add methanol to make exactly 20 mL. Pipet 4 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 $10 \,\mu\text{L}$ 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 diethyl ether, methanol and ammonia solution (28) (100:5:1) to a distance of about $10 \, \text{cm}$, and air-dry the plate. Spray evenly bismuth nitrate-potassium iodide TS on the plate: 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 1.0% (1 g, 105°C, 3 hours).

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

Assay Weigh accurately about 0.4 g of Mepivacaine Hydrochloride, previously dried, dissolve in 10 mL of acetic acid (100) and add 70 mL of acetic anhydride. 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 = 28.281 mg of $C_{15}H_{22}N_2O.HCl$

Containers and storage Containers—Tight containers.

Mepivacaine Hydrochloride Injection

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Mepivacaine Hydrochloride Injection is an aqueous solution for injection. It contains not less than 95% and not more than 105% of the labeled amount of mepivacaine hydrochloride ($C_{15}H_{22}N_2O$.HCl: 282.81).

Method of preparation Prepare as directed under Injections, with Mepivacaine Hydrochloride.

Description Mepivacaine Hydrochloride Injection is a clear, colorless liquid.

pH: 4.5 - 6.8

Identification To a volume of Mepivacaine Hydrochloride Injection, equivalent to 0.02 g of Mepivacaine Hydrochloride according to the labeled amount, add 1 mL of sodium hydrochloride TS, and extract with 20 mL of hexane. To 8 mL of the hexane extract add 20 mL of 1 mol/L hydrochloric acid TS, shake vigorously, and determine the absorption spectrum of the water layer separated as directed under the Ultraviolet-visible Spectrophotometry: it exhibits maxima between 261 nm and 265 nm, and between 270 nm and 273 nm.

Assay To an exactly measured volume of Mepivacaine Hydrochloride Injection, equivalent to about 0.04 g of Mepivacaine Hydrochloride according to the labeled amount, add exactly 4 mL of the internal standard solution and 0.001 mol/L hydrochloric acid TS to make 20 mL, and use this solution as the sample solution. Separately, weigh accurately about 0.04 g of mepivacaine hydrochloride for assay, previously dried at 105°C for 3 hours, dissolve in 0.001

mol/L hydrochloric acid TS, add exactly 4 mL of the internal standard solution and 0.001 mol/L hydrochloride TS to make 20 mL, and use this solution as the standard solution. Perform the test with 5 μ L each of the sample solution and the standard solution as directed under the Liquid Chromatography according to the following conditions, and calculate the ratios, $Q_{\rm T}$ and $Q_{\rm S}$, of the peak area of mepivacaine to that of the internal standard.

Amount (mg) of C₁₅H₂₂N₂O.HCl

= amount (mg) of mepivacaine hydrochloride for assay

 $\times \frac{Q_{\rm T}}{Q_{\rm S}}$

Internal standard solution—A solution of benzophenone in methanol (1 in 4000).

Operating conditions—

Detector: An ultraviolet absorption photometer (wavelength: 254 nm).

Column: A stainless steel column about 4 mm in inside diameter and about 15 cm in length, packed with octadecylsilanized silica gel for liquid chromatography (10 μ m in particle diameter).

Column temperature: A constant temperature of about $25\,^{\circ}\text{C}$.

Mobile phase: Dissolve 2.88 g of sodium lauryl sulfate in 1000 mL of a mixture of 0.02 mol/L phosphate buffer solution, pH 3.0 and acetonitrile (11:9).

Flow rate: Adjust the flow rate so that the retention time of mepivacaine is about 6 minutes.

Selection of column: Proceed with $5 \mu L$ of the standard solution under the above operating conditions, and calculate the resolution. Use a column giving elution of mepivacaine and benzophenone in this order with the resolution between these peaks being not less than 6.

Containers and storage Containers—Hermetic containers.

Mequitazine

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and enantiomer

C20H22N2S: 322.47

10-[(RS)-1-Azabicyclo[2.2.2]oct-3-ylmethyl]-10*H*-phenothiazine [29216-28-2]

Mequitazine, when dried, contains not less than 98.5% of $C_{20}H_{22}N_2S$.

Description Mequitazine occurs as white crystals or crystalline powder.

