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# Piroxicam Compounded Cream

**DEFINITION**  
Piroxicam Compounded Cream contains NLT 90.0% and NMT 110.0% of the labeled amount of piroxicam ( $C_{15}H_{13}N_3O_4S$ ).  
Prepare Piroxicam Compounded Cream as follows (see [Pharmaceutical Compounding—Nonsterile Preparations \(795\)](#)).

Piroxicam	3 g
White Petrolatum	25 g
Stearyl Alcohol	15 g
Propylparaben	0.06 g
Methylparaben	0.15 g
Propylene Glycol	12.0 g
Sodium Lauryl Sulfate	1 g
Sodium Hydroxide, 1 N	2.5 mL
Purified Water, a sufficient quantity to make	100 g

In an appropriate container (final weight tared), mix the *White Petrolatum* and *Stearyl Alcohol* together, and heat to  $80 \pm 5^\circ$  to form a clear oil phase. In a separate container, mix the *Propylparaben*, *Methylparaben*, *Propylene Glycol*, *Sodium Lauryl Sulfate*, and about 30