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# Cocaine Hydrochloride

$C_{17}H_{21}NO_4 \cdot HCl$  339.81  
8-Azabicyclo[3.2.1]octane-2-carboxylic acid, 3-(benzoyloxy)-8-methyl-, methyl ester, hydrochloride, 1*R*-(*exo,exo*)-.  
Methyl 3β-hydroxy-1αH,5αH-tropan-2β-carboxylate, benzoate (ester) hydrochloride CAS RN®: 53-21-4; UNII: XH8T8T6WZH.  
» Cocaine Hydrochloride contains not less than 99.0 percent and not more than 101.0 percent of  $C_{17}H_{21}NO_4 \cdot HCl$ , calculated on the dried basis.

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

**USP REFERENCE STANDARDS (11)**—  
[USP Cocaine Hydrochloride RS](#)

**Identification**—

- A:** It meets the requirements under [Identification—Organic Nitrogenous Bases \(181\)](#), sodium carbonate TS being used in place of 1 N sodium hydroxide.
- B:** To 5 mL of a solution (1 in 50) add 5 drops of chromium trioxide solution (1 in 20): a yellow precipitate is formed, and it quickly redissolves when the mixture is shaken gently. Add 1 mL of hydrochloric acid: a permanent, orange-colored crystalline precipitate is formed.
- C:** To a solution of about 10 mg in 2 drops of water add 1 mL of 0.1 N potassium permanganate: a violet, crystalline precipitate is formed, and it appears brownish violet when collected on a filter, and shows characteristic, violet-red crystalline aggregates under the low power of a microscope.
- D:** It responds to the tests for [Chloride \(191\)](#).

**SPECIFIC ROTATION (781S):** between −71° and −73°.  
*Test solution:* 20 mg, previously dried, per mL, in water.

**Acidity**—Dissolve 500 mg in 10 mL of water, add 1 drop of methyl red TS, and titrate with 0.020 N sodium hydroxide: not more than 0.50 mL is required to produce a yellow color.

**LOSS ON DRYING (731)**—Dry it over silica gel for 3 hours: it loses not more than 1.0% of its weight.

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

**READILY CARBONIZABLE SUBSTANCES (271)**—Dissolve 500 mg in 5 mL of sulfuric acid: the solution has no more color than *Matching Fluid F*.

**Limit of cinnamyl-cocaine and other reducing substances**—To 5 mL of a solution (1 in 50) add 0.3 mL of 1 N sulfuric acid and 0.10 mL of 0.10 N potassium permanganate: the violet color does not disappear entirely within 30 minutes.

**Limit of isotropyl-cocaine**—Dilute 5 mL of a solution (1 in 50) in a beaker with 80 mL of water, add 0.2 mL of 6 N ammonium hydroxide, stir the solution vigorously during 5 minutes, occasionally rubbing the inner wall of the beaker with a stirring rod: a crystalline precipitate of cocaine is formed, and the supernatant is clear.

**Assay**—Dissolve about 500 mg of Cocaine Hydrochloride, accurately weighed, in a mixture of 40 mL of glacial acetic acid and 10 mL of mercuric acetate TS. Add 2 drops of quinaldine red TS, and titrate with 0.1 N perchloric acid VS. Perform a blank determination, and make any necessary correction. Each mL of 0.1 N perchloric acid is equivalent to 33.98 mg of  $C_{17}H_{21}NO_4 \cdot HCl$ .

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