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**Orengedokuto Extract**

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Orengedokuto Extract contains not less than 20 mg and not more than 80 mg of berberine [as berberine chloride ( $C_{20}H_{18}ClNO_4$ : 371.81)], not less than 80 mg and not more than 240 mg of baicalin ( $C_{21}H_{18}O_{11}$ : 446.36), and not less than 30 mg and not more than 90 mg (for preparation prescribed 2 g of Gardenia Fruit) or not less than 45 mg and not more than 135 mg (for preparation prescribed 3 g of Gardenia Fruit) of geniposide, per extract prepared with the amount specified in the Method of preparation.

**Method of preparation**

	1)	2)	3)	4)
Coptis Rhizome	1.5 g	1.5 g	2 g	2 g
Phellodendron Bark	1.5 g	3 g	2 g	1.5 g
Scutellaria Root	3 g	3 g	3 g	3 g
Gardenia Fruit	2 g	3 g	2 g	2 g

Prepare a dry extract or viscous extract as directed under Extracts, according to the prescription 1) to 4), using the crude drugs shown above.

**Description** Oregedokuto Extract occurs as a yellow-brown to blackish brown, powder or viscous extract. It has a characteristic odor and a very bitter taste.

**Identification (1)** Shake 0.5 g of dry extract (or 1.5 g of the viscous extract) with 10 mL of methanol, centrifuge, and use the supernatant liquid as the sample solution. Separately, dissolve 1 mg of coptisine chloride for thin-layer chromatography in 5 mL of methanol, and use this solution as the standard solution. Perform the test with these solutions as directed under Thin-layer Chromatography <2.03>. Spot 5  $\mu$ L each of the sample solution and the standard solution on a plate of silica gel for thin-layer chromatography. Develop the plate with a mixture of ethyl acetate, ammonia solution (28) and methanol (15:1:1) to a distance of about 10 cm, and air-dry the plate. Examine under ultraviolet light (main wavelength: 365 nm): one of the spot among the several spots obtained from the sample solution has the same color tone and *R<sub>f</sub>* value with the yellow fluorescent spot from the standard solution (Coptis Rhizome).

**(2)** Shake 0.5 g of dry extract (or 1.5 g of the viscous extract) with 5 mL of water, then add 25 mL of ethyl acetate, and shake. Separate the ethyl acetate layer, evaporate the solvent under reduced pressure, add 1 mL of methanol to the residue, and use this solution as the sample solution. Separately, dissolve 1 mg of limonin for thin-layer chromatography in 1 mL of methanol, and use this solution as the standard solution. Perform the test with these solutions as directed under Thin-layer Chromatography <2.03>. Spot 10  $\mu$ L of the sample solution and 5  $\mu$ L of the standard solution on a plate of silica gel for thin-layer chromatography. Develop the plate with a mixture of ethyl acetate and hexane (5:1) to a distance of about 10 cm, and air-dry the plate. Spray evenly vanillin-sulfuric acid TS on the plate, heat at 105°C for 5 minutes, and allow to cool: one of the spot among the several spots obtained from the sample solution has the same color tone and *R<sub>f</sub>* value with the purple spot from the standard solution (Phellodendron Bark).

**(3)** Shake 1.0 g of dry extract (or 3.0 g of the viscous extract) with 10 mL of water, then add 10 mL of diethyl ether, shake, centrifuge, and use the supernatant liquid as the sample solution. Separately, dissolve 1 mg of wogonin for thin-layer chromatography in 1 mL of methanol, and use this solution as the standard solution. Perform the test with these solutions as directed under Thin-layer Chromatography <2.03>. Spot 20  $\mu$ L of the sample solution and 5  $\mu$ L of the standard solution on a plate of silica gel for thin-layer chromatography. Develop the plate with a mixture of ethyl acetate, hexane and acetic acid (100) (10:10:1) to a distance of about 10 cm, and air-dry the plate. Spray evenly iron (III) chloride-methanol TS on the plate: one of the spot among

the several spots obtained from the sample solution has the same color tone and *R<sub>f</sub>* value with the yellow-brown spot from the standard solution (Scutellaria Root).

