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## Fluphenazine Hydrochloride Tablets

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### DEFINITION

Fluphenazine Hydrochloride Tablets contain NLT 90.0% and NMT 110.0% of the labeled amount of fluphenazine hydrochloride ( $C_{22}H_{26}F_3N_3OS \cdot 2HCl$ ).

[NOTE—Throughout the following procedures, protect samples, the Reference Standard, and solutions containing them by conducting the procedures without delay, under subdued light, or using low-actinic glassware.]

### IDENTIFICATION

#### • A. THIN-LAYER CHROMATOGRAPHY

**Diluent:** Methanol and water (80:20)

**Standard solution:** 20 mg/mL of [USP Fluphenazine Hydrochloride RS](#) in *Diluent* prepared as follows. Transfer 10 mg of [USP Fluphenazine Hydrochloride RS](#) to a separator. Add 5 mL of water and 20 mL of dilute hydrochloric acid (1 in 120) to the separator, shake for 10 min, and add 20 mL of chloroform-saturated sodium carbonate solution (1 in 10). Extract the resulting mixture with five 20-mL portions of chloroform, shaking gently to avoid emulsion formation, and pass the extract through a chloroform-washed cotton filter into a 150-mL beaker. Evaporate the extract on a steam bath to dryness, and dissolve the residue in 0.5 mL of *Diluent*.

**Sample solution:** Nominally 20 mg/mL of fluphenazine hydrochloride from Tablets in *Diluent* prepared as follows. Transfer a portion of finely powdered Tablets, equivalent to 10 mg of fluphenazine hydrochloride, to a separator. Add 5 mL of water and 20 mL of dilute hydrochloric acid (1 in 120) to the separator, shake for 10 min, and add 20 mL of chloroform-saturated sodium carbonate solution (1 in 10). Extract the resulting mixture with five 20-mL portions of chloroform, shaking gently to avoid emulsion formation, and pass the extract through a chloroform-washed cotton filter into a 150-mL beaker. Evaporate the extract on a steam bath to dryness, and dissolve the residue in 0.5 mL of *Diluent*.

#### Chromatographic system

(See [Chromatography \(621\), General Procedures, Thin-Layer Chromatography](#).)

**Adsorbent:** 0.25-mm layer of chromatographic silica gel mixture

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

**Developing solvent system:** Acetone, cyclohexane, and diethylamine (40:15:1)

**Spray reagent:** Sulfuric acid in methanol (2 in 5)

#### Analysis

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

Allow the spots to dry, and develop the chromatogram in the *Developing solvent system* until the solvent front has moved three-fourths of the length of the plate. Locate the spots on the plate by lightly spraying it with *Spray reagent*.

**Acceptance criteria:** The  $R_f$  value and color of the principal spot of the *Sample solution* correspond to those of the *Standard solution*.

### ASSAY

#### • PROCEDURE

**Buffer:** 0.05 M monobasic potassium phosphate adjusted with phosphoric acid to a pH of 2.5

**Diluent:** Acetonitrile, methanol, and *Buffer* (30:30:40)

**Mobile phase:** 0.2% triethylamine in *Diluent*

**Standard solution:** 0.06 mg/mL of [USP Fluphenazine Hydrochloride RS](#) in *Diluent*

**Sample stock solution:** Transfer 6 Tablets to a suitable volumetric flask, add *Diluent*, shake for 1 h, and sonicate for 10 min or until a fine suspension is obtained.

**Sample solution:** Nominally 0.06 mg/mL of fluphenazine hydrochloride from *Sample stock solution* in *Diluent*. Filter, and use the filtrate after discarding the first 5 mL of the filtrate.

#### Chromatographic system

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

**Mode:** LC

**Detector:** UV 254 nm

**Column:** 4-mm  $\times$  12.5-cm; packing L7

**Flow rate:** 1 mL/min

**Injection volume:** 25 µL

**System suitability**

**Sample:** *Standard solution*

**Suitability requirements**

**Column efficiency:** NLT 2000 theoretical plates

**Tailing factor:** NMT 2.0

**Relative standard deviation:** NMT 2.0%

**Analysis**

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

Calculate the percentage of the labeled amount of fluphenazine hydrochloride ( $C_{22}H_{26}F_3N_3OS \cdot 2HCl$ ) in the portion of Tablets taken:

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

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

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

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

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

**Acceptance criteria:** 90.0%–110.0%

**PERFORMANCE TESTS**

**Change to read:**

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

▲ **Test 1** ▲ (RB 21-Jul-2020)

