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Albuterol Sulfate

$(C_{13}H_{21}NO_3)_{3/2} \cdot H_2SO_4$ 576.70

1,3-Benzenedimethanol, α^1 -[[[(1,1-dimethylethyl)amino] methyl]-4-hydroxy-, sulfate (2:1) (salt).

α^1 -[(*tert*-Butylamino)methyl]-4-hydroxy-*m*-xylene- α,α' -diol sulfate (2:1) (salt) CAS RN®: 51022-70-9; UNII: 021SEF3731.

» Albuterol Sulfate contains not less than 98.5 percent and not more than 101.0 percent of $(C_{13}H_{21}NO_3)_{3/2} \cdot H_2SO_4$, calculated on the anhydrous basis.

Packaging and storage—Preserve in well-closed, light-resistant containers.

USP REFERENCE STANDARDS (11).—

[USP Albuterol Related Compound A RS](#)

4-[2-[(1,1-Dimethylethyl)amino]-1-hydroxyethyl]-2-methylphenol sulfate.

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Identification—

Change to read:

A: ▲ [Spectroscopic Identification Tests \(197\)](#), [Infrared Spectroscopy: 197K](#) ▲ (CN 1-May-2020) ·

Change to read:

B: ▲ [Spectroscopic Identification Tests \(197\)](#), [Ultraviolet-Visible Spectroscopy: 197U](#) ▲ (CN 1-May-2020) —

Solution: 80 µg per mL.

Medium: 0.1 N hydrochloric acid.

C: Shake a quantity of it, equivalent to 4 mg of albuterol, with 10 mL of water, and filter: the filtrate so obtained meets the requirements of the tests for [Sulfate \(191\)](#).

D: The retention time of the major peak in the chromatogram of the *Assay preparation* corresponds to that in the chromatogram of the *Standard preparation*, as obtained in the *Assay*.

WATER DETERMINATION, Method I (921): not more than 0.5%.

RESIDUE ON IGNITION (281): not more than 0.1%.

Chromatographic purity—It meets the requirements of the test for *Organic Impurities* under *Albuterol*, except to read Albuterol Sulfate in place of Albuterol and to use water instead of methanol as the solvent to prepare the *Standard solution* and the *Sample solution*.

Assay—

0.05 ± 0.01 M Ammonium acetate solution—Dissolve 3.85 g of ammonium acetate in 1000 mL of water, and mix.

Mobile phase—Prepare a degassed mixture of water, *0.05 ± 0.01 M Ammonium acetate solution*, and isopropanol [65: 30: (5 ± 1)], and adjust dropwise with acetic acid to a pH of 4.5 ± 0.3.

Resolution solution—Dissolve accurately weighed quantities of [USP Albuterol Sulfate RS](#) and [USP Albuterol Related Compound A RS](#) in water, and dilute quantitatively, and stepwise if necessary, with *Mobile phase* to obtain a solution having a known concentration of about 0.140 mg per mL and 0.030 mg per mL, respectively.

Standard preparation—Dissolve an accurately weighed quantity of [USP Albuterol Sulfate RS](#) in water, and dilute quantitatively with water to obtain a solution having a known concentration of about 0.6 mg per mL.

Assay preparation—Transfer about 60 mg of Albuterol Sulfate, accurately weighed, to a 100-mL volumetric flask, dissolve in and dilute with water to volume, and mix.

Chromatographic system (see [CHROMATOGRAPHY \(621\)](#))—The liquid chromatograph is equipped with a 276-nm detector and a 4.6-mm × 20-cm column that contains packing L10. The flow rate is about 2.0 mL per minute. Chromatograph the *Resolution solution*, and record the peak responses as directed for *Procedure*: the resolution, *R*, between albuterol and albuterol related compound A is not less than 1.5; and the relative standard deviation for replicate injections is not more than 1.5%.

Procedure—Separately inject equal volumes (about 10 µL) of the *Standard preparation* and the *Assay preparation* into the chromatograph, record the chromatograms, and measure the responses for the major peaks. Calculate the quantity, in mg, of $(C_{13}H_{21}NO_3)_{3/2} \cdot H_2SO_4$ in the portion of Albuterol Sulfate taken by the formula:

$$100C(r_U/r_S)$$

in which *C* is the concentration, in mg per mL, of [USP Albuterol Sulfate RS](#) in the *Standard preparation*; and *r_U* and *r_S* are the peak responses obtained from the *Assay preparation* and the *Standard preparation*, respectively.

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