

ENZYMES of the PHARMACOPOEIA S

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Fairchild, in a detailed account of the history and properties of pepsin credits Schwann, 1836, with being the first to ascribe a ferment nature to the active principle of the gastric juice. He called this ferment pepsin, devised a method for purifying it, and studied its properties.

In 1839 Wasmann, a pupil of Schwann, following the methods of Schwann, prepared a very potent product from the stomach of the pig. This was considered to be a combination of pepsin with hydrochloric acid.

In 1859, Beale, who appears to be one of the first to suggest the use of pepsin in medicine, published a method for preparing pepsin by scraping the mucus membrane of the stomach, and drying the product on glass at low temperature.

Von Wittich, in 1869, suggested the use of glycerin in extracting pepsin, a method since used extensively for both scientific research and commercial preparation, and one which has been applied to the extraction of other enzymes.

Scheffer, in 1872, devised a method for the commercial preparation of pepsin by precipitating an acid infusion of the stomach with common salt.

In 1873, Ebstein and Grutzner showed that pepsin does not exist as such in the stomach, but is rapidly formed from its progenitor, pepsinogen, by the gastric acid. This seems to have been known by Schwann and Wasmann, who, however placed no emphasis upon it.

Many other investigators have studied pepsin and many methods for its preparation have been suggested.

The methods used in commercial practice as Fairchild points out, are those which have been devised by scientific research and experiment, and have been demonstrated to prepare the purest and most efficient product.

Though extracts of the pancreas were made and studied, almost as early as those of the stomach, by Eberle, Bernard, Bouchardat and Sandras, and others; and though these extracts were known to liquify proteins, convert starch into sugar, and emulsify fats, little progress was made in its utilization as medicinal agent. It was, accordingly much later in making its appearance in the pharmacopoeia's than was pepsin. This was probably due somewhat to the fact that its importance was not appreciated, and largely to the use of wrong methods in preparing the extract.<sup>1</sup> "Pancreatin" seems to have been first prepared by methods identical with that of pepsin, particularly by the "Salt process", though the pancreatic ferments are soluble in salt solutions and can not be precipitated, by even concentrated solutions of sodium chloride. The products thus prepared were used chiefly for the digestion of fats, and were practically worthless.

Until recently it was necessary that all pancreatic ferments should be administered by way of the stomach, hence they were subject to digestion by the stomach and were thus rendered

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1. Am. Journ. Ph., 74, p. 53.

comparatively of little use. The appearance of insulin,<sup>2</sup> a pancreatic preparation which can be administered hypodermically, therefore, promises to revolutionize pancreatic therapy.

At about the same time that pancreatin made its appearance in the pharmacopoeia's rennin and diastase also appeared, though both had been known for a long time and had been used in the industries. Rennin was first official in the U.S.P. in 1880, and diastase in the French Codex in 1885.

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2. Journ.A.Ph.A., Vol.13 p.9

PEPSIN IN THE PHARMACOPOEIA'S

French

The first pharmacopoeia to recognize pepsin was the French Codex of 1866. It there appeared under the name of pepsin medicinale. This was pepsin prepared by the original method of Schwann as elaborated by Wasmann, the purified pepsin being mixed with starch.

Pepsin under the name Pepsinum is official in all the later editions of the French Pharmacopoeia.

British

In 1867 pepsin, prepared by the method originally suggested by Beale, appeared in the British pharmacopoeia under the title of Pepsin.

Pepsin is also official in the following editions. In that of 1885 as Pepsin, 1898 and all later editions as Pepsinum and also as Glycerium Pepsini

British Pharmaceutical Codex

In the B.P.C. of 1907 Pepsin was official as follows -

- 1. Pepsinum
- 2. Elixir Pepsini
- 3. " " et Bismuthi
- 4. " " " " Compositum
- 5. " " " " cum Ferro.
- 6. " " " " " Podophyllino
- 7. " " " " " Strychnina

8. Elixir Pepsini et Bismuthi cum Strychninae cum Ferro.
9. Elixir Pepsini et quininae
10. " " " " cum Ferro
11. Mistura Bismuthi Composita cum Pepsini
12. " Pepsini Composita
13. " " cum Byno
14. Glycerinum Pepsini
15. " " Fortius
16. Pastillus Pepsinae
17. Sal Pepsinae
18. Vinum Pepsini
19. Extractum Malti cum Pepsino

