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# Etidronate Disodium Tablets

## DEFINITION

Etidronate Disodium Tablets contain NLT 90.0% and NMT 110.0% of the labeled amount of etidronate disodium ( $C_2H_6Na_2O_7P_2$ ).

## IDENTIFICATION

**Change to read:**

- A.** **▲** **SPECTROSCOPIC IDENTIFICATION TESTS** (197), *Infrared Spectroscopy*: 197A or 197M **▲** (CN 1-May-2020)  
**Standard:** Recrystallize [USP Etidronate Disodium RS](#) from [water](#) and dry it at 105° for 1 h.  
**Sample:** Recrystallize the sample from [water](#) and dry it at 105° for 1 h.  
**Analysis and Acceptance criteria** **▲**for (197M): **▲** (CN 1-May-2020) The spectra of [trifluorovinyl chloride polymer](#) and mineral oil dispersions of the *Sample*, separately prepared, exhibit maxima in the regions of 4000–1350  $cm^{-1}$  and 1350–450  $cm^{-1}$ , respectively, only at the same wavelengths as those of similar preparations of the *Standard*. **▲** **▲** (CN 1-May-2020)
- 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

**Mobile phase:** 35–40 mM [ammonium nitrate](#) solution in [water](#). Adjust with dilute [ammonium hydroxide](#) to a pH of 7.0.  
**Standard solution:** 0.73–0.75 mg/mL of [USP Etidronic Acid Monohydrate RS](#) in [1 N sodium hydroxide VS](#) and *Mobile phase* (1:150)  
**Sample solution:** Transfer a quantity of finely powdered Tablets (NLT 20), nominally equivalent to 160–170 mg of etidronate disodium, to a 200-mL volumetric flask, and dilute with *Mobile phase* to volume. Agitate the solution for at least 5 min, and pass through a nylon filter of 0.45- $\mu m$  pore size.

### Chromatographic system

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

**Mode:** LC  
**Detector:** Refractive index  
**Column:** 4.6-mm  $\times$  15-cm; 10- $\mu m$  packing [L23](#)  
**Temperatures**  
**Detector:** 32°  
**Column:** 32°  
**Flow rate:** 1.5 mL/min  
**Injection volume:** 20  $\mu L$

### System suitability

**Sample:** *Standard solution*  
**Suitability requirements**  
**Relative standard deviation:** NMT 1.5%

### Analysis

**Samples:** *Standard solution* and *Sample solution*

Calculate the percentage of the labeled amount of etidronate disodium ( $C_2H_6Na_2O_7P_2$ ) in the portion of Tablets taken:

$$\text{Result} = (r_U/r_S) \times (C_S/C_U) \times (M_{r1}/M_{r2}) \times 100$$

- $r_U$  = peak response from the *Sample solution*  
 $r_S$  = peak response from the *Standard solution*  
 $C_S$  = concentration of [USP Etidronic Acid Monohydrate RS](#) in the *Standard solution* (mg/mL)  
 $C_U$  = nominal concentration of etidronate disodium in the *Sample solution* (mg/mL)  
 $M_{r1}$  = molecular weight of etidronate disodium, 249.99  
 $M_{r2}$  = molecular weight of etidronic acid monohydrate, 224.04

PERFORMANCE TESTS

• [DISSOLUTION \(711\)](#)

**Medium:** [Water](#); 900 mL

**Apparatus 1:** 100 rpm

**Time:** 30 min

**Mobile phase:** Prepare as directed in the Assay.

**Standard solution**

**For products labeled to contain 200 mg of etidronate disodium:** Transfer 20 mg of [USP Etidronic Acid Monohydrate RS](#) to a 100-mL volumetric flask, dissolve in 50 mL of water, add 2.0 mL of [0.1 N sodium hydroxide VS](#), and dilute with [water](#) to volume.

**For products labeled to contain 400 mg of etidronate disodium:** Transfer 20 mg of [USP Etidronic Acid Monohydrate RS](#) to a 50-mL volumetric flask, dissolve in 25 mL of [water](#), add 2.0 mL of [0.1 N sodium hydroxide VS](#), and dilute with [water](#) to volume.

