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Deptropine Citrate

General Notices

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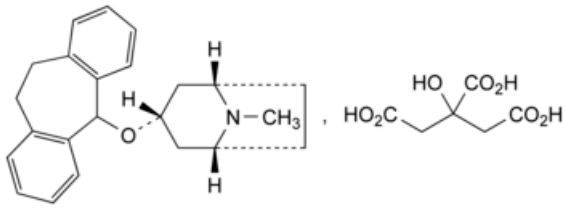

$C_{29}H_{35}NO_8$ 525.6 *2169-75-7*

Action and use

Histamine H_1 receptor antagonist; anticholinergic.

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DEFINITION

Deptropine citrate contains not less than 98.0 per cent and not more than the equivalent of 101.0 per cent of (1*R*,3*r*,5*S*)-3-(10,11-dihydro-5*H*-dibenzo[*a*,*d*][7]annulen-5-yloxy)-8-methyl-8-azabicyclo[3.2.1]octane dihydrogen citrate, calculated with reference to the dried substance.

CHARACTERS

A white or almost white, microcrystalline powder, very slightly soluble in water and in anhydrous ethanol, practically insoluble in methylene chloride.

It melts at about 170 °C, with decomposition.

IDENTIFICATION

First identification: A.

Second identification: B, C, D, E.

A. Examine by infrared absorption spectrophotometry (2.2.24), comparing with the spectrum obtained with *deptropine citrate CRS*.
B. Examine the chromatograms obtained in the test for related substances. The principal spot in the chromatogram obtained with test solution (b) is similar in position, colour and size to the principal spot in the chromatogram obtained with reference solution (b).
C. To about 1 mg add 0.5 mL of *sulfuric acid R*. A stable red-orange colour develops.

D. Dissolve about 1 mg in 0.25 mL of *perchloric acid R* and warm gently until the solution becomes turbid. Add 5 mL of *glacial acetic acid R*; a pink colour with an intense green fluorescence appears.

E. To about 5 mg add 1 mL of *acetic anhydride R* and 5 mL of *pyridine R*. A purple colour develops.

TESTS

pH (*2.2.3*)

Suspend 0.25 g in *carbon dioxide-free water R*, dilute to 25 mL with the same solvent and filter. The pH of the solution is 3.7 to 4.5.

Related substances

Examine by thin-layer chromatography (*2.2.27*), using as the coating substance a suitable silica gel with a fluorescent indicator having an optimal intensity at 254 nm.

Test solution (a) Dissolve 0.10 g of the substance to be examined in *methanol R* and dilute to 10 mL with the same solvent.

Test solution (b) Dilute 1 mL of test solution (a) to 10 mL with *methanol R*.

Reference solution (a) Dilute 1.0 mL of test solution (a) to 100.0 mL with *methanol R*.

Reference solution (b) Dissolve 20 mg of *deptropine citrate CRS* in *methanol R* and dilute to 2 mL with the same solvent. Dilute 1 mL of the solution to 10 mL with *methanol R*.

Reference solution (c) Dissolve 5 mg of *tropine CRS* in *methanol R* and dilute to 100.0 mL with the same solvent.

Reference solution (d) Dissolve 10 mg of *deptropine citrate CRS* and 10 mg of *tropine CRS* in *methanol R* and dilute to 25 mL with the same solvent.

Apply to the plate 40 µL of each solution. Develop over a path of 10 cm using a mixture of 8 volumes of *concentrated ammonia R* and 92 volumes of *butanol R*. Dry the plate at 100 °C to 105 °C until the ammonia has completely evaporated. Examine in ultraviolet light at 254 nm. Any spot in the chromatogram obtained with test solution (a), apart from the principal spot, is not more intense than the spot in the chromatogram obtained with reference solution (a) (1 per cent). Spray with *dilute potassium iodobismuthate solution R* and then with a 10 g/L solution of *sodium nitrite R*. Expose the plate to iodine vapours. Examine in daylight and in ultraviolet light at 254 nm. In the chromatogram obtained with test solution (a): any spot corresponding to tropine is not more intense than the spot in the chromatogram obtained with reference solution (c) (0.5 per cent); any spot, apart from the principal spot and any spot corresponding to tropine, is not more intense than the spot in the chromatogram obtained with reference solution (a) (1 per cent). The test is not valid unless the chromatogram obtained with reference solution (d) shows two clearly separated spots.

Loss on drying (*2.2.32*)

Not more than 2.0 per cent, determined on 1.000 g by drying in an oven at 105 °C for 4 h.

Sulfated ash (*2.4.14*)

Not more than 0.1 per cent, determined on 1.0 g.

ASSAY

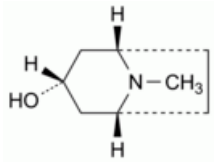
Dissolve 0.400 g in 50 mL of *anhydrous acetic acid R*. Titrate with *0.1 M perchloric acid*, determining the end-point potentiometrically (*2.2.20*).

1 mL of *0.1 M perchloric acid* is equivalent to 52.56 mg of $C_{29}H_{35}NO_8$.

STORAGE

Store protected from light.

IMPURITIES



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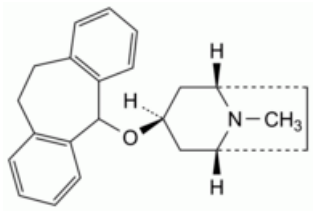
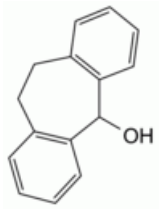
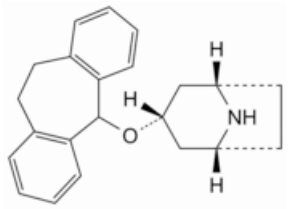


B. (1*R*,3*s*,5*S*)-3-(10,11-dihydro-5*H*-dibenzo[*a*,*d*][7]annulen-5-yloxy)-8-methyl-8-azabicyclo[3.2.1]octane (pseudodeptropine),



C. 10,11-dihydro-5*H*-dibenzo[*a*,*d*][7]annulen-5-ol (dibenzocycloheptadienol),



D. (1*R*,3*r*,5*S*)-3-(10,11-dihydro-5*H*-dibenzo[*a*,*d*][7]annulen-5-yloxy)-8-azabicyclo[3.2.1]octane (demethyldeptropine).

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