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## Etodolac Tablets

### DEFINITION

Etodolac Tablets contain NLT 90.0% and NMT 110.0% of the labeled amount of etodolac ( $C_{17}H_{21}NO_3$ ).

### IDENTIFICATION

- A. The retention time of the major peak of the *Sample solution* corresponds to that of the *Standard solution*, as obtained in the Assay.

*Add the following:*

- ▲ B. The UV spectrum of the major peak of the *Sample solution* corresponds to that of the *Standard solution*, as obtained in the Assay.▲ (USP 1-May-2024)

### ASSAY

*Change to read:*

- **PROCEDURE**

**Mobile phase:** [Acetonitrile](#), [phosphoric acid](#), and [water](#) (50: 0.025: 50)

**System suitability solution:** 0.01 mg/mL of [USP Etodolac Related Compound A RS](#) and 0.2 mg/mL of [USP Etodolac RS](#) in *Mobile phase*

**Standard solution:** 0.2 mg/mL of [USP Etodolac RS](#) in *Mobile phase*. Prepare this solution fresh daily.

**Sample stock solution:** Nominally 2 mg/mL of etodolac prepared as follows. Transfer a portion of finely powdered Tablets (NLT 20), equivalent to about 1000 mg of etodolac, to a 500-mL volumetric flask, add 300 mL of *Mobile phase*, shake for 15 min, and sonicate for 5 min. Cool, and dilute with *Mobile phase* to volume. Allow to settle for 10 min.

**Sample solution:** Nominally 0.2 mg/mL of etodolac in *Mobile phase*, from *Sample stock solution*. Pass the solution through a suitable filter of 0.45- $\mu$ m or finer pore size.

#### Chromatographic system

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

**Mode:** LC

**Detector:** UV 274 nm. ▲ For *Identification B*, use a diode array detector in the range of 190–400 nm.▲ (USP 1-May-2024)

**Column:** 4.6-mm  $\times$  25-cm; ▲ 10- $\mu$ m▲ (USP 1-May-2024) packing [L1](#)

**Flow rate:** 1.5 mL/min

**Injection volume:** 10  $\mu$ L

#### System suitability

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

[*NOTE*—The relative retention times for etodolac related compound A and etodolac are 0.8 and 1.0, respectively.]

#### Suitability requirements

**Resolution:** NLT 2 between etodolac related compound A and etodolac, *System suitability solution*

**Tailing factor:** NMT 2, *Standard solution*

**Relative standard deviation:** NMT 2%, *Standard solution*

#### Analysis

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

Calculate the percentage of the labeled amount of etodolac ( $C_{17}H_{21}NO_3$ ) in the portion of Tablets taken:

$$\text{Result} = (r_u/r_s) \times (C_s/C_u) \times 100$$

$r_u$  = peak response of etodolac from the *Sample solution*

$r_s$  = peak response of etodolac from the *Standard solution*

$C_s$  = concentration of [USP Etodolac RS](#) in the *Standard solution* (mg/mL)

$C_u$  = nominal concentration of etodolac in the *Sample solution* (mg/mL)

**Acceptance criteria:** 90.0%–110.0%

**PERFORMANCE TESTS****Change to read:**

- [DISSOLUTION \(711\)](#)

**Medium:** [pH 6.8 phosphate buffer](#); 1000 mL

**Apparatus 1:** 100 rpm

**Time:** 30 min

**Standard solution:** A known concentration of [USP Etodolac RS](#) in *Medium*

**Sample solution:** Pass the solution under test through a suitable filter. Dilute with *Medium*, if necessary, to a suitable concentration that is similar to that of the *Standard solution*.

**Instrumental conditions**

**Mode:** UV

**Analytical wavelength:** Maximum at about 274 nm

**Analysis**

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

Calculate the percentage of the labeled amount of etodolac ( $C_{17}H_{21}NO_3$ ) dissolved:

$$\Delta \text{Result} = (A_U/A_S) \times C_S \times V \times D \times (1/L) \times 100$$

$A_U$  = absorbance of the *Sample solution*

$A_S$  = absorbance of the *Standard solution*

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

$V$  = volume of the *Medium*, 1000 mL

$D$  = dilution factor of the *Sample solution*

$L$  = label claim (mg/Tablet)

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**Tolerances:** NLT 80% (Q) of the labeled amount of etodolac ( $C_{17}H_{21}NO_3$ ) is dissolved.

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

**Add the following:****▲ IMPURITIES**

- [ORGANIC IMPURITIES](#)

Protect the solutions containing etodolac from light.

