



Application Note AN-T-195

Determination of nitrogen content

Kjeldahl determination according to USP general chapter <461>

The Kjeldahl method is used to determine the nitrogen content in organic and inorganic samples. The Kjeldahl analysis consists of three steps: digestion, distillation, and titration. During the catalytic digestion step, organic nitrogen (except nitro- and azo-groups and nitrogen in rings) is converted into ammonium. Sodium hydroxide is added just before the distillation step in order to convert the ammonium into ammonia. Through steam distillation, the latter

is transferred into the receiver vessel containing an absorbing agent (e.g., boric acid). Finally, the separated ammonia is titrated with sulfuric acid. Protein content in samples can also be determined from the nitrogen content obtained by Kjeldahl setup. USP<461> describes the titration method to determine nitrogen content in organic products using Kjeldahl nitrogen setup. This Application Note illustrates nitrogen determination in heparin sodium.

SAMPLE AND SAMPLE PREPARATION

The analysis is demonstrated on heparin sodium. An appropriate amount of heparin sodium is weighed accurately and transferred into a clean 2-neck round bottom flask. Sodium sulfate, copper sulfate, and sulfuric acid are added for the digestion process. The content is gently heated below the boiling point until the frothing ceases. It is then heated again at a higher temperature until the content boils and the solution becomes brown. The contents are

cooled and carbon dioxide-free water is added carefully while thoroughly mixing. Sodium hydroxide solution is added through the side-neck of the round bottom flask. Granulated zinc is added and the flask is connected immediately to the Kjeldahl nitrogen distillation setup. The outlet of the setup is put into a solution of boric acid. The distillation is carried out until approximately 80% of the total volume is transferred into the boric acid solution.

EXPERIMENTAL

The analysis is performed automatically on a Titrando system consisting of a 905 Titrando. The Unitrode is used for the indication of the titration curve.

The prepared sample is titrated potentiometrically against standardized sulfuric acid until after the first equivalence point.



Figure 1. Example of a Titrando system consisting of a 905 Titrando and a 900 Touch Control. Alternatively the 905 Titrando can also be connected to a PC and controlled by tiamo.

RESULTS

Sharp titration curves are obtained where the equivalence point is reliably determined by the Touch Control or *tiamo*TM.

The determined nitrogen content of heparin

sodium is 1.581% (SD(rel) = 1.48%, n = 5), which is within the nitrogen content specified by USP (1.3% to 2.5%) for heparin sodium.

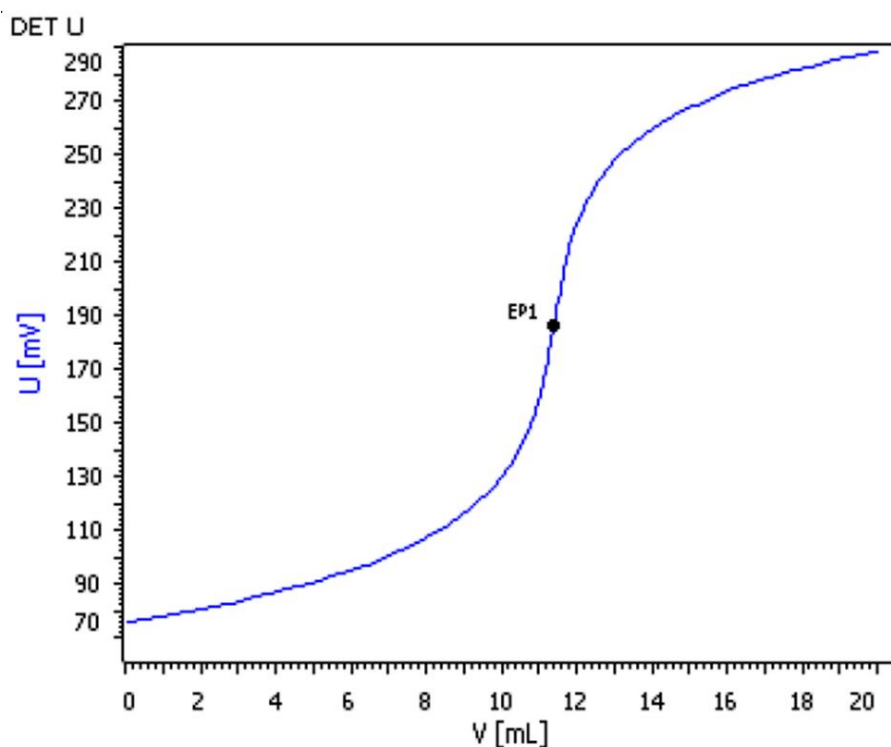


Figure 2. Titration curve of the Kjeldahl determination of heparin sodium according to USP general chapter <461>.

CONCLUSION

This method shows the possibility to determine the nitrogen content in various kinds of samples automatically, accurately, and reliably by titration according to the **USP general chapter <461>**.

Aside from heparin sodium, the following compounds can also be analyzed with this method:

- Antithrombin III Human
- Beta Glucan
- Cellulose sodium phosphate
- Chlorophyllin copper complex sodium
- Colloidal oatmeal
- Copovidone
- Crospovidone
- Dalteparin sodium
- Dextran 1
- Dextrin
- Dihydroxyaluminum aminoacetate,
- Enoxaparin sodium etc.
- Guar gum
- Mecamylamine Hydrochloride tablets
- Melphalan
- Polyvinyl acetate dispersion
- Povidone iodine
- Povidone
- Psyllium hemicellulose
- Pullulan
- Racemic calcium pantothenate
- Ralbumin human
- Scaffold bovine dermis
- Spirulina tablet
- Taurine
- Thioguanine
- Trehalose
- Wheat bran
- Zein

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CONFIGURATION



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- 多四套 800 Dosino 加液系
- 等当点滴定(DET)、等量等当点滴定(MET)和点定滴定(SET)
- 使用子性量(MEAS CONC)
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- 用于外拌器或加液器系的四个 MSB 接口
- 智能“iTrode”
- USB 接口
- 使用 OMNIS-Software、*tiamo*-件或 Touch Control
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参比解:c(KCl) = 3 mol/L,存在存溶液中。

替代方法:T>80° C 的量用参比解:Idrolyt,存在 Idrolyt 中。

iTrodes 可用于 Titrando,Ti-Touch 或 913/914 米。