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## Community herbal monograph on *Thymus vulgaris* L. and *Thymus zygis* L., herba and *Primula veris* L. and *Primula elatior* (L.) Hill, radix

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<sup>1</sup> Correction introduced in the posology for herbal preparation f)



<p>BG (bългарски): Машерка, стрък/Иглика, корен</p> <p>CS (čeština): tymiánová nať a prvosienkový kořen</p> <p>DA (dansk): Timian og Primularod</p> <p>DE (Deutsch): Thymian/Primelwurzel</p> <p>EL (elliniká): πόα θύμου / ριζωμα ηρανθούς</p> <p>EN (English): thyme/Primula root</p> <p>ES (español): Tomillo partes aéreas de/Primula, raíz de</p> <p>ET (eesti keel): liivatee ürt/nurmenuku juur</p> <p>FI (suomi): timjami/kevätessikko, juuri</p> <p>FR (français): Thym (parties aériennes de) / Primevère (racine de)</p> <p>HU (magyar): Kakukkfű/kankalingyökér</p> <p>IT (italiano): Timo parti aeree/Primula (Primavera, Primula odorosa) radice</p>	<p>LT (lietuvių kalba): Vaistinių čiobrelių žolė ir raktažolių šaknys</p> <p>LV (latviešu valoda): Timiānu laksti/Prīmulu saknes</p> <p>MT (malti): Timu u Primula</p> <p>NL (nederlands): tijm/sleutelbloem</p> <p>PL (polski): Ziele tymianku/ Korzeń pierwiosnka</p> <p>PT (português): Tomilho/Primavera, raiz</p> <p>RO (română): Iarbă de cimbru/Rădăcină de ciuboțica cucului</p> <p>SK (slovenčina): Tymianová vňať/Prvosienkový koreň</p> <p>SL (slovenščina): zel vrtne materine dušice / korenina jegliča</p> <p>SV (svenska): Timjan / Gullviverot</p> <p>IS (íslenska):</p> <p>NO (norsk): Timian/Primularot</p>
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Supersede

**Community herbal monograph on *Thymus vulgaris* L. and *Thymus zygis* L., herba and *Primula veris* L. and *Primula elatior* (L.) Hill, radix**

**1. Name of the medicinal product**

To be specified for the individual finished product.

**2. Qualitative and quantitative composition<sup>2, 3</sup>**

Well-established use	Traditional use
	<p>With regard to the registration application of Article 16d(1) of Directive 2001/83/EC as amended</p> <p>Fixed combination of <i>Thymus vulgaris</i> L. and <i>Thymus zygis</i> L., herba and <i>Primula veris</i> L. and <i>Primula elatior</i> (L.) Hill, radix (thyme and Primula root)</p> <p>i) Herbal substance</p> <p>Not applicable.</p> <p>ii) Herbal preparations</p> <p>a) Dry extract from thyme (DER 6-10:1), extraction solvent ethanol 70% v/v and dry extract from Primula root (DER 3.5-4.5:1), extraction solvent water</p> <p>b) Liquid extract from thyme (DER 1:2-2.5), extraction solvent ammonia solution 10% m/m : glycerol 85% m/m : ethanol 90% v/v : water (1:20:70:109) and soft extract from Primula root (DER 3-7:1), extraction solvent methanol : water : ammonia solution 26% (50:49.5:0.5)</p> <p>c) Liquid extract from thyme (DER 1:2-2.5), extraction solvent ammonia solution 10% m/m : glycerol 85% m/m : ethanol 90% v/v : water (1:20:70:109) and soft extract from Primula root (DER 1-2:1), extraction solvent ethanol 55% v/v</p>

<sup>2</sup> The material complies with the Ph. Eur. monographs (ref.: 04/2009:0865 and 01/2008:1364 corrected 6.0).

<sup>3</sup> The declaration of the active substance(s) for an individual finished product should be in accordance with relevant herbal quality guidance.

Well-established use	Traditional use
	<p>d) Dry extract from thyme (DER 4.5-7:1), extraction solvent methanol 25% v/v and dry extract from Primula root (DER 4-6:1), extraction solvent water</p> <p>e) Liquid extract from thyme (DER 1:2-3), extraction solvent ethanol 20% v/v and liquid extract from Primula root (DER 1:2-3), extraction solvent ethanol 15% v/v</p> <p>f) Soft extract from thyme (DER 5-7:1), extraction solvent methanol 25% v/v and soft extract from Primula root (DER 6-10:1), extraction solvent water</p> <p>g) Liquid extract from thyme (DER 1:2-2.5), extraction solvent ammonia solution 10% m/m : glycerol 85% m/m : ethanol 90% v/v : water (1:20:70:109) and tincture from Primula root (Ratio herbal substance to extraction solvent 1:5), extraction solvent ethanol 50% v/v</p> <p>h) Liquid extract from thyme (DER 1:2-2.5), extraction solvent ammonia solution 10% m/m : glycerol 85% m/m : ethanol 90% v/v : water (1:20:70:109) and liquid extract from Primula root (DER 1:2-2.5), extraction solvent ethanol 70% m/m</p> <p>i) Liquid extract from the mixture of thyme (DER 1:3.3) and Primula root (DER 1:2-4.6), extraction solvent water</p>

### 3. Pharmaceutical form

Well-established use	Traditional use
	<p>Herbal preparations in liquid or solid dosage forms for oral use.</p> <p>The pharmaceutical form should be described by the European Pharmacopoeia full standard term.</p>

