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Hydralazine Hydrochloride Tablets

DEFINITION

Hydralazine Hydrochloride Tablets contain NLT 90.0% and NMT 110.0% of the labeled amount of hydralazine hydrochloride ($C_8H_8N_4 \cdot HCl$).

IDENTIFICATION

Change to read:

- **A.** ▲ [SPECTROSCOPIC IDENTIFICATION TESTS \(197\)](#), [Infrared Spectroscopy: 197K](#)▲ (CN 1-MAY-2020)

Sample: Transfer an amount equivalent to about 100 mg of hydralazine hydrochloride from finely powdered Tablets to a glass-stoppered flask. Add 40 mL of 1 N hydrochloric acid, shake by mechanical means for 5 min, and filter. Discard the first few milliliters of the filtrate. Place 20 mL of the filtrate in a separator, wash with 10 mL of methylene chloride, and discard the washing. Mix the aqueous solution in the separator with 2 mL of 14 mg/mL sodium nitrite solution, add 10 mL of methylene chloride, shake by mechanical means for 5 min, and allow the layers to separate. Pass the methylene chloride layer through a filter of anhydrous sodium sulfate previously washed with methylene chloride and collect the solution in a 50-mL beaker. Evaporate to dryness with the aid of gentle heat and a stream of dry nitrogen.

Acceptance criteria: Meet the requirements

- **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: Dissolve 1.44 g of [sodium dodecyl sulfate](#) and 0.75 g of [tetrabutylammonium bromide](#) in 770 mL of [water](#) and add 230 mL of [acetonitrile](#). Adjust with 0.1 N [sulfuric acid](#) to a pH of 3.0.

Diluent: 0.1 N [acetic acid](#)

System suitability solution: 25 µg/mL of [USP Hydralazine Hydrochloride RS](#) and 5 µg/mL of [USP Phthalazine RS](#) in *Diluent*

Standard solution: 40 µg/mL of [USP Hydralazine Hydrochloride RS](#) in *Diluent*

Sample stock solution: Nominally 0.4 mg/mL of hydralazine hydrochloride from NLT 20 finely powdered Tablets in *Diluent*. Centrifuge the solution and use the clear supernatant.

Sample solution: Nominally 40 µg/mL of hydralazine hydrochloride in *Diluent* from the *Sample stock solution*

Chromatographic system

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

Mode: LC

Detector: UV 230 nm

Column: 4.0-mm × 25-cm; 10-µm packing L10

Flow rate: 1 mL/min

Injection volume: 25 µL

System suitability

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

[NOTE—The relative retention times for phthalazine and hydralazine are about 0.65 and 1.0, respectively.]

Suitability requirements

Resolution: NLT 4.0 between the phthalazine and hydralazine peaks, *System suitability solution*

Relative standard deviation: NMT 2.0%, *Standard solution*

Analysis

Samples: *Standard solution* and *Sample solution*

Calculate the percentage of the labeled amount of hydralazine hydrochloride ($C_8H_8N_4 \cdot HCl$) in the portion of Tablets taken:

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

r_U = peak response of hydralazine from the *Sample solution*

r_s = peak response of hydralazine from the *Standard solution*

C_s = concentration of [USP Hydralazine Hydrochloride RS](#) in the *Standard solution* (µg/mL)

C_u = nominal concentration of hydralazine hydrochloride in the *Sample solution* (µg/mL)

Acceptance criteria: 90.0%–110.0%

PERFORMANCE TESTS

• [DISSOLUTION \(711\)](#)

Medium: 0.01 N [hydrochloric acid](#); 900 mL

Apparatus 1: 100 rpm

Time: 45 min

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

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

Instrumental conditions

Mode: UV

Analytical wavelength: Maximum absorbance at about 260 nm

Analysis

Samples: *Standard solution* and *Sample solution*

Determine the percentage of the labeled amount of hydralazine hydrochloride ($C_8H_8N_4 \cdot HCl$) dissolved.

Tolerances: NLT 75% (Q) of the labeled amount of hydralazine hydrochloride ($C_8H_8N_4 \cdot HCl$) is dissolved.

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

IMPURITIES

• ORGANIC IMPURITIES

Diluent and System suitability solution: Prepare as directed in the Assay.

Mobile phase: Dissolve 1.44 g of [sodium dodecyl sulfate](#) and 0.75 g of [tetrabutylammonium bromide](#) in 770 mL of [water](#), adjust with 0.1 N [sulfuric acid](#) to a pH of 3.0, and add 230 mL of [acetonitrile](#).

Standard stock solution: 0.1 mg/mL of [USP Hydralazine Hydrochloride RS](#) in *Diluent*, prepared as follows. To a suitable amount of [USP Hydralazine Hydrochloride RS](#), add 60% of the total volume of *Diluent*, sonicate to dissolve, cool to room temperature, and then dilute with *Diluent* to volume.

Standard solution: 0.001 mg/mL of [USP Hydralazine Hydrochloride RS](#) in *Diluent* from the *Standard stock solution*

Sample solution: Nominally 0.5 mg/mL of hydralazine hydrochloride from NLT 20 powdered Tablets in *Diluent*, prepared as follows. To a suitable amount of powdered Tablets, add 60% of the total volume of *Diluent* and sonicate for 15 min with occasional swirling. Cool to room temperature, dilute with *Diluent* to volume, and pass through a suitable filter of 0.45-µm pore size.

Chromatographic system: Proceed as directed in the Assay except for the following.

Injection volume: 20 µL

Run time: NLT 5.8 times the retention time of hydralazine

System suitability

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

Suitability requirements

Resolution: NLT 4.0 between the phthalazine and hydralazine peaks, *System suitability solution*

Relative standard deviation: NMT 5.0%, *Standard solution*

Analysis

Samples: *Standard solution* and *Sample solution*

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

$$\text{Result} = (r_u/r_s) \times (C_s/C_u) \times (1/F) \times 100$$

r_u = peak response of any unspecified degradation product from the *Sample solution*

r_s = peak response of hydralazine from the *Standard solution*

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

C_u = nominal concentration of hydralazine hydrochloride in the *Sample solution* (mg/mL)

F = relative response factor (see [Table 1](#))

Acceptance criteria: See [Table 1](#).

Table 1

Name	Relative Retention Time	Relative Response Factor	Acceptance Criteria, NMT (%)
1-Phthalazinone ^a	0.55	2.3	—
2-Formylbenzoic acid ^a	0.60	1.1	—
Phthalazine ^a	0.75	3.6	—
1-Chlorophthalazine ^a	0.83	1.5	—
Hydralazine	1.00	—	—
Any unspecified degradation product	—	1.0	0.20
Total impurities ^b	—	—	1.5

^a Process-related impurity.

^b Total impurities include process-related impurities and degradation products.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

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

• **USP REFERENCE STANDARDS** (11).

[USP Hydralazine Hydrochloride RS](#)

[USP Phthalazine RS](#) $C_8H_6N_2$ 130.15

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