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L-Glutamic Acid¹

C₅H₉NO₄: 147.13

L-Glutamic Acid contains not less than 99.0 percent and not more than 100.5 percent of L-Glutamic Acid ($C_5H_9NO_4$) calculated on the dried basis.

Description

White crystals or white crystalline powder; slightly characteristic taste and acid taste.

Slightly soluble in water, and practically insoluble in ethanol (99.5).

Dissolves in 2mol/L hydrochloric acid

Identification

Compare the infrared absorption spectrum of the sample with that of the standard by potassium bromide disc method.²

Specifications

Item	Limit	Test
C:C	+31.5 to +32.4°	AJI TEST 1
Specific rotation $[\alpha]_D^{20}$		[Calculated on the dried basis, C=10, 2mol/L HCl]
State of solution	Clear and colorless	AJI TEST 2
(Transmittance)	Not less than 98.0%	[1.0g in 10mL of 2mol/L HCl, spectrophotometer, 430nm
		10mm cell thickness]
Chloride (Cl)	Not more than 0.020%	AJI TEST 3
		[0.5g, A-1, ref: 0.28mL of 0.01mol/L HCl]
Ammonium (NH ₄)	Not more than 0.02%	AJI TEST 4
		[B-1]
Sulfate (SO ₄)	Not more than 0.020%	AJI TEST 5
		[0.85g, (2), ref: 0.35mL of 0.005mol/L H ₂ SO ₄]
Iron (Fe)	Not more than 10ppm	AJI TEST 6
		[1.0g, A-1, ref: 1.0mL of Iron Std. (0.01mg/mL)]
Heavy metals (Pb)	Not more than 10ppm	AJI TEST 7
		$[1.0g, (1)^3, ref: 1.0mL of Pb Std. (0.01mg/mL)]$
Arsenic (As ₂ O ₃)	Not more than 1ppm	AJI TEST 8
		[2.0g, (2), ref: 2.0mL of As ₂ O ₃ Std.]
Related substances	1)Conforms	AJI TEST 9
		[Dilute ammonia R2 ⁴ , test sample ⁵ : 50µg, B-6-a, control;
		L-Glu 0.25µg]
	2)Not more than 0.20% of	AJI TEST 26 ⁶
	Any unspecified impurity	
	Not more than 1.0% of	
	Total impurities	
Loss on drying	Not more than 0.1%	AJI TEST 11
		[1g, at 105°C for 3 hours]
Residue on ignition	Not more than 0.1%	AJI TEST 13
(Sulfated)		[1g at 550°C to 650°C for 3 hours]
Assay	99.0 to 100.5%	AJI TEST 17
		[Calculated on the dried basis, 300mg, dissolve by
		warming, (2), 0.1mol/L NaOH 1mL=14.71mg C ₅ H ₉ NO ₄]

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Item	Limit	Test
pН	3.0 to 3.5	AJI TEST 33
		[0.7g in 100mL of H ₂ O, dissolve by warming]

The test for Endotoxin when the material will be used for manufacturing parenteral products is as follows:

Item	Limit	Test
Endotoxin	Less than 6.0EU/g	AJI TEST 34
		[C=1, kinetic-turbidimetric technique]

¹ This product, in terms of actual quality, conforms to EP and JP.

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² If any difference appears between the spectra, dissolve L-Glutamic Acid in a small amount of water, evaporate water at 60°C under reduced pressure, and perform the test in the same manner with the dried residue.

³ Add 7mL of a solution of sodium hydroxide (1 in 25) and warm to dissolve.

 $^{^4}$ dilute ammonia R2: 33g/L~35g/L(Dilute 41g of concentrated ammonia R to 100 mL with water)

 $^{^{5}}$ Test solution: Dissolve 0.10 g of the substance to be examined in 5 mL of dilute ammonia R2 and dilute to 10 mL with water

⁶ Disregard limit: 0.05%