



## 1. SYNONYMS

### CFR:

Oxycodone

### CAS #:

Base: 76-42-6

Hydrochloride: 124-90-3

### Other Names:

7,8-Dihydro-14-hydroxycodeinone

6-Deoxy-7,8-dihydro-14-hydroxy-3-O-methyl-6-oxomorphine

(5 $\alpha$ )-4,5-Epoxy-14-hydroxy-3-methoxy-17-methylmorphinan-6-one

Dihydrohydroxycodeinone

14-Hydroxydihydrocodeinone

Dihydrone

Oxycone

Dinarkon

Eubine

Eucodal

Eukodal

Eutagen

Oxikon

Oxycon

Pancodine

Tecodin

Tekodin

Thecodine

Thekodin

Endone

Supeudol

Percocet

Percodan

## 2. CHEMICAL AND PHYSICAL DATA

## 2.1. CHEMICAL DATA

Form	Chemical Formula	Molecular Weight	Melting Point (°C)
Base	C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>21</sub> NO <sub>4</sub>	315.4	218-220
Hydrochloride	C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>21</sub> NO <sub>4</sub> ·HCl	351.9	270-272

## 2.2. SOLUBILITY

Form	A	C	E	H	M	W
Base	***	S	VSS	***	S	VSS
Hydrochloride	***	SS	VSS	***	SS	FS

A = acetone, C = chloroform, E = ether, H = hexane, M = methanol and W = water, VS = very soluble, FS = freely soluble, S = soluble, PS = sparingly soluble, SS = slightly soluble, VSS = very slightly soluble and I = insoluble

## 3. SCREENING TECHNIQUES

### 3.1. COLOR TESTS

REAGENT	COLOR PRODUCED
Marquis	Yellow to brown to violet
Liebermann	Strong bright scarlet
Froehde	Strong brown-yellow
Aldehyde-oxidation H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> , reagent C-2	Blue

### 3.2. CRYSTAL TESTS

REAGENT	CRYSTALS FORMED
Platinic bromide in H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	Clusters of needles and narrow orange blades
Platinum bromide in HBr-H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	Dendritic clusters of narrow orange blades

Platinum bromide in HOAc-H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	Blade crystals in clusters from the deposit rim
Iodine-potassium iodide reagent N-1	Brown-red varnish at deposit rim and dark red to black grains, brown birefringent rods
Iodine-potassium iodide reagent M-2	Brown-red varnish at deposit rim, dark red to black grains

### 3.3. THIN LAYER CHROMATOGRAPHY

#### Visualization

Dragendorff spray  
Marquis solution

Acidified iodoplatinate spray

COMPOUND	Relative R <sub>f</sub>		
	System TLC 5	System TLC 6	System TLC 18
hydromorphone	0.5	0.2	0.1
hydrocodone	0.5	0.4	0.2
codeine	0.7	0.4	0.3
morphine	0.7	0.2	0.0
heroin	0.9	0.7	0.7
<b>oxycodone</b>	1.0	1.0	1.0

### 3.4. HIGH PERFORMANCE LIQUID CHROMATOGRAPHY

#### *Method OXY-LCS1*

**Instrument:** High performance liquid chromatograph equipped with diode array

**Column:** 5 µm ODS, 4.6 mm x 150 mm at 50°C

**Detector:** UV, 280 nm

**Flow:** 1.0 mL/min

**Injection Volume:** 10 µL

**Buffer:** 4000 mL HPLC grade water, 10.0 g sodium hydroxide, 30.0 mL phosphoric acid, 8.0 mL hexylamine, and 0.1 g sodium azide

**Mobile Phase:** Buffer: acetonitrile 85:15

Samples are to be dissolved in 0.1 N HCl, and then filtered with a 0.45-micron filter.

COMPOUND	RRT
oxycodone	1.00
acetaminophen	1.15
caffeine	1.56

#### **4. SEPARATION TECHNIQUES**

Dissolve the sample in water and add sodium bicarbonate to make solution moderately basic. Extract the oxycodone base from the aqueous layer with chloroform or other suitable solvent. Filter the chloroform extract through a bed of anhydrous sodium sulfate. Bubble HCl gas through to form the hydrochloride salt.

