

Powdered Opium

Opium Pulveratum

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Powdered Opium is a homogeneous powder of opium obtained from *Papaver somniferum* Linné (*Papaveraceae*). Starch or Lactose may be added.

Powdered Opium contains not less than 9.5% and not more than 10.5% of morphine ($C_{17}H_{19}NO_3$; 285.34).

Description Powdered Opium occurs as a yellow-brown to dark brown powder.

Identification (1) To 0.1 g of Powdered Opium add 5 mL of diluted ethanol (7 in 10), dissolve by treating with ultrasonic waves for 10 minutes, and add diluted ethanol (7 in 10) to make 10 mL. Filter this solution, and use the filtrate as the sample solution. Separately, dissolve 25 mg of Morphine Hydrochloride, 12 mg of Codeine Phosphate, 2 mg of Papaverine Hydrochloride, and 12 mg of Noscapine Hydrochloride separately in 25 mL of diluted ethanol (7 in 10), and use these solutions as the standard solution (1), the standard solution (2), the standard solution (3) and the standard solution (4), respectively. Perform the test with these solutions as directed under Thin-layer Chromatography. Spot 10 μ L each of the sample solution and the standard solutions on a plate of silica gel for thin-layer chromatography. Develop the plate with a mixture of acetone, toluene, ethanol (99.5) and ammonia water (28) (20:20:3:1) to a distance of about 10 cm, and air-dry the plate. Spray evenly Dragendorff's TS for spraying on the plate: each spot from the sample solution shows the same color tone and *R_f* value of each spot obtained from the standard solution (1), the standard solution (2), the standard solution (3), and the standard solution (4) (morphine, codeine, papaverine and noscapine), respectively.

(2) To 0.1 g of Powdered Opium add 5 mL of water, and shake the mixture for 5 minutes. Filter, to the filtrate add 1 mL of a solution of hydroxylammonium chloride (3 in 10) and 1 drop of iron (III) chloride TS, and shake: a red-brown color is produced. To this solution add immediately 5 mL of diethyl ether, and shake: the diethyl ether layer has no red-purple color (meconic acid).

Loss on drying Not more than 8.0% (1 g, 105°C, 5 hours).

Assay Place about 5 g of Powdered Opium, accurately weighed, in a mortar, and triturate it with exactly 10 mL of water. Add 2 g of calcium hydroxide and exactly 40 mL of water, and stir the mixture for 20 minutes. Filter, and shake 30 mL of the filtrate with 0.1 g of magnesium sulfate heptahydrate for 1 minute. To the mixture add 0.3 g of calcium hydroxide, shake for 1 minute, and allow to stand for 1 hour. Filter, place 20 mL of the filtrate, exactly measured, in a glass-stoppered flask, and add 10 mL of diethyl ether and 0.3 g of ammonium chloride. Shake vigorously with caution. When crystals begin to separate out, shake for 30 minutes with a mechanical shaker, and set aside overnight at a temperature of 5°C to 10°C. Decant the diethyl ether layer and filter

first, and then the water layer through filter paper 7 cm in diameter. Wash the adhering crystals in the flask with three 5-mL portions of water saturated with diethyl ether, and wash the crystals on the filter paper with each of these washings. Wash the top of the glass-stoppered flask and the upper part of the filter paper with final 5 mL of water saturated with diethyl ether. Transfer the crystals and the filter paper to a beaker. Dissolve the crystals remaining in the glass-stoppered flask with the aid of 15 mL of 0.05 mol/L sulfuric acid VS, accurately measured, and pour the solution into the beaker. Wash the glass-stoppered flask with four 5-mL portions of water, and add the washings to the solution in the beaker. Titrate the excess sulfuric acid with 0.1 mol/L sodium hydroxide VS (indicator: 4 drops of methyl red-methylene blue TS).

Each mL of 0.05 mol/L sulfuric acid VS
= 28.534 mg of $C_{17}H_{19}NO_3$

Containers and storage Containers—Tight containers.

Diluted Opium Powder

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Diluted Opium Powder contains not less than 0.90% and not more than 1.10% of morphine ($C_{17}H_{19}NO_3$; 285.34).

Method of preparation

Powdered Opium	100 g
Starch or a suitable diluent	a sufficient quantity
To make	
	1000 g

Prepare as directed under Powders, with the above ingredients. Lactose should not be used.

Description Diluted Opium Powder occurs as a light brown powder.

Identification (1) Proceed with 1 g of Diluted Opium Powder as directed in the Identification (1) under Powdered Opium.

(2) Proceed with 1 g of Diluted Opium Powder as directed in the Identification (2) under Powdered Opium.

Assay Place about 50 g of Diluted Opium Powder, accurately weighed, in a glass-stoppered flask, and stir with 250 mL of dilute ethanol in a water bath at 40°C for 1 hour. Filter the mixture through a glass filter (G3). Transfer the residue on the filter to the first glass-stoppered flask, and add 50 mL of dilute ethanol. Stir the mixture in a water bath at 40°C for 10 minutes, and filter through the same glass filter. Repeat the extraction with three 50-mL portions of dilute ethanol. Evaporate the combined filtrate in a mortar to dryness on a water bath. Add 10 mL of ethanol (99.5) to the residue, evaporate to dryness again, and, after cooling, triturate it with exactly 10 mL of water. Proceed with this solution as directed in the Assay under Powdered Opium.

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