trophotometry, and compare the spectrum with the Reference Spectrum: both spectra exhibit similar intensities of absorption at the same wave numbers.

(3) To 2 mL of a solution of Dimorfan Phosphate (1 in 100) add 2 to 3 drops of silver nitrate TS: a yellow precipitate is formed, and it dissolves on the addition of dilute nitric acid.

**Optical rotation** $[\alpha]_D^{20}: +25 - +27^\circ$ (after drying, 1 g, methanol, 100 mL, 100 mm).

**pH** Dissolve 1.0 g of Dimorfan Phosphate in 100 mL of water: the pH of this solution is between 4.0 and 5.0.

**Purity (1)** Heavy metals—Proceed with 1.0 g of Dimorfan Phosphate according to Method 1, and perform the test. Prepare the control solution with 2.0 mL of Standard Lead Solution (not more than 20 ppm).

(2) Arsenic—Prepare the test solution with 1.0 g of Dimorfan Phosphate according to Method 3, and perform the test using Apparatus B. Use 10 mL of a solution of magnesium nitrate hexahydrate in ethanol (95) (1 in 10) (not more than 2 ppm).

(3) Related substances—Dissolve 0.10 g of Dimorfan Phosphate 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. Spot 10 $\mu$L each of the sample solution and the standard solution on a plate of silica gel for thin-layer chromatography. Develop the plate with a mixture of methanol, chloroform and ammonia solution (28:150:150:1) to a distance of about 10 cm, and air-dry the plate. Spray evenly the plate with Dragendorff's TS for spraying: 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, 3 hours).

**Assay** Weigh accurately about 0.6 g of Dimorfan Phosphate, previously dried, dissolve in 100 mL of acetic acid (100), and titrate with 0.1 mol/L perchloric acid VS (potentiometric titration). Perform a blank determination, and make any necessary correction.

Each mL of 0.1 mol/L perchloric acid VS = 35.340 mg of C$_{17}$H$_{15}$N$_2$H$_4$PO$_4$

**Containers and storage** Containers—Tight containers.

Dimenhydrinate, when dried, contains not less than 53.0% and not more than 55.5% of diphenhydramine (C$_{17}$H$_{23}$NO$_2$: 255.36), and not less than 44.0% and not more than 47.0% of 8-chlorotheophylline (C$_{7}$H$_{7}$ClN$_4$O$_2$: 214.61).

**Description** Dimenhydrinate occurs as a white, crystalline powder. It is odorless, and has a bitter taste.

It is very soluble in chloroform, freely soluble in ethanol (95), and slightly soluble in water and in diethyl ether.

**Identification (1)** Dissolve 0.5 g of Dimenhydrinate in 30 mL of dilute ethanol, add 30 mL of water, and use this solution as the sample solution. Transfer 30 mL of the sample solution to a separator, and add 2 mL of ammonia solution (28). Extract with two 10-mL portions of diethyl ether, combine the diethyl ether extracts, wash the combined extracts with 5 mL of water, and then extract the combined extracts with 15 mL of dilute hydrochloric acid (1 in 100). With this acid extract perform the following tests.

(i) To 5 mL of this acid extract add 5 drops of Reincke salt TS: a light red precipitate is produced.

(ii) To 10 mL of this acid extract add 10 mL of 2,4,6-trinitrophenol TS dropwise, and allow to stand for 30 minutes. Collect the precipitate by filtering, recrystallize from dilute ethanol, and dry at 105°C for 30 minutes: the crystals melt between 128°C and 133°C.

(2) To 30 mL of the sample solution obtained in the Identification (1) add 2 mL of dilute sulfuric acid, and cool for 30 minutes. Scratch the inside wall of the container frequently to facilitate crystallization. Filter, and wash the white crystals with a small amount of ice-cooled water. Dry the crystals for 1 hour at 105°C: the crystals melt between 300°C and 305°C with decomposition.

(3) To 0.01 g of the crystals obtained in the Identification (2) add 10 drops of hydrogen peroxide TS and 1 drop of hydrochloric acid, and evaporate on a water bath to dryness: the residue shows a yellow-red color. When the dish containing the residue is held over a vessel containing 2 to 3 drops of ammonia TS, the color changes to red-purple, which is discharged on the addition of 2 to 3 drops of sodium hydroxide TS.

(4) Mix well 0.05 g of the crystals obtained in the Identification (2) with 0.5 g of sodium peroxide in a nickel crucible, and heat until the mass melts. Cool, dissolve the melted mass in 20 mL of water, and acidify with dilute nitric acid: the solution responds to the Qualitative Tests for chloride.

**Melting point** 102 - 107°C

**Purity (1)** Chloride—Transfer 50 mL of the filtrate obtained in the Assay (2) to a Nessler tube, add 1 mL of nitric acid, and allow to stand for 5 minutes: the turbidity of the solution is not greater than that of the following control solution.

Control solution: Dilute 0.25 mL of 0.01 mol/L hydrochloric acid VS with 6 mL of dilute nitric acid and with water to make 50 mL, add 1 mL of silver nitrate TS, and allow to stand for 5 minutes (not more than 0.044%).

(2) Bromide and iodide—Place 0.1 g of Dimenhydrinate in a glass-stoppered test tube, and add 0.05 g of sodium nitrite, 10 mL of chloroform and 10 mL of dilute hydrochloric acid. Stopper, shake well, and allow to stand: the chloroform layer remains colorless.

**Loss on drying** Not more than 0.5% (3 g, in vacuum, phosphorus (V) oxide, 24 hours).
Residue on ignition  Not more than 0.30% (1 g).

