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# Labetalol Hydrochloride Injection

» Labetalol Hydrochloride Injection is a sterile solution of Labetalol Hydrochloride in Water for Injection. It contains not less than 90.0 percent and not more than 110.0 percent of the labeled amount of labetalol hydrochloride ( $C_{19}H_{24}N_2O_3 \cdot HCl$ ).

**Packaging and storage**—Preserve in single-dose containers, or in multiple-dose containers not exceeding 60 mL in volume, preferably of Type I glass, at a temperature between 2° and 30°. Avoid freezing and exposure to light.

**USP REFERENCE STANDARDS (11).**—  
[USP Labetalol Hydrochloride RS](#)

**Identification**—The retention time of the major peak in the chromatogram of the *Assay preparation* corresponds to that of the *Standard preparation*, as obtained in the *Assay*.

**BACTERIAL ENDOTOXINS TEST (85).**—It contains not more than 1.2 USP Endotoxin Units per mg of labetalol hydrochloride.

**pH (791).**: between 3.0 and 4.5.

**Other requirements**—It meets the requirements under [Injections and Implanted Drug Products \(1\)](#).

**Assay**—

*Mobile phase*—Prepare a suitable filtered and degassed mixture of 0.1 M monobasic sodium phosphate and methanol (65:35). Make adjustments if necessary (see [System Suitability](#) under [Chromatography \(621\)](#)).

*Standard preparation*—Dissolve an accurately weighed quantity of [USP Labetalol Hydrochloride RS](#) in *Mobile phase* to obtain a solution having a known concentration of about 0.5 mg per mL.

*Resolution solution*—Dissolve a quantity of methylparaben in the *Standard preparation* to obtain a solution containing about 0.08 mg per mL.

*Assay preparation*—Transfer an accurately measured volume of Injection, equivalent to about 50 mg of labetalol hydrochloride, to a 100-mL volumetric flask, dilute with *Mobile phase* to volume, and mix.

*Chromatographic system* (see [Chromatography \(621\)](#))—The liquid chromatograph is equipped with a 254-nm detector and a 4.6-mm × 20-cm column that contains packing L1 and is maintained at 60 ± 1°. The flow rate is about 1.5 mL per minute. Chromatograph the *Standard preparation*, and record the peak responses as directed for *Procedure*: the column efficiency determined from the analyte peak is not less than 700 theoretical plates; the tailing factor for the analyte peak is not more than 2.0; and the relative standard deviation for replicate injections is not more than 1.5%. Chromatograph the *Resolution solution*, and record the peak responses as directed for *Procedure*: the relative retention times are about 0.6 for methylparaben and 1.0 for labetalol; and the resolution, *R*, between the methylparaben and labetalol is not less than 2.0.

*Procedure*—Separately inject equal volumes (about 5 µL) of the *Standard preparation* and the *Assay preparation* into the chromatograph, record the chromatograms, and measure the area responses for the major peaks. Calculate the quantity, in mg, of labetalol hydrochloride ( $C_{19}H_{24}N_2O_3 \cdot HCl$ ) in each mL of the Injection taken by the formula:

$$100(C/V)(r_U/r_S)$$

in which *C* is the concentration, in mg per mL, of [USP Labetalol Hydrochloride RS](#) in the *Standard preparation*; *V* is the volume, in mL, of Injection taken; and *r<sub>U</sub>* and *r<sub>S</sub>* are the peak area responses obtained from the *Assay preparation* and the *Standard preparation*, respectively.

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