

of vincristine is about 19 minutes.

**Selection of column:** Dissolve 0.010 g each of Vincristine Sulfate and vinblastine sulfate in 100 mL of water. Proceed with 20  $\mu$ L of this solution under the above operating conditions, and calculate the resolution. Use a column giving elution of vincristine and vinblastine in this order with the resolution between these peaks being not less than 4.

**Detection sensitivity:** Adjust the detection sensitivity so that the peak height of vincristine from 20  $\mu$ L of the standard solution is between 5 mm and 15 mm.

**Time span of measurement:** About 3 times as long as the retention time of vincristine after the solvent peak.

**Loss on drying** Not more than 12.0% (0.05 g, in vacuum, 105°C, 2 hours).

**Assay** Weigh accurately about 0.01 g of Vincristine Sulfate, dissolve in acetic acid-sodium acetate buffer solution, pH 5.0, to make exactly 50 mL. Pipet 5 mL of this solution, add acetic acid-sodium acetate buffer solution, pH 5.0, to make exactly 50 mL. Determine the absorbance  $A$  of this solution at the maximum wavelength at about 296 nm as directed under the Ultraviolet-visible Spectrophotometry.

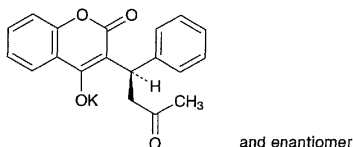
$$\begin{aligned} \text{Amount (mg) of } C_{46}H_{56}N_4O_{10} \cdot H_2SO_4 \\ = \frac{A}{177} \times 5000 \end{aligned}$$

**Containers and storage** Containers—Hermetic containers.

Storage—Light-resistant, and in a cold place.

## Warfarin Potassium

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$C_{19}H_{15}KO_4$ : 346.42

Monopotassium (*RS*)-2-oxo-3-(3-oxo-1-phenylbutyl)-chromen-4-olate [2610-86-8]

Warfarin Potassium, when dried, contains not less than 98.0% and not more than 102.0% of  $C_{19}H_{15}KO_4$ .

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

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

It is affected by light.

**Identification** (1) Dissolve 0.1 g of Warfarin Potassium in 25 mL of water, and add 3 drops of dilute hydrochloric acid. Collect the precipitate produced, wash with four 5-mL portions of water, and dry at 105°C for 1 hour: the residue melts between 157°C and 167°C.

(2) Determine the absorption spectrum of a solution of Warfarin Potassium in 0.02 mol/L potassium hydroxide TS (1 in 100,000) as directed under the Ultraviolet-visible Spectrophotometry, and compare the spectrum with the Refer-

ence Spectrum 1: both spectra exhibit similar intensities of absorption at the same wavelengths. Separately, determine the absorption spectrum of a solution of Warfarin Potassium in 0.02 mol/L hydrochloric acid TS (1 in 100,000) as directed under the Ultraviolet-visible Spectrophotometry, and compare the spectrum with the Reference Spectrum 2: both spectra exhibit similar intensities of absorption at the same wavelengths.

(3) The filtrate obtained in (1) responds to the Qualitative Tests for potassium salts.

**pH** Dissolve 1.0 g of Warfarin Potassium in 100 mL of water: the pH of the solution is between 7.2 and 8.3.

**Purity** (1) Clarity and color of solution—Dissolve 0.5 g of Warfarin Potassium in 10 mL of water: the solution is clear and colorless.

(2) Alkaline colored substances—Dissolve 1.0 g of Warfarin Potassium in a solution of sodium hydroxide (1 in 20) to make exactly 10 mL, and determine the absorbance at 385 nm within 15 minutes as directed under the Ultraviolet-visible Spectrophotometry, using a solution of sodium hydroxide (1 in 20) as a blank: it does not exceed 0.20.

(3) Heavy metals—Dissolve 2.0 g of Warfarin Potassium in 30 mL of ethanol (95), add 2 mL of dilute acetic acid and ethanol (95) to make 50 mL. Perform the test using this solution as the test solution. Prepare the control solution with 2.0 mL of Standard Lead Solution, 2 mL of dilute acetic acid and ethanol (95) to make 50 mL (not more than 10 ppm).

(4) Arsenic—Prepare the test solution with 1.0 g of Warfarin Potassium according to Method 3, and perform the test using Apparatus B (not more than 2 ppm).

**Loss on drying** Not more than 10.0% (1 g, 105°C, 3 hours).

**Residue on ignition** 24.3–25.7% (after drying, 0.4 g, 700°C).

**Assay** Weigh accurately about 0.1 g of Warfarin Potassium, previously dried, and add 0.02 mol/L potassium hydroxide TS to make exactly 100 mL. Pipet 10 mL of this solution, and add 0.02 mol/L potassium hydroxide TS to make exactly 1000 mL. Determine the absorbance  $A$  of this solution at the maximum wavelength at about 308 nm as directed under the Ultraviolet-visible Spectrophotometry.

$$\text{Amount (mg) of } C_{19}H_{15}KO_4 = \frac{A}{405} \times 100,000$$

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

Storage—Light-resistant.

## Warfarin Potassium Tablets

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Warfarin Potassium Tablets contain not less than 95% and not more than 105% of the labeled amount of warfarin potassium ( $C_{19}H_{15}KO_4$ : 346.42).

**Method of preparation** Prepare as directed under Tablets, with Warfarin Potassium.