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## Methylsuximide Capsules

### DEFINITION

Methylsuximide Capsules contain NLT 92.0% and NMT 108.0% of the labeled amount of methylsuximide ( $C_{12}H_{13}NO_2$ ).

### IDENTIFICATION

#### Change to read:

- A. **SPECTROSCOPIC IDENTIFICATION TESTS (197), Infrared Spectroscopy: 197K** (CN 1-May-2020)

**Sample:** Mix a portion of the content of Capsules, equivalent to 200 mg of methylsuximide with 25 mL of water in a separator, extract with 50 mL of ether, and discard the aqueous layer. Wash the ether extract with 25 mL of water, and discard the water. Filter the extract, evaporate with the aid of a current of warm air to dryness, and dry the methylsuximide over phosphorus pentoxide for 16 h.

**Acceptance criteria:** Meet the requirements

- B. The retention time of the major peak of the *Sample solution* corresponds to that of the *Standard solution*, as obtained in the Assay.

### ASSAY

#### • PROCEDURE

**Mobile phase:** Acetonitrile and water (45:55). Filter, and degas.

**Standard solution:** 0.6 mg/mL of [USP Methylsuximide RS](#) in *Mobile phase*

**Sample stock solution:** Place 10 Capsules in a 500-mL volumetric flask, and add 280 mL of water. Sonicate in a water bath at 40°–50°, with occasional shaking, until the Capsules have broken, and cool to room temperature. Dilute with acetonitrile to volume, mix, and filter.

**Sample solution:** Nominally 0.6 mg/mL of methylsuximide prepared from *Sample stock solution* in *Mobile phase*

#### Chromatographic system

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

**Mode:** LC

**Detector:** UV 254 nm

**Column:** 3.9-mm × 30-cm; packing L1

**Flow rate:** 1 mL/min

**Injection volume:** 20  $\mu$ L

#### System suitability

**Sample:** *Standard solution*

#### Suitability requirements

**Column efficiency:** NLT 2100 theoretical plates

**Relative standard deviation:** NMT 1.5%

#### Analysis

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

Calculate the percentage of the labeled amount of methylsuximide ( $C_{12}H_{13}NO_2$ ) in the portion of Capsules taken:

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

$r_U$  = peak response of methylsuximide from the *Sample solution*

$r_S$  = peak response of methylsuximide from the *Standard solution*

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

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

**Acceptance criteria:** 92.0%–108.0%

### PERFORMANCE TESTS

- [DISSOLUTION \(711\)](#)

**Medium:** Water; 900 mL

**Apparatus 1:** 100 rpm

**Time:** 120 min

**Analysis:** Determine the percentage of the labeled amount of methylsuximide ( $C_{12}H_{13}NO_2$ ) dissolved by using the procedure set forth in the Assay, making any necessary adjustments.

**Tolerances:** NLT 75% (Q) of the labeled amount of methylsuximide ( $C_{12}H_{13}NO_2$ ) is dissolved.

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

#### ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- **PACKAGING AND STORAGE:** Preserve in tight containers, and avoid exposure to excessive heat.

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

[USP Methylsuximide RS](#)

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