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Doxycycline Tablets

DEFINITION
Doxycycline Tablets contain NLT 90.0% and NMT 120.0% of the labeled amount of doxycycline ($C_{22}H_{24}N_2O_8$).

IDENTIFICATION
- **A.** The retention time of the major peak of the *Sample solution* corresponds to that of the *Standard solution*, as obtained in the *Assay*.
- **B.** The UV spectrum of the major peak of the *Sample solution* corresponds to that of the *Standard solution*, as obtained in the *Assay*.

ASSAY
- **Procedure**

Protect solutions containing doxycycline from light.

Solution A: Transfer 3.1 g of monobasic potassium phosphate, 0.5 g of edetate disodium, and 0.5 mL of triethylamine to a 1000-mL volumetric flask. Add about 850 mL of water and mix. Dilute with water to volume and adjust with 1 N sodium hydroxide to a pH of 8.5 ± 0.1.

Solution B: Methanol

Mobile phase: See *Table 1*.

Table 1

Time (min)	Solution A (%)	Solution B (%)
0.0	90	10
2.0	90	10
4.0	60	40
6.0	90	10
9.0	90	10

Diluent: 0.01 N hydrochloric acid

Standard solution: 0.12 mg/mL of USP Doxycycline Hyclate RS in *Diluent*. Sonicate as needed to dissolve.

Sample solution: Nominally 0.1 mg/mL of doxycycline from NLT 20 Tablets prepared as follows. Transfer a suitable portion of finely powdered Tablets to a suitable volumetric flask. Add 50% of the final volume of *Diluent*, dissolve, dilute with *Diluent* to volume, and mix well. Centrifuge a portion of the solution and use the supernatant. [Note—The use of a centrifuge speed at 3,000 rpm for 10 min may be suitable.]

Chromatographic system
(See *Chromatography ⟨621⟩, System Suitability*.)

Mode: LC

Detector: UV 270 nm. For *Identification B*, a diode array detector may be used in the wavelength range of 200–400 nm.

Column: 2.1-mm × 5-cm; 1.7-µm packing L7. [Note—A 1.7-µm guard column with packing L7 was used during method validation.]

Column temperature: 60°

Flow rate: 0.6 mL/min

Injection volume: 5 µL

System suitability

Sample: *Standard solution*

Suitability requirements

Tailing factor: NMT 1.5

Relative standard deviation: NMT 2.0%

Analysis

Samples: *Standard solution* and *Sample solution*

Calculate the percentage of the labeled amount of doxycycline ($C_{22}H_{24}N_2O_8$) in the portion of Tablets taken:

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

r_U = peak response from the *Sample solution*

r_S = peak response from the *Standard solution*

C_S = concentration of USP Doxycycline Hyclate RS in the *Standard solution* (mg/mL)

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

P = potency of doxycycline in USP Doxycycline Hyclate RS (µg/mg)

F = conversion factor, 0.001 mg/µg

Acceptance criteria: 90.0%–120.0%

PERFORMANCE TESTS

• **Dissolution** ⟨711⟩

Test 1

Medium: 0.01 N hydrochloric acid; 900 mL

Apparatus 2: 75 rpm

Time: 60 min

Standard solution: 0.01 mg/mL of doxycycline from USP Doxycycline Hyclate RS in *Medium*

Sample solution: Pass a portion of the solution under test through a suitable filter. Dilute a portion of the filtrate with *Medium* to a concentration that is similar to that of the *Standard solution*.

Instrumental conditions

(See *Ultraviolet-Visible Spectroscopy* ⟨857⟩.)

Mode: UV

Analytical wavelength: 268 nm

Cell: 1 cm

Blank: *Medium*

Analysis

Samples: *Standard solution* and *Sample solution*

Determine the percentage of the labeled amount of doxycycline ($C_{22}H_{24}N_2O_8$) dissolved:

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

A_U = absorbance of the *Sample solution*

A_S = absorbance of the *Standard solution*

C_S = concentration of USP Doxycycline Hyclate RS in the *Standard solution* (mg/mL)

L = label claim (mg/Tablet)

V = volume of *Medium*, 900 mL

P = potency of doxycycline in USP Doxycycline Hyclate RS (µg/mg)

Tolerances: NLT 85% *(Q)* of the labeled amount of doxycycline ($C_{22}H_{24}N_2O_8$) is dissolved.

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

Protect solutions containing doxycycline from light.

Medium: 0.01 N hydrochloric acid; 900 mL

Apparatus 2: 75 rpm

Time: 15 min

Standard solution: 0.01 mg/mL of doxycycline from USP Doxycycline Hyclate RS in *Medium*

Sample solution: Pass a portion of the solution under test through a suitable filter. Dilute a portion of the filtrate with *Medium* to a concentration that is similar to that of the *Standard solution*.

Instrumental conditions

(See *Ultraviolet-Visible Spectroscopy* ⟨857⟩.)

Mode: UV

Analytical wavelength: 268 nm

Cell: 1 cm

Blank: *Medium*

Analysis

Samples: *Standard solution* and *Sample solution*

Determine the percentage of the labeled amount of doxycycline ($C_{22}H_{24}N_2O_8$) dissolved:

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

A_U = absorbance of the *Sample solution*

A_S = absorbance of the *Standard solution*

C_S = concentration of USP Doxycycline Hyclate RS in the *Standard solution* (mg/mL)

L = label claim (mg/Tablet)

D = dilution factor for the *Sample solution*, if applicable

V = volume of *Medium*, 900 mL

P = potency of doxycycline in USP Doxycycline Hyclate RS (µg/mg)

F = conversion factor, 0.001 mg/µg

Tolerances: NLT 80% *(Q)* of the labeled amount of doxycycline ($C_{22}H_{24}N_2O_8$) is dissolved.

