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## Olopatadine Hydrochloride Ophthalmic Solution

### DEFINITION

Olopatadine Hydrochloride Ophthalmic Solution is a sterile aqueous solution of Olopatadine Hydrochloride. It contains NLT 90.0% and NMT 110.0% of the labeled amount of olopatadine ( $C_{21}H_{23}NO_3$ ). It may contain suitable antimicrobial agents.

### 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 in the range of 270–370 nm of the major peak of the *Sample solution* corresponds to that of the *Standard solution*, as obtained in the Assay.

### ASSAY

#### • PROCEDURE

Protect all solutions containing olopatadine hydrochloride from light.

**Buffer:** Dissolve 13.6 g of [monobasic potassium phosphate](#) in 1 L of water, add 1 mL of [triethylamine](#), and mix. Adjust with [phosphoric acid](#) to a pH of 3.0.

**Mobile phase:** Acetonitrile and *Buffer* (28:72)

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

**Sample solution:** Nominally equivalent to 0.1 mg/mL of olopatadine in *Mobile phase*, from Ophthalmic Solution

#### Chromatographic system

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

**Mode:** LC

**Detector:** UV 299 nm or diode array. [NOTE—Use a diode array detector to perform the *Identification B* test.]

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

**Flow rate:** 1 mL/min

**Injection volume:** 30 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 olopatadine ( $C_{21}H_{23}NO_3$ ) in the portion of Ophthalmic Solution taken:

$$\text{Result} = (r_U/r_S) \times (C_S/C_U) \times (M_{r1}/M_{r2}) \times 100$$

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

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

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

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

$M_{r1}$  = molecular weight of olopatadine, 337.41

$M_{r2}$  = molecular weight of olopatadine hydrochloride, 373.87

**IMPURITIES****• LIMIT OF EARLY ELUTING IMPURITIES**

Protect all solutions containing olopatadine hydrochloride from light.

**Mobile phase:** Prepare as directed in the Assay.

**System suitability solution:** 0.2 mg/mL of [USP Olopatadine Hydrochloride RS](#) and 0.02 mg/mL of [USP Olopatadine Related Compound B RS](#) in *Mobile phase*

**Standard solution:** 0.2 mg/mL of [USP Olopatadine Hydrochloride RS](#) in *Mobile phase*

**Sample solution:** Equivalent to 0.2 mg/mL of olopatadine in *Mobile phase*, from Ophthalmic Solution

**Blank solution:** *Mobile phase*

**Chromatographic system**

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

**Mode:** LC

**Detector:** UV 299 nm

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

**Flow rate:** 1 mL/min

**Injection volume:** 30 μL

**Run time:** At least 1.6 times the retention time of the major peak

**System suitability**

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

**Suitability requirements**

**Resolution:** NLT 2.0 between olopatadine and olopatadine related compound B, *System suitability solution*

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

**Analysis**

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

Calculate the percentage of each impurity in the portion of Ophthalmic Solution taken:

$$\text{Result} = (r_U/r_S) \times (C_S/C_U) \times (M_{r1}/M_{r2}) \times (1/F) \times 100$$

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

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

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

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

$M_{r1}$  = molecular weight of olopatadine, 337.41

$M_{r2}$  = molecular weight of olopatadine hydrochloride, 373.87

$F$  = relative response factor for each individual impurity (see [Table 1](#))

**Acceptance criteria:** See [Table 1](#). Disregard any peaks corresponding to those of the *Blank solution* and any peaks with a relative retention time, measured with respect to olopatadine, greater than 1.5. Disregard any peak less than 0.1%.

