- 4. Accurately measure 30 ml Liquid Paraffin BP in a conical measure.
- Transfer the Liquid Paraffin BP to a clean dry porcelain mortar.
- 6. Measure 20 ml of Double Strength Chloroform Water BP (from the 100 ml measured in step 3).
- 7. Transfer the Acacia BP to the mortar and stir gently (approximately 3 stirs).
- 8. Add the 20 ml of Double Strength Chloroform Water BP to the mortar all in one go.
- 9. Stir vigorously with the pestle in one direction only until the primary emulsion is formed.
- 10. Add more Double Strength Chloroform Water BP to the primary emulsion until the emulsion is pourable.
- 11. Transfer to an appropriate conical measure with rinsings.
- 12. Make up to volume with any remaining Double Strength Chloroform Water BP and freshly boiled and cooled purified water.
- 13. Stir and transfer to an amber flat medical bottle, label and dispense to the patient.

5. Choice of container

A plain amber bottle with a child-resistant closure would be most suitable as the preparation is an emulsion for internal use.

6. Labelling considerations

a. Title

The product is unofficial, therefore the following title would be suitable: 'Liquid paraffin 15% v/v emulsion'.

b. Quantitative particulars.

Quantitative particulars are required as the product is unofficial. As this is a product for internal use, the quantitative particulars will be expressed per dose (i.e. per 15 ml).

Each 15 ml contains:

Liquid Paraffin BP2.25 mlAcacia BP0.75 gDouble Strength Chloroform Water BP7.5 mlFreshly boiled and cooled purified waterto 15 ml

- **c.** Product-specific cautions (or additional labelling requirements) 'Shake the bottle' will need to be added to the label as the product is an emulsion and will need shaking before use to ensure an accurate dose is measured.
- **d.** Directions to patient interpretation of Latin abbreviations where necessary

'Take THREE 5ml spoonfuls THREE times a day'.

e. Recommended *British National Formulary* cautions when suitable

Not applicable.