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# Amlodipine Besylate Tablets

## DEFINITION

### Change to read:

Amlodipine Besylate Tablets contain ▲an amount of amlodipine besylate equivalent to ▲ (USP 1-May-2021) NLT 90% and NMT 110% of the labeled amount of amlodipine ( $C_{20}H_{25}ClN_2O_5$ ).

## IDENTIFICATION

### Change to read:

- **A.** ▲The UV spectra of the major peak of the *Sample solution* correspond to those of the *Standard solution*, as obtained in the Assay.▲ (USP 1-May-2021)
- **B.** The retention time of the major peak of the *Sample solution* corresponds to that of the *Standard solution*, as obtained in the Assay.

## ASSAY

### Change to read:

#### • PROCEDURE

**Buffer:** Add 7.0 mL of [triethylamine](#) into a 1000-mL flask containing 900 mL of [water](#). Adjust the solution with [phosphoric acid](#) to a pH of 3.0.▲ (USP 1-May-2021) Dilute with [water](#) to volume, and mix well.

**Mobile phase:** [Methanol](#), [acetonitrile](#), and *Buffer* (35:15:50)

**Standard solution:** 0.0275 mg/mL of [USP Amlodipine Besylate RS](#) and 0.0025 mg/mL of [USP Amlodipine Related Compound A RS](#) in *Mobile phase*

**Sample solution:** Nominally 0.02 mg/mL of amlodipine in *Mobile phase* prepared as follows. Place Tablets (NLT 5) in a suitable volumetric flask, and add a sufficient quantity of *Mobile phase* to disintegrate the Tablets. Shake for 30 min, and dilute with *Mobile phase* to volume. Pass the sample through a syringe tip filter of 0.45-μm pore size. Discard the first few milliliters of the filtrate.

#### Chromatographic system

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

**Mode:** LC

**Detector:** UV 237 nm. ▲For *Identification A*, use a diode array detector in the range of 200–400 nm.▲ (USP 1-May-2021)

**Column:** 3.9-mm × 15-cm; ▲4- or ▲ (USP 1-May-2021) 5-μm packing [L1](#)

**Flow rate:** 1 mL/min

**Injection volume:** 50 μL

**Run time:** NLT 3 times the retention ▲time▲ (USP 1-May-2021) of amlodipine

#### System suitability

**Sample:** *Standard solution*

[NOTE—The relative retention times for amlodipine related compound A and amlodipine are about 0.5 and 1.0, respectively.]

#### Suitability requirements

**Resolution:** NLT 8.5 between amlodipine related compound A and amlodipine

**Tailing factor:** NMT 2.0 for amlodipine related compound A and amlodipine

**Relative standard deviation:** NMT 5.0% for amlodipine related compound A ▲and NMT 2.0% for amlodipine▲ (USP 1-May-2021)

#### Analysis

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

Calculate the percentage of the labeled amount of amlodipine ( $C_{20}H_{25}ClN_2O_5$ ) in the portion of Tablets taken:

$$\text{Result} = (r_U/r_S) \times (C_S/C_U) \times (M_{r1}/M_{r2}) \times 100$$

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

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

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

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

$M_{r1}$  = molecular weight of amlodipine, 408.88

$M_{r2}$  = molecular weight of amlodipine besylate, 567.05

**Acceptance criteria:** 90%–110% ▲▲ (USP 1-May-2021)

## PERFORMANCE TESTS

**Change to read:**

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

[NOTE—Do not expose any of the solutions to stainless steel because of the degradation of amlodipine.]

▲ **Test 1**▲ (USP 1-May-2021)

**Medium:** [0.01 N hydrochloric acid](#); 500 mL

**Apparatus 2:** 75 rpm. [NOTE—Use paddles covered with Teflon or made of any inert material except stainless steel.]

**Time:** 30 min

**Standard solution:** ▲ (L/360) mg/mL of [USP Amlodipine Besylate RS](#) in *Medium*, where L is the label claim of amlodipine in mg/Tablet. [NOTE—These solutions are stable for 1 day.]▲ (USP 1-May-2021)

**Sample solution:** Pass a portion of the solution under test through a suitable filter of 0.45-μm pore size.

**Blank:** *Medium*

### Instrumental conditions

**Mode:** UV

**Analytical wavelength:** 239 nm

**Cell:** 1-cm quartz

### Analysis

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

▲▲ (USP 1-May-2021)

