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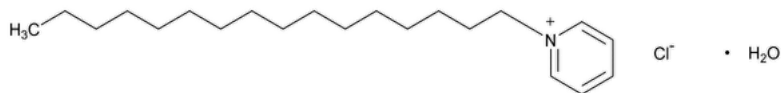
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# Cetylpyridinium Chloride

 $C_{21}H_{38}ClN \cdot H_2O$  358.00 $C_{21}H_{38}ClN$  339.99

Pyridinium, 1-hexadecyl-, chloride, monohydrate;

1-Hexadecylpyridinium chloride monohydrate CAS RN®: 6004-24-6.

Anhydrous CAS RN®: 123-03-5.

## DEFINITION

Cetylpyridinium Chloride contains NLT 98.0% and NMT 102.0% of cetylpyridinium chloride ( $C_{21}H_{38}ClN$ ), calculated on the anhydrous basis.

## IDENTIFICATION

- **A.** [SPECTROSCOPIC IDENTIFICATION TESTS \(197\)](#), [Infrared Spectroscopy](#): 197K
- **B.** The retention time of the major peak of the *Sample solution* corresponds to that of the *Standard solution*, as obtained in the Assay.
- **C.** [IDENTIFICATION TESTS—GENERAL \(191\)](#), [Chemical Identification Tests, Chloride](#)

**Sample solution:** 2 mg/mL in water**Acceptance criteria:** A 10-mL portion of the *Sample solution* meets the requirements of test A, except that when silver nitrate TS is added, turbidity is produced rather than a curdy white precipitate.

## ASSAY

### PROCEDURE

Use 0.1% trifluoroacetic acid–rinsed glassware and silanized vials for all solutions containing cetylpyridinium chloride, as cetylpyridinium may react with the surface.

**Solution A:** [Trifluoroacetic acid](#) and [water](#) (1:999)**Solution B:** [Acetonitrile](#) and [trifluoroacetic acid](#) (999:1)**Mobile phase:** *Solution A* and *Solution B* (62.5:37.5)**Standard solution:** 0.25 mg/mL of [USP Cetylpyridinium Chloride RS](#) in *Solution A***Sample solution:** 0.25 mg/mL of Cetylpyridinium Chloride in *Solution A*

### Chromatographic system

(See [Chromatography \(621\)](#), [System Suitability](#).)**Mode:** LC**Detector:** UV 258 nm**Column:** 2.1-mm × 10-cm; 5-μm packing [L78](#)**Column temperature:** 40°**Flow rate:** 0.6 mL/min**Injection volume:** 2 μL

### System suitability

**Sample:** *Standard solution*

### Suitability requirements

**Tailing factor:** NMT 1.5**Relative standard deviation:** NMT 0.73%

## Analysis

**Samples:** *Standard solution* and *Sample solution*Calculate the percentage of cetylpyridinium chloride ( $C_{21}H_{38}ClN$ ) in the portion of Cetylpyridinium Chloride taken:

$$\text{Result} = (r_U/r_S) \times (C_S/C_U) \times 100$$

 $r_U$  = peak response from the *Sample solution* $r_S$  = peak response from the *Standard solution*

$C_s$  = concentration of [USP Cetylpyridinium Chloride RS](#) in the *Standard solution* (mg/mL)

$C_U$  = concentration of Cetylpyridinium Chloride in the *Sample solution* (mg/mL)

**Acceptance criteria:** 98.0%–102.0% on the anhydrous basis

#### IMPURITIES

- [RESIDUE ON IGNITION \(281\)](#): NMT 0.2% on the anhydrous basis

**Change to read:**

#### • ORGANIC IMPURITIES

Use 0.1% trifluoroacetic acid–rinsed glassware and silanized vials for all solutions containing cetylpyridinium chloride, as cetylpyridinium may react with the surface.

