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# Abiraterone Acetate Tablets

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**DEFINITION**  
Abiraterone Acetate Tablets contain NLT 90.0% and NMT 110.0% of the labeled amount of abiraterone acetate ( $C_{26}H_{33}NO_2$ ).

**IDENTIFICATION**

- A.** The retention time of the major peak of the *Sample solution* corresponds to that of the *Standard solution*, as obtained in the Assay.
- B.** The UV spectrum of the major peak of the *Sample solution* corresponds to that of the *Standard solution*, as obtained in the Assay.

**ASSAY**

- PROCEDURE**  
**Solution A:** 10 mM of [ammonium acetate](#) in [water](#)  
**Mobile phase:** See [Table 1](#).

Table 1

Time (min)	Solution A (%)	Acetonitrile (%)	Ethanol (%)
0	50	20	30
40	15	55	30
47	0	20	80
58	0	20	80
60	50	20	30
70	50	20	30

[NOTE—Protect solutions from light.]

**System suitability solution:** 0.625 mg/mL of [USP Abiraterone System Suitability Mixture RS](#) in [acetonitrile](#).

[NOTE—See [Table 2](#) for relative retention times of the main components of the mixture.]

Table 2

Name	Relative Retention Time
7-Ketoabiraterone acetate	0.42
α-Epoxyabiraterone acetate	0.62
β-Epoxyabiraterone acetate	0.66
Abiraterone	0.69
3-Deoxy-3-acetyl abiraterone-3-ene	0.85
Abiraterone acetate	1.0

Name	Relative Retention Time
Abiraterone ethyl ether	1.18
Abiraterone isopropyl ether	1.26
Anhydro abiraterone	1.29
3-Deoxy 3-chloroabiraterone	1.31
O-Chlorobutylabiraterone	1.33

**Standard solution:** 0.625 mg/mL of [USP Abiraterone Acetate RS](#) in [acetonitrile](#)

**Sample solution:** Nominally equivalent to 0.625 mg/mL of abiraterone acetate in [acetonitrile](#), prepared from NLT 20 powdered Tablets as follows. Transfer the powder to a suitable volumetric flask. Add 50% of the flask volume of [acetonitrile](#), shake by mechanical means for 30 min, and dilute with [acetonitrile](#) to volume. Pass a portion of the solution through a suitable filter of 0.45-µm pore size, and use the clear solution for analysis.

#### Chromatographic system

(See [Chromatography \(621\), System Suitability](#).)

**Mode:** LC

**Detector:** UV 254 nm or diode array. [NOTE—Use a diode array detector to perform *Identification B*.]

**Column:** 3-mm × 15-cm; 3-µm packing [L1](#)

**Column temperature:** 15°

**Flow rate:** 0.45 mL/min

**Injection volume:** 10 µL

#### System suitability

**Samples:** *System suitability solution* and *Standard solution*

#### Suitability requirements

**Resolution:** NLT 1.0 between anhydro abiraterone and 3-deoxy 3-chloroabiraterone peaks, *System suitability solution*

**Relative standard deviation:** NMT 2.0%, *Standard solution*

#### Analysis

**Samples:** *Standard solution* and *Sample solution*

Calculate the percentage of the labeled amount of abiraterone acetate ( $C_{26}H_{33}NO_2$ ) in the portion of Tablets taken:

$$\text{Result} = (r_U/r_S) \times (C_S/C_U) \times 100$$

$r_U$  = peak response from the *Sample solution*

$r_S$  = peak response from the *Standard solution*

$C_S$  = concentration of [USP Abiraterone Acetate RS](#) in the *Standard solution* (mg/mL)

$C_U$  = nominal concentration of abiraterone acetate in the *Sample solution* (mg/mL)

**Acceptance criteria:** 90.0%–110.0%

#### PERFORMANCE TESTS

**Change to read:**

- [DISSOLUTION \(711\)](#).

