ble in diethyl ether.

**Identification (1)** Determine the absorption spectrum of a solution of Croconazole Hydrochloride in methanol (1 in 20,000) as directed under Ultraviolet-visible Spectrophotometry  $\langle 2.24 \rangle$ , and compare the spectrum with the Reference Spectrum: both spectra exhibit similar intensities of absorption at the same wavelengths.

(2) Determine the infrared absorption spectrum of Croconazole Hydrochloride, previously dried, as directed in the potassium chloride disk method under Infrared Spectro-photometry  $\langle 2.25 \rangle$ , and compare the spectrum with the Reference Spectrum: both spectra exhibit similar intensities of absorption at the same wave numbers.

(3) Dissolve 0.05 g of Croconazole Hydrochloride in 10 mL of water, add 2 mL of sodium hydroxide TS and 20 mL of diethyl ether, and shake. Wash the separated aqueous layer with two 10-mL portions of diethyl ether, and acidify the solution with 2 mL of dilute nitric acid: the solution responds to the Qualitative Tests  $\langle 1.09 \rangle$  for chloride.

**Melting point** <2.60> 148 – 153°C

**Purity (1)** Heavy metals  $\langle 1.07 \rangle$ —Proceed with 1.0 g of Croconazole Hydrochloride according to Method 4, and perform the test. Prepare the control solution with 1.0 mL of Standard Lead Solution (not more than 10 ppm).

(2) Related substances—Dissolve 50 mg of Croconazole Hydrochloride in 10 mL of methanol, and use this solution as the sample solution. Pipet 1 mL of the sample solution, add methanol to make exactly 100 mL, and use this solution as the standard solution. Perform the test with these solutions as directed under Thin-layer Chromatography  $\langle 2.03 \rangle$ . Spot 10  $\mu$ L each of the sample solution and standard solution on a plate of silica gel with fluorescent indicator for thin-layer chromatography. Develop the plate with a mixture of ethyl acetate, hexane, methanol and ammonia solution (28) (30:15:5:1) to a distance of about 10 cm, and air-dry the plate. Examine under ultraviolet light (main wavelength: 254 nm): the spots other than the principal spot and other than the spot of the starting point from the sample solution are not more intense than the spot from the standard solution.

Loss on drying  $\langle 2.41 \rangle$  Not more than 0.5% (1 g, 60°C, 4 hours).

**Residue on ignition**  $\langle 2.44 \rangle$  Not more than 0.1% (1 g).

Assay Weigh accurately about 0.6 g of Croconazole Hydrochloride, previously dried, dissolve in 10 mL of acetic acid (100), add 40 mL of acetic anhydride, and titrate  $\langle 2.50 \rangle$  with 0.1 mol/L perchloric acid VS [indicator: 1 to 2 drops of a solution of malachite green oxalate in acetic acid (100) (1 in 100)] until the color of the solution changes from blue-green through green to yellow-green. Perform a blank determination, and make any necessary correction.

Each mL of 0.1 mol/L perchloric acid VS =  $34.72 \text{ mg of } C_{18}H_{15}ClN_2O.HCl$ 

**Containers and storage** Containers—Tight containers. Storage—Light-resistant.

## **Croscarmellose Sodium**

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Croscarmellose Sodium is the sodium salt of a crosslinked poly carboxymethylether of cellulose.

•**Description** Croscarmellose Sodium occurs as a white to yellowish white powder.

It is practically insoluble in ethanol (99.5) and in diethyl ether.

It swells with water and becomes a suspension.

It is hygroscopic.

**Identification (1)** To 1 g of Croscarmellose Sodium add 100 mL of a solution of methylene blue (1 in 250,000), stir well, and allow to stand: blue cotton-like precipitates appear.

(2) To 1 g of Croscarmellose Sodium add 50 mL of water, and stir well to make a suspension. To 1 mL of this suspension add 1 mL of water and 5 drops of fleshly prepared solution of 1-naphtol in methanol (1 in 25), and gently add 2 mL of sulfuric acid along a wall of the vessel: a redpurple color appears at the zone of contact.