**Solution A, Solution B, Mobile phase, and Chromatographic system:** Proceed as directed in the Assay.

▲ **Sensitivity solution:** 1 µg/mL of [USP Cetylpyridinium Chloride RS](#) in *Solution A* ▲ (USP 1-May-2021)

**Standard solution:** 2.5 µg/mL of [USP Cetylpyridinium Chloride RS](#) ▲ and 0.0125 mg/mL each of [USP Myristylpyridinium Chloride RS](#) and [USP Stearylpyridinium Chloride RS](#) ▲ (USP 1-May-2021) in *Solution A*

**Sample solution:** 2.5 mg/mL of Cetylpyridinium Chloride in *Solution A*

#### System suitability

**Samples:** ▲ *Sensitivity solution* ▲ (USP 1-May-2021) and *Standard solution*

#### Suitability requirements

**Relative standard deviation:** NMT 2.0%, ▲ *Standard solution*

**Signal-to-noise ratio:** NLT 10, *Sensitivity solution* ▲ (USP 1-May-2021)

#### Analysis

**Samples:** *Standard solution* and *Sample solution*

▲ Calculate the percentage of myristylpyridinium chloride and stearylpyridinium chloride in the portion of Cetylpyridinium Chloride taken:

$$\text{Result} = (r_U/r_S) \times (C_S/C_U) \times 100$$

$r_U$  = peak response of myristylpyridinium or stearylpyridinium from the *Sample solution*

$r_S$  = peak response of myristylpyridinium or stearylpyridinium from the *Standard solution*

$C_s$  = concentration of [USP Myristylpyridinium Chloride RS](#) or [USP Stearylpyridinium Chloride RS](#) in the *Standard solution* (mg/mL)

$C_U$  = concentration of Cetylpyridinium Chloride in the *Sample solution* (mg/mL) ▲ (USP 1-May-2021)

Calculate the percentage of each unspecified impurity in the portion of Cetylpyridinium Chloride taken:

$$\text{Result} = (r_U/r_S) \times (C_S/C_U) \times 100$$

$r_U$  = peak response of each unspecified impurity from the *Sample solution*

$r_S$  = peak response of cetylpyridinium from the *Standard solution*

$C_s$  = concentration of [USP Cetylpyridinium Chloride RS](#) in the *Standard solution* (mg/mL)

$C_U$  = concentration of Cetylpyridinium Chloride in the *Sample solution* (mg/mL)

**Acceptance criteria:** ▲ See [Table 1](#). The reporting threshold is 0.05%.

**Table 1**

| Name                     | Relative Retention Time | Acceptance Criteria, NMT (%) |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| Myristylpyridinium       | 0.53                    | 0.45                         |
| Cetylpyridinium          | 1.0                     | —                            |
| Stearylpyridinium        | 2.1                     | 0.15                         |
| Any unspecified impurity | —                       | 0.1                          |

| Name             | Relative Retention Time | Acceptance Criteria, NMT (%) |
|------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| Total impurities | —                       | 1.0                          |

▲ (USP 1-May-2021)

**SPECIFIC TESTS**• **ACIDITY****Sample:** 500 mg**Analysis:** Dissolve the *Sample* in 50 mL of water, add phenolphthalein TS, and titrate with 0.020 N sodium hydroxide.**Acceptance criteria:** NMT 2.5 mL is required for neutralization.

- [WATER DETERMINATION \(921\)](#), *Method I*: 4.5%–5.5%

**ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

- **PACKAGING AND STORAGE:** Preserve in well-closed containers.

**Change to read:**

- [USP REFERENCE STANDARDS \(11\)](#).

[USP Cetylpyridinium Chloride RS](#)

- ▲ [USP Myristylpyridinium Chloride RS](#)

1-Tetradecylpyridinium chloride.

 $C_{19}H_{34}ClN$  311.94[USP Stearylpyridinium Chloride RS](#)

1-Octadecylpyridinium chloride.

 $C_{23}H_{42}ClN$  368.05▲ (USP 1-May-2021)**Auxiliary Information** - Please [check for your question in the FAQs](#) before contacting USP.

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