#### Test 1

[NOTE—Protect solutions from light.]

**Buffer:** 56.5 mM of [monobasic sodium phosphate](#) in [water](#). Adjust with [5 N sodium hydroxide](#) or [phosphoric acid](#) to a pH of 4.5.

**Medium:** 0.25% of [sodium lauryl sulfate](#) in *Buffer*; 900 mL

**Apparatus 2:** 50 rpm

**Time:** 45 min

**Standard solution:** 0.3 mg/mL of [USP Abiraterone Acetate RS](#) in *Medium* prepared as follows. Transfer [USP Abiraterone Acetate RS](#) into a suitable volumetric flask. Add 4% of the flask volume of [acetonitrile](#) to dissolve, and dilute with *Medium* to volume.

**Sample solution:** Pass a portion of the solution under test through a suitable filter of 10-µm pore size. Use the filtrate.

**Mobile phase:** [Acetonitrile](#), [formic acid](#), and [water](#) (55:0.05:45)

#### Chromatographic system

(See [Chromatography \(621\), System Suitability](#).)

**Mode:** LC**Detector:** UV 252 nm**Column:** 4.6-mm × 3-cm; 5-μm packing [L1](#)**Flow rate:** 1 mL/min**Injection volume:** 10 μL**System suitability****Sample:** *Standard solution***Suitability requirements****Tailing factor:** NMT 2.0**Relative standard deviation:** NMT 2.0%**Analysis****Samples:** *Standard solution and Sample solution*Calculate the percentage of the labeled amount of abiraterone acetate ( $C_{26}H_{33}NO_2$ ) dissolved:

$$(r_U/r_S) \times (C_S/L) \times V \times 100$$

 $r_U$  = peak response from the *Sample solution* $r_S$  = peak response from the *Standard solution* $C_S$  = concentration of the *Standard solution* (mg/mL) $L$  = label claim (mg/Tablet) $V$  = volume of *Medium*, 900 mL**Tolerances:** NLT 85% (Q) of the labeled amount of abiraterone acetate ( $C_{26}H_{33}NO_2$ ) is dissolved.**▲Test 2:** If the product complies with this test, the labeling indicates that it meets USP *Dissolution Test 2*. [NOTE—Protect solutions from light.]**Buffer:** 56.5 mM of [monobasic sodium phosphate](#) in [water](#). Adjust with [5 N sodium hydroxide](#) or [phosphoric acid](#) to a pH of 4.5.**Medium:** 0.25% of [sodium lauryl sulfate](#) in *Buffer*; 900 mL**Apparatus 2:** 75 rpm**Time:** 30 min**Standard solution:** 0.28 mg/mL of [USP Abiraterone Acetate RS](#) in *Medium* prepared as follows. Transfer [USP Abiraterone Acetate RS](#) into a suitable volumetric flask. Add 4% of the flask volume of [acetonitrile](#) to dissolve, and dilute with *Medium* to volume.**Sample solution:** Pass a portion of the solution under test through a suitable filter of 10-μm pore size. Use the filtrate.**Mobile phase:** [Acetonitrile](#) and [water](#) (90:10)**Chromatographic system**(See [Chromatography \(621\)](#), [System Suitability](#).)**Mode:** LC**Detector:** UV 254 nm**Column:** 2.1-mm × 7.5-cm; 1.7-μm packing [L43](#)**Column temperature:** 35°**Flow rate:** 0.5 mL/min**Injection volume:** 0.5 μL**Run time:** NLT 1.7 times the retention time of abiraterone acetate**System suitability****Sample:** *Standard solution***Suitability requirements****Tailing factor:** NMT 2.0**Relative standard deviation:** NMT 2.0%**Analysis****Samples:** *Standard solution and Sample solution*Calculate the percentage of the labeled amount of abiraterone acetate ( $C_{26}H_{33}NO_2$ ) dissolved:

$$\text{Result} = (r_U/r_S) \times C_S \times V \times (1/L) \times 100$$

 $r_U$  = peak response of abiraterone acetate from the *Sample solution* $r_S$  = peak response of [USP Abiraterone Acetate RS](#) from the *Standard solution* $C_S$  = concentration of the *Standard solution* (mg/mL) $V$  = volume of *Medium*, 900 mL

