

### What is Cuvestrequin?

Cuvestrequin is a topical gel barrier for use on horses with broken or irritated skin and may be recommended by a veterinary surgeon for use as an alternative to conventional bandaging in the management of wounds.

### What's in Cuvestrequin?

Cuvestrequin is made from a natural polymer combined with metal salts in an ethanol base. It uses ingredients that are approved by the EU as food and feed additives. The gel is completely biodegradable.

### Does Cuvestrequin contain antibiotics or steroids?

No, Cuvestrequin **DOES NOT** contain any antibiotics or steroids.

### What are the properties of Cuvestrequin?

- Cuvestrequin provides a hydrophobic, water repellent and waterproof barrier.
- It is biofilm resistant and non-colonisable.
- The physical barrier provides protection against flies.
- Contains ingredients approved for use as food and feed additives; it is well-tolerated and safe to use.
- Adhesive so can be used to cover areas that are unsuitable for the use of conventional bandages.

### How is Cuvestrequin supplied?

Cuvestrequin comes in a 90g sealed laminate tube with a screw cap. To dispense the Cuvestrequin gel, remove the protective first-user seal and dispense. Replace the screw cap after use.

### How should Cuvestrequin be stored?

Cuvestrequin should be stored in a dry location, below 25°C. **DO NOT** place the product in a refrigerator or in a freezer.

### Does Cuvestrequin have a use by date?

Yes. Check the use-by date embossed on the tube. Keep the nozzle clean and replace the cap after each use.

### Where can Cuvestrequin be used?

Cuvestrequin is for use on horses with broken or irritated skin and may be recommended by a veterinary surgeon for use as an alternative to conventional bandaging in the management of wounds. It is advisable to perform a small patch test on each new horse prior to use.

### Caution

- **DO NOT** use in or around the eyes.
- Use carefully around the nose and mouth.
- **NOT** suitable for internal use.
- If applied over a suture or staple line **DO NOT** reapply within 48 hours of suture/staple removal.

### Will Cuvestrequin trap exudate?

No, Cuvestrequin will not adhere to areas where there is significant exudate. The barrier layer will therefore allow drainage through small openings where there is fluid pressure, which allows the exudate to escape.

## How to use Cuvestrequin

### Site preparation

For best results the body area should be clipped and cleaned as required to remove debris and foreign material, then dried prior to application.

### Application technique

Wearing disposable gloves, apply a thin, even layer (2-3mm) using your fingers. Allow to dry for 60 seconds. For best results, keep the horse in a clean dry area for 1 hour, to allow the dressing to fully set, before applying rugs or tack. If applying to the foot or heel, avoid bedding for 1 hour post-application to prevent bedding material from becoming stuck to the dressing.

### How much Cuvestrequin should I use?

A pea-sized amount covers about 4cm in diameter. Avoid thick layers - they take longer to dry.

### Do I need to remove Cuvestrequin?

No. Cuvestrequin naturally dries and flakes off within 24-72 hours, it is totally biodegradable.

### What should I do if I need to remove Cuvestrequin?

- Fresh gel: wipe gently with cotton wool or paper towel.
- Up to 48 hours old: use warm water and cotton wool to gently wipe the product away; be aware that because Cuvestrequin is water repellent this may take some time.
- 72 hours or older: it will be fully dried and will have started to flake off naturally.

### Can I reapply Cuvestrequin?

Yes. Gently remove any loose flakes and apply a new thin layer over the top. Do not remove gel that is still adhered - it is still protecting the underlying tissue.

### How often should I reapply Cuvestrequin?

Typically, every 24-48 hours, depending on the location and level of friction. High friction areas e.g. around tack or on feet will need to be reapplied more regularly than low friction areas e.g. on the trunk or face.

### How long should I use Cuvestrequin for?

Use as long as protection is required.

### Can I use other products with Cuvestrequin?

Cuvestrequin can be used as a gel bandage in the same way as a conventional bandage, i.e. to retain any prescribed treatments, including antibiotic sprays, at the affected site for longer. Please speak with your veterinary surgeon for their advice on which products are compatible with Cuvestrequin.

**DO NOT** use Cuvestrequin with oil-based products or Manuka Honey.

### Can I carry on with my horse's normal routine?

- Field turnout: Yes, Cuvestrequin is waterproof and suitable for turnout.
- Riding/lunging: Yes, once fully dried (after 1 hour).
- Exercise boots/bandages: Not recommended on treated limbs due to friction.
- Rugs: Yes, after drying. Smooth-lined rugs are preferable to reduce friction.
- Check with your vet for specific cases.

### What to do if my horse appears to have a reaction to Cuvestrequin?

Please note that a patch test is recommended prior to use. However, if your horse appears to have a reaction to Cuvestrequin, remove the gel barrier as above and seek veterinary advice.

### What should I do if I get Cuvestrequin on clothes or tack?

Allow it to dry, then brush off with a stiff brush.