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# Buspirone Hydrochloride Tablets

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### DEFINITION

Buspirone Hydrochloride Tablets contain NLT 90.0% and NMT 110.0% of the labeled amount of buspirone hydrochloride ( $C_{21}H_{31}N_5O_2 \cdot HCl$ ).

### IDENTIFICATION

- A. [SPECTROSCOPIC IDENTIFICATION TESTS \(197\)](#), [Infrared Spectroscopy](#):** 197K  
**Sample:** Grind 20 Tablets to a fine powder, add 50 mL of [chloroform](#), stir for 3–5 min, and filter into a 250-mL evaporating flask. Evaporate the solution with the aid of a rotary evaporator to dryness at low heat. Use the residue.  
**Acceptance criteria:** Meet the requirements
- 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

- PROCEDURE**  
**Buffer A:** 6.8 g/L of [monobasic potassium phosphate](#) and 0.93 g/L of [sodium 1-hexanesulfonate monohydrate](#), adjusted with [phosphoric acid](#) to a pH of 3.4  
**Buffer B:** 3.4 g/L of [monobasic potassium phosphate](#) and 3.52 g/L of [sodium 1-hexanesulfonate monohydrate](#), adjusted with [phosphoric acid](#) to a pH of 2.2  
**Solution A:** [Acetonitrile](#) and *Buffer A* (5:95)  
**Solution B:** [Acetonitrile](#) and *Buffer B* (75:25)  
**Mobile phase:** See [Table 1](#).

Table 1

Time (min)	Solution A (%)	Solution B (%)
0	90	10
6	90	10
34	42	58
45	42	58
55	0	100
56	100	0
60	100	0
61	90	10

- Diluent:** *Solution A*
- Impurities stock solution:** 0.25 mg/mL each of [USP Buspirone Related Compound A RS](#), [USP Buspirone Related Compound G RS](#), [USP Buspirone Related Compound K RS](#), [USP Buspirone Related Compound L RS](#), and [USP Buspirone Related Compound N RS](#) in [acetonitrile](#)
- System suitability solution:** 1.0 mg/mL of [USP Buspirone Hydrochloride RS](#) and 0.001 mg/mL each of [USP Buspirone Related Compound A RS](#), [USP Buspirone Related Compound G RS](#), [USP Buspirone Related Compound K RS](#), [USP Buspirone Related Compound L RS](#), and [USP Buspirone Related Compound N RS](#) in *Diluent* from the *Impurities stock solution*
- Standard solution:** 0.1 mg/mL of [USP Buspirone Hydrochloride RS](#) in *Diluent*
- Sample solution:** Nominally 0.1 mg/mL of buspirone hydrochloride from NLT 20 finely powdered Tablets in *Diluent*, prepared as follows.  
Transfer a suitable amount of the powder to a suitable volumetric flask. Add 60% of the flask volume of *Diluent*, and sonicate for 30 min.

Allow the solution to cool to room temperature, and then dilute with *Diluent* to volume. Centrifuge the solution and filter the supernatant. Further dilute the filtrate with *Diluent* as needed.

#### Chromatographic system

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

**Mode:** LC

**Detector:** UV 240 nm

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

**Column temperature:** 40°

**Flow rate:** 1 mL/min

**Injection volume:** 20 μL

#### System suitability

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

##### Suitability requirements

**Resolution:** NLT 2.0 between the buspirone and buspirone related compound G peaks, *System suitability solution*

**Tailing factor:** NMT 1.5, *Standard solution*

**Relative standard deviation:** NMT 1.0%, *Standard solution*

#### Analysis

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

Calculate the percentage of the labeled amount of buspirone hydrochloride ( $C_{21}H_{31}N_5O_2 \cdot HCl$ ) 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 Buspirone Hydrochloride RS](#) in the *Standard solution* (mg/mL)

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

**Acceptance criteria:** 90.0%–110.0%

#### PERFORMANCE TESTS

**Change to read:**

• [DISSOLUTION \(711\)](#)

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

**Apparatus 2:** 50 rpm ▲ with suitable sinker, if needed ▲ (RB 1-Jun-2021)

**Time:** 30 min

**Sample solution:** Filter a portion of the solution under test, and dilute with *Medium* as needed.

**Standard solution:** [USP Buspirone Hydrochloride RS](#) in *Medium* having a concentration similar to that expected in the *Sample solution*

#### Instrumental conditions

**Mode:** UV

**Analytical wavelength:** Maximum at about 235 ▲ or 237 ▲ (RB 1-Jun-2021) nm

#### Analysis

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

Calculate the percentage of the labeled amount of buspirone hydrochloride ( $C_{21}H_{31}N_5O_2 \cdot HCl$ ) dissolved:

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

$A_U$  = absorbance of the *Sample solution*

$A_S$  = absorbance of buspirone hydrochloride from the *Standard solution*

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

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

$L$  = label claim (mg/Tablet)

**Tolerances:** NLT 80% (Q) of the labeled amount of buspirone hydrochloride ( $C_{21}H_{31}N_5O_2 \cdot HCl$ ) is dissolved.