**(4)** Shake 0.5 g of dry extract (or 1.5 g of the viscous extract) with 10 mL of methanol, centrifuge, and use the supernatant liquid as the sample solution. Separately, dissolve 1 mg of geniposide for thin-layer chromatography in 1 mL of methanol, and use this solution as the standard solution. Perform the test with these solutions as directed under Thin-layer Chromatography <2.03>. Spot 5  $\mu$ L each of the sample solution and the standard solution on a plate of silica gel for thin-layer chromatography. Develop the plate with a mixture of ethyl acetate, methanol and water (20:3:2) to a distance of about 10 cm, and air-dry the plate. Spray evenly 4-methoxy-bezaldehyde-sulfuric acid TS on the plate, and heat at 105°C for 5 minutes: one of the spot among the several spots obtained from the sample solution has the same color tone and *R<sub>f</sub>* value with the dark purple spot from the standard solution (Gardenia Fruit).

**Purity (1)** Heavy metals <1.07>—Prepare the test solution with 1.0 g of the dry extract (or an amount of the viscous extract, equivalent to 1.0 g of dried substance) as directed in Extracts (4), and perform the test (not more than 30 ppm).

**(2)** Arsenic <1.11>—Prepare the test solution with 0.67 g of the dry extract (or an amount of the viscous extract, equivalent to 0.67 g of dried substance) according to Method 3, and perform the test (not more than 3 ppm).

**Loss on drying <2.41>** The dry extract: Not more than 7.0% (1 g, 105°C, 5 hours).

The viscous extract: Not more than 66.7% (1 g, 105°C, 5 hours).

**Total ash <5.01>** Not more than 12.0%, calculated on the dried basis.

**Assay (1)** Berberine—Weigh accurately about 0.2 g of the dry extract (or an amount of the viscous extract, equivalent to 0.2 g of dried substance), add exactly 50 mL of the mobile phase, shake for 15 minutes, filter, and use the filtrate as the sample solution. Separately, weigh accurately about 10 mg of Berberine Chloride RS (separately determine the water <2.48> in the same manner as Berberine Chloride Hydrate), dissolve in the mobile phase to make exactly 100 mL, and use this solution as the standard solution. Perform the test with exactly 10  $\mu$ L each of the sample solution and standard solution as directed under Liquid Chromatography <2.01> according to the following conditions, and determine the peak areas, *A<sub>T</sub>* and *A<sub>S</sub>*, of berberine in each solution.

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{Amount (mg) of berberine chloride (C}_{20}\text{H}_{18}\text{ClNO}_4) \\ &= M_S \times A_T / A_S \times 1/2 \end{aligned}$$

*M<sub>S</sub>*: Amount (mg) of Berberine Chloride RS, calculated on the anhydrous basis

**Operating conditions—**

Detector: An ultraviolet absorption photometer (wavelength: 345 nm).

Column: A stainless steel column 4.6 mm in inside diameter and 15 cm in length, packed with octadecylsilanized silica gel for liquid chromatography (5  $\mu$ m in particle diameter).

Column temperature: A constant temperature of about 30°C.

Mobile phase: Dissolve 3.4 g of potassium dihydrogen

phosphate and 1.7 g of sodium lauryl sulfate in 1000 mL of a mixture of water and acetonitrile (1:1).

Flow rate: 1.0 mL per minute (the retention time of berberine is about 8 minutes).

**System suitability—**

System performance: Dissolve 1 mg each of Berberine Chloride RS and palmatine chloride in the mobile phase to make 10 mL. When the procedure is run with 10  $\mu$ L of this solution under the above operating conditions, palmatine and berberine are eluted in this order with the resolution between these peaks being not less than 1.5.

System repeatability: When the test is repeated 6 times with 10  $\mu$ L of the standard solution under the above operating conditions, the relative standard deviation of the peak area of berberine is not more than 1.5%.

