

Control solution: To 0.25 mL of 0.01 mol/L hydrochloric acid VS add 25 mL of water and 3 drops of dilute nitric acid, and proceed as directed above.

Content uniformity Place 1 tablet of Levothyroxine Sodium Tablets in a glass-stoppered centrifuge tube, add exactly 10 mL of 0.01 mol/L sodium hydroxide TS, warm at 50°C for 15 minutes, and shake vigorously for 20 minutes. Centrifuge this solution, pipet 5 mL of the supernatant liquid, add 1 mL of the internal standard solution, and use this solution as the sample solution. Perform the test with 20 μ L of the sample solution as directed under the Liquid Chromatography according to the following conditions, and calculate the ratio of the peak area of levothyroxine sodium to that of the internal standard. Calculate the mean value from the ratios of each peak area of 10 samples: the deviation (%) of the mean value and the ratio of each peak area should be not more than 15%. When the deviation (%) is more than 15%, and 1 sample shows not more than 25%, perform another test with 20 samples. Calculate the deviation (%) of the mean value of the 30 samples used in the 2 tests and the ratio of each peak area: there should be not more than 1 sample with the deviation more than 15% but not more than 25%, and no sample should deviate by more than 25%.

Internal standard solution—A solution of ethinylestradiol in a mixture of acetonitrile and diluted phosphoric acid (1 in 10) (9:1) (3 in 40,000).

Operating conditions—

Detector: An ultraviolet absorption photometer (wavelength: a constant wavelength between 220 nm and 230 nm).

Column: A stainless steel column 4 to 6 mm in inside diameter and 10 to 25 cm in length, packed with octadecylsilanized silica gel.

Column temperature: A constant temperature at about 25°C.

Mobile phase: A mixture of methanol, water and phosphoric acid (6700:3300:5).

Flow rate: Adjust the flow rate so that the retention time of levothyroxine sodium is about 9 minutes.

Selection of column: To 5 mL of a solution of levothyroxine sodium in 0.01 mol/L sodium hydroxide TS (1 in 200,000) add 1 mL of the internal standard solution. Proceed with 20 μ L of this solution under the above operating conditions, and calculate the resolution. Use a column giving elution of levothyroxine sodium and the internal standard in this order with the resolution between these peaks being not less than 2.0.

Assay Weigh accurately and powder not less than 20 Levothyroxine Sodium Tablets. Weigh accurately a portion of the powder, equivalent to about 3 mg of levothyroxine sodium ($C_{15}H_{10}I_4NNaO_4$), into a crucible, and add potassium carbonate amounting to twice the mass of the powder. In the case that the weighed powder is less than 4 g, add 8 g of potassium carbonate to the crucible. Mix well, and gently tap the crucible on the bench to compact the mixture. Overlay with 10 g of potassium carbonate, and compact again by tapping. Heat the crucible strongly at a temperature between 675°C and 700°C for 25 minutes. Cool, add 30 mL of water, heat gently to boiling, and filter into a flask. To the residue add 30 mL of water, boil, and filter into the same flask. Rinse the crucible and the char on the funnel with hot water until the filtrate measures 300 mL. Add slowly 7 mL

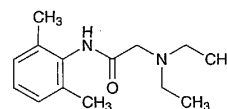
of freshly prepared bromine TS and diluted phosphoric acid (1 in 2) in the ratio of 3.5 mL to 1 g of the added potassium carbonate, and boil until starch-potassium iodide paper is no longer colored blue by the evolved gas. Wash the inside of the flask with water, and continue boiling for 5 minutes. During the boiling add water from time to time to maintain a volume of not less than 250 mL. Cool, add 5 mL of a solution of phenol (1 in 20), again rinse the inside of the flask with water, and allow to stand for 5 minutes. Add 2 mL of diluted phosphoric acid (1 in 2) and 5 mL of potassium iodide TS, and titrate immediately the liberated iodine with 0.01 mol/L sodium thiosulfate VS (indicator: 3 mL of starch TS). Perform a blank determination, and make any necessary correction.

Each mL of 0.01 mol/L sodium thiosulfate VS
= 0.33286 mg of $C_{15}H_{10}I_4NNaO_4$

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

Lidocaine

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$C_{14}H_{22}N_2O$: 234.34
2-Diethylamino-*N*-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)acetamide
[137-58-6]

Lidocaine, when dried, contains not less than 99.0% of $C_{14}H_{22}N_2O$.

Description Lidocaine occurs as white to pale yellow crystals or crystalline powder.

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

It dissolves in dilute hydrochloric acid.

Identification (1) Dissolve 0.04 g of Lidocaine in 10 mL of 1 mol/L hydrochloric acid TS, and add water to make 100 mL. Determine the absorption spectrum of the solution 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 Lidocaine 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 66 – 69°C

Purity (1) Clarity and color of solution—Dissolve 1.0 g of Lidocaine in 2 mL of dilute hydrochloric acid, and add water to make 10 mL: the solution is clear and colorless to light yellow.

(2) Chloride—Dissolve 0.6 g of Lidocaine in 6 mL of di-

lute nitric acid, add water to make 50 mL, and perform the test using this solution as the test solution. Prepare the control solution with 0.70 mL of 0.01 mol/L hydrochloric acid VS (not more than 0.041%).