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

#### IMPURITIES

• **ORGANIC IMPURITIES**

**Buffer A, Buffer B, Solution A, Solution B, Mobile phase, Diluent, Impurities stock solution, and System suitability solution:** Proceed as directed in the Assay.

**Standard solution:** 0.001 mg/mL each of [USP Buspirone Hydrochloride RS](#), [USP Buspirone Related Compound A RS](#), [USP Buspirone Related Compound G RS](#), [USP Buspirone Related Compound K RS](#), [USP Buspirone Related Compound L RS](#), and [USP Buspirone Related Compound N RS](#) in *Diluent*

**Sample solution:** Nominally 1.0 mg/mL of buspirone hydrochloride from NLT 20 finely powdered Tablets in *Diluent*, prepared as follows.  
Transfer a suitable amount of the powder to a suitable volumetric flask. Add 60% of the flask volume of *Diluent*, and sonicate for 30 min. Allow the solution to cool to room temperature, and then dilute with *Diluent* to volume. Centrifuge the solution and filter the supernatant. Use the filtrate.

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

- Mode:** LC
- Detector:** UV 210 and 240 nm
- Column:** 4.6-mm × 15-cm; 5-µm packing [L1](#)
- Column temperature:** 40°
- Flow rate:** 1 mL/min
- Injection volume:** 20 µL

**System suitability**  
**Samples:** *System suitability solution* and *Standard solution*  
**Suitability requirements**  
**Resolution at 240 nm:** NLT 2.0 between the buspirone and buspirone related compound G peaks, *System suitability solution*  
**Resolution at 210 nm:** NLT 4.0 between the buspirone related compound L and buspirone related compound N peaks, *System suitability solution*  
**Relative standard deviation:** NMT 2.0% for each peak, *Standard solution*

**Analysis**  
**Samples:** *Standard solution* and *Sample solution*  
**For impurities detected at UV 240 nm**

Calculate the percentage of buspirone related compound A in the portion of Tablets taken:

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

- $r_U$  = peak response of buspirone related compound A from the *Sample solution*
- $r_S$  = peak response of buspirone related compound A from the *Standard solution*
- $C_S$  = concentration of [USP Buspirone Related Compound A RS](#) in the *Standard solution* (mg/mL)
- $C_U$  = nominal concentration of buspirone hydrochloride in the *Sample solution* (mg/mL)

Calculate the percentage of any individual unspecified degradation product in the portion of Tablets taken:

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

- $r_U$  = peak response of any individual unspecified degradation product from the *Sample solution*
- $r_S$  = peak response of buspirone from the *Standard solution*
- $C_S$  = concentration of [USP Buspirone Hydrochloride RS](#) in the *Standard solution* (mg/mL)
- $C_U$  = nominal concentration of buspirone hydrochloride in the *Sample solution* (mg/mL)

**Acceptance criteria**  
**For impurities detected at UV 240 nm:** See [Table 2](#). Disregard any peak below 0.05%.

Table 2

Name	Relative Retention Time	Acceptance Criteria, NMT (%)
Buspirone related compound A <sup>a</sup>	0.2	0.20
Spiroammonium salt <sup>b,c</sup>	0.3	—

Name	Relative Retention Time	Acceptance Criteria, NMT (%)
Bispyrimidinylpiperazinyl butane <sup>c,d</sup>	0.6	—
Bispyrimidinylpiperazinylbutyl ether <sup>c,e</sup>	0.7	—
Buspirone open ring <sup>c,f</sup>	0.8	—
Buspirone open ring dimer <sup>c,g</sup>	0.9	—
Buspirone	1.0	—
Buspirone related compound G <sup>c,h</sup>	1.05	—
Buspirone diester dimer <sup>c,i</sup>	1.1	—
Chlorobuspirone <sup>c,j</sup>	1.2	—
Buspirone open ring spirodimer <sup>c,k</sup>	1.5	—
Any individual unspecified degradation product	—	0.2
Total impurities	—	See <a href="#">Table 3</a>

<sup>a</sup> 2-(Piperazin-1-yl)pyrimidine.

