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# Olanzapine Tablets

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## DEFINITION

Olanzapine Tablets contain NLT 90.0% and NMT 110.0% of the labeled amount of olanzapine ( $C_{17}H_{20}N_4S$ ).

## IDENTIFICATION

• **SPECTROSCOPIC IDENTIFICATION TESTS** (197), *Infrared Spectroscopy*: 197K

**Standard:** Dissolve 10 mg of [USP Olanzapine RS](#) in 10 mL of [chloroform](#). Evaporate to dryness on a water bath maintained at 55°. Use about 2 mg of the residue to prepare a [potassium bromide](#) pellet.

**Sample:** Crush NLT 5 Tablets, and transfer the powder equivalent to 30 mg of olanzapine to a suitable container. Add 30 mL of [chloroform](#), and sonicate for 15 min to dissolve. Pass through a suitable filter, and evaporate the filtrate to dryness on a water bath maintained at 55°. Use about 2 mg of the residue to prepare a [potassium bromide](#) pellet.

**Acceptance criteria:** Meet the requirements

## ASSAY

### • PROCEDURE

[NOTE—A few drops of [acetonitrile](#), not to exceed 5% of the final volume, may be added to the *Standard solution* and *Sample solution* before final dilution to reduce foaming.]

**Buffer 1:** 6.9 g/L of [monobasic sodium phosphate](#). Adjust with [phosphoric acid](#) to a pH of 2.5.

**Buffer 2:** 12 g/L of [sodium dodecyl sulfate](#) in *Buffer 1*

**Mobile phase:** [Acetonitrile](#) and *Buffer 2* (1:1)

**System suitability solution:** 0.1 mg/mL of [USP Olanzapine RS](#) and 0.01 mg/mL of [USP Olanzapine Related Compound A RS](#) in *Mobile phase*

**Standard solution:** 0.1 mg/mL of [USP Olanzapine RS](#) in *Mobile phase*

**Sample solution:** Transfer a known quantity of Tablets (NLT 5), equivalent to NLT 25 mg of olanzapine, to a suitable volumetric flask. Dilute with *Mobile phase* to volume, mix, and sonicate for 10 min. Centrifuge a portion of this solution, and dilute the clear supernatant with *Mobile phase* to obtain a solution containing about 0.1 mg/mL of olanzapine. [NOTE—Agitation of the flask may be necessary before sonication to prevent Tablets from adhering to the flask, making disintegration and dissolution difficult.]

### Chromatographic system

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

**Mode:** LC

**Detector:** UV 260 nm

**Column:** 4.6-mm × 15-cm; 5-μm packing [L7](#)

**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 olanzapine related compound A and olanzapine are 0.89 and 1.0, respectively.]

### Suitability requirements

**Resolution:** NLT 2.0 between olanzapine and olanzapine related compound A, *System suitability solution*

**Tailing factor:** NMT 1.8, *Standard solution*

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

### Analysis

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

Calculate the percentage of the labeled amount of olanzapine ( $C_{17}H_{20}N_4S$ ) in the portion of Tablets 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 Olanzapine RS](#) in the *Standard solution* (mg/mL)

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

**Acceptance criteria:** 90.0%–110.0%

## PERFORMANCE TESTS

### • [DISSOLUTION \(711\)](#)

#### Test 1

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

**Apparatus 2:** 50 rpm

**Time:** 30 min

**Mobile phase:** 10 g/L of [ammonium acetate](#) in a mixture of [methanol](#) and [water](#) (2:3). Adjust with [hydrochloric acid](#) to a pH of 4.0.

**Standard solution:** (L/1000) mg/mL of [USP Olanzapine RS](#) in *Medium*, where L is the label claim in mg/Tablet. Transfer 5.0 mL of this solution to a tube, and add 2.0 mL of *Mobile phase*.

**Sample solution:** Pass a portion of the solution under test through a suitable filter of 0.45-μm pore size. Transfer 5.0 mL of the filtrate to a tube, and add 2.0 mL of *Mobile phase*.

