

Hydrochloric Acid (9 in 10,000), and prepare as directed under Injections.

**Description** Epinephrine Injection is a colorless, clear liquid.

It changes gradually to pale red and then to brown on exposure to air and light.

pH: 2.3 – 5.0

**Identification (1)** To 1 mL of Epinephrine Injection add 4 mL of water and 1 drop of iron (III) chloride TS: a deep green color is produced, and it gradually changes to red.

**(2)** Place 1 mL each of Epinephrine Injection in test tubes A and B, and proceed as directed in the Identification (2) under Epinephrine.

**Assay** Pipet 30 mL of Epinephrine Injection into a separator, add 25 mL of carbon tetrachloride, shake vigorously for 1 minute, allow the liquids to separate, and discard the carbon tetrachloride. Repeat this procedure three times. Rinse the stopper and mouth of the separator with a small amount of water. Add 0.2 mL of starch TS, then while swirling the separator add iodine TS dropwise until a persistent blue color develops, and immediately add sodium thiosulfate TS to discharge the blue color. Add 2.1 g of sodium hydrogen carbonate to the liquid in the separator, preventing it from coming in contact with the mouth of the separator, and shake until most of the sodium hydrogen carbonate dissolves. Rapidly inject 1.0 mL of acetic anhydride into the contents of the separator. Immediately stopper the separator loosely, and allow to stand until the evolution of gas ceases. Shake vigorously, allow to stand for 5 minutes, extract with six 25-mL portions of chloroform, and filter each chloroform extract through a pledget of absorbent cotton. Evaporate the combined chloroform extracts on a water bath in a current of air to 3 mL, completely transfer this residue by means of small portions of chloroform to a tared beaker, and heat again to evaporate to dryness. Dry the residue at 105°C for 30 minutes, cool in a desiccator (silica gel), and accurately measure the mass  $W$  (mg) of the dried residue. Dissolve in chloroform to make exactly 5 mL, and determine the optical rotation  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  using a 100-mm cell.

Amount (mg) of epinephrine ( $C_9H_{13}NO_3$ )

$$= 0.5923 \times W \times \left( 0.5 + \frac{0.5 \times |[\alpha]_D^{20}|}{93} \right)$$

**Containers and storage** Containers—Hermetic containers, and colored containers may be used.

Storage—Light-resistant.

## Epinephrine Solution

### Adrenaline Hydrochloride Solution

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### Eprenamine Hydrochloride Solution

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Epinephrine Solution contains not less than 0.085 w/v% and not more than 0.115 w/v% of epinephrine ( $C_9H_{13}NO_3$ : 183.20)

### Method of preparation

Epinephrine	1 g
Sodium Chloride	8.5 g
Diluted Hydrochloric Acid (9 in 100)	10 mL
Stabilizer	a suitable quantity
Preservative	a suitable quantity
Purified Water	a sufficient quantity

To make 1000 mL

Prepare by mixing the above ingredients.

**Description** Epinephrine Solution is clear, colorless or slightly reddish liquid.

It changes gradually to pale red and then to brown on exposure to air and light.

pH: 2.3 – 5.0

**Identification** Proceed as directed in the Identification under Epinephrine Injection.

**Assay** Proceed as directed in the Assay under Epinephrine Injection.

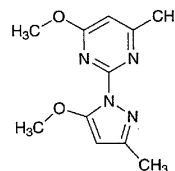
**Containers and storage** Containers—Tight containers.

Storage—Light-resistant.

## Epirizole

### Mepirizole

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$C_{11}H_{14}N_4O_2$ : 234.25

4-Methoxy-2-(5-methoxy-3-methyl-1H-pyrazol-1-yl)-6-methylpyrimidine [18694-40-1]

Epirizole, when dried, contains not less than 99.0% of  $C_{11}H_{14}N_4O_2$ .

**Description** Epirizole occurs as white crystals or crystalline powder. It is odorless, and has a bitter taste.

It is very soluble in methanol and in acetic acid (100), freely soluble in ethanol (95), and sparingly soluble in water and in diethyl ether.

It dissolves in dilute hydrochloric acid and in sulfuric acid.

The pH of a solution of Epirizole (1 in 100) is between 6.0 and 7.0.

**Identification (1)** To 0.1 g of Epirizole add 0.1 g of vanillin, 5 mL of water and 2 mL of sulfuric acid, and mix with shaking for a while: a yellow precipitate is formed.

**(2)** Dissolve 0.1 g of Epirizole in 10 mL of water, and add 10 mL of 2,4,6-trinitrophenol TS: a yellow precipitate is produced. Collect the precipitate by filtration, wash with 50 mL of water, and dry at 105°C for 1 hour: it melts between 163°C and 169°C.

(3) Determine the absorption spectrum of a solution of Epirizole in 0.1 mol/L hydrochloric acid TS (1 in 200,000) 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.

