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# Metoprolol Tartrate Injection

## DEFINITION

Metoprolol Tartrate Injection is a sterile solution of Metoprolol Tartrate in Water for Injection. It contains Sodium Chloride as a tonicity-adjusting agent. It contains NLT 90.0% and NMT 110.0% of the labeled amount of metoprolol tartrate  $[(C_{15}H_{25}NO_3)_2 \cdot C_4H_6O_6]$ .

## IDENTIFICATION

### Change to read:

- **A.** ▲The retention time of metoprolol of the *Sample solution* corresponds to that of the *Standard solution*, as obtained in the Assay.▲ (USP 1-May-2019)

### Add the following:

- ▲• **B.** The UV-Vis spectrum of the major peak of the *Diluted sample stock solution* corresponds to that of the *Diluted standard stock solution*, as obtained in the Assay.▲ (USP 1-May-2019)

## ASSAY

### Change to read:

#### • PROCEDURE

**Solution A:** 9.0 mg/mL of [sodium chloride](#) in [water](#)

**Mobile phase:** 961 mg of [1-pentanesulfonic acid sodium salt](#) (monohydrate) and 82 mg of [anhydrous sodium acetate](#) in a mixture of 550 mL of [methanol](#) and 470 mL of water. Add 0.57 mL of glacial acetic acid.

**Internal standard solution:** 0.72 mg/mL of [USP Oxprenolol Hydrochloride RS](#) in freshly prepared *Mobile phase*

**Standard stock solution:** 1 mg/mL of [USP Metoprolol Tartrate RS](#) in *Solution A*

**Standard solution:** *Standard stock solution* and *Internal standard solution* (1:1)

▲**Diluted standard stock solution:** 0.1 mg/mL of [USP Metoprolol Tartrate RS](#) from *Standard stock solution* in *Solution A*▲ (USP 1-May-2019)

**Sample stock solution:** Nominally 1 mg/mL of metoprolol tartrate from Injection prepared as follows. Transfer an accurately measured volume of Injection, if necessary, into *Solution A*.

**Sample solution:** *Sample stock solution* and *Internal standard solution* (1:1)

▲**Diluted sample stock solution:** Nominally 0.1 mg/mL of metoprolol tartrate from *Sample stock solution* in *Solution A*▲ (USP 1-May-2019)

### Chromatographic system

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

**Mode:** LC

**Detector:** UV 254 nm. ▲For *Identification B*, use a diode array detector in the range of 200–400 nm.▲ (USP 1-May-2019)

**Column:** 3.9-mm × 30-cm; ▲10-μm▲ (USP 1-May-2019) packing L1

**Flow rate:** 1 mL/min

**Injection volume:** 10 μL

### System suitability

**Sample:** *Standard solution*

[NOTE—The relative retention times for metoprolol and oxprenolol are 0.8 and 1.0, respectively.]

### Suitability requirements

**Resolution:** NLT 2.0 between metoprolol and oxprenolol

**Relative standard deviation:** NMT 2.0% from three replicate injections

### Analysis

**Samples:** *Standard solution*, ▲*Diluted standard stock solution*,▲ (USP 1-May-2019) *Sample solution*, and ▲*Diluted sample stock solution*. [NOTE—The *Diluted standard stock solution* and *Diluted sample stock solution* are used for *Identification B*.]▲ (USP 1-May-2019)

Calculate the percentage of the labeled amount of metoprolol tartrate  $[(C_{15}H_{25}NO_3)_2 \cdot C_4H_6O_6]$  in the portion of Injection taken:

$$\text{Result} = (R_U/R_S) \times (C_S/C_U) \times 100$$

$R_U$  = peak response ratio of metoprolol to oxprenolol from the *Sample solution*

$R_s$  = peak response ratio of metoprolol to oxprenolol from the *Standard solution*

$C_s$  = concentration of [USP Metoprolol Tartrate RS](#) in the *Standard solution* (µg/mL)

$C_u$  = nominal concentration of metoprolol tartrate in the *Sample solution* (µg/mL)

**Acceptance criteria:** 90.0%–110.0%

## IMPURITIES

Add the following:

### ▲• ORGANIC IMPURITIES

**Solution A:** 1.3 g/L of [sodium dodecyl sulfate](#) in 0.1% (w/v) [phosphoric acid](#)

**Solution B:** 9.0 mg/mL of [sodium chloride](#) in [water](#). [NOTE—This solution is only needed when sample dilution is required.]

