practically insoluble in chloroform and in diethyl ether.

It is hygroscopic.

Identification (1) To 1 mL of a solution of Sodium Valproate in ethanol (99.5) (1 in 200) add 4 mL of hydroxylamine perchlorate-dehydrated ethanol TS and 1 mL of *N,N'*-dicyclohexylcarbodiimide-dehydrated ethanol TS, shake well, and allow to stand in lukewarm water for 20 minutes. After cooling, add 1 mL of iron (III) perchlorate-dehydrated ethanol TS, and shake: a purple color develops.

(2) To 5 mL of a solution of Sodium Valproate (1 in 20) add 1 mL of a solution of cobalt (II) nitrate hexahydrate (1 in 20), and warm on a water bath: a purple precipitate is formed.

(3) Dissolve 0.5 g of Sodium Valproate in 5 mL of water, add 5 mL of chloroform and 1 mL of 2 mol/L hydrochloric acid TS, and shake vigorously for 1 minute. After allowing to stand, separate the chloroform layer, dehydrate the chloroform with anhydrous sodium sulfate, then filter, and evaporate the filtrate to dryness. Determine the infrared absorption spectrum of the residue as directed in the liquid film method under the Infrared Spectrophotometry, and compare the spectrum with the Reference Spectrum: both spectra exhibit similar intensities of absorption at the same wave numbers.

(4) A solution of Sodium Valproate (1 in 10) responds to the Qualitative Tests for sodium salt.

pH Dissolve 1.0 g of Sodium Valproate in 20 mL of water: the pH of this solution is between 7.0 and 8.5.

Purity (1) Clarity and color of solution—Dissolve 1.0 g of Sodium Valproate in 10 mL of water: the solution is clear and colorless.

(2) Chloride—Dissolve 0.5 g of Sodium Valproate in 25 mL of ethanol (95), and add 6 mL of dilute nitric acid and water to make 50 mL. Perform the test using this solution as the test solution. Prepare the control solution as follows: to 0.70 mL of 0.01 mol/L hydrochloric acid VS add 25 mL of ethanol (95), 6 mL of dilute nitric acid and water to make 50 mL (not more than 0.050%).

(3) Sulfate—Dissolve 0.5 g of Sodium Valproate in 25 mL of ethanol (95), and add 1 mL of dilute hydrochloric acid and water to make 50 mL. Perform the test using this solution as the test solution. Prepare the control solution as follows: to 0.50 mL of 0.005 mol/L sulfuric acid VS add 25 mL of ethanol (95), 1 mL of dilute hydrochloric acid and water to make 50 mL (not more than 0.048%).

(4) Heavy metals—Dissolve 2.0 g of Sodium Valproate in 44 mL of water, shake with 6 mL of dilute hydrochloric acid, allow to stand for 5 minutes, and filter. Discard the first 5 mL of the filtrate, neutralize the subsequent 25 mL with ammonia TS, and add 2 mL of dilute acetic acid and water to make 50 mL. Perform the test using this solution as the test solution. Prepare the control solution as follows: to 2.0 mL of Standard Lead Solution add 2 mL of dilute acetic acid and water to make 50 mL (not more than 20 ppm).

(5) Arsenic—Dissolve 2.0 g of Sodium Valproate in 10 mL of water, shake with 10 mL of dilute hydrochloric acid, allow to stand for 5 minutes, and filter. Discard the first 5 mL of the filtrate, and perform the test with the subsequent 10 mL using Apparatus B (not more than 2 ppm).

(6) Related substances—Dissolve 0.10 g of Sodium Valproate in 10 mL of a mixture of formic acid and chloroform (1:1), and use this solution as the sample solution. Pipet 1 mL of the sample solution, add a mixture of formic acid and chloroform (1:1) to make exactly 200 mL, and use this solution as the standard solution. Perform the test with 2 μL each of the sample solution and the standard solution as directed under the Gas Chromatography according to the following conditions. Determine each peak area of both solutions by the automatic integration method: the total area of all peaks other than the area of the valproic acid from the sample solution is not larger than the peak area of the valproic acid from the standard solution.

