Other detectable impurities (the following substances would, if present at a sufficient level, be detected by one or other of the tests in the monograph. They are limited by the general acceptance criterion for other/unspecified impurities and/or by the general monograph Substances for pharmaceutical use (2034). It is therefore not necessary to identify these impurities for demonstration of compliance. See also 5.10. Control of impurities in substances for pharmaceutical use): C, E.

A.  $R = C_2H_5$ ,  $R' = CH_3$ : ethyl methyl (4RS)-4-(2,1,3-benzoxadiazol-4-yl)-2,6-dimethyl-1,4-dihydropyridine-3,5-dicarboxylate,

B.  $R = R' = CH(CH_3)_2$ : bis(1-methylethyl) (4RS)-4-(2,1,3-benzoxadiazol-4-yl)-2,6-dimethyl-1,4-dihydropyridine-3,5-dicarboxylate,

C. R = R' = CH<sub>3</sub>: dimethyl (4*RS*)-4-(2,1,3-benzoxadiazol-4-yl)-2,6-dimethyl-1,4-dihydropyridine-3,5-dicarboxylate,

D. methyl 1-methylethyl 4-(2,1,3-benzoxadiazol-4-yl)-2,6-dimethylpyridine-3,5-dicarboxylate,

E. methyl 1-methylethyl (4*RS*)-4-(2,1,3-benzoxadiazol-4-yl)-2-[(*EZ*)-2-(2,1,3-benzoxadiazol-4-yl)ethenyl]-6-methyl-1,4-dihydropyridine-3,5-dicarboxylate.

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# **ITRACONAZOLE**

# Itraconazolum

C<sub>35</sub>H<sub>38</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>8</sub>O<sub>4</sub> [84625-61-6]  $M_{\rm r} \, 706$ 

### DEFINITION

4-[4-[4-[cis-2-(2,4-Dichlorophenyl)-2-(1H-1,2,4-triazol-1-ylmethyl)-1,3-dioxolan-4-yl]methoxy]phenyl]piperazin-1-yl]phenyl]-2-[(1RS)-1-methylpropyl]-2,4-dihydro-3H-1,2,4-triazol-3-one

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

#### **CHARACTERS**

Appearance: white or almost white powder.

*Solubility*: practically insoluble in water, freely soluble in methylene chloride, very slightly soluble in ethanol (96 per cent).

#### **IDENTIFICATION**

Infrared absorption spectrophotometry (2.2.24).

Comparison: itraconazole CRS.

### **TESTS**

**Solution S.** Dissolve 2.0 g in *methylene chloride R* and dilute to 20.0 mL with the same solvent.

**Appearance of solution.** Solution S is clear (2.2.1) and not more intensely coloured than reference solution  $R_6$  or  $B_6$  (2.2.2, Method II).

**Related substances.** Liquid chromatography (2.2.29). Prepare the solutions immediately before use.

Test solution. Dissolve 0.100~g of the substance to be examined in *methanolic hydrochloric acid R* and dilute to 10.0~mL with the same solvent.

Reference solution (a). Dilute 1.0 mL of the test solution to 100.0 mL with *methanolic hydrochloric acid R*. Dilute 1.0 mL of this solution to 10.0 mL with *methanolic hydrochloric acid R*.

Reference solution (b). Dissolve 10 mg of itraconazole for system suitability CRS (containing impurities B, C, D, E, F and G) in 1.0 mL of methanolic hydrochloric acid R.

# Column:

- size: l = 0.10 m,  $\emptyset = 4.6$  mm;
- stationary phase: base-deactivated end-capped octadecylsilyl silica gel for chromatography R (3 µm or 3.5 µm);
- temperature: 30 °C.

#### Mobile phase:

- mobile phase A: 27.2 g/L solution of tetrabutylammonium hydrogen sulfate R1:
- mobile phase B: acetonitrile R1;

Time (min)	Mobile phase A (per cent $V/V$ )	Mobile phase B (per cent $V/V$ )	
0 - 2	80	20	
2 - 22	$80 \rightarrow 50$	$20 \rightarrow 50$	
22 - 27	50	50	

Flow rate: 1.5 mL/min.