Calculate the percentage of the labeled amount of amlodipine ( $C_{20}H_{25}ClN_2O_5$ ) dissolved:

$$\text{Result} = (A_U/A_S) \times C_S \times V \times \text{▲▲ (USP 1-May-2021)} \times (M_{r1}/M_{r2}) \times (1/L) \times 100$$

$A_U$  = absorbance of amlodipine from the *Sample solution*

$A_S$  = absorbance of amlodipine from the *Standard solution*

$C_S$  = concentration of ▲ [USP Amlodipine Besylate RS](#)▲ (USP 1-May-2021) in the *Standard solution* (mg/mL)

$V$  = volume of *Medium*, 500 mL

▲▲ (USP 1-May-2021)

$M_{r1}$  = molecular weight of amlodipine, 408.88

$M_{r2}$  = molecular weight of amlodipine besylate, 567.05

$L$  = label claim (mg/Tablet)

**Tolerances:** NLT 75% (Q) of the labeled amount of amlodipine ( $C_{20}H_{25}ClN_2O_5$ ) is dissolved.

▲ **Test 2:** If the product complies with this test, the labeling indicates that it meets USP *Dissolution Test 2*.

**Medium, Apparatus 2, and Time:** Proceed as directed in *Test 1*.

**Buffer A:** Dissolve 1.36 g of [potassium phosphate, monobasic](#) in 1000 mL of [water](#). Add 5 mL of [triethylamine](#) and adjust the solution with [phosphoric acid](#) to a pH of 2.0.

**Buffer B:** Dilute 7.0 mL of [triethylamine](#) in 1000 mL of [water](#). Adjust the solution with [phosphoric acid](#) to a pH of 3.0.

**Mobile phase:** [Acetonitrile](#) and *Buffer A* (30:70)

**Diluent:** [Acetonitrile](#), [methanol](#), and *Buffer B* (15:35:50)

**Standard stock solution:** 0.693 mg/mL of [USP Amlodipine Besylate RS](#) in *Diluent*

**Standard solution:** (L/361) mg/mL of [USP Amlodipine Besylate RS](#) in *Medium*, where L is the label claim of amlodipine in mg/Tablet

**Sample solution:** Centrifuge a portion of the solution under test for 5 min.

### Chromatographic system

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

**Mode:** LC

**Detector:** UV 237 nm

**Column:** 4.6-mm × 15-cm; 5-μm packing [L1](#)

#### Temperatures

**Autosampler:** 5°

**Column:** 35°

**Flow rate:** 1.5 mL/min

**Injection volume:** 20 µL

**Run time:** NLT 1.7 times the retention time of amlodipine

#### 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 amlodipine ( $C_{20}H_{25}ClN_2O_5$ ) dissolved:

$$\text{Result} = (r_U/r_S) \times C_S \times V \times (M_{r1}/M_{r2}) \times (1/L) \times 100$$

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

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

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

$V$  = volume of *Medium*, 500 mL

$M_{r1}$  = molecular weight of amlodipine, 408.88

$M_{r2}$  = molecular weight of amlodipine besylate, 567.05

$L$  = label claim (mg/Tablet)

**Tolerances:** NLT 80% (Q) of the labeled amount of amlodipine ( $C_{20}H_{25}ClN_2O_5$ ) is dissolved. ▲ (USP 1-May-2021)

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

#### IMPURITIES

**Change to read:**

- **ORGANIC IMPURITIES**

**Buffer, Mobile phase, Standard solution, and Chromatographic system:** Proceed as directed in the Assay.

▲ **Sensitivity solution:** 0.55 µg/mL of [USP Amlodipine Besylate RS](#) in *Mobile phase* ▲ (USP 1-May-2021)

**Sample solution:** ▲ Nominally 0.4 mg/mL of amlodipine in *Mobile phase* prepared as follows. ▲ (USP 1-May-2021) Place a suitable number of

Tablets in a 25-mL volumetric flask. ▲ (USP 1-May-2021) Add about 10 mL of *Mobile phase* to the flask. Swirl to disintegrate the Tablets, then sonicate for 5 min to completely dissolve, and cool to room temperature. Dilute with *Mobile phase* to volume. Stir for an additional 15 min using a magnetic stir bar, and pass the sample through a syringe tip filter of 0.45-µm pore size, discarding the first 5 mL.

