# **Pyrroloquinoline Quinone Disodium**

$C_{14}H_4N_2Na_2O_8$	374.17
$C_{14}H_4N_2Na_2O_8\cdot H_2O$	392.19
$C_{14}H_4N_2Na_2O_8 \cdot 2 H_2O$	410.20
$C_{14}H_4N_2Na_2O_8 \cdot 3 H_2O$	428.22
1 H-Pyrrolo[2 3-flauinoling-2 7 9-tricarboxylic acid	

l *H-*Pyrrolo[2,3-*f*]quinoline-2,7,9-tricarboxylic acid, 4,5-dihydro-4,5-dioxo-, sodium salt (1:2);

Sodium 9-carboxy-4,5-dioxo-4,5-dihydro-1*H*-pyrrolo[2,3-*f*] quinoline-2,7-dicarboxylate CAS RN®: 122628-50-6. 1*H*-Pyrrolo[2,3-*f*]quinoline-2,7,9-tricarboxylic acid,

1*H-*Pyrrolo[2,3-f]quinoline-2,7,9-tricarboxylic acid, 4,5-dihydro-4,5-dioxo-, sodium salt (1:2) trihydrate CAS RN®: 1519046-70-8.

#### Change to read:

#### **DEFINITION**

Pyrroloquinoline Quinone Disodium  $^{\blacktriangle}$   $_{\blacktriangle}$  (USP 1-Dec-2021) contains NLT 98.0% and NMT 102.0% of pyrroloquinoline quinone disodium salt ( $C_{14}H_4N_2Na_2O_8$ ), calculated on the anhydrous basis.  $^{\blacktriangle}$ It may contain up to three molecules of water of hydration.  $_{\blacktriangle}$  (USP 1-Dec-2021) Pyrroloquinoline quinone is also known as PQQ in the dietary supplements industry.

### **IDENTIFICATION**

# Change to read:

• A. The retention time of the major peak of the Sample solution corresponds to that of the Standard solution, as obtained in the Assay. <sup>Δ</sup>The retention time of the sodium peak of the Sample solution corresponds to that of the Standard solution at 24 μg/mL, as obtained in the test for Content of Sodium. <sub>Δ</sub> (USP 1-Dec-2021)

### Add the following:

#### ▲ • B

[Note—The requirements for *Identification B* may be met by following either *Procedure 1* or *Procedure 2*.]

Procedure 1: Spectroscopic Identification Tests (197), Infrared Spectroscopy: 197K

[NOTE—If the IR spectra of the sample and USP Pyrroloquinoline Quinone Disodium RS do not match (different hydration forms), separately dissolve about 3 mg each from the sample and from the USP Pyrroloquinoline Quinone Disodium RS in 0.6 mL of water. Add 0.2 mL of dehydrated alcohol, and mix well. Let the solvent evaporate from both solutions at NMT 50°. Once the solvent is evaporated, dry the sample under vacuum at room temperature.]

Procedure 2: <sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectrum

**Diluent:** Deuterium oxide containing 0.05% deuterated sodium-3-trimethylsilylpropionate (TMSP- $d_4$ ) NMR shift reference

**Standard solution:** Dissolve 2 mg of USP Pyrroloquinoline Quinone Disodium RS in 0.6 mL of *Diluent*.

**Sample solution:** Dissolve 2 mg of pyrroloquinoline quinone disodium in 0.6 mL of *Diluent*.

Instrumental conditions

(See Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Spectroscopy (761).)

**Acquisition parameters** 

**Mode:** Fourier transform proton (<sup>1</sup>H) NMR, pulsed

**Frequency:** NLT 300 MHz for <sup>1</sup>H **Pulse sequence:** Single pulse

Pulse angle: 30°

Sweep width: 15 ppm (-2.0 to 13.0 ppm) Acquired data points: NLT 32K (for 300 MHz)

Acquisition temperature: 22°-25° Acquisition time: NLT 2.5 s Relaxation delay: NLT 10 s

