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## Naphazoline Hydrochloride Ophthalmic Solution

### DEFINITION

Naphazoline Hydrochloride Ophthalmic Solution is a sterile, buffered solution of Naphazoline Hydrochloride in water adjusted to a suitable tonicity. It contains NLT 90.0% and NMT 115.0% of the labeled amount of naphazoline hydrochloride ( $C_{14}H_{14}N_2 \cdot HCl$ ). It contains a suitable preservative.

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

### ASSAY

#### • PROCEDURE

**Buffer:** Dissolve 3 g of monobasic potassium phosphate in 1 L of water, and add 3 mL of triethylamine. Adjust with phosphoric acid to a pH of 3.

**Mobile phase:** Acetonitrile and *Buffer* (20:80)

**Standard solution:** 0.05 mg/mL of [USP Naphazoline Hydrochloride RS](#) in *Mobile phase*

**Sample solution:** Equivalent to 0.05 mg/mL of naphazoline hydrochloride in *Mobile phase* from Ophthalmic Solution

#### Chromatographic system

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

**Mode:** LC

**Detector:** UV 285 nm or diode array. [NOTE—Use diode array detector to perform *Identification test B*.]

**Column:** 4.6-mm × 15-cm; packing L10

**Column temperature:** 40°

**Flow rate:** 1.5 mL/min

**Injection volume:** 10 µL

#### System suitability

**Sample:** *Standard solution*

#### Suitability requirements

**Tailing factor:** NMT 2.0

**Relative standard deviation:** NMT 2.0%

#### Analysis

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

Calculate the percentage of the labeled amount of naphazoline hydrochloride ( $C_{14}H_{14}N_2 \cdot HCl$ ) in the portion of Ophthalmic Solution taken:

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

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

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

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

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

**Acceptance criteria:** 90.0%–115.0%

### SPECIFIC TESTS

- **pH (791):** 5.5–7.0

- **STERILITY TESTS (71)**: Meets the requirements

**ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

- **PACKAGING AND STORAGE**: Preserve in tight containers.
- **USP REFERENCE STANDARDS (11)**.  
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