Assay (1) Diphenhydramine—Weigh accurately about 0.5 g of Dimenhydrinate, previously dried, transfer to a 250-mL separator, and add 50 mL of water, 3 mL of ammonia TS and 10 g of sodium chloride. Extract with six 15-mL portions of diethyl ether with shaking, combine the diethyl ether extracts, and wash the combined diethyl ether extracts with three 50-mL portions of water. To the diethyl ether extracts add exactly 25 mL of 0.05 mol/L sulfuric acid VS, and add 25 mL of water. Shake thoroughly, and evaporate the diethyl ether gently. Cool, and titrate the excess sulfuric acid with 0.1 mol/L sodium hydroxide VS (indicator: 3 drops of methyl red TS). Perform a blank determination, and make any necessary correction.

Each mL of 0.05 mol/L sulfuric acid VS
= 25.536 mg of C₁₇H₃₂NO

(2) 8-Chlorotheophylline—Weigh accurately about 0.8 g of Dimenhydrinate, previously dried, transfer to a 200-mL volumetric flask, add 50 mL of water, 3 mL of ammonia TS and 6 mL of a solution of ammonium nitrate (1 in 10), and heat on a water bath for 5 minutes. Add exactly 25 mL of 0.1 mol/L silver nitrate VS, heat on a water bath for 15 minutes with occasional shaking, cool, and add water to make exactly 200 mL. Allow to stand overnight to settle the precipitate, and filter through a dry filter paper, discarding the first 20 mL of the filtrate. Measure exactly 100 mL of the subsequent filtrate, acidify with nitric acid, add 3 mL of nitric acid, and titrate the excess silver nitrate with 0.1 mol/L ammonium thiocyanate VS (indicator: 2 mL of ammonium iron (III) sulfate TS). Perform a blank determination, and make any necessary correction.

Each mL of 0.1 mol/L silver nitrate VS
= 21.461 mg of C₅H₅ClN₂O₂

Containers and storage  Containers—Well-closed containers.

Dimenhydrinate Tablets

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Dimenhydrinate Tablets contain not less than 95% and not more than 105% of the labeled amount of dimenhydrinate (C₁₇H₃₂NO.C₂H₂ClN₂O₂ : 469.96).

Method of preparation  Prepare as directed under Tablets, with Dimenhydrinate.

Identification (1) Triturate a quantity of powdered Dimenhydrinate Tablets, equivalent to 0.5 g of Dimenhydrinate according to the labeled amount, with 25 mL of warm ethanol (95), and filter. Dilute the filtrate with 40 mL of water, and filter again. Use the filtrate as the sample solution. Transfer 30 mL of the sample solution to a separator, and proceed as directed in the Identification (1) under Dimenhydrinate.

(2) With 30 mL of the sample solution obtained in (1), proceed as directed in the Identification (2), (3) and (4) under Dimenhydrinate.

Assay  Weigh accurately, and powder not less than 20

Dimenhydrinate Tablets. Weigh accurately a portion of the powder, equivalent to about 0.5 g of dimenhydrinate (C₁₇H₃₂NO.C₂H₂ClN₂O₂), transfer to a flask, add 40 mL of ethanol (95), and heat with swirling on a water bath until the solution just boils. Continue to heat for 30 seconds, and filter through a glass filter (G4). Wash the filter with warm ethanol (95), transfer the filtrate and washings to a flask, and evaporate the ethanol on a water bath to make 5 mL. Add 50 mL of water, 3 mL of ammonia TS and 6 mL of a solution of ammonium nitrate (1 in 10), heat the mixture on a water bath for 5 minutes, add exactly 25 mL of 0.1 mol/L silver nitrate VS, and heat on a water bath for 15 minutes with occasional shaking. Transfer the mixture to a 200-mL volumetric flask, using water to rinse the flask, cool, add water to make exactly 200 mL, and proceed as directed in the Assay (2) under Dimenhydrinate.

Each mL of 0.1 mol/L silver nitrate VS
= 47.00 mg of C₁₇H₃₂NO.C₂H₂ClN₂O₂

Containers and storage  Containers—Well-closed containers.

Dimercaprol

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C₅H₆O₂S₂: 124.23
(RS)-2,3-Disulfanylpropan-1-ol [59-52-9]

Dimercaprol contains not less than 98.5% and not more than 101.5% of C₅H₆O₂S₂.

Description  Dimercaprol is a colorless to pale yellow liquid. It has a mercaptan-like, disagreeable odor. It is miscible with methanol, with ethanol (95), and with diethyl ether.

It is soluble in peanut oil, and sparingly soluble in water.

Identification (1) Add 1 drop of Dimercaprol to a mixture of 1 drop of a solution of cobalt (II) chloride hexahydrate (1 in 200) and 5 mL of water: a yellow-brown color develops.

(2) Add 1 drop of Dimercaprol to a mixture of 1 drop of a solution of iron (II) sulfate heptahydrate (1 in 200) and 5 mL of water: a red color develops.

(3) Dissolve 1 drop of Dimercaprol in 20 mL of water, add 1 mL of a solution of sodium hydroxide (1 in 10), and shake. Add 0.2 mL of sodium pentacyanomontosylferrate (III) TS, and shake: a purple color develops immediately, and changes to green on standing.

Refractive index  nD²⁰: 1.570 – 1.575

Specific gravity  dD²⁰: 1.238 – 1.248

Purity  (1) Clarity and color of solution—Dissolve 1.0 mL of Dimercaprol in 20 mL of peanut oil: the solution is clear and colorless to pale yellow.

(2) Bromide—To 2.0 g of Dimercaprol add 25 mL of dilute potassium hydroxide-ethanol TS, and heat in a water bath under a reflux condenser for 2 hours. Evaporate the