$L$  = label claim (mg/Tablet)

**Tolerances:** NLT 80% (Q) of the labeled amount of abiraterone acetate ( $C_{26}H_{33}NO_2$ ) is dissolved.▲ (RB 5-May-2022)

**Test 3:** If the product complies with this test, the labeling indicates that it meets USP *Dissolution Test 3*.

[NOTE—Protect solutions from light.]

**Buffer:** 56.5 mM of [sodium phosphate monobasic](#) in [water](#)

**Medium:** 0.25% of [sodium lauryl sulfate](#) in *Buffer*, adjusted with [5 N sodium hydroxide](#) or [phosphoric acid](#) to a pH of 4.5; 900 mL

**Apparatus 2:** 50 rpm

**Time:** 45 min

**Standard solution:** 0.3 mg/mL of [USP Abiraterone Acetate RS](#) in *Medium* prepared as follows. Transfer [USP Abiraterone Acetate RS](#) into a suitable volumetric flask. Add 4% of the flask volume of [acetonitrile](#) to dissolve, and dilute with *Medium* to volume.

**Sample solution:** Pass a portion of the solution under test through a suitable filter.

**Mobile phase:** [Acetonitrile](#), [formic acid](#), and [water](#) (55:0.05:45)

#### Chromatographic system

(See [Chromatography \(621\)](#), [System Suitability](#).)

**Mode:** LC

**Detector:** UV 252 nm

**Column:** 4.6-mm × 3-cm; 5-μm packing [L1](#)

**Column temperature:** 30°

**Flow rate:** 1.0 mL/min

**Injection volume:** 10 μL

#### System suitability

**Sample:** *Standard solution*

#### Suitability requirements

**Tailing factor:** NMT 2.0

**Relative standard deviation:** NMT 2.0%

#### Analysis

**Samples:** *Standard solution* and *Sample solution*

Calculate the percentage of the labeled amount of abiraterone acetate ( $C_{26}H_{33}NO_2$ ) dissolved:

$$\text{Result} = (r_U/r_S) \times (C_S/L) \times V \times 100$$

$r_U$  = peak response of abiraterone acetate from the *Sample solution*

$r_S$  = peak response of abiraterone acetate from the *Standard solution*

$C_S$  = concentration of [USP Abiraterone Acetate RS](#) in the *Standard solution* (mg/mL)

$L$  = label claim of abiraterone acetate (mg/Tablet)

$V$  = volume of *Medium*, 900 mL

**Tolerances:** NLT 80% (Q) of the labeled amount of abiraterone acetate ( $C_{26}H_{33}NO_2$ ) is dissolved.

- [UNIFORMITY OF DOSAGE UNITS \(905\)](#): Meet the requirements

#### IMPURITIES

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[NOTE—Protect solutions from light.]

**Solution A, Mobile phase, System suitability solution, Standard solution, Sample solution, and Chromatographic system:** Proceed as directed in the Assay.

**Sensitivity solution:** 0.3 μg/mL of [USP Abiraterone Acetate RS](#) in [acetonitrile](#) from *Standard solution*

#### System suitability

**Samples:** *System suitability solution*, *Standard solution*, and *Sensitivity solution*

#### Suitability requirements

**Resolution:** NLT 1.0 between anhydro abiraterone and 3-deoxy 3-chloroabiraterone peaks, *System suitability solution*

**Signal-to-noise ratio:** NLT 10, *Sensitivity solution*

**Relative standard deviation:** NMT 2.0%, *Standard solution*

#### Analysis

**Samples:** *Standard solution* and *Sample solution*

Calculate the percentage of each impurity in the portion of Tablets taken:

$$\text{Result} = (r_U/r_S) \times (C_S/C_U) \times (1/F) \times 100$$

$r_U$  = peak area of each impurity from the *Sample solution*

$r_s$  = peak area of abiraterone acetate from the *Standard solution*

$C_s$  = concentration of [USP Abiraterone Acetate RS](#) in the *Standard solution* (mg/mL)

