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## Monensin Sodium

$C_{36}H_{61}NaO_{11}$ (monensin A sodium)	692.85
$C_{35}H_{59}NaO_{11}$ (monensin B sodium)	678.83
$C_{37}H_{63}NaO_{11}$ (monensin C sodium)	706.88

Monensin, sodium salt.

Stereoisomer of 2-[2-ethyloctahydro-3'-methyl-5'-[tetrahydro-6-hydroxy-6-(hydroxymethyl)-3,5-dimethyl-2H-pyran-2-yl][2,2'-bifuran-5-yl]]-9-hydroxy-β-methoxy-α,γ,2,8-tetramethyl-1,6-dioxaspiro[4.5]decan-7-butanoic acid sodium salt CAS RN®: 22373-78-0; UNII: 1GS872GAFV.

» Monensin Sodium has a potency of not less than 800 µg per mg.

**Packaging and storage**—Preserve in well-closed containers. Avoid moisture and excessive heat.

**Labeling**—Label it to indicate that it is for veterinary use only. Label it also to state that it is for manufacturing, processing, or repackaging.

**USP REFERENCE STANDARDS (11)**—

[USP Monensin Sodium RS](#)

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**Identification**—The chromatogram of the *Assay preparation* obtained as directed in the *Assay* exhibits a major peak for monensin A and a minor peak for monensin B, the retention times of which correspond to those exhibited in the chromatogram of the *Standard preparation*, as obtained in the *Assay*.

**LOSS ON DRYING (731)**—Dry it in vacuum at 60° for 3 hours: it loses not more than 4% of its weight.

**Content of monensin A and B activity**—Using the results of the calculations in the *Assay*, calculate the percentage of monensin A activity in the Monensin Sodium under test by the formula:

$$100A/P$$

in which *A* is the potency, in mg per g, of monensin A in the Monensin Sodium under test, as determined in the *Assay*, and *P* is the potency, in mg of monensin, in each g of the Monensin Sodium under test, as determined in the *Assay*: not less than 90% is found. Calculate the percentage of monensin A activity plus monensin B activity in the Monensin Sodium under test by the formula:

$$100(A + B)/P$$

in which *B* is the potency, in mg per g, of monensin B in the Monensin Sodium under test, as determined in the *Assay*, and the other terms are as defined above: not less than 95% is found.

**Assay**—

*Mobile phase, Neutralized methanol, Diluent, Derivatizing reagent, Standard preparation, Resolution solution, and Chromatographic system*—

Proceed as directed in the [Assay](#) under [Monensin](#).

*Assay preparation*—Transfer about 100 mg of Monensin Sodium, accurately weighed, to a 100-mL volumetric flask, dissolve in and dilute with methanol to volume. If necessary, to achieve complete dissolution, sonicate for about 1 minute, and mix. Dilute an accurately measured volume of this solution quantitatively with *Diluent* to obtain a solution containing about 20 µg of monensin per mL.

*Procedure*—Proceed as directed for *Procedure* in the [Assay](#) under [Monensin](#). Calculate the quantity, in mg, of monensin A in each g of the Monensin Sodium taken by the formula:

$$(CFD/100,000W)(r_U/r_S)$$

in which *C* is the concentration, in µg per mL, of monensin activity in the *Standard preparation*, based on the quantity of [USP Monensin Sodium RS](#) taken, its designated potency, in µg per mg, and the extent of dilution; *F* is the designated percentage of monensin A in [USP Monensin Sodium RS](#); *D* is the dilution factor used in preparing the *Assay preparation*; *W* is the quantity, in g, of Monensin Sodium taken to prepare the *Assay preparation*; and *r<sub>U</sub>* and *r<sub>S</sub>* are the monensin A peak responses obtained from the *Assay preparation* and the *Standard preparation*, respectively. Calculate the quantity, in mg, of monensin B in each g of the Monensin Sodium taken by the same formula, except that *r<sub>U</sub>* is the monensin B peak response obtained from the *Assay preparation*, and *r<sub>S</sub>* is the monensin A peak response obtained from the *Standard preparation*. Calculate the quantity, in mg, of monensin C/D in each g of the Monensin Sodium taken by the same formula, except that *r<sub>U</sub>* is the

monensin C/D peak response obtained from the Assay *preparation*. Calculate the potency, in mg of monensin, in each g of the Monensin Sodium taken by the formula:

$$A + 0.28B + 1.5C/D$$

in which *A* is the quantity, in mg, of monensin A in each g of the Monensin Sodium taken, as calculated above; *B* is the quantity, in mg, of monensin B in each g of the Monensin Sodium taken; and *C/D* is the quantity, in mg, of monensin C/D in each g of Monensin Sodium taken, as calculated above.

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