

1 Glucagon (Genetical Recombination)

2 グルカゴン(遺伝子組換え)

3 HSQGTFTSDY SKYLDSRRAQ DFVQWLMT

4 C₁₅₃H₂₂₅N₄₃O₄₉S: 3482.75

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7 Glucagon (Genetical Recombination) is human
8 Glucagon (Genetical Recombination), and is a peptide
9 consisting of 29 amino acid residues.

10 It contains not less than 92.5% and not more than
11 105.0% of glucagon, calculated on the anhydrous ba-
12 sis.

13 **Manufacture** Glucagon (Genetical Recombination) is
14 manufactured by the method that has been properly verified
15 to be able to manufacture the drug substance having prede-
16 fined biological activity. When the residual amount of host
17 cell proteins is determined by an enzyme immunoassay as
18 in-process tests, the amount should be not more than the ref-
19 erence value. In addition, Glucagon (Genetical Recombina-
20 tion) is purified by the method that has been verified that
21 the residual amount of host cell DNA is not more than the
22 reference value.

23 **Description** Glucagon (Genetical Recombination) occurs
24 as a white lyophilized powder.

25 It is practically insoluble in water and in ethanol (99.5).

26 It is hygroscopic.

27 **Identification (1)** Dissolve 5 mg of Glucagon (Geneti-
28 cal Recombination) in 1 mL of 0.01 mol/L hydrochloric
29 acid TS. To 200 μ L of this solution add 800 μ L of 0.1 mol/L
30 ammonium hydrogen carbonate TS and 25 μ L of enzyme
31 TS for glucagon, react at 37°C for 2 hours, add 120 μ L of
32 acetic acid (100) to stop the reaction, and use this solution
33 as the sample solution. Separately, dissolve a suitable
34 amount of Glucagon RS in 0.1 mol/L ammonium hydrogen
35 carbonate TS so that each mL contains 1 mg of glucagon.
36 To 1000 μ L of this solution add 25 μ L of enzyme TS for
37 glucagon, react at 37°C for 2 hours, add 120 μ L of acetic
38 acid (100) to stop the reaction, and use this solution as the
39 standard solution. Perform the test with 20 μ L each of the
40 sample solution and standard solution as directed under Liq-
41 uid Chromatography <2.01> according to the following con-
42 ditions, and compare the chromatograms obtained from
43 these solutions: both chromatograms show the similar peaks
44 at the same retention time.

45 *Operating conditions*—

46 Detector: An ultraviolet absorption photometer
47 (wavelength: 215 nm).

48 Column: A stainless steel column 4 mm in inside
49 diameter and 50 mm in length, packed with
50 octadecylsilylated silica gel for liquid chromatography (5
51 μ m in particle diameter).

52 Column temperature: A constant temperature of about
53 22°C.

54 Mobile phase A: To 0.5 mL of trifluoroacetic acid add
55 1000 mL of water.

56 Mobile phase B: To 0.5 mL of trifluoroacetic acid add
57 600 mL of ethanol (99.5) and 400 mL of water.

58 Flowing of mobile phase: Control the gradient by mixing
59 the mobile phases A and B as directed in the following table.
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Time after injection of sample (min)	Mobile phase A (vol%)	Mobile phase B (vol%)
0 — 35	100 → 53	0 → 47
35 — 45	53 → 0	47 → 100

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62 Flow rate: 1.0 mL per minute.

63 *System suitability*—

64 System performance: When the procedure is run with 20
65 μ L of the standard solution under the above operating
66 conditions, the peaks 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 are eluted in this order,
67 and the resolution between the peak 2 and the peak 3 is not
68 less than 1.5.

69 (2) Perform the test with 15 μ L each of the sample so-
70 lution and standard solution as directed under Liquid chro-
71 matography <2.01> according to the conditions described in
72 the Assay: the retention times of the principal peaks ob-
73 tained from the sample solution and the standard solution
74 are the same.

75 **Purity** Related substances and desamide substances—
76 Conduct this procedure at a temperature between 2°C and
77 8°C. Dissolve 50 mg of Glucagon (Genetical Recombina-
78 tion) in 100 mL of 0.01 mol/L hydrochloric acid TS, and
79 use this solution as the sample solution. Perform the test
80 with 15 μ L of the sample solution as directed under Liquid
81 Chromatography <2.01> according to the following condi-
82 tions. Determine each peak area by the automatic integra-
83 tion method, and calculate the amounts of them by the area
84 percentage method: the total amount of desamide substance
85 1 having the relative retention time of about 1.1 to glucagon,
86 desamide substance 2 having the relative retention time of
87 about 1.2, desamide substance 3 having the relative reten-
88 tion time of about 1.3 and desamide substance 4 having the
89 relative retention time of about 1.4 is not more than 0.8%,
90 and the total amount of peaks other than glucagon is not
91 more than 2.0%.

