

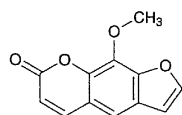
Proceed with 10  $\mu\text{L}$  of this solution under the above operating conditions, and calculate the resolution. Use a column giving elution of folic acid and methotrexate in this order with the resolution between these peaks being not less than 8.

System repeatability: When the test is repeated 6 times with the standard solution under the above operating conditions, the relative standard deviation of the peak area of methotrexate is not more than 2.5%.

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

## Methoxsalen

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$\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_8\text{O}_4$ : 216.19  
9-Methoxy-7H-furo[3,2-g]chromen-7-one  
[298-81-7]

Methoxsalen contains not less than 98.0% and not more than 102.0% of  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_8\text{O}_4$ , calculated on the anhydrous basis.

**Description** Methoxsalen occurs as white to pale yellow crystals or crystalline powder. It is odorless and tasteless.

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

**Identification** (1) To 0.01 g of Methoxsalen add 5 mL of dilute nitric acid, and heat: a yellow color develops. Make this solution alkaline with a solution of sodium hydroxide (2 in 5): the color changes to red-brown.

(2) To 0.01 g of Methoxsalen add 5 mL of sulfuric acid, and shake: a yellow color develops.

(3) Determine the absorption spectrum of a solution of Methoxsalen in ethanol (95) (1 in 200,000) as directed under the Ultraviolet-visible Spectrophotometry, and compare the spectrum with the Reference Spectrum or the spectrum of a solution of Methoxsalen Reference Standard prepared in the same manner as the sample solution: both spectra exhibit similar intensities of absorption at the same wavelengths.

**Melting point** 145 – 149°C

**Purity** (1) Heavy metals—Proceed with 1.0 g of Methoxsalen according to Method 4, and perform the test. Prepare the control solution with 2.0 mL of Standard Lead Solution (not more than 20 ppm).

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

(3) Related substances—Dissolve 0.050 g of Methoxsalen in 10 mL of chloroform, and use this solution as the sample solution. Pipet 2 mL of the sample solution, add chloroform to make exactly 50 mL. Pipet 1 mL of this solution, add chloroform 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 5  $\mu\text{L}$  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, hexane and ethyl acetate (40:10:3) 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.

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**Water** Not more than 0.5% (1 g, direct titration).

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

**Assay** Weigh accurately about 0.05 g each of Methoxsalen and Methoxsalen Reference Standard, and dissolve each in ethanol (95) to make exactly 100 mL. Pipet 2 mL each of these solutions, and dilute each with ethanol (95) to make exactly 25 mL. Pipet 10 mL each of these solutions, and dilute each again with ethanol (95) to make exactly 50 mL, and use these solutions as the sample solution and the standard solution, respectively. Determine the absorbances,  $A_T$  and  $A_S$ , of the sample solution and the standard solution at 300 nm as directed under the Ultraviolet-visible Spectrophotometry.

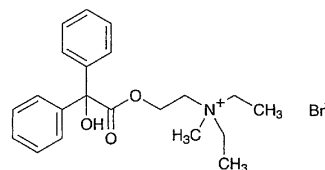
$$\begin{aligned} \text{Amount (mg) of } \text{C}_{12}\text{H}_8\text{O}_4 \\ = \text{amount (mg) of Methoxsalen Reference Standard,} \\ \text{calculated on the anhydrous basis} \\ \times \frac{A_T}{A_S} \end{aligned}$$

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

Storage—Light-resistant.

## Methylbenactyrium Bromide

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$\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{28}\text{BrNO}_3$ : 422.36  
*N,N*-Diethyl-*N*-[2-(hydroxydiphenylacetoxy)ethyl]-*N*-methylammonium bromide [3166-62-9]

Methylbenactyrium Bromide, when dried, contains not less than 99.0% of  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{28}\text{BrNO}_3$ .

**Description** Methylbenactyrium Bromide occurs as white crystals or crystalline powder. It is odorless, and has an extremely bitter taste.

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

The pH of a solution of Methylbenactyrium Bromide (1 in 50) is between 5.0 and 6.0.