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## Donepezil Hydrochloride Tablets

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### DEFINITION

Donepezil Hydrochloride Tablets contain NLT 90.0% and NMT 110.0% of the labeled amount of donepezil hydrochloride ( $C_{24}H_{29}NO_3 \cdot HCl$ ).

### IDENTIFICATION

**Change to read:**

- **A.** ▲ **SPECTROSCOPIC IDENTIFICATION TESTS** (197), *Ultraviolet-Visible Spectroscopy*: 197U ▲ (CN 1-May-2020)

**Wavelength range:** 220–360 nm

**Sample solution:** Crush a suitable number of Tablets, and transfer an amount of powder, equivalent to 10 mg of donepezil hydrochloride, to a 100-mL volumetric flask. Add 80 mL of [0.1 N hydrochloric acid VS](#), and sonicate for 5 min. Cool the solution to room temperature, and dilute with [0.1 N hydrochloric acid VS](#) to volume. Transfer a portion of this solution to a centrifuge tube, and centrifuge for 15 min. Transfer 5 mL of the clear supernatant to a 25-mL volumetric flask, and dilute with [0.1 N hydrochloric acid VS](#) to volume.

**Analysis:** Using a 1-cm cell, record the UV spectrum of the *Sample solution*.

**Acceptance criteria:** The solution exhibits absorption maxima at 230, 271, and 315 nm.

- **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

**Diluent:** [Methanol](#) and [0.1 N hydrochloric acid VS](#) (75:25)

**Mobile phase:** Dissolve 2.5 g of [sodium 1-decanesulfonate](#) in 650 mL of [water](#), and add 1.0 mL of [perchloric acid](#) and 350 mL of [acetonitrile](#). If necessary, adjust with an additional 0.5 mL of [perchloric acid](#) to a pH of about 1.8.

**System suitability solution:** 0.2 mg/mL of [USP Donepezil Hydrochloride RS](#) and 0.008 mg/mL of [USP Donepezil Related Compound A RS](#). [NOTE—Dissolve in 40% of the flask volume of [methanol](#), swirl, and dilute with [water](#) to volume.]

**Standard solution:** 0.4 mg/mL of [USP Donepezil Hydrochloride RS](#) in *Diluent*. [NOTE—Dissolve in 60% of the flask volume of *Diluent*, swirl, and dilute with *Diluent* to volume.]

**Sample solution:** Nominally 0.4 mg/mL of donepezil hydrochloride prepared as follows. Dissolve a suitable number of Tablets in 75% of the flask volume of *Diluent*, and sonicate in an ultrasonic bath for 20 min. Swirl the mixture for 30 s, allow to cool to room temperature, and dilute with *Diluent* to volume. [NOTE—If necessary, add a magnetic stirring bar to the flask, and mix for 10 min on the magnetic stirrer, to aid in dissolution.] Allow a few min for the solids to settle. Pass through a suitable filter, discarding the first 2–3 mL of the filtrate.

#### Chromatographic system

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

**Mode:** LC

**Detector:** UV 271 nm

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

**Column temperature:** 35°

**Flow rate:** 1.4 mL/min

**Injection volume:** 20 μL

#### System suitability

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

[NOTE—The relative retention times for donepezil related compound A and donepezil are about 0.92 and 1.0, respectively.]

#### Suitability requirements

**Resolution:** NLT 1.5 between donepezil related compound A and donepezil, *System suitability solution*

**Tailing factor:** NMT 1.5 for the donepezil peak, *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 donepezil hydrochloride ( $C_{24}H_{29}NO_3 \cdot HCl$ ) in the portion of Tablets taken:

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

$r_U$  = peak response of donepezil hydrochloride from the *Sample solution*

$r_S$  = peak response of donepezil hydrochloride from the *Standard solution*

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

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

**Acceptance criteria:** 90.0%–110.0%

## PERFORMANCE TESTS

**Change to read:**

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

### Test 1

**Medium:** [0.1 N hydrochloric acid VS](#); 900 mL

**Apparatus 2:** 50 rpm

**Time:** 30 min

**Analytical procedure:** Determine the amount of donepezil hydrochloride ( $C_{24}H_{29}NO_3 \cdot HCl$ ) dissolved, by using one of the following methods.

