Containers and storage  Containers—Hermetic containers. Storage—In a cold place, and avoid freezing.

Expiration date  24 months after preparation.

**Insulin Zinc Injection (Aqueous Suspension)**

インスリン亜鉛水性懸濁注射液

Insulin Zinc Injection (Aqueous Suspension) is an aqueous suspension for injection. It contains not less than 90% and not more than 110% of the labeled Insulin Units, and not less than 0.20 mg and not more than 0.30 mg of zinc (Zn: 65.39) for each labeled 100 Units.

**Method of preparation** Prepare as directed under Injections, with Insulin and Zinc Chloride. It contains 0.15 to 0.17 g of Sodium Acetate, 0.65 to 0.75 g of Sodium Chloride and 0.09 to 0.11 g of Methyl Parahydroxybenzoate for each 100 mL of Insulin Zinc Injection (Aqueous Suspension).

**Description** Insulin Zinc Injection (Aqueous Suspension) is a white suspension. When allowed to stand, it separates into a white precipitate and a colorless supernatant liquid, and it readily becomes a suspension again on gentle shaking.

When it is examined microscopically, the majority of the particles in the suspension are crystals, the dimension of which is 10 to 40 μm. The rest is amorphous and does not exceed 2 μm in dimension.

**Purity** Dissolved insulin—Perform the following test with a clear liquid obtained by centrifuging Insulin Zinc Injection (Aqueous Suspension): not more than 2.5% of the labeled units is found.

Use the clear liquid of Insulin Zinc Injection (Aqueous Suspension) as the sample solution. Prepare the standard solution having a concentration of 2.5% of the labeled units of Insulin Zinc Injection (Aqueous Suspension) by proceeding as directed in the Assay (iv) under Insulin Injection. Divide the healthy rabbits weighing not less than 1.8 kg, fasted for not less than 14 hours before injection, into 2 equal groups of not less than 3. Inject subcutaneously an amount of the standard solution or the sample solution equivalent to 0.3 units per kg of body mass to the animals of each group. Collect blood before and 1 hour and 2.5 hours after injection, then proceed as directed in the Assay (viii) under Insulin Injection, and calculate the ratio of the average blood sugar level of 1 hour and 2.5 hours after to that of before injection of each animal; the mean value for the group injected the sample solution is not less than that for the group injected the standard solution.

**Nitrogen content** Perform the test as directed under the Nitrogen Determination: the amount of nitrogen (N: 14.01) is not less than 0.30 mg and not more than 0.64 mg for each labeled 100 Unites.

**Assay** (1) Insulin—Produce as directed in the Assay under Insulin Injection with the clear liquid obtained from Insulin Zinc Injection (Aqueous Suspension) by adjusting the pH to about 2.5 with diluted hydrochloric acid (1 in 100).

(2) Zinc—Measure exactly a volume of Insulin Zinc Injection (Aqueous Suspension), equivalent to about 400 Units according to the labeled units, add 1 mL of 0.1 mol/L hydrochloric acid TS and sufficient water to make exactly 200 mL, then dilute with water to contain 0.6 to 1.0 μg of zinc (Zn: 65.39) per mL, and use this solution as the sample solution. Separately, pipet a volume of Standard Zinc Solution for atomic absorption spectrophotometry, dilute with water to contain 0.4 to 1.2 μg of zinc (Zn: 65.39) per mL, and use this solution as the standard solution. Perform the test with the sample solution and the standard solution as directed under the Atomic Absorption Spectrophotometry according to the following conditions, and determine the amount of zinc in the sample solution using the calibration curve obtained from the absorbance of the standard solution.

Gas: Combustible gas—Acetylene gas
Supporting gas—Air
Lamp: Zinc hollow-cathode lamp
Wavelength: 213.9 nm

(3) Crystalline insulin—Measure exactly a volume of Insulin Zinc Injection (Aqueous Suspension), equivalent to about 600 Units according to the labeled units, centrifuge, discard the supernatant liquid, suspend the residue in 5 mL of water, add 10 mL of sodium acetate-acetone TS, shake for 3 minutes, and centrifuge. Discard the supernatant liquid, and repeat the above treatment on the residue. Wash down the residue into a Kjeldahl flask with 15 mL of sulfuric acid, and perform the test as directed under the Nitrogen Determination: the amount of nitrogen (N: 14.01) is not less than 55% and not more than 70% of the total nitrogen content. Calculate the total nitrogen content for insulin Units of the sample taken from the values of nitrogen obtained in the Nitrogen content. The amount of nitrogen (N: 14.01) is not less than 55% and not more than 70% of the total nitrogen content.

Containers and storage  Containers—Hermetic containers. Storage—In a cold place, and avoid freezing.

Expiration date  24 months after preparation.

**Amorphous Insulin Zinc Injection (Aqueous Suspension)**

無晶型インスリン亜鉛水性懸濁注射液

Amorphous Insulin Zinc Injection (Aqueous Suspension) is an aqueous suspension for injection. It contains not less than 90% and not more than 110% of the labeled Insulin Units, and not less than 0.12 mg and not more than 0.30 mg of zinc (Zn: 65.39) for each labeled 100 Units.

**Method of preparation** Prepare as directed under Injections, with Insulin and Zinc Chloride. Each 100 mL of Amorphous Insulin Zinc Injection (Aqueous Suspension) contains 0.15 to 0.17 g of Sodium Acetate, 0.65 to 0.75 g of Sodium Chloride, and 0.09 to 0.11 g of Methyl Parahydroxybenzoate.

**Description** Amorphous Insulin Zinc Injection (Aqueous
Suspension) is a white suspension. When allowed to stand, it separates into a white precipitate and a colorless supernatant liquid, and it readily becomes a suspension again on gentle shaking.