**Sample solution:** Transfer a portion of the solution under test to an HPLC vial.

**Chromatographic system**

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

**Mode:** LC

**Detector:** Refractive index

**Column:** 4.6-mm × 15-cm; 10-μm packing [L23](#)

**Temperatures**

**Detector:** 32°

**Column:** 32°

**Flow rate:** 1.5 mL/min

**Injection volume:** See [Table 1](#).

Table 1

Tablet Strength (mg)	Injection Volume (μL)
200	100
400	50

**System suitability**

**Sample:** *Standard solution*

**Suitability requirements**

**Relative standard deviation:** NMT 1.5%

**Analysis**

**Samples:** *Standard solution and Sample solution*

Calculate the percentage of the labeled amount of etidronate disodium (C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>6</sub>Na<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub>P<sub>2</sub>) dissolved:

$$\text{Result} = (r_U/r_S) \times C_S \times V \times (M_{r1}/M_{r2}) \times (1/L) \times 100$$

$r_U$  = peak response from the *Sample solution*

$r_S$  = peak response from the *Standard solution*

$C_S$  = concentration of [USP Etidronic Acid Monohydrate RS](#) in the *Standard solution* (mg/mL)

$V$  = volume of *Medium*, 900 mL

$M_{r1}$  = molecular weight of etidronate disodium, 249.99

$M_{r2}$  = molecular weight of etidronic acid monohydrate, 224.04

$L$  = label claim (mg/Tablet)

**Tolerances:** NLT 70% (Q) of the labeled amount of etidronate disodium (C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>6</sub>Na<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub>P<sub>2</sub>) is dissolved.

• [UNIFORMITY OF DOSAGE UNITS \(905\)](#): Meet the requirements

**IMPURITIES**

• **LIMIT OF PHOSPHITE AND PHOSPHATE**

**Mobile phase:** 20 mM [ammonium nitrate](#) solution in water. Adjust with dilute [ammonium hydroxide](#) to a pH of 7.0.

**Standard solution:** A mixture of 0.04 mg/mL of dibasic sodium phosphite, on the anhydrous basis from [USP Etidronate Disodium Related Compound A RS](#), and [anhydrous dibasic sodium phosphate](#) in *Mobile phase*

**Sample solution:** Nominally equivalent to 4.0 mg/mL of etidronate disodium in *Mobile phase* prepared as follows. Transfer a quantity of finely powdered Tablets (NLT 20), equivalent to 200 mg of etidronate disodium, to a 50-mL volumetric flask. Add about 40 mL of *Mobile phase*, dissolved by sonication, and dilute with *Mobile phase* to volume. Centrifuge a portion and use the clear supernatant.

#### Chromatographic system

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

**Mode:** LC

**Detector:** Refractive index

**Column:** 4.6-mm × 15-cm; 10-μm packing [L23](#)

**Column temperature:** 35°

**Flow rate:** 1.5 mL/min

**Injection volume:** 100 μL

#### System suitability

**Sample:** *Standard solution*

[NOTE—The typical relative retention times are about 0.7 for the phosphite, relative to the phosphite, and 1.0 for the phosphite.]

#### Suitability requirements

**Resolution:** NLT 1.5 between the phosphite and phosphate peaks

**Relative standard deviation:** NMT 5% for both the phosphite and phosphate peaks

#### Analysis

**Samples:** *Standard solution* and *Sample solution*

Calculate the percentage of phosphite, determined as monobasic sodium phosphite, in the portion of Tablets taken:

$$\text{Result} = (r_U/r_S) \times (C_S/C_U) \times (M_{r1}/M_{r2}) \times 100$$

$r_U$  = peak response of phosphite from the *Sample solution*

$r_S$  = peak response of phosphite from the *Standard solution*

$C_S$  = concentration of [USP Etidronate Disodium Related Compound A RS](#) on the anhydrous basis in the *Standard solution* (mg/mL)

$C_U$  = nominal concentration of etidronate disodium in the *Sample solution* (mg/mL)

$M_{r1}$  = molecular weight of monobasic sodium phosphite, 103.98

$M_{r2}$  = molecular weight of dibasic sodium phosphite, 125.96

Calculate the percentage of phosphate, determined as dibasic sodium phosphate, in the portion of Tablets taken:

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

$r_U$  = peak response of phosphate from the *Sample solution*

$r_S$  = peak response of phosphate from the *Standard solution*

$C_S$  = concentration of dibasic sodium phosphate in the *Standard solution* (mg/mL)

$C_U$  = nominal concentration of etidronate disodium in the *Sample solution* (mg/mL)

#### Acceptance criteria

**Phosphite:** NMT 1.0%, determined as monobasic sodium phosphite

**Phosphate:** NMT 1.0%, determined as dibasic sodium phosphate

#### ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

• **PACKAGING AND STORAGE:** Preserve in tight containers.

• **USP REFERENCE STANDARDS (11).**

[USP Etidronate Disodium RS](#)

[USP Etidronate Disodium Related Compound A RS](#)

Sodium phosphite dibasic pentahydrate.

$\text{Na}_2\text{HPO}_3 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$  216.04

[USP Etidronic Acid Monohydrate RS](#)

Phosphonic acid, (1-hydroxyethylidene)bis-, monohydrate

$\text{C}_2\text{H}_8\text{O}_7\text{P}_2 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$  224.04

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