The European Pharmacopoeia and GInAS

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The EDQM

- The EDQM (European Directorate for the Quality of Medicines & HealthCare) is a directorate of the Council of Europe.
- It was founded in 1964 with the signing of the Convention on the Elaboration of a European Pharmacopoeia.
  - Signatories: 37 Council of Europe member states and the EU.
  - Observers: 24 countries (19 non-European) and the WHO.
25 Observers from around the world
Some of the EDQM’s activities

- European Pharmacopoeia (Ph. Eur.)
- Standard Terms
- Official Medicines Control Laboratories network
- Blood transfusion
- Organ transplantation
- Medicrime Convention and eTACT
- Cosmetics and food packaging
- Pharmaceutical care incl. Quality Indicators Project
EDQM and IDMP

- The EDQM became involved in the IDMP project due to its history of providing standards for medicinal products throughout Europe
  - **European Pharmacopoeia (Ph. Eur.)**
    - Provides quality standards for substances used in medicinal products throughout Europe
  - **Standard Terms**
    - Provides standardised terminology for use in labelling, packaging, and identification of medicines in 32 world languages
      - dosage forms, routes of administration, packaging
EDQM and GInAS

• The GInAS project is recognised as an extremely important tool for harmonising the identification of substances used in medicinal products

• Information contained in the monographs of the European Pharmacopoeia (Ph. Eur.) is mandated by legislation in the regulation of medicinal products in Europe, and therefore has a natural link with GInAS
Ph. Eur. identifying information

- Monograph title (English, French, Latin)
ACECLOFENAC

A: Ultraviolet and visible absorption spectrophotometry (2.2.25).

Test solution. Dissolve 50.0 mg in methanol R and dilute to 100.0 mL with the same solvent. Dilute 2.0 mL of the solution to 50.0 mL with methanol R.

Spectral range: 220-370 nm.

Absorption maxima: 275 nm.

Character: melting point: 180-181 °C (decomp.)

Infrared absorption spectrophotometry (2.2.22, Method I).

Test solution. Mix 50.0 mg with 5 mL of methanol R and 1 mL of 0.05 M hydrochloric acid. Filter through a membrane filter of maximum porosity 0.45 μm and directly inject the filtrate into the spectrophotometer.

Injection: 10 μL of the test solution and reference solutions (c), (e), (f) and (g).

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Aceclofenacum

\[C_{16}H_{13}Cl_2NO_4\]

\[M_r 354.2\]

[89796-99-6]

DEFINITION


Content: 99.0 per cent to 101.0 per cent (dried substance).

CHARACTERS

Appearance: white or almost white, crystalline powder.

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Reference solution (f). Dissolve the contents of a vial of diclofenac impurity A CRS (aceclofenac impurity I) in 1.0 mL of the solvent mixture, add 1.5 mL of the solvent mixture and mix.

Reference solution (g). Dissolve 4 mg of aceclofenac for peak identification CRS (containing impurities B, C, D, E and G) in 2.0 mL of the solvent mixture.

Column:

- size: \(l = 0.25 \text{ m}, \varnothing = 4.6 \text{ mm}\);
- stationary phase: spherical end-capped octadeclsilyl silica gel for chromatography R (5 \(\mu\)m) with a pore size of 10 nm and a carbon loading of 19 per cent;
- temperature: 40 °C.

Mobile phase:

- mobile phase A: 1.12 g/L solution of phosphoric acid R adjusted to pH 7.0 with a 42 g/L solution of sodium hydroxide R;
- mobile phase B: water R, acetonitrile R (10:90 V/V);

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STORAGE
Protected from light.

IMPURITIES

Specified impurities: A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I.

A. [2-[(2,6-dichlorophenyl)amino]phenyl]acetic acid (diclofenac),

B. methyl [2-[(2,6-dichlorophenyl)amino]phenyl]acetate (methyl ester of diclofenac),

C. ethyl [2-[(2,6-dichlorophenyl)amino]phenyl]acetate (ethyl ester of diclofenac),

G. \([2-[(2,6-dichlorophenyl)amino]phenyl]\)-acetyl\[oxy\]acetyl\[oxy\]acetic acid (acetic aceclofenac),

H. \([2-[(2,6-dichlorophenyl)amino]phenyl]\)-acetyl\[oxy\]acetyl\[oxy\]acetic acid (diacetic aceclofenac),

I. 1-(2,6-dichlorophenyl)-1,3-dihydro-2H-indol-2-one.

ACEMETACIN

Acemetacinum

\(\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{18}\text{ClNO}_5\)  \(M_r 415.8\)

DEFINITION

\([2-[(2,6-dichlorophenyl)amino]phenyl]-3\)-carboxy-\(\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{10}\text{ClNO}_{5}\)
Knowledge database

- Each monograph also has an entry in the freely accessible EDQM Knowledge database
- Further information is available for each substance, for example:
  - official Ph. Eur. reference standards
  - certificate holders
  - monograph revision history

https://extranet.edqm.eu/4DLink1/4DCGI/Web_View/mono/1281

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Summary

• The EDQM has actively supported the IDMP project since its early years, in ISO and in ICH, providing the principal editor for the ISO 11239 standard and implementation guide.

• The EDQM and the European Pharmacopoeia is looking forward to working with GInAS to find the best way to share relevant substance information in an efficient, maintainable way.