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# Neomycin and Polymyxin B Sulfates, Bacitracin Zinc, and Lidocaine Ointment

» Neomycin and Polymyxin B Sulfates, Bacitracin Zinc, and Lidocaine Ointment contains the equivalent of not less than 90.0 percent and not more than 130.0 percent of the labeled amounts of neomycin, polymyxin B, and bacitracin, and not less than 90.0 percent and not more than 110.0 percent of the labeled amount of lidocaine ( $C_{14}H_{22}N_2O$ ).

**Packaging and storage**—Preserve in well-closed containers, preferably at controlled room temperature.

**USP REFERENCE STANDARDS (11).**—

- [USP Bacitracin Zinc RS](#)
- [USP Lidocaine RS](#)
- [USP Neomycin Sulfate RS](#)
- [USP Polymyxin B Sulfate RS](#)

**Identification**—

- A:** It meets the requirements under [Thin-Layer Chromatographic Identification Test \(201BNP\)](#).
- B:** The retention time of the major peak for lidocaine in the chromatogram of the Assay preparation corresponds to that in the chromatogram of the Standard preparation, as obtained in the Assay for lidocaine.

**MINIMUM FILL (755):** meets the requirements.

**WATER DETERMINATION, Method I (921):** not more than 0.5%, 20 mL of a mixture of toluene and methanol (7:3) being used in place of methanol in the titration vessel.

**Assay for neomycin**—Proceed with Ointment as directed in the Assay for neomycin under [Neomycin and Polymyxin B Sulfates and Bacitracin Zinc Ophthalmic Ointment](#).

**Assay for polymyxin B**—Proceed with Ointment as directed in the Assay for polymyxin B under [Neomycin and Polymyxin B Sulfates and Bacitracin Zinc Ophthalmic Ointment](#).

**Assay for bacitracin**—Proceed with Ointment as directed in the Assay for bacitracin under [Neomycin and Polymyxin B Sulfates and Bacitracin Zinc Ophthalmic Ointment](#).

**Assay for lidocaine**—

*Mobile phase, Standard preparation, and Chromatographic system*—Proceed as directed in the Assay for lidocaine under [Neomycin and Polymyxin B Sulfates, Bacitracin, and Lidocaine Ointment](#).  
*Assay preparation*—Using the Ointment, proceed as directed for Assay preparation in the Assay for lidocaine under [Neomycin and Polymyxin B Sulfates, Bacitracin, and Lidocaine Ointment](#).  
*Procedure*—Proceed as directed for Procedure in the Assay for lidocaine under [Neomycin and Polymyxin B Sulfates, Bacitracin, and Lidocaine Ointment](#). Calculate the quantity, in mg, of lidocaine ( $C_{14}H_{22}N_2O$ ) in the portion of Ointment taken by the formula:

$$100C(r_U/r_S)$$

in which C is the concentration, in mg per mL, of [USP Lidocaine RS](#) in the Standard preparation; and  $r_U$  and  $r_S$  are the lidocaine peak responses obtained from the Assay preparation and the Standard preparation, respectively.

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

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