

The purity of five laboratory and five industrial batches of the pharmacopoeial preparation of anabasine hydrochloride and of five laboratory batches of standard anabasine hydrochloride was checked by the above-described method.

No N-nitrosoanabasine was detected in any of the batches, which shows the high purity of the pharmacopoeial preparation and of the standard anabasine hydrochloride.

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ALKALOIDS OF *Veratrum nigrum*. II

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From the combined alkaloids extracted by ethers from the roots and rhizomes of *Veratrum nigrum* L. [1], by chromatography on a column of cellulose [2] we have isolated five alkaloids with R_f 0.1 (I), 0.22 (II), 0.6 (III) (chloroform saturated with formamide; paper impregnated with formamide), 0.47 (IV), and 0.7 (V) (chloroform-benzene (7:3)).

The compounds have been identified by the methods used for the alkaloids of *Veratrum lobelianum* Bernh. [1, 3-7]. The results of analysis showed that (I) was dideacetylprotoveratrine A [3], (II) was veramarine [4], (III) was germidine [1], (IV) was protoveratrine A, and (V) was verazine [4]. This is the first time that the alkaloids (I-V) have been found in *Veratrum nigrum*.

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