**Description** Flucytosine occurs as a white, crystalline powder.

It is odorless.

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

It dissolves in 0.1 mol/L hydrochloric acid TS.

The pH of a solution of Flucytosine (1 in 100) is between 5.5 and 7.5.

It is slightly hygroscopic.

Melting point: about 295°C (with decomposition).

**Identification** (1) Add 0.2 mL of bromine TS to 5 mL of a solution of Flucytosine (1 in 500): a yellow-brown color of bromine TS is immediately discharged. Further add 2 mL of barium hydroxide TS: a purple precipitate is formed.

- (2) Proceed with 0.1 g of Flucytosine as directed under the Oxygen Flask Combustion Method, using a mixture of 0.5 mL of 0.01 mol/L sodium hydroxide TS and 20 mL of water as the absorbing liquid. The solution responds to the Qualitative Tests (2) for fluoride.
- (3) Determine the absorption spectrum of a solution of Flucytosine in 0.1 mol/L hydrochloric acid TS (1 in 125,000) 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.
- **Purity** (1) Clarity and color of solution—Dissolve 1.0 g of Flucytosine in 100 mL of water: the solution is clear and colorless.
- (2) Chloride—Dissolve 1.0 g of Flucytosine in 80 mL of water by heating on a water bath. After cooling, to 40 mL of this solution 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 with 0.20 mL of 0.01 mol/L hydrochloric acid VS (not more than 0.014%).
- (3) Fluoride—Dissolve 0.10 g of Flucytosine in 10.0 mL of diluted 0.01 mol/L sodium hydroxide TS (1 in 20). Transfer 5.0 mL of this solution to a 20-mL volumetric flask, add 10 mL of a mixture of alizarin complexone TS, acetic acidpotassium acetate buffer solution, pH 4.3, and cerrous nitrate TS (1:1:1), and add water to make 20 mL. Allow the mixture to stand for 1 hour, and use this solution as the sample solution. Separately, transfer 4.0 mL of Standard Fluorine Solution to a 20-mL volumetric flask, add 5.0 mL of diluted 0.01 mol/L sodium hydroxide TS (1 in 20), add 10 mL of a mixture of alizarin complexone TS, acetic acidpotassium acetate buffer solution, pH 4.3, and cerrous nitrate TS (1:1:1). Proceed in the same manner as directed in the preparation of the sample solution, and use this solution as the standard solution. Transfer 5.0 mL of diluted 0.01 mol/L sodium hydroxide TS (1 in 20) to a 20-mL volumetric flask, proceed in the same manner as directed in the preparation of the standard solution, and use this solution as the blank solution. Determine the absorbances,  $A_T$  and  $A_S$ , of the sample solution and the standard solution at 600 nm, using the blank solution as the control as directed under Spectrophotometry:  $A_T$  is not larger than  $A_S$  (not more than 0.048%).
- (4) Heavy metals—Proceed with 1.0 g of Flucytosine 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).

- (5) Arsenic—Prepare the test solution with 1.0 g of Flucytosine according to Method 2, and perform the test using Apparatus B (not more than 2 ppm).
- (6) Related substances—Dissolve 0.050 g of Flucytosine in 5 mL of diluted methanol (1 in 2), and use this solution as the sample solution. Measure accurately 1 mL of this solution, add diluted methanol (1 in 2) to make exactly 25 mL. Measure accurately 1 mL of this solution, add diluted methanol (1 in 2) to make exactly 20 mL, and use this solution as the standard solution. Perform the test with these solutions as directed under the Thin-layer Chromatography. Spot 20  $\mu$ 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 chromatogram with a mixture of ethyl acetate, methanol and water (5:3:2) to a distance of about 12 cm, air-dry the plate, and observe the spots 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.

**Loss on drying** Not more than 1.0% (1 g, 105°C, 4 hours).

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

Assay (1) Flucytosine—Weigh accurately about 0.2 g of Flucytosine, previously dried, dissolve in 40 mL of acetic acid (100), add 100 mL of acetic anhydride, and titrate with 0.1 mol/L perchloric acid VS (potentiometric titration). Perform a blank determination.

Each mL of 0.1 mol/L perchloric acid VS = 12.909 mg of C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>4</sub>FN<sub>3</sub>O

(2) Fluorine—Weigh accurately about 0.01 g of Flucytosine, previously dried, and proceed as directed in the determination of fluorine under the Oxygen Flask Combustion Method, using a mixture of 0.5 mL of 0.01 mol/L sodium hydroxide VS and 20 mL of water as the absorbing liquid.

Containers and storage Containers—Tight containers. Storage—Light-resistant.

