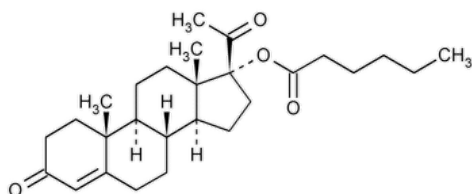


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## Hydroxyprogesterone Caproate



$C_{27}H_{40}O_4$  428.60

Pregn-4-ene-3,20-dione, 17-[(1-oxohexyl)oxy]-.

17-Hydroxypregn-4-ene-3,20-dione hexanoate CAS RN®: 630-56-8; UNII: 276F2042F5.

» Hydroxyprogesterone Caproate contains not less than 97.0 percent and not more than 103.0 percent of  $C_{27}H_{40}O_4$ , calculated on the anhydrous basis.

**Packaging and storage**—Preserve in well-closed, light-resistant containers. Store at 25°, excursions permitted between 15° and 30°.

**USP REFERENCE STANDARDS (11)**—

[USP Hydroxyprogesterone Caproate RS](#)

**Change to read:**

**Identification,** ▲ **SPECTROSCOPIC IDENTIFICATION TESTS (197), Infrared Spectroscopy: 197K** ▲ (CN 1-May-2020) •

**MELTING RANGE (741):** between 120° and 124°.

**SPECIFIC ROTATION (781S):** between +58° and +64°.

*Test solution:* 10 mg per mL, in chloroform.

**WATER DETERMINATION, Method I (921):** not more than 0.1%.

**Free *n*-caproic acid**—Dissolve 0.20 g in 25 mL of alcohol that previously has been neutralized to a faint pink color following the addition of 2 or 3 drops of phenolphthalein TS. Promptly titrate with 0.020 N sodium hydroxide: not more than 0.50 mL of 0.020 N sodium hydroxide is required (0.58%).

**ORDINARY IMPURITIES (466)**—

*Test solution:* chloroform.

*Standard solution:* chloroform.

*Eluant:* a mixture of chloroform and ethyl acetate (3:1).

*Visualization:* 5; then view under long-wavelength UV light.

**Assay**—Transfer about 50 mg of Hydroxyprogesterone Caproate, accurately weighed, to a 100-mL volumetric flask, add alcohol to volume, and mix. Dilute 2.0 mL of this solution with alcohol to volume in a second 100-mL volumetric flask, and mix. Dissolve in alcohol a suitable quantity of [USP Hydroxyprogesterone Caproate RS](#), and dilute quantitatively and stepwise with alcohol to obtain a Standard solution having a known concentration of about 10 µg per mL. Concomitantly determine the absorbances of both solutions in 1-cm cells at the wavelength of maximum absorbance at about 240 nm, using alcohol as the blank. Calculate the quantity, in mg, of  $C_{27}H_{40}O_4$  in the Hydroxyprogesterone Caproate taken by the formula:

$$5C(A_U/A_S)$$

in which *C* is the concentration, in µg per mL, of [USP Hydroxyprogesterone Caproate RS](#) in the Standard solution; and *A<sub>U</sub>* and *A<sub>S</sub>* are the absorbances of the solution of Hydroxyprogesterone Caproate and the Standard solution, respectively.

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