enanthate ( $C_{26}H_{40}O_3$ ), and dissolve in chloroform to make exactly 25 mL. Pipet 3 mL of this solution, add chloroform to make exactly 50 mL, and use this solution as the sample solution. Separately, weigh accurately about 0.025 g of Testosterone Propionate Reference Standard, proceed in the same manner as for the sample solution, and use this solution as the standard solution. Pipet 5 mL each of the sample solution and the standard solution, add exactly 10 mL of isoniazid TS, add methanol to make exactly 20 mL, and allow to stand for 45 minutes. Determine the absorbances,  $A_T$  and  $A_S$ , of these solutions at 380 nm, respectively, as directed under the Ultraviolet-visible Spectrophotometry, using a solution obtained by proceeding with 5 mL of chloroform as the blank.

Amount (mg) of testosterone enanthate ( $C_{26}H_{40}O_3$ ) = amount (mg) of Testosterone Propionate Reference Standard  $\times \frac{A_T}{A_S} \times 1.163$ 

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

## **Testosterone Propionate**

プロピオン酸テストステロン

 $C_{22}H_{32}O_3$ : 344.49 3-Oxoandrost-4-en-17 $\beta$ -yl propionate [57-85-2]

Testosterone Propionate, when dried, contains not less than 97.0% and not more than 103.0% of  $C_{22}H_{32}O_3$ .

**Description** Testosterone Propionate occurs as white to pale yellow crystals or crystalline powder. It is odorless.

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

Identification (1) To 0.03 g of Testosterone Propionate add 2 mL of a solution of potassium hydroxide in ethanol (95) (1 in 100). Heat on a water bath under a reflux condenser for 1 hour. Cool, add 10 mL of water, and filter the precipitate by suction. Wash the precipitate with water until the washings become neutral, and dry in a desiccator (in vacuum, phosphorus (V) oxide) for 4 hours: the dried precipitate melts between 151°C and 157°C.

(2) To 0.02 g of Testosterone Propionate add 3.5 mL of a solution of 0.05 g of hydroxylammonium chloride and 0.05 g of anhydrous sodium acetate in 25 mL of methanol. Heat under a reflux condenser for 1 hour. Cool, add 15 mL of water, filter the precipitate, wash with water, and recrystallize from diluted methanol (7 in 10). Dry the crys-

tals in a desiccator (in vacuum, phosphorus (V) oxide) for 4 hours: it melts between 167°C and 170°C.

**Optical rotation**  $[\alpha]_0^{20}$ : +83 - +90° (after drying, 0.1 g, 1,4-dioxane, 10 mL, 100 mm).

Melting point 118 – 123°C

**Purity** (1) Clarity and color of solution—Dissolve 0.5 g of Testosterone propionate in 10 mL of ethanol (95): the solution is clear and colorless.

(2) Other steroids—Dissolve 0.040 g of Testosterone Propionate in 2 mL of ethanol (95), and use this solution as the sample solution. Pipet 1 mL of this solution, add ethanol (95) 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 Tetosterone Propionate, previously dried, and dissolve in methanol to make exactly 100 mL. To exactly 5 mL of this solution add methanol to make exactly 50 mL. Determine the absorbance A of this solution at the wavelength of maximum absorption at about 241 nm as directed under the Ultraviolet-visible Spectrophotometry.

Amount (mg) of testosterone propionate ( $C_{22}H_{32}O_3$ ) =  $\frac{A}{495} \times 10,000$ 

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

## **Testosterone Propionate Injection**

プロピオン酸テストステロン注射液

Testosterone Propionate Injection is an oily solution for injection. It contains not less than 90% and not more than 110% of the labeled amount of testosterone propionate ( $C_{22}H_{32}O_3$ : 344.49).

**Method of preparation** Prepare as directed under Injections, with Testosterone Propionate.

**Description** Testosterone Propionate Injection is a clear, colorless or pale yellow oily liquid.

**Identification** Measure a volume of Testosterone Propionate Injection, equivalent to 0.05 g of Testosterone Propionate according to the labeled amount, and transfer to a separator containing 40 mL of petroleum benzin. Shake well, then extract with three 20-mL portions of diluted