#### Chromatographic system

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

**Mode:** LC

**Detector:** UV 260 nm

**Column:** 4.6-mm × 15-cm; 5-μm packing [L10](#)

**Flow rate:** 1.5 mL/min

**Injection volume:** 50 μL

#### System suitability

**Sample:** *Standard solution*

#### Suitability requirements

**Relative standard deviation:** NMT 2.0%

#### Analysis

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

Calculate the percentage of the labeled amount of olanzapine (C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>4</sub>S) dissolved:

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

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

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

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

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

$L$  = label claim (mg/Tablet)

**Tolerances:** NLT 80% (Q) of the labeled amount of olanzapine (C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>4</sub>S) is dissolved.

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

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

**Apparatus 2:** 50 rpm

**Time:** 20 min

**Mobile phase:** 10 g/L of [ammonium acetate](#) in a mixture of [methanol](#) and [water](#) (2:3). Adjust with [hydrochloric acid](#) to a pH of 4.0. Pass through a suitable filter of 0.45-μm pore size.

**Standard stock solution:** 0.28 mg/mL of [USP Olanzapine RS](#) prepared as follows. Transfer a suitable amount of [USP Olanzapine RS](#) to a suitable volumetric flask. Add about 8% of the final flask volume of [acetonitrile](#). Sonicate to dissolve the Reference Standard. Dilute with *Medium* to volume.

**Standard solution:** (L/900) mg/mL of [USP Olanzapine RS](#) in *Medium* from *Standard stock solution*, where L is the label claim in mg/Tablet. Transfer 5.0 mL of this solution to a tube, and add 2.0 mL of *Mobile phase*.

**Sample solution:** Pass a portion of the solution under test through a suitable filter of 0.45-µm pore size. Transfer 5.0 mL of the filtrate to a tube, and add 2.0 mL of *Mobile phase*.

#### Chromatographic system

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

**Mode:** LC

**Detector:** UV 260 nm

**Column:** 4.6-mm × 15-cm; 5-µm packing [L11](#)

**Column temperature:** 40°

**Flow rate:** 1.5 mL/min

**Injection volume:** 50 µL

#### System suitability

**Sample:** *Standard solution*

#### Suitability requirements

**Relative standard deviation:** NMT 2.0%

#### Analysis

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

Calculate the percentage of the labeled amount of olanzapine (C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>4</sub>S) dissolved:

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

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

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

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

V = volume of *Medium*, 900 mL

L = label claim (mg/Tablet)

**Tolerances:** NLT 80% (Q) of the labeled amount of olanzapine (C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>4</sub>S) is dissolved.

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

#### IMPURITIES

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[NOTE—A few drops of [acetonitrile](#), not to exceed 5% of the final volume, may be added to the *Standard solution* and *Sample solution* before final dilution to reduce foaming.]

**Buffer 1:** 3.3 mL/L of [phosphoric acid](#). Adjust with 50% [sodium hydroxide](#) to a pH of 2.5.

**Buffer 2:** 8.7 g/L of [sodium dodecyl sulfate](#) in *Buffer 1*

**Buffer 3:** 18.6 mg/L of [edetate disodium](#) (EDTA) in *Buffer 2*

**Solution A:** [Acetonitrile](#) and *Buffer 2* (12:13)

**Solution B:** [Acetonitrile](#) and *Buffer 2* (7:3)

**Diluent:** [Acetonitrile](#) and *Buffer 3* (2:3)

**System suitability solution:** 20 µg/mL of [USP Olanzapine RS](#) and 2 µg/mL each of [USP Olanzapine Related Compound B RS](#) and [USP Olanzapine Related Compound C RS](#) in *Diluent*

