Benzylpenicillin Potassium conforms to the requirements of Benzylpenicillin Potassium in the Requirements for Antibiotic Products of Japan.

**Description** Benzylpenicillin Potassium occurs as white crystals or crystalline powder.

It is very soluble in water, sparingly soluble in ethanol (95), and practically insoluble in diethyl ether.

### Berberine Chloride

[Chemical Structure Image]

C_{30}H_{34}ClN_{4}O_{6}·xH_{2}O
5,6-Dihydro-9,10-dimethoxy[1,3]dioxolo[4,5-g]-isoquinolo[3,2-a]isoquinolin-7-ium chloride hydrate
[633-65-8, anhydride]

Berberine Chloride contains not less than 95.0% and not more than 102.0% of C_{30}H_{34}ClN_{4}O_{6} (mol. wt.: 371.81), calculated on the anhydrous basis.

**Description** Berberine Chloride occurs as yellow crystals or crystalline powder. It is odorless or has a faint, characteristic odor. It has a very bitter taste.

It is sparingly soluble in methanol, slightly soluble in ethanol (95), and very slowly soluble in water.

**Identification**

1. Determine the absorption spectrum of a solution of Berberine Chloride (1 in 100,000) as directed under the Ultraviolet-visible Spectrophotometry, and compare the spectrum with the Reference Spectrum or the spectrum of a solution of Berberine Chloride Reference Standard prepared in the same manner as the sample solution: both spectra exhibit similar intensities of absorption at the same wavelengths.

2. Determine the infrared absorption spectrum of Berberine Chloride as directed in the potassium bromide disk method under the Infrared Spectrophotometry, and compare the spectrum with the Reference Spectrum or the spectrum of Berberine Reference Standard: both spectra exhibit similar intensities of absorption at the same wave numbers.

3. Dissolve 0.1 g of Berberine Chloride in 20 mL of water by warming, add 0.5 mL of nitric acid, cool, and filter after allowing to stand for 10 minutes. To 3 mL of the filtrate add 1 mL of silver nitrate TS, and collect the produced precipitate: the precipitate does not dissolve in dilute nitric acid, but it dissolves in an excess amount of ammonia TS.

**Purity**

1. Acid—Shake thoroughly 0.10 g of Berberine Chloride with 30 mL of water, and filter. To the filtrate add 2 drops of phenolphthalein TS and 0.10 mL of 0.1 mol/L sodium hydroxide VS: the yellow color changes to an orange to red color.

2. Sulfate—Shake 1.0 g of Berberine Chloride with 48 mL of water and 2 mL of dilute hydrochloric acid for 1 minute, and filter. Discard the first 5 mL of the filtrate, take the subsequent 25 mL of the filtrate, add water to make 50 mL, and perform the test using this solution as the test solution. Prepare the control solution with 0.50 mL of 0.005 mol/L sulfuric acid VS, 1 mL of dilute hydrochloric acid, 5 to 10 drops of bromophenol blue TS and water to make 50 mL (not more than 0.048%).

3. Heavy metals—Proceed with 1.0 g of Berberine Chloride according to Method 2, and perform the test. Prepare the control solution with 3.0 mL of Standard Lead Solution (not more than 30 ppm).

4. Related substances—Dissolve 0.010 g of Berberine Chloride in 100 mL of the mobile phase, and use this solution as the sample solution. Pipet 4 mL of the sample solution, add the mobile phase to make exactly 100 mL, and use this solution as the standard solution. Perform the test with 10 µL each of the sample solution and the standard solution as directed under the Liquid Chromatography according to the following conditions. Determine each peak area of both solutions by the automatic integration method: the total of the peak areas other than berberine of the sample solution is not larger than the peak area of berberine of the standard solution.

**Operating conditions**

Detector, column, column temperature, mobile phase, flow rate, and selection of column: Proceed as directed in the operating conditions in the Assay.

Detection sensitivity: Adjust the detection sensitivity so that the peak height of berberine obtained from 10 µL of the standard solution is about 10% of the full scale.

Time span of measurement: About 2 times as long as the retention time of berberine, after the solvent peak.

**Water** 8–12% (0.1 g, direct titration).

**Residue on Ignition** Not more than 0.10% (1 g).

**Assay** Weigh accurately 0.010 g of Berberine Chloride, dissolve in the mobile phase to make exactly 100 mL, and use this solution as the sample solution. Separately, weigh accurately about 0.010 g of Berberine Chloride Reference Standard (separately, determined the water content), and dissolve in the mobile phase to make exactly 100 mL, and use this solution as the standard solution. Perform the test with 10 µL each of the sample solution and the standard solution as directed under the Liquid Chromatography according to the following conditions. Determine the peak areas, A_{f} and A_{S} of berberine in each solution.

Amount (mg) of C_{30}H_{34}ClN_{4}O_{6}
= amount (mg) of Berberine Chloride Reference Standard, calculated on the anhydrous basis × \frac{A_{f}}{A_{S}}

**Operating conditions**

Detector: An ultraviolet absorption photometer (wavelength: 345 nm).

Column: A stainless steel column about 4 mm in inside diameter and about 25 cm in length, packed with octadecylsilanized silica gel for liquid chromatography (5 µm in particle diameter).
Column temperature: A constant temperature of about 40°C.

Mobile phase: Dissolve 3.4 g of monobasic potassium phosphate and 1.7 g of sodium lauryl sulfate in 1000 mL of a mixture of water and acetonitrile (1:1).

