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Liothyronine Sodium Tablets

» Liothyronine Sodium Tablets contain an amount of $C_{15}H_{11}I_3NNaO_4$ equivalent to not less than 90.0 percent and not more than 110.0 percent of the labeled amount of liothyronine ($C_{15}H_{12}I_3NO_4$).

Packaging and storage—Preserve in tight containers.

USP REFERENCE STANDARDS (11)—

[USP Levothyroxine RS](#)
[USP Liothyronine RS](#)

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

DISSOLUTION (711)—[NOTE—All containers that are in contact with solutions containing liothyronine sodium are to be made of glass.]

Medium: pH 10.0 \pm 0.05 alkaline borate buffer (see *Buffer Solutions* in the section [Reagents, Indicators, and Solutions](#)); 250 mL.

Apparatus 3: 30 dips per minute, using 20-mesh screen on the top and 40-mesh screen on the bottom of the glass reciprocating cylinder.

Time: 45 minutes.

Determine the amount of liothyronine sodium ($C_{15}H_{12}I_3NO_4$) dissolved by employing the following method.

Ammoniated solution—Add 0.05 mL of ammonium hydroxide to 200 mL of water.

Mobile phase—Prepare a filtered and degassed mixture of water and acetonitrile (55:45) that contains 1 mL of phosphoric acid in each 1000 mL of solution. Make adjustments if necessary (see *System Suitability* under [Chromatography \(621\)](#)).

Standard solution—Dissolve an accurately weighed quantity of [USP Liothyronine RS](#) in *Ammoniated solution*, and dilute quantitatively, and stepwise if necessary, with *Ammoniated solution* to obtain a solution having a known concentration of about 10 μ g of [USP Liothyronine RS](#) per mL. Dilute a portion of this solution quantitatively, and stepwise if necessary, with water to obtain a solution having a known concentration of about 0.5 μ g of [USP Liothyronine RS](#) per mL.

Test solution—Transfer 20 mL of the solution under test to a centrifuge tube, and centrifuge until a clear supernatant is obtained.

Resolution solution—Prepare a solution of [USP Liothyronine RS](#) and [USP Levothyroxine RS](#) in *Ammoniated solution* having known concentrations of about 10 μ g of each USP Reference Standard per mL. Dilute with water to obtain a concentration of about 0.5 μ g of each USP Reference Standard per mL.

Chromatographic system (see [CHROMATOGRAPHY \(621\)](#))—The liquid chromatograph is equipped with a 225-nm detector and a 4.6-mm \times 25-cm column that contains packing L10. The flow rate is about 2 mL per minute. Chromatograph the *Resolution solution*, and record the peak responses as directed for *Procedure*: the resolution, *R*, between liothyronine and levothyroxine is not less than 3.0. Chromatograph the *Standard solution*, and record the peak responses as directed for *Procedure*: the relative standard deviation for replicate injections is not more than 4.0%.

Procedure—Separately inject equal volumes (about 200 μ L) of the *Standard solution* and the *Test solution* into the chromatograph, record the chromatograms, and measure the responses for the major peaks. Calculate the amount of $C_{15}H_{12}I_3NO_4$ dissolved.

Tolerances—Not less than 70% (*Q*) of the labeled amount of $C_{15}H_{12}I_3NO_4$ is dissolved in 45 minutes.

UNIFORMITY OF DOSAGE UNITS (905): meet the requirements.

Assay—

Mobile phase, Standard preparation, and Chromatographic system—Proceed as directed in the *Assay* under [Liothyronine Sodium](#).

Assay preparation—Weigh and finely powder not fewer than 20 Tablets. Transfer an accurately weighed portion of the powder, equivalent to about 100 μ g of liothyronine sodium, to a centrifuge tube, add 2 glass beads, pipet 10 mL of *Mobile phase* into the tube, and mix using a vortex mixer for 3 minutes. Centrifuge to obtain a clear supernatant, filtering if necessary.

Procedure—Proceed as directed in the *Assay* under [Liothyronine Sodium](#). Calculate the quantity, in μ g, of liothyronine ($C_{15}H_{12}I_3NO_4$) in the portion of Tablets taken by the formula:

$$10C(r_u/r_s)$$

in which C is the concentration, in μg per mL, of [USP Liothyronine RS](#) in the *Standard preparation*; and r_u and r_s are the liothyronine peak responses obtained from the *Assay preparation* and the *Standard preparation*, respectively.

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