$C_u$  = nominal concentration of abiraterone acetate in the *Sample solution* (mg/mL)

$F$  = relative response factor for each individual impurity (see [Table 3](#))

**Acceptance criteria:** See [Table 3](#). Disregard any peak less than 0.05%.

**Table 3**

Name	Relative Retention Time	Relative Response Factor	Acceptance Criteria, NMT (%)
7-Ketoabiraterone acetate	0.42	1.4	0.50
$\alpha$ -Epoxyabiraterone acetate	0.62	0.26	0.80
$\beta$ -Epoxyabiraterone acetate	0.66	0.26	2.0
Abiraterone	0.69	1.0	0.40
Abiraterone acetate	1.0	—	—
Abiraterone ethyl ether <sup>a</sup>	1.18	—	—
Abiraterone isopropyl ether <sup>a</sup>	1.26	—	—
Unspecified impurity	—	1.0	0.20
Total impurities	—	—	3.2

<sup>a</sup> This is a process impurity and is controlled in the drug substance monograph. It is included in the table for identification only, and it is not to be reported in the total impurities.

#### ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- **PACKAGING AND STORAGE:** Preserve in tight containers, and store at controlled room temperature.
- **LABELING:** When more than one *Dissolution* test is given, the labeling states the *Dissolution* test used only if *Test 1* is not used.
- **USP REFERENCE STANDARDS (11).**  
[USP Abiraterone Acetate RS](#)  
[USP Abiraterone System Suitability Mixture RS](#)

It contains Abiraterone Acetate and small amounts of the following:

Abiraterone

17-(Pyridin-3-yl)androsta-5,16-dien-3 $\beta$ -ol.

$C_{24}H_{31}NO$  349.52

Abiraterone ethyl ether

3 $\beta$ -Ethoxy-17-(pyridin-3-yl)androsta-5,16-diene.

$C_{26}H_{35}NO$  377.57

Abiraterone isopropyl ether

3 $\beta$ -Isopropoxy-17-(pyridin-3-yl)androsta-5,16-diene.

$C_{27}H_{37}NO$  391.60

Anhydro abiraterone

17-(Pyridin-3-yl)androsta-3,5,16-triene.

$C_{24}H_{29}N$  331.50

O-Chlorobutylabiraterone

3 $\beta$ -(4-Chlorobutoxy)-17-(pyridin-3-yl)androsta-5,16-diene.

$C_{28}H_{38}ClNO$  440.07

3-Deoxy-3-acetyl abiraterone-3-ene

1-[17-(Pyridin-3-yl)androsta-3,5,16-trien-3-yl]ethanone.

$C_{26}H_{31}NO$  373.53

3-Deoxy 3-chloroabiraterone

3 $\beta$ -Chloro-17-(pyridin-3-yl)androsta-5,16-diene.

$C_{24}H_{30}ClN$  367.96

$\alpha$ -Epoxyabiraterone acetate

17-(Pyridin-3-yl)-16 $\alpha$ ,17 $\alpha$ -epoxyandrost-5-en-3 $\beta$ -yl acetate.

C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>33</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>

407.55

β-Epoxyabiraterone acetate

17-(Pyridin-3-yl)-16β,17β-epoxyandrost-5-en-3β-yl acetate.

C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>33</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>

407.55

7-Ketoabiraterone acetate

7-Oxo-17-(pyridin-3-yl)androsta-5,16-dien-3β-yl acetate.

C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>31</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>

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