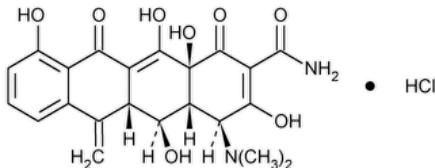


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## Methacycline Hydrochloride



$C_{22}H_{22}N_2O_8 \cdot HCl$  478.88

2-Naphthacenecarboxamide, 4-(dimethylamino)-1,4,4a,5,5a,6,11,12a-octahydro-3,5,10,12,12a-pentahydroxy-6-methylene-1,11-dioxo-, monohydrochloride, [4S-(4a,4a $\alpha$ ,5 $\alpha$ ,5a $\alpha$ ,12a $\alpha$ )]-.

4-(Dimethylamino)-1,4,4a,5,5a,6,11,12a-octahydro-3,5,10,12,12a-pentahydroxy-6-methylene-1,11-dioxo-2-naphthacenecarboxamide monohydrochloride CAS RN®: 3963-95-9; UNII: 9GJ0N7ZAP0.

» Methacycline Hydrochloride has a potency equivalent to not less than 832  $\mu$ g and not more than 970  $\mu$ g of methacycline ( $C_{22}H_{22}N_2O_8$ ) per mg.

**Packaging and storage**—Preserve in tight, light-resistant containers.

### USP REFERENCE STANDARDS (11)—

[USP Doxycycline Hyclate RS](#)

[USP Methacycline Hydrochloride RS](#)

**Change to read:**

**Identification**, ▲ [SPECTROSCOPIC IDENTIFICATION TESTS \(197\)](#), [Ultraviolet-Visible Spectroscopy: 197U](#) ▲ (CN 1-May-2020) —

**Solution**: 20  $\mu$ g per mL.

**Medium**: hydrochloric acid in methanol (1 in 1200).

Absorptivity at 345 nm, calculated on the dried basis, is between 88.4% and 96.4% of the [USP Methacycline Hydrochloride RS](#), the potency of the Reference Standard being taken into account.

**CRYSTALLINITY (695)**: meets the requirements.

**pH (791)**: between 2.0 and 3.0, in a solution containing 10 mg of methacycline per mL.

**WATER DETERMINATION, Method I (921)**: not more than 2.0%.

### Assay—

**Mobile phase**—Prepare a mixture of 0.2 M ammonium oxalate, dimethylformamide, and 0.1 M edetate disodium (11:5:4), adjust with tetrabutylammonium hydroxide, 40 percent in water, to a pH of 7.0, and filter. Make adjustments, if necessary (see [System Suitability](#) under [Chromatography \(621\)](#)).

**System suitability preparation**—Prepare a solution of [USP Methacycline Hydrochloride RS](#) and [USP Doxycycline Hyclate RS](#) in **Mobile phase** containing about 0.5 mg of each per mL.

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

**Assay preparation**—Transfer about 50 mg of Methacycline Hydrochloride, accurately weighed, 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 354-nm detector and a 4.6-mm  $\times$  15-cm column that contains 3.5- $\mu$ m packing L1. The flow rate is about 1 mL per minute. Chromatograph the **System suitability preparation**, and record the peak responses as directed for **Procedure**: the relative retention times are about 0.75 for methacycline and 1.0 for doxycycline; and the resolution, *R*, between methacycline and doxycycline is not less than 1.5. Chromatograph the **Standard preparation**, and record the peak responses as directed for **Procedure**: the tailing factor is not more than 1.5; and the relative standard deviation for replicate injections is not more than 1.0%.

**Procedure**—Separately inject equal volumes (about 20  $\mu$ L) of the **Standard preparation** and the **Assay preparation** into the chromatograph, record the chromatograms, and measure the areas for the major peaks. Calculate the quantity, in  $\mu$ g, of methacycline ( $C_{22}H_{22}N_2O_8$ ) in each mg of Methacycline Hydrochloride taken by the formula:

$$100(CE/W)(r_U/r_S)$$

in which *C* is the concentration, in mg per mL, of [USP Methacycline Hydrochloride RS](#) in the **Standard preparation**; *E* is the methacycline content, in  $\mu$ g per mg, of [USP Methacycline Hydrochloride RS](#); *W* is the quantity, in mg, of Methacycline Hydrochloride taken to prepare the

Assay preparation; and  $r_u$  and  $r_s$  are the methacycline peak areas obtained from the Assay preparation and the Standard preparation, respectively.

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