### Chromatographic method

**Diluent:** [Methanol](#) and [0.1 N hydrochloric acid VS](#) (75:25)

**Mobile phase:** [Acetonitrile](#), [water](#), and [perchloric acid](#) (35: 65: 0.1)

**Standard stock solution A:** 1.1 mg/mL of [USP Donepezil Hydrochloride RS](#) in *Diluent*

**Standard stock solution B:** 0.11 mg/mL of [USP Donepezil Hydrochloride RS](#) from *Standard stock solution A* in *Medium*

**Standard solution:** ( $L/1000$ ) mg/mL of [USP Donepezil Hydrochloride RS](#) from *Standard stock solution B* in *Medium*, where  $L$  is the label claim in mg/Tablet

**Sample solution:** Pass a portion of the solution under test through a suitable filter of 0.45- $\mu$ m pore size, discarding the first few mL of the filtrate.

### Chromatographic system

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

**Mode:** LC

**Detector:** UV 271 nm

**Column:** 4.6-mm  $\times$  15-cm; 5- $\mu$ m packing [L1](#)

**Column temperature:** 35°

**Flow rate:** 1.0 mL/min

**Injection volume:** 50  $\mu$ L

### System suitability

**Sample:** *Standard solution*

### Suitability requirements

**Tailing factor:** NMT 1.5

**Column efficiency:** NLT 5000 theoretical plates

**Relative standard deviation:** NMT 2.0%

### Analysis

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

Calculate the percentage of the labeled amount of donepezil hydrochloride ( $C_{24}H_{29}NO_3 \cdot HCl$ ) dissolved:

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

$r_U$  = 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

### Spectrometric method

**Standard stock solution:** 0.11 mg/mL of [USP Donepezil Hydrochloride RS](#) in [water](#)

**Standard solution:** ( $L/900$ ) mg/mL of [USP Donepezil Hydrochloride RS](#) from the *Standard stock solution* in *Medium*, where  $L$  is the label claim in mg/Tablet

**Sample solution:** Pass a portion of the solution under test through a suitable filter of 0.45- $\mu$ m pore size.

### Instrumental conditions

(See [Ultraviolet-Visible Spectroscopy \(857\)](#).)

**Mode:** UV

**Analytical wavelength:** 230 nm**Blank:** MediumCalculate the percentage of the labeled amount of donepezil hydrochloride ( $C_{24}H_{29}NO_3 \cdot HCl$ ) dissolved:

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

 $A_U$  = absorbance of the *Sample solution* $A_S$  = absorbance of 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 80% (Q) of the labeled amount of donepezil hydrochloride is dissolved.**For Tablets which contain 23 mg of donepezil hydrochloride****Test 2:** If the product complies with this test, the labeling indicates that it meets USP *Dissolution Test 2*.**Medium:** pH 6.8 phosphate buffer; 900 mL**Apparatus 2:** 50 rpm**Times:** 1, 3, and 8 h**Buffer:** 5.0 g/L of monobasic ammonium phosphate in water adjusted with phosphoric acid to a pH of 2.3**Mobile phase:** Acetonitrile and Buffer (25:75)**Standard stock solution:** 0.26 mg/mL of USP Donepezil Hydrochloride RS prepared as follows. Transfer a suitable quantity of USP Donepezil Hydrochloride RS to an appropriate volumetric flask. Add 70% of the flask volume of Medium. Sonicate to dissolve and dilute with Medium to volume.**Standard solution:** ( $L/900$ ) mg/mL of USP Donepezil Hydrochloride RS from Standard stock solution in Medium, where  $L$  is the label claim in mg/Tablet. Pass the solution through a suitable filter, discarding the first 3 mL of the filtrate.**Sample solution:** Pass a portion of the solution under test through a suitable filter, discarding the first 3 mL of the filtrate.**Chromatographic system**(See [Chromatography \(621\)](#), [System Suitability](#).)**Mode:** LC**Detector:** UV 210 nm**Column:** 4.6-mm × 15-cm; 5-μm packing L1**Column temperature:** 35°**Flow rate:** 1.5 mL/min**Injection volume:** 50 μL**Run time:** NLT 1.7 times the retention time of donepezil**System suitability****Sample:** Standard solution**Suitability requirements****Tailing factor:** NMT 1.5**Relative standard deviation:** NMT 2.0%**Analysis****Samples:** Standard solution and Sample solutionCalculate the concentration ( $C_i$ ) of donepezil hydrochloride ( $C_{24}H_{29}NO_3 \cdot HCl$ ) in the sample withdrawn from the vessel at each time point ( $i$ ):

