

to stand in a dark place for 20 minutes, and add 1.5 mL of ammonia solution (28): a yellowish red color is produced.

(3) Determine the absorption spectrum of a solution of Levothyroxine Sodium in dilute sodium hydroxide TS (1 in 10,000) 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.

(4) Moisten Levothyroxine Sodium with sulfuric acid, and ignite: the residue responds to the Qualitative Tests (1) and (2) for sodium salt.

Optical rotation $[\alpha]_D^{20}$: $-5 - -6^\circ$ (0.3 g, calculated on the dried basis, a mixture of ethanol (95) and sodium hydroxide TS (2:1), 10 mL, 100 mm).

Purity (1) Clarity and color of solution—Dissolve 0.3 g of Levothyroxine Sodium in 10 mL of a mixture of ethanol (95) and sodium hydroxide TS (2:1) by warming: the solution is clear and pale yellow to pale yellow-brown in color.

(2) Soluble halides—Dissolve 0.01 g of Levothyroxine Sodium in 10 mL of water and 1 drop of dilute nitric acid, shake for 5 minutes, and filter. To the filtrate add water to make 10 mL, then add 3 drops of silver nitrate TS, and mix: the solution has no more opalescence than the following control solution.

Control solution: To 0.20 mL of 0.01 mol/L hydrochloric acid VS add 10 mL of water and 1 drop of dilute nitric acid, and proceed as directed above.

(3) Related substances—Dissolve 0.020 g of Levothyroxine Sodium in 2 mL of a mixture of ethanol (95) and ammonia solution (28) (14:1), and use this solution as the sample solution. Pipet 1 mL of this solution, add a mixture of ethanol (95) and ammonia solution (28) (14:1) to make exactly 50 mL, and use this solution as the standard solution. Perform the test with these solutions as directed under the Thin-layer Chromatography. Spot 5 μ 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 *t*-butanol, *t*-amyl alcohol, water, ammonia solution (28) and 2-butanone (59:32:17:15:7) to a distance of about 12 cm, and air-dry the plate. Spray evenly a solution of 0.3 g of ninhydrin in 100 mL of a mixture of 1-butanol and acetic acid (100) (97:3) on the plate, and heat at 100°C for 3 minutes: 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 7 – 11% (0.5 g, in vacuum, phosphorus (V) oxide, 60°C, 4 hours).

Assay Weigh accurately about 0.025 g of Levothyroxine Sodium, and proceed as directed under the Oxygen Flask Combustion Method, using a mixture of 10 mL of a solution of sodium hydroxide (1 in 100) and 1 mL of a freshly prepared solution of sodium bisulfate (1 in 100) as the absorbing liquid, and prepare the test solution. Apply a small amount of water to the upper part of apparatus A, pull out C carefully, and wash C, B and the inner wall of A with 40 mL of water. To the test solution add 1 mL of bromine-acetic acid TS, insert the stopper C, and shake vigorously for 1 minute. Remove the stopper, rinse the stopper, the sample holder and the inner wall of the flask with 40 mL of water, and add 0.5 mL of formic acid. Stopper the flask with C, and shake vigorously for 1 minute again. Remove the stop-

per, and rinse the stopper, the sample holder and the inner wall of the flask with 40 mL of water. Bubble the solution with enough nitrogen gas in the flask to remove the oxygen and excess bromine, add 0.5 g of potassium iodide to the solution, and dissolve. Add immediately 3 mL of dilute sulfuric acid, mix, and allow to stand for 2 minutes. Titrate the solution with 0.02 mol/L sodium thiosulfate VS (indicator: 3 mL of starch TS). Perform a blank determination, and make any necessary correction.

Each mL of 0.02 mol/L sodium thiosulfate VS
= 0.6657 mg of $C_{15}H_{10}I_4NNaO_4$

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

Levothyroxine Sodium Tablets

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Levothyroxine Sodium Tablets contain not less than 90% and not more than 110% of the labeled amount of levothyroxine sodium ($C_{15}H_{10}I_4NNaO_4$; 798.85).

Method of preparation Prepare as directed under Tablets, with Levothyroxine Sodium.

Identification (1) Weigh a quantity of powdered Levothyroxine Sodium Tablets, equivalent to 0.5 mg of Levothyroxine Sodium according to the labeled amount, add 8 mL of a mixture of water, ethanol (95), hydrochloric acid and sodium hydroxide TS (6:5:2:2), warm in a water bath for 2 minutes, cool, and filter. To the filtrate add 0.1 mL of sodium nitrite TS, and allow to stand in a dark place for 20 minutes. Add 1.5 mL of ammonia solution (28): a yellowish red color develops.

(2) To a quantity of powdered Levothyroxine Sodium Tablets, equivalent to 1 mg of Levothyroxine Sodium according to the labeled amount, add 10 mL of ethanol (95), shake, filter, and use the filtrate as the sample solution. Dissolve 0.01 g of levothyroxine sodium for thin-layer chromatography in 100 mL of ethanol (95), and use this solution as the standard solution. Perform the test with these solutions as directed under the Thin-layer Chromatography. Spot 20 μ 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 *t*-butanol, *t*-amyl alcohol, water, ammonia solution (28) and 2-butanone (59:32:17:15:7) to a distance of about 12 cm, and air-dry the plate. Spray a solution of 0.3 g of ninhydrin in 100 mL of a mixture of 1-butanol and acetic acid (100) (97:3) on the plate, and heat at 100°C for 3 minutes: the spots obtained from the sample solution and the standard solution show a red-purple color, and has the same *R_f* value.