(3) Sulfate—Dissolve 0.5 g of Lidocaine in 5 mL of dilute hydrochloric acid, add water to make 50 mL, and perform the test using this solution as the test solution. Prepare the control solution with 1.0 mL of 0.005 mol/L sulfuric acid VS, 5 mL of dilute hydrochloric acid and water to make 50 mL (not more than 0.096%).

(4) Heavy metals—Carbonize 2.0 g of Lidocaine by gentle ignition. After cooling, add 10 mL of a solution of magnesium nitrate hexahydrate in ethanol (95) (1 in 10), and fire the ethanol to burn. After cooling, add 1 mL of sulfuric acid, proceed according to Method 4, and perform the test. Prepare the control solution with 2.0 mL of Standard Lead Solution (not more than 10 ppm).

(5) Related substances—Dissolve 0.10 g of Lidocaine in 2 mL of methanol, and use this solution as the sample solution. Pipet 1 mL of the sample solution, add methanol to make exactly 100 mL, and use this solution as the standard solution. Perform the test with these solutions as directed under the thin-layer Chromatography. Spot 10 μ 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 ethyl acetate, 2-butanone, water and formic acid (5:3:1:1) to a distance of about 10 cm, air-dry the plate, and dry more at 80°C for 30 minutes. After cooling, 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 0.5% (1 g, in vacuum, silica gel, 24 hours).

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

Assay Dissolve about 0.5 g of Lidocaine, previously dried and accurately weighed, in 20 mL of acetic acid (100), and titrate with 0.1 mol/L perchloric acid VS (indicator: 1 drop of crystal violet TS) until the color of the solution changes from purple to blue-green through blue. Perform a blank determination, and make any necessary correction.

Each mL of 0.1 mol/L perchloric acid VS
= 23.434 mg of $C_{14}H_{22}N_2O$

Containers and storage Containers—Tight containers.

Lidocaine Injection

Lidocaine Hydrochloride Injection

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Lidocaine Injection is an aqueous injection. It contains not less than 95% and not more than 105% of the labeled amount of lidocaine hydrochloride ($C_{14}H_{22}N_2O.HCl$: 270.80).

Method of preparation Prepare as directed under Injections, with Lidocaine and an equivalent amount of Hydrochloric Acid.

No preservative is added in the case of intravenous injections.

Description Lidocaine Injection is a colorless, clear liquid. pH: 5.0 – 7.0

Identification To a volume of Lidocaine Injection, equivalent to 0.02 g of Lidocaine Hydrochloride ($C_{14}H_{22}N_2O.HCl$) according to the labeled amount, add 1 mL of sodium hydroxide TS, and extract with 20 mL of hexane. To 10 mL of the hexane extract add 20 mL of 1 mol/L hydrochloric acid TS, and shake vigorously. Determine the absorption spectrum of the water layer as directed under the Ultraviolet-visible Spectrophotometry: it exhibits a maximum between 261 nm and 265 nm.

Pyrogen Perform the test with Lidocaine Injection stored in a container in a volume exceeding 10 mL and intended to intravenous injection: it meets the requirements of the Pyrogen Test.

Assay To an exactly measured volume of Lidocaine Injection, equivalent to about 0.1 g of lidocaine hydrochloride ($C_{14}H_{22}N_2O.HCl$), add exactly 10 mL of the internal standard solution and 0.001 mol/L hydrochloric acid TS to make 50 mL, and use this solution as the sample solution. Separately, weigh accurately about 0.085 g of lidocaine for assay, previously dried in a desiccator (in vacuum, silica gel) for 24 hours, dissolve in 0.5 mL of 1 mol/L hydrochloric acid TS and a suitable volume of 0.001 mol/L hydrochloric acid TS, and add exactly 10 mL of the internal standard solution, then add 0.001 mol/L hydrochloric acid TS to make 50 mL, and use this solution as the standard solution. Perform the test with 5 μ L each of the sample solution and the standard solution as directed under the Liquid Chromatography according to the following conditions, and calculate the ratios, Q_T and Q_S , of the peak area of lidocaine to that of the internal standard.

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Amount (mg) of lidocaine hydrochloride} \\ & \text{($C_{14}H_{22}N_2O.HCl$)} \\ & = \text{amount (mg) of lidocaine for assay} \\ & \quad \times \frac{Q_T}{Q_S} \times 1.1556 \end{aligned}$$

Internal standard solution—A solution of benzophenone in methanol (1 in 4000).

Operating conditions—

Detector: An ultraviolet absorption photometer (wavelength: 254 nm).

Column: A stainless steel column 4.6 mm in inside diameter and 15 cm in length, packed with octadecylsilanized silica gel for liquid chromatography (10 μ m in particle diameter).

Column temperature: A constant temperature of about 25°C.

Mobile phase: Dissolve 2.88 g of sodium lauryl sulfate in 1000 mL of a mixture of 0.02 mol/L phosphate buffer solution, pH 3.0 and acetonitrile (11:9).

Flow rate: Adjust the flow rate so that the retention time of lidocaine is about 6 minutes.

System suitability—

System performance: When proceed with 5 μ L of the standard solution under the above operating conditions, lidocaine and the internal standard are eluted in this order with the resolution between these peaks being not less than 6.