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

 $r_U$  = peak response of donepezil from the *Sample solution* $r_S$  = peak response of donepezil from the *Standard solution* $C_S$  = concentration of USP Donepezil Hydrochloride RS in the *Standard solution* (mg/mL)Calculate the percentage of the labeled amount of donepezil hydrochloride ( $C_{24}H_{29}NO_3 \cdot HCl$ ) dissolved at each time point ( $i$ ):

$$\text{Result}_1 = C_i \times V \times (1/L) \times 100$$

$$\text{Result}_2 = \{[C_2 \times (V - V_S)] + [C_1 \times V_S]\} \times (1/L) \times 100$$

$$\text{Result}_3 = \{[C_3 \times [V - (2 \times V_S)]] + [(C_2 + C_1) \times V_S]\} \times (1/L) \times 100$$

$C_i$  = concentration of donepezil hydrochloride in the portion of the sample withdrawn at the specified time point (mg/mL)

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

$L$  = label claim (mg/Tablet)

$V_s$  = volume of the *Sample solution* withdrawn at each time point (mL)

**Tolerances:** See [Table 1](#).

**Table 1**

Time Point (i)	Time (h)	Amount Dissolved (%)
1	1	NMT 20
2	3	35–60
3	8	NLT 80

The percentages of the labeled amount of donepezil hydrochloride ( $C_{24}H_{29}NO_3 \cdot HCl$ ) dissolved at the times specified conform to

[Dissolution \(711\)](#), [Acceptance Table 2](#).

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

**Medium:** [pH 6.8 phosphate buffer](#); 900 mL

**Apparatus 2:** 50 rpm

**Times:** 1, 3, and 10 h

**Standard stock solution:** 0.25 mg/mL of [USP Donepezil Hydrochloride RS](#) prepared as follows. Transfer a suitable quantity of [USP Donepezil Hydrochloride RS](#) to an appropriate volumetric flask. Add 70% of the flask volume of [water](#). Sonicate to dissolve and allow to cool to room temperature. Dilute with [water](#) to volume.

**Standard solution:** ( $L/900$ ) mg/mL of [USP Donepezil Hydrochloride RS](#) from *Standard stock solution* in *Medium*, where  $L$  is the label claim in mg/Tablet

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

#### Instrumental conditions

(See [Ultraviolet-Visible Spectroscopy \(857\)](#).)

**Mode:** UV-Vis

**Analytical wavelength:** 315 nm

**Blank:** *Medium*

#### System suitability

**Sample:** *Standard solution*

#### Suitability requirements

**Relative standard deviation:** NMT 2.0%

#### Analysis

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

Calculate the concentration ( $C_i$ ) of donepezil hydrochloride ( $C_{24}H_{29}NO_3 \cdot HCl$ ) in the sample withdrawn from the vessel at each time point ( $i$ ):

$$\text{Result}_i = (A_U/A_S) \times C_S$$

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

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

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

Calculate the percentage of the labeled amount of donepezil hydrochloride ( $C_{24}H_{29}NO_3 \cdot HCl$ ) dissolved at each time point ( $i$ ):

$$\text{Result}_1 = C_1 \times V \times (1/L) \times 100$$

$$\text{Result}_2 = \{[C_2 \times (V - V_s)] + [C_1 \times V_s]\} \times (1/L) \times 100$$

$$\text{Result}_3 = \{[C_3 \times [V - (2 \times V_s)]] + [(C_2 + C_1) \times V_s]\} \times (1/L) \times 100$$

$C_i$  = concentration of donepezil hydrochloride in the portion of the sample withdrawn at the specified time point (mg/mL)

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

$L$  = label claim (mg/Tablet)

$V_s$  = volume of the *Sample solution* withdrawn at each time point (mL)

**Tolerances:** See [Table 2](#).

**Table 2**

Time Point ( <i>i</i> )	Time (h)	Amount Dissolved (%)
1	1	10–30
2	3	33–53
3	10	NLT 80

The percentages of the labeled amount of donepezil hydrochloride ( $C_{24}H_{29}NO_3 \cdot HCl$ ) dissolved at the times specified conform to

[Dissolution <711>](#), [Acceptance Table 2](#).