Pepsin in the B.P.C. of 1911 is official as follows -

1. Pepsinum
2. Elixir Pepsini
3. " " et Bismuthi
4. " " " " Compositum
5. " " " " cum Ferro
6. " " " " " Podophyllino
7. " " " " " Strychinina
8. " Pepsini et Bismuthi et Strychninae cum Ferro
9. " Pepsini et Quininae
10. " " " " cum Ferro
11. Essentia Pepsini
12. Elixir Pepticum
13. " Peptolacticum
14. Glycerinum Pepsini Fortius
15. Liquor Pepticus

16. Mistura Pepsini Composita
17. " " cum Extracto Malti
18. Pastillus Pepsini
19. Pulvis Pepsini Aromaticus
20. " " Compositus
21. Sal Pepsini
22. Tablettae Pepsini
23. Vinum Pepsini

Pepsin in the B.P.C. of 1923 is official as follows -

1. Pepsinum
2. Elixir Pepsini
3. " " et Bismuthi
4. " " " " Compositum
5. " " " " cum Ferro
6. " " " " " Podophyllino
7. " " " " " Strychnina
8. Elixir Pepsini et Bismuthi et Strychninae cum Ferro
9. " " " Quininae
10. " " " " cum Ferro
11. " Pepticum
12. " Peptolacticum
13. Essentia Pepsini
14. Glycerinum Pepsini Forticus
15. Liquor Pepticus
16. Mistura Pepsini Composita
17. " " cum Extracto Malti
18. Pastillus Pepsini
19. Pulvis Pepsini Aromaticus

- 20. Pulvis Pepsini Compositus
- 21. Sal Pepsini
- 22. Tablettae Pepsini
- 23. Vinum Pepsini

Standards of strength B.P.C. same as B.P.

German

The first mention of any preparation of pepsin in the German Pharmacopoeia is in the edition of 1872 where "Wine of Pepsin" prepared from the stomach of the ox is used.

In the edition of 1882 pepsin is official as Pepsin for the first time.

In the editions of 1884, 1890, 1900 and 1910 pepsin is official as Pepsinum and as Vinum Pepsini

Standards of Strength

1872	None
1882	"
1884 to 1910	1 to 10 gm. of hard boiled egg albumen.

The United States

The first preparation of pepsin appearing in the United States Pharmacopoeia is Pepsinum Saccharatum which became official in 1880. The Liquor Pepsinal, prepared from Pepsinum Saccharatum appeared at the same time.

In the editions of 1890 Pepsinum and Pepsinum Saccharatum are official.

In the editions of 1900 and 1910 only Pepsinum is official.

## Standards of Strength

1880	1 part: 50 egg albumen
1890 Pepsin	1 : 3000
	Pepsin Saccharated 1: 300
1900	Same as 1890
1910	" " 1890

National Formulary

In the first edition of the National Formulary 1888, pepsin appears as Pepsinum, also in the following:

1. Pepsinum Aromaticum
2. " Saccharatum
3. Elixir Pepsini
4. " Pepsini, Bismuthi, et Strychninae
5. Elixir Pepsini et Bismuthi
6. Elixir Pepsini et Ferri
7. " Pepsini Aromaticus
8. Glyceritum Pepsini
9. Vinum Pepsini
10. Pulvis Pepsini Compositus

In the edition of 1895, pepsin appears as,

1. Elixir Pepsini et Bismuthi
2. " " " Ferri
3. " Pepsini, Bismuthi et Strychninae
4. Pulvis Pepsini Compositus
5. Elixir of Pepsini
6. Glyceritum Pepsini
7. Liquor Pepsini

