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# Mycophenolate Mofetil Capsules

## DEFINITION

Mycophenolate Mofetil Capsules contain NLT 94.0% and NMT 105.0% of the labeled amount of mycophenolate mofetil ( $C_{23}H_{31}NO_7$ ).

## IDENTIFICATION

### Change to read:

- **A.** ▲The UV spectrum of the major peak of the *Sample solution* corresponds to that of the *Standard solution*, as obtained in the Assay.▲ (USP 1-Aug-2023)
- **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

### Change to read:

#### • PROCEDURE

**Phosphoric acid solution:** [Phosphoric acid](#) and [water](#) (3:50)

**Triethylamine solution:** Transfer 3 mL of [triethylamine](#) to 1000 mL of [water](#). Adjust with *Phosphoric acid solution* to a pH of 5.3.

**Mobile phase:** [Acetonitrile](#) and *Triethylamine solution* (55:45)

**Standard solution:** 0.125 mg/mL of [USP Mycophenolate Mofetil RS](#) in [acetonitrile](#)

▲**Sample stock solution:** Nominally 2.5 mg/mL of mycophenolate mofetil prepared as follows. Transfer the contents of the Capsules including Capsule shells, equivalent to 1.25 g of mycophenolate mofetil, to a 500-mL volumetric flask. Add 50 mL of [water](#) and shake mechanically for a minimum of 15 min. Add 350 mL of [acetonitrile](#), sonicate for 15 min, and shake mechanically for 20 min. Dilute with [acetonitrile](#) to volume.▲ (USP 1-Aug-2023)

**Sample solution:** ▲Nominally 0.125 mg/mL of mycophenolate mofetil in [acetonitrile](#) from *Sample stock solution*. Pass through a nylon filter of 0.45-μm pore size and discard the first 5 mL of the filtrate.▲ (USP 1-Aug-2023)

### Chromatographic system

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

**Mode:** LC

**Detector:** UV 250 nm. ▲For *Identification A*, use a diode array detector in the range of 200–400 nm.▲ (USP 1-Aug-2023)

**Column:** 4.6-mm × 25-cm; 5-μm packing [L7](#)

#### Temperatures

**Column:** 45°

**Autosampler:** 10 ± 5°

**Flow rate:** 1.5 mL/min

**Injection volume:** 20 μL

▲**Run time:** NLT 3 times the retention time of mycophenolate mofetil ▲ (USP 1-Aug-2023)

### System suitability

**Sample:** *Standard solution*

#### Suitability requirements

**Tailing factor:** NMT 2

**Relative standard deviation:** NMT 2.0%

### Analysis

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

Calculate the percentage of the labeled amount of mycophenolate mofetil ( $C_{23}H_{31}NO_7$ ) in the portion of Capsules taken:

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

$r_U$  = peak response of mycophenolate mofetil from the *Sample solution*

$r_S$  = peak response of mycophenolate mofetil from the *Standard solution*

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

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

**Acceptance criteria:** 94.0%–105.0%

## PERFORMANCE TESTS

**Change to read:**

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

### Test 1

**Medium:** 0.1 N [hydrochloric acid](#); 900 mL

**Apparatus 2:** 40 rpm, with sinkers

**Time:** 20 min

**Standard solution:** 0.278 mg/mL of [USP Mycophenolate Mofetil RS](#) in *Medium*

**Sample solution:** Pass a portion of the solution under test through a suitable filter of 0.45-μm pore size.

### Instrumental conditions

▲(See [Ultraviolet-Visible Spectroscopy \(857\)](#).)▲ (USP 1-Aug-2023)

**Mode:** UV

**Analytical wavelength:** 250 nm

**Path length:** 0.1 cm

**Blank:** *Medium*

### Analysis

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

Calculate the percentage of the labeled amount of mycophenolate mofetil ( $C_{23}H_{31}NO_7$ ) dissolved:

$$\text{Result} = (A_U/A_S) \times C_S \times V \times (1/L) \times 100$$

$A_U$  = absorbance of the *Sample solution*

$A_S$  = absorbance of the *Standard solution*

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

$V$  = volume of *Medium*, 900 mL

$L$  = label claim (mg/Capsule)

**Tolerances:** NLT 80% (Q) of the labeled amount of mycophenolate mofetil ( $C_{23}H_{31}NO_7$ ) is dissolved.

**Test 2:** If the product complies with this test, the labeling indicates that the product meets USP *Dissolution Test 2*.

**Medium:** 0.1 N [hydrochloric acid](#); 900 mL

**Apparatus 2:** 40 rpm, with sinker

**Time:** 30 min

**Standard solution:** 0.028 mg/mL of [USP Mycophenolate Mofetil RS](#) in *Medium*

**Sample solution:** Pass a portion of the solution under test through a suitable nylon filter of 0.45-μm pore size. Discard the first 3–5 mL of the filtrate. Dilute 1 mL of the filtrate with *Medium* to 10 mL.

### Instrumental conditions

(See [Ultraviolet-Visible Spectroscopy \(857\)](#).)

