Residue on ignition Not more than 0.10% (1 g).

Assay Weigh accurately about 0.5 g of Bromhexine Hydrochloride, previously dried, dissolve in 2 mL of formic acid, add 60 mL of acetic anhydride, and warm in a water bath at 50°C for 15 minutes. After cooling, titrate with 0.1 mol/L perchloric acid VS until the color of the solution changes from purple through blue-green to yellow-green (indicator: 2 drops of crystal violet TS). Perform a blank determination, and make any necessary correction.

Each mL of 0.1 mol/L perchloric acid VS = 41.26 mg of  $C_{14}H_{20}Br_2N_2$ .HCl

Containers and storage Containers—Well-closed containers.

Storage—Light-resistant.

## **Bromocriptine Mesilate**

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 $C_{32}H_{40}BrN_5O_5$ . CH<sub>4</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S: 750.70 (5'S)-2-Bromo-12'-hydroxy-5'-isobutyl-2'-isopropylergotaman-3',6',18-trione monomethanesulfonate [22260-51-1]

Bromocriptine Mesilate contains not less than 98.0% of  $C_{32}H_{40}BrN_5O_5.CH_4O_3S$ , calculated on the dried basis.

**Description** Bromocriptine Mesilate occurs as a white to pale yellowish white or pale brownish white, crystalline powder. It is odorless, or has a faint characteristic odor.

It is very soluble in acetic acid (100), freely soluble in methanol, sparingly soluble in ethanol (95), very slightly soluble in acetic anhydride, in dichloromethane and in chloroform, and practically insoluble in water and in diethyl ether.

It is gradually colored by light.

**Identification** (1) Dissolve 2 mg of Bromocriptine Mesilate in 1 mL of methanol, add 2 mL of 4-dimethylaminobenzaldehyde-ferric chloride TS, and shake: a purplish blue color develops.

- (2) Determine the absorption spectrum of a solution of Bromocriptine Mesilate in methanol (3 in 100,000) as directed under the Ultraviolet-visible Spectrophotometry, and compare the spectrum with the Reference Spectrum: both spectra exhibit similar intensities of absorption at the same wavelengths.
- (3) Determine the infrared absorption spectrum of Bromocriptine Mesilate as directed in the paste method un-

der the Infrared Spectrophotometry, and compare the spectrum with the Reference Spectrum: both spectra exhibit similar intensities of absorption at the same wave numbers.

(4) Perform the test with Bromocriptine Mesilate as directed under the Flame Coloration Test (2): a green color appears.

**Optical rotation**  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ : +95 - +105° [0.1 g, calculated on the dried basis, a mixture of methanol and dichloromethane (1:1), 10 mL, 100 mm].

**Purity** (1) Clarity and color of solution—Dissolve 0.10 g of Bromocriptine Mesilate in 10 mL of methanol: the solution is clear, and has no more color than the following control solution.

Control solution: To 2.5 mL of Cobaltous Chloride Stock CS, 6.0 mL of Ferric Chloride Stock CS and 1.0 mL of Cupric Sulfate Stock CS add diluted hydrochloric acid (1 in 40) to make exactly 100 mL.

- (2) Heavy metals—Proceed with 1.0 g of Bromocriptine Mesilate according to Method 2, and perform the test. Prepare the control solution with 2.0 mL of Standard Lead Solution (not more than 20 ppm).
- (3) Related substances—Conduct this procedure without exposure to daylight, using light-resistant vessels. Dissolve 0.10 g of Bromocriptine Mesilate in 10 mL of a mixture of methanol and chloroform (1:1), and use this solution as the sample solution. Pipet 1 mL of the sample solution, add a mixture of methanol and chloroform (1:1) to make exactly 200 mL, and use this solution as the standard solution (1). Pipet 10 mL of the standard solution (1), add a mixture of methanol and chloroform (1:1) to make exactly 20 mL, and use this solution as the standard solution (2). Perform the test with these solutions as directed under the Thin-layer Chromatography. Spot 10 µL each of the sample solution and the standard solutions (1) and (2), as a band with 1 cm in width, on a plate of silica gel for thin-layer chromatography. Develop the plate immediately with a mixture of dichloromethane, 1,4-dioxane, ethanol (95) and ammonia solution (28) (1800:150:50:1) to a distance of about 10 cm, and dry the plate under reduced pressure for 30 minutes. Spray evenly Dragendorff's TS for spraying on the plate, then spray evenly hydrogen peroxide TS, cover the plate with a glass plate, and examine: the spots other than the principal spot from the sample solution are not more intense than the spot from the standard solution (1), and the spot other than the principal spot, which is more intense than the spot from the standard solution (2), is not more than one.

**Loss on drying** Not more than 3.0% (1 g, in vacuum at a pressure not exceeding 0.67 kPa, 80°C, 5 hours).

Residue on ignition Not more than 0.10% (1 g).

Assay Weigh accurately about 0.6 g of Bromocriptine Mesilate, dissolve in 80 mL of a mixture of acetic anhydride and acetic acid (100) (7:1), and titrate with 0.1 mol/L perchloric acid VS (potentiometric titration). Perform a blank determination, and make any necessary correction.

Each mL of 0.1 mol/L perchloric acid VS = 75.07 mg of  $C_{32}H_{40}BrN_5O_5.CH_4O_3S$ 

**Containers and storage** Containers—Tight containers. Storage—Light-resistant, and not exceeding -18°C.