8. Liquor Pepsini Aromaticus

9. Vinum Pepsini

In the edition of 1906, pepsin appears official as,

1. Elixir Pepsini et Bismuthi

2. " " et Ferri

3. Liquor Pepsini

4. Pepsini Aromaticum

5. Elixir Bismuthi et Strychninae

6. Elixir Digestivum Compositum

7. Pulvis Pepsini Compositus

8. Elixir Pepsini

9. Essentia Pepsini

10. Glyceritum Pepsini

11. Liquor Pepsini

12. Vinum Pepsini

13. Pepsinum Saccharatum

In the fourth edition, 1910 the following preparations of pepsin are included, -

1. Liquor Pepsini Antisepticus

2. " " Aromaticus

3. Elixir Pepsini

4. Elixir Pepsini, Bismuthi et Strychninae

5. " " et Bismuthi

6. Elixir Pepsini et Ferri

7. " " " Rennini Compositum

8. Glyceritum Pepsini

9. Pepsinum Saccharatum

10. Liquor Pepsini

11. Vinum Pepsini

Standards of Strength

1880 Pepsin 1:500

## PANCREATIN of the PHARMACOPOEIA'S

French

Pancreatin was first official in the edition of 1885 as "Pancreatine".

It was also official as Pancreatine in the edition of 1920.

U.S.P.

Pancreatin first appeared in the edition of the United States Pharmacopoeia of 1890 as Pancreatinum. Through all editions including the IXth it remained the same.

## Standards of Strength

1910 - Not less than 25 times its own weight of starch

1920 - The same as 1910.

N. F.

Pancreatin was official in the first edition of the National Formulary of 1888 as -

1. Pulvis Pancreaticus Compositus.
2. Liquor Pancreaticus
3. Pancreatinum

Second Edition of 1895

1. Pancreaticus Compositus
2. Liquor Pancreaticus

Third Edition of 1906

Pancreatin official as in the second edition.

Fourth Edition of 1916

Pancreatin official only as Liquor Pancreatini

British

Pancreatin first became official in the British Pharmacopoeia of 1898 as "Liquor Pancreatis."

In the edition of 1914 it is also found official only as "Liquor Pancreatis".

Standards of Strength

1898	2 c.c. :	80 c.c. of milk
1914	3 mm. :	88 mm. of milk.

British B.P.Codex

Pancreatin is official in the British Pharmaceutical Codex of 1907 as,

1. Pancreatinum
2. Liquor Pancreaticus Compositus
3. " Pancreatini
4. Cremor Morrhuæ Pancreatis
5. Emulsis Morrhuæ Pancreatia
6. Extractium Malti cum Pancreatino

B.P.C. of 1915

1. Pancreatinum
2. Elixir Pancreatini
3. Glycerinum Pancreatini
4. Liquor Pancreatini
5. Pulvis Pancreaticus Compositus
6. Tablette Pancreatini

## B.P.C. of 1923

1. Pancreatinum
2. Elixir Pancreatini
3. Glycerinum Pancreatini
4. Liquor Pancreatini
5. Pulvis Pancreaticus Compositus
6. Tablettae Pancreatini

## RENNIN OF THE PHARMACOPOEIA'S

United States

## U.S.P.-

The first preparation of Rennin to appear in the United States Pharmacopoeia was in the edition of 1880, where it was official as Liquid Rennet .

Since then it has been included in the National Formulary.

N.F.

Rennin of the National Formulary is official only as "Liquor Seriparus" in the editions of 1888, 1895, 1906.

The edition of 1916 contains Rennin as Rennium.

## Standardization

1916 - Not less than 25,000 times  
its own weight of milk.

British

## B.P.C. -

The British Pharmaceutical Codex of 1907 contains Rennin official as -

1. Rennet
2. Seriparus
3. Liquor Seriparus

The B.P.C. of 1911

1. Seriparium
2. Liquor Seriparus

B.P.C. of 1923

1. Seriparium
2. Liquor Seriparus

French

Diastase was first official as "Diastase" in the edition of 1885.

In the edition of 1920 as "Diastase" and "Diastase De L'Orge Germe".

British

Diastase was first official in the British Pharmacopoeia of 1907 as "Diastasum". Also in the B.P. of 1914 as "Diastasum".

In the British Pharmacopoeia of 1915 Diastase is official as follows -

1. Diastasum
2. Extractum Malti cum Hypophosphitibus et Oleo Morrhuæ.

National Formulary

Diastase is not official in the editions of the National Formulary of 1888, 1895, 1906 or 1916 but is used in the preparation of Pulvis Pepsini Compositus.

