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Test solution (b). Dissolve 0.100 g of the substance to be examined in 10 mL of *cyclohexane R*.

Reference solution (a). Dissolve 0.100 g of α -tocopherol CRS in 10.0 mL of the internal standard solution.

Reference solution (b). Dissolve 10 mg of the substance to be examined and 10 mg of α -tocopheryl acetate *R* in *cyclohexane R* and dilute to 100.0 mL with the same solvent.

Reference solution (c). Dissolve 10 mg of *all-rac- α -tocopherol for peak identification CRS* (containing impurities A and B) in *cyclohexane R* and dilute to 1 mL with the same solvent.

Reference solution (d). Dilute 1.0 mL of test solution (b) to 100.0 mL with *cyclohexane R*. Dilute 1.0 mL of this solution to 10.0 mL with *cyclohexane R*.

Column:

- **material:** fused silica;
- **size:** $l = 30$ m, $\varnothing = 0.25$ mm;
- **stationary phase:** *poly(dimethyl)siloxane R* (film thickness 0.25 μ m).

Carrier gas: helium for chromatography *R*.

Flow rate: 1 mL/min.

Split ratio: 1:100.

Temperature:

- **column:** 280 °C;
- **injection port and detector:** 290 °C.

Detection: flame ionisation.

Injection: 1 μ L of test solution (b) and reference solutions (b), (c) and (d).

Run time: twice the retention time of *all-rac- α -tocopherol*.

Identification of impurities: use the chromatogram supplied with *all-rac- α -tocopherol for peak identification CRS* and the chromatogram obtained with reference solution (c) to identify the peaks due to impurities A and B.

Relative retention with reference to *all-rac- α -tocopherol* (retention time = about 13 min): *squalane* = about 0.5; impurity A = about 0.7; impurity B = about 0.8; impurities C and D = about 1.05 (eluting immediately after the *all-rac- α -tocopherol* peak).

System suitability: reference solution (b):

- **resolution:** minimum 3.5 between the peaks due to *all-rac- α -tocopherol* and α -tocopheryl acetate.

Limits:

- **impurity A:** maximum 0.5 per cent;
- **impurity B:** maximum 1.5 per cent;
- **sum of impurities C and D:** maximum 1.0 per cent;
- **any other impurity:** for each impurity, maximum 0.25 per cent;
- **total:** maximum 2.5 per cent;
- **disregard limit:** the area of the principal peak in the chromatogram obtained with reference solution (d) (0.1 per cent).

The thresholds indicated under Related substances (Table 2034.-1) in the general monograph *Substances for pharmaceutical use (2034)* do not apply.

ASSAY

Gas chromatography (2.2.28) as described in the test for related substances with the following modification.

Injection: test solution (a) and reference solution (a).

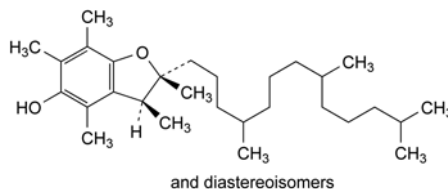
Calculate the percentage content of $C_{29}H_{50}O_2$ from the declared content of α -tocopherol CRS.

STORAGE

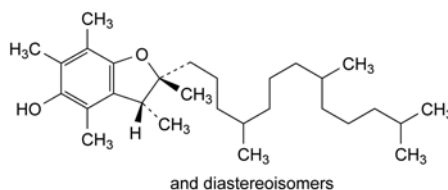
Under an inert gas, protected from light.

IMPURITIES

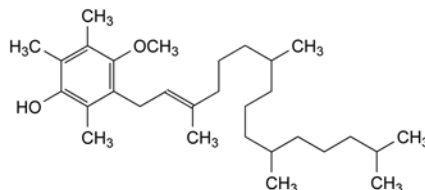
Specified impurities: A, B, C, D.



