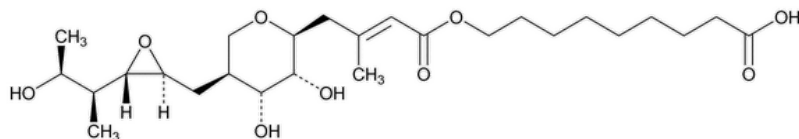


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Mupirocin



$C_{26}H_{44}O_9$ 500.62

Nonanoic acid, 9-[[[3-methyl-1-oxo-4-[tetrahydro-3,4-dihydroxy-5-[[3-(2-hydroxy-1-methylpropyl)oxiran yl]methyl]-2H-pyran-2-yl]-2-butenyl]oxy]-, [2S-2 α (E),3 β ,4 β ,5 α][2R*, 3R*(1R*,[2R*)]]]-

(E)-(2S,3R,4R,5S)-5-[(2S,3S,4S,5S)-2,3-Epoxy-5-hydroxy-4-methylhexyl]tetrahydro-3,4-dihydroxy- β -methyl-2H-pyran-2-crotonic acid, ester with 9-hydroxynonanoic acid CAS RN®: 12650-69-0; UNII: D0GX8630A5.

» Mupirocin contains not less than 920 μ g and not more than 1020 μ g of mupirocin ($C_{26}H_{44}O_9$) per mg, calculated on the anhydrous basis.

Packaging and storage—Preserve in tight containers.

USP REFERENCE STANDARDS (11).—

[USP Mupirocin RS](#)

[USP Mupirocin Lithium RS](#)

Identification—The IR absorption spectrum of a mineral oil dispersion of it exhibits maxima only at the same wavelengths as that of a similar preparation of [USP Mupirocin RS](#).

CRYSTALLINITY (695): meets the requirements.

pH (791): between 3.5 and 4.5, in a saturated aqueous solution.

WATER DETERMINATION, Method I (921): not more than 1.0%.

Assay—

pH 6.3 phosphate buffer—Prepare 0.05 M monobasic sodium phosphate, and adjust with 10 N sodium hydroxide to a pH of 6.3 ± 0.2 .

Mobile phase—Prepare a suitable mixture of *pH 6.3 phosphate buffer* and acetonitrile (750:250), pass through a suitable filter of 0.5 μ m or finer porosity, and degas. Make adjustments if necessary (see *System Suitability* under [Chromatography](#) (621)).

Standard preparation—Transfer about 11 mg of [USP Mupirocin Lithium RS](#), accurately weighed, to a 100-mL volumetric flask, add 25 mL of acetonitrile, and swirl to dissolve. Dilute with *pH 6.3 phosphate buffer* to volume, and mix.

Resolution solution—Adjust 10 mL of *Standard preparation* with 6 N hydrochloric acid to a pH of 2.0, allow to stand for 2 hours, and adjust with 5 N sodium hydroxide to a pH of 6.3 ± 0.2 .

Assay preparation—Transfer about 11 mg of Mupirocin, accurately weighed, to a 100-mL volumetric flask, add 25 mL of acetonitrile, and swirl to dissolve. Dilute with *pH 6.3 phosphate buffer* to volume, and mix.

Chromatographic system (see [CHROMATOGRAPHY](#) (621)).—The liquid chromatograph is equipped with a 229-nm detector and a 4.6-mm $\times$ 25-cm column that contains packing L1 based on spherical silica particles. The flow rate is about 2 mL per minute. Chromatograph the *Resolution solution*, and record the peak responses as directed for *Procedure*: the relative retention times are about 0.9 for the mupirocin acid hydrolysis product and 1.0 for mupirocin, and the resolution, *R*, between the mupirocin acid hydrolysis product and mupirocin is not less than 2.0.

Chromatograph the *Standard preparation*, and record the peak responses as directed for *Procedure*: the tailing factor is not more than 2, the column efficiency is not less than 1500 theoretical plates when calculated by the formula:

$$5.545(t_r/W_{h/2})^2$$

in which the terms are as defined therein. The relative standard deviation for replicate injections is not more than 2.0%.

Procedure—[NOTE—Use peak areas where peak responses are indicated.] Separately inject equal volumes (about 20 μ L) of the *Standard preparation* and the *Assay preparation* into the chromatograph, record the chromatograms, and measure the responses for the major peaks. Calculate the quantity, in μ g, of mupirocin ($C_{26}H_{44}O_9$) in each mg of Mupirocin taken by the formula:

$$(M_s E/M_U)(r_U/r_S)$$

in which M_s is the weight, in mg, of [USP Mupirocin Lithium RS](#) taken to prepare the *Standard preparation*; E is the mupirocin equivalent, in μg per mg, of [USP Mupirocin Lithium RS](#); M_u is the weight, in mg, of mupirocin taken to prepare the *Assay preparation*; and r_u and r_s are the mupirocin peak responses obtained from the *Assay preparation* and the *Standard preparation*, respectively.

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