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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-μm 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 × 30-cm; packing L1

Flow rate: 2 mL/min

Injection volume: 50 μL

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

Auxiliary Information - Please [check for your question in the FAQs](#) before contacting USP.

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