Detection: spectrophotometer at 225 nm.

Injection: 10 µL.

*Identification of impurities*: use the chromatogram supplied with *itraconazole for system suitability CRS* and the chromatogram obtained with reference solution (b) to identify the peaks due to impurities B, C, D, E, F and G.

Relative retention with reference to itraconazole (retention time = about 14 min): impurity B = about 0.7; impurities C and D = about 0.8; impurity E = about 0.9; impurity F = about 1.05; impurity G = about 1.3.

System suitability: reference solution (b):

- peak-to-valley ratio: minimum 1.5, where  $H_p$  = height above the baseline of the peak due to impurity F and  $H_v$  = height above the baseline of the lowest point of the curve separating this peak from the peak due to itraconazole.

#### Limits:

- impurities B, G: for each impurity, not more than 3 times the area of the principal peak in the chromatogram obtained with reference solution (a) (0.3 per cent);
- impurity E: not more than twice the area of the principal peak in the chromatogram obtained with reference solution (a) (0.2 per cent);
- sum of impurities C and D: not more than 3 times the area of the principal peak in the chromatogram obtained with reference solution (a) (0.3 per cent);
- unspecified impurities: for each impurity, not more than the area of the principal peak in the chromatogram obtained with reference solution (a) (0.10 per cent);
- total: not more than 8 times the area of the principal peak in the chromatogram obtained with reference solution (a) (0.8 per cent);
- disregard limit: 0.5 times the area of the principal peak in the chromatogram obtained with reference solution (a) (0.05 per cent).

**Loss on drying** (2.2.32): maximum 0.5 per cent, determined on 1.000 g by drying in an oven at 105 °C for 4 h.

**Sulfated ash** (2.4.14): maximum 0.1 per cent, determined on 1.0 g.

# ASSAY

Dissolve  $0.300 \, \mathrm{g}$  in  $70 \, \mathrm{mL}$  of a mixture of 1 volume of *anhydrous acetic acid R* and 7 volumes of *methyl ethyl ketone R* by vigorous stirring for at least  $10 \, \mathrm{min}$ . Titrate with  $0.1 \, M$  perchloric acid, determining the end-point potentiometrically at the second point of inflexion (2.2.20).

1 mL of 0.1 M perchloric acid is equivalent to 35.3 mg of  $C_{35}H_{38}Cl_2N_8O_4$ .

## **STORAGE**

Protected from light.

# **IMPURITIES**

Specified impurities: B, C, D, E, G.

Other detectable impurities (the following substances would, if present at a sufficient level, be detected by one or other of the tests in the monograph. They are limited by the general

acceptance criterion for other/unspecified impurities and/or by the general monograph *Substances for pharmaceutical use* (2034). It is therefore not necessary to identify these impurities for demonstration of compliance. See also 5.10. Control of impurities in substances for pharmaceutical use): A, F.

A. 4-[4-(4-methoxyphenyl)piperazin-1-yl]phenyl]-2-[(1*RS*)-1-methylpropyl]-2,4-dihydro-3*H*-1,2,4-triazol-3-one,

B. 4-[4-[4-[4-[cis-2-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)-2-(4*H*-1,2,4-triazol-4-ylmethyl)-1,3-dioxolan-4-yl]methoxy]phenyl]piperazin-1-yl]phenyl]-2-[(1*RS*)-1-methylpropyl]-2,4-dihydro-3*H*-1,2,4-triazol-3-one,

