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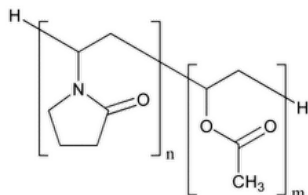
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## Copovidone

### Add the following:

▲ Portions of this monograph that are national *USP* text, and are not part of the harmonized text, are marked with symbols (▲) to specify this fact. ▲ (NF 1-May-2021)

### Change to read:



$(C_6H_9NO)_n + (C_4H_6O_2)_m$  ▲ ( $n = 1.16m$ ) ▲ (NF 1-May-2021)

Acetic acid ethenyl ester polymer with 1-ethenyl-2-pyrrolidone;

1-Vinyl-2-pyrrolidone polymer with vinyl acetate;

▲ (Poly[(2-oxopyrrolidin-1-yl)ethylene-co-(1-acetoxyethylene)]);

Copolymer of 1-ethenylpyrrolidin-2-one and ethenyl acetate ▲ (NF 1-May-2021)

CAS RN®: 25086-89-9.

### DEFINITION

#### Change to read:

Copovidone is a copolymer of 1-vinyl-2-pyrrolidone and vinyl acetate in the mass proportion of 3:2. ▲ It contains NLT 7.0% and NMT 8.0% of nitrogen (N: 14.01), and NLT 35.3% and NMT 42.0% of vinyl acetate ( $C_4H_6O_2$ : 86.09), calculated on the dried basis. ▲ (NF 1-May-2021)

### IDENTIFICATION

#### Change to read:

• A. [SPECTROSCOPIC IDENTIFICATION TESTS \(197\)](#), [Infrared Spectroscopy](#): 197K

▲ **Sample:** Dry at 105° for 3 h.

**Acceptance criteria:** Meets the requirements ▲ (NF 1-May-2021)

#### Change to read:

• ▲ (NF 1-May-2021) B.

**Sample solution:** 20 mg/mL

**Analysis:** To 5 mL of the *Sample solution* add a few drops of iodine TS.

**Acceptance criteria:** A deep red color is produced. ▲ (NF 1-May-2021)

### ASSAY

#### Change to read:

• **PROCEDURE 1: CONTENT OF COPOLYMERIZED VINYL ACETATE**

▲ **Sample:** 2 g of Copovidone ▲ (NF 1-May-2021)

**Analysis:** Determine the saponification value as directed under [Fats and Fixed Oils \(401\)](#), [Procedures](#), [Saponification Value](#).

Calculate the percentage of copolymerized vinyl acetate in the portion of Copovidone taken:

$$\text{Result} = 0.1 \times (M_{r1}/M_{r2}) \times S$$

$M_{r1}$  = molecular weight of vinyl acetate, 86.09

$M_{r2}$  = molecular weight of potassium hydroxide, 56.11

S = saponification value

**Acceptance criteria:** 35.3%–▲42.0%▲ (NF 1-May-2021) of the copolymerized vinyl acetate component, calculated on the dried basis

• **PROCEDURE 2: [NITROGEN DETERMINATION \(461\), Method II](#)**

**Sample:** 0.1 g of Copovidone

**Analysis:** Proceed as directed using the *Sample*. In the procedure, use 5 g of a powdered mixture of [potassium sulfate](#), [cupric sulfate](#), and titanium dioxide (33:1:1) instead of [potassium sulfate](#) and [cupric sulfate](#) (10:1); omit the use of hydrogen peroxide; and heat until the solution has a clear, yellow–green color and the sides of the flask are free from carbonaceous material. Then heat for a further 45 min; add 20 mL of water, instead of 70 mL, after the second heating; and use [bromocresol green–methyl red TS](#) instead of methyl red–methylene blue TS. Titrate the distillate with 0.05 N sulfuric acid VS until the color of the solution changes from green through pale grayish blue to pale grayish red–purple.

**Acceptance criteria:** 7.0%–8.0% of Nitrogen on the dried basis

**IMPURITIES**

**Change to read:**

• **[RESIDUE ON IGNITION \(281\)](#)**

▲**Sample:** 1 g of Copovidone▲ (NF 1-May-2021)

**Acceptance criteria:** NMT 0.1%

**Change to read:**

• **LIMIT OF ALDEHYDES**

**Solution A:** 17.4 mg/mL of [monobasic potassium phosphate](#), adjusted if necessary, with 1 N [potassium hydroxide](#) to a pH of 9.0

**Solution B:** Transfer a quantity of lyophilized [aldehyde dehydrogenase](#) equivalent to 70 units to a glass vial, and dissolve in 10.0 mL of water. [NOTE—This solution is stable for 8 h at 4°.]

