# Drug Status Report

**Drug:** Ketamine impurity A

Drug Name Status: Ketamine impurity A is the common name

Chemical Name: 1-[(2-chlorophenyl)(methylimino)methyl]cyclopentanol

## **Chemical structure:**



# Molecular Formula: C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>16</sub>ClNO

## Pharmacological class / Application: pharmaceutical related substance

#### International status:

US: Ketamine impurity A is not currently listed explicitly on the schedules to the US Controlled Substances Act and is not mentioned on the DEA website.

United Nations: The substance is not listed on the Yellow List - List of Narcotic Drugs under International Control nor the Green List - List of Psychotropic Substances under International Control.

Canadian Status: Ketamine is subitem 14(1) of Schedule I to the CDSA. It is considered an analogue of phencyclidine because it is a phenylcyclohexylamino compound. Ketamine impurity A is a phenylcyclopentyl compound, It is therefore not an analogue of phencyclidine.

Recommendation: Ketamine impurity A is not included in item 14 of Schedule I to the CDSA and is not a controlled substance.

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