

1 **Gentamicin Sulfate Ointment**

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4 Gentamicin Sulfate Ointment contains not less than
5 90.0% and not more than 110.0% of the labeled po-
6 tency of gentamicin C₁ (C₂₁H₄₃N₅O₇: 477.60).

7 **Method of preparation** Prepare as directed under Oint-
8 ments, with Gentamicin Sulfate.

9 **Identification** Dissolve an amount of Gentamicin Sulfate
10 Ointment, equivalent to 5 mg (potency) of Gentamicin Sul-
11 fate, in 10 mL of diethyl ether. Add 5 mL of water, shake
12 for 10 minutes, centrifuge, and use the water layer as the
13 sample solution. Separately, dissolve an amount of Gen-
14 tamicin Sulfate RS, equivalent to 10 mg (potency), in 10
15 mL of water, and use this solution as the standard solution.
16 Perform the test with these solutions as directed under
17 Thin-layer Chromatography <2.03>. Spot 10 μ L each of the
18 sample solution and standard solution on a plate of silica
19 gel for thin-layer chromatography. Develop the plate with
20 the lower layer of a mixture of chloroform, ammonia solu-
21 tion (28) and methanol (2:1:1) to a distance of about 15 cm,
22 and air-dry the plate. Spray evenly 0.2% ninhydrin-water
23 saturated 1-butanol TS on the plate, and heat the plate at
24 100°C for 10 minutes: three principal spots obtained from
25 the sample solution are the same with the corresponding
26 spots from the standard solution in color tone and the *R_f*
27 value, respectively.

28 **Assay** Perform the test according to the Cylinder-plate
29 method as directed under Microbial Assay for Antibiotics
30 <4.02> according to the following conditions.

31 (i) Test organism, agar media for base and seed layer,
32 agar medium for transferring test organisms, and standard
33 solutions—Proceed as directed in the Assay under Gen-
34 tamicin Sulfate.

35 (ii) Sample solutions—Weigh accurately an amount of
36 Gentamicin Sulfate Ointment, equivalent to about 1 mg
37 (potency) of Gentamicin Sulfate, transfer to a separator,
38 add 50 mL of diethyl ether, and shake until the solution be-
39 comes uniform. Add 25 mL of 0.1 mol/L phosphate buffer
40 solution (pH 8.0), shake, and collect the water layer. Repeat
41 the same procedure with 25 mL of 0.1 mol/L phosphate
42 buffer solution (pH 8.0), and combine the water layers. To
43 this solution add 0.1 mol/L phosphate buffer solution (pH
44 8.0) to make exactly 100 mL. Pipet a suitable volume of
45 this solution, add 0.1 mol/L phosphate buffer solution (pH
46 8.0) to make solutions so that each mL contains 4 μ g (po-
47 tency) and 1 μ g (potency), and use these solutions as the
48 high concentration sample solution and the low concentra-
49 tion sample solution, respectively.

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

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