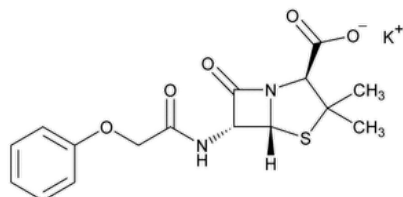


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Penicillin V Potassium



$C_{16}H_{17}KN_2O_5S$ 388.48

4-Thia-1-azabicyclo[3.2.0]heptane-2-carboxylic acid, 3,3-dimethyl-7-oxo-6-[(phenoxyacetyl)amino]-, monopotassium salt, [2S-(2 α ,5 α ,6 β)]-

Monopotassium (2S,5R,6R)-3,3-dimethyl-7-oxo-6-(2-phenoxyacetamido)-4-thia-1-azabicyclo[3.2.0]heptane-2-carboxylate CAS RN®: 132-98-9;
 UNII: 146T0TU1JB.

DEFINITION

Penicillin V Potassium has a potency of NLT 1380 and NMT 1610 Penicillin V Units/mg.

IDENTIFICATION

Change to read:

- **A.** ▲ [SPECTROSCOPIC IDENTIFICATION TESTS \(197\)](#), [Infrared Spectroscopy: 197K](#) ▲ (CN 1-MAY-2020)
- **B.** The retention time of the penicillin V peak of the *Sample solution* corresponds to that of the *Standard solution*, as obtained in the Assay.
- **C.**

Diluent: Glycerin and water (25:14)

Solution A: 106 mg/mL of sodium carbonate in water

Solution B: 120 mg/mL of sodium sulfide in *Diluent*, prepared as follows. Dissolve sodium sulfide in *Diluent*, using about 45% of the final volume and heat. Allow to cool, and dilute with *Diluent* to the final volume.

Solution C: 150 mg/mL of tartaric acid in water

Sample solution: 0.1 g of Penicillin V Potassium in 2 mL of water

Analysis

Part 1: Add 1 mL of *Solution A* to the *Sample solution* and heat.

Part 2: To the hot solution from *Part 1* add 0.05 mL of *Solution B*.

Part 3: Cool the mixture from *Part 2* in iced water and add 2 mL of *Solution C*. Allow to stand.

Acceptance criteria: Meets the requirements for *Parts 1, 2, and 3*

Part 1: No precipitate is formed.

Part 2: No precipitate is formed.

Part 3: A white precipitate is formed.

ASSAY

PROCEDURE

Mobile phase: Acetonitrile, glacial acetic acid, and water (350:5.75:650)

System suitability solution: 2.5 mg/mL each of [USP Penicillin G Potassium RS](#) and [USP Penicillin V Potassium RS](#) in *Mobile phase*

Standard solution: 2.5 mg/mL of [USP Penicillin V Potassium RS](#) in *Mobile phase*

Sample solution: 2.5 mg/mL of Penicillin V Potassium in *Mobile phase*

Chromatographic system

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

Mode: LC

Detector: UV 254 nm

Column: 3.9-mm × 30-cm; 10- μ m packing L1

Flow rate: 1 mL/min

Injection volume: 10 µL

System suitability

Samples: *System suitability solution* and *Standard solution*

[NOTE—The relative retention times for *p*-hydroxyphenicillin V, penicillin G, and penicillin V are about 0.4, 0.8, and 1.0, respectively.]

Suitability requirements

Resolution: NLT 3.0 between penicillin G and penicillin V, *System suitability solution*

Relative standard deviation: NMT 1.0%, *Standard solution*

Analysis

Samples: *Standard solution* and *Sample solution*

Calculate the potency of penicillin V potassium, in Penicillin V Units/mg, in the portion of Penicillin V Potassium taken:

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

r_U = sum of the *p*-hydroxyphenicillin V and penicillin V peak responses from the *Sample solution*

r_S = sum of the *p*-hydroxyphenicillin V and penicillin V peak responses from the *Standard solution*

C_S = concentration of [USP Penicillin V Potassium RS](#) in the *Standard solution* (mg/mL)

C_U = concentration of Penicillin V Potassium in the *Sample solution* (mg/mL)

P = potency of [USP Penicillin V Potassium RS](#) (Penicillin V Units/mg)

Acceptance criteria: 1380–1610 Penicillin V Units/mg

IMPURITIES

• LIMIT OF PHENOXYACETIC ACID

Mobile phase: Acetonitrile, glacial acetic acid, and water (35:1:65)

Diluent: pH 6.6 phosphate buffer (see [Reagents, Indicators, and Solutions—Buffer Solutions](#))

Standard solution: 0.1 mg/mL of phenoxyacetic acid in *Diluent*

Sample solution: 20 mg/mL of Penicillin V Potassium in *Diluent*. Use this solution on the day prepared.

Chromatographic system

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

Mode: LC

Detector: UV 254 nm

Column: 4.6-mm × 25-cm; 5-µm packing L1

Flow rate: 1 mL/min

Injection volume: 20 µL

System suitability

Sample: *Standard solution*

Suitability requirements

Tailing factor: NMT 1.5

Relative standard deviation: NMT 2.0%

Analysis

Samples: *Standard solution* and *Sample solution*

Calculate the percentage of phenoxyacetic acid in the portion of Penicillin V Potassium taken:

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

r_U = phenoxyacetic acid peak response from the *Sample solution*

r_S = phenoxyacetic acid peak response from the *Standard solution*

C_S = concentration of phenoxyacetic acid in the *Standard solution* (mg/mL)

C_U = concentration of Penicillin V Potassium in the *Sample solution* (mg/mL)

Acceptance criteria: NMT 0.5%

• LIMIT OF *p*-HYDROXYPENICILLIN V

Mobile phase, System suitability solution, Standard solution, Sample solution, Chromatographic system, and System suitability: Proceed as directed in the Assay.

Analysis

Sample: *Sample solution*

Calculate the percentage of *p*-hydroxyphenicillin V in the portion of Penicillin V Potassium taken:

$$\text{Result} = (r_U/r_T) \times 100$$

r_U = *p*-hydroxyphenicillin V peak response from the *Sample solution*

r_T = sum of the *p*-hydroxyphenicillin V and penicillin V peak responses from the *Sample solution*

Acceptance criteria: NMT 5.0%

SPECIFIC TESTS

- [OPTICAL ROTATION \(781S\)](#), [Specific Rotation](#)

Sample solution: 10 mg/mL of Penicillin V Potassium in carbon dioxide-free water

Acceptance criteria: +220° to +235°

- [CRYSTALLINITY \(695\)](#): Meets the requirements

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

Sample solution: 30 mg/mL of Penicillin V Potassium in water

Acceptance criteria: 4.0–7.5

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

Sample: 100 mg of Penicillin V Potassium

Analysis: Dry the *Sample* in a capillary-stoppered bottle under vacuum at 60° for 3 h.

Acceptance criteria: NMT 1.5%

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- **PACKAGING AND STORAGE:** Preserve in tight containers.
- **LABELING:** Label it to indicate that it is to be used in the manufacture of nonparenteral drugs only.
- [USP REFERENCE STANDARDS \(11\)](#)

[USP Penicillin G Potassium RS](#)

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