<sup>b</sup> 8-(Pyrimidin-2-yl)-8-aza-5-azoniaspiro[4.5]decane.

<sup>c</sup> Process impurity included for identification only and not included in the calculation of total degradation products.

<sup>d</sup> 1,4-Bis[4-(pyrimidin-2-yl)piperazin-1-yl]butane.

<sup>e</sup> Bis{4-[1-(pyrimidine-2-yl)piperazine-4-yl]butane-1-yl} ether.

<sup>f</sup> 2-{1-[2-Oxo-2-({4-[4-(pyrimidin-2-yl)piperazin-1-yl]butyl}amino)ethyl]cyclopentyl}acetic acid.

<sup>g</sup> 4-[4-(Pyrimidin-2-yl)piperazin-1-yl]butyl 2-{1-[2-oxo-2-({4-[4-(pyrimidin-2-yl)piperazin-1-yl]butyl}amino)ethyl]cyclopentyl}acetate.

<sup>h</sup> 1,4-Di(pyrimidin-2-yl)piperazine.

<sup>i</sup> Bis{4-[4-(pyrimidin-2-yl)piperazin-1-yl]butyl} 2,2'-(cyclopentane-1,1-diyl)diacetate.

<sup>j</sup> 8-[4-[4-(5-Chloropyrimidin-2-yl)piperazin-1-yl]butyl]-8-azaspiro[4.5]decane-7,9-dione.

<sup>k</sup> 4-(7,9-Dioxo-8-azaspiro[4.5]decan-8-yl)butyl 2-{1-[2-oxo-2-({4-[4-(pyrimidin-2-yl)piperazin-1-yl]butyl}amino)ethyl]cyclopentyl}acetate.

#### For impurities detected at UV 210 nm

Calculate the percentage of any individual unspecified degradation product in the portion of Tablets taken:

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

$r_U$  = peak response of any individual unspecified degradation product from the *Sample solution*

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

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

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

#### Acceptance criteria

**For impurities detected at UV 210 nm:** See [Table 3](#). Disregard any peak below 0.05%.

**Table 3**

Name	Relative Retention Time	Acceptance Criteria, NMT (%)
Buspirone related compound K <sup>a,b</sup>	0.6	—

Name	Relative Retention Time	Acceptance Criteria, NMT (%)
Buspirone	1.0	—
Buspirone related compound L <a href="#">b,c</a>	1.7	—
Buspirone bromobutyl analog <a href="#">b,d</a>	1.8	—
Buspirone related compound N <a href="#">b,e</a>	1.9	—
Any individual unspecified degradation product	—	0.2
Total impurities	—	2.0 <a href="#">f</a>

- <sup>a</sup> 8-Azaspiro[4.5]decane-7,9-dione.
- <sup>b</sup> Process impurity included for identification only and not included in the calculation of total degradation products.
- <sup>c</sup> 8-(4-Chlorobutyl)-8-azaspiro[4.5]decane-7,9-dione.
- <sup>d</sup> 8-(4-Bromobutyl)-8-azaspiro[4.5]decane-7,9-dione.
- <sup>e</sup> 8,8'-(Butane-1,4-diyl)bis(8-azaspiro[4.5]decane-7,9-dione).
- <sup>f</sup> Total impurities include impurities detected at UV 240 nm.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- **PACKAGING AND STORAGE:** Preserve in tight, light-resistant containers at controlled room temperature.
- **USP REFERENCE STANDARDS (11).**

[USP Buspirone Hydrochloride RS](#)

[USP Buspirone Related Compound A RS](#)

2-(Piperazin-1-yl)pyrimidine.  
C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>4</sub> 164.21

[USP Buspirone Related Compound G RS](#)

1,4-Di(pyrimidin-2-yl)piperazine.  
C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>6</sub> 242.28

[USP Buspirone Related Compound K RS](#)

8-Azaspiro[4.5]decane-7,9-dione.  
C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>13</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> 167.21

[USP Buspirone Related Compound L RS](#)

8-(4-Chlorobutyl)-8-azaspiro[4.5]decane-7,9-dione.  
C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>20</sub>ClNO<sub>2</sub> 257.76

[USP Buspirone Related Compound N RS](#)

8,8'-(Butane-1,4-diyl)bis(8-azaspiro[4.5]decane-7,9-dione).  
C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>32</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> 388.50

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