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## Indomethacin for Injection

### DEFINITION

Indomethacin for Injection contains an amount of Indomethacin Sodium equivalent to NLT 90.0% and NMT 110.0% of the labeled amount of indomethacin ( $C_{19}H_{16}ClNO_4$ ).

### 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.
- **B.** The UV absorption spectrum of the indomethacin peak of the *Sample solution* exhibits maxima and minima at the same wavelengths as those of the *Standard solution*, as obtained in the Assay.

### ASSAY

#### • PROCEDURE

**Mobile phase:** [Methanol](#), [phosphoric acid](#), and [water](#) (600:1:400)

**Diluent:** Acetonitrile, [phosphoric acid](#), and [water](#) (300:1:700)

**Standard solution:** 0.1 mg/mL of [USP Indomethacin RS](#) prepared as follows. Dissolve a suitable amount of [USP Indomethacin RS](#) with 30% of the final volume of [acetonitrile](#), and dilute with [water](#) to volume.

**Sample stock solution:** Nominally 0.5 mg/mL of indomethacin in *Diluent* from NLT 10 containers of Indomethacin for Injection

**Sample solution:** Nominally 0.1 mg/mL of indomethacin in *Diluent* from the *Sample stock solution*. Pass through a filter of 0.5- $\mu$ m or finer pore size. Use the filtrate.

#### Chromatographic system

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

**Mode:** LC

**Detector:** UV 240 nm. For *Identification B*, use a diode array detector in the range of 200–400 nm.

**Column:** 3.9-mm  $\times$  30-cm; packing L1

**Flow rate:** 2 mL/min

**Injection volume:** 50  $\mu$ L

#### 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 indomethacin ( $C_{19}H_{16}ClNO_4$ ) in the portion of Indomethacin for Injection taken:

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

$r_U$  = peak area of indomethacin from the *Sample solution*

$r_S$  = peak area of indomethacin from the *Standard solution*

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

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

**Acceptance criteria:** 90.0%–110.0%

**PERFORMANCE TESTS**

- **UNIFORMITY OF DOSAGE UNITS (905):** Meets the requirements

**IMPURITIES****• CONTENT OF INDOMETHACIN RELATED COMPOUND B**

**Mobile phase, Diluent, Sample stock solution, Sample solution, and Chromatographic system:** Proceed as directed in the Assay.

**Standard stock solution:** 0.22 mg/mL of [USP Indomethacin Related Compound B RS](#) in acetonitrile

**Standard solution:** 0.00044 mg/mL of [USP Indomethacin Related Compound B RS](#) prepared as follows. Transfer an adequate volume of the *Standard stock solution* to a suitable volumetric flask, and add 30% of the final volume of [acetonitrile](#). Dilute with [water](#) to the final volume.

**System suitability**

**Sample:** *Standard solution*

**Suitability requirements**

**Relative standard deviation:** NMT 5%

**Analysis**

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

Calculate the percentage of indomethacin related compound B in the portion of Indomethacin for Injection taken:

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

$r_U$  = peak area of indomethacin related compound B from the *Sample solution*

$r_S$  = peak area of indomethacin related compound B from the *Standard solution*

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

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

**Acceptance criteria:** NMT 2.2%

**SPECIFIC TESTS**

- **CONSTITUTED SOLUTION:** At the time of use, it meets the requirements for [Injections and Implanted Drug Products \(1\), Specific Tests, Completeness and clarity of solutions](#).

- **STERILITY TESTS (71):** Meets the requirements

- **BACTERIAL ENDOTOXINS TEST (85):**

**Sample solution:** Nominally 1.0 mg/mL of indomethacin in LAL Reagent Water from Indomethacin for Injection

**Acceptance criteria:** NMT 20.0 USP Endotoxin Units/mg of indomethacin

- **PARTICULATE MATTER IN INJECTIONS (788):** Meets the requirements for small-volume injections

- **pH (791):**

**Sample solution:** A solution in [water](#) (1 in 2000) containing 0.3 mL of saturated [potassium chloride](#) solution per 100 mL

**Acceptance criteria:** 5.0–7.0

- **OTHER REQUIREMENTS:** It meets the requirements in [Labeling \(7\), Labels and Labeling for Injectable Products](#).

**ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

- **PACKAGING AND STORAGE:** Store at controlled room temperature. Protect from light. Preserve as described in [Packaging and Storage Requirements \(659\), Injection Packaging, Packaging for constitution](#).

- **USP REFERENCE STANDARDS (11):**

[USP Indomethacin RS](#)

[USP Indomethacin Related Compound B RS](#)

4-Chlorobenzoic acid.

$C_7H_5ClO_2$  156.57

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