**Solution C:** 40 mg of [β-nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide](#) in 10 mL of *Solution A*, in a glass vial. [NOTE—This solution is stable for 4 weeks at 4°.]

▲ (NF 1-May-2021)

**Standard solution:** ▲Transfer an equivalent to about 0.140 g of acetaldehyde ammonia trimer trihydrate and dissolve it in water to make exactly 200 mL.▲ (NF 1-May-2021) Transfer 1 mL of this solution to a 100-mL volumetric flask, and dilute with *Solution A* to volume.

**Sample solution:** ▲Transfer an equivalent to about 1 g of Copovidone and dissolve it▲ (NF 1-May-2021) in *Solution A*▲to exactly 100 mL in a▲ (NF 1-May-2021) volumetric flask. Insert a stopper into the flask, heat at 60° for 1 h, and cool to room temperature.

**Analysis:** Pipet 0.5 mL each of the *Standard solution*, *Sample solution*, and ▲water (used for the blank test)▲ (NF 1-May-2021) into separate 1-cm cells. Add 2.5 mL of *Solution A* and 0.2 mL of *Solution C* to each cell. ▲▲ (NF 1-May-2021) Cover the cells to exclude oxygen.▲▲ (NF 1-May-2021) Mix by inversion, and allow to stand for 2–3 min at 22 ± 2°. Determine the absorbances of the solutions at a wavelength of 340 nm, ▲using water as a reference.▲ (NF 1-May-2021) Add 0.05 mL of *Solution B* to each cell. Cover the cells to exclude oxygen. Mix by inversion, and allow to stand for 5 min at 22 ± 2°. Determine the absorbances of the solutions at a wavelength of 340 nm, ▲using water as a reference.▲ (NF 1-May-2021)

Calculate the percentage of aldehydes, expressed as acetaldehyde, in the portion of Copovidone taken:

$$\text{Result} = \{[(A_{U2} - A_{U1}) - (A_{B2} - A_{B1})]/[(A_{S2} - A_{S1}) - (A_{B2} - A_{B1})]\} \times (C/W) \times 10$$

$A_{U2}$  = absorbance of the solution from the *Sample solution*, after the addition of *Solution B*

$A_{U1}$  = absorbance of the solution from the *Sample solution*, before the addition of *Solution B*

$A_{B2}$  = absorbance of the solution from the ▲blank,▲ (NF 1-May-2021) after the addition of *Solution B*

$A_{B1}$  = absorbance of the solution from the ▲blank,▲ (NF 1-May-2021) before the addition of *Solution B*

$A_{S2}$  = absorbance of the solution from the *Standard solution*, after the addition of *Solution B*

$A_{S1}$  = absorbance of the solution from the *Standard solution*, before the addition of *Solution B*

$C$  = concentration of acetaldehyde in the *Standard solution* (mg/mL), ▲calculated from the weight of the acetaldehyde ammonia trimer trihydrate with a factor of 0.72. ♦

[NOTE—The molar mass of acetaldehyde is 44.05 g/mol, and the molar mass of acetaldehyde ammonia trimer trihydrate is 183.26 g/mol.  $(44.05 \times 3)/183.26 = 0.72$ ]

▲ (NF 1-May-2021)

$W$  = weight, calculated on the dried basis, of Copovidone taken to prepare the *Sample solution* (g)

**Acceptance criteria:** NMT 0.05% ▲(500 ppm)▲ (NF 1-May-2021)

#### Change to read:

##### • LIMIT OF HYDRAZINE

**Standard solution:** 9 µg/mL of salicylaldazine ▲▲ (NF 1-May-2021) in toluene

**Sample solution:** Transfer the equivalent of 2.5 g of dried Copovidone to a 50-mL centrifuge tube, add 25 mL of water, and mix to dissolve.

Add 500 µL of a 50-mg/mL solution of [salicylaldehyde](#) in [methanol](#), ▲stir,▲ (NF 1-May-2021) and heat in a water bath at 60° for 15 min. Allow to cool, add 2.0 mL of [toluene](#), insert a stopper in the tube ▲tightly,▲ (NF 1-May-2021) shake vigorously for 2 min, and centrifuge. Use the clear upper toluene layer.

#### Chromatographic system

(See [Chromatography \(621\)](#), [General Procedures](#), [Thin-Layer Chromatography](#).)

