

(2) Unsaponified matter—To 1.0 mL of Saponated Cresol Solution add 5 mL of water, and shake: the solution is clear.

(3) Cresol fraction—Transfer 180 mL of Saponated Cresol Solution to a 2000-mL distilling flask, add 300 mL of water and 100 mL of dilute sulfuric acid, and distil with steam until the distillate becomes clear. Draw off the water from the condenser, and continue the distillation until water vapor begins to come out of the tip of the condenser. Cool the condenser again, and continue distillation for 5 minutes. Dissolve 20 g of sodium chloride per 100 mL of the distillate, allow to stand, and collect the separated clear oil layer. After adding about 15 g of powdered calcium chloride for drying in small portions with frequent shaking, allow to stand for 4 hours. Filter, and distil exactly 50 mL of the filtrate: the distillate is not less than 43 mL between 196°C and 206°C.

Assay Transfer 5 mL of Saponated Cresol Solution, exactly measured, to a 500-mL distilling flask, holding the pipet vertically for 15 minutes to draw off the solution into the flask. Add 200 mL of water, 40 g of sodium chloride and 3 mL of dilute sulfuric acid, connect the distilling apparatus with the distilling flask, and distil into a cassia flask which contains 30 g of powdered sodium chloride and exactly 3 mL of kerosene, until the distillate reaches 90 mL. Draw off the water from the condenser, and continue the distillation until water vapor begins to come out of the tip of the condenser. Allow the cassia flask to stand in warm water for 15 minutes to dissolve the sodium chloride with frequent shaking. Cool to 15°C, add a saturated solution of sodium chloride, and allow to stand for more than 3 hours with occasional shaking. Allow to stand for 1 to 2 minutes with gentle shaking, and combine the separated oil drops with the oil layer. The volume (mL) subtracted 3 (mL) from the oil layer measured represents the amount (mL) of cresol.

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

Cyperus Rhizome

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Cyperus Rhizome is the rhizome of *Cyperus rotundus* Linné (*Cyperaceae*).

Description Fusiform rhizome, 1.5–2.5 cm in length, 0.5–1 cm in diameter; externally grayish brown to grayish blackish brown, with 5 to 8 irregular ring nodes, and with hair-like fiber bundles on each node; hard in texture. The transverse section red-brown to light yellow in color, with waxy luster; thickness of cortex approximately equal to or slightly smaller than the diameter of stele. Under a magnifying glass, a transverse section reveals fiber bundles as brown spots lined in rings along circumference; here and there in the cortex, vascular bundles appear as red-brown spots, and numerous secretory cells scattered as minute yellow-brown spots; in the stele, numerous vascular bundles scattered as spots or lines. Characteristic odor and taste.

Total ash Not more than 3.0%.

Essential oil content Perform the test with 50.0 g of pulverized *Cyperus Rhizome* as directed in the Essential oil content under the Crude Drugs, provided that 1 mL of silicon resin is previously added on the sample in the flask: the volume of essential oil is not less than 0.3 mL.

Powdered *Cyperus Rhizome*

Cyperi Rhizoma Pulveratum

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Powdered *Cyperus Rhizome* is the powder of *Cyperus Rhizome*.

Description Powdered *Cyperus Rhizome* occurs as a light red-brown powder, and has a characteristic odor and taste.

Under a microscope, Powdered *Cyperus Rhizome* reveals fragments of polygonal parenchyma cells, scalariform vessels, and seta-like fibers; a large quantity of starch, mostly gelatinized; an extremely small number of stone cells.

Purity Foreign matter—Under a microscope, Powdered *Cyperus Rhizome* does not show extremely lignified cells, except stone cells, or crystals.

Total ash Not more than 3.0%.

Acid-insoluble ash Not more than 1.5%.

Essential oil content Perform the test with 50.0 g of Powdered *Cyperus Rhizome* as directed in the Essential oil content under the Crude Drugs, provided that 1 mL of silicon resin is previously added on the sample in the flask: the volume of essential oil is not less than 0.2 mL.

Containers and storage Containers—Tight containers.

Dextrin

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Description Dextrin occurs as a white or light yellow, amorphous powder or granules. It has a slight, characteristic odor and a sweet taste. It does not irritate the tongue. Dextrin is freely soluble in boiling water, soluble in water, and practically insoluble in ethanol (95) and in diethyl ether.

Identification To 0.1 g of Dextrin add 100 mL of water, shake, and filter if necessary. To 5 mL of the filtrate add 1 drop of iodine TS: a light red-brown or light red-purple color develops.

Purity (1) Clarity and color of solution—Take 2.0 g of Dextrin in a Nessler tube, add 40 mL of water, dissolve by heating, cool, and add water to make 50 mL: the solution is colorless or light yellow. It is clear, and even if turbid, the turbidity is not more than that of the following control solution.

Control solution: To 1.0 mL of 0.005 mol/L sulfuric acid VS add 1 mL of dilute hydrochloric acid, 46 mL of water and 2 mL of barium chloride TS, allow to stand for 10 minutes,