Assay Weigh accurately and powder not less than 20 Prochlorperazine Maleate Tablets using an agate mortar. Weigh accurately a portion of the powder, equivalent to about 0.016 gof prochlorperazine (C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>24</sub>ClN<sub>3</sub>S.2C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>4</sub>O<sub>4</sub>), transfer to a glass-stoppered centrifuge tube, add exactly 25 mL of a mixture of N,Ndimethylformamide and dimethylamine (100:1), stopper tightly, shake vigorously for 15 minutes, and centrifuge. Use the supernatant liquid as the sample solution. Separately, weigh accurately about 0.064 g of Prochlorperazine Maleate Reference Standard, previously dried in a desiccator (in vacuum, silica gel) for 4 hours, dissolve in a mixture of N,Ndimethylformamide and dimethylamine (100:1) to make exactly 100 mL, and use this solution as the standard solution. Pipet 4 mL each of the sample solution and the standard solution into glass-stoppered centrifuge tubes, add exactly 10 mL of boric acid-potassium chloride-sodium hydroxide buffer solution, pH 9.0, and 20 mL of cyclohexane, stopper tightly, and centrifuge after shaking vigorously for 5 minutes. Pipet 10 mL each of the cyclohexane layer of these solutions into glass-stoppered centrifuge tubes, add exactly 20 mL of palladium (II) chloride TS and 5 mL of N, Ndimethylformamide, stopper tightly, and centrifuge after shaking vigorously for 15 minutes. Determine the absorbances,  $A_{\rm T}$  and  $A_{\rm S}$ , of the water layers obtained from the sample solution and the standard solution at 495 nm as directed under the Ultraviolet-visible Spectrophotometry, using palladium (II) chloride TS as the blank.

Amount (mg) of prochlor perazine maleate ( $C_{20}H_{24}ClN_3S.2C_4H_4O_4)$ 

= amount (mg) of Prochlorperazine Maleate Reference Standard

$$\times \frac{A_{\rm T}}{A_{\rm S}} \times \frac{1}{4}$$

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

## Progesterone

プロゲステロン

C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>30</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: 314.46 Pregn-4-ene-3,20-dione [57-83-0]

Progesterone, when dried, contains not less than 97.0% and not more than 103.0% of  $C_{21}H_{30}O_2$ .

**Description** Progesterone occurs as white crystals or crystalline powder. It is odorless.

It is soluble in methanol, in ethanol (95), in ethanol (99.5) and in 1,4-dioxane, sparingly soluble in diethyl ether, and practically insoluble in water.

Identification (1) To 0.05 g of progesterone add a solu-

tion of 0.05 g of hydroxylammonium chloride and 0.05 g of anhydrous sodium acetate in 5 mL of ethanol (95). Boil for 2 hours under a reflux condenser, evaporate the ethanol to 3 mL, and add 10 mL of water. Filter by suction, and wash the precipitate on the filter with a small amount of water. Recrystallize from dilute ethanol, and dry at 105°C for 1 hour: the dried crystals melt between 235°C and 240°C.

(2) Determine the infrared absorption spectrum of Progesterone, previously dried, as directed in the potassium bromide disk method under the Infrared Spectrophotometry, and compare the spectrum with the Reference Spectrum or the spectrum of previously dried Progesterone Reference Standard: both spectra exhibit similar intensities of absorption at the same wave numbers. If any difference appears between the spectra, dissolve Progesterone and Progesterone Reference Standard in ethanol (95), respectively, then evaporate the ethanol to dryness, and repeat the test on the residues.

**Optical rotation**  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ : +174 - +182° (after drying, 0.2 g, 1,4-dioxane, 10 mL, 100 mm).

Melting point 128 – 133°C or 120 – 122°C

**Purity** Other steroids—Dissolve 0.080 g of Progesterone in 2 mL of methanol, and use this solution as the sample solution. Pipet 1 mL of this 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  $10 \,\mu\text{L}$  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 and diethylamine (19:1) to a distance of about 15 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 0.5% (0.5 g, in vacuum, phosphorus (V) oxide, 4 hours)

**Residue on ignition** Not more than 0.1% (0.5 g).

Assay Weigh accurately about 0.01 g of Progesterone, previously dried, and dissolve in ethanol (99.5) to make exactly 100 mL. To 5 mL of this solution, exactly measured, add ethanol (99.5) to make exactly 50 mL, and determine the absorbance A at the wavelength of maximum absorption at about 241 nm as directed under the Ultraviolet-visible Spectrophotometry.

Amount (mg) of 
$$C_{21}H_{30}O_2 = \frac{A}{540} \times 10,000$$

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

## **Progesterone Injection**

プロゲステロン注射液

Progesterone Injection is an oily solution for injection. It contains not less than 90% and not more than 110% of the labeled amount of progesterone