Purity Soluble halides—Weigh a quantity of powdered Levothyroxine Sodium Tablets, equivalent to 2.5 mg of Levothyroxine Sodium according to the labeled amount, add 25 mL of water, warm to 40°C, shake for 5 minutes, add 3 drops of dilute nitric acid, and filter. To the filtrate add 3 drops of silver nitrate TS, and mix: the solution has no more opalescence than the following control solution.

Control solution: To 0.25 mL of 0.01 mol/L hydrochloric acid VS add 25 mL of water and 3 drops of dilute nitric acid, and proceed as directed above.

Content uniformity Place 1 tablet of Levothyroxine Sodium Tablets in a glass-stoppered centrifuge tube, add exactly 10 mL of 0.01 mol/L sodium hydroxide TS, warm at 50°C for 15 minutes, and shake vigorously for 20 minutes. Centrifuge this solution, pipet 5 mL of the supernatant liquid, add 1 mL of the internal standard solution, and use this solution as the sample solution. Perform the test with 20 μ L of the sample solution as directed under the Liquid Chromatography according to the following conditions, and calculate the ratio of the peak area of levothyroxine sodium to that of the internal standard. Calculate the mean value from the ratios of each peak area of 10 samples: the deviation (%) of the mean value and the ratio of each peak area should be not more than 15%. When the deviation (%) is more than 15%, and 1 sample shows not more than 25%, perform another test with 20 samples. Calculate the deviation (%) of the mean value of the 30 samples used in the 2 tests and the ratio of each peak area: there should be not more than 1 sample with the deviation more than 15% but not more than 25%, and no sample should deviate by more than 25%.

Internal standard solution—A solution of ethinylestradiol in a mixture of acetonitrile and diluted phosphoric acid (1 in 10) (9:1) (3 in 40,000).

Operating conditions—

Detector: An ultraviolet absorption photometer (wavelength: a constant wavelength between 220 nm and 230 nm).

Column: A stainless steel column 4 to 6 mm in inside diameter and 10 to 25 cm in length, packed with octadecylsilanized silica gel.

Column temperature: A constant temperature at about 25°C.

Mobile phase: A mixture of methanol, water and phosphoric acid (6700:3300:5).

Flow rate: Adjust the flow rate so that the retention time of levothyroxine sodium is about 9 minutes.

Selection of column: To 5 mL of a solution of levothyroxine sodium in 0.01 mol/L sodium hydroxide TS (1 in 200,000) add 1 mL of the internal standard solution. Proceed with 20 μ L of this solution under the above operating conditions, and calculate the resolution. Use a column giving elution of levothyroxine sodium and the internal standard in this order with the resolution between these peaks being not less than 2.0.

Assay Weigh accurately and powder not less than 20 Levothyroxine Sodium Tablets. Weigh accurately a portion of the powder, equivalent to about 3 mg of levothyroxine sodium ($C_{15}H_{10}I_4NNaO_4$), into a crucible, and add potassium carbonate amounting to twice the mass of the powder. In the case that the weighed powder is less than 4 g, add 8 g of potassium carbonate to the crucible. Mix well, and gently tap the crucible on the bench to compact the mixture. Overlay with 10 g of potassium carbonate, and compact again by tapping. Heat the crucible strongly at a temperature between 675°C and 700°C for 25 minutes. Cool, add 30 mL of water, heat gently to boiling, and filter into a flask. To the residue add 30 mL of water, boil, and filter into the same flask. Rinse the crucible and the char on the funnel with hot water until the filtrate measures 300 mL. Add slowly 7 mL

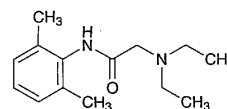
of freshly prepared bromine TS and diluted phosphoric acid (1 in 2) in the ratio of 3.5 mL to 1 g of the added potassium carbonate, and boil until starch-potassium iodide paper is no longer colored blue by the evolved gas. Wash the inside of the flask with water, and continue boiling for 5 minutes. During the boiling add water from time to time to maintain a volume of not less than 250 mL. Cool, add 5 mL of a solution of phenol (1 in 20), again rinse the inside of the flask with water, and allow to stand for 5 minutes. Add 2 mL of diluted phosphoric acid (1 in 2) and 5 mL of potassium iodide TS, and titrate immediately the liberated iodine with 0.01 mol/L sodium thiosulfate VS (indicator: 3 mL of starch TS). Perform a blank determination, and make any necessary correction.

Each mL of 0.01 mol/L sodium thiosulfate VS
= 0.33286 mg of $C_{15}H_{10}I_4NNaO_4$

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

Lidocaine

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$C_{14}H_{22}N_2O$: 234.34
2-Diethylamino-*N*-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)acetamide
[137-58-6]

Lidocaine, when dried, contains not less than 99.0% of $C_{14}H_{22}N_2O$.

Description Lidocaine occurs as white to pale yellow crystals or crystalline powder.

It is very soluble in methanol and in ethanol (95), soluble in acetic acid (100) and in diethyl ether, and practically insoluble in water.

It dissolves in dilute hydrochloric acid.

Identification (1) Dissolve 0.04 g of Lidocaine in 10 mL of 1 mol/L hydrochloric acid TS, and add water to make 100 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.

(2) Determine the infrared absorption spectrum of Lidocaine 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.

Melting point 66 – 69°C

Purity (1) Clarity and color of solution—Dissolve 1.0 g of Lidocaine in 2 mL of dilute hydrochloric acid, and add water to make 10 mL: the solution is clear and colorless to light yellow.

(2) Chloride—Dissolve 0.6 g of Lidocaine in 6 mL of di-