Bufexamac

Bufexamac, when dried, contains not less than 98.0% of C₁₂H₁₇NO₃.

Description Bufexamac occurs as white to pale yellowish white crystals or crystalline powder. It has a faint, characteristic odor, and is tasteless.

It is freely soluble in N,N-dimethylformamide, sparingly soluble in methanol and in ethanol (95), and practically insoluble in water and in diethyl ether.

Melting point: about 162°C (with decomposition).

Identification (1) To 5 mL of a solution of Bufexamac in methanol (1 in 5000) add 1 drop of iron (III) chloride-methanol TS, and shake: a dark red color develops.

(2) Determine the absorption spectrum of a solution of Bufexamac in ethanol (95) (1 in 100,000) 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 Bufexamac as directed in the potassium bromide disk method under the Infrared Spectrophotometry, and compare the spectrum with the Reference Spectrum: both spectra exhibit similar intensities of absorption at the same wave numbers.

Purity (1) Clarity and color of solution—Dissolve 0.20 g of Bufexamac in 20 mL of ethanol (95): the solution is clear and colorless.

(2) Heavy metals—Proceed with 2.0 g of Bufexamac according to Method 4, and perform the test. Prepare the control solution with 2.0 mL of Standard Lead Solution (not more than 10 ppm).

(3) Arsenic—Prepare the test solution with 1.0 g of Bufexamac according to Method 3, and perform the test using Apparatus B (not more than 2 ppm).

(4) Related substances—Dissolve 0.20 g of Bufexamac in 10 mL of methanol, and use this solution as the sample solution. Pipet 1 mL of the sample solution, add methanol to make exactly 100 mL, and use this solution as the standard solution. Perform the test with these solutions as directed under the Thin-layer Chromatography. Use a plate of silica gel with fluorescent indicator for thin-layer chromatography, moisten the surface of the plate evenly by spraying with 0.1 mol/L disodium hydrogen ethylenediamine tetraacetate TS, and dry at 110°C for about 30 minutes. Spot 15 μL each of the sample solution and the standard solution on the plate. Develop the plate with a mixture of chloroform, cyclohexane, methanol and acetic acid (100) (6:4:1:1) to a distance of about 10 cm, and air-dry the plate. Examine under ultraviolet light (main wavelength: 254 nm): the spots other than the principal spot from the sample solution are not more intense than the spot from the standard solution.

Loss on drying Not more than 0.5% (1 g, 105°C, 4 hours).

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

Assay Weigh accurately about 0.2 g of Bufexamac, previously dried, dissolve in 40 mL of N,N-dimethylformamide, and titrate with 0.1 mol/L tetramethylammonium hydroxide-methanol VS (potentiometric titration). Perform a blank determination, and make any necessary correction.

Each mL of 0.1 mol/L tetramethylammonium hydroxide-methanol VS = 22.327 mg of C₁₂H₁₇NO₃

Containers and storage Containers—Tight containers.

Bufexamac Cream

 Bufexamac Cream contains not less than 90% and not more than 110% of the labeled amount of bufexamac (C₁₂H₁₇NO₃·223.27).

Method of preparation Prepared as directed under Ointments, with Bufexamac.

Description Bufexamac Cream is white.

pH: 4.0 – 6.0

Identification To a quantity of Bufexamac Cream, equivalent to 0.05 g of Bufexamac according to the labeled amount, add 10 mL of tetrahydrofuran, shake well, centrifuge, and use the supernatant liquid as the sample solution. Separately, dissolve 0.05 g of bufexamac for assay in 10 mL of methanol, and use this solution as the standard solution. Perform the test with these solutions as directed under the Thin-layer Chromatography. Use a plate of silica gel for thin-layer chromatography, moisten the surface of the plate evenly by spraying with 0.1 mol/L disodium hydrogen ethylenediamine tetraacetate TS, and dry the plate at 110°C for about 30 minutes. Spot 5 μL each of the sample solution and the standard solution on the plate. Develop the plate with a mixture of pentane, ethyl acetate and acetic acid (100) (7:4:1) to a distance of about 10 cm, and air-dry the plate. Spray evenly iron (III) chloride TS on the plate: the spot from the sample solution and that from the standard solution show a red-brown color and the same Rf value.

Assay Weigh accurately a quantity of Bufexamac Cream, equivalent to about 0.05 g of bufexamac (C₁₂H₁₇NO₃), dissolve in 40 mL of methanol, and add methanol to make exactly 50 mL. Pipet 10 mL of this solution, add exactly 5 mL of the internal standard solution and add the mobile phase to make 100 mL, filter, and use the filtrate as the sample solution. Separately, weigh accurately about 0.05 g of bufexamac for assay, previously dried at 105°C for 4 hours, and dissolve in methanol to make exactly 50 mL. Pipet 10 mL of this solution, add exactly 5 mL of the internal standard solution, add the mobile phase to make 100 mL, and use this solution as the standard solution. Perform the test with 20 μL each of the sample solution and the standard solution as