Number of scans: Adjust to meet the requirements for

System suitability.
Dummy scans: 2
Processing parameters

Processing parameters
Processed spectrum data points: NLT 64K (for

300 MHz)

Window multiplication: Exponential Line broadening factor: 1.0 Hz

System suitability

Sample: Standard solution Suitability requirements

**Signal-to-noise ratio (S/N):** The number of transients should be adjusted until S/N for each signal of pyrrologuinoline quinone from the *Standard solution* is

NLT 100:1 (see Table 1). Analysis

Samples: Standard solution and Sample solution
Transfer the Standard solution and the Sample solution into separate NMR tubes of 5 mm in diameter. Acquire free induction decay (FID) with or without water suppression. Chemical shift for the NMR reference (TMSP-d₄ methyl signal) should be set to 0.00 ppm for all Samples. Immediately acquire the ¹H NMR spectrum for the Standard solution and Sample solution using the same conditions. Phase the spectrum and correct the baseline prior to signal identification. The ¹H NMR spectrum of the Standard solution should display two sets of ¹H signals, corresponding to the 4,5-ortho-quinone

and 5,5-geminal diol water adduct forms of pyrroloquinoline quinone moiety, as shown in *Table 1*.

Table 1

$\begin{array}{c} \text{Chemical shift values,} \\ \delta_{\text{H}} \\ \text{(ppm)} \end{array}$	Signal multiplicity	Signal assignment
7.19	singlet	C(3)H (pyrrole) <sup>a</sup>
7.22	singlet	C(3)H (pyrrole) <sup>b</sup>
8.20	singlet	C(8)H (pyridine) <sup>a</sup>
8.29	singlet	C(8)H (pyridine) <sup>b</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Corresponds to the 4,5-ortho-quinone form.

**Acceptance criteria:** The chemical shift values of signals from the *Sample solution* match those obtained from the *Standard solution* and do not differ by more than  $\pm 0.1$  ppm. The ratio between the sum of integrals for the C(8)H to the sum of integrals for the C(3)H resonances is  $1.0 \pm 0.1$ .  $\blacktriangle$  (USP 1-Dec-2021)

### **ASSAY**

# Change to read:

# • PROCEDURE

**Buffer solution:** Prepare a solution containing 10 mM dibasic potassium phosphate and 15 mM

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup> Corresponds to the 5,5-geminal diol water adduct form.

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tetrabutylammonium bromide in water. Adjust with phosphoric acid to a pH of 7.4.

Mobile phase: Acetonitrile and Buffer solution (28:72)

**Diluent:** Acetonitrile and water (1:3)

Glycine standard solution: 0.1 mg/mL of USP Glycine RS in water

Standard solution: 0.1 mg/mL of USP Pyrroloquinoline Quinone Disodium RS in Diluent

System suitability solution: Transfer 1 mL of the Standard solution and 0.1 mL of the Glycine standard solution to an HPLC vial, cap the vial, and heat at 60° in a water bath for 30 min. Cool in an ice bath to room temperature and analyze immediately.

Sample solution: 0.1 mg/mL of Pyrrologuinoline Quinone Disodium in Diluent

Chromatographic system

(See Chromatography (621), System Suitability.)

Mode: LC

Detector: UV 259 nm

Column: 4.6-mm × 15-cm; 5-µm, endcapped, packing L1

with 17% carbon load Column temperature: 30° Flow rate: 1.0 mL/min Injection volume: 20 µL

**Run time:** NLT 3 times the retention time of pyrroloquinoline quinone ▲ (USP 1-Dec-2021)

System suitability

Samples: Standard solution and System suitability solution [Note—The System suitability solution should exhibit two major peaks for pyrroloquinoline quinone and imidazólopyrroloquinóline. The relative retention times for the two peaks are 1.00 and 1.15, respectively.]