**Solution A:** 0.77 g/L of [ammonium acetate](#) in [water](#)

**Solution B:** [Acetonitrile](#) and Solution A (90:10)

**Mobile phase:** See [Table 1](#). Return to original conditions and re-equilibrate the system. [NOTE—A re-equilibration time of 15 min may be used.]

**Table 1**

Time (min)	Solution A (%)	Solution B (%)
0	80	20
25	50	50
50	50	50

**System suitability solution:** 1.0 mg/mL of [USP Etodolac RS](#) and 0.002 mg/mL of [USP Etodolac Related Compound H RS](#) in [acetonitrile](#).

Sonicate to dissolve as needed.

**Standard solution:** 0.002 mg/mL each of [USP Etodolac RS](#) and [USP Etodolac Related Compound H RS](#) in [acetonitrile](#). Sonicate to dissolve as needed.

**Sensitivity solution:** 1.0  $\mu$ g/mL each of [USP Etodolac RS](#) and [USP Etodolac Related Compound H RS](#) in [acetonitrile](#), from the *Standard solution*

**Sample solution:** Nominally 1.0 mg/mL of etodolac prepared as follows. Transfer a portion of finely powdered Tablets (NLT 20), equivalent to about 50 mg of etodolac, to a 50-mL volumetric flask. Add about 30 mL of [acetonitrile](#), sonicate, and dilute with [acetonitrile](#) to volume. [NOTE—A sonication time of 15 min may be used.]

**Chromatographic system**

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

**Mode:** LC**Detector:** UV 225 nm**Column:** 4.6-mm × 15-cm; 3.5-µm packing [L26](#)**Temperatures****Autosampler:** 5°**Column:** 35°**Flow rate:** 1 mL/min**Injection volume:** 5 µL**System suitability****Samples:** System suitability solution, Standard solution, and Sensitivity solution**Suitability requirements****Resolution:** NLT 3.0 between etodolac and etodolac related compound H (7-ethyltryptanol), System suitability solution**Relative standard deviation:** NMT 5.0% for etodolac and etodolac related compound H (7-ethyltryptanol), Standard solution**Signal-to-noise ratio:** NLT 10 for etodolac and etodolac related compound H (7-ethyltryptanol), Sensitivity solution**Analysis****Samples:** Standard solution and Sample solution

Calculate the percentage of etodolac related compound H (7-ethyltryptanol) in the portion of Tablets taken:

$$\text{Result} = (r_u/r_s) \times (C_s/C_u) \times 100$$

 $r_u$  = peak response of etodolac related compound H (7-ethyltryptanol) from the Sample solution $r_s$  = peak response of etodolac related compound H (7-ethyltryptanol) from the Standard solution $C_s$  = concentration of [USP Etodolac Related Compound H RS](#) in the Standard solution (mg/mL) $C_u$  = nominal concentration of etodolac in the Sample solution (mg/mL)

Calculate the percentage of any unspecified degradation product in the portion of Tablets taken:

$$\text{Result} = (r_u/r_s) \times (C_s/C_u) \times 100$$

 $r_u$  = peak response of any unspecified degradation product from the Sample solution $r_s$  = peak response of etodolac from the Standard solution $C_s$  = concentration of [USP Etodolac RS](#) in the Standard solution (mg/mL) $C_u$  = nominal concentration of etodolac in the Sample solution (mg/mL)**Acceptance criteria:** See [Table 2](#). The reporting threshold is 0.1%.**Table 2**

Name	Relative Retention Time	Acceptance Criteria, NMT (%)
Etodolac	1.0	—
Etodolac related compound H (7-ethyltryptanol)	1.1	0.3
Any unspecified degradation product	—	0.2
Total degradation products	—	1.0

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**ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS****Change to read:**

- **PACKAGING AND STORAGE:** ▲Store at controlled room temperature in a tight, light-resistant container.▲ (USP 1-May-2024)

**Change to read:**

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

[USP Etodolac RS](#)

USP Etodolac Related Compound A RS

▲ 8-Ethyl-1-methyl-1,3,4,9-tetrahydropyrano [3,4-b]-indol-1-ylacetic acid.▲ (USP 1-May-2024)

$C_{16}H_{19}NO_3$  273.33

▲ USP Etodolac Related Compound H RS

2-(7-Ethyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl)ethan-1-ol.

$C_{12}H_{15}NO$  189.26▲ (USP 1-May-2024)

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