

Limits: test solution (b):

- **any impurity:** for each impurity, not more than the area of the peak due to xanthydrol (1.0 per cent), and not more than one such peak has an area greater than or equal to 0.5 times the area of the peak due to xanthydrol (0.5 per cent);
- **disregard limit:** disregard any peak with a retention time relative to propantheline of less than 0.2 (bromide); disregard the peak due to xanthydrol.

Loss on drying (2.2.32): maximum 1.0 per cent, determined on 1.000 g by drying in an oven at 105 °C.

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

ASSAY

Dissolve 0.400 g in 50 mL of *acetic anhydride R*. Titrate with 0.1 M *perchloric acid*, determining the end-point potentiometrically (2.2.20).

1 mL of 0.1 M *perchloric acid* corresponds to 44.84 mg of C₂₃H₃₀BrNO₃.

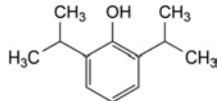
STORAGE

In an airtight container.

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PROPOFOL

Propofolum



C₁₂H₁₈O
[2078-54-8]

M_r 178.3

DEFINITION

2,6-Bis(1-methylethyl)phenol.

Content: 98.0 per cent to 102.0 per cent.

This monograph applies to propofol prepared using distillation for purification.

CHARACTERS

Appearance: colourless or very light yellow, clear liquid.

Solubility: very slightly soluble in water, miscible with hexane and with methanol.

IDENTIFICATION

Infrared absorption spectrophotometry (2.2.24).

Comparison: *propofol CRS*.

TESTS

Refractive index (2.2.6): 1.5125 to 1.5145.

Related substances. Liquid chromatography (2.2.29).

Test solution (a). Dissolve 1.00 g of the substance to be examined in *hexane R* and dilute to 10.0 mL with the same solvent.

Test solution (b). Dissolve 0.240 g of the substance to be examined in *hexane R* and dilute to 100.0 mL with the same solvent.

Reference solution (a). Dissolve 5 µL of the substance to be examined and 15 µL of *propofol impurity J CRS* in *hexane R* and dilute to 50.0 mL with the same solvent.

Reference solution (b). Dilute 0.1 mL of *propofol for peak identification CRS* (containing impurities E and G) to 1.0 mL with *hexane R*.

Reference solution (c). Dilute 1.0 mL of test solution (a) to 100.0 mL with *hexane R*. Dilute 1.0 mL of this solution to 10.0 mL with *hexane R*.

Reference solution (d). Dissolve 0.240 g of *propofol CRS* in *hexane R* and dilute to 100.0 mL with the same solvent.

Column:

- **size:** $l = 0.20$ m, $\varnothing = 4.6$ mm;
- **stationary phase:** *silica gel for chromatography R* (5 µm).

Mobile phase: *anhydrous ethanol R*, *acetonitrile R*, *hexane R* (1.0:7.5:990 V/V/V).

Flow rate: 2.0 mL/min.

Detection: spectrophotometer at 275 nm.

Injection: 10 µL of test solution (a) and reference solutions (a), (b) and (c).

Run time: 7 times the retention time of propofol.

Identification of impurities: use the chromatogram obtained with reference solution (b) to identify the peaks due to impurities G and E.

Relative retention with reference to propofol (retention time = about 3 min): impurity G = about 0.5; impurity I = about 0.6; impurity B = about 0.7; impurity N = about 2.3; impurity D = about 2.5; impurity P = about 2.9; impurity A = about 3.0; impurity C = about 3.4; impurity E = about 4.0; impurity F = about 5.8; impurity H = about 6.4.

System suitability: reference solution (a):

- **resolution:** minimum 4.0 between the peaks due to impurity J and propofol.

Limits:

- **correction factors:** for the calculation of content, multiply the peak areas of the following impurities by the corresponding correction factor: impurity E = 0.25; impurity G = 5.0;
- **impurity G:** not more than twice the area of the peak due to propofol in the chromatogram obtained with reference solution (c) (0.2 per cent);
- **impurity E:** not more than 0.1 times the area of the peak due to propofol in the chromatogram obtained with reference solution (c) (0.01 per cent);
- **unspecified impurities:** for each impurity, not more than 0.5 times the area of the peak due to propofol in the chromatogram obtained with reference solution (c) (0.05 per cent);
- **total:** not more than 3 times the area of the peak due to propofol in the chromatogram obtained with reference solution (c) (0.3 per cent);
- **disregard limit:** 0.3 times the area of the peak due to propofol in the chromatogram obtained with reference solution (c) (0.03 per cent), except for impurity E.

Impurities J, K, L and O. Gas chromatography (2.2.28).

Test solution. Dissolve 40.0 mg of the substance to be examined in *methylene chloride 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 *methylene chloride R*. Dilute 1.0 mL of this solution to 10.0 mL with *methylene chloride R*.

Reference solution (b). Dissolve 5 µL of *propofol impurity J CRS* (corresponding to 5 mg) in *methylene chloride R* and dilute to 100 mL with the same solvent. Dilute 1.0 mL of this solution to 25 mL with *methylene chloride R*.

Reference solution (c). Dissolve 4 mg of *propofol CRS* in reference solution (b) and dilute to 1 mL with the same solution.

