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# Investigation of crystal polymorphism using D-Mannitol

# **Experiment**

Two crystal forms of D-Mannitol as a sample compound were prepared by using Crystal16.

The sample solution at 80°C was cooled at two different cooling rates and the precipitated crystal form was checked with the unaided eye.

\*Information on sample compounds

AND Enantiomer

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### **D-Mannitol**

CAS No.: 69-65-8 Chemical formula : C6H14O6 Molecular weight: 182.17 Solubility: 216 mg/mL (25°C); Literature value



Three crystal forms, alpha, beta, and delta are known in the past literature, and the latter two forms can be observed with Crystal16 in the manufacturer's examination.

### Crystal forms announced by the manufacturer

 $\cdot$  Beta-form needle/rod



Delta-form spherulites



Published literature from Dr. Yonemochi<sup>1)</sup>

Table 4 Crystal characteristics of D-Mannitol



## 1. Preparation of measurement sample

Two samples of 350 mg/0.5 mL were prepared for the assay using the solubility of D-Mannitol in the literature as a reference. Water was utilized as the solvent.

#### Reference

1) Etsuo YONEMOCHI, Effects of formulation factors on the crystal structure of freeze dried alcohols, Proc. Hoshi Univ. No.57, 2015





## 2. Selection of measurement conditions

Reactors A and B were used. We set the measurement conditions as follows. The same conditions were used for the dissolution process, but the cooling rate was changed for the precipitation process (shown in red).

Reactor A	Reactor B
<ol> <li>Start from 20°C. Agitation: 600 rpm.</li> <li>Raise the temperature to 80°C at 5°C/min.</li> <li>Maintain at 80°C for 5 minutes.</li> <li>Lower the temperature at -5°C/min.</li> <li>Maintain at room temperature for 1 second.</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Start from 20°C. Agitation: 600 rpm.</li> <li>Raise the temperature to 80°C at 5°C/min.</li> <li>Maintain at 80°C for 5 minutes.</li> <li>Lower the temperature at -0.5°C/min.</li> <li>Maintain at 7°C for 1 second.</li> </ol>
Measurement time: 33 minutes	Measurement time: 167 minutes

### 3. Measurement results







# **Results**

This is the state after measurement was completed and the package was left open overnight. The distinct crystal shape for Reactor B is unknown. Reactor A appears to be needle-shaped crystals. The two shapes are clearly different even when observed with the unaided eye,.



### Next step: Confirmation by Raman spectra and microscope







Reference data (manufacturer's announcement) Effect of cooling rate on polymorph formation of D-mannitol

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