**Adsorbent:** 0.25-mm layer of dimethylsilanized chromatographic silica gel ▲with a fluorescent indicator▲ (NF 1-May-2021)

**Application volume:** 10 µL

**Developing solvent system:** ▲[Methanol](#) and water (2:1)

**Analytical wavelength:** UV 365 nm▲ (NF 1-May-2021)

#### Analysis

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

Allow the spots to dry, and develop the chromatogram in the *Developing solvent system* until the solvent front has moved about three-fourths of the length of the plate. Locate the spots on the plate by examination under UV light. Salicylaldazine appears as a fluorescent spot having an  $R_F$  value of about ▲0.3,▲ (NF 1-May-2021) and the fluorescence of any salicylaldazine spot from the *Sample solution* is not more intense than that produced by the spot from the *Standard solution*.

**Acceptance criteria:** NMT 1 ppm

#### Change to read:

##### • LIMIT OF PEROXIDES

**Copovidone solution:** 40 mg/mL of Copovidone in water calculated on the dried basis

**Sample solution:** Transfer 25.0 mL of *Copovidone solution* to a 50-mL beaker, and add 2 mL of [titanium trichloride–sulfuric acid TS](#). Allow to stand for 30 min at room temperature.

**Blank solution:** Transfer 25.0 mL of *Copovidone solution* to a 50-mL beaker, and add 2 mL of 13% sulfuric acid.

#### Instrumental conditions

(See [Ultraviolet-Visible Spectroscopy \(857\)](#).)

**Mode:** UV-Vis

**Analytical wavelength:** 405 nm

**Cell:** 1 cm

**Blank:** *Blank solution*

**Analysis:** Determine the absorbance of the *Sample solution*.

**Acceptance criteria:** The absorbance is NMT 0.35 [corresponding to NMT 0.04% ▲(400 ppm),▲ (NF 1-May-2021) expressed as hydrogen peroxide].

#### Delete the following:

##### ▲• Limit of Monomers (1-Vinyl-2-Pyrrolidone, Vinyl Acetate, and 2-Pyrrolidone)

**Solution A:** Water, acetonitrile, and [methanol](#) (90:5:5)

**Solution B:** Water, acetonitrile, and [methanol](#) (50:45:5)

**Mobile phase:** See [Table 1](#).

**Table 1**

| Time (min) | Solution A (%) | Solution B (%) |
|------------|----------------|----------------|
| 0          | 100            | 0              |
| 2          | 100            | 0              |
| 26         | 80             | 20             |
| 27         | 0              | 100            |
| 36         | 0              | 100            |
| 38         | 100            | 0              |

**Standard stock solution:** 0.50 mg/mL of 1-vinyl-2-pyrrolidone, 0.50 mg/mL of vinyl acetate, and 3.0 mg/mL of 2-pyrrolidone in methanol

**Standard solution:** *Standard stock solution in Solution A (1 in 2000)*

**Sample solution:** Dissolve 250 mg of Copovidone in 1 mL of methanol, mix ultrasonically, dilute with water to 10 mL. If necessary, filter to remove undissolved particles.

#### Chromatographic system

(See [Chromatography \(621\), System Suitability](#).)

**Mode:** LC

**Detector:** UV 205 nm and 235 nm

#### Columns

**Guard:** 4.0-mm × 2.5-cm; packing L1

**Analytical:** 4.0-mm × 25-cm; 5-μm packing L1

**Column temperature:** 30°

**Injection volume:** 10 μL

**Flow rate:** 1.0 mL/min

#### System suitability

**Sample:** *Standard solution*

#### Suitability requirements

**Resolution:** NLT 2.0 between the 2-pyrrolidone and vinyl acetate peaks, and NLT 2.0 between the vinyl acetate and 1-vinyl-2-pyrrolidone peaks. [NOTE—According to the above operating conditions, the order of elution is 2-pyrrolidone, vinyl acetate, and 1-vinyl-2-pyrrolidone.]

**Relative standard deviation:** NMT 2.0% for each analyte, on replicate injections

#### Analysis

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

[NOTE—After each injection of the *Sample solution* wash the polymeric material of Copovidone from the guard column by passing the *Mobile phase* through the column backwards for 30 min at the same flow rate.]

