Column:

- size: l = 0.25 m, $\emptyset = 4.6$ mm,
- stationary phase: styrene-divinylbenzene copolymer R (8 µm),
- temperature: 60 °C.

Mobile phase: weigh 60.0 g of 2-methyl-2-propanol R and transfer into a 1000 ml volumetric flask with the aid of 200 ml of water R; add 400 ml of buffer solution pH 8.0 R, 50 ml of a 10 g/l solution of tetrabutylammonium hydrogen sulphate R adjusted to pH 8.0 with dilute sodium hydroxide solution R and 10 ml of a 40 g/l solution of sodium edetate R adjusted to pH 8.0 with dilute sodium hydroxide solution R; dilute to 1000.0 ml with water R.

Flow rate: 1.0 ml/min.

Detection: spectrophotometer at 254 nm.

Injection: 20 µl; inject the test solution and reference solutions (d) and (e).

Relative retention with reference to doxycycline: impurity E = about 0.2; impurity D = about 0.3; impurity C = about 0.5; impurity F = about 1.2.

System suitability: reference solution (d):

- resolution: minimum 1.25 between the peaks due to impurity B (1st peak) and impurity A (2nd peak) and minimum 2.0 between the peaks due to impurity A and doxycycline (3rd peak); if necessary, adjust the 2-methyl-2-propanol content in the mobile phase,
- symmetry factor: maximum 1.25 for the peak due to doxycycline.

Limits:

- impurity A: not more than the area of the corresponding peak in the chromatogram obtained with reference solution (e) (2.0 per cent),
- impurity B: not more than the area of the corresponding peak in the chromatogram obtained with reference solution (e) (2.0 per cent),
- any other impurity: not more than 0.25 times the area of the peak due to impurity A in the chromatogram obtained with reference solution (e) (0.5 per cent),
- disregard limit: 0.05 times the area of the peak due to impurity A in the chromatogram obtained with reference solution (e) (0.1 per cent).

Heavy metals (2.4.8): maximum 50 ppm.

0.5 g complies with limit test C. Prepare the standard using 2.5 ml of *lead standard solution (10 ppm Pb) R*.

Water (2.5.12): 3.6 per cent to 4.6 per cent, determined on 0.200 g.

Sulphated ash (2.4.14): maximum 0.4 per cent, determined on 1.0 g.

ASSAY

Liquid chromatography (2.2.29) as described in the test for related substances with the following modification.

Injection: test solution and reference solution (a). Calculate the percentage content of $C_{22}H_{24}N_2O_8$.

STORAGE

Protected from light.

IMPURITIES

- A. R1 = NH₂, R2 = R5 = H, R3 = N(CH₃)₂, R4 = CH₃: (4S,4aR,5S,5aR,6S,12aS)-4-(dimethylamino)-3,5,10,12, 12a-pentahydroxy-6-methyl-1,11-dioxo-1,4,4a,5,5a,6,11, 12a-octahydrotetracene-2-carboxamide (6-epidoxycycline),
- B. R1 = NH₂, R2 = H, R3 = N(CH₃)₂, R4 + R5 = CH₂: (4S,4aR,5S,5aR,12aS)-4-(dimethylamino)-3,5,10,12,12a-pentahydroxy-6-methylene-1,11-dioxo-1,4,4a,5,5a,6,11,12a-octahydrotetracene-2-carboxamide (metacycline),
- C. R1 = NH₂, R2 = N(CH₃)₂, R3 = R4 = H, R5 = CH₃: (4R,4aR,5S,5aR,6R,12aS)-4-(dimethylamino)-3,5,10,12, 12a-pentahydroxy-6-methyl-1,11-dioxo-1,4,4a,5,5a,6,11, 12a-octahydrotetracene-2-carboxamide (4-epidoxycycline),
- D. R1 = NH₂, R2 = N(CH₃)₂, R3 = R5 = H, R4 = CH₃: (4*R*,4a*R*,5*S*,5a*R*,6*S*,12a*S*)-4-(dimethylamino)-3,5, 10,12,12a-pentahydroxy-6-methyl-1,11-dioxo-1,4,4a, 5,5a,6,11,12a-octahydrotetracene-2-carboxamide (4-epi-6-epidoxycycline),
- E. R1 = NH₂, R2 = H, R3 = N(CH₃)₂, R4 = OH, R5 = CH₃: oxytetracycline,
- F. R1 = CH₃, R2 = R4 = H, R3 = N(CH₃)₂, R5 = CH₃: (4S,4aR,5S,5aR,6R,12aS)-2-acetyl-4-(dimethylamino)-3,5,10,12,12a-pentahydroxy-6-methyl-4a,5a, 6,12a-tetrahydrotetracene-1,11(4H,5H)-dione (2-acetyl-2-decarbamoyldoxycycline).