**Test 4:** If the product complies with this test, the labeling indicates that it meets USP *Dissolution Test 4*.

**Medium:** 0.05 M sodium phosphate buffer, pH 6.8 [[0.1 N hydrochloric acid VS](#) and 76 g/L of [tribasic sodium phosphate](#) (25:75) adjusted with [2 N hydrochloric acid TS](#) or [2 N sodium hydroxide TS](#) to a pH of 6.8]; 900 mL, degassed

**Apparatus 2:** 50 rpm, with sinkers; see [Dissolution <711>](#), [Figure 2a](#).

**Times:** 1, 3, and 8 h

**Buffer:** 1.36 g/L of [monobasic potassium phosphate](#) prepared as follows. To each 1 L of 1.36 g/L of [monobasic potassium phosphate](#) in [water](#), add 3 mL of [triethylamine](#) and adjust with [phosphoric acid](#) to a pH of 2.8.

**Mobile phase:** [Methanol](#) and *Buffer* (47:53)

**Diluent:** [Methanol](#) and [water](#) (50:50)

**Standard stock solution:** 0.53 mg/mL of [USP Donepezil Hydrochloride RS](#) in *Diluent*

**Standard solution:** 0.027 mg/mL of [USP Donepezil Hydrochloride RS](#) from *Standard stock solution* in *Medium*

**Sample solution:** Pass a portion of the solution under test through a suitable filter. Replace the portion removed with the same volume of *Medium*.

#### Chromatographic system

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

**Mode:** LC

**Detector:** UV 268 nm

**Column:** 4.6-mm × 15-cm; 5-μm packing [L7](#)

**Flow rate:** 1.3 mL/min

**Injection volume:** 20 μL

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

#### System suitability

**Sample:** *Standard solution*

#### Suitability requirements

**Tailing factor:** NMT 1.5

**Relative standard deviation:** NMT 1.0%

#### Analysis

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

Calculate the concentration ( $C_i$ ) of donepezil hydrochloride ( $C_{24}H_{29}NO_3 \cdot HCl$ ) in the sample withdrawn from the vessel at each time point (*i*):

$$\text{Result}_i = (r_U/r_s) \times C_s$$

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

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

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

Calculate the percentage of the labeled amount of donepezil hydrochloride ( $C_{24}H_{29}NO_3 \cdot HCl$ ) dissolved at each time point (*i*):

$$\text{Result}_i = C_i \times V \times (1/L) \times 100$$

$$\text{Result}_2 = [(C_2 \times V) + (C_1 \times V_s)] \times (1/L) \times 100$$

$$\text{Result}_3 = \{(C_3 \times V) + [(C_2 + C_1) \times V_s]\} \times (1/L) \times 100$$

- $C_i$  = concentration of donepezil hydrochloride in the portion of the sample withdrawn at time point  $i$  (mg/mL)
- $V$  = volume of *Medium*, 900 mL
- $L$  = label claim (mg/Tablet)
- $V_s$  = volume of *Sample solution* withdrawn at each time point and replaced with *Medium* (mL)

**Tolerances:** See [Table 3](#).

Table 3

Time Point (i)	Time (h)	Amount Dissolved (%)
1	1	10–30
2	3	40–60
3	8	NLT 80

The percentages of the labeled amount of donepezil hydrochloride ( $C_{24}H_{29}NO_3 \cdot HCl$ ) dissolved at the times specified conform to [Dissolution \(711\)](#), [Acceptance Table 2](#).