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

It is gradually colored by light.

A solution of Mequitazine in methanol (1 in 50) shows no

optical rotation.

Identification (1) Determine the absorption spectrum of a solution of Mequitazine in ethanol (95) (1 in 250,000) 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 wavelength.

(2) Determine the infrared absorption spectrum of Mequitazine, previously dried, 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 146 – 150°C

Purity (1) Heavy metals—Proceed with 1.0 g of Mequitazine 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).

procedure (2) Related substances—Conduct this without exposure to light, using light-resistant vessels. Dissolve 0.05 g of Mequitazine in 5 mL of methanol, and use this solution as the sample solution. Pipet 1 mL of the sample solution, add methanol to make exactly 50 mL, then pipet 5 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 5 μ L each of the sample solution and the standard solution on a plate of silica gel with fluorescent indicator for thin-layer chromatography. Develop with a mixture of ethyl acetate, methanol and diethylamine (7:2:2) to a distance of about 10 cm, and airdry the plate. Examine under ultraviolet light (main wavelength: 254 nm): the number of the spot other than the principal spot from the sample solution is not more than 3 and they are not more intense than the spot from the standard solution.

Loss on drying Not more than 0.5% (1 g, in vacuum, phosphorus (V) oxide, 60°C, 3 hours).

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

Assay Weigh accurately about 0.25 g of Mequitazine, dissolve in 50 mL of acetic acid (100), 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 = 32.247 mg of $C_{20}H_{22}N_2S$

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

Mercaptopurine

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 $C_5H_4N_4S.H_2O:$ 170.19 1,7-Dihydro-6*H*-purine-6-thione monohydrate [6112-76-1]

Mercaptopurine contains not less than 98.0% of $C_5H_4N_4S$: 152.18, calculated on the anhydrous basis.

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

It is practically insoluble in water, in acetone and in diethyl ether.

It dissolves in sodium hydroxide TS and in ammonia TS.

Identification (1) Dissolve 0.6 g of Mercaptopurine in 6 mL of sodium hydroxide solution (3 in 100), and add slowly 0.5 mL of iodomethane with vigorous stirring. Stir well for 10 minutes, cool in an ice bath, and adjust the pH with acetic acid (31) to about 5. Collect the separated crystals by filtration, recrystallize from water, and dry at 120°C for 30 minutes: the crystals melt between 218°C and 222°C (with decomposition).

(2) Determine the absorption spectrum of a solution of Mercaptopurine in 0.1 mol/L hydrochloric acid TS (1 in 200,000) 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.

Purity (1) Clarity of solution—Dissolve 0.20 g of Mercaptopurine in 10 mL of ammonia TS: the solution is clear.

- (2) Sulfate—Dissolve 0.05 g of Mercaptopurine in 10 mL of dilute hydrochloric acid, add 5 drops of barium chloride TS, and allow to stand for 5 minutes: no turbidity is produced.
- (3) Heavy metals—Proceed with 1.0 g of Mercaptopurine 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) Hypoxanthine—Dissolve 0.050 g of Mercaptopurine in exactly 10 mL of a solution of ammonia solution (28) in methanol (1 in 10), and use this solution as the sample solution. Separately, dissolve 5.0 mg of hypoxanthine in a solution of ammonia solution (28) in methanol (1 in 10) 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 with fluorescent indicator for thin-layer chromatography. Develop the plate with a mixture of methanol, chloroform, n-butyl formate and ammonia solution (28) (8:6:4:1) to a distance of about 10 cm, and air-dry the plate. Examine under ultraviolet light (main wavelength: 254 nm): the spot from the sample solution is not observed at the same place as that from the standard solution, or if a spot is observed at the same place, it is not larger than that from the standard solution.
- (5) Phosphorus—Take 0.20 g of Mercaptopurine in a crucible, add 2 mL of diluted sulfuric acid (3 in 7), then heat gently, slowly adding dropwise several 0.5-mL portions of nitric acid, until the liquid becomes colorless. Continue to heat until most of the liquid has evaporated, cool, and dissolve the residue in 10 mL of water. Transfer the solution to a 25-mL volumetric flask, wash the crucible with two 4-mL portions of water, combine the washings with the solution