

NEW DETECTION TIME: CETIRIZINE AND HYDROXYZINE

The British Horseracing Authority (BHA) would like to advise the Responsible Person (i.e. trainers, owners, breeders) and their veterinary surgeons of a new Detection Time for cetirizine and hydroxyzine. The Detection Time will be effective from 01 December 2018.

DETECTION TIMES				
Substance	Preparation	Dose	Route of Administration (no of horses)	Detection Time (hours)
Cetirizine	Allacan® (Bristol Laboratories Ltd)	190mg twice daily for 4.5 days (9 doses)	Oral (2)	96
Hydroxyzine	Atarax® (Alliance Pharmaceuticals Ltd)	500mg twice daily for 4.5 days (9 doses)	Oral (6)	96

These Detection Times have been added to the BHA Published Detection Times.

Cetirizine and hydroxyzine are both anti-histamines. They are not licensed for use in horses in the United Kingdom, however, they may be prescribed for use in horses by a veterinary surgeon under the Veterinary Medicine Directorate's Cascade legislation.

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