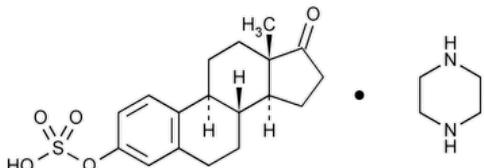


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## Estropipate

**Change to read:**



$C_{18}H_{22}O_5S \cdot C_4H_{10}N_2$  ▲436.57 ▲ (ERR 1-Dec-2021)

Estra-1,3,5(10)-trien-17-one, 3-(sulfoxy)-, compd. with piperazine (1:1).

Estrone hydrogen sulfate compound with piperazine (1:1) CAS RN®: 7280-37-7; UNII: SVI38UY019.

» Estropipate contains not less than 97.0 percent and not more than 103.0 percent of  $C_{18}H_{22}O_5S \cdot C_4H_{10}N_2$ , calculated on the dried basis.

**Packaging and storage**—Preserve in tight containers.

**USP REFERENCE STANDARDS (11)**—

[USP Estrone RS](#)  
[USP Estropipate RS](#)

**Identification**, [Spectroscopic Identification Tests \(197\)](#), [Infrared Spectroscopy: 197K](#).

**Loss on Drying (731)**—Dry it at 105° for 1 hour: it loses not more than 1.0% of its weight.

**Residue on Ignition (281)**: not more than 0.5%.

**Free estrone**—

**Stock impurity standard preparation**—Weigh accurately 25.0 mg of [USP Estrone RS](#) into a 100-mL volumetric flask, dilute with spectrophotometric-grade methanol to volume, and sonicate to achieve complete solution.

**Impurity standard preparation**—Weigh accurately 25.0 mg of [USP Estropipate RS](#) into a 25-mL volumetric flask, add 2.0 mL of **Stock impurity standard preparation**, dilute with spectrophotometric-grade methanol to volume, and sonicate to achieve complete solution.

**Standard preparation**—Weigh accurately 25.0 mg of [USP Estropipate RS](#) into a 25-mL volumetric flask, dilute with spectrophotometric-grade methanol to volume, and sonicate to achieve complete solution.

**Test preparation**—Using a portion of Estropipate, accurately weighed, prepare as directed under **Standard preparation**.

**Mobile phase**—Mix 650 mL of 0.025 M potassium dihydrogen phosphate with 350 mL of spectrophotometric-grade acetonitrile. Filter the solution through a membrane filter having a porosity of 1 µm or less, and degas at a pressure of less than 100 mm of mercury until no further bubbles appear. The concentration of acetonitrile may be varied to meet system suitability requirements and to provide a suitable elution time for all components.

**Chromatographic system**—Typically, a high-pressure liquid chromatograph, operated at room temperature, is fitted with a 30-cm × 3.9-mm stainless steel column that contains packing L1. The mobile phase is maintained at a pressure and flow rate (approximately 1.5 mL per minute) capable of giving the required resolution (see **System suitability test**) and a suitable elution time. An UV detector that monitors absorption at a wavelength of 213 nm is used with a recorder adjusted such that approximately 0.04 absorbance unit gives a full-scale reading.

**System suitability test**—Chromatograph two injections of the **Impurity standard preparation**, and determine that after the injection front the small peak (estrone) after the major peak does not differ in peak response between the duplicate injections by more than 4%. Also determine that the small peak after the major component has a retention time relative to the major component of approximately 5.5. (For a particular column, resolution may be increased by decreasing the amount of acetonitrile in the **Mobile phase**.)

**Procedure**—Inject separately 5.0-µL portions of the **Standard preparation**, the **Impurity standard preparation**, and the **Test preparation** into the high-pressure liquid chromatograph by means of a suitable sampling valve or high-pressure microsyringe. Measure the peak responses for the estrone peak relative to the estropipate peak obtained with the **Standard preparation**, the **Impurity standard preparation**, and the **Test preparation**. Calculate the percentage of free estrone taken by the formula:

$$2.5(C/W)(H_U/H_S)$$

in which  $H_U$  and  $H_S$  are the measured peak heights of the impurity (estrone) in the **Test preparation** and the **Impurity standard preparation** corrected for the peak height of estrone in the **Standard preparation**, respectively,  $W$  is the weight, in mg, of estropipate in the **Test preparation**, and  $C$  is the concentration, in µg per mL, of [USP Estrone RS](#) in the **Impurity standard preparation**. Not more than 2.0% is found.

**Assay**—

*Standard preparation*—Prepare as directed under *Free estrone*.

*Assay preparation*—Prepare as directed for *Test preparation* under *Free estrone*.

*Chromatographic system*—Use the same system as in test for *Free estrone*. Adjust the recorder so that approximately 0.4 absorbance unit gives a full-scale reading.

*System suitability test*—Chromatograph two injections of the *Standard preparation*, and determine that only one major peak is observed after the injection front. The peak responses between the duplicate injections for the major peak do not differ by more than 3%.

*Procedure*—Inject 5.0  $\mu$ L of the *Assay preparation* and the *Standard preparation* into the high-pressure liquid chromatograph by means of a suitable sampling valve or high-pressure microsyringe. Measure the peak heights for the respective estropipate peak (it is actually an estrone sulfate peak) obtained with the *Assay preparation* and the *Standard preparation*. Calculate the quantity, in mg, of  $C_{18}H_{22}O_5S \cdot C_4H_{10}N_2$  in the portion of Estropipate taken by the formula:

$$25C(H_u/H_s)$$

in which  $H_u$  and  $H_s$  are the peak heights obtained with the *Assay preparation* and the *Standard preparation*, respectively, and C is the concentration, in mg per mL, of [USP Estropipate RS](#) in the *Standard preparation*.

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