**Medium:** 0.01 N hydrochloric acid; 900 mL

**Apparatus 1:** 100 rpm

**Time:** 45 min

**Buffer:** 0.05 M monobasic potassium phosphate adjusted with phosphoric acid to a pH of 2.5

**Diluent:** Acetonitrile, methanol, and *Buffer* (30:30:40)

**Mobile phase:** 0.3% triethylamine in *Diluent*

**Sample solution:** Dilute a portion of the solution under test with an equal volume of *Mobile phase*.

**Standard solution:** [USP Fluphenazine Hydrochloride RS](#) at a concentration and composition similar to that of the *Sample solution*

**Chromatographic system and System suitability:** Proceed as directed in the Assay, except use a flow rate of 2 mL/min and an injection volume of 100 µL.

**Analysis**

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

Determine the amount of fluphenazine hydrochloride ( $C_{22}H_{26}F_3N_3OS \cdot 2HCl$ ) dissolved.

**Tolerances:** NLT 75% (Q) of the labeled amount of fluphenazine hydrochloride ( $C_{22}H_{26}F_3N_3OS \cdot 2HCl$ ) is dissolved.

▲ **Test 2:** If the product complies with this test, the labeling indicates that it meets USP *Dissolution Test 2*.

**Medium:** 0.1 N hydrochloric acid; 500 mL

**Apparatus 1:** 100 rpm

**Time:** 30 min

**Diluted phosphoric acid solution:** Transfer 10 mL of phosphoric acid to a 100-mL volumetric flask containing about 50 mL of water. Cool and dilute with water to volume.

**Buffer:** 6.8 g/L of monobasic potassium phosphate in water, adjusted with *Diluted phosphoric acid solution* to a pH of 2.5

**Solution A:** Acetonitrile, methanol, and *Buffer* (30:30:40)

**Mobile phase:** To each liter of *Solution A*, add 3.0 mL of triethylamine.

**Diluent:** *Medium* and *Mobile phase* (50:50)

**Standard stock solution:** 0.1 mg/mL of [USP Fluphenazine Hydrochloride RS](#) in *Diluent*. Sonicate to dissolve if needed.

**Standard solution:** ( $L/1000$ ) mg/mL of [USP Fluphenazine Hydrochloride RS](#) from the *Standard stock solution* in *Diluent*, where  $L$  is the label claim in mg/Tablet

**Sample stock solution:** Pass a portion of the solution under test through an appropriate filter, and discard the first 2 mL of filtrate.

**Sample solution:** Transfer an equal volume of the *Sample stock solution* and the *Mobile phase* to a suitable container, and mix well.

**Chromatographic system**

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

**Mode:** LC

**Detector:** UV 254 nm

**Column:** 4.6-mm × 5-cm; 3.5-µm packing [L7](#)

**Column temperature:** 40°

**Flow rate:** 2 mL/min  
**Injection volume:** 100 µL  
**Run time:** NLT 2 times the retention time of fluphenazine

**System suitability**

**Sample:** *Standard solution*  
**Suitability requirements**  
**Tailing factor:** NMT 2.0  
**Relative standard deviation:** NMT 2.0%

**Analysis**

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

Calculate the percentage of the labeled amount of fluphenazine hydrochloride ( $C_{22}H_{26}F_3N_3OS \cdot 2HCl$ ) dissolved:

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

- $r_U$  = peak response of fluphenazine from the *Sample solution*  
 $r_S$  = peak response of fluphenazine from the *Standard solution*  
 $C_S$  = concentration of [USP Fluphenazine Hydrochloride RS](#) in the *Standard solution* (mg/mL)  
 $D$  = dilution factor for the *Sample solution*, 2  
 $V$  = volume of *Medium*, 500 mL  
 $L$  = label claim (mg/Tablet)

**Tolerances:** NLT 80% (Q) of the labeled amount of fluphenazine hydrochloride ( $C_{22}H_{26}F_3N_3OS \cdot 2HCl$ ) is dissolved.▲ (RB 21-Jul-2020)

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

**ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

- **PACKAGING AND STORAGE:** Preserve in tight, light-resistant containers.

**Add the following:**

- ▲ **LABELING:** When more than one *Dissolution* test is given, the labeling states the *Dissolution* test used only if *Test 1* is not used.▲ (RB 21-Jul-2020)
- [USP REFERENCE STANDARDS \(11\)](#)  
[USP Fluphenazine Hydrochloride RS](#)

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