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Dextrates

Add the following:

▲ CAS RN[®]: 39404-33-6.▲ (NF 1-May-2023)

Change to read:

DEFINITION

Dextrates is a purified mixture of saccharides resulting from the controlled enzymatic hydrolysis ▲or acid hydrolysis▲ (NF 1-May-2023) of ▲corn, potato, or tapioca▲ (NF 1-May-2023) starch. It is either anhydrous or hydrated. Its dextrose equivalent is NLT 93.0% ▲and NMT 99.0%.▲ (NF 1-May-2023)

Add the following:

▲IDENTIFICATION

- **A. SPECTROSCOPIC IDENTIFICATION TESTS (197), Infrared Spectroscopy:** 197K. Perform the test for Hydrated Dextrates only. Use the undried sample and [USP Dextrates Monohydrate RS](#).
- **B. MELTING RANGE OR TEMPERATURE (741):** 138°–146°▲ (NF 1-May-2023)

ASSAY

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• DEXTROSE EQUIVALENT

▲**Mobile phase:** Water

Standard solution A: Prepare a solution in *Mobile phase*, containing 2% dextrose and 1.5% maltose, using [USP Dextrose RS](#) and [USP Maltose Monohydrate RS](#).

Standard solution B: Prepare a solution in *Mobile phase*, containing a total of 5% of [USP Dextrates Monohydrate RS](#).

Sample solution: 5% of Dextrates in *Mobile phase*

Chromatographic system

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

Mode: LC

Detector: Refractive index

Column: 7.8-mm × 30-cm analytical; 25-μm packing L124¹

Temperatures

Column: 85°

Detector: 40°

[NOTE—Column and detector temperatures (± 1°) will help to achieve *System suitability* requirements.]

Flow rate: 0.5 mL/min

Injection volume: 20 μL

Run time: 30 min

System suitability

Samples: *Standard solution A* and *Standard solution B*

Suitability requirements

Resolution: NLT 1.5 between dextrose and maltose peaks in *Standard solution A*; NLT 1.3 between dextrose and maltose in *Standard solution B*

Analysis

Samples: *Standard solution A*, *Standard solution B*, and *Sample solution*

Identify each saccharide peak in the *Sample solution* based on that in *Standard solution A* and *Standard solution B*.

Calculate the percentage of each saccharide in the portion of Dextrates taken:

$$\% \text{ Area} = (r_A/r_B) \times 100$$

r_A = peak response of each saccharide degree of polymerization (DP_1 – DP_3) in the *Sample solution* (If any peaks of DP_4 and above are observed in the sample, take the summation of all peak responses DP_{4+} and use this value as $r_{A\Delta}$ (ERR 1-May-2023).)

r_B = sum of all peak responses excluding peak responses due to solvent from the *Sample solution*

The expected dextrose equivalent (DE) values for each component are listed in [Table 1](#).

Table 1

Degree of Polymerization	Expected DE
1	100.00
2	61.00
3	40.00
4+	20.90

[NOTE—Due to the fact that the HPLC analysis cannot further distinguish oligosaccharides greater than DP_4 , and the naturally low amount of the higher order oligosaccharides present in the sample, the value for DP_{4+} was estimated as the average of the expected DE values for DP_4 and above.]

Calculate the dextrose equivalent (DE):

$$DE = \Sigma[(\text{Expected DE})_{DPx} \times (\% \text{ Area}/100)_{DPx}]$$

Expected DE = defined in [Table 1](#)

% Area = calculated above Δ (NF 1-May-2023)

Acceptance criteria: Δ NLT 93.0% and NMT 99.0% Δ (NF 1-May-2023)

IMPURITIES

- [RESIDUE ON IGNITION \(281\)](#): NMT 0.1%

SPECIFIC TESTS

- [pH \(791\)](#).

Sample: 200 mg/mL in carbon dioxide-free water

Acceptance criteria: 3.8–5.8

- [LOSS ON DRYING \(731\)](#).

Analysis: Dry at 105° for 16 h in a convection oven.

Acceptance criteria: For the anhydrous form, NMT 2.0%; for the hydrated form, 7.8%–9.2%

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- **PACKAGING AND STORAGE:** Preserve in well-closed containers, and store in a cool, dry place.
- **LABELING:** Label it to state whether it is anhydrous or hydrated.

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

[USP Dextrose RS](#)

Δ [USP Dextrates Monohydrate RS](#)

[USP Maltose Monohydrate RS](#) Δ (NF 1-May-2023)

¹ A suitable column is Aminex HPX-42A from www.bio-rad.com.

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