• **Uniformity of Dosage Units ⟨905⟩:** Meet the requirements

IMPURITIES

• **Organic Impurities**

Protect solutions containing doxycycline from light.

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

System suitability stock solution 1: 1 mg/mL each of USP Doxycycline Related Compound A RS and USP Methacycline Hydrochloride RS in *Diluent*

System suitability stock solution 2: 1.2 mg/mL of USP Doxycycline Hyclate RS in *Diluent*

System suitability solution: Transfer 5 mL of *System suitability stock solution 2* to a 25-mL volumetric flask, heat on a steam bath for 60 min, and evaporate to dryness on a hot plate, taking care not to char the residue. Dissolve the residue in *Diluent*, add 0.5 mL of *System suitability stock solution 1*, and dilute with *Diluent* to volume. Pass the solution through a suitable filter and use the filtrate. This solution contains a mixture of 4-epidoxycycline, doxycycline related compound A, methacycline, and doxycycline. [Note—The solution is stable up to 14 days when stored in a refrigerator at 2°–8°.]

Standard solution: 7.0 µg/mL of USP Doxycycline Hyclate RS in *Diluent*

Sample solution: Nominally 2.0 mg/mL of doxycycline from NLT 20 Tablets prepared as follows. Transfer a suitable portion of finely powdered Tablets to a suitable volumetric flask. Add 50% of the final volume of *Diluent*, dissolve, dilute with *Diluent* to volume, and mix well. Centrifuge a portion of the solution and use the supernatant. [Note—The use of a centrifuge speed at 3,000 rpm for 10 min may be suitable.]

System suitability

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

Suitability requirements

Resolution: NLT 1.5 between methacycline and 4-epidoxycycline; NLT 1.5 between 4-epidoxycycline and doxycycline related compound A; NLT 2.0 between doxycycline related compound A and doxycycline, *System suitability solution*

Relative standard deviation: NMT 5.0% for the doxycycline peak, *Standard solution*

Analysis

Samples: *Standard solution* and *Sample solution*

Calculate the percentage of each impurity in the portion of Tablets taken:

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

r_U = peak response of each impurity from the *Sample solution*

r_S = peak response of doxycycline from the *Standard solution*

C_S = concentration of USP Doxycycline Hyclate RS in the *Standard solution* (mg/mL)

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

P = potency of doxycycline in USP Doxycycline Hyclate RS (µg/mg)

F = conversion factor, 0.001 mg/µg

Acceptance criteria: See *Table 2*. Disregard peaks less than 0.1%.

Table 2

Name	Relative Retention Time	Acceptance Criteria, NMT (%)
Methacycline[a,b]	0.64	—
4-Epidoxycycline[c]	0.79	1.5
Doxycycline related compound A (6-epidoxycycline)[b,d]	0.88	—
Doxycycline	1.0	—
Any individual unspecified impurity	—	0.3
Total impurities	—	2.5

[a] (4*S*,4a*R*,5*S*,5a*R*,12a*S*)-4-(Dimethylamino)-1,4,4a,5,5a,6,11,12a-octahydro-3,5,10,12,12a-pentahydroxy-6-methylene-1,11-dioxo-2-naphthacenecarboxamide.

[b] Process impurities that are controlled in the drug substance are not to be reported. They are not to be included in total impurities. They are listed here for information only.

[c] (4*R*,4a*R*,5*S*,5a*R*,6*R*,12a*S*)-4-(Dimethylamino)-1,4,4a,5,5a,6,11,12a-octahydro-3,5,10,12,12a-pentahydroxy-6-methyl-1,11-dioxo-2-naphthacenecarboxamide. Main degradation product.

[d] (4*S*,4a*R*,5*S*,5a*R*,6*S*,12a*S*)-4-(Dimethylamino)-1,4,4a,5,5a,6,11,12a-octahydro-3,5,10,12,12a-pentahydroxy-6-methyl-1,11-dioxo-2-naphthacenecarboxamide.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

• **Packaging and Storage:** Preserve in tight, light-resistant containers. Store at controlled room temperature.

• **Labeling:** When more than one *Dissolution* test is given, the labeling states the test used only if *Test 1* is not used.

Change to read:

• **USP Reference Standards** ⟨11⟩

USP Doxycycline Hyclate RS

USP Doxycycline Related Compound A RS

[Note—May be available as a free base or a hydrochloride salt.]

(4*S*,4a*R*,5*S*,5a*R*,6*S*,12a*S*)-4-(Dimethylamino)-1,4,4a,5,5a,6,11,12a-octahydro-3,5,10,12,12a-pentahydroxy-6-methyl-1,11-dioxo-2-naphthacenecarboxamide.

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(4*S*,4a*R*,5*S*,5a*R*,6*S*,12a*S*)-4-(Dimethylamino)-1,4,4a,5,5a,6,11,12a-octahydro-3,5,10,12,12a-pentahydroxy-6-methyl-1,11-dioxo-2-naphthacenecarboxamide ▲hydrochloride▲ (ERR 1-Jul-2022) ·

$C_{22}H_{24}N_2O_8 \cdot HCl$ ▲480.90▲ (ERR 1-Jul-2022)

USP Methacycline Hydrochloride RS

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