Column:

- **material:** fused silica;
- **size:** $l = 30$ m, $\varnothing = 0.32$ mm;
- **stationary phase:** *polymethylphenylsiloxane R* (film thickness 0.5 µm).

Carrier gas: *helium for chromatography R*.

Flow rate: 1.7 mL/min.

Split ratio: 1:5.

Temperature:

	Time (min)	Temperature (°C)
Column	0 - 3	80
	3 - 25	80 → 210
	25 - 40	210
Injection port		100
Detector		270

Detection: flame ionisation.**Injection:** 1 µL of the test solution and reference solutions (a) and (c).**Relative retention** with reference to propofol (retention time = about 17 min): impurity K = about 0.76; impurity L = about 0.81; impurity J = about 1.01; impurity O = about 1.03.**System suitability:** reference solution (c):

- peak-to-valley ratio: minimum 3.0, where H_p = height above the baseline of the peak due to impurity J, and H_v = height above the baseline of the lowest point of the curve separating this peak from the peak due to propofol.

Limits:

- impurities J, K, L, O: for each impurity, not more than 0.5 times the area of the principal peak in the chromatogram obtained with reference solution (a) (0.05 per cent).

ASSAY

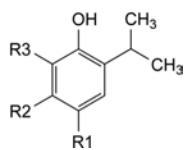
Liquid chromatography (2.2.29) as described in the test for related substances with the following modification.

Injection: test solution (b) and reference solution (d).Calculate the percentage content of $C_{12}H_{18}O$ using the declared content of *propofol CRS*.**STORAGE**

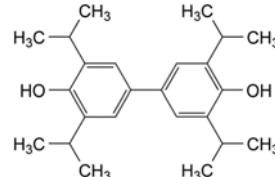
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IMPURITIES**Specified impurities:** E, G, J, K, L, O.

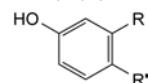
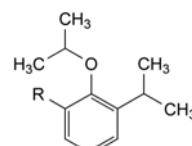
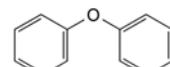
Other detectable impurities (the following substances would, if present at a sufficient level, be detected by one or other of the tests in the monograph. They are limited by the general acceptance criterion for other/unspecified impurities and/or by the general monograph *Substances for pharmaceutical 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, B, C, D, F, H, I, N, P.



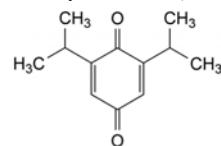
- A. $R1 = CH(CH_3)_2$, $R2 = R3 = H$: 2,4-bis(1-methylethyl)phenol,
- B. $R1 = R2 = H$, $R3 = C(CH_3)=CH_2$: 2-(1-methylethyl)-6-(1-methylethyl)phenol,
- C. $R1 = R2 = R3 = H$: 2-(1-methylethyl)phenol,
- D. $R1 = R3 = H$, $R2 = CH(CH_3)_2$: 2,5-bis(1-methylethyl)phenol,
- N. $R1 = CO_2H$, $R2 = H$, $R3 = CH(CH_3)_2$: 4-hydroxy-3,5-bis(1-methylethyl)benzoic acid,
- O. $R1 = R2 = H$, $R3 = CH_2-CH_2-CH_3$: 2-(1-methylethyl)-6-propylphenol,
- P. $R1 = CO-O-CH(CH_3)_2$, $R2 = H$, $R3 = CH(CH_3)_2$: 1-methylethyl 4-hydroxy-3,5-bis(1-methylethyl)benzoate,



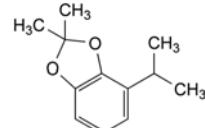
E. 3,3',5,5'-tetrakis(1-methylethyl)biphenyl-4,4'-diol,

F. $R = CH(CH_3)_2$, $R' = H$: 3-(1-methylethyl)phenol,H. $R = H$, $R' = CH(CH_3)_2$: 4-(1-methylethyl)phenol,G. $R = CH(CH_3)_2$: 2-(1-methylethoxy)-1,3-bis(1-methylethyl)benzene,K. $R = H$: 1-(1-methylethoxy)-2-(1-methylethyl)benzene,

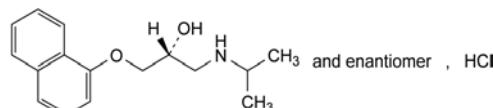
I. oxydibenzene,



J. 2,6-bis(1-methylethyl)benzene-1,4-dione,



L. 2,2-dimethyl-4-(1-methylethyl)-1,3-benzodioxole.

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corrected 6.0**PROPRANOLOL HYDROCHLORIDE****Propranololi hydrochloridum** $C_{16}H_{22}ClNO_2$
[318-98-9] M_r 295.8**DEFINITION**

(2RS)-1-[(1-Methylethyl)amino]-3-(naphthalen-1-yloxy)-propan-2-ol hydrochloride.

Content: 99.0 per cent to 101.0 per cent (dried substance).**CHARACTERS****Appearance:** white or almost white powder.**Solubility:** soluble in water and in ethanol (96 per cent).**IDENTIFICATION****First identification:** B, D.**Second identification:** A, C, D.**A. Melting point** (2.2.14): 163 °C to 166 °C.