R1 = 
$$CH_3$$
 $R_2 = CI$ 
 $R_3 = CI$ 
 $R_4 = CI$ 
 $R_4$ 

C. 4-[4-[4-[(cis-2-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)-2-(1(H-1,2,4-triazol-1-ylmethyl)-1,3-dioxolan-4-yl]methoxy]phenyl]piperazin-1-yl]phenyl]-2-propyl-2,4-dihydro-3(H-1,2,4-triazol-3-one,

$$R1 = \begin{array}{c} H_3C \\ CH_3 \end{array}$$

$$CH_3 \qquad CH_3 \qquad CH_4 \qquad CH$$

D. 4-[4-[4-[cis-2-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)-2-(1H-1,2,4-triazol-1-ylmethyl)-1,3-dioxolan-4-yl]methoxy]phenyl]piperazin-1-yl]phenyl]-2-(1-methylethyl)-2,4-dihydro-3<math>H-1,2,4-triazol-3-one.

$$\begin{array}{c} R1 = \\ H \\ CH_3 \\ CH_3 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} CH_3 \\ H_2 \\ H \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} CI \\ O \\ N \\ N \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} CI \\ And enantiomer \\ N \\ N \end{array}$$

E. 4-[4-[4-[4-[17ans-2-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)-2-(1*H*-1,2,4-triazol-1-ylmethyl)-1,3-dioxolan-4-yl]methoxy]phenyl]piperazin-1-yl]phenyl]-2-[(1*RS*)-1-methylpropyl]-2,4-dihydro-3*H*-1,2,4-triazol-3-one,

$$R1 = CH_3$$
 $R2 = CI$ 
 $R1 = CH_3$ 
 $R2 = CI$ 
 $R3 = CI$ 
 $R4 = CI$ 
 $R5 = CI$ 
 $R6 = CI$ 
 $R7 = CI$ 

F. 2-butyl-4-[4-[4-[[cis-2-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)-2-(1*H*-1,2,4-triazol-1-ylmethyl)-1,3-dioxolan-4-yl]methoxy]phenyl]piperazin-1-yl]phenyl]-2,4-dihydro-3*H*-1,2,4-triazol-3-one,

G. 4-[4-[4-[*cis*-2-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)-2-(1*H*-1,2,4-triazol-1-ylmethyl)-1,3-dioxolan-4-yl]methoxy]phenyl]piperazin-1-yl]phenyl]-2-[*cis*-2-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)-2-(1*H*-1,2,4-triazol-1-ylmethyl)-1,3-dioxolan-4-yl]methyl]-2,4-dihydro-3*H*-1,2,4-triazol-3-one.

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# **IVERMECTIN**

# Ivermectinum

Component	R	Molecular formula	$M_{\rm r}$
$H_2B_{1a}$	CH <sub>2</sub> -CH <sub>3</sub>	$C_{48}H_{74}O_{14}$	875
$H_2B_{1b}$	$\mathrm{CH}_3$	$\mathrm{C_{47}H_{72}O_{14}}$	861

Ivermectin B1a: [70161-11-4] Ivermectin B1b: [70288-86-7]

# DEFINITION

Mixture of (2aE.4E.5'S.6S.6'R.7S.8E.11R.13R.15S.17aR. 20R,20aR,20bS)-7-[[2,6-dideoxy-4-O-(2,6-dideoxy-3-Omethyl-α-L-arabino-hexopyranosyl)-3-O-methyl-α-L-arabinohexopyranosyl]oxy]-20,20b-dihydroxy-5',6,8,19-tetramethyl-6'-[(1S)-1-methylpropyl]-3',4',5',6,6',7,10,11,14,15,17a,20,20a,20btetradecahydrospiro[11,15-methano-2H,13H,17H-furo[4,3,2pq][2,6]benzodioxacyclooctadecene-13,2'-[2H]pyran]-17-one (or 5-O-demethyl-22,23-dihydroavermectin  $A_{1a}$ ) (component  $H_2B_{1a}$ ) and (2aE,4E,5'S,6S,6'R,7S,8E,11R,13R,15S,17aR,20R,20aR,-20bS)-7-[[2,6-dideoxy-4-O-(2,6-dideoxy-3-O-methyl- $\alpha$ -L-arabino-hexopyranosyl)-3-O-methyl-\alpha-L-arabinohexopyranosylloxyl-20,20b-dihydroxy-5',6,8,19-tetramethyl-6'-(1-methylethyl)-3',4',5',6,6',7,10,11,14,15,17a,20,20a,20btetra de cahy drospiro [11,15-methano-2H,13H,17H-furo [4,3,2-methano-2H,13H,17H-furo [4,3,2pq][2,6]benzodioxacyclooctadecene-13,2'-[2H]pyran]-17-one (or 5-O-demethyl-25-de(1-methylpropyl)-25-(1-methylethyl)-22,23dihydroavermectin A<sub>1a</sub>) (component H<sub>2</sub>B<sub>1b</sub>).