Suitability requirements

**Resolution:** NLT 2.5 between pyrroloquinoline quinone and imidazolopyrroloquinoline, System suitability

Tailing factor: NMT 2.0, Standard solution Relative standard deviation: NMT 2.0%, Standard

solution **Analysis** 

Samples: Standard solution and Sample solution Calculate the percentage of pyrroloquinoline quinone disodium (C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>4</sub>N<sub>2</sub>Na<sub>2</sub>O<sub>8</sub>) in the portion of Pyrrologuinoline Quinone Disodium taken:

Result = 
$$(r_U/r_S) \times (C_S/C_U) \times 100$$

= peak response of pyrroloquinoline quinone from  $r_{U}$ the Sample solution

= peak response of pyrrologuinoline guinone from  $r_{s}$ the Standard solution

= concentration of USP Pyrroloquinoline Quinone  $C_{S}$ Disodium RS in the Standard solution (mg/mL)

 $C_{U}$ = concentration of Pyrroloquinoline Quinone Disodium in the Sample solution (mg/mL)

Acceptance criteria: 98.0%-102.0% on the anhydrous basis

#### **OTHER COMPONENTS**

## CONTENT OF SODIUM

Mobile phase: 20 mM methanesulfonic acid in water Standard solutions: Prepare solutions containing 4, 8, 12, 16, 20, and 24 μg/mL of sodium in water, from commercially available sodium standard solution for ion chromatography.

Sample solution: 0.2 mg/mL of Pyrroloquinoline Quinone Disodium in water

Chromatographic system

(See Chromatography (621), System Suitability.)

Mode: Ion chromatography **Detector:** Conductivity

Columns

**Guard:** 4-mm × 5-cm; 7.0- to 9.0-µm packing L106 Analytical: 4-mm × 25-cm; 7.0- to 9.0-µm packing L106 Cation suppressor: Use a self-regenerating cation suppressor. Set the current to 70 milliamperes or according to manufacturer's recommendations to achieve optimal signal-to-noise ratio.

Column temperature: 35° Flow rate: 1.0 mL/min Injection volume: 25 µL

Run time: NLT 3 times the retention time of sodium

System suitability

Sample: Standard solution (16 µg/mL)

Suitability requirements

Column efficiency: NLT 5000 theoretical plates Tailing factor: NMT 2.0

Relative standard deviation: NMT 2.0%

**Correlation coefficient:** NLT 0.99 for the regression line

as determined in Analysis

**Analysis** 

Samples: Standard solutions and Sample solution Plot the sodium peak responses against the sodium concentrations, in mg/mL, in the six Standard solutions, and establish a calibration curve by least-squares regression. Using the sodium peak response from the Sample solution, calculate the concentration, C, in mg/mL, of sodium in the Sample solution.

Calculate the percentage of sodium in the portion of Pyrroloquinoline Quinone Disodium taken:

Result = 
$$(C/C_U) \times 100$$

C = concentration of sodium in the Sample solution (mg/mL), determined from the calibration curve

 $C_U$ = concentration of Pyrroloquinoline Quinone Disodium in the Sample solution (mg/mL)

Acceptance criteria: 10.5%–12.9% on the anhydrous basis

# **IMPURITIES**

### ORGANIC IMPURITIES

Buffer solution, Mobile phase, Diluent, Glycine standard solution, System suitability solution, Sample solution, Chromatographic system, and System suitability: Proceed as directed in the Assay.

Standard solution: 0.1 µg/mL of USP Pyrroloquinoline Quinone Disodium RS in Diluent

**Analysis** 

Samples: Sample solution and Standard solution Calculate the percentage of each individual impurity in the portion of Pyrrologuinoline Quinone Disodium taken:

Result = 
$$(r_U/r_S) \times (C_S/C_U) \times 100$$

= peak response of any individual impurity from the  $r_U$ Sample solution

= peak response of pyrroloquinoline quinone from  $r_{\rm S}$ the Standard solution

= concentration of USP Pyrroloquinoline Quinone  $C_{s}$ Disodium RS in the Standard solution (mg/mL)

 $C_{II}$ = concentration of Pyrroloquinoline Quinone Disodium in the Sample solution (mg/mL)

Acceptance criteria

Any individual impurity: NMT 0.1% Total impurities: NMT 1.0%

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### **SPECIFIC TESTS**

 WATER DETERMINATION (921), Method I, Method Ia: NMT 13.0%

# **ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

PACKAGING AND STORAGE: Preserve in well-closed containers.

• USP REFERENCE STANDARDS (11)
USP Glycine RS
USP Pyrroloquinoline Quinone Disodium RS

