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Minocycline for Injection

DEFINITION

Minocycline for Injection is sterile, freeze-dried Minocycline Hydrochloride suitable for parenteral use. It contains the equivalent of NLT 90.0% and NMT 120.0% of the labeled amount of minocycline ($C_{23}H_{27}N_3O_7$).

IDENTIFICATION

- **A.** 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: Dimethylformamide, tetrahydrofuran, 0.2 M ammonium oxalate, and 0.01 M edetate disodium (120:80:600:180). Adjust with ammonium hydroxide to a pH of 7.2.

System suitability solution: Dissolve 10 mg of [USP Minocycline Hydrochloride RS](#) in 20 mL of 0.2 M ammonium oxalate. Heat on a water bath at 60° for 3 h, allow to cool, and dilute with water to 25.0 mL.

Standard solution: 0.5 mg/mL of minocycline from [USP Minocycline Hydrochloride RS](#) in water. Use this solution within 3 h.

Sample solution 1 (where it is represented as being in a single-dose container): Nominally 0.5 mg/mL of minocycline, prepared as follows. Constitute Minocycline for Injection in a volume of water, corresponding to the volume of solvent specified in the labeling. Withdraw all of the withdrawable contents, using a hypodermic needle and syringe, and dilute with water.

Sample solution 2 (where the label states the quantity of minocycline in a given volume of constituted solution): Nominally 0.5 mg/mL of minocycline, prepared as follows. Constitute Minocycline for Injection in a volume of water, corresponding to the volume of solvent specified in the labeling. Dilute a portion of constituted solution with water.

Chromatographic system

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

Mode: LC

Detector: UV 280 nm

Column: 4.6-mm × 25-cm; 5-μm packing L1

Column temperature: 40°

Flow rate: 1.5 mL/min

Injection volume: 20 μL

System suitability

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

[NOTE—The relative retention times for epiminocycline and minocycline are 0.7 and 1.0, respectively.]

Suitability requirements

Capacity factor: 5.0–11.5, *Standard solution*

Resolution: NLT 4.6 between epiminocycline and minocycline, *System suitability solution*

Tailing factor: 0.9–2.0 for minocycline, *Standard solution*

Relative standard deviation: NMT 2.0%, *Standard solution*

Analysis

Samples: *Standard solution*, and *Sample solution 1* or *Sample solution 2*

Calculate the percentage of the labeled amount of minocycline ($C_{23}H_{27}N_3O_7$) in the container, or in the portion of constituted solution taken:

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

r_U = peak response from *Sample solution 1* or *Sample solution 2*

r_s = peak response from the *Standard solution*

C_s = concentration of [USP Minocycline Hydrochloride RS](#) in the *Standard solution* (mg/mL)

C_u = nominal concentration of *Sample solution 1* or *Sample solution 2* (mg/mL)

P = potency of minocycline in [USP Minocycline Hydrochloride RS](#) (µg/mg)

F = conversion factor, 0.001 mg/µg

Acceptance criteria: 90.0%–120.0%

PERFORMANCE TESTS

- [UNIFORMITY OF DOSAGE UNITS \(905\)](#): Meets the requirements

IMPURITIES

- **LIMIT OF EPIMINOCYCLINE**

Mobile phase, System suitability solution, Standard solution, Sample solution 1 or Sample solution 2, Chromatographic system, and

System suitability: Proceed as directed in the Assay.

[NOTE—The relative retention times for epiminocycline and minocycline are 0.7 and 1.0, respectively.]

Analysis: Calculate the percentage of epiminocycline in the portion of Minocycline for Injection taken:

$$\text{Result} = (r_u/r_T) \times 100$$

r_u = peak area of epiminocycline from *Sample solution 1* or *Sample solution 2*

r_T = total area of all the peaks from *Sample solution 1* or *Sample solution 2*

Acceptance criteria: NMT 6.0%

SPECIFIC TESTS

- [pH \(791\)](#)

Sample solution: Nominally 10 mg/mL of minocycline

Acceptance criteria: 2.0–3.5

- [WATER DETERMINATION, Method I \(921\)](#)

Test preparation: Prepare as directed for a hygroscopic specimen.

Acceptance criteria: NMT 3.0%

- [PARTICULATE MATTER IN INJECTIONS \(788\)](#): Meets the requirements for small-volume injections
- [STERILITY TESTS \(71\)](#): Meets the requirements
- [BACTERIAL ENDOTOXINS TEST \(85\)](#): It contains NMT 1.25 USP Endotoxin Units/mg of minocycline.
- **CONSTITUTED SOLUTION:** At the time of use, it meets the requirements for [Injections and Implanted Drug Products \(1\)](#), [Specific Tests, Completeness and clarity of solutions](#).
- **OTHER REQUIREMENTS:** It meets the requirements for [Labeling \(7\)](#), [Labels and Labeling for Injectable Products](#).

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- **PACKAGING AND STORAGE:** Preserve as described in [Packaging and Storage Requirements \(659\)](#), [Injection Packaging, Packaging for constitution](#), protected from light.
- [USP REFERENCE STANDARDS \(11\)](#)
[USP Minocycline Hydrochloride RS](#)

Auxiliary Information - Please [check for your question in the FAQs](#) before contacting USP.

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