#### **5. QUANTITATIVE PROCEDURE**

##### **5.1. HIGH PERFORMANCE LIQUID CHROMATOGRAPHY**

###### **Method OXY-LCQ1**

###### **Standard Solution Preparation:**

Accurately weigh and prepare a standard solution of oxycodone hydrochloride at approximately 0.5 mg/mL dissolved in 0.1 N HCl. Filter solution through a 0.45-micron syringe filter.

###### **Sample Preparation:**

Accurately weigh an amount of sample into a volumetric flask and dilute to volume with 0.1 N HCl. If necessary, dilute the sample so the final concentration approximates the standard concentration or falls within the linear range. Filter solution through a 0.45-micron filter.

**Instrument:** High performance liquid chromatograph equipped with diode array

**Column:** 5 µm ODS, 4.6 mm x 150 mm at 50°C

**Detector:** UV, 280 nm

**Flow:** 1.0 mL/min

<b>Injection Volume:</b>	10 µL
<b>Buffer:</b>	4000 mL HPLC grade water, 10.0 g sodium hydroxide, 30.0 mL phosphoric acid, 8.0 mL hexylamine, and 0.1 g sodium azide
<b>Mobile Phase:</b>	Buffer/acetonitrile 85:15
<b>Typical Retention Time:</b>	Oxycodone: 2.40 min
<b>Linear Range:</b>	0.10-2.0 mg/mL
<b>Repeatability:</b>	RSD less than 1.0%
<b>Correlation Coefficient:</b>	0.9999
<b>Accuracy:</b>	Error less than 5%

COMPOUND	RRT
oxycodone	1.00 (2.40 min)
acetaminophen	1.15
caffeine	1.56

## 5.2. CAPILLARY ELECTROPHORESIS

### *Method OXY-CEQ*

#### *Internal Standard Stock Solution:*

1 mg/mL solution containing thiamine hydrochloride in 0.01 N HCl

#### *Standard Solution Preparation:*

Accurately weigh standard oxycodone hydrochloride, then add appropriate amount of internal standard stock solution, dilute with 0.01 N HCl so that the oxycodone and thiamine concentrations approximate 0.2 mg/mL.

#### *Sample Preparation:*

Accurately weigh sample, add internal standard, then dilute with 0.01 N HCl so that concentrations approximate those of the standard.

**Mode:** Free Zone

**Column:** 55 cm x 50µm fused silica capillary

**Run Buffer:** 100 mM lithium phosphate buffer, pH 2.3 (Prepared by titrating 100

mM phosphoric acid with LiOH to pH 2.3)

<b><i>Detector:</i></b>	UV, 207 nm
<b><i>Voltage:</i></b>	27 kV
<b><i>Temperature:</i></b>	15°C air cooled
<b><i>Injection:</i></b>	5 s hydrodynamic at 50 mbar/sec
<b><i>Run Time:</i></b>	10 min
<b><i>Rinse Time:</i></b>	2.5 min
<b><i>Linear Range:</i></b>	0.1-1.9 mg/mL
<b><i>Repeatability:</i></b>	RSD of area less than 1.7%
<b><i>Correlation Coefficient:</i></b>	0.9999
<b><i>Accuracy:</i></b>	Error less than 5%

Note: This method has been validated exclusively for solid dosage units containing oxycodone with acetaminophen.

## **6. QUALITATIVE DATA**

### **6.1. ULTRAVIOLET SPECTROPHOTOMETER**

<b>SOLVENT</b>	<b>MAXIMUM ABSORBANCE (NM)</b>
Hydrochloric acid	280
Sulfuric acid	280

See spectra on the following pages for [FT-IR](#), [Mass Spectrometry](#), [Nuclear Magnetic Resonance](#), and [Vapor Phase IR](#).

## **7. REFERENCES**

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## **8. ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

[Forendex](#)

[Wikipedia](#)

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