Operating conditions—

Detector: A hydrogen flame-ionization detector.

Column: A glass column about 3 mm in inside diameter and about 2 m in length, packed with siliceous earth for gas chromatography (150 to 180 μm in particle diameter) coated with diethylene glycol adipate ester for gas chromatography and phosphoric acid at the ratios of 5% and 1%, respectively.

Column temperature: A constant temperature of about 145°C.

Carrier gas: Nitrogen

Flow rate: Adjust the flow rate so that the retention time of valproic acid is between 6 and 10 minutes.

Selection of column: Mix 1 mL of the sample solution and 4 mL of a solution of *n*-valerianic acid in a mixture of formic acid and chloroform (1:1) (1 in 1000). Proceed with 2 μL of this solution under the above operating conditions, and calculate the resolution. Use a column giving elution of *n*-valerianic acid and valproic acid in this order with the resolution between these peaks being not less than 3.

Detection sensitivity: Adjust the detection sensitivity so that the peak height of valproic acid obtained from 2 μL of the standard solution is between 4 mm and 10 mm.

Time span of measurement: About twice as long as the retention time of valproic acid after the solvent peak.

Loss on drying Not more than 1.0% (1 g, 105°C, 3 hours).

Assay Weigh accurately about 0.2 g of Sodium Valproate, previously dried, dissolve in 80 mL of acetic acid (100), 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
= 16.620 mg of $C_8H_{15}NaO_2$

Containers and storage Containers—Tight containers.

D-Sorbitol

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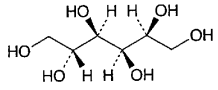

$C_6H_{14}O_6$: 182.17
D-Glucitol [*50-70-4*]

D-Sorbitol, when dried, contains not less than 97.0% of $C_6H_{14}O_6$.

Description D-Sorbitol occurs as white granules, powder, or crystalline masses. It is odorless, and has a sweet taste with a cold sensation.

It is very soluble in water, sparingly soluble in ethanol (95), and practically insoluble in diethyl ether.

It is hygroscopic.

Identification (1) To 1 mL of a solution of D-Sorbitol (7 in 10) add 2 mL of iron (II) sulfate TS and 1 mL of a solution of sodium hydroxide (1 in 5): a blue-green color develops, but no turbidity is produced.

(2) Shake thoroughly 1 mL of a solution of D-Sorbitol (1 in 20) with 1 mL of a freshly prepared solution of catechol (1 in 10), add rapidly 2 mL of sulfuric acid, and shake: a reddish purple to red-purple color immediately develops.

(3) Boil 0.5 g of D-Sorbitol with 10 mL of acetic anhydride and 1 mL of pyridine under a reflux condenser for 10 minutes, cool, shake with 25 mL of water, and allow to stand in a cold place. Transfer the solution to a separator, extract with 30 mL of chloroform, and evaporate the extract on a water bath. Add 80 mL of water to the oily residue, heat for 10 minutes on a water bath, then filter the hot mixture. After cooling, collect the produced precipitate through a glass filter (G3), wash with water, recrystallize once from ethanol (95), and dry in a desiccator (in vacuum, silica gel) for 4 hours: the precipitate melts between 97°C and 101°C.

Purity (1) Clarity and color of solution, and acidity or alkalinity—Dissolve 5 g of D-Sorbitol in 20 mL of water by warming with shaking: the solution is clear, colorless, and neutral.

(2) Chloride—Perform the test with 2.0 g of D-Sorbitol. Prepare the control solution with 0.30 mL of 0.01 mol/L hydrochloric acid VS (not more than 0.005%).

(3) Sulfate—Perform the test with 4.0 g of D-Sorbitol. Prepare the control solution with 0.50 mL of 0.005 mol/L sulfuric acid VS (not more than 0.006%).

(4) Heavy metals—Proceed with 5.0 g of D-Sorbitol according to Method 1, and perform the test. Prepare the control solution with 2.5 mL of Standard Lead Solution (not more than 5 ppm).

