----	4.00 g
JP Jujube -----	2.00 g
JP Actractylodes Rhizome -----	4.00 g
JP Bupleurum Root -----	2.00 g
JP Astragalus Root -----	4.00 g
JP Glycyrrhiza -----	1.50 g
JP Japanese Angelica Root -----	3.00 g
JP Ginger -----	0.50 g
JP Citrus Unshiu Peel -----	2.00 g
JP Cimicifuga Rhizome -----	1.00 g

(JP: The Japanese Pharmacopeia)

The inactive ingredients contained are Corn Starch and Lactose Hydrate.

(2) This product is yellowish brown-colored fine granules, smells uniquely, and tastes slightly bitter initially and slightly sweet later.

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### INDICATIONS

The following symptoms of those patients who are dispirited, having poor gastrointestinal function and are likely to get tired: Infirm constitution, fatigue and malaise, declined constiution after disease, anorexia, and night sweats

### DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

The usual adult dose is 7.5 g/day orally in 2 or 3 times before or between meals. The dosage may be adjusted according to the patient's age, body weight, and symptoms.

### PRECAUTIONS

#### (1) Important Precautions

- When this product is used, the patient's "SHO" (constitution/symptoms) should be taken into account. The patient's progress should be carefully monitored, and if no improvement in symptoms/findings is observed, continuous treatment should be avoided.
- Since this product contains Glycyrrhiza, careful attention should be paid to the serum potassium level, blood pressure, etc., and if any abnormality is observed, administration should be discontinued.
- When this product is coadministered with other Kampo-products (Japanese traditional herbal medicines), etc., attention should be paid to the duplication of the contained crude drugs.

#### (2) Drug Interactions

**Precautions for coadministration (Hochuekkito should be administered with care when coadministered with the following drugs.)**

Drugs	Signs, Symptoms, and Treatment	Mechanism and Risk Factors
(1) Preparations containing Glycyrrhiza	Pseudoaldosteronism is likely to occur. Besides, myopathy is likely to occur as a result of hypokalemia.	Since glycyrrhizinic acid has an accelerating action on the potassium excretion at the renal tubules, an acceleration of decrease in the serum potassium level has been suggested.
(2) Preparations containing glycyrrhizinic acid or glycyrrhizates	(Refer to the section "Clinically significant adverse reactions")	

### (3) Adverse Reactions

This product has not been investigated (drug use investigations, etc.) to determine the incidence of adverse reactions. Therefore, the incidence of adverse reactions is not known.

#### 1) Clinically significant adverse reactions

- ① **Interstitial Pneumonia:** If fever, cough, dyspnea, abnormal pulmonary sound (fine crackle), etc. are observed, administration of this product should be discontinued, and examination such as chest X-ray should be performed immediately and appropriate measures such as administration of adrenocortical hormones should be taken. Besides, the patient should be advised to discontinue this product immediately and to make contact with the physician in the event of fever, cough, dyspnea, etc.
- ② **Pseudoaldosteronism:** Pseudoaldosteronism such as hypokalemia, increased blood pressure, retention of sodium/body fluid, edema, increased body weight, etc. may occur. The patient should be carefully monitored (measurement of serum potassium level, etc.) and if any abnormality is observed, administration should be discontinued and appropriate measures such as administration of potassium preparations should be taken.
- ③ **Myopathy:** Myopathy may occur as a result of hypokalemia. The patient should be carefully monitored, and if any abnormality such as weakness, convulsion/paralysis of limbs, etc. are observed, administration should be discontinued and appropriate measures such as administration of potassium preparations should be taken.
- ④ **Hepatic dysfunction and jaundice:** Hepatic dysfunction, with elevation of AST(GOT), ALT(GPT), Al-P and  $\gamma$ -GTP level, and/or jaundice may occur. The patient should be carefully monitored for abnormal findings. Administration should be discontinued and appropriate therapeutic measures should be taken, if abnormalities are observed.

#### 2) Other adverse reactions

	Incidence Unknown
<b>Hypersensitivity</b> Note 1)	Rash, Urticaria, etc.
<b>Gastrointestinal</b>	Anorexia, Epigastric distress, Nausea, Diarrhea, etc.

Note 1) If such symptoms are observed, administration should be discontinued.

### (4) Use in the Elderly

Because the elderly often have reduced physiological function, careful supervision and measures such as reducing the dose are recommended.

### (5) Use during Pregnancy, Delivery or Lactation

The safety of this product in pregnant women has not been established. Therefore, the product should be used in pregnant women, women who may possibly be pregnant only if the expected therapeutic benefits outweigh the possible risks associated with treatment.

### (6) Pediatric Use

The safety of this product in children has not been established.  
[Insufficient clinical data]

### (7) Other Precautions

Eczema, dermatitis, etc. may be aggravated.

## PRECAUTIONS FOR HANDLING

- Store at dry and cool place, protected from direct sunlight.
- Since this product contains natural crude drugs, some differences may be noted in the color or taste, etc. However, there is no change in the effect.

## PACKAGING

210 g (2.5 g x 84 packets)

## REQUEST FOR LITERATURE SHOULD BE MADE TO:

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