

Hydrocortisone Stability in Ethanol

In reference to my paper¹ "Effect of Vehicle and Other Active Ingredients on Stability of Hydrocortisone" and the recent comments by Chen², I would like to report that hydrocortisone is very stable in alcohol. In my experience of about 8 years, heating the sample in alcohol on a hot plate just to boiling has never caused any stability problem.

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² J. R. Chen, *ibid.*, **67**(9), IV (1978).

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