(5) Nickel—Dissolve 0.5 g of D-Sorbitol in 5 mL of water, add 3 drops of dimethylglyoxime TS and 3 drops of ammonia TS, and allow to stand for 5 minutes: no red color develops.

(6) Arsenic—Prepare the test solution with 1.5 g of D-Sorbitol according to Method 1, and perform the test using Apparatus B (not more than 1.3 ppm).

(7) Glucose—Dissolve 20.0 g of D-Sorbitol in 25 mL of water, and boil gently with 40 mL of Fehling's TS for 3 minutes. After cooling, filter the supernatant liquid cautiously through a glass filter (G4), leaving the precipitate in the flask as much as possible, wash the precipitate with hot water until the last washings no longer show an alkali reaction, and filter the washings through the glass filter. Dissolve the precipitate in the flask in 20 mL of iron (III) sulfate TS, filter through the glass filter, and wash with water. Combine the filtrate and the washings, heat at 80°C, and titrate with 0.02 mol/L potassium permanganate VS: not more than 6.3 mL of volume for titration consumed or consumption is required.

(8) Sugars—Dissolve 20.0 g of D-Sorbitol in 25 mL of water, and heat with 8 mL of dilute hydrochloric acid under a reflux condenser in a water bath for 3 hours. After cooling, add 2 drops of methyl orange TS, followed by sodium hydroxide TS until an orange color develops, and add water to make 100 mL. Boil gently 10 mL of this solution with 10 mL of water and 40 mL of Fehling's TS for 3 minutes and proceed as directed in (7).

Loss on drying Not more than 2.0% (0.5 g, in vacuum, phosphorus (V) oxide, 80°C, 3 hours).

Residue on ignition Not more than 0.02% (5 g).

Assay Weigh accurately about 0.2 g of D-Sorbitol, previously dried, dissolve in water and add water to make exactly 100 mL. Pipet 10 mL of the solution into an iodine flask, add exactly 50 mL of potassium periodate TS, and heat for 15 minutes in a water bath. Cool, add 2.5 g of potassium iodide, immediately stopper tightly, and shake well. Allow to stand for 5 minutes in a dark place, and titrate with 0.1 mol/L sodium thiosulfate VS (indicator: 3 mL of starch TS). Perform a blank determination.

Each mL of 0.1 mol/L sodium thiosulfate VS
= 1.8217 mg of $C_6H_{14}O_6$

Containers and storage Containers—Tight containers.

D-Sorbitol Solution

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D-Sorbitol Solution contains not less than 97% and not more than 103% of the labeled amount of D-sorbitol ($C_6H_{14}O_6$: 182.17).

Description D-Sorbitol Solution is a clear, colorless liquid. It is odorless, and has a sweet taste.

It is miscible with water, with ethanol (95), with glycerin and with propylene glycol.

It sometimes separates crystalline masses.

Identification (1) To a volume of D-Sorbitol Solution, equivalent to 0.7 g of D-Sorbitol according to the labeled amount, add 2 mL of iron (II) sulfate TS and 1 mL of a solution of sodium hydroxide (1 in 5): a blue-green color develops, but no turbidity is produced.

(2) To a volume of D-Sorbitol Solution, equivalent to 1 g of D-Sorbitol according to the labeled amount, add water to make 20 mL. To 1 mL of this solution add 1 mL of a freshly prepared solution of catechol (1 in 10), mix well, then add rapidly 2 mL of sulfuric acid, and mix: a reddish purple to red-purple color immediately develops.

Purity (1) Acidity or alkalinity—D-Sorbitol Solution is neutral.

(2) Chloride—Proceed with a volume of D-Sorbitol Solution, equivalent to 2.0 g of D-Sorbitol according to the labeled amount, and perform the test. Prepare the control solution with 0.30 mL of 0.01 mol/L hydrochloric acid VS (not more than 0.005%).

(3) Sulfate—To a volume of D-Sorbitol Solution, equivalent to 4.0 g of D-Sorbitol according to the labeled amount, and perform the test. Prepare the control solution with 0.50 mL of 0.005 mol/L sulfuric acid VS (not more than 0.006%).