## 4. Clinical particulars

### 4.1. Therapeutic indications

Well-established use	Traditional use
	<p>Traditional herbal medicinal product used as an expectorant in cough associated with cold.</p> <p>The product is a traditional herbal medicinal product for use in the specified indication exclusively based upon long-standing use.</p>

### 4.2. Posology and method of administration

Well-established use	Traditional use
	<p><b>Posology</b></p> <p><i>Adolescents, adults and elderly</i></p> <p>a) Single dose: Fixed combination of 75 mg dry thyme extract and 37.5 mg dry Primula root extract Daily dose: 3 times daily</p> <p>b) Single dose: Fixed combination of 1.13 g liquid thyme extract and 0.045 g soft Primula root extract Daily dose: 3 times daily</p> <p>c) Single dose: Fixed combination of 1.16 g liquid thyme extract and 0.17 g soft Primula root extract Daily dose: 4 times daily</p> <p>d) Single dose: Fixed combination of 110 mg dry thyme extract and 21 mg dry Primula root extract Daily dose: 3 times daily</p> <p>e) Single dose: Fixed combination of 1.24 g liquid thyme extract and 0.41 g liquid Primula root extract Daily dose: 3-5 times daily</p> <p>f) Single dose: Fixed combination of 128 mg soft thyme extract and 18 mg soft Primula root extract. Daily dose: 3-4 times daily</p> <p>g) Single dose: Fixed combination of 0.43 g liquid thyme extract and 0.21 g Primula root tincture</p>

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	<p>Daily dose: 5 times daily</p> <p>h) Single dose: Fixed combination of 0.5 g liquid thyme extract and 0.25 g liquid Primula root extract Daily dose: 6 times daily</p> <p>i) Single dose: 3.08 g of an aqueous extract which is equivalent to 0.22–0.51 g of Primula root and 0.62 g of thyme. Daily dose: 4 times daily</p> <p><i>Children between 4 and 12 years of age</i></p> <p>c) Single dose: Fixed combination of 0.77 g liquid thyme extract and 0.12 g soft Primula root extract Daily dose: 3-4 times daily</p> <p>g) Single dose: Fixed combination of 0.36 g liquid thyme extract and 0.18 g Primula root tincture Daily dose: 3-5 times daily</p> <p>h) Single dose: Fixed combination of 0.33 g liquid thyme extract and 0.17 g liquid Primula root extract Daily dose: 3-5 times daily</p> <p><b>Herbal preparations a, b, d, e, f, i</b></p> <p>The use in children under 12 years of age is not recommended (see section 4.4 'Special warnings and precautions for use').</p> <p><b>Herbal preparations c, g, h</b></p> <p>The use in children under 4 years of age is not recommended (see section 4.4 'Special warnings and precautions for use').</p> <p><b>Duration of use</b></p> <p>If the symptoms persist longer than 1 week during the use of the medicinal product, a doctor or a qualified health care practitioner should be consulted.</p> <p><b>Method of administration</b></p> <p>Oral use.</p>

### 4.3. Contraindications

Well-established use	Traditional use
	Hypersensitivity to the active substance(s) or to other plants of the Lamiaceae family.

### 4.4. Special warnings and precautions for use

Well-established use	Traditional use
	<p>If dyspnoea, fever or purulent sputum occurs, a doctor or a qualified health care practitioner should be consulted.</p> <p>Caution is recommended in patients with gastritis or gastric ulcer.</p> <p>If the symptoms worsen during the use of the medicinal product, a doctor or a qualified health care practitioner should be consulted.</p> <p>For tinctures and extracts containing ethanol, the appropriate labelling for ethanol, taken from the 'Guideline on excipients in the label and package leaflet of medicinal products for human use', must be included.</p> <p>Herbal preparations a, b, d, e, f, i</p> <p>The use in children under 12 years of age has not been established due to lack of adequate data.</p> <p>Herbal preparations c, g, h</p> <p>The use in children under 4 years of age has not been established because medical advice should be sought.</p>

### 4.5. Interactions with other medicinal products and other forms of interaction

Well-established use	Traditional use
	None reported.

### 4.6. Fertility, pregnancy and lactation

Well-established use	Traditional use
	Safety during pregnancy and lactation has not been established. In the absence of sufficient data, the use during pregnancy and lactation is

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	not recommended. No fertility data available.

#### 4.7. Effects on ability to drive and use machines

Well-established use	Traditional use
	No studies on the effect on the ability to drive and use machines have been performed.

#### 4.8. Undesirable effects

Well-established use	Traditional use
	Gastric disorders and nausea may occur. The frequency is not known.  If other adverse reactions not mentioned above occur, a doctor or a qualified health care practitioner should be consulted.

#### 4.9. Overdose

Well-established use	Traditional use
	No case of overdose has been reported.

### 5. Pharmacological properties

#### 5.1. Pharmacodynamic properties

Well-established use	Traditional use
	Not required as per Article 16c(1)(a)(iii) of Directive 2001/83/EC as amended.

#### 5.2. Pharmacokinetic properties

Well-established use	Traditional use
	Not required as per Article 16c(1)(a)(iii) of Directive 2001/83/EC as amended.

#### 5.3. Preclinical safety data

Well-established use	Traditional use
	Not required as per Article 16c(1)(a)(iii) of



Well-established use	Traditional use
	Directive 2001/83/EC as amended, unless necessary for the safe use of the product.  Tests on reproductive toxicity, genotoxicity and carcinogenicity have not been performed.

## 6. Pharmaceutical particulars

Well-established use	Traditional use
	Not applicable.

## 7. Date of compilation/last revision

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Superseded