with 0.1 mol/L sodium hydroxide VS (indicator: 5 drops of phenolphthalein TS).

Each mL of 0.1 mol/L sodium hydroxide VS = 12.311 mg of  $C_6H_5NO_2$ 

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

## **Nicotinic Acid Injection**

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Nicotinic Acid Injection is an aqueous solution for injection. It contains not less than 95% and not more than 110% of the labeled amount of nicotinic acid ( $C_6H_5NO_2$ : 123.11).

**Method of preparation** Prepare as directed under Injections, with Nicotinic Acid. It may contain Sodium Carbonate or Sodium Hydroxide as a solubilizer.

**Description** Nicotinic Acid Injection is a clear, colorless liquid.

pH: 5.0 - 7.0

Identification (1) To a volume of Nicotinic Acid Injection, equivalent to 0.1 g of Nicotinic Acid according to the labeled amount, add 0.3 mL of dilute hydrochloric acid, and evaporate on a water bath to 2 mL. After cooling, collect the crystals formed, wash with small portions of icecold water until the last washing shows no turbidity on the addition of silver nitrate TS, and dry at 105°C for 1 hour: the crystals melt between 234°C and 238°C. With the crystals, proceed as directed in the Identification (1) under Nicotinic Acid.

(2) Dissolve 0.02 g of the dried crystals obtained in (1) in water to make 1000 mL, and determine the absorption spectrum as directed under the Ultraviolet-visible Spectrophotometry: it exhibits a maximum between 261 nm and 263 nm, and a minimum between 235 nm and 239 nm. Separately, determine the absorbances of this solution,  $A_1$  and  $A_2$ , at each wavelength of maximum and minimum absorption, respectively: the ratio  $A_2/A_1$  is between 0.35 and 0.39.

Assay Measure exactly a volume of Nicotinic Acid Injection, equivalent to about 0.1 g of nicotinic acid (C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>), and add the mobile phase to make exactly 100 mL. Pipet 10 mL of this solution, add exactly 10 mL of the internal standard solution, then add the mobile phase to make 100 mL, and use this solution as the sample solution. Separately, weigh accurately about 0.1 g of Nicotinic Acid Reference Standard, previously dried at 105°C for 1 hour, and dissolve in the mobile phase to make exactly 100 mL. Pipet 10 mL of this solution, add exactly 10 mL of the internal standard solution, then add the mobile phase to make 100 mL, and use this solution as the standard solution. Perform the test with 10  $\mu$ 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 nicotinic acid to that of the internal standard.

Amount (mg) of nicotinic acid (C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>)

= amount (mg) of Nicotinic Acid Reference Standard

$$\times \frac{Q_{\rm T}}{Q_{\rm S}}$$

Internal standard solution—A solution of caffeine in the mobile phase (1 in 1000).

Operating conditions—

Detector: An ultraviolet absorption photometer (wavelength: 260 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 (5  $\mu$ m in particle diameter).

Column temperature: A constant temperature of about 35°C.

Mobile phase: Dissolve 1.1 g of sodium 1-octane sulfonate in a mixture of 0.05 mol/L sodium dihydrogen-phosphate TS, pH 3.0 and methanol (4:1) to make 1000 mL.

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

System suitability—

System performance: When the procedure is run with 10  $\mu$ L of the standard solution under the above operating conditions, nicotinic acid and the internal standard are eluted in this order with the resolution between these peaks being not less than 10.

System repeatability: When the test is repeated 6 times with  $10 \,\mu\text{L}$  of the standard solution under the above operating conditions, the relative standard deviation of the ratios of the peak area of nicotinic acid to that of the internal standard is not more than 1.0%.

Containers and storage Containers—Hermetic containers.

## **Nifedipine**

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 $C_{17}H_{18}N_2O_6$ : 346.33

Dimethyl 1,4-dihydro-2,6-dimethyl-4-(2-nitrophenyl)pyridine-3,5-dicarboxylate [21829-25-4]

Nifedipine contains not less than 98.0% and not more than 102.0% of  $C_{17}H_{18}N_2O_6$ , calculated on the dried basis.

**Description** Nifedipine occurs as a yellow, crystalline powder. It is odorless and tasteless.

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

It is affected by light.

Identification (1) Dissolve 0.05 g of Nifedipine in 5 mL