Internal standard solution—A solution of tolbutamide in ethanol-free chloroform (3 in 2000).

Operating conditions—

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

Column: A stainless steel column 4.6 mm in inside diameter and 30 cm in length, packed with silica gel for liquid chromatography (5  $\mu$ m in particle diameter).

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

Mobile phase: A mixture of hexane, water-saturated hexane, tetrahydrofuran, ethanol (95) and acetic acid (100) (475:475:20:15:9).

Flow rate: Adjust the flow rate so that the retention time of tolazamide is about 12 minutes.

System suitability-

System performance: When the procedure is run with 10  $\mu$ L of the standard solution under the above operating conditions, the internal standard and tolazamide are eluted in this order with the resolution between these peaks being not less than 5.

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 tolazamide to that of the internal standard is not more than 1.0%.

Containers and storage Containers—Well-closed containers.

## **Tolbutamide**

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 $C_{12}H_{18}N_2O_3S$ : 270.35

N-(Butylcarbamoyl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide [64-77-7]

Tolbutamide, when dried, contains not less than 99.0% of  $C_{12}H_{18}N_2O_3S$ .

**Description** Tolbutamide occurs as white crystals or crystalline powder. It is odorless or has a slight, characteristic odor. It is tasteless.

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

**Identification** (1) Boil 0.2 g of Tolbutamide with 8 mL of diluted sulfuric acid (1 in 3) under a reflux condenser for 30 minutes. Cool the solution in ice water, collect the precipitated crystals, recrystallize from water, and dry at 105°C for 3 hours: the crystals melt between 135°C and 139°C.

(2) Render the filtrate obtained in (1) alkaline with about 20 mL of a solution of sodium hydroxide (1 in 5), and heat: an ammonia-like odor is perceptible.

Melting point 126 – 132°C

- Purity (1) Acid—Warm 3.0 g of Tolbutamide with 150 mL of water at 70°C for 5 minutes, allow to stand for 1 hour in ice water, and filter. To 25 mL of the filtrate add 2 drops of methyl red TS and 0.20 mL of 0.1 mol/L sodium hydroxide VS: a yellow color develops.
- (2) Chloride—To 40 mL of the filtrate obtained in (1) add 6 mL of dilute nitric acid and water to make 50 mL. Perform the test using this solution as the test solution. Prepare the control solution with 0.25 mL of 0.01 mol/L hydrochloric acid VS (not more than 0.011%).
- (3) Sulfate—To 40 mL of the filtrate obtained in (1) add 1 mL of dilute hydrochloric acid and water to make 50 mL. Perform the test using this solution as the test solution. Prepare the control solution with 0.35 mL of 0.005 mol/L sulfuric acid VS (not more than 0.021%).
- (4) Heavy metals—Proceed with 2.0 g of Tolbutamide according to Method 2, and perform the test. Prepare the control solution with 2.0 mL of Standard Lead Solution (not more than 10 ppm).

Loss on drying Not more than 0.5% (1 g, 105°C, 3 hours).

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

Assay Weigh accurately about 0.5 g of Tolbutamide, previously dried, and dissolve in 30 mL of neutralized ethanol. Add 20 mL of water, and titrate with 0.1 mol/L sodium hydroxide VS (indicator: 3 drops of phenolphthalein TS).

Each mL of 0.1 mol/L sodium hydroxide VS = 27.035 mg of  $C_{12}H_{18}N_2O_3S$ 

Containers and storage Containers—Well-closed containers

## **Tolbutamide Tablets**

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Tolbutamide Tablets contain not less than 95% and not more than 105% of the labeled amount of tolbutamide ( $C_{12}H_{18}N_2O_3S$ : 270.35).

**Method of preparation** Prepare as directed under Tablets, with Tolbutamide.

**Identification** Shake a quantity of powdered Tolbutamide Tablets, equivalent to 0.5 g of Tolbutamide according to the labeled amount, with 50 mL of chloroform, filter, and evaporate the filtrate to dryness. Proceed with the residue as directed in the Identification under Tolbutamide.

**Dissolution test** Take 1 tablet of Tolbutamide Tablets at 100 revolutions per minute according to the Method 2 under the Dissolution Test, using 900 mL of phosphate buffer solution, pH 7.4, as the test solution. Take 20 mL or more of the dissolved solution 30 minutes after the start of the test, and filter through a membrane filter (less than  $0.8 \, \mu m$  in pore size). Discard the first 10 mL of the filtrate, pipet the subsequent V mL, add water to make exactly V' mL of a solution containing about  $10 \, \mu g$  of tolbutamide ( $C_{12}H_{18}N_2O_3S$ ) per mL according to the labeled amount, and use this solution as the sample solution. Separately, weigh accurately about  $0.050 \, g$  of Tolbutamide Reference Standard, previously