**Melting point** 88 – 91°C

**Purity** (1) Clarity and color of solution—Dissolve 0.20 g of Epirizole in 20 mL of water: the solution is clear and colorless.

(2) Chloride—Add 0.5 g of Epirizole to a ground mixture of 0.7 g of potassium nitrate and 1.2 g of anhydrous sodium carbonate, mix well, transfer little by little to a platinum crucible, previously heated, and heat until the reaction is completed. After cooling, add 15 mL of dilute sulfuric acid and 5 mL of water to the residue, boil for 5 minutes, filter, wash the insoluble matter with 10 mL of water, and add 6 mL of dilute nitric acid and water to the combined filtrate and washings to make 50 mL. Perform the test with this solution as the test solution. Prepare the control solution as follows: proceed with the same quantities of the same reagents as directed for the preparation of the test solution, and add 0.25 mL of 0.01 mol/L hydrochloric acid VS and water to make 50 mL (not more than 0.018%).

(3) Heavy metals—Proceed with 2.0 g of Epirizole according to Method 2, and perform the test. Prepare the control solution with 2.0 mL of Standard Lead Solution (not more than 10 ppm).

(4) Arsenic—Prepare the test solution with 1.0 g of Epirizole according to Method 3, and perform the test using Apparatus B (not more than 2 ppm).

(5) Related substances—Dissolve 1.0 g of Epirizole in 10 mL of methanol, and use this solution as the sample solution. Pipet 1 mL of the sample solution, and add methanol to make exactly 50 mL. Pipet 1 mL of this solution, add methanol to make exactly 10 mL, and use this solution as the standard solution. Perform the test with these solutions as directed under the Thin-layer Chromatography. Spot 2  $\mu$ L each of the sample solution and the standard solution on a plate of silica gel with fluorescent indicator for thin-layer chromatography. Develop the plate with a mixture of isopropyl diethyl ether, ethanol (95) and water (23:10:2) to a distance of about 10 cm, and air-dry the plate. Examine under ultraviolet light (main wavelength: 254 nm): the spots other than the principal spot from the sample solution are not more intense than the spot from the standard solution. Place this plate in a chamber filled with iodine vapor: the spots other than the principal spot from the sample solution are not more intense than the spot from the standard solution.

(6) Readily carbonizable substances—Perform the test with 0.10 g of Epirizole: the solution has no more color than Matching Fluid A.

**Loss on drying** Not more than 0.5% (1 g, silica gel, 4 hours).

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

**Assay** Weigh accurately about 0.5 g of Epirizole, previously dried, dissolve in 40 mL of acetic acid (100) and titrate with 0.1 mol/L perchloric acid VS (indicator: 2 drops of crystal violet TS) until the color of the solution changes from purple through blue-green to green.

Perform a blank determination, and make any necessary correction.

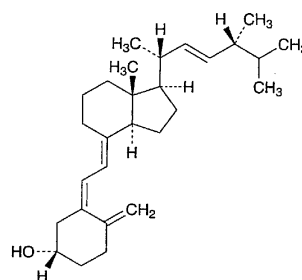
Each mL of 0.1 mol/L perchloric acid VS  
= 23.426 mg of  $C_{11}H_{14}N_4O_2$

**Containers and storage** Containers—Well-closed containers.

## Ergocalciferol

### Calciferol Vitamin D<sub>2</sub>

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$C_{28}H_{44}O$ : 396.65  
(3*S*,5*Z*,7*E*,22*E*)-9,10-Secoergosta-5,7,10(19),22-tetraen-3-ol [50-14-6]

Ergocalciferol contains not less than 97.0% and not more than 103.0% of  $C_{28}H_{44}O$ .

**Description** Ergocalciferol occurs as white crystals. It is odorless, or has a faint, characteristic odor.

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

It is affected by air and by light.

**Melting point:** 115 – 118°C Transfer Ergocalciferol to a capillary tube, and dry for 3 hours in a desiccator (in vacuum at a pressure not exceeding 2.67 kPa). Immediately fire-seal the capillary tube, put it in a bath fluid, previously heated to a temperature about 10°C below the expected melting point, and heat at a rate of rise of about 3°C per minute, and read the melting point.

**Identification** (1) Dissolve 0.5 mg of Ergocalciferol in 5 mL of chloroform, add 0.3 mL of acetic anhydride and 0.1 mL of sulfuric acid, and shake: a red color is produced, and rapidly changes through purple and blue to green.

(2) Determine the infrared absorption spectrum of Ergocalciferol as directed in the potassium bromide disk method under the Infrared Spectrophotometry, and compare the spectrum with the Reference Spectrum or the spectrum of Ergocalciferol Reference Standard: both spectra exhibit similar intensities of absorption at the same wave numbers.

**Absorbance**  $E_{1\text{cm}}^{1\%}$  (265 nm): 445 – 485 (0.01 g, ethanol (95), 100 mL).

**Optical rotation**  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ : +102 – +107° (0.3 g, ethanol (95),