- ▲ **Test 5:** If the product complies with this test, the labeling indicates that it meets USP *Dissolution Test 5*.
- Medium:** 0.05 M potassium phosphate buffer (6.8 g/L of [monobasic potassium phosphate](#) and 0.9 g/L of [sodium hydroxide](#) in [water](#) adjusted with dilute [phosphoric acid](#) in [water](#) or dilute [sodium hydroxide](#) in [water](#) to a pH of 6.80); 900 mL
- Apparatus 2:** 50 rpm, with suitable sinkers
- Times:** 1, 3, and 9 h
- Buffer:** 6.8 g/L of [monobasic potassium phosphate](#) in [water](#); adjusted with [phosphoric acid](#) to a pH of 3.0
- Mobile phase:** [Methanol](#) and *Buffer* (40:60)
- Diluent:** [Methanol](#) and [water](#) (50:50)
- Standard stock solution:** 0.5 mg/mL of [USP Donepezil Hydrochloride RS](#) prepared as follows. Transfer a suitable amount of [USP Donepezil Hydrochloride RS](#) to an appropriate volumetric flask and dissolve in 50% of the flask volume of *Diluent*. Sonicate for NLT 1 min to promote dissolution then dilute with *Diluent* to volume.
- Standard solution:** 0.025 mg/mL of [USP Donepezil Hydrochloride RS](#) from *Standard stock solution* in *Medium*
- Sample solution:** Pass a portion of the solution under test through a suitable filter discarding the first NLT 3 mL of filtrate.
- Chromatographic system**  
(See [Chromatography \(621\)](#), [System Suitability](#).)
- Mode:** LC
- Detector:** UV 271 nm
- Column:** 4.6-mm × 15-cm; 5-μm packing [L1](#)
- Column temperature:** 30°
- Flow rate:** 1 mL/min
- Injection volume:** 50 μL
- Run time:** NLT 1.5 times the retention time of donepezil
- 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 concentration ( $C_i$ ) of donepezil hydrochloride ( $C_{24}H_{29}NO_3 \cdot HCl$ ) in the sample withdrawn from the vessel at each time point ( $i$ ):

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

- $r_U$  = peak response of donepezil from the *Sample solution*
- $r_S$  = peak response of donepezil from the *Standard solution*

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

Calculate the percentage of the labeled amount of donepezil hydrochloride ( $C_{24}H_{29}NO_3 \cdot HCl$ ) dissolved at each time point ( $i$ ):

$$\text{Result}_1 = C_1 \times V \times (1/L) \times 100$$

$$\text{Result}_2 = \{[C_2 \times (V - V_s)] + [C_1 \times V_s]\} \times (1/L) \times 100$$

$$\text{Result}_3 = \{[C_3 \times [V - (2 \times V_s)]] + [(C_2 + C_1) \times V_s]\} \times (1/L) \times 100$$

$C_i$  = concentration of donepezil hydrochloride in the portion of the sample withdrawn at the specified time point (mg/mL)

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

$L$  = label claim (mg/Tablet)

$V_s$  = volume of the *Sample solution* withdrawn at each time point (mL)

**Tolerances:** See [Table 4](#).

**Table 4**

Time Point (i)	Time (h)	Amount Dissolved (%)
1	1	15–35
2	3	40–60
3	9	NLT 80

The percentages of the labeled amount of donepezil hydrochloride ( $C_{24}H_{29}NO_3 \cdot HCl$ ) dissolved at the times specified conform to

[Dissolution \(711\)](#), [Acceptance Table 2](#). ▲ (RB 1-May-2020)

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

## IMPURITIES

**Change to read:**

• **ORGANIC IMPURITIES, PROCEDURE 1**

[NOTE—On the basis of the synthetic route, perform either *Procedure 1* or *Procedure 2*. *Procedure 2* is recommended if any of the impurities included in [Table 7](#). ▲ (RB 1-May-2020) are potential degradation products.]

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

**Standard solution:** 0.0008 mg/mL of [USP Donepezil Hydrochloride RS](#) in *Diluent*

### System suitability

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

[NOTE—The relative retention times for donepezil related compound A and donepezil are about 0.92 and 1.0, respectively.]

### Suitability requirements

**Resolution:** NLT 1.5 between donepezil related compound A and donepezil, *System suitability solution*

**Relative standard deviation:** NMT 8.0%, *Standard solution*

## Analysis

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

[NOTE—Identify the impurities using the relative retention times given in [Table 5](#). ▲ (RB-1-May-2020).]

Calculate the percentage of any individual 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 response of each individual impurity from the *Sample solution*

$r_s$  = peak response of donepezil hydrochloride from the *Standard solution*

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

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

$F$  = relative response factor (see [Table 5](#)). ▲ (RB 1-May-2020)

Acceptance criteria: See ▲ [Table 5](#).