Calculate the content of 1-vinyl-2-pyrrolidone in the portion of Copovidone taken:

$$\text{Result} = (A_{TA}/A_{SA}) \times (C_{SA}/C_T) \times 100$$

$A_{TA}$  = 1-vinyl-2-pyrrolidone peak response from the *Sample solution*

$A_{SA}$  = 1-vinyl-2-pyrrolidone peak response from the *Standard solution*

$C_{SA}$  = concentration of 1-vinyl-2-pyrrolidone in the *Standard solution* (mg/mL)

$C_T$  = concentration of Copovidone in the *Sample solution* on the dried basis (mg/mL)

Calculate the content of vinyl acetate in the portion of Copovidone taken:

$$\text{Result} = (A_{TB}/A_{SB}) \times (C_{SB}/C_T) \times 100$$

$A_{TB}$  = vinyl acetate peak response from the *Sample solution*

$A_{SB}$  = vinyl acetate peak response from the *Standard solution*

$C_{SB}$  = concentration of vinyl acetate in the *Standard solution* (mg/mL)

$C_T$  = concentration of Copovidone in the *Sample solution* on the dried basis (mg/mL)

Calculate the content of 2-pyrrolidone in the portion of Copovidone taken:

$$\text{Result} = (A_{TC}/A_{SC}) \times (C_{SC}/C_T) \times 100$$

$A_{TC}$  = 2-pyrrolidone peak response from the *Sample solution*

$A_{SC}$  = 2-pyrrolidone peak response from the *Standard solution*

$C_{SC}$  = concentration of 2-pyrrolidone in the *Standard solution* (mg/mL)

$C_T$  = concentration of Copovidone in the *Sample solution* on the dried basis (mg/mL)

**Acceptance criteria:** NMT 0.001% of 1-vinyl-2-pyrrolidone, NMT 0.001% of vinyl acetate, and NMT 0.5% of 2-pyrrolidone ▲ (NF 1-May-2021)

#### Change to read:

#### • ▲LIMIT OF MONOMERS (1-VINYL-2-PYRROLIDONE AND VINYL ACETATE)

**Mobile phase:** Water and [acetonitrile](#) (23:2)

**Standard stock solution:** 5 µg/mL of 1-vinyl-2-pyrrolidone and 5 µg/mL of vinyl acetate in [methanol](#)

**Standard solution:** 0.25 µg/mL of 1-vinyl-2-pyrrolidone and ▲0.25▲ (ERR 1-May-2021) µg/mL of vinyl acetate, respectively, diluted from the *Standard stock solution* in *Mobile phase*

**Sample solution:** 25 mg/mL of Copovidone in *Mobile phase*

[NOTE—Store the *Sample solution* and both *Standard solution* at a temperature NMT 10°, and use within 8 h.]

#### Chromatographic system

(See [Chromatography \(621\)](#), [System Suitability](#).)

**Mode:** LC

**Detector:** UV 235 nm for 1-vinyl-2-pyrrolidone; UV 205 nm for vinyl acetate

#### Columns

**Guard:** 4.0-mm × 33-mm; 5-µm packing [L1](#)

**Analytical:** 4.0-mm × 25-cm; 5-µm packing [L1](#)

**Column temperature:** 40°

**Flow rate:** 1.0 mL/min

**Injection volume:** 20 µL

**Run time:** 40 min

#### System suitability

**Sample:** *Standard solution*

[NOTE—The retention times for 1-vinyl-2-pyrrolidone and vinyl acetate are about 17 and 22 min, respectively.]

#### Suitability requirements

**Resolution:** NLT 2.0 between 1-vinyl-2-pyrrolidone and vinyl acetate, at the measuring wavelength of 205 nm

**Relative standard deviation:** NMT 2.0% for each analyte, on 6 replicate injections of the *Standard solution*

#### Analysis

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

[NOTE—After each test with the *Sample solution*, wash the polymeric material of Copovidone from the column by passing the *Mobile phase* through the column backwards for about 30 min at the same *Flow rate*.]

Calculate the content of 1-vinyl-2-pyrrolidone in the portion of Copovidone taken:

$$\text{Result} = (A_{TA}/A_{SA}) \times (C_{SA}/C_T) \times 100$$

$A_{TA}$  = peak response of 1-vinyl-2-pyrrolidone from the *Sample solution*

$A_{SA}$  = peak response of 1-vinyl-2-pyrrolidone from the *Standard solution*

$C_{SA}$  = concentration of 1-vinyl-2-pyrrolidone in the *Standard solution* (mg/mL)

$C_T$  = concentration of Copovidone in the *Sample solution* on the dried basis (mg/mL)

Calculate the content of vinyl acetate in the portion of Copovidone taken:

$$\text{Result} = (A_{TB}/A_{SB}) \times (C_{SB}/C_T) \times 100$$

$A_{TB}$  = peak response of vinyl acetate from the *Sample solution*

$A_{SB}$  = peak response of vinyl acetate from the *Standard solution*

$C_{SB}$  = concentration of vinyl acetate in the *Standard solution* (mg/mL)

$C_T$  = concentration of Copovidone in the *Sample solution* on the dried basis (mg/mL)

#### Acceptance criteria

**1-Vinyl-2-pyrrolidone:** NMT 0.001% (10 ppm)

**Vinyl acetate:** NMT 0.001% (10 ppm)▲ (NF 1-May-2021)

Add the following:

#### ▲ Limit of 2-Pyrrolidone

**Mobile phase:** Water and [methanol](#) (19:1)

**Standard solution:** 45 µg/mL of 2-pyrrolidone in *Mobile phase*

**Sample solution:** Accurately weigh about 1 g of Copovidone, transfer to a 100-mL volumetric flask, add 5 mL of [methanol](#), and dissolve by using ultrasonication. Dilute with water to 100 mL.