**Mode:** UV

**Analytical wavelength:** 250 nm

**Blank:** *Medium*

### Analysis

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

Calculate the percentage of the labeled amount of mycophenolate mofetil ( $C_{23}H_{31}NO_7$ ) dissolved:

$$\text{Result} = (A_U/A_S) \times C_S \times V \times D \times (1/L) \times 100$$

$A_U$  = absorbance of the *Sample solution*

$A_S$  = absorbance of the *Standard solution*

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

$V$  = volume of *Medium*, 900 mL

$D$  = dilution factor, 10

$L$  = label claim (mg/Capsule)

**Tolerances:** NLT 80% (Q) of the labeled amount of mycophenolate mofetil ( $C_{23}H_{31}NO_7$ ) is dissolved.

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

## IMPURITIES

**Change to read:**

- **ORGANIC IMPURITIES** ▲ (USP 1-Aug-2023)

**Mobile phase, Standard solution, Sample solution, and Chromatographic system:** Proceed as directed in the Assay.

**Sensitivity solution:** 0.0625 µg/mL of [USP Mycophenolate Mofetil RS](#) ▲ from *Standard solution* ▲ (USP 1-Aug-2023) in [acetonitrile](#)

### System suitability

**Samples:** *Standard solution* and *Sensitivity solution*

#### Suitability requirements

**Tailing factor:** NMT 2, *Standard solution*

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

**Signal-to-noise ratio:** NLT 10, *Sensitivity solution*

### Analysis

- ▲ (USP 1-Aug-2023)

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

Calculate the percentage of ▲ any specified and unspecified degradation product ▲ (USP 1-Aug-2023) in the portion of Capsules taken:

$$\text{Result} = (r_U/r_S) \times (C_S/C_U) \times (1/F) \times 100$$

$r_U$  = peak response of each ▲ (USP 1-Aug-2023) impurity from the *Sample solution*

$r_S$  = peak response of mycophenolate mofetil from the *Standard solution*

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

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

$F$  = relative response factor ▲ (USP 1-Aug-2023) (see [Table 1](#))

**Acceptance criteria:** See [Table 1](#). ▲ The reporting threshold is 0.05%. ▲ (USP 1-Aug-2023)

**Table 1**

Name	Relative Retention Time	Relative Response Factor	Acceptance Criteria, NMT (%)
Mycophenolic acid <sup>a</sup>	0.6	1.4	1.0
▲ (USP 1-Aug-2023) <i>N</i> -oxide analog <sup>b</sup>	0.8	1.0	0.2
Mycophenolate mofetil	1.0	—	—
▲ Any unspecified degradation product ▲ (USP 1-Aug-2023)	—	1.0	0.1
Total degradation products	—	—	1.5

<sup>a</sup> (E)-6-(1,3-Dihydro-4-hydroxy-6-methoxy-7-methyl-3-oxo-5-isobenzofuranyl)-4-methyl-4-hexenoic acid.

<sup>b</sup> 2-Morpholinoethyl (E)-6-(1,3-dihydro-4-hydroxy-6-methoxy-7-methyl-3-oxo-5-isobenzofuranyl)-4-methyl-4-hexenoate *N*-oxide.

**Change to read:**

- **LIMIT OF Z-MYCOPHENOLATE MOFETIL**

[NOTE—Z-Mycophenolate mofetil is ▲ 2-Morpholinoethyl (Z)-6-(1,3-dihydro-4-hydroxy-6-methoxy-7-methyl-3-oxo-5-isobenzofuranyl)-4-methyl-4-hexenoate. ▲ (USP 1-Aug-2023)]

**Triethylamine solution:** Prepare as directed in the Assay.

**Mobile phase:** [Acetonitrile](#) and *Triethylamine solution* (35:65)

**Standard solution:** 0.025 mg/mL of [USP Mycophenolate Mofetil RS](#) in [acetonitrile](#)

**Sensitivity solution:** 1.25 µg/mL of [USP Mycophenolate Mofetil RS](#)▲ from *Standard solution*▲ (USP 1-Aug-2023) in [acetonitrile](#)

**Sample solution:** Nominally 2.5 mg/mL of mycophenolate mofetil prepared as follows. Transfer the contents of the Capsules including Capsule shells, equivalent to 1.25 g of mycophenolate mofetil, to a 500-mL volumetric flask. Add 50 mL of [water](#) and shake mechanically for a minimum of 15 min. Add 350 mL of [acetonitrile](#), sonicate for 15 min, and shake mechanically for 20 min. Dilute with [acetonitrile](#) to volume. Pass through a nylon filter of 0.45-µm pore size and discard the first 2 mL of the filtrate.

#### Chromatographic system

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

**Mode:** LC

**Detector:** UV 215 nm

**Column:** 4.6-mm × 15-cm; 3.5-µm packing [L7](#)

**Column temperature:** 60°

**Flow rate:** 1.5 mL/min

**Injection volume:** 10 µL

**Run time:** 1.7 times the retention time of the mycophenolate mofetil peak

#### System suitability

**Samples:** *Standard solution* and *Sensitivity solution*

[NOTE—The relative retention times for mycophenolate mofetil and Z-mycophenolate mofetil are 1.0 and 1.1, respectively.]

#### Suitability requirements

**Tailing factor:** NMT 2.0, *Standard solution*

**Relative standard deviation:** NMT 5.0%, *Standard solution*

**Signal-to-noise ratio:** NLT 10, *Sensitivity solution*

#### Analysis

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

Calculate the percentage of Z-mycophenolate mofetil in the portion of Capsules taken:

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

$r_U$  = peak response of Z-mycophenolate mofetil from the *Sample solution*

$r_S$  = peak response of mycophenolate mofetil from the *Standard solution*

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

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

**Acceptance criteria:** NMT 0.10%

#### ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- **PACKAGING AND STORAGE:** Preserve in well-closed, light-resistant containers, and store at controlled room temperature.
- **LABELING:** When more than one *Dissolution* test is given, the labeling states the test used only if *Test 1* is not used.
- **USP REFERENCE STANDARDS (11).**  
[USP Mycophenolate Mofetil RS](#)

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