**Table 5** ▲ (RB 1-May-2020)

Name	Relative Retention Time	Relative Response Factor	Acceptance Criteria, NMT (%)
Desbenzyl donepezil <sup>a</sup>	0.33	1.0	0.5
Donepezil open ring <sup>b</sup>	0.70	0.6	0.5
Donepezil hydrochloride	1.0	—	—
Donepezil <i>N</i> -oxide <sup>c</sup>	1.2	1.0	0.5
Any individual unspecified degradation product	—	—	0.2

<sup>a</sup> 5,6-Dimethoxy-2-(piperidin-4-ylmethyl)indan-1-one.

<sup>b</sup> 2-(3-(1-Benzylpiperidin-4-yl)-2-oxopropyl)-4,5-dimethoxybenzoic acid.

<sup>c</sup> 2-[(1-Benzylpiperidin-4-yl)methyl]-5,6-dimethoxyindan-1-one *N*-oxide.

**Change to read:**

• **ORGANIC IMPURITIES, PROCEDURE 2**

**Diluent:** [Acetonitrile](#) and [water](#) (25:75)

**Solution A:** Add 1 mL of [phosphoric acid](#) in 1 L of [water](#). Adjust with [triethylamine](#) to a pH of 6.5. Pass through a filter of 0.45-µm or finer pore size.

**Solution B:** [Acetonitrile](#)

**Mobile phase:** See ▲ [Table 6](#).

**Table 6** ▲ (RB 1-May-2020)

Time (min)	Solution A (%)	Solution B (%)
0	75	25
10	40	60
40	40	60
41	75	25
50	75	25

**Standard solution:** 0.01 mg/mL of [USP Donepezil Hydrochloride RS](#) in *Diluent*. Sonication may be used to aid the dissolution.

**Sample solution:** Nominally 1.0 mg/mL of donepezil hydrochloride in *Diluent*. Sonication may be used to aid the dissolution.

**Chromatographic system**

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

**Mode:** LC

**Detector:** UV 286 nm

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

**Column temperature:** 50°

**Flow rate:** 1.5 mL/min

**Injection volume:** 20 µL

**System suitability**

**Sample:** *Standard solution*

**Suitability requirements**

**Tailing factor:** NMT 1.5

**Relative standard deviation:** NMT 2.0%, for five replicate injections

**Analysis**

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



Calculate the percentage of each specified impurity or any individual degradation product 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 response of each individual impurity from the *Sample solution*

$r_S$  = peak response of donepezil hydrochloride from the *Standard solution*

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

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

$F$  = relative response factor for the corresponding impurity peak from [▲Table 7▲](#) (RB 1-May-2020)

**Acceptance criteria:** See [▲Table 7.](#)

**Table 7▲** (RB 1-May-2020)

Name	Relative Retention Time <sup>a</sup>	Relative Response Factor	Acceptance Criteria, NMT (%)
Desbenzyl donepezil <sup>b</sup>	0.23	1.5	0.15
Donepezil pyridine analog <sup>c</sup>	0.49	1.9	0.15
Donepezil quaternary salt <sup>d</sup>	0.68	0.74	0.15
Donepezil hydrochloride	1.0	1.0	—
Donepezil indene analog <sup>e</sup>	1.7	2.2	0.15
Deoxydonepezil <sup>f</sup>	2.1	1.3	0.15
Any individual degradation product	—	1.0	0.1
Total degradation products	—	—	1.0

<sup>a</sup> Relative retention times are based on 1-mL gradient delay volume.

<sup>b</sup> 5,6-Dimethoxy-2-(piperidin-4-ylmethyl)indan-1-one.

<sup>c</sup> 5,6-Dimethoxy-2-(pyridin-4-ylmethyl)indan-1-one; also known as DPML.

<sup>d</sup> 1,1-Dibenzyl-4-[(5,6-dimethoxy-1-oxoindan-2-yl)methyl]piperidinium; also known as donepezil benzyl.

<sup>e</sup> 1-Benzyl-4-[(5,6-dimethoxyindan-2-yl)methyl]piperidine; also known as dehydrodeoxy donepezil.

<sup>f</sup> 1-Benzyl-4-[(5,6-dimethoxyindan-2-yl)methyl]piperidine.

#### ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

• **PACKAGING AND STORAGE:** Preserve in well-closed containers. Store at controlled room temperature.

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(E)-2-[(1-Benzylpiperidin-4-yl)methylene]-5,6-dimethoxyindan-1-one.

$C_{24}H_{27}NO_3$  377.48

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