

## Appendix B: Drugs which are antihistamines or have antihistamine activity and which may interfere with skin testing

Generic	Commercial	Withholding period (days)	Comment
<b>Antihistamines</b>			
Brompheniramine	Demazin*, Dimetapp*	5	Withholding period varies in individuals due to different rates of metabolism; 4 days is recommended as general advice.
Cetirizine	Alzene, Cetrelief, ZepAllergy, Zilarex, Zodac, Zyrtec	4	
Chlorpheniramine	Codral*, Demazin*, Dimetapp*, Logicin*, Sudafed*, Sinutab*	4	
Cyproheptadine	Periactin	4	
Desloratadine	Aerius	4	
Dexchlorpheniramine	Polaramine	4	
Diphenhydramine	Benadryl, Paedamin, Snuzaid, Unisom Sleepgels	2	
Dimenhydrinate	Travacalm		
Doxylamine	Dolased, Codagesic, Codalgin, Dimetapp*, Dozile, Fiorinal, Maxydol, Mersyndol, Panalgesic, Restavit, Tensodeine	2	
Fexofenadine	Allerfexo, Fexo, Fexal, Fexorelief, Fexotabs, Tefodine, Telfast, Xergic	4	
Levocetirizine	Xyzal	4	
Loratadine	Alledine, Allerdyne, Allereze, Claratyne, Lorano, Lorapaed, Lorastyne	10	Usually 4 days is sufficient
Pheniramine	Avil	4	
promethazine HCl	Allersoothe, Avomine, Phenergan, Fenezal	4	
trimeprazine	Vallergan	2	
triprolidine	Codral*, Sudafed*	1	
<b>H-2 antagonists</b>			
cimetidine	Magicul, Tagamet	1	There may be only minimal suppression of the skin test
ranitidine	Ausran, Rani-2, Ranital, Ranoxyl	1	
famotidine	Ausfam, Famohexal, Pamicid, Pepcidine, Pepzan	1	
<b>Antidepressants</b>			
amitriptyline	Endep		

clomipramine	Anafranil Placil, generic		Withholding period not established, antihistamine effect variable but often significant.
dothiepin	Dothep		
doxepin	Deptran, Sinequan	7	
imipramine	Tofranil, Tolerade		
mianserin	Lumin, Tolvon		
mirtazapine	Aurozamine, Avanza, Axit, Mirtazon, Milivin, Remeron		
trimipramine	Surmontil		
<b>Anti-migraine</b>			
pizotifen	Sandomigran		
<b>Anti-emetics</b>			
prochlorperazine	Nausegil, Nausrelief, Prozine, Procalm, Stemetil, Stemizine		Weak antihistamine
<b>Neuroleptics</b>			
chlorpromazine	Largactil		Withholding period not established, may be up to 2 weeks Antihistamine effect variable between drugs and individuals.
clozapine	Clopine, Clozaril, Closyn		
flupenthixol	Fluanxol**		
fluphenazine	Modecate		
olanzapine	Lanzek, Ozin, Zylap, Zypine, Zyprexa		
pericyazine	Neulactil**		
quetiapine	Delucon, Quetiaccord, Quipine, Sequase, Seronia, Seroquel, Syquel		
risperidone	Ozidal, Resdone, Rispa, Risperdal, Rispericor, Rixadone		
zuclopenthixol	Clopixol**		

\* Multiple preparations under this name, check label

\*\* Antihistamine effect not formally demonstrated but thought likely due to structural and functional similarities with other drugs.