**Table 1**

Name	Relative Retention Time	Relative Response Factor	Acceptance Criteria, NMT (%)
Olopatadine <i>E</i> -isomer <sup>a</sup>	0.7	1.3	0.5
Olopatadine	1.0	—	—
Olopatadine related compound B	1.2	1.0	2

Name	Relative Retention Time	Relative Response Factor	Acceptance Criteria, NMT (%)
Olopatadine carbaldehyde <sup>b</sup>	1.3	4.5	0.5
Any individual unspecified impurity	—	1.0	0.5

<sup>a</sup> 11-[(E)-3-(Dimethylamino)propylidene]-6,11-dihydrodibenzo[b,e]oxepin-2-acetic acid.

<sup>b</sup> (Z)-11-[3-(Dimethylamino)propylidene]-6,11-dihydrodibenzo[b,e]oxepine-2-carbaldehyde.

• **LIMIT OF LATE ELUTING IMPURITIES**

Protect all solutions containing olopatadine hydrochloride from light.

**Buffer:** Prepare as directed in the Assay.

**Mobile phase:** Acetonitrile and *Buffer* (1:1)

**System suitability solution:** 0.02 mg/mL of [USP Olopatadine Hydrochloride RS](#) and 0.01 mg/mL of [USP Olopatadine Related Compound C RS](#) in *Mobile phase*

**Standard solution:** 0.01 mg/mL of [USP Olopatadine Related Compound C RS](#) in *Mobile phase*

**Sample solution:** Use the *Sample solution* from the test for *Limit of Early Eluting Impurities*.

**Blank solution:** *Mobile phase*

**Chromatographic system**

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

**Mode:** LC

**Detector:** UV 299 nm

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

**Flow rate:** 1 mL/min

**Injection volume:** 30 μL

**Run time:** At least 3 times the retention time of the olopatadine related compound C peak

**System suitability**

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

[**NOTE**—The relative retention times for olopatadine and olopatadine related compound C are 0.3 and 1.0, respectively.]

**Suitability requirements**

**Resolution:** NLT 7.0 between olopatadine and olopatadine related compound C, *System suitability solution*

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

**Analysis**

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

Calculate the percentage of each impurity in the portion of Ophthalmic Solution taken:

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

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

$r_S$  = peak response of olopatadine related compound C from the *Standard solution*

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

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

**Acceptance criteria:** See [Table 2](#). Disregard any peaks corresponding to those of the *Blank solution* and any peaks with a relative retention time, measured with respect to olopatadine related compound C, less than 0.7. Disregard any peak less than 0.1%.

**Table 2**

Name	Relative Retention Time	Acceptance Criteria, NMT (%)
Olopatadine	0.3	—

Name	Relative Retention Time	Acceptance Criteria, NMT (%)
Olopatadine related compound C	1.0	1
Any individual unspecified impurity	—	0.5
Total impurities <sup>a</sup>	—	3

<sup>a</sup> Total impurities are the sum of olopatadine related compound B, olopatadine related compound C, olopatadine E-isomer, olopatadine carbaldehyde, and all unspecified impurities found in the tests for *Limit of Early Eluting Impurities* and *Limit of Late Eluting Impurities*.

#### SPECIFIC TESTS

- [STERILITY TESTS \(71\)](#): Meets the requirements
- [pH \(791\)](#): 5.0–8.0
- [OSMOLALITY AND OSMOLARITY \(785\)](#): 260–340 mOsmol/kg

#### ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- **PACKAGING AND STORAGE:** Preserve in tight, light-resistant containers. Store between 4° and 25°.

- [USP REFERENCE STANDARDS \(11\)](#):

[USP Olopatadine Hydrochloride RS](#)

[USP Olopatadine Related Compound B RS](#)

(Z)-3-(2-(Carboxymethyl)dibenzo[b,e]oxepin-11(6H)-ylidene)-N,N-dimethylpropan-1-amine oxide.  
 $C_{21}H_{23}NO_4$  353.41

[USP Olopatadine Related Compound C RS](#)

11-Oxo-6,11-dihydrodibenzo[b,e]oxepin-2-yl acetic acid.  
 $C_{16}H_{12}O_4$  268.26

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