

(1:1), boil gently for 10 minutes under a reflux condenser, cool, and add 5 drops of phenolphthalein TS and 0.60 mL of 0.1 mol/L sodium hydroxide VS: a red color develops.

(2) Rancidity—No unpleasant odor of rancid oil is perceptible by warming Vitamin A Oil.

(3) Related substances—Vitamin A Oil meets the conditions determined as directed in Method 1 under the Vitamin A Assay, or its *f* value determined as directed in Method 2 under the Vitamin A Assay is not less than 0.85.

Assay Proceed as directed under the Vitamin A Assay.

Containers and storage Containers—Tight containers.

Storage—Light-resistant, and almost well-filled, or under nitrogen atmosphere.

Vitamin A Oil Capsules

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Vitamin A Oil Capsules contain not less than 90% and not more than 130% of the labeled Units of Vitamin A.

Method of preparation Prepare as directed under Capsules, using Vitamin A Oil.

Tests for Vitamin A Oil The oil obtained by the procedure directed in the Assay meets the requirements of the Description, Identification and Purity under Vitamin A Oil.

Assay Weigh accurately 20 Vitamin A Oil Capsules, cut open, transfer the oil contents, mix well, and proceed with the oil as directed under Vitamin A Assay. Wash the capsules with a small amount of diethyl ether, allow to stand at room temperature to evaporate the diethyl ether, and weigh accurately. Calculate the mass of Vitamin A Oil from the difference between the masses before and after the above-described procedure. Calculate the Vitamin A Units per 1 capsule from the mass and the Vitamin A Units of the oil.

Containers and storage Containers—Well-closed containers.

Storage—Light-resistant.

Compound Vitamin B Powder

複方ビタミン B 散

Method of preparation

Thiamine Nitrate	10 g
Riboflavin	10 g
Pyridoxine Hydrochloride	10 g
Nicotinamide	100 g
Starch, Lactose or their mixture	a sufficient quantity
To make 1000 g	

Prepare as directed under Powders, with the above ingredients.

Description Compound Vitamin B Powder is orange-yellow in color. It has a slightly bitter taste.

It is slowly affected by light.

Identification (1) Shake 2 g of Compound Vitamin B Powder with 100 mL of water, filter, and to 5 mL of the filtrate add 2.5 mL of sodium hydroxide TS and 0.5 mL of potassium hexacyanoferrate (III) TS. Then add 5 mL of 2-methyl-1-propanol, shake the mixture vigorously for 2 minutes, allow to stand, and observe under ultraviolet light: the 2-methyl-1-propanol layer shows a blue-purple fluorescence. This fluorescence disappears when the mixture is acidified, but reappears when it is again made alkaline (thiamine).

(2) Shake 0.1 g of Compound Vitamin B Powder with 100 mL of water, and filter. Perform the following tests with the filtrate (riboflavin).

(i) The filtrate is light yellow-green in color and has an intense yellow-green fluorescence. This color and fluorescence of the solution disappears upon the addition of 0.02 g of sodium hydrosulfite to 5 mL of the filtrate, and again appears by shaking the mixture in air. This fluorescence disappears upon the addition of dilute hydrochloric acid or sodium hydroxide TS.

(ii) To 10 mL of the filtrate placed in a glass-stoppered test tube add 1 mL of sodium hydroxide TS, after illuminating with a fluorescence lamp of 10 to 30 watts at 20-cm distance for 30 minutes between 20°C and 40°C, acidify with 0.5 mL of acetic acid (31), and shake thoroughly with 5 mL of chloroform: the chloroform layer shows yellow-green fluorescence.

(3) Shake 1 g of Compound Vitamin B Powder with 100 mL of diluted ethanol (7 in 10), filter, and to 5 mL of the filtrate add 2 mL of sodium hydroxide TS and 40 mg of manganese dioxide. Heat on a water bath for 30 minutes, cool, and filter. Add 5 mL of 2-propanol to 1 mL of the filtrate, and use the solution as the sample solution. To 3 mL of the sample solution add 2 mL of bartibal buffer solution, 4 mL of 2-propanol and 2 mL of a freshly prepared solution of 2,6-dibromo-N-chloro-1,4-benzoquinone monoimine in ethanol (95) (1 in 4000) prepared when required for use: a blue color develops. To 1 mL of the sample solution add 1 mL of a saturated boric acid solution, and proceed as directed in the same manner as above: no blue color develops (pyridoxine).

(4) Shake 0.5 g of Compound Vitamin B Powder with 10 mL of ethanol (95), filter, and evaporate 1 mL of the filtrate on a water bath to dryness. Add 0.01 g of 2,4-dinitrochlorobenzene to the residue, heat gently for 5–6 seconds to fuse, and after cooling, add 4 mL of potassium hydroxide-ethanol TS: a red color develops (nicotinamide).

(5) Shake 1 g of Compound Vitamin B Powder with 5 mL of diluted ethanol (7 in 10), filter, and use the filtrate as the sample solution. Separately, dissolve 0.01 g each of thiamine mononitrate, riboflavin, pyridoxine hydrochloride and nicotinamide in 1 mL, 50 mL, 1 mL and 1 mL of water, respectively, and use these solutions as standard solutions (1), (2), (3) and (4). Perform the test with these solutions as directed under the Thin-layer Chromatography. Spot 2 μ L each of the sample solution and standard solutions (1), (2), (3) and (4) on a plate of silica gel with fluorescent indicator for thin-layer chromatography. Develop the plate with a mixture of chloroform, ethanol (95) and acetic acid (100) (100:50:1) to a distance of about 10 cm, and air-dry the plate. Examine un-