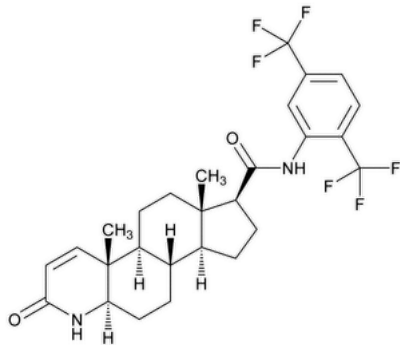


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Dutasteride

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$C_{27}H_{30}F_6N_2O_2$ ▲528.54▲ (CN 1-Aug-2024)
(5α,17β)-N-[2,5-Bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-3-oxo-4-azaandrost-1-ene-17-carboxamide;
α,α,α,α',α'-Hexafluoro-3-oxo-4-aza-5α-androst-1-ene-17β-carboxy-2',5'-xylylidide CAS RN®: 164656-23-9.

DEFINITION

Dutasteride contains NLT 97.0% and NMT 102.0% of dutasteride ($C_{27}H_{30}F_6N_2O_2$), calculated on the anhydrous and solvent-free basis.

IDENTIFICATION

- A. [SPECTROSCOPIC IDENTIFICATION TESTS \(197\)](#), [Infrared Spectroscopy](#): 197A, 197K, or 197M
- 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: [Acetonitrile](#) and [water](#) (60:40)

Mobile phase: [Acetonitrile](#), [water](#), and [trifluoroacetic acid](#) (52: 48: 0.025)

System suitability solution: 0.5 mg/mL of [USP Dutasteride Resolution Mixture RS](#) in *Diluent*. Sonicate to dissolve.

Standard solution: 0.5 mg/mL of [USP Dutasteride RS](#) in *Diluent*. Sonicate to dissolve.

Sample solution: 0.5 mg/mL of Dutasteride in *Diluent*. Sonicate to dissolve.

Chromatographic system

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

Mode: LC

Detector: UV 220 nm

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

Column temperature: 35°

Flow rate: 1 mL/min

Injection volume: 10 μL

Run time: NLT 1.5 times the retention time of dutasteride

System suitability

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

[NOTE—See [Table 3](#) for the relative retention times.]

Suitability requirements

Resolution: NLT 1.5 between dutasteride 17α-epimer and dutasteride, *System suitability solution*

Relative standard deviation: NMT 1.5%, *Standard solution*

Analysis

Samples: *Standard solution* and *Sample solution*

Calculate the percentage of dutasteride ($C_{27}H_{30}F_6N_2O_2$) in the portion of Dutasteride taken:

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

r_U = peak response of dutasteride from the *Sample solution*

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

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

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

Acceptance criteria: 97.0%–102.0% on the anhydrous and solvent-free basis

IMPURITIES

- [RESIDUE ON IGNITION \(281\)](#): NMT 0.1%

• LIMIT OF RESIDUAL SOLVENTS

Standard stock solution: 5 mg/mL each of [acetonitrile](#), [ethyl acetate](#), [pyridine](#), [toluene](#), [dioxane](#), and [n-heptane](#) in [dimethyl sulfoxide](#)

Standard solution: 10 µg/mL each of acetonitrile, ethyl acetate, pyridine, toluene, dioxane, and *n*-heptane in dimethyl sulfoxide from the *Standard stock solution*

Sample solution: 10 mg/mL of Dutasteride in [dimethyl sulfoxide](#)

Chromatographic system

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

Mode: GC

Detector: Flame ionization

Column: 0.32-mm × 30-m; capillary coated with 5-µm film of phase [G1](#)

Temperatures

Injection port: 180°

Detector: 260°

Column: See [Table 1](#).

Table 1

Initial Temperature (°)	Temperature Ramp (°/min)	Final Temperature (°)	Hold Time at Final Temperature (min)
50	—	50	3
50	10	200	2

Carrier gas: Helium

Flow rate: Head pressure at 12 psi

Split flow: 10 mL/min

Septum purge: 2 mL/min

Injector type: Headspace

Sample volume: 2 mL

Temperatures

Sample: 85°

Needle: 100°

Transfer line: 110°

Times

Equilibration: 1 min

Thermostating: 15 min

System suitability

Sample: *Standard solution*

Suitability requirements

Resolution: NLT 1.2 between *n*-heptane and dioxane peaks

Relative standard deviation: NMT 5% for each solvent

Analysis

Samples: *Standard solution* and *Sample solution*

Calculate the percentage of each solvent in the portion of Dutasteride taken:

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

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

r_s = peak response of each solvent from the *Standard solution*

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

C_u = concentration of Dutasteride in the *Sample solution* (mg/mL)

Acceptance criteria: See [Table 2](#).

Table 2

Name	Relative Retention Time	Acceptance Criteria, NMT (%)
Acetonitrile	0.30	0.3
Ethyl acetate	0.60	0.2
Dioxane	0.83	0.1
<i>n</i> -Heptane	0.85	0.5
Pyridine	0.92	0.2
Toluene	1.0	0.2

• **ORGANIC IMPURITIES, PROCEDURE 1**

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

System suitability

Sample: *System suitability solution*

[NOTE—See [Table 3](#) for the relative retention times.]

Suitability requirements

Resolution: NLT 1.5 between dutasteride 17 α -epimer and dutasteride

Analysis

Sample: *Sample solution*

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

$$\text{Result} = (r_u/r_T) \times (1/F) \times 100$$

r_u = peak area for each impurity from the *Sample solution*

r_T = sum of all the peak areas from the *Sample solution*

F = relative response factor (see [Table 3](#))

Acceptance criteria: See [Table 3](#).