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DOXYLAMINE HYDROGEN SUCCINATE

Doxylamini hydrogenosuccinas

and enantiomer

 $C_{21}H_{28}N_2O_5$ [562-10-7]

 $M_{r}388.5$

DEFINITION

N,N-dimethyl-2-[(1*RS*)-1-phenyl-1-(pyridin-2-yl)ethoxy(ethanamine hydrogen butanedioate.

Content: 99.0 per cent to 101.0 per cent (anhydrous substance).

CHARACTERS

Appearance: a white or almost white powder.

Solubility: very soluble in water, freely soluble in alcohol.

IDENTIFICATION

First identification: C.

Second identification: A, B.

A. Melting point (2.2.14): 103 °C to 108 °C.

- B. Dissolve 0.200 g in 0.1 M hydrochloric acid and dilute to 100.0 ml with the same solvent. Dilute 1.0 ml of the solution to 100.0 ml with 0.1 M hydrochloric acid. Examined between 230 nm and 350 nm (2.2.25), the solution shows an absorption maximum at 262 nm. The specific absorbance at the maximum is 229 to 243 (anhydrous substance).
- C. Infrared absorption spectrophotometry (2.2.24).

Comparison: Ph. Eur. reference spectrum of doxylamine hydrogen succinate.

TESTS

Appearance of solution. The solution is clear (2.2.1) and colourless (2.2.2, *Method II*).

Dissolve 0.4 g of the substance to be examined in *water R* and dilute to 20 ml with the same solvent.

Optical rotation (2.2.7): -0.10° to $+0.10^{\circ}$.

Dissolve 2.50 g of the substance to be examined in *water R* and dilute to 25.0 ml with the same solvent.

Related substances. Gas chromatography (2.2.28).

Test solution. Dissolve 0.650 g of the substance to be examined in 20 ml of 0.1 M hydrochloric acid. Add 3 ml of a 100 g/l solution of sodium hydroxide R and extract 3 times with 25 ml of methylene chloride R. Combine the methylene chloride extracts and filter using hydrophobic phase-separation filter paper. Rinse the filter with 10 ml of methylene chloride R and combine the rinsings with the methylene chloride extracts. Evaporate the solvent under reduced pressure at a temperature not exceeding 40 °C. Dissolve the residue in 20.0 ml of ethanol R.

Reference solution (a). Dilute 1.0 ml of the test solution to 200.0 ml with *ethanol R*.

Reference solution (b). Dissolve 40 mg of doxylamine impurity A CRS and 40 mg of 2-benzoylpyridine R in ethanol R and dilute to 20 ml with the same solvent. Dilute 1 ml of this solution to 20 ml with ethanol R.

Column:

- material: fused silica,

- size: l = 30 m, $\emptyset = 0.53$ mm,

 stationary phase: poly(dimethyl)(diphenyl)siloxane R (film thickness 1.5 µm).

Carrier gas: helium for chromatography R.

Flow rate: 7 ml/min.

Temperature:

	Time	Temperature
	(min)	(°C)
Column	0 - 12	$160 \rightarrow 220$
	12 - 27	220
Injection port		250
Detector		250

Detection: flame ionisation.

Injection: 1 µl.

System suitability: reference solution (b):

 resolution: minimum 1.5 between the peaks due to impurity A and impurity D.

Limits:

- any impurity: not more than the area of the principal peak in the chromatogram obtained with reference solution (a) (0.5 per cent).
- total: not more than twice the area of the principal peak in the chromatogram obtained with reference solution (a) (1 per cent).
- disregard limit: 0.1 times the area of the principal peak in the chromatogram obtained with reference solution (a) (0.05 per cent).

Water (2.5.12): maximum 0.5 per cent, determined on 2.00 g. Sulphated ash (2.4.14): maximum 0.1 per cent, determined on 1.0 g.

ASSAY

Dissolve 0.150 g in 50 ml of *anhydrous acetic acid R*. Titrate with 0.1 M perchloric acid, determining the end-point potentiometrically (2.2.20).

1 ml of 0.1 M perchloric acid is equivalent to 19.43 mg of $\rm C_{21}H_{28}N_2O_5$.

IMPURITIES

A. *N,N*-dimethyl-2-[1(*RS*)-1-phenyl-1-(pyridin-4-yl)ethoxylethanamine,

B. $R1 = CH_3$, R2 = H: (1RS)-1-phenyl-1-(pyridin-2-yl)ethanol,

C. R1 = H, R2 = CH₂-CH₂-N(CH₃)₂: *N,N*-dimethyl-2-[(*RS*)-1-phenyl(pyridin-2-yl)methoxylethanamine,

D. phenyl(pyridin-2-yl)methanone (2-benzoylpyridine).