

- b.** Vehicle/diluent
Not applicable.
- c.** Preservative
No preservative is included in the preparation.
- d.** Flavouring when appropriate
Dusting powders are for external use and so no flavouring is required.

Method for preparing Zinc Starch and Talc Dusting Powder BPC using the above formula

1. Weigh 25 g Zinc Oxide BP using a Class II or electronic balance.
2. Weigh 25 g Starch BP using a Class II or electronic balance.
3. Weigh 50 g Purified Talc BP using a Class II or electronic balance.
4. Transfer the Starch BP to a porcelain mortar.
5. Add the Zinc Oxide BP to the Starch BP in the mortar and mix using a pestle.
6. Add the Purified Talc BP to the powders in the mortar and continue mixing.
7. Transfer the mixed powder to a powder shaker container (Figure 8.2) or an amber glass jar.
8. Label and dispense to the patient.

Tips

The powders are admixed in order of volume, remembering the 'doubling-up' technique.



Figure 8.2

A powder shaker.