Table 3

Name	Relative Retention Time	Relative Response Factor	Acceptance Criteria, NMT (%)
Dutasteride acid ^a	0.10	1.0	0.2
Dutasteride dimethylamide ^b	0.11	1.4	0.2
Dutasteride methyl ester ^c	0.28	1.0	0.15
Dutasteride ethyl ester ^d	0.39	1.0	0.2
Dutasteride 17 α -5-ene ^e	0.90	1.0	0.2
Dutasteride 17 α -epimer	0.93	1.0	0.3

Name	Relative Retention Time	Relative Response Factor	Acceptance Criteria, NMT (%)
Dutasteride	1.00	—	—
Chlorodutasteride ^f	1.15	0.33	0.4
Dutasteride 5-ene ^g	1.20	1.0	0.3
Any unspecified impurity	—	—	0.1

^a (5 α ,17 β)-3-Oxo-4-azaandrost-1-ene-17-carboxylic acid.

^b (5 α ,17 β)-*N,N*-Dimethyl-3-oxo-4-azaandrost-1-ene-17-carboxamide.

^c Methyl (5 α ,17 β)-3-oxo-4-azaandrost-1-ene-17-carboxylate.

^d Ethyl (5 α ,17 β)-3-oxo-4-azaandrost-1-ene-17-carboxylate.

^e (17 α)-*N*-[2,5-Bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-3-oxo-4-azaandrost-1,5(6)-diene-17-carboxamide.

^f (1 α ,5 α ,17 β)-*N*-[2,5-Bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-1-chloro-3-oxo-4-azaandrostane-17-carboxamide.

^g (17 β)-*N*-[2,5-Bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-3-oxo-4-azaandrost-1,5(6)-diene-17-carboxamide.

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• **ORGANIC IMPURITIES, PROCEDURE 2**

Diluent, System suitability solution, and Sample solution: Prepare as directed in the Assay.

Mobile phase: [Acetonitrile](#) and [water](#) (80:20)

Chromatographic system

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

Mode: LC

Detector: UV 220 nm

Column: 4.6-mm $\times$ 15-cm; 5- μ m packing [L11](#)

Flow rate: 1 mL/min

Injection volume: 10 μ L

Run time: NLT 5 times the retention time of dutasteride

System suitability

Sample: *System suitability solution*

Suitability requirements

Resolution: NLT 1.5 between dutasteride α -dimer and dutasteride β -dimer peaks

Analysis

Sample: *Sample solution*

Integrate the dutasteride peak and all drug-related peaks eluting after the dutasteride peak.

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

$$\text{Result} = (r_U/r_T) \times (1/F) \times 100$$

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

r_T = sum of all the peak areas from the *Sample solution*

F = relative response factor (see [Table 4](#))

Acceptance criteria: See [Table 4](#).

Table 4

Name	Relative Retention Time	Relative Response Factor	Acceptance Criteria, NMT (%)
Dutasteride	1.0	—	—
Dihydrodutasteride ^a	1.19	1.0	0.15
Dutasteride α -dimer	3.7	1.0	0.3

Name	Relative Retention Time	Relative Response Factor	Acceptance Criteria, NMT (%)
Dutasteride β-dimer	4.3	1.0	0.5
Any unspecified impurity	—	1.0	0.1
Total impurities ^b	—	—	2.0

^a ▲N-[2,5-Bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-3-oxo-4-aza-5α-androstane-17β-carboxamide.▲ (CN 1-Aug-2024)

^b Sum of impurities from [Table 3](#) and [Table 4](#).

SPECIFIC TESTS

- [WATER DETERMINATION \(921\)](#), [Method I](#), [Method Ic](#)

Sample: 100 mg

Analysis: The *Sample* is heated in a tube at 180° for 4 min in a stream of dry inert gas.

Acceptance criteria

For the anhydrous form: NMT 0.50%

For the hydrate form: NMT 2.0%. [Water Determination \(921\)](#), [Method I](#), [Method Ia](#) may also be used.

- [OPTICAL ROTATION \(781S\)](#), [Procedures](#), [Specific Rotation](#)

Sample solution: 10 mg/mL in chloroform and alcohol (98:2)

Acceptance criteria: +15.0° to +25.0°

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- **PACKAGING AND STORAGE:** Preserve in tight containers, and store below 30°.

- **LABELING:** Where it is the hydrate form, the label so indicates.

- [USP REFERENCE STANDARDS \(11\)](#).

[USP Dutasteride RS](#)

[USP Dutasteride Resolution Mixture RS](#)

The mixture contains Dutasteride and the following three impurities (other impurities may also be present):

Dutasteride 17α-epimer: (5α,17α)-N-[2,5-Bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-3-oxo-4-azaandrost-1-ene-17-carboxamide.



Dutasteride α-dimer: {[(5α,17β)-N-[2,5-Bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-3-oxo-4-azaandrost-1-ene-17-carboxamide-]4-yl}{[(5α,17α)-3-oxo-4-azaandrost-1-ene]-17-yl}methanone.



Dutasteride β-dimer: {[(5α,17β)-N-[2,5-Bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-3-oxo-4-azaandrost-1-ene-17-carboxamide-]4-yl}{[(5α,17β)-3-oxo-4-azaandrost-1-ene]-17-yl}methanone.



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