(3) The suspension obtained in (2) responds to the Qualitative Tests  $\langle 1.09 \rangle$  (1) for sodium salt.

**pH**  $\langle 2.54 \rangle$  To 1.0 g of Croscarmellose Sodium add 100 mL of water, and stir for 5 minutes: the pH of the supernatant liquid is between 5.0 and 7.0.

**Purity** (1) Heavy metals <1.07>—Proceed with 2.0 g of Croscarmellose Sodium according to Method 2, and perform the test. Prepare the control solution with 2.0 mL of Standard Lead Solution (not more than 10 ppm).

•(2) Sodium chloride and sodium glycolate—The total amount of sodium chloride and sodium glycolate is not more than 0.5%, calculated on the dried basis.

(i) Sodium chloride: Weigh accurately about 5 g of Croscarmellose Sodium, add 50 mL of water and 5 mL of hydrogen peroxide (30), and heat on a water bath for 20 minutes with occasional stirring. After cooling, add 100 mL of water and 10 mL of nitric acid, and titrate  $\langle 2.50 \rangle$  with 0.1 mol/L silver nitrate VS (potentiometric titration). Perform a blank determination in the same manner and make any necessary correction.

Each mL of 0.1 mol/L silver nitrate VS = 5.844 mg of NaCl

(ii) Sodium glycolate: Weigh accurately about 0.5 g of Croscarmellose Sodium, add 2 mL of acetic acid (100) and 5 mL of water, and stir for 15 minutes. Add gradually 50 mL of acetone with stirring, then add 1 g of sodium chloride, stir for 3 minutes, and filter through a filter paper moistened with acetone. Wash the residue thoroughly with 30 mL of acetone, combine the filtrate and washings, add acetone to make exactly 100 mL, and use this solution as the sample stock solution. Separately, dissolve 0.100 g of glycolic acid

in water to make 200 mL. Pipet 0.5 mL, 1 mL, 2 mL, 3 mL and 4 mL of this solution, add water to make them exactly 5 mL, then add 5 mL of acetic acid (100) and acetone to make exactly 100 mL, and designate them standard stock solution (1), standard stock solution (2), standard stock solution (3), standard stock solution (4) and standard stock solution (5), respectively. Pipet 2 mL each of the sample stock solution and the standard stock solutions (1), (2), (3), (4) and (5), and heat them in a water bath for 20 minutes to evaporate acetone. After cooling, add exactly 5 mL of 2,7-dihydroxynaphthalene TS, mix, then add 15 mL of 2,7-dihydroxynaphthalene TS, mix, cover the mouth of the vessels with aluminum foil, and heat in a water bath for 20 minutes. After cooling, add sulfuric acid to make exactly 25 mL, mix, and designate them sample solution, standard solution (1), standard solution (2), standard solution (3), standard solution (4) and standard solution (5), respectively. Separately, to 10 mL of a mixture of water and acetic acid (100) (1:1) add acetone to make exactly 100 mL, and proceed with exactly 2 mL of this solution in the same manner for preparation of the sample solution, and use the solution so obtained as the blank solution. Determine the absorbances,  $A_{\rm T}$ ,  $A_{\rm S1}$ ,  $A_{S2}$ ,  $A_{S3}$ ,  $A_{S4}$  and  $A_{S5}$ , of the sample solution and the standard solutions (1), (2), (3), (4) and (5), respectively, at 540 nm as directed under Ultraviolet-visible Spectrophotometry <2.24>, using the blank solution as the control. Determine the amount (g) of glycolic acid, X, in 100 ml of the sample solution from the calibration curve obtained with the standard solutions, and calculate the amount of sodium glycolate by the following formula.

