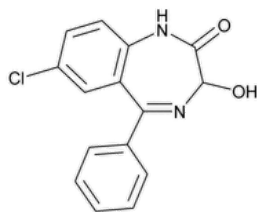


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# Oxazepam



$C_{15}H_{11}ClN_2O_2$  286.71  
2*H*-1,4-Benzodiazepin-2-one, 7-chloro-1,3-dihydro-3-hydroxy-5-phenyl-, (±)-;  
(±)-7-Chloro-1,3-dihydro-3-hydroxy-5-phenyl-2*H*-1,4-benzodiazepin-2-one CAS RN<sup>®</sup>: 604-75-1.

**DEFINITION**  
Oxazepam contains NLT 98.0% and NMT 102.0% of oxazepam ( $C_{15}H_{11}ClN_2O_2$ ), calculated on the dried basis.

**IDENTIFICATION**  
*Change to read:*  
• **A.** ▲ [SPECTROSCOPIC IDENTIFICATION TESTS \(197\)](#), [Infrared Spectroscopy: 197K](#) ▲ (CN 1-MAY-2020)  
*Change to read:*  
• **B.** ▲ The retention time of the major peak of the *Sample solution* corresponds to that of the *Standard solution*, as obtained in the Assay. ▲ (USP 1-May-2019)

**ASSAY**  
*Change to read:*  
• **PROCEDURE**  
▲ Prepare the *System suitability solution*, *Standard solution*, and *Sample solution* immediately before use.  
**Solution A:** Dissolve 3.5 g of [dibasic potassium phosphate](#) in 900 mL of [water](#). Adjust with 1 N [sodium hydroxide](#) to a pH of 10.5, and dilute with [water](#) to 1 L.  
**Solution B:** [Acetonitrile](#)  
**Mobile phase:** See [Table 1](#).

Table 1

Time (min)	Solution A (%)	Solution B (%)
0	75	25
4	75	25
19	50	50
20	25	75
25	25	75

Time (min)	Solution A (%)	Solution B (%)
26	75	25
30	75	25

**Diluent:** [Acetonitrile](#) and [water](#) (50:50)

**System suitability solution:** 1.6 µg/mL each of [USP Oxazepam Related Compound A RS](#) and [USP Chlordiazepoxide Related Compound A RS](#), and 0.8 mg/mL of [USP Oxazepam RS](#) in *Diluent*

**Standard solution:** 0.08 mg/mL of [USP Oxazepam RS](#) in *Diluent*

**Sample solution:** 0.08 mg/mL of Oxazepam in *Diluent*

#### Chromatographic system

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

**Mode:** LC

**Detector:** UV 235 nm

**Column:** 4.6-mm × 25-cm; 5-µm packing [L1](#)

**Flow rate:** 1 mL/min

**Injection volume:** 10 µL

#### System suitability

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

#### Suitability requirements

**Resolution:** NLT 1.5 between chlordiazepoxide related compound A and oxazepam related compound A, *System suitability solution*

**Relative standard deviation:** NMT 0.73%, *Standard solution*

#### Analysis

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

Calculate the percentage of oxazepam ( $C_{15}H_{11}ClN_2O_2$ ) in the portion of Oxazepam 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 Oxazepam RS](#) in the *Standard solution* (mg/mL)

$C_U$  = concentration of Oxazepam in the *Sample solution* (mg/mL)▲ (USP 1-May-2019)

**Acceptance criteria:** 98.0%–102.0% on the dried basis

#### IMPURITIES

• [RESIDUE ON IGNITION \(281\)](#): NMT 0.3%

#### Change to read:

• **ORGANIC IMPURITIES**

Prepare the ▲*System suitability solution*, *Standard solution*, and *Sample solution*▲ (USP 1-May-2019) immediately before use.

**Solution A, Solution B, Diluent, System suitability solution, and Chromatographic system:** Proceed as directed in the Assay.

**Mobile phase:** See [Table 2](#).

**Table 2**

Time (min)	Solution A (%)	Solution B (%)
0	75	25
4	75	25
34	25	75

Time (min)	Solution A (%)	Solution B (%)
45	25	75
50	75	25
60	75	25

**Standard solution:** 1.6 µg/mL of [USP Oxazepam RS](#) in *Diluent*

**Sample solution:** 0.8 mg/mL of Oxazepam in *Diluent*

#### System suitability

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

#### Suitability requirements

**Resolution:** NLT 1.5 between chlordiazepoxide related compound A and oxazepam related compound A, *System suitability solution*

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

#### Analysis

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

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

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

$r_U$  = peak area of any impurity from the *Sample solution*

$r_S$  = peak area of oxazepam from the *Standard solution*

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

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

$F$  = relative response factor (see [Table 3](#))

**Acceptance criteria:** See [Table 3](#). ▲The reporting threshold is 0.05%. ▲ (USP 1-May-2019)

**Table 3**

Name	Relative Retention Time	Relative Response Factor	Acceptance Criteria, NMT (%)
Chlordiazepoxide related compound A	0.7	1.0	0.2
Oxazepam related compound A	0.8	0.25	0.2
Oxazepam	1.0	—	—
Oxazepam related compound B <sup>a</sup>	1.2	0.90	0.2
Oxazepam related compound C <sup>b</sup>	1.4	1.0	0.2
Oxazepam related compound D <sup>c</sup>	2.0	1.0	0.2

Name	Relative Retention Time	Relative Response Factor	Acceptance Criteria, NMT (%)
Any individual unknown impurity	—	—	0.10
Total impurities	—	—	1.0

<sup>a</sup> 7-Chloro-2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-benzodiazepin-3-yl acetate.

<sup>b</sup> 6-Chloro-4-phenylquinazoline-2-carbaldehyde.

<sup>c</sup> 5-Chloro-2-aminobenzophenone.

## SPECIFIC TESTS

### • [pH \(791\)](#)

**Sample:** A suspension of 1 g of Oxazepam in 50 mL of [water](#)

**Acceptance criteria:** 4.8–7.0

### • [Loss on Drying \(731\)](#)

**Analysis:** Dry at a pressure not exceeding 5 mm of mercury at 105° for 3 h.

**Acceptance criteria:** NMT 2.0%

## ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

### • **PACKAGING AND STORAGE:** Preserve in well-closed containers.

### • [USP REFERENCE STANDARDS \(11\)](#)

[USP Chlordiazepoxide Related Compound A RS](#)

7-Chloro-1,3-dihydro-5-phenyl-2*H*-1,4-benzodiazepin-2-one 4-oxide.

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[USP Oxazepam Related Compound A RS](#)

7-Chloro-5-phenyl-4,5-dihydro-1*H*-benzodiazepine-2,3-dione.

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