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Calcium Pantothenate Tablets

DEFINITION

Calcium Pantothenate Tablets contain NLT 95.0% and NMT 115.0% of the labeled amount of the dextrorotatory isomer of calcium pantothenate ($C_{18}H_{32}CaN_2O_{10}$).

IDENTIFICATION

• **A.** [IDENTIFICATION TESTS—GENERAL, Calcium \(191\)](#).

Sample solution: Digest a quantity of powdered Tablets, equivalent to 150 mg of calcium pantothenate, with 15 mL of 1 N sodium hydroxide, and filter.

Acceptance criteria: Meet the requirements

• **B.**

Sample solution: 5 mL of the filtrate obtained in *Identification* test A

Analysis: Add 5 mL of 1 N hydrochloric acid and 2 drops of ferric chloride TS to the *Sample solution*.

Acceptance criteria: A strong yellow color is produced.

ASSAY

• **CALCIUM PANTOTHENATE**

Buffer solution: Dissolve 10.0 g of monobasic potassium phosphate in 2000 mL of water, and adjust with phosphoric acid to a pH of 3.5.

Mobile phase: Methanol and *Buffer solution* (1:9)

System suitability solution: 0.5 mg/mL of [USP Calcium Pantothenate RS](#) and 0.1 mg/mL of [USP Racemic Panthenol RS](#) in water

Standard solution: 0.5 mg/mL of [USP Calcium Pantothenate RS](#) in water

Sample solution: Finely powder NLT 20 Tablets. Transfer a portion of the powder, equivalent to 50 mg of calcium pantothenate, to a 100-mL volumetric flask. Add 5 mL of methanol, and swirl the flask to disperse. Dilute with water to volume, mix, and filter.

Chromatographic system

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

Mode: LC

Detector: UV 205 nm

Column: 4.6-mm × 25-cm; 5-μm packing L1

Column temperature: 50°

Flow rate: 2 mL/min

Injection volume: 25 μL

System suitability

Sample: *System suitability solution*

[NOTE—The relative retention times for pantothenate and panthenol are 1.0 and 1.1, respectively.]

Suitability requirements

Resolution: NLT 1.5 between pantothenate and panthenol

Relative standard deviation: NMT 2.0%

Analysis

Samples: *Standard solution* and *Sample solution*

Measure the peak areas for calcium pantothenate.

Calculate the percentage of the labeled amount of calcium pantothenate ($C_{18}H_{32}CaN_2O_{10}$) in the portion of Tablets taken:

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

r_U = peak area from the *Sample solution*

r_S = peak area from the *Standard solution*

C_S = concentration of [USP Calcium Pantothenate RS](#) in the *Standard solution* (mg/mL)

C_U = nominal concentration of calcium pantothenate in the *Sample solution* (mg/mL)

Acceptance criteria: 95.0%–115.0%

OTHER COMPONENTS

• CONTENT OF CALCIUM

Sample: A portion of the powder from NLT 20 finely powdered Tablets, equivalent to 500 mg of calcium pantothenate

Blank: Proceed as directed in the *Analysis*, without the *Sample*.

Titrimetric system

(See [Titrimetry \(541\)](#).)

Mode: Direct titration

Titrant: 0.05 M edetate disodium VS

Indicator: Hydroxy naphthol blue, 300 mg

Endpoint detection: Visual

Analysis: Transfer the *Sample* to a suitable crucible. Ignite, gently at first, until free from carbon. Cool the crucible. Add 10 mL of water, and dissolve the residue by adding sufficient 3 N hydrochloric acid, dropwise, to completely dissolve. Transfer the solution to a suitable container, and dilute with water to 150 mL. Add 15 mL of 1 N sodium hydroxide, then add the *Indicator*. Titrate with *Titrant* to a distinct blue endpoint. Perform a blank determination.

Calculate the percentage of calcium in the content of calcium pantothenate, as determined by the Assay, in the portion of Tablets taken:

$$\text{Result} = \{(V_s - V_b) \times M \times F\} / W \times 100$$

V_s = *Titrant* volume consumed by the *Sample* (mL)

V_b = *Titrant* volume consumed by the *Blank* (mL)

M = actual molarity of the *Titrant* (mM/mL)

F = equivalency factor, 40.08 mg/mM

W = weight of calcium pantothenate in the *Sample* taken, as determined by the Assay (mg)

Acceptance criteria: 7.9%–9.7% of the weight of calcium pantothenate ($C_{18}H_{32}CaN_2O_{10}$) in the Tablets, as determined by the Assay

PERFORMANCE TESTS

• [DISSOLUTION, Procedure for a Pooled Sample \(711\)](#)

Medium: Water; 900 mL

Apparatus 2: 50 rpm

Time: 45 min

Mobile phase: Phosphoric acid and water (1:1000)

Standard solution: A known concentration of [USP Calcium Pantothenate RS](#) in *Medium*

Sample solution: A filtered portion of the solution under test, suitably diluted with *Medium* if necessary, having a concentration of $C_{18}H_{32}CaN_2O_{10}$ similar to that of the *Standard solution*

Chromatographic system

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

Mode: LC

Detector: UV 210 nm

Column: 3.9-mm × 15-cm; packing L1

Flow rate: 1.5 mL/min

Injection volume: 10 µL

System suitability

Sample: *Standard solution*

Suitability requirements

Relative standard deviation: NMT 3.0%

Analysis

Samples: *Standard solution* and *Sample solution*

Calculate the percentage of the labeled amount of calcium pantothenate ($C_{18}H_{32}CaN_2O_{10}$) dissolved:

$$\text{Result} = (r_u/r_s) \times [C_s \times D \times (V/L)] \times 100$$

r_u = peak area of calcium pantothenate from the *Sample solution*

r_s = peak area of calcium pantothenate from the *Standard solution*

C_s = concentration of the *Standard solution* (mg/mL)

D = dilution factor for the *Sample solution*

V = volume of *Medium*, 900 mL

L = label claim (mg/Tablet)

Tolerances: NLT 75% (Q) of the labeled amount of calcium pantothenate ($C_{18}H_{32}CaN_2O_{10}$) is dissolved.

- **UNIFORMITY OF DOSAGE UNITS (905):** Meet the requirements

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- **PACKAGING AND STORAGE:** Preserve in tight containers.
- **LABELING:** Label the Tablets to indicate the content of dextrorotatory calcium pantothenate.
- **USP REFERENCE STANDARDS (11).**
[USP Calcium Pantothenate RS](#)
[USP Racemic Panthenol RS](#)

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