**Mobile phase:** [Acetonitrile](#) and *Solution A* (40:60)

**System suitability solution:** 5 µg/mL each of [USP Metoprolol Tartrate RS](#), [USP Metoprolol Related Compound A RS](#), [USP Metoprolol Related Compound B RS](#), and [USP Metoprolol Related Compound C RS](#) in *Mobile phase*

**Standard solution:** 2.5 µg/mL each of [USP Metoprolol Tartrate RS](#) and [USP Metoprolol Related Compound C RS](#) in *Mobile phase*

**Sample solution:** Nominally 1 mg/mL of metoprolol tartrate from a volume of Injection. Transfer an accurately measured volume of Injection, if necessary, into *Solution B*.

### Chromatographic system

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

**Mode:** LC

**Detector:** UV 223 nm

**Column:** 4.6-mm × 15-cm; 5-µm packing [L7](#)

**Column temperature:** 30°

**Flow rate:** 1 mL/min

**Injection volume:** 10 µL

### System suitability

**Samples:** *System suitability solution* and *Standard solution*

[NOTE—The relative retention times for metoprolol and metoprolol related compounds are listed in [Table 1](#).]

### Suitability requirements

**Resolution:** NLT 1.5 between metoprolol related compound A and metoprolol related compound B; NLT 2.5 between metoprolol related compound B and metoprolol related compound C, *System suitability solution*

**Relative standard deviation:** NMT 3% for metoprolol and metoprolol related compound C, *Standard solution*

### Analysis

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

Calculate the percentage of metoprolol related compound C in the portion of Injection taken:

$$\text{Result} = (r_u/r_s) \times (C_s/C_u) \times 100$$

$r_u$  = peak response of metoprolol related compound C from the *Sample solution*

$r_s$  = peak response of metoprolol related compound C from the *Standard solution*

$C_s$  = concentration of [USP Metoprolol Related Compound C RS](#) in the *Standard solution* (µg/mL)

$C_u$  = nominal concentration of metoprolol tartrate in the *Sample solution* (µg/mL)

Calculate the percentage of any unspecified degradation product in the portion of Injection taken:

$$\text{Result} = (r_u/r_s) \times (C_s/C_u) \times 100$$

$r_u$  = peak response of each unspecified degradation product from the *Sample solution*

$r_s$  = peak response of metoprolol from the *Standard solution*

$C_s$  = concentration of [USP Metoprolol Tartrate RS](#) in the *Standard solution* (µg/mL)

$C_u$  = nominal concentration of metoprolol tartrate in the *Sample solution* (µg/mL)

**Acceptance criteria:** See [Table 1](#).

**Table 1**

| Name                                       | Relative Retention Time | Acceptance Criteria, NMT (%)      |
|--|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Tartaric acid                              | 0.13                    | —                                 |
| Metoprolol related compound C              | 0.64                    | 0.4                               |
| Metoprolol related compound B <sup>a</sup> | 0.73                    | —                                 |
| Metoprolol related compound A <sup>a</sup> | 0.83                    | —                                 |
| Metoprolol                                 | 1.0                     | —                                 |
| Any unspecified degradation product        | —                       | 0.2                               |
| Total degradation products                 | —                       | 1.0 <sup>▲</sup> (USP 1-May-2019) |

<sup>a</sup> Specified impurities controlled in the drug substance. They are not to be included in the calculation of the total degradation products.

#### SPECIFIC TESTS

- **pH** (791): 5.0–8.0
- **BACTERIAL ENDOTOXINS TEST** (85): NMT 25.0 USP Endotoxin Units/mg of metoprolol tartrate
- **STERILITY TESTS** (71), *Test for Sterility of the Product to be Examined, Membrane Filtration*: Meets the requirements
- **OTHER REQUIREMENTS**: It meets the requirements in *Injections and Implanted Drug Products* (1).

#### ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

##### Change to read:

- **PACKAGING AND STORAGE**: Preserve in single-dose, light-resistant containers, preferably of Type I or Type II glass. <sup>▲</sup>Store at controlled room temperature. <sup>▲</sup> (USP 1-May-2019)

##### Change to read:

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

[USP Metoprolol Tartrate RS](#)

- <sup>▲</sup> [USP Metoprolol Related Compound A RS](#)

1-(Ethylamino)-3-[4-(2-methoxyethyl)phenoxy]propan-2-ol.

$C_{14}H_{23}NO_3$  253.34

[USP Metoprolol Related Compound B RS](#)

1-Chloro-3-[4-(2-methoxyethyl)phenoxy]propan-2-ol.

$C_{12}H_{17}ClO_3$  244.71

[USP Metoprolol Related Compound C RS](#)

4-[2-Hydroxy-3-(isopropylamino)propoxy]benzaldehyde hydrochloride.

$C_{13}H_{19}NO_3 \cdot HCl$  273.76<sup>▲</sup> (USP 1-May-2019)

[USP Oxprenolol Hydrochloride RS](#)

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