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## Ethotoin Tablets

» Ethotoin Tablets contain not less than 90.0 percent and not more than 110.0 percent of the labeled amount of  $C_{11}H_{12}N_2O_2$ .

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

**USP REFERENCE STANDARDS (11)**—

[USP Ethotoin RS](#)

[USP Ethylparaben RS](#)

**Identification**—The retention time of the major peak in the chromatogram of the *Assay preparation* corresponds to that of the *Standard preparation*, both relative to the internal standard, as obtained in the *Assay*.

**DISSOLUTION (711)**—

*Medium*: 0.1 N hydrochloric acid; 900 mL.

*Apparatus 2*: 100 rpm.

*Time*: 60 minutes.

*Standard solution*—Transfer about 100 mg of [USP Ethotoin RS](#), accurately weighed, to a 25-mL volumetric flask. Dissolve in methanol, dilute with methanol to volume, and mix. Transfer 4.0 mL of this solution to a 50-mL volumetric flask, add *Dissolution Medium* to volume, and mix.

*Procedure*—Determine the amount of  $C_{11}H_{12}N_2O_2$  dissolved from UV absorbances at the wavelength of maximum absorbance at about 257 nm on filtered portions of the solution under test, suitably diluted with *Dissolution Medium*, if necessary, in comparison with the *Standard solution*.

*Tolerances*—Not less than 80% (Q) of the labeled amount of  $C_{11}H_{12}N_2O_2$  is dissolved in 60 minutes.

**UNIFORMITY OF DOSAGE UNITS (905)**: meet the requirements.

**Assay**—

*Diluent*—Prepare a mixture of water, acetonitrile, and phosphoric acid (750:250:1).

*Mobile phase*—Prepare a filtered and degassed mixture of water and acetonitrile (3:1). Make adjustments if necessary (see [System Suitability](#) under [Chromatography \(621\)](#)).

*Internal standard solution*—Prepare a solution of [USP Ethylparaben RS](#) in *Diluent* having a concentration of 0.02 mg per mL.

*Standard preparation*—Dissolve an accurately weighed quantity of [USP Ethotoin RS](#) in *Mobile phase*, and dilute quantitatively, and stepwise if necessary, with *Mobile phase* to obtain a solution having a known concentration of about 1.0 mg per mL. Immediately transfer 5 mL of this solution and 5 mL of the *Internal standard solution* to a suitable container, and mix well.

*Assay preparation*—Weigh and finely powder not fewer than 20 Tablets. Transfer an accurately weighed portion of the powder, equivalent to about 100 mg of ethotoin, to a 100-mL volumetric flask. Add 75 mL of *Mobile phase*, shake vigorously for 60 minutes, dilute with *Mobile phase* to volume, mix, and immediately filter. Without delay, transfer 5 mL of the filtrate and 5 mL of the *Internal standard solution* to a suitable container, and mix.

*Chromatographic system* (see [Chromatography \(621\)](#))—The liquid chromatograph is equipped with a 254-nm detector and a 3.9-mm  $\times$  30-cm column that contains packing L1. The flow rate is about 1.5 mL per minute. Chromatograph the *Standard preparation*, and record the peak responses as directed for *Procedure*: the resolution,  $R$ , between the analyte and internal standard peaks is not less than 2.0; and the relative standard deviation for replicate injections is not more than 2.0%.

*Procedure*—Separately inject equal volumes (about 50  $\mu$ L) of the *Standard preparation* and the *Assay preparation* into the chromatograph, record the chromatograms, and measure the responses for the major peaks. [Note—For the purpose of identification, the relative retention times are about 0.5 for ethotoin and 1.0 for ethylparaben.] Calculate the quantity, in mg, of ethotoin ( $C_{11}H_{12}N_2O_2$ ) in the portion of Tablets taken by the formula:

$$200C(R_U/R_S)$$

in which  $C$  is the concentration, in mg per mL, of [USP Ethotoin RS](#) in the *Standard preparation*; and  $R_U$  and  $R_S$  are the peak response ratios obtained from the *Assay preparation* and the *Standard preparation*, respectively.

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