Semi-synthetic product derived from a fermentation product. *Content*:

 ivermectin (H<sub>2</sub>B<sub>1a</sub> + H<sub>2</sub>B<sub>1b</sub>): 95.0 per cent to 102.0 per cent (anhydrous substance), - ratio  $\rm H_2B_{1a}/(\rm H_2B_{1a}+\rm H_2B_{1b})$  (areas by liquid chromatography): minimum 90.0 per cent.

### **CHARACTERS**

Appearance: white or yellowish-white, crystalline powder, slightly hygroscopic.

*Solubility*: practically insoluble in water, freely soluble in methylene chloride, soluble in alcohol.

#### IDENTIFICATION

- A. Infrared absorption spectrophotometry (2.2.24). *Comparison: ivermectin CRS*.
- B. Examine the chromatograms obtained in the assay. Results: the retention times and sizes of the 2 principal peaks in the chromatogram obtained with the test solution are similar to those of the 2 principal peaks in the chromatogram obtained with reference solution (a).

#### **TESTS**

**Appearance of solution.** The solution is clear (2.2.1) and not more intensely coloured than reference solution BY<sub>7</sub>  $(2.2.2, Method\ II)$ .

Dissolve 1.0 g in 50 mL of toluene R.

**Specific optical rotation** (2.2.7): -17 to -20 (anhydrous substance).

Dissolve 0.250 g in  $methanol\ R$  and dilute to 10.0 mL with the same solvent.

**Related substances**. Liquid chromatography (2.2.29).

Test solution. Dissolve 40.0 mg of the substance to be examined in methanol R and dilute to 50.0 mL with the same solvent. Reference solution (a). Dissolve 40.0 mg of ivermectin CRS in methanol R and dilute to 50.0 mL with the same solvent. Reference solution (b). Dilute 1.0 mL of reference solution (a) to 100.0 mL with methanol R.

Reference solution (c). Dilute 5.0 mL of reference solution (b) to 100.0 mL with  $methanol\ R$ .

### Column:

- size: l = 0.25 m,  $\emptyset = 4.6$  mm,
- stationary phase: octadecylsilyl silica gel for chromatography R (5 µm).

Mobile phase: water R, methanol R, acetonitrile R (15:34:51 V/V/V).

Flow rate: 1 mL/min.

Detection: spectrophotometer at 254 nm.

Injection: 20 µL. System suitability:

- resolution: minimum of 3.0 between the first peak (component H<sub>2</sub>B<sub>1b</sub>) and the second peak (component H<sub>2</sub>B<sub>1a</sub>) in the chromatogram obtained with reference solution (a),
- signal-to-noise ratio: minimum of 10 for the principal peak in the chromatogram obtained with reference solution (c),
- symmetry factor: maximum of 2.5 for the principal peak in the chromatogram obtained with reference solution (a).

#### Limits:

- impurity with a relative retention of 1.3 to 1.5 with reference to the principal peak: not more than 2.5 times the area of the principal peak in the chromatogram obtained with reference solution (b) (2.5 per cent).
- any other impurity (apart from the 2 principal peaks): not more than the area of the principal peak in the chromatogram obtained with reference solution (b) (1 per cent),
- total: not more than 5 times the area of the principal peak in the chromatogram obtained with reference solution (b) (5 per cent),
- disregard limit: area of the principal peak in the chromatogram obtained with reference solution (c) (0.05 per cent).