Flow rate: Adjust the flow rate so that the retention time of berberine is about 10 minutes.

Selection of column: Dissolve each 1 mg of berberine chloride and palmatin chloride in the mobile phase to make 10 mL. Proceed with 10 μL of this solution under the above operating conditions, and calculate the resolution. Use a column giving elution of palmatin and berberine in this order with the resolution between these peaks being not less than 1.5.

System repeatability: When the test is repeated five times with the standard solution under the above operating conditions, the relative standard deviation of the peak areas of berberine is not more than 1.5%.

Containers and storage Containers—Tight containers. Storage—Light-resistant.

**Berberine Tannate**

タンニン酸ベルベリン

Berberine Tannate is a compound of berberine and tannic acid. It contains not less than 27.0% and not more than 33.0% of berberine (C_{29}H_{35}NO_{5}: 353.37), calculated on the anhydrous basis.

Description Berberine Tannate occurs as a yellow to light yellow-brown powder. It is odorless or has a faint, characteristic odor, and is tasteless.

It is practically insoluble in water, in acetonitrile, in methanol and in ethanol (95).

Identification (1) To 0.1 g of Berberine Tannate add 10 mL of ethanol (95), and heat in a water bath for 3 minutes with shaking. Cool, filter, and to 5 mL of the filtrate add 1 drop of iron (III) chloride TS: a blue-green color is produced, and on allowing to stand, a bluish black precipitate is formed.

(2) Dissolve 0.01 g of Berberine Tannate in 10 mL of methanol and 0.4 mL of 1 mol/L hydrochloric acid TS, and add water to make 200 mL. To 8 mL of the solution add water to make 25 mL. Determine the absorption spectrum of the solution as directed under the Ultraviolet-visible Spectrophotometry, and compare the spectrum with the Reference Spectrum: both spectra exhibit similar intensities of absorption at the same wavelengths.

(3) Determine the infrared absorption spectrum of Berberine Tannate, previously dried, as directed in the potassium bromide disk method under the Infrared Spectrophotometry, and compare the spectrum with the Reference Spectrum or the spectrum of Berberine Reference Standard: both spectra exhibit similar intensities of absorption at the same wave numbers.

Purity (1) Acid—To 0.10 g of Berberine Tannate add 30 mL of water, and filter after shaking well. To the filtrate add 2 drops of phenolphthalein TS and 0.10 mL of 0.1 mol/L sodium hydroxide VS: the color of the solution changes from yellow to orange to red.

(2) Chloride—Shake 1.0 g of Berberine Tannate with 38 mL of water and 12 mL of dilute nitric acid for 5 minutes, and filter. Discard the first 5 mL of the filtrate, to 25 mL of the subsequent filtrate add water to make 50 mL, and perform the test using this solution as the test solution. Prepare the control solution with 0.50 mL of 0.01 mol/L hydrochloric acid VS by adding 6 mL of dilute nitric acid, 10 to 15 drops of bromophenol blue TS and water to make 50 mL (not more than 0.035%).

(3) Sulfate—Shake 1.0 g of Berberine Tannate with 48 mL of water and 2 mL of dilute hydrochloric acid for 1 minute, and filter. Discard the first 5 mL of the filtrate, take the subsequent 25 mL of the filtrate, add water to make 50 mL, and perform the test using this solution as the test solution. Prepare the control solution with 0.50 mL of 0.005 mol/L sulfuric acid VS, 1 mL of dilute hydrochloric acid, 5 to 10 drops of bromophenol blue TS and water to make 50 mL (not more than 0.048%).

(4) Heavy metals—Proceed with 1.0 g of Berberine Tannate according to Method 2, and perform the test. Prepare the control solution with 3.0 mL of Standard Lead Solution (not more than 0.0 ppm).

(5) Related substances—Dissolve 0.010 g of Berberine Tannate in 100 mL of the mobile phase, and use this solution as the sample solution. Pipet 4 mL of the sample solution, add the mobile phase to make exactly 100 mL, and use this solution as the standard solution. Perform the test with 10 μL each of the sample solution and the standard solution as directed under the Liquid Chromatography according to the following conditions. Determine each peak area of both solutions by the automatic integration method: the total of the peak areas other than berberine of the sample solution is not larger than the peak area of berberine of the standard solution.

Operating conditions—Detector, column, column temperature, mobile phase, and flow rate: Proceed as directed in the operating conditions in the Assay.

Selection of column: Dissolve each 1 mg of berberine chloride and palmatin chloride in the mobile phase to make 10 mL. Proceed with 10 μL of this solution under the above operating conditions, and calculate the resolution. Use a column giving elution of palmatin and berberine in this order with complete separation of these peaks.

Detection sensitivity: Adjust the detection sensitivity so that the peak height of berberine obtained from 10 μL of the standard solution is about 10% of the full scale.

Time span of measurement: About 2 times as long as the retention time of berberine, after the solvent peak.

Water Not more than 6.0% (0.7 g, direct titration).

Residue on ignition Not more than 1.0% (1 g).

Assay Weigh accurately about 0.03 g of Berberine Tannate, dissolve in the mobile phase to make exactly 100 mL, and use this solution as the sample solution. Separately, weigh accurately about 0.01 g of Berberine Chloride Reference Standard (separately, determined the water content), dissolve in the mobile phase to make exactly 100 mL, and use this solution as the standard solution. Perform the test with 10 μL each of the sample solution and the standard solution as directed under the Liquid Chromatography according to the following conditions. Determine the peak areas,