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Co-magaldrox Tablets

General Notices

Magnesium Hydroxide and Aluminium Hydroxide Tablets

Action and use

Antacid.

DEFINITION

Co-magaldrox Tablets contain Magnesium Hydroxide and Dried Aluminium Hydroxide. The amount of Dried Aluminium Hydroxide is adjusted to give the required content of Al_2O_3.

The tablets comply with the requirements stated under Tablets and with the following requirements.

Content of magnesium hydroxide, $Mg(OH)_2$

90.0 to 110.0% of the stated amount.

Content of Al_2O_3

45.0 to 55.0% of the stated amount of dried aluminium hydroxide.

IDENTIFICATION

A. To a quantity of the powdered tablets containing about 0.2 g of magnesium hydroxide in 10 mL of *2M hydrochloric acid* add 0.25 mL of *methyl red solution* and heat to boiling. Add 6M *ammonia* until the solution becomes yellow, continue boiling for 2 minutes and filter. To 1 mL of the filtrate add 1 mL of 6M *ammonia* and 1 mL of 2M *ammonium chloride*; no precipitate is produced. Add 0.25M *disodium hydrogen orthophosphate*; a white crystalline precipitate is produced which is insoluble in 6M *ammonia*.
B. Shake a quantity of the powdered tablets containing 0.25 g of dried aluminium hydroxide with 25 mL of 2M *hydrochloric acid* and filter. The filtrate yields the reaction characteristic of *aluminium salts*, Appendix VI.

ASSAY

For Al_2O_3

Weigh and powder 20 tablets. To a quantity of the powdered tablets containing 1.5 g of dried aluminium hydroxide add 20 mL of *water*, stir and slowly add 30 mL of *3M hydrochloric acid*. Heat gently, if necessary, to aid solution, cool, filter, wash the filter well with *water*, dilute the combined filtrate and washings to 200 mL with *water* and mix. Reserve a portion of the solution for the Assay for magnesium hydroxide. To 10 mL add 20 mL of *water* and, with continuous stirring, 25 mL of 0.05M *disodium edetate VS* followed by 20 mL of a mixture of equal volumes of 2M *ammonium acetate* and 2M *acetic acid*. Heat near the boiling point for 5 minutes, cool, add 50 mL of *absolute ethanol* and 3 mL of a freshly prepared 0.025%

w/v solution of *dithizone* in *absolute ethanol*. Titrate the excess of disodium edetate with *0.05M zinc sulfate VS* until the colour of the solution changes from greenish blue to reddish violet. Each mL of 0.05M *disodium edetate VS* is equivalent to 2.549 mg of Al_2O_3.

For magnesium hydroxide

To a volume of the solution reserved in the Assay for Al_2O_3 containing about 40 mg of magnesium hydroxide add 200 mL of *water* and 20 mL of *triethanolamine* and stir. Add 10 mL of *ammonia buffer pH 10.9* and cool the solution to between 3° and 4° by immersion in iced water. Titrate the cooled solution with 0.05M *disodium edetate VS* using *mordant black 11 solution* as indicator. Each mL of 0.05M *disodium edetate VS* is equivalent to 2.916 mg of $Mg(OH)_2$.