United States

U.S.P. -

Diastase in the United States Pharmacopoeia is not official until the ninth edition, where it is official as "Diastasum".

Standards of Strength

It converts not less than 50 times its weight of potatoe starch to sugars.

British

B.P.Codex -

Diastase is official in the British Pharmaceutical Codex as follows -

Edition of 1907 -

1. Diastasum
2. Extractum Malti and preparation made therefrom

Edition of 1911 -

1. Diastasum

Edition of 1923 -

1. Diastasum

French

Diastase is official in the French Pharmacopoeia of 1920 as

1. Diastase De L'Orge Germe

The following Enzyme preparations are on the market:

I. Armour & Co.

1. Elixir of Enzymes
2. Pancreatin U.S.P.
3. Pepsin U.S.P.
4. Rennet
5. Trypsin (Powder)
6. Essence of Pepsin
7. Glycerole of Pepsin
8. Lactated Pepsin
9. " " (Tablets)
10. Elixir Lactated Pepsin
11. Saccharated Pepsin, 1:300
12. Pepsin Tablets
13. Glycerole Pancreatin

II. Fairchild Bros. & Foster

Gastric Gland

1. Pepsin in Scales
2. " " Powder
3. Pepsencia (Essence of Pepsine)
4. Pepsencia Phenolated (Phenolated Essence of Pepsin)
5. Gastron
6. Glycerinum Pepticum
7. Enzymol

Pancreas Gland

1. Extractum Pancreatis
2. Holadin
3. Holadin and Bile Salts
4. Diazyme Essence
5. Diazyme Glycerole
6. Trypsin
7. Trypsalin (surgical Solvent)
8. Lotis Pancreatis (Trypsin surgical solvent)
9. Injecto Trypsin (Hypodermic)
10. Injecto Amylopsini (Hypodermic)
11. Suppositoria Trypsini

'Pepule' Products

1. 'Pepule' Pancreatic
2. 'Pepule' Pancreatic Compound
3. 'Pepule' Pepsin
4. 'Pepule' Pepsin and Bismuth
5. 'Pepule' Pepsin and Pancreatic
6. " Pepsin, Bismuth and Pancreatic
7. " " " " Nux Vomica
8. " Peptonate of Iron
9. " Ox Gall Compound
10. " Pancro-Hepatic

## III. Eli Lilly &amp; Co.

Essences

1. Essence Pancreatin
2. " Pepsin

Elixirs

1. Elixir Digestive, Aromatic
2. " Lactated Pepsin
3. " " " and Bismuth
4. Elixir Lactated Pepsin, Bismuth and Strychnine
5. " Calisaya, Iron, Strychnine and Pepsin
6. " Lactated Pepsin, with Hypophosphites
7. " Gention and Iron Chloride with Lactated Pepsin
8. " I.Q. and S., with Lactated Pepsin
9. " Digestive Glycerophosphates.

Nulixirs (Non-alcoholic)

1. Nulixir Pepsin
2. Nulixir Lactated Pepsin
3. " Digestive Aromatic
4. " Pancreatin
5. " and Pancreatin

Tablets

1. Peptonizing, Improved.
2. Digestive, No.1
3. Digestive, No.2
4. Digestive, Aromatic
5. " , Heyden-Starrett
6. " Special
7. Nux Vomica and Pepsin, Skiff
8. " " " " , No.2
9. Ox Gall, Pepsin and Pancreatin
10. Pepsin 1:3000
11. Pepsin, Lactated
12. " and Bismuth No.1
13. " " " No.2
14. " , Bismuth, and Charcoal
15. Pepsin, Bismuth, and Hydrastis
16. " " " Strychnine
17. " and Capsicum, Compound
18. " , Charcoal, Magnesia and Ginger
19. Pepsin, and Pancreatin No.1
20. " " " No.2
21. " " " compound.

## Other Preparations

1. Pepsin 1:3000, 1:2000, 1:4000, 1:5000, 1:6000.
2. Pancreatin
3. Amylopsin
4. Rennin
5. Enzymatic Cordial
6. Insulin

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