Operating conditions—

Detector: An ultraviolet absorption photometer (wavelength: 266 nm).

Column: A stainless steel column 4.6 mm in inside diameter and 25 cm in length, packed with octadecylsilanized silica gel for liquid chromatography (5 μ m in particle diameter).

Column temperature: A constant temperature of about $40\,^{\circ}\mathrm{C}.$

Mobile phase: To 200 mL of acetonitrile add 800 mL of 0.02 mol/L phosphate buffer solution, pH 3.5, then add 3.76 g of sodium 1-hexane sulfonate to dissolve.

Flow rate: Adjust the flow rate so that the retention time of mecobalamin is about 12 minutes.

System suitability-

System performance: Dissolve 5 mg each of cyanocobalamin and hydroxocobalamin acetate in the mobile phase to make 100 mL. When the procedure is run with $10 \mu L$ of this solution under the above operating conditions, cyanocobalamin and hydroxocobalamin are eluted in this order with the resolution between these peaks being not less than 3. And when the procedure is run with $10 \mu L$ of the standard solution under the above operating conditions, the number of theoretical plates of the peak of mecobalamin is not less than 6000.

System repeatability: When the test is repeated 6 times with $10 \mu L$ of the standard solution under the above operating conditions, the relative standard deviation of the peak areas of mecobalamin is not more than 1.0%.

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

Medazepam

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 $C_{16}H_{15}ClN_2$: 270.76 7-Chloro-2,3-dihydro-1-methyl-5-phenyl-1H-1,4-benzodiazepine [2898-12-6]

Medazepam, when dried, contains not less than 98.5% of $C_{16}H_{15}ClN_2$.

Description Medazepam occurs as white to light yellow crystals or crystalline powder. It is odorless.

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

It gradually changes in color by light.

Identification (1) Dissolve 0.01 g of Medazepam in 3 mL of citric acid-acetic acid TS: a deep orange color develops. Heat in a water bath for 3 minutes: the color changes to dark red.

- (2) Determine the absorption spectrum of a solution of Medazepam in methanol (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) Perform the test with Medazepam as directed under the Flame Coloration Test (2): a green color is produced.

Melting point 101 - 104°C

- **Purity** (1) Clarity and color of solution—Dissolve 1.0 g of Medazepam in 10 mL of methanol: the solution is clear and light yellow to yellow in color.
- (2) Chloride—Dissolve 1.5 g of Medazepam in 50 mL of diethyl ether, add 46 mL of water and 4 mL of sodium carbonate TS, shake, and collect the water layer. Wash the water layer with two 20-mL portions of diethyl ether, and filter. To 20 mL of the filtrate add dilute nitric acid to neutralize, add 6 mL of dilute nitric acid and water to make 50 mL, and perform the test using this solution as the test solution. Prepare the control solution with 0.30 mL of 0.01 mol/L hydrochloric acid VS (not more than 0.018%).
- (3) Heavy metals—Proceed with 1.0 g of Medazepam according to Method 2, and perform the test. Prepare the control solution with 2.0 mL of Standard Lead Solution (not more than 20 ppm).
- (4) Arsenic—Prepare the test solution with 1.0 g of Medazepam according to Method 3, and perform the test using Apparatus B (not more than 2 ppm).
- (5) Related substances—Dissolve 0.25 g of Medazepam in 10 mL of methanol, and use this solution as the sample solution. Pipet 1 mL of the sample solution, and add methanol to make exactly 20 mL. Pipet 2 mL of this solution, add methanol 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 10μ L each of the sample solution and the standard solution on a plate of silica gel with fluorescent indicator for thin-layer chromatography. Develop the plate with a mixture of cyclohexane, acetone and ammonia solution (28) (60:40:1) 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, in vacuum, 60°C, 4 hours).

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

Assay Weigh accurately about 0.4 g of Medazepam, previously dried, dissolve in 50 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 = 27.076 mg of $C_{16}H_{15}ClN_2$

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