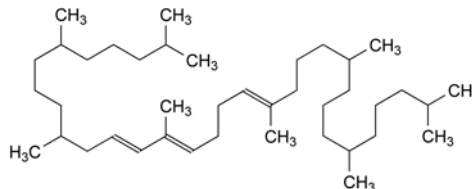
A. *all-rac-trans*-2,3,4,6,7-pentamethyl-2-(4,8,12-trimethyltridecyl)-2,3-dihydrobenzofuran-5-ol,



B. *all-rac-cis*-2,3,4,6,7-pentamethyl-2-(4,8,12-trimethyltridecyl)-2,3-dihydrobenzofuran-5-ol.

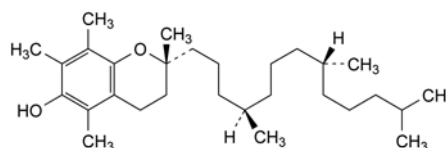


C. 4-methoxy-2,3,6-trimethyl-5-[(*all-2R,3E*)-3,7,11,15-tetramethylhexadec-2-enyl]phenol,



D. (*all-2R,3E*)-2,6,10,14,19,23,27,31-octamethyldotriaconta-12,14,18-triene.

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RRR- α -TOCOPHEROLRRR- α -Tocopherolum

$C_{29}H_{50}O_2$
[59-02-9]

M_r 430.7

DEFINITION

(2*R*)-2,5,7,8-Tetramethyl-2-[(4*R,8R*)-4,8,12-trimethyltridecyl]-3,4-dihydro-2*H*-1-benzopyran-6-ol.

Content: 94.5 per cent to 102.0 per cent.

CHARACTERS

Appearance: clear, colourless or yellowish-brown, viscous, oily liquid.

Solubility: practically insoluble in water, freely soluble in acetone, in anhydrous ethanol, in methylene chloride and in fatty oils.

IDENTIFICATION

First identification: A, B.

Second identification: A, C.

A. Optical rotation (2.2.7): $+0.05^\circ$ to $+0.10^\circ$.

Dissolve 2.50 g in *anhydrous ethanol R* and dilute to 25.0 mL with the same solvent.

B. Infrared absorption spectrophotometry (2.2.24).

Comparison: α -tocopherol CRS.

C. Thin-layer chromatography (2.2.27).

Test solution. Dissolve 10 mg of the substance to be examined in 2 mL of *cyclohexane R*.

Reference solution. Dissolve 10 mg of α -tocopherol CRS in 2 mL of *cyclohexane R*.

Plate: TLC silica gel F_{254} plate *R*.

Mobile phase: ether *R*, *cyclohexane R* (20:80 V/V).

Application: 10 μ L.

Development: over 2/3 of the plate.

Drying: in a current of air.

Detection: examine in ultraviolet light at 254 nm.

Results: the principal spot in the chromatogram obtained with the test solution is similar in position and size to the principal spot in the chromatogram obtained with the reference solution.

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Split ratio: 1:100.

Temperature:

	Time (min)	Temperature (°C)
Column	0 - 15	280
Injection port		290
Detector		290

Detection: flame ionisation.

Injection: 1 μ L of test solution (b) and reference solution (b).

System suitability: reference solution (b):

- **resolution:** minimum 3.5 between the peaks due to α -tocopherol and α -tocopheryl acetate.

Limits:

- **total:** maximum 4.0 per cent;
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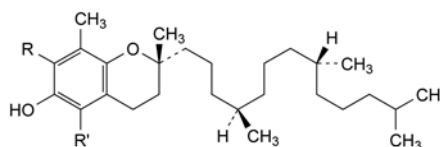
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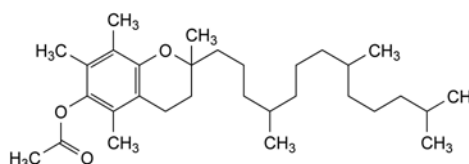
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IMPURITIES



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- B. $R = H$, $R' = CH_3$: (2*R*)-2,5,8-trimethyl-2-[(4*R*,8*R*)-4,8,12-trimethyltridecyl]-3,4-dihydro-2*H*-1-benzopyran-6-ol (*RRR*- β -tocopherol),
- C. $R = CH_3$, $R' = H$: (2*R*)-2,7,8-trimethyl-2-[(4*R*,8*R*)-4,8,12-trimethyltridecyl]-3,4-dihydro-2*H*-1-benzopyran-6-ol (*RRR*- γ -tocopherol).

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all-*rac*- α -TOCOPHERYL ACETATEint-*rac*- α -Tocopherylis acetas

$C_{31}H_{52}O_3$
[7695-91-2]

M_r 472.7

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