(2) Baicalin—Weigh accurately about 0.1 g of the dry extract (or an amount of the viscous extract equivalent to 0.1 g of dried substance), add exactly 50 mL of diluted methanol (7 in 10), shake for 15 minutes, and filter. Pipet 5 mL of the filtrate, add diluted methanol (7 in 10) to make exactly 20 mL, and use this solution as the sample solution. Separately, weigh accurately about 10 mg of Baicalin RS (separately determine the water), dissolve in diluted methanol (7 in 10) to make exactly 200 mL, and use this solution as the standard solution. Perform the test with exactly 10  $\mu$ L each of the sample solution and standard solution as directed under Liquid Chromatography <2.01> according to the following conditions, and determine the peak areas,  $A_T$  and  $A_S$ , of baicalin in each solution.

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{Amount (mg) of baicalin (C}_{21}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_{11}) \\ &= M_S \times A_T/A_S \end{aligned}$$

$M_S$ : Amount (mg) of Baicalin RS, calculated on the anhydrous basis

**Operating conditions—**

Detector: An ultraviolet absorption photometer (wavelength: 277 nm).

Column: A stainless steel column 4.6 mm in inside diameter and 15 cm in length, packed with octadecylsilanized silica gel for liquid chromatography (5  $\mu$ m in particle diameter).

Column temperature: A constant temperature of about 40°C.

Mobile phase: A mixture of diluted phosphoric acid (1 in 200) and acetonitrile (19:6).

Flow rate: 1.0 mL per minute (the retention time of baicalin is about 10 minutes).

**System suitability—**

System performance: When the procedure is run with 10  $\mu$ L of the standard solution under the above operating conditions, the number of theoretical plates and the symmetry factor of the peak of baicalin are not less than 5000 and not more than 1.5, respectively.

System repeatability: When the test is repeated 6 times with 10  $\mu$ L of the standard solution under the above operating conditions, the relative standard deviation of the peak area of baicalin is not more than 1.5%.

(3) Geniposide—Weigh accurately about 0.2 g of the dry extract (or an amount of the viscous extract, equivalent to 0.2 g of dried substance), add exactly 50 mL of diluted methanol (1 in 2), shake for 15 minutes, filter, and use the filtrate as the sample solution. Separately, weigh accurately about 10 mg of geniposide for assay, previously dried in a desicca-

tor (in vacuum, phosphorous (V) oxide) for 24 hours, dissolve in diluted methanol (1 in 2) to make exactly 100 mL, and use this solution as the standard solution. Perform the test with exactly 10  $\mu$ L each of the sample solution and standard solution as directed under Liquid Chromatography <2.01> according to the following conditions, and determine the peak areas,  $A_T$  and  $A_S$ , of geniposide in each solution.

$$\text{Amount (mg) of geniposide} = M_S \times A_T/A_S \times 1/2$$

$M_S$ : Amount (mg) of geniposide for assay

**Operating conditions—**

Detector: An ultraviolet absorption photometer (wavelength: 240 nm).

Column: A stainless steel column 4.6 mm in inside diameter and 15 cm in length, packed with octadecylsilanized silica gel for liquid chromatography (5  $\mu$ m in particle diameter).

Column temperature: A constant temperature of about 40°C.

Mobile phase: A mixture of water, acetonitrile and phosphoric acid (900:100:1).

Flow rate: 1.0 mL per minute (the retention time of geniposide is about 10 minutes).

**System suitability—**

System performance: When the procedure is run with 10  $\mu$ L of the standard solution under the above operating conditions, the number of theoretical plates and the symmetry factor of the peak of geniposide are not less than 5000 and not more than 1.5, respectively.

System repeatability: When the test is repeated 6 times with 10  $\mu$ L of the standard solution under the above operating conditions, the relative standard deviation of the peak area of geniposide is not more than 1.5%.

**Containers and storage** Containers—Tight containers.

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