

ARTEMETHER RS batch 2

1. Intended use

The International Chemical Reference Substance for ARTEMETHER is intended to be used in the following monographs of *The International Pharmacopoeia*:

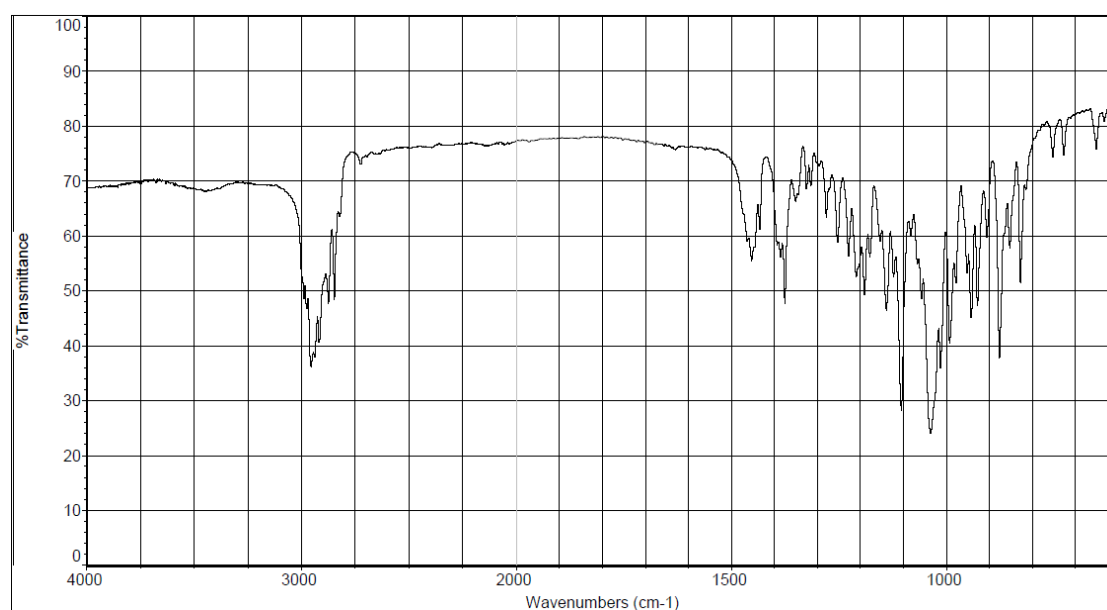
- for identification according to the monographs of Artemether; Artemether tablets; Artemether capsules; Artemether injection; Artemether and lumefantrine tablets and Artemether and lumefantrine oral suspension;
- for related substances tests by TLC according to the monographs of Artemether; Artemether capsules; Artemether tablets; Artemether injection; Artemether and lumefantrine tablets and Artemether and lumefantrine oral suspension;
- for assays by LC according to the monographs of Artemether; Artemether tablets; Artemether capsules; Artemether injection; Artemether and lumefantrine tablets and Artemether and lumefantrine oral suspension.

2. Caution

For laboratory use only. Handle in accordance with good occupational hygiene, safety and laboratory practices and take precautions to avoid exposure. This material is not for administration to humans or animals. The corresponding safety data sheet, when applicable, can be accessed via the EDQM website (Reference Standards Database) or is available upon request from the EDQM (Helpdesk-FAQ section).

3. Analytical data

Infrared absorption spectrophotometry (IR): A spectrum, about 2.2 mg of artemether in about 243 mg of potassium bromide, is given in figure below (File name 54311):



ADDITIONAL ANALYTICAL INFORMATION AT THE TIME OF ESTABLISHMENT

Liquid chromatography: total impurities 0.26 %.

Water by micro-determination: 0.06 %.

Sulfated ash: no residue.

ASSIGNED CONTENT

99.7 % m/m of artemether ($C_{16}H_{26}O_5$) (for use in assays by LC according to the Ph.Int. monographs listed under 1. Intended use, bullet point c).

4. Instructions for use

Allow the closed container to equilibrate at ambient temperature before breaching to avoid uptake of moisture. Use "as is". Do not dry/desiccate before use. Once the container has been breached, stability of the contents cannot be guaranteed. It is for immediate use.

5. Storage conditions

Store the original container at $+5^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 3^{\circ}\text{C}$, protected from light. The container should not be opened until required for use. Let the container equilibrate at room temperature just before opening to avoid uptake of moisture during handling of the substance. Shipping conditions are on the EDQM website (Reference Standards Database).

6. Reference

This certificate is extracted from the report, which is the basis for the adoption of this International Chemical Reference Substance by the WHO Expert Committee on Specifications for Pharmaceutical Preparations.

7. Citation

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10. Signature

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