

**Boiogito Extract**

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**Change the Assay (1) as follows:**

**Assay (1)** Sinomenine—Weigh accurately about 0.5 g of the dry extract (or an amount of the viscous extract, equivalent to about 0.5 g of the dried substance), add 20 mL of diethyl ether, shake, then add 5.0 mL of 0.1 mol/L hydrochloric acid TS, and shake for 10 minutes, centrifuge, and remove the upper layer. Add 20 mL of diethyl ether, proceed in the same manner as described above, and remove the upper layer. To the aqueous layer add 5.0 mL of diluted sodium hydroxide TS (1 in 10) and 10 mL of methanol, shake for 15 minutes, centrifuge, and take the supernatant liquid. To the residue add 20 mL of diluted methanol (1 in 2), shake for 15 minutes, centrifuge, and take the supernatant liquid. Combine all the supernatant liquids, add diluted methanol (1 in 2) to make exactly 50 mL, and use this solution as the sample solution. Separately, weigh accurately about 5 mg of sinomenine for assay, 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 sinomenine in each solution.

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

$M_S$ : Amount (mg) of sinomenine for assay taken

**Operating conditions—**

**Detector:** An ultraviolet absorption photometer (wavelength: 254 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:** To 3 g of sodium lauryl sulfate add 350 mL of acetonitrile, shake, then add 650 mL of water and 1 mL of phosphoric acid to dissolve lauryl sulfate.

**Flow rate:** 1.0 mL per minute (the retention time of sinomenine is about 18 minutes).

**System suitability—**

**System performance:** When the procedure is run with 10  $\mu$ L each of the sample solution, the standard solution of sinomenine and the standard solution of glycyrrhizic acid obtained in Assay (2) under the above operating conditions, peaks of sinomenine and glycyrrhizic acid are observed in

the sample solution, glycyrrhizic acid and sinomenine are eluted in this order with the resolution between these peaks being not less than 4.5. Furthermore, except for the peak of glycyrrhizic acid, distinct peaks are observed before and after the peak of sinomenine, and the resolutions between sinomenine and these peaks are respectively 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 sinomenine is not more than 1.5%.

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