#### System suitability

**Samples:** *Standard solution* ▲ and *Sensitivity solution* ▲ (USP 1-May-2021)

**Suitability requirements:** Proceed as directed in the Assay ▲ except for *Signal-to-noise ratio*.

**Signal-to-noise ratio:** NLT 10, *Sensitivity solution* ▲ (USP 1-May-2021)

#### Analysis

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

Calculate the percentage of amlodipine related compound A ▲ (free base) ▲ (USP 1-May-2021) in the portion of Tablets taken:

$$\text{Result} = (r_U/r_S) \times (C_S/C_U) \times (M_{r1}/M_{r2}) \times 100$$

$r_U$  = peak response of amlodipine related compound A from the *Sample solution*

$r_S$  = peak response of amlodipine related compound A from the *Standard solution*

$C_S$  = concentration of [USP Amlodipine Related Compound A RS](#) in the *Standard solution* (mg/mL)

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

$M_{r1}$  = molecular weight of amlodipine related compound A ▲ (free base), ▲ (USP 1-May-2021) 406.86

$M_{r2}$  = molecular weight of amlodipine related compound A,  $\blacktriangle 522.94$   $\blacktriangle$  (USP 1-May-2021)

Calculate the percentage of amlodipine glucose/galactose adduct or amlodipine lactose adduct, if present, and any unspecified degradation product in the portion of Tablets taken:

$$\text{Result} = (r_U/r_S) \times (C_S/C_U) \times (M_{r1}/M_{r2}) \times 100$$

$r_U$  = peak response of amlodipine glucose/galactose adduct, amlodipine lactose adduct, or any unspecified degradation product from the *Sample solution*

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

$C_S$  = concentration of [USP Amlodipine Besylate RS](#) from the *Standard solution* (mg/mL)

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

$M_r$  = molecular weight of amlodipine,  $\blacktriangle 408.88$   $\blacktriangle$  (USP 1-May-2021)

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$M_r$  = molecular weight of amlodipine besylate, 567.05

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**Acceptance criteria:** See [Table 1](#).

**Table 1**

Name	Relative Retention Time	Acceptance Criteria, NMT (%)
$\blacktriangle$ Benzenesulfonic acid <sup>a</sup>	0.15	— $\blacktriangle$ (USP 1-May-2021)
Amlodipine related compound A <sup>b</sup>	0.50	1.0
Amlodipine lactose adduct <sup>c</sup>	0.80	0.5
Amlodipine glucose/galactose adduct <sup>c</sup>	0.90	0.5
Amlodipine $\blacktriangle$ $\blacktriangle$ (USP 1-May-2021)	1.0	—
Any unspecified degradation product	—	0.2
$\blacktriangle$ Total impurities	—	1.5 $\blacktriangle$ (USP 1-May-2021)

<sup>a</sup> This peak is due to the counterion and is not to be reported or included in the total impurities.  $\blacktriangle$  (USP 1-May-2021)

<sup>b</sup> 3-Ethyl 5-methyl [2-(2-aminoethoxymethyl)-4-(2-chlorophenyl)-6-methyl-3,5-pyridinedicarboxylate].  $\blacktriangle$   $\blacktriangle$  (USP 1-May-2021)

<sup>c</sup> Formulation-specific impurities.

#### ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

• **PACKAGING AND STORAGE:** Preserve in tight, light-resistant containers. Store at controlled room temperature.

**Add the following:**

$\blacktriangle$  • **LABELING:** When more than one *Dissolution* test is given, the labeling states the *Dissolution* test used only if *Test 1* is not used.  $\blacktriangle$  (USP 1-May-2021)

**Change to read:**

• **USP REFERENCE STANDARDS** (11).

[USP Amlodipine Besylate RS](#)

[USP Amlodipine Related Compound A RS](#)

3-Ethyl 5-methyl [2-(2-aminoethoxymethyl)-4-(2-chlorophenyl)-6-methyl-3,5-pyridinedicarboxylate] fumarate.

$C_{20}H_{23}ClN_2O_5 \cdot C_4H_4O_4$   $\blacktriangle 522.94$   $\blacktriangle$  (USP 1-May-2021)

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