When examined microscopically, most of the particles in the suspension are amorphous and have no uniform shape, and most of the dimension does not exceed 2 μm.

**Identification** Adjust the pH of Amorphous Insulin Zinc Injection (Aqueous Suspension) to between 2.5 and 3.5 with dilute hydrochloric acid: the particles dissolve, and the solution is clear and colorless.

**pH** 7.1 – 7.5

**Purity** Dissolved insulin—Perform the following test with a clear liquid obtained by centrifuging Amorphous Insulin Zinc Injection (Aqueous Suspension): not more than 2.5% of the labeled units is found.

Use the clear liquid of Amorphous Insulin Zinc Injection (Aqueous Suspension) as the sample solution. Prepare the standard solution having a concentration of 2.5% of the labeled units of Insulin Zinc Injection (Aqueous Suspension) by proceeding as directed in the Assay (iv) under Insulin Injection. Divide healthy rabbits weighing more than 1.8 kg, fasted for not less than 14 hours before injection, into 2 equal groups of not less than 3. Inject subcutaneously an amount of the standard solution or the sample solution equivalent to 0.3 units per kg of body mass to the animals of each group. Collect blood before and 1 hour and 2.5 hours after injection, then proceed as directed in the Assay (viii) under Insulin Injection, and calculate the ratio of the average blood sugar level of 1 hour and 2.5 hours after to that of before injection of each animal: the mean value for the group injected the sample solution is not less than that for the group injected the standard solution.

**Nitrogen content** Perform the test as directed under the Nitrogen Determination: the amount of nitrogen (N: 14.01) is not less than 0.50 mg and not more than 0.64 mg for each labeled 100 Units.

**Assay (1)** Insulin—Proceed as directed in the Assay under Insulin Injection with the clear liquid obtained from Amorphous Insulin Zinc Injection (Aqueous Suspension) by adjusting the pH to about 2.5 with dilute hydrochloric acid (1 in 100).

(2) Zinc—Measure exactly a volume of Amorphous Insulin Zinc Injection (Aqueous Suspension), equivalent to about 200 Units according to the labeled units, add 1 mL of 0.1 mol/L hydrochloric acid TS and sufficient water to make exactly 200 mL, then dilute with water to contain 0.6 to 1.0 μg of zinc (Zn: 65.39) per mL, and use this solution as the sample solution. Separately, pipet a volume of Standard Zinc Solution for atomic absorption spectrophotometry, dilute with water to contain 0.4 to 1.2 μg of zinc (Zn: 65.39) per mL, and use this solution as the standard solution. Perform the test with the sample solution and the standard solution as directed under the Atomic Absorption Spectrophotometry according to the following conditions, and determine the amount of zinc in the sample solution using the calibration curve obtained from the absorbance of the standard solution.

Gas: Combustible gas—Acetylene gas
Supporting gas—Air
Lamp: Zinc hollow-cathode lamp

**Wavelength** 213.9 nm

(3) Crystalline insulin—Measure exactly a volume of Amorphous Insulin Zinc Injection (Aqueous Suspension), equivalent to about 1000 Units according to the labeled units, centrifuge, discard the supernatant liquid, suspend the residue in 5 mL of water, add 10 mL of sodium acetate-acetone TS, shake for 3 minutes, and centrifuge. Discard the supernatant liquid, and repeat the above treatment on the residue. Wash down the residue into a Kjeldahl flask with 15 mL of sulfuric acid, and perform the test as directed under the Nitrogen Determination: the amount of nitrogen (N: 14.01) is not more than 10% of the total nitrogen content. Calculate the total nitrogen content for insulin Units of the sample taken from the values of nitrogen obtained in the Nitrogen content.

**Containers and storage** Containers—Hermetic containers.
Storage—In a cold place, and avoid freezing.

**Expiration date** 24 months after preparation.

**Crystalline Insulin Zinc Injection (Aqueous Suspension)**

結晶性インスリン亜鉛水性懸濁注射液

Crystalline Insulin Zinc Injection (Aqueous Suspension) is an aqueous suspension for injection. It contains not less than 90% and not more than 110% of the labeled Insulin Units, and not less than 0.12 mg and not more than 0.30 mg of zinc (Zn: 65.39) for each labeled 100 Units.

**Method of preparation** Prepare as directed under Injections, with Insulin and Zinc Chloride. Each 100 mL of Crystalline Insulin Zinc Injection (Aqueous Suspension) contains 0.15 to 0.17 g of Sodium Acetate, 0.65 to 0.75 g of Sodium Chloride, and 0.09 to 0.11 g of Methyl Parahydroxybenzoate.

**Description** Crystalline Insulin Zinc Injection (Aqueous Suspension) is a white suspension. When allowed to stand, it separates into a white precipitate and a colorless supernatant liquid, and it readily becomes a suspension again on gentle shaking.

When it is examined microscopically, most part of the particles in the suspension are crystals, the dimension of which is mostly 10 to 40 μm.

**Identification** Adjust the pH of Crystalline Insulin Zinc Injection (Aqueous Suspension) to between 2.5 and 3.5 with dilute hydrochloric acid: the particles dissolve, and the solution is clear and colorless.

**pH** 7.1 – 7.5

**Purity** Dissolved insulin—Perform the following test with a clear liquid obtained by centrifuging Crystalline Insulin Zinc Injection (Aqueous Suspension): not more than 2.5% of the labeled units is found.

Use the clear liquid of Crystalline Insulin Zinc Injection (Aqueous Suspension) as the sample solution. Prepare the standard solution having a concentration of 2.5% of the la-