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Phentolamine Mesylate for Injection

» Phentolamine Mesylate for Injection is sterile Phentolamine Mesylate or a sterile mixture of Phentolamine Mesylate with a suitable buffer or suitable diluents. It contains not less than 90.0 percent and not more than 110.0 percent of the labeled amount of $C_{17}H_{19}N_3O \cdot CH_4O_3S$.

Packaging and storage—Preserve as described in [Packaging and Storage Requirements \(659\)](#), [Injection Packaging](#), [Packaging for constitution](#).

USP REFERENCE STANDARDS (11)—

[USP Phentolamine Mesylate RS](#)

Constituted solution—At the time of use, it meets the requirements for [Injections and Implanted Drug Products \(1\)](#), [Specific Tests, Completeness and clarity of solutions](#).

Identification—Mix a portion of it, equivalent to about 40 mg of phentolamine mesylate, with about 15 mL of chloroform. Filter into a beaker, and evaporate to dryness, taking precautions against introducing moisture: the residue so obtained responds to [Identification](#) test [A](#) under [Phentolamine Mesylate](#).

BACTERIAL ENDOTOXINS TEST (85)—It contains not more than 5.8 USP Endotoxin Units per mg of phentolamine mesylate.

UNIFORMITY OF DOSAGE UNITS (905): meets the requirements.

Procedure for content uniformity—Dissolve the contents of 1 container in water to provide a solution containing about 20 µg of phentolamine mesylate per mL. Concomitantly determine the absorbances of this solution and of a solution of [USP Phentolamine Mesylate RS](#), in the same medium, at a concentration of about 20 µg per mL, in 1-cm cells at the wavelength of maximum absorbance at about 278 nm, with a suitable spectrophotometer, using water as the blank. Calculate the quantity, in mg, of $C_{17}H_{19}N_3O \cdot CH_4O_3S$ in the Phentolamine Mesylate for Injection taken by the formula:

$$(T/D)C(A_U/A_S)$$

in which T is the labeled quantity, in mg, of phentolamine mesylate in the Phentolamine Mesylate for Injection, D is the concentration, in µg per mL, of phentolamine mesylate in the solution from the Phentolamine Mesylate for Injection, based on the labeled quantity per container and the extent of dilution, C is the concentration, in µg per mL, of [USP Phentolamine Mesylate RS](#) in the Standard solution, and A_U and A_S are the absorbances of the solution from the Phentolamine Mesylate for Injection and the Standard solution, respectively.

pH (791): between 4.5 and 6.5, in a freshly prepared solution having a concentration of about 1 in 100.

Other requirements—It meets the requirements for [Sterility Tests \(71\)](#), and [Labeling \(7\)](#), [Labels and Labeling for Injectable Products](#).

Assay—

Standard preparation—Transfer about 25 mg of [USP Phentolamine Mesylate RS](#), accurately weighed, to a 50-mL volumetric flask, add water to volume, and mix.

Assay preparation—Dissolve the contents of 10 containers of Phentolamine Mesylate for Injection in a volume of water corresponding to the volume of solvent specified in the labeling. Transfer an aliquot, equivalent to about 25 mg of phentolamine mesylate, to a 50-mL volumetric flask, add water to volume, and mix.

Procedure—Pipet 5-mL portions, respectively, of the *Standard preparation*, *Assay preparation*, and water to provide a blank, into separate 125-mL separators. Into each separator pipet 5-mL portions of 0.1 N hydrochloric acid and saturated picric acid solution. Extract with three 25-mL portions of chloroform, filtering each portion through chloroform-washed cotton into a 100-mL volumetric flask. Dilute with chloroform to volume, and mix. Concomitantly determine the absorbances of the solutions from the *Assay preparation* and the *Standard preparation* in 1-cm cells at the wavelength of maximum absorbance at about 410 nm, with a suitable spectrophotometer, against the blank. Calculate the quantity, in mg, of $C_{17}H_{19}N_3O \cdot CH_4O_3S$ in the aliquot of Phentolamine Mesylate for Injection taken by the formula:

$$50C(A_U/A_S)$$

in which C is the concentration, in mg per mL, of [USP Phentolamine Mesylate RS](#) in the *Standard preparation*, and A_U and A_S are the absorbances of the solutions 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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