> Amount (%) of sodium glycolate =  $X/M \times 100 \times 1.289$

M: Amount (g) of sample, calculated on the dried basis $_{\bullet}$ 

•(3) Water-soluble substance—Weigh accurately about 10 g of Croscarmellose Sodium, disperse in 800 mL of water by stirring for 1 minute every 10 minutes during 30 minutes, and allow to stand for at most 1 hour to precipitate. Filter by suction or centrifuge the clear upper portion, and weigh accurately the mass of about 150 mL of the filtrate or supernatant liquid. Heat to concentrate this liquid avoiding to dryness, then dry at  $105^{\circ}$ C for 4 hours, and weigh the mass of the residue accurately. Calculate the amount of the water-soluble substance by the following formula: not less than 1.0% and not more than 10.0%.

Amount (%) of water-soluble substance =  $100 M_3 (800 + M_1)/M_1M_2$ 

- $M_1$ : Amount (g) of sample, calculated on the dried basis
- $M_2$ : Amount (g) of the filtrate or supernatant liquid of about 150 mL
- $M_3$ : Amount (g) of the residue

**Precipitation test** Put 75 mL of water in a 100-mL glassstoppered graduated cylinder, and add portion by portion with 1.5 g of Croscarmellose Sodium divided into three portions while shaking vigorously at each time. Then, add water to make 100 mL, shake until to get a homogenous dispersion, and allow to stand for 4 hours: the volume of the settled layer is not less than 10.0 mL and not more than 30.0 mL.

Degree of substitution Weigh accurately about 1 g of

Croscarmellose Sodium, put in a 500-mL glass-stoppered conical flask, add 300 mL of sodium chloride TS, then add 25.0 mL of 0.1 mol/L sodium hydroxide VS, stopper, and allow to stand for 5 minutes with occasional shaking. Add 5 drops of *m*-cresol purple TS, then add exactly 15 mL of 0.1 mol/L hydrochloric acid VS using a buret, stopper the flask, and shake. If the color of the solution is purple, add exactly 1-mL portions of 0.1 mol/L hydrochloric acid VS using the buret, with shaking each time, until the color of the solution changes to yellow, then titrate  $\langle 2.50 \rangle$  with 0.1 mol/L sodium hydroxide VS until the color changes from yellow to purple. Perform a blank determination in the same manner. Calculate the degrees of substitution of acid-carboxymethyl group and sodium-carboxymethyl group, *A* and *S*: *A* + *S* is not less than 0.60 and not more than 0.85.

 $A = \frac{1150M}{(7102 - 412M - 80C)}$  $S = (162 + \frac{58A}{C})(7102 - \frac{80C}{C})$ 

M: Amount (mmol) of sodium hydroxide needed to neutralize 1 g of sample, calculated on the dried basisC: The value (%) obtained in Residue on ignition

**Loss on drying**  $\langle 2.41 \rangle$  Not more than 10.0% (1 g, 105°C, 6 hours).

**Residue on ignition** <2.44> 14.0 – 28.0% (after drying, 1 g).

Containers and storage Containers—Tight containers.

## Cyanamide

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H<sub>2</sub>N-CN

CH<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>: 42.04 Aminonitrile [420-04-2]

Cyanamide contains not less than 97.0% and not more than 101.0% of  $CH_2N_2$ , calculated on the anhydrous basis.

**Description** Cyanamide occurs as white crystals or crystalline powder.

It is very soluble in water, in methanol, in ethanol (99.5) and in acetone.

The pH of a solution of Cyanamide (1 in 100) is between 5.0 and 6.5.

It is hygroscopic.

Melting point: about 46°C

**Identification (1)** To 1 mL of a solution of Cyanamide (1 in 100) add 1 mL of potassium 1,2-naphthoquinone-4-sulfonate TS and 0.2 mL of sodium hydroxide TS: a deep red color develops.

(2) Drop one or two drops of a solution of Cyanamide in acetone (1 in 100) onto a potassium bromide disk prepared as directed in the potassium bromide disk method under Infrared Spectrophotometry  $\langle 2.25 \rangle$ , and air-dry the disk. Determine the infrared absorption spectrum of the disk as directed in the film method under Infrared Spectrophotometry  $\langle 2.25 \rangle$ , and compare the spectrum with the Reference Spectrum: both spectra exhibit similar intensities of absorption at the same wave numbers.