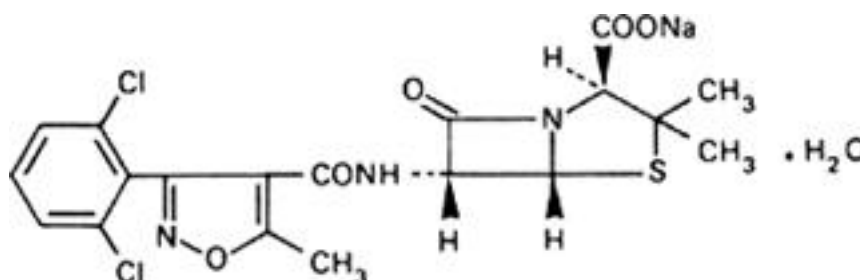


**Dicloxacillin sodium (Dicloxacillinum natricum)****Molecular formula.**  $C_{19}H_{16}Cl_2N_3NaO_5S \cdot H_2O$ **Relative molecular mass.** 510.3**Graphic formula.**

**Chemical name.** Monosodium (2*S*,5*R*,6*R*)-6-[3-(2,6-dichlorophenyl)-5-methyl-4-isoxazolecarboxamido]-3,3-dimethyl-7-oxo-4-thia-1-azabicyclo[3.2.0]heptane-2-carboxylate monohydrate; monosodium [2*S*-(2 $\alpha$ ,5 $\alpha$ ,6 $\beta$ )]-6-[[[3-(2,6-dichlorophenyl)-5-methyl-4-isoxazolyl]carbonyl]amino]-3,3-dimethyl-7-oxo-4-thia-1-azabicyclo[3.2.0]heptane-2-carboxylate monohydrate; monosodium [3-(2,6-dichlorophenyl)-5-methyl-4-isoxazolyl]penicillin monohydrate; CAS Reg. No. 13412-64-1 (monohydrate).

**Description.** A white or almost white, crystalline powder.

**Solubility.** Freely soluble in water and methanol R; soluble in ethanol (~750 g/l) TS.

**Category.** Antibacterial drug.

**Storage.** Dicloxacillin sodium should be kept in a tightly closed container, protected from light.

**Additional information.** Even in the absence of light, Dicloxacillin sodium is gradually degraded on exposure to a humid atmosphere, the decomposition being faster at higher temperatures.

**Requirements**

**Definition.** Dicloxacillin sodium contains not less than 88.0% of total penicillins calculated as dicloxacillin free acid ( $C_{19}H_{17}Cl_2N_3O_5S$ ) and with reference to the anhydrous substance.

**Identity tests**

- Carry out the examination as described under [1.7 Spectrophotometry in the infrared region](#). The infrared absorption spectrum is concordant with the spectrum obtained from dicloxacillin sodium RS or with the *reference spectrum* of dicloxacillin sodium.
- To 10 mg of paraformaldehyde R dissolved in 1 mL of sulfuric acid (~1760 g/l) TS add about 1 mg of the test substance; a colourless solution is produced. Heat the solution in a water-bath for 2 minutes and cool; the solution remains colourless (distinction from cloxacillin sodium).
- Ignite 20 mg and dissolve the residue in acetic acid (~60 g/l) TS. The solution yields reaction B described under [2.1 General identification tests](#) as characteristic of sodium.

**Specific optical rotation.** Use a 10 mg/mL solution, and calculate with reference to the anhydrous substance;  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +128^\circ$  to  $+143^\circ$ .

**Water.** Determine as described under [2.8 Determination of water by the Karl Fischer method](#), Method A, using about 0.25 g of the substance; the water content is not less than 30 mg/g and not more than 50 mg/g.

**pH value.** pH of a 10 mg/mL solution, 4.5-7.5.

**Chlorine.** Carry out the combustion as described under [2.4 Oxygen flask method](#), but using 25 mg of the test substance and 10 mL of sodium hydroxide (0.1 mol/l) VS as the absorbing liquid. When the process is complete, transfer the resulting solution to a titration vessel, heat on a water-bath for 30 minutes, cool to room temperature, add 20 mL of nitric acid (~130 g/l) TS, and titrate with silver nitrate (0.01 mol/l) VS, determining the end-point potentiometrically using a silver/silver chloride electrode system. Repeat the operation without the substance being tested. Each mL of silver nitrate (0.01 mol/l) VS is equivalent to 0.3546 mg of Cl. Calculate the total content of chlorine in mg/g and subtract from it the content of free chlorides as determined below; the content of chlorine is between 130 mg/g and 142 mg/g.

**Free chlorides.** Dissolve about 0.12 g, accurately weighed, in 10 mL of sodium hydroxide (0.1 mol/l) VS, add 20 mL of water, and

heat on a water-bath for 30 minutes. Cool to room temperature, add 20 mL of nitric acid (~130 g/l) TS, and titrate with silver nitrate (0.01 mol/l) VS, determining the end-point potentiometrically using a silver/silver chloride electrode system. Repeat the operation without the substance being tested. Each mL of silver nitrate (0.01 mol/l) VS is equivalent to 0.3546 mg of Cl; the content of free chlorides is not more than 5 mg/g.

**Assay.** Dissolve about 50 mg, accurately weighed, in sufficient water to produce 1000 mL. Transfer two 2.0-mL aliquots of this solution into separate stoppered tubes. To one tube add 10.0 mL of imidazole/mercuric chloride TS, mix, stopper the tube and place in a water-bath at 60 °C for exactly 25 minutes. Cool the tube rapidly to 20 °C (solution A). To the second tube add 10.0 mL of water and mix (solution B).

Without delay measure the absorbance of a 1-cm layer at the maximum at about 343 nm against a solvent cell containing a mixture of 2.0 mL of water and 10.0 mL of imidazole/mercuric chloride TS for solution A and water for solution B.

From the difference between the absorbance of solution A and that of solution B, calculate the amount of  $C_{19}H_{16}Cl_2N_3NaO_5S$  in the substance being tested by comparison with dicloxacillin sodium RS, similarly and concurrently examined.