#### Chromatographic system

(See [Chromatography \(621\), System Suitability](#).)

**Mode:** LC

**Detector:** UV 205 nm

#### Columns

**Guard:** 4.0-mm × 10-mm; 5-µm packing [L1](#)

**Analytical:** 4.6-mm × 15-cm; 5-µm packing [L1](#)

**Column temperature:** 40°

**Flow rate:** 0.8 mL/min

**Injection volume:** 20 µL

**Run time:** 30 min

#### System suitability

**Sample:** *Standard solution*

[NOTE—The retention time for 2-pyrrolidone is about 7 min.]

#### Suitability requirements

**Column efficiency:** NLT 5000 theoretical plates for the 2-pyrrolidone peak

**Symmetry factor:** NMT 1.5 for the 2-pyrrolidone peak

**Relative standard deviation:** NMT 2.0% for 6 replicate injections of *Standard solution*

#### Analysis

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

[NOTE—After each test with the *Sample solution*, wash the polymeric material of Copovidone from the column by passing the *Mobile phase* through the column backward for about 30 min at the same flow rate.]

Calculate the content of 2-pyrrolidone in the portion of Copovidone taken:

$$\text{Result} = (A_{TA}/A_{SA}) \times (C_{SA}/C_T) \times 100$$

$A_{TA}$  = peak response of 2-pyrrolidone from the *Sample solution*

$A_{SA}$  = peak response of 2-pyrrolidone from the *Standard solution*

$C_{SA}$  = concentration of 2-pyrrolidone in the *Standard solution* (mg/mL)

$C_T$  = concentration of Copovidone in the *Sample solution* on the dried basis (mg/mL)

**Acceptance criteria:** NMT 0.5%▲ (NF 1-May-2021)

## SPECIFIC TESTS

**Add the following:**

▲• [pH \(791\)](#).

**Sample solution:** 100 mg/mL of Copovidone in water

**Acceptance criteria:** 3.0–7.0▲ (NF 1-May-2021)

**Change to read:**

• [Loss on Drying \(731\)](#).

▲**Sample:** 0.5 g of Copovidone▲ (NF 1-May-2021)

**Analysis:** Dry a sample at 105° for 3 h.

**Acceptance criteria:** NMT 5.0%

• **CLARITY AND COLOR OF SOLUTION**

**Sample:** 1.0 g of Copovidone

**Analysis:** Dissolve the *Sample* in 10 mL of water.

**Acceptance criteria:** The solution is clear or slightly opalescent and colorless to pale yellow or pale red.

**Change to read:**

• **K-VALUE**

**Sample solution:** ▲Transfer an amount▲ (NF 1-May-2021) of undried Copovidone, equivalent to ▲1.00▲ (NF 1-May-2021) g on the dried basis, ▲and transfer▲ (NF 1-May-2021) to a 100-mL volumetric flask, and dissolve in and dilute with water to volume. Allow to stand for 1 h.

**Analysis:** Determine the viscosity, using a capillary-tube viscometer (see [Viscosity–Capillary Methods \(911\)](#)), of this solution at 25 ± 0.2°.

Calculate the relative K-value of Copovidone:

$$\text{Result} = \left[ \sqrt{300c \log z + (c + 1.5c \log z)^2} + 1.5c \log z - c \right] / (0.15c + 0.003c^2) \times (100/K_U)$$

$c$  = weight on the dried basis, of the specimen tested in each 100.0 mL of solution (g)

$z$  = viscosity of the *Sample solution* relative to that of water

$K_U$  = nominal K-value stated on the label

**Acceptance criteria:** 90.0%–110.0%▲ of the nominal K-value stated on the label of the vial as required by the *Labeling* section▲ (NF 1-May-2021)

## ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

**Change to read:**

• ▲▲ (NF 1-May-2021) **PACKAGING AND STORAGE:** Preserve in tight containers. No storage requirements specified.▲▲ (NF 1-May-2021)

• **LABELING:** Label it to indicate its nominal K-value.

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

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