Amount (mg) of strychnine ($C_{21}H_{22}N_2O_2$)
= amount (mg) of strychnine nitrate for assay, calculated on the dried basis
$\times \frac{Q_T}{Q_S} \times \frac{1}{20} \times 0.8414$

Internal standard solution—A solution of barbital sodium in the mobile phase (1 in 500).

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

Olive Oil

Oleum Olivae

オリブ油

Olive Oil is the fixed oil obtained by expression from the ripe fruit of *Olea europaea* Linné (*Oleaceae*).

Description Olive Oil is a light yellow oil. It has a faint odor, which is not rancid, and has a bland taste.

It is miscible with diethyl ether, with petroleum diethyl ether and with carbon disulfide.

It is slightly soluble in ethanol (95).

The whole or a part of it congeals between 0°C and 6°C.

Congealing point of the fatty acids: 17 - 26°C

Specific gravity d_{25}^{25}: 0.908 - 0.914

Acid value Not more than 1.0.

Saponification value 186 - 194

Unsaponifiable matters Not more than 1.5%.

Iodine value 79 - 88

Purity **(1)** Drying oil—Mix 2 mL of Olive Oil with 10 mL of diluted nitric acid (1 in 4), add 1 g of powdered sodium nitrite little by little with thorough shaking, and allow to stand in a cold place for 4 to 10 hours: the mixture congeals to a white solid.

(2) Peanut oil—Weigh exactly 1.0 g of Olive Oil, dissolve in 60 mL of sulfuric acid-hexane-methanol TS, boil for 2.5 hours on a water bath under a reflux condenser, cool, transfer to a separator, and add 100 mL of water. Wash the flask with 50 mL of petroleum ether, add the washing to the separator, shake, allow to stand, and separate the petroleum ether layer. Extract the water layer with another 50 mL of petroleum ether, and combine the petroleum ether layer with the former petroleum ether solution. Wash the petroleum ether solution repeatedly with 20-mL portions of water until the washings show no more acidity to methyl orange TS. Then add 5 g of anhydrous sodium sulfate, shake, filter, wash anhydrous sodium sulfate with two 10-mL portions of petroleum ether, filter the washings using the former separator, combine the filtrates, distil the petroleum ether on a water bath, passing nitrogen. Dissolve the residue in acetone to make exactly 20 mL, and use this solution as the sample solution. Separately, dissolve 0.067 g of methyl behenate in acetone to make exactly 50 mL. Pipet 2 mL of this solution, add acetone to make exactly 20 mL, and use this solution as the standard solution. Perform the test with exactly 2 μL each of the sample solution and the standard solution as directed under the Gas Chromatography according to the following conditions. Measure the peak heights, H_T and H_S, of methyl behenate of respective solutions: H_T is not higher than H_S.

Operating conditions—

Detector: A hydrogen flame-ionization detector.

Column: A glass column about 3 mm in inside diameter and about 2 m in length, packed with silanized siliceous earth for gas chromatography (150 to 180 μm in particle diameter), coated with polyethylene glycol 20 mol/L in a ratio of 5%.

Column temperature: A constant temperature of about 220°C.

Carrier gas: Nitrogen.

Flow rate: Adjust the flow rate so that the retention time of methyl behenate is about 18 minutes.

Detection sensitivity: Adjust the detection sensitivity so that the peak height of methyl behenate obtained from 2 μL of the standard solution is 5 to 10 mm.

Containers and storage Containers—Tight containers.

Ophiopogon Tuber

Ophiopogonis Tuber

バクモンドウ

Ophiopogon Tuber is the enlarged part of the root of *Ophiopogon japonicus* Ker-Gawler (*Liliaceae*).

Description Fusiform root, 1 - 2.5 cm in length, 0.3 - 0.5 cm in diameter, somewhat sharp at one end, and somewhat rounded at the other; externally light yellow to light yellow-brown, with longitudinal wrinkles of various sizes; when fractured, cortex flexible and friable, stele strong; fractured surface of cortex light yellow-brown in color, slightly translucent and viscous. Odor, slight; taste, slightly sweet and mucous.

Under a microscope, a transverse section reveals brown, 4- to 5-layer velamen internally adjoining the epidermis; a single-layer exodermis inside the velamen, and cortex of parenchyma cells inside the exodermis; endodermis is distinct; about 20 protoxylems in actionstele; cortex parenchyma contains columnar crystals and needle raphides of calcium oxalate; oil drops in the exodermis.

Purity Rootlets—The amount of the rootlets contained in Ophiopogon Tuber does not exceed 1.0%.

Total ash Not more than 3.0%.