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# Clindamycin Hydrochloride Oral Solution

## DEFINITION

Clindamycin Hydrochloride Oral Solution contains the equivalent of NLT 90.0% and NMT 110.0% of the labeled amount of clindamycin ( $C_{18}H_{33}ClN_2O_5S$ ).

## IDENTIFICATION

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

## ASSAY

### Change to read:

#### • PROCEDURE

**Buffer:** 6.8 g/L of [monobasic potassium phosphate](#) in [water](#). Adjust with 8 N [potassium hydroxide](#) to a pH of 7.5.

**Mobile phase:** [Acetonitrile](#) and *Buffer* (450:550). Increasing the proportion of acetonitrile in the *Mobile phase* decreases the retention time, and decreasing it increases the resolution between 7-epiclindamycin and clindamycin.

▲ **Peroxide solution:** Transfer 7 mL of [hydrogen peroxide](#) to a 100-mL volumetric flask and dilute with [water](#) to volume.

**System suitability solution:** 2 mg/mL of [USP Clindamycin Hydrochloride RS](#) prepared as follows. Transfer a weighed amount of [USP Clindamycin Hydrochloride RS](#) to a suitable volumetric flask and add *Peroxide solution* to fill 10% of the final volume. Dilute with *Mobile phase* to volume. [NOTE—Clindamycin when treated with *Peroxide solution* generates two degradation products. Peroxide degradation product 1 has a relative retention time of 0.36 and peroxide degradation product 2 has a relative retention time of 0.41.]▲ (USP 1-Aug-2019)

**Standard solution:** 1 mg/mL of [USP Clindamycin Hydrochloride RS](#) in *Mobile phase*

**Sample solution:** Nominally equivalent to 0.85 mg/mL of clindamycin from Oral Solution in *Mobile phase*

### Chromatographic system

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

**Mode:** LC

**Detector:** UV 210 nm

**Column:** 4.6-mm × 25-cm; 5-μm packing [L1](#)

**Flow rate:** 1 mL/min

**Injection volume:** 10 μL

### System suitability

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

#### Suitability requirements

**Resolution:** NLT 2.0 between the peroxide degradation product 1 and peroxide degradation product 2 peaks, *System suitability solution*

**Tailing factor:** NMT 1.2, *Standard solution*

**Relative standard deviation:** NMT 2.0%, *Standard solution*▲ (USP 1-Aug-2019)

## Analysis

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

Calculate the percentage of ▲the labeled amount of ▲ (USP 1-Aug-2019) clindamycin ( $C_{18}H_{33}ClN_2O_5S$ ) in ▲the portion▲ (USP 1-Aug-2019) of Oral Solution taken:

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

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

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

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

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

$P$  = potency of clindamycin in [USP Clindamycin Hydrochloride RS](#) (µg/mg)

$F$  = conversion factor, 0.001 mg/µg

**Acceptance criteria:** 90.0%–110.0%

## PERFORMANCE TESTS

### • [UNIFORMITY OF DOSAGE UNITS \(905\)](#)

**For Oral Solution packaged in single-unit containers:** Meets the requirements

### • [DELIVERABLE VOLUME \(698\)](#): Meets the requirements

## IMPURITIES

**Add the following:**

### ▲• ORGANIC IMPURITIES

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

**Standard solution:** 0.05 mg/mL of [USP Clindamycin Hydrochloride RS](#) in *Mobile phase*

**Sensitivity solution:** 0.005 mg/mL of [USP Clindamycin Hydrochloride RS](#) in *Mobile phase* from *Standard solution*

**Sample solution:** Nominally 5 mg/mL of clindamycin in *Mobile phase* prepared as follows. Transfer an appropriate volume of Oral Solution to a suitable volumetric flask. Dilute with *Mobile phase* to volume.

### System suitability

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

#### Suitability requirements

**Resolution:** NLT 2.0 between the peroxide degradation product 1 and peroxide degradation product 2 peaks, *System suitability solution*

**Relative standard deviation:** NMT 5.0%, *Standard solution*

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

### Analysis

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

Calculate the percentage of each degradation product in the portion of Oral Solution taken:

$$\text{Result} = (r_u/r_s) \times (C_s/C_u) \times P \times F \times 100$$

$r_u$  = peak response of each degradation product from the *Sample solution*

$r_s$  = peak response of clindamycin from the *Standard solution*

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

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

$P$  = potency of clindamycin in [USP Clindamycin Hydrochloride RS](#) (µg/mg)

$F$  = conversion factor, 0.001 mg/µg

**Acceptance criteria:** See [Table 1](#). The reporting threshold is 0.05%.

**Table 1**

Name	Relative Retention Time	Acceptance Criteria, NMT (%)
Lincomycin <sup>a</sup>	0.32	—
Clindamycin B <sup>b</sup>	0.65	2.0
7-Epiclindamycin <sup>c</sup>	0.80	4.0

Name	Relative Retention Time	Acceptance Criteria, NMT (%)
Clindamycin	1.0	—
Any other individual impurity	—	1.0
Total impurities <sup>d</sup>	—	6.0 <sup>▲</sup> (USP 1-Aug-2019)

- <sup>a</sup> Lincomycin is controlled in the total of all related compounds. There is no individual acceptance criterion for this compound.
- <sup>b</sup> Methyl 7-chloro-6,7,8-trideoxy-6-[(2S,4R)-1-methyl-4-ethylpyrrolidine-2-carboxamido]-1-thio-L-*threo*- $\alpha$ -D-*galacto*-octopyranoside.
- <sup>c</sup> Methyl 7-chloro-6,7,8-trideoxy-6-[(2S,4R)-1-methyl-4-propylpyrrolidine-2-carboxamido]-1-thio-D-*erythro*- $\alpha$ -D-*galacto*-octopyranoside.
- <sup>d</sup> Total of all related compounds including lincomycin.

#### SPECIFIC TESTS

- **pH** (791): 2.5–6.0

#### ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

**Change to read:**

- **PACKAGING AND STORAGE:** Preserve in tight containers. <sup>▲</sup>Store at controlled room temperature. <sup>▲</sup>(USP 1-Aug-2019)
- **LABELING:** Label Oral Solution to indicate that it is intended for veterinary use only.
- **USP REFERENCE STANDARDS** (11).  
[USP Clindamycin Hydrochloride RS](#)

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