92 *Operating conditions*—

93 Detector, column, column temperature, mobile phases A
94 and B, flowing of mobile phase, and flow rate: Proceed as
95 directed in the operating conditions in the Assay.

96 Time span of measurement: For 37 minutes after
97 injection, beginning after the solvent peak.

98 *System suitability*—

99 System performance: Proceed as directed in the system
100 suitability in the Assay.

101 Test for required detectability: When the procedure is run
102 with 15 μL of the standard solution obtained in the Assay
103 under the above operating conditions, the peak
104 corresponding to the desamide substance 2 is detected.

105 **Water** <2.48> Not more than 10% (50 mg, coulometric ti-
106 tration).

107 **Assay** Conduct this procedure at a temperature between
108 2°C and 8°C. Weigh accurately about 50 mg of Glucagon
109 (Genetical Recombination), dissolve in 100 mL of 0.01
110 mol/L hydrochloric acid TS, and use this solution as the
111 sample solution. Separately dissolve Glucagon RS in 0.01
112 mol/L hydrochloric acid TS so that each mL contains about
113 0.5 mg of glucagon, and use this solution as the standard
114 solution. Perform the test with exactly 15 μL each of the
115 sample solution and standard solution as directed under Liq-
116 uid Chromatography <2.01> according to the following con-
117 ditions, and determine the peak areas, A_T and A_S , of glucu-
118 gon in each solution.

119 Amount (%) of glucagon

$$120 = A_T/A_S \times C_S/C_T \times 100$$

121 C_S : Concentration (mg/mL) of the standard solution

122 C_T : Concentration (mg/mL) of the sample solution

123 The calculated amount (%) of glucagon is corrected by
124 the water content to obtain the amount (%) of glucagon on
125 the anhydrous basis.

126 *Operating conditions*—

127 Detector: An ultraviolet absorption photometer
128 (wavelength: 214 nm).

129 Column: A stainless steel column 3 mm in inside
130 diameter and 150 mm in length, packed with
131 octadecylsilanized silica gel for liquid chromatography (3
132 μm in particle diameter).

133 Column temperature: A constant temperature of about
134 45°C.

135 Mobile phase A: Dissolve 16.3 g of potassium
136 dihydrogen phosphate in 750 mL of water, adjust to pH 2.7
137 with phosphoric acid, add water to make 800 mL, and add
138 200 mL of acetonitrile for liquid chromatography.

139 Mobile phase B: A mixture of water and acetonitrile (3:2).

140 Flowing of mobile phase: Control the gradient by mixing
141 the mobile phases A and B as directed in the following table.

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Time after injection of sample (min)	Mobile phase A (vol%)	Mobile phase B (vol%)
0 — 25*	61	39
25 — 29	61 → 12	39 → 88
29 — 30	12	88
30 — 31	12 → 61	88 → 39
31 — 37	61	39

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144 *Adjust the time for the isocratic condition so that the
145 gradient starts after the desamide substance 4 is eluted.

146 Flow rate: 0.5 mL per minute.

147 *System suitability*—

148 System performance: Dissolve Glucagon RS in 0.01
149 mol/L hydrochloric acid TS to make a solution so that each
150 mL contains 0.5 mg of glucagon. Warm this solution at
151 50°C for 48 hours, and use this solution as the solution for
152 system suitability test. When the procedure is run with 15
153 μL of the solution for system suitability test under the above
154 operating conditions, four peaks corresponding to the
155 desamide substances 1, 2, 3 and 4 eluted after the principal
156 peak are clearly detected, the total amount of these peaks is
157 not less than 7%, and the resolution between glucagon and
158 the desamide substance 1 is not less than 1.5. Furthermore,
159 when the procedure is run with 15 μL of the standard
160 solution under the above operating conditions, the
161 symmetry factor of the principal peak is not more than 1.8.

162 System repeatability: When the test is repeated 5 times
163 with the standard solution under the above operating
164 conditions, the relative standard deviation of the peak area
165 of glucagon is not more than 2.0%.

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

167 Storage—Light-resistant, and not exceeding –15°C.

168 **Add the following to 9.01 Reference**

169 **Standards (1):**

170 **Glucagon RS**

171 **Add the following to 9.41 Reagents,**

172 **Test Solutions:**

173 **0.1 mol/L Ammonium hydrogen carbonate TS** Dis-
174 solve 7.9 g of ammonium hydrogen carbonate in 500 mL of
175 water. Adjust to pH 10.3 with 5 mol/L sodium hydroxide
176 TS, and add water to make 1000 mL.

177 **α -Chymotrypsin** A slightly yellowish white lyophi-
178 lized powder. It contains not less than 350 U per mg of α -
179 chymotrypsin.

180 **Enzyme TS for glucagon** Dissolve 2 mg of α -chymo-
181 trypsin in 1 mL of 0.1 mol/L ammonium hydrogen car-
182 bonate TS.