**Standard solution:** 0.002 mg/mL of [USP Olanzapine RS](#) in *Diluent*

**Sensitivity solution:** 0.4 µg/mL of [USP Olanzapine RS](#) in *Diluent* from the *Standard solution*

**Sample solution:** Nominally 0.375–0.500 mg/mL of olanzapine from a suitable number of Tablets prepared as follows. Transfer a known quantity of Tablets to a suitable volumetric flask, and dilute with *Diluent* to volume. Centrifuge a portion of this solution, and use the supernatant. [NOTE—Immediate agitation of the flask may be necessary to prevent Tablets from adhering to the flask, making dissolution and disintegration difficult. **[CAUTION—Do not sonicate.]** The *Sample solution* is stable for 12 h at room temperature and 48 h if refrigerated.]

**Mobile phase:** See [Table 1](#).

Time (min)	Solution A (%)	Solution B (%)
0	100	0
10	100	0
20	0	100
25	0	100
27	100	0
35	100	0

Chromatographic system

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

Mode: LC

Detector: UV 220 nm

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

Column temperature: 35°

Flow rate: 1.5 mL/min

Injection volume: 20 µL

System suitability

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

Suitability requirements

Resolution: NLT 3.0 between olanzapine and olanzapine related compound C, *System suitability solution*

Tailing factor: NMT 1.5 for the olanzapine peak, *System suitability solution*

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

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

Analysis

Samples: *Standard solution* and *Sample solution*

Calculate the percentage of each impurity in the portion of Tablets taken:

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

$r_U$  = peak response of each impurity from the *Sample solution*

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

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

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

$F$  = relative response factor for each impurity listed in [Table 2](#)

Acceptance criteria: See [Table 2](#).

Table 2

Name	Relative Retention Time	Relative Response Factor	Acceptance Criteria, NMT (%)
Olanzapine open ring analog <a href="#">a</a> (if present)	0.18	1.0	▲0.5▲ (RB 1-Jul-2023)
Olanzapine lactam <a href="#">b</a>	0.26	1.0	0.50

Name	Relative Retention Time	Relative Response Factor	Acceptance Criteria, NMT (%)
Olanzapine related compound B	0.30	2.3	0.50
Olanzapine thiolactam <sup>c</sup>	0.34	1.0	0.50
Olanzapine acetyl open ring analog <sup>d</sup> (if present)	0.37	1.0	▲0.5▲ (RB 1-Jul-2023)
Olanzapine related compound C	0.83	0.76	0.50
Olanzapine	1.0	—	—
Any individual unspecified degradation product	—	1.0	0.20
Total impurities	—	—	1.5

- <sup>a</sup> (Z)-3-(Hydroxymethylene)-4-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)-1,3-dihydro-2H-benzo[b][1,4]diazepine-2-thione.
- <sup>b</sup> (Z)-4-(4-Methylpiperazin-1-yl)-3-(2-oxopropylidene)-1H-benzo[b][1,4]diazepin-2(3H)-one.
- <sup>c</sup> (Z)-1-{4-(4-Methylpiperazin-1-yl)-2-thioxo-1H-benzo[b][1,4]diazepin-3(2H)-ylidene}propan-2-one.
- <sup>d</sup> (Z)-4-(4-Methylpiperazin-1-yl)-2-thioxo-1,2-dihydro-3H-benzo[b][1,4]diazepin-3-ylidene)methyl acetate.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

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

[USP Olanzapine RS](#)

[USP Olanzapine Related Compound A RS](#)

5-Methyl-2-((2-nitrophenyl)amino)-3-thiophenecarbonitrile.  
C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>9</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S 259.28

[USP Olanzapine Related Compound B RS](#)

2-Methyl-10H-thieno-[2,3-b][1,5]benzodiazepin-4[5H]-one.  
C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>10</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OS 230.29

[USP Olanzapine Related Compound C RS](#)

2-Methyl-4-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)-10H-benzo[b]thieno[2,3-e][1,4]diazepine 4'-N-oxide.  
C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>4</sub>OS 328.43

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