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# Erythromycin Lactobionate for Injection

$C_{37}H_{67}NO_{13} \cdot C_{12}H_{22}O_{12}$  1092.22  
Erythromycin mono(4-O-β-D-galactopyranosyl-D-gluconate) (salt).  
Erythromycin lactobionate (1:1) (salt) CAS RN®: 3847-29-8.

» Erythromycin Lactobionate for Injection is a sterile, dry mixture of erythromycin lactobionate and a suitable preservative. It contains the equivalent of not less than 90.0 percent and not more than 120.0 percent of the labeled amount of erythromycin ( $C_{37}H_{67}NO_{13}$ ).

**Packaging and storage**—Preserve as described in [Packaging and Storage Requirements \(659\)](#), [Injection Packaging](#), [Packaging for constitution](#).  
**USP REFERENCE STANDARDS (11)**—

[USP Erythromycin RS](#)  
[USP Erythromycin Lactobionate RS](#)

**Constituted solution**—At the time of use, it meets the requirements for [Injections and Implanted Drug Products \(1\)](#), [Specific Tests](#), [Completeness and clarity of solutions](#).

**Change to read:**

**Identification**, ▲ **SPECTROSCOPIC IDENTIFICATION TESTS (197)**, **Infrared Spectroscopy: 197M**▲ (CN 1-May-2020) : the specimen and the Reference Standard being previously dried in vacuum at a pressure not exceeding 5 mm of mercury at 60° for 3 hours.

**BACTERIAL ENDOTOXINS TEST (85)** —It contains not more than 1.0 USP Endotoxin Unit per mg of erythromycin.

**pH (791)**: between 6.5 and 7.5, in a solution containing the equivalent of 50 mg of erythromycin per mL.

**WATER DETERMINATION, Method I (921)**: not more than 5.0%.

**PARTICULATE MATTER IN INJECTIONS (788)**: meets the requirements for small-volume injections when the constituted solution is diluted with filtered water to a concentration of not more than 5 mg of erythromycin base per mL before the test is performed.

**Other requirements**—It meets the requirements under [Injections and Implanted Drug Products \(1\)](#).

**Assay**—Proceed as directed for erythromycin under [Antibiotics—Microbial Assays \(81\)](#), using Erythromycin Lactobionate for Injection constituted as directed in the labeling. Withdraw all of the withdrawable contents where the package is represented as being a single-dose container; or, where the labeling specifies the amount of erythromycin equivalent in a given volume of the resultant preparation, withdraw an accurately measured volume. Dilute quantitatively with water to obtain a stock solution containing the equivalent of about 10 mg of erythromycin per mL. Dilute this stock solution quantitatively with *Buffer B.3* to obtain a *Test Dilution* having a concentration assumed to be equal to the median dose level of the Standard.

**Auxiliary Information** - Please [check for your question in the FAQs](#) before contacting USP.

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