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Magnesium Carbonate and Citric Acid for Oral Solution

DEFINITION

Magnesium Carbonate and Citric Acid for Oral Solution contains a dry mixture of Magnesium Carbonate and Citric Acid that when constituted as directed in the labeling yields a solution that contains NLT 90.0% and NMT 110.0% of the labeled amount of magnesium citrate ($C_{12}H_{10}Mg_3O_{14}$).

IDENTIFICATION

- **A. IDENTIFICATION TESTS—GENERAL, *Magnesium* (191).**

Sample solution: Constitute as directed in the labeling.

Acceptance criteria: Meets the requirements

- **B.** The retention time of the citrate peak of the *Sample solution* corresponds to that of *Standard solution 1*, as obtained in the test for *Content of Anhydrous Citric Acid*.

ASSAY

PROCEDURE

Sample solution: Transfer a volume of constituted oral solution, equivalent to 18.7 g of magnesium citrate ($C_{12}H_{10}Mg_3O_{14}$), to a 1000-mL volumetric flask. Add 200 mL of 1 N hydrochloric acid, swirl, and allow to stand for 10 min. Dilute with water to volume. Stir by mechanical means for 30 min.

Analysis: Transfer 10.0 mL of the *Sample solution* to a 250-mL beaker. Add 10 mL of ammonia–ammonium chloride buffer TS, 5 mL of triethanolamine, and 0.3 mL of eriochrome black TS. Titrate with 0.05 M edetate disodium VS until the last hint of violet disappears (blue endpoint). Each mL of 0.05 M edetate disodium is equivalent to 7.520 mg of magnesium citrate ($C_{12}H_{10}Mg_3O_{14}$).

Acceptance criteria: 90.0%–110.0%

OTHER COMPONENTS

CONTENT OF ANHYDROUS CITRIC ACID

Mobile phase, Standard solution 1, Chromatographic system, and System suitability: Proceed as directed in [Assay for Citric Acid/Citrate and Phosphate \(345\)](#).

Sample solution: Transfer an appropriate volume of the constituted oral solution into a suitable volumetric flask, and proceed as directed for the *Sample solution* in [Assay for Citric Acid/Citrate and Phosphate \(345\)](#), [Assay Preparation for Citric Acid/Citrate Assay](#).

Analysis

Samples: *Standard solution 1* and *Sample solution*

Proceed as directed for [Assay for Citric Acid/Citrate and Phosphate \(345\)](#), [Procedure](#).

Calculate the percentage of anhydrous citric acid ($C_6H_8O_7$) in relation to the labeled amount of magnesium citrate in the volume of constituted oral solution taken:

$$\text{Result} = (r_U/r_S) \times (C_S/C_U) \times (M_{r1}/M_{r2}) \times 100$$

r_U = peak area of citrate from the *Sample solution*

r_S = peak area of citrate from *Standard solution 1*

C_S = concentration of citrate in *Standard solution 1* (mg/mL)

C_U = nominal concentration of magnesium citrate in the *Sample solution* (mg/mL)

M_{r1} = molecular weight of anhydrous citric acid, 192.12

M_{r2} = molecular weight of citrate ($C_6H_5O_7$), 189.10

Acceptance criteria: 76.6%–107.8% of the labeled amount of magnesium citrate

PERFORMANCE TESTS

- [UNIFORMITY OF DOSAGE UNITS \(905\)](#): Meets the requirements

IMPURITIES

- [CHLORIDE AND SULFATE, Chloride \(221\)](#)

Sample solution: Constitute as directed in the labeling.

Acceptance criteria: A 2.0-mL portion of *Sample solution* shows no more chloride than corresponds to 0.30 mL of 0.020 N hydrochloric acid (NMT 0.01%).

- [CHLORIDE AND SULFATE, Sulfate \(221\)](#)

Sample solution: Constitute as directed in the labeling.

Acceptance criteria: A 2.0-mL portion of *Sample solution* shows no more sulfate than corresponds to 0.30 mL of 0.020 N sulfuric acid (NMT 0.015%).

- **TARTARIC ACID**

Sample solution: Constitute as directed in the labeling.

Analysis: To 10 mL of *Sample solution* in a test tube, add 1 mL of glacial acetic acid and 3 mL of a solution of potassium acetate (1 in 2). Shake the mixture vigorously, then gently rub the inner wall of the test tube with a glass rod for a few min, and allow to stand for 1 h.

Acceptance criteria: No white, crystalline precipitate soluble in 6 N ammonium hydroxide is formed.

SPECIFIC TESTS

- [MICROBIAL ENUMERATION TESTS \(61\)](#) and [TESTS FOR SPECIFIED MICROORGANISMS \(62\)](#): It meets the requirements of the test for absence of *Escherichia coli* and *Salmonella* species.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- **PACKAGING AND STORAGE:** Preserve in tight containers.
- **LABELING:** The label contains directions for constitution of the powder and states the equivalent amount of magnesium citrate ($C_{12}H_{10}Mg_3O_{14}$) in a given volume of the oral solution obtained after constitution.

Auxiliary Information - Please [check for your question in the FAQs](#) before contacting USP.

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