## Fludiazepam

フルジアゼパム

 $C_{16}H_{12}ClFN_2O: 302.73$ 

7-Chloro-5-(2-fluorophenyl)-1,3-dihydro-1-methyl-2H-1,4-benzodiazepin-2-one [3900-31-0]

Fludiazepam, when dried, contains not less than 99.0% of  $C_{16}H_{12}ClFN_2O$ .

**Description** Fludiazepam occurs as white to light yellow crystals or crystalline powder.

It is very soluble in chloroform, freely soluble in

methanol, in ethanol (95), in acetic acid (100) and in diethyl ether, and practically insoluble in water.

**Identification** (1) Prepare the test solution with 0.01 g of Fludiazepam as directed under the Oxygen Flask Combustion Method, using a mixture of 0.5 mL of 0.01 mol/L sodium hydroxide TS and 20 mL of water as the absorbing liquid: the test solution responds to the Qualitative Tests (2) for fluoride.

- (2) Determine the absorption spectrum of a solution of Fludiazepam in methanol (1 in 200,000) as directed under the Ultraviolet-visible Spectrophotometry, and compare the spectrum with the Reference Spectrum 1: both spectra exhibit similar intensities of absorption at the same wavelengths. Separately, determine the absorption spectrum of a solution of Fludiazepam in methanol (1 in 20,000) as directed under the Ultraviolet-visible Spectrophotometry, and compare the spectrum with the Reference Spectrum 2: both spectra exhibit similar intensities of absorption at the same wavelengths.
- (3) Determine the infrared absorption spectrum of Fludiazepam, previously dried, as directed in the potassium bromide disk 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) Perform the test with Fludiazepam as directed under the Flame Coloration Test (2): a green color appears.

## Melting point 91 – 94°C

- **Purity** (1) Chloride—Dissolve 1.0 g of Fludiazepam in 50 mL of diethyl ether, add 50 mL of water, and shake. Separate the water layer, wash it with two 20-mL portions of diethyl ether, and filter the water layer. To 20 mL of the filtrate 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 with 0.40 mL of 0.01 mol/L hydrochloric acid VS (not more than 0.036%).
- (2) Heavy metals—Proceed with 2.0 g of Fludiazepam 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).
- (3) Related substances—Dissolve 0.10 g of Fludiazepam in 20 mL of chloroform, and use this solution as the sample solution. Pipet 1 mL of the sample solution, and add chloroform to make exactly 50 mL. Pipet 2 mL of this solution, add chloroform to make exactly 20 mL, and use this solution as the standard solution. Perform the test with these solutions as directed under the Thin-layer Chromatography. Spot 20  $\mu$ 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 chloroform and ethyl acetate (10:7) to a distance of about 12 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.

Loss on drying Not more than 0.30% (1 g, in vacuum, 60°C, 3 hours).

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

Assay Weigh accurately about 0.5 g of Fludiazepam, previ-

ously dried, dissolve in 50 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 = 30.274 mg of  $C_{16}H_{12}ClFN_2O$ 

Containers and storage Containers—Tight containers.

## **Flunitrazepam**

フルニトラゼパム

C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>12</sub>FN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: 313.28

5-(2-Fluorophenyl)-1,3-dihydro-1-methyl-7-nitro-2H-1,4-benzodiazepin-2-one [1622-62-4]

Flunitrazepam, when dried, contains not less than 99.0% of  $C_{16}H_{12}FN_3O_3$ .

**Description** Flunitrazepam occurs as a white to pale yellow crystalline powder.

It is freely soluble in acetic acid (100), soluble in acetic anhydride and in acetone, slightly soluble in ethanol (99.5) and in diethyl ether, and practically insoluble in water.

- **Identification** (1) Determine the absorption spectrum of a solution of Flunitrazepam in ethanol (99.5) (1 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.
- (2) Determine the infrared absorption spectrum of Flunitrazepam, previously dried, as directed in the potassium bromide disk 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.

## Melting point 168 – 172°C

- Purity (1) Chloride—To 1.0 g of Flunitrazepam add 50 mL of water, allow to stand for 1 hour with occasional stirring, and filter. To 20 mL of the filtrate add 6 mL of dilute nitric acid and water to make 50 mL, and perform the test with this solution. Prepare the control solution with 0.25 mL of 0.01 mol/L hydrochloric acid VS (not more than 0.022%).
- (2) Heavy metals—Proceed with 2.0 g of Flunitrazepam according to Method 4 using a platinum crucible, and perform the test. Prepare the control solution with 2.0 mL of Standard Lead Solution (not more than 10 ppm).
- (3) Related substances—Dissolve 0.050 g of Flunitrazepam in 10 mL of acetone, and use this solution as the sample solution. Pipet 2 mL of the sample solution, and add ace-