Selection of column: Dissolve 0.01 g each of Ubidecarenone and ubiquinone-9 in 20 mL of ethanol (99.5) by warming at about 50°C for 2 minutes. After cooling, proceed with 5  $\mu$ L of this solution under the above operating conditions, and calculate the resolution. Use a column giving elution of ubiquinone-9 and ubidecarenone in this order with the resolution between these peaks being not less than 4.

System repeatability: Repeat the test five times with the standard solution under the above operating conditions: the relative standard deviation of the peak areas of ubidecarenone is not more than 0.8%.

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

## Ulinastatin

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Ulinastatin is a solution of a glycoprotein having trypsin inhibiting activity, which is separated and purified from human urine. It contains ulinastatin of not less than 45,000 Units per mL and not less than 2500 Units per mg protein.

**Description** Ulinastatin occurs as a light brown to brown, clear liquid.

- **Identification** (1) Dilute a suitable amount of Ulinastatin with water to make a solution containing 4000 Units of ulinastatin per mL. To 1 mL of this solution add 1 mL of a solution of phenol (1 in 20), then carefully add 5 mL of sulfuric acid, and mix: an orange to red-orange color develops.
- (2) Dilute a suitable quantity of Ulinastatin with water to make a solution containing 2000 units per 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.
- (3) Dilute a suitable amount of Ulinastatin with pH 7.8 2,2',2''-nitrilotrisethanol buffer solution to make a solution containing 500 Units of ulinastatin per mL, and use this solution as the sample solution. Use the same buffer solution as the control solution. To 0.1 mL each of the sample solution and the control solution add 1.6 mL of the buffer solution and 0.2 mL of trypsin TS for test of ulinastatin, mix, and allow them to stand in a water bath at 25°C for 1 minute. Then add 1 mL of N- $\alpha$ -benzoyl-L-arginine-4-nitroanilide TS, mix, and allow them to stand at 25°C for 2 minutes: the solution obtained with the sample solution develops no color while that obtained with the control solution develops a yellow color.
- (4) To 1.5 g of Powdered Agar add 100 mL of pH 8.4 boric acid-sodium hydroxide buffer solution, dissolve by warming in a water bath, then pour immediately into a Petri dish placed horizontally so that the agar layer is about 2 mm in thickness. After the agar becomes hard, bore two wells about 2.5 mm in diameter with a separation of 6 mm from each other. In one of the wells place  $10 \,\mu\text{L}$  of a solution of Ulinastatin containing 500 Units per mL in pH 8.4 boric acid-sodium hydroxide buffer solution, and in the other well place  $10 \,\mu\text{L}$  of anti-ulinastatin rabbit serum, cover the dish

to avoid drying of the agar, and allow to stand for overnight at a room temperature: a clear precipitin line appears between the wells.

**pH** 6.0 - 8.0

**Specific activity** When calculated from the results obtained by the Assay and the following method, the specific activity is not less than 2500 Units per 1 mg protein.

- (i) Sample solution—To an exactly measured volume of Ulinastatin, equivalent to about 10,000 Units according to the labeled amount, add water to make exactly 20 mL.
- (ii) Standard solution—Weigh accurately about 0.01 g of bovine serum albumin for test of ulinastatin, and dissolve in water to make exactly 20 mL. To a suitable volume of this solution add water to make four solutions containing exactly 300, 200, 100 and 50  $\mu$ g of the albumin per mL, respectively.
- (iii) Procedure—Pipet 0.5 mL each of the sample solution and the standard solutions, put them in glass test tubes about 18 mm in internal diameter and about 130 mm in length, add exactly 5 mL of alkaline copper TS, mix, and allow the tubes to stand in a water bath at 30°C for 10 minutes. Then add exactly 0.5 mL of diluted Folin's TS (1 in 2), mix, and warm in the water bath for 20 minutes. Determine the absorbances of these solutions at 750 nm as directed under the Ultraviolet-visible Spectrophotometry using a solution obtained in the same manner with 0.5 mL of water as the blank.

Plot the absorbances of the standard solutions on the vertical axis and their protein concentrations on the horizontal axis to prepare a calibration curve, and determine the protein content of the sample solution from its absorbance by using this curve. Then calculate the amount of protein per mL of Ulinastatin.

- **Purity** (1) Heavy metals—Proceed with 10 mL of Ulinastatin according to Method 2, and perform the test. Prepare the control solution with 1.0 mL of Standard Lead Solution (not more than 1 ppm).
- (2) Related substances—To a suitable volume of Ulinastatin add water to make a solution containing exactly 12,500 Units per mL, and use this solution as the sample stock solution. To exactly 0.25 mL of the sample stock solution add exactly 0.2 mL of glycerin and exactly 0.05 mL of 0.05% bromophenol blue TS, mix, and use this solution as the sample solution. Separately, to exactly 1 mL of the sample stock solution add water to make exactly 100 mL. To exactly 0.25 mL of this solution add exactly 0.2 mL of glycerin and exactly 0.05 mL of 0.05% bromophenol blue TS, mix, and use this solution as the standard solution. Perform the following test with the sample solution and the standard solution: the bands other than the principal band obtained from the sample solution are not more intense than the band from the standard solution in the electrophoretogram.
- (i) Tris buffer solution for polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis A Dissolve 18.2 g of 2-amino-2-hydroxymethyl-1,3-propanediol in 80 mL of water, adjust to pH 8.8 with 6 mol/L hydrochloric acid TS, and add water to make 100 mL.
- (ii) Tris buffer solution for polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis B Dissolve 6.0 g of 2-amino-2-hydroxymethyl-1,3-propanediol in 80 mL of water, adjust to pH 8.8 with 6 mol/L hydrochloric acid TS, and add water to make 100 mL.

- (iv) Acrylamide solution for polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis Dissolve 30 g of acrylamide and 0.8 g of N,N'-methylenebisacrylamide in water to make 100 mL.
- (v) Gel for separation Mix gently 15 mL of tris buffer solution for polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis A, 20 mL of acrylamide solution for polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis, 24.5 mL of water, 0.022 mL of N,N,N',N'-tetramethylethylenediamine, 0.32 mL of 10% ammonium peroxodisulfate TS and 0.3 mL of 1 mol/L sodium sulfite TS, pour into a plate for slab gel preparation, then cover the gel mixture with a layer of water, and allow to set for 1 hour.
- (vi) Gel for concentration Remove the water layer on the gel for separation, and pour a mixture of 2.5 mL of tris buffer solution for polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis B, 2.66 mL of acrylamide solution for polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis, 14.6 mL of water, 0.01 mL of N, N, N', N'-tetramethylethylenediamine, 0.2 mL of 10% ammonium peroxodisulfate TS and 0.04 mL of 1 mol/L sodium sulfite TS on the gel. Then position a plastic sample well former so that the height of the gel for concentration is about 15 mm, and allow to set for 2 hours.

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Electrophoresis—Set the gel in an apparatus for slab gel electrophoresis, and fill the upper and lower reservoirs with tris buffer solution for polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis C. Introduce carefully  $10\,\mu\text{L}$  each of the sample solution and the standard solution into the wells using a different well for each solution, and allow electrophoresis to proceed using the electrode of the lower reservoir as the anode. Switch off the power supply when the bromophenol blue band has migrated to about  $10\,\text{mm}$  from the bottom of the gel.

Staining—Dissolve 2.0 g of Coomassie brilliant blue R-250 in 400 mL of a mixture of methanol and 100 mL of acetic acid (100), add water to make 1000 mL, and use this solution as the staining solution. Stain the gel for 2 hours in the staining solution warmed to  $40^{\circ}$ C.

Decolorization—To 100 mL of methanol and 75 mL of acetic acid (100) add water to make 1000 mL, and use this solution as the rinsing solution. Immerse the gel removed from the staining solution in the rinsing solution to decolorise.

Kallidinogenase—Dilute a suitable volume of Ulinastatin with water so that each mL of the solution contains about 50,000 Units, and use this solution as the sample solution. Take exactly 0.4 mL of the sample solution into a test tube, add exactly 0.5 mL of pH 8.2 tris buffer solution, mix, and allow the tube to stand in a water bath at 37  $\pm$ 0.2°C for 5 minutes. Add exactly 0.1 mL of substrate TS for kallidinogenase assay (4), mix, allow the tube to stand in the water bath of  $37 \pm 0.2$ °C for exactly 30 minutes, then add exactly 0.1 mL of diluted acetic acid (100) (1 in 2), mix, and use this solution as the test solution. Separately, take exactly 0.4 mL of the sample solution in a test tube, add exactly 0.5 mL of pH 8.2 tris buffer solution, mix, and allow the tube to stand in the water bath of 37  $\pm$  0.2°C for 35 minutes. Then add exactly 0.1 mL of diluted acetic acid (100) (1 in 2), mix, add exactly 0.1 mL of substrate TS for kallidinogenase assay (4), mix, and use this solution as the control solution. Determine the absorbances of the test solution and the control solution at 405 nm using water as the blank, and calculate the difference between them: the difference is not more than 0.050.

Molecular mass Dilute a suitable volume of Ulinastatin with the mobile phase so that each mL of the solution contains about 6500 Units, and use this solution as the sample solution. Separately, dissolve 1.0 mg each of  $\gamma$ -globulin (mol. mass: 160,000), bovine serum albumin for test of ulinastatin (mol. mass: 67,000), and myoglobin (mol. mass: 17,000) in about 1 mL of the mobile phase, and use this solution as the molecular mass reference solution. Perform the test with 50  $\mu$ L each of the sample solution and the molecular mass reference solution as directed under the Liquid Chromatography according to the following conditions. Prepare a calibration curve by plotting the logarithm of molecular masses on the vertical axis and the retention times (min) of the molecular mass reference substances on the horizontal axis, and determine the molecular mass of the sample using the calibration curve and the retention time obtained with the sample solution: the molecular mass is 67,000  $\pm$ 5000.

Operating conditions—

Detector: An ultraviolet absorption photometer (wavelength: 280 nm).

Column: A stainless steel column about 7 mm in inside diameter and about 60 cm in length, packed with porous silica gel for liquid chromatography ( $10 - 12 \mu m$  in particle diameter).

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

Mobile phase: Dissolve 16.33 g of potassium dihydrogenphosphate and 124.15 g of ethylene glycol in water to make 1000 mL. If necessary, adjust to pH 4.0 with phosphoric acid.

Flow rate: Adjust the flow rate so that the retention time of bovine serum albumin is about 36 minutes.

Selection of column: Proceed with 50  $\mu$ L of the molecular mass reference solution according to the above operating conditions, and calculate the resolution. Use a column from which  $\gamma$ -globulin, bovine serum albumin and myoglobin are eluted in this order with the resolution between their peaks being not less than 1.5, respectively.

Antigenicity Dilute a suitable volume of Ulinastatin with isotonic sodium chloride solution so that each mL of the solution contains 15,000 Units, and use this solution as the sample solution. Inject 0.10 mL of the sample solution on 3 occasions at intervals of 2 days into the peritoneal cavity of each of 4 well-nourished, healthy guinea pigs weighing 250 to 300 g. Inject 0.10 mL of horse serum into the peritoneal cavity of each of 4 guinea pigs of another group as a control. Inject 0.20 mL of the sample solution intravenously into each of 2 guinea pigs of the first group 14 days after the first intraperitoneal injection and into each of the remaining 2 guinea pigs 21 days after the injection, and inject 0.20 mL of horse serum intravenously in the same manner into each guinea pig of the second group. Observe the signs of respiratory distress, collapse or death of the animals for 30 minutes after each intravenous injection and 24 hours later: the animals of the first group exhibit none of the signs mentioned above, and all the animals of the second group exhibit symptoms of respiratory distress or collapse and not

less than 3 animals are killed.

**Toxicity** Inject intravenously 0.50 mL of Ulinastatin into each of five well-fed, healthy albino mice weighing 18 to 25 g: no mouse dies within 48 hours after injection. If any mouse dies within 48 hours, repeat the test using 5 albino mice weighing 19 to 21 g: all the animals survive for 48 hours.

Assay Measure exactly a suitable volume of Ulinastatin, dilute with 2,2',2"-nitrilotrisethanol buffer solution so that each mL of the solution contains about 150 Units according to the labeled amount, and use this solution as the sample solution. Separately, dilute a suitable volume of Ulinastatin Reference Standard with 2,2',2"-nitrilotrisethanol buffer solution so that each mL of the solution contains exactly 300, 200, 100, 50 or 0 Units, and use these solutions as the standard solutions. 2,2',2"-Nitrilotrisethanol buffer solution and N-α-benzoyl-L-arginine-4-nitroanilide TS are warmed in a water bath of  $25 \pm 1$  °C for use as described below. Take exactly 0.1 mL each of the sample solution and the standard solutions in test tubes, add exactly 1.6 mL of 2,2',2"-nitrilotrisethanol buffer solution, mix, and put the tubes in the water bath of 25  $\pm$  1°C. One minute after addition of the buffer solution add exactly 0.2 mL of ice-cooled trypsin TS for test of ulinastatin, mix, and put the tubes again in the water bath. One minute later add exactly 1 mL of N- $\alpha$ -benzoyl-L-arginine-4-nitroanilide TS, mix, and then put the tubes in the water bath. Exactly 2 minutes later add exactly 0.1 mL of diluted acetic acid (100) (1 in 2) to stop the enzyme reaction, and determine the absorbances of the solutions so obtained at 405 nm using water as the blank. Prepare a calibration curve using the absorbances obtained with the standard solutions, and calculate ulinastatin Units in the sample solution from its absorbance by using this curve.

Containers and storage Containers—Tight containers. Storage—Preserve at  $-20^{\circ}$ C or lower.

### Urea

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CH<sub>4</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O: 60.06 Urea [57-13-6]

Urea contains not less than 99.0% of CH<sub>4</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O.

**Description** Urea occurs as colorless to white crystals or crystalline powder. It is odorless, and has a cooling, saline taste.

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

A solution of Urea (1 in 100) is neutral.

**Identification** (1) Heat 0.5 g of Urea: it liquefies and the odor of ammonia is perceptible. Continue heating until the liquid becomes turbid, then cool. Dissolve the resulting

lump in a mixture of 10 mL of water and 2 mL of sodium hydroxide TS, and add 1 drop of copper (II) sulfate TS: a reddish purple color develops.

(2) Dissolve 0.1 g of Urea in 1 mL of water, and add 1 mL of nitric acid: a white, crystalline precipitate is formed.

**Melting point** 132.5 – 134.5°C

**Purity** (1) Chloride—Perform the test with 2.0 g of Urea. Prepare the control solution with 0.40 mL of 0.01 mol/L hydrochloric acid VS (not more than 0.007%).

- (2) Sulfate—Perform the test with 2.0 g of Urea. Prepare the control solution with 0.40 mL of 0.005 mol/L sulfuric acid VS (not more than 0.010%).
- (3) Heavy metals—Proceed with 1.0 g of Urea 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).
- (4) Ethanol-insoluble substances—Dissolve 5.0 g of Urea in 50 mL of warm ethanol (95), filter through a tared glass filter (G4), wash the residue with 20 mL of warm ethanol (95), and dry at 105°C for 1 hour: the mass of the residue is not more than 2.0 mg.

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

Assay Weigh accurately about 0.2 g of Urea, dissolve in water, and make exactly 200 mL. Measure exactly 5 mL of this solution into a Kjeldahl flask, and proceed as directed under the Nitrogen Determination.

Each mL of 0.005 mol/L sulfuric acid VS = 0.30028 mg of CH<sub>4</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O

Containers and storage Containers—Well-closed containers

# **Ursodeoxycholic Acid**

#### Ursodesoxycholic Acid

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 $C_{24}H_{40}O_4$ : 392.57  $3\alpha,7\beta$ -Dihydroxy-5 $\beta$ -cholan-24-oic acid [*128-13-2*]

Ursodeoxycholic Acid, when dried, contains not less than 98.5% of  $C_{24}H_{40}O_4$ .

**Description** Ursodeoxycholic Acid occurs as white crystals or powder. It is odorless, and has a bitter taste.

It is freely soluble in ethanol (95), in ethanol (99.5) and in acetic acid (100), slightly soluble in chloroform, very slightly soluble in diethyl ether, and practically insoluble in water.

It dissolves in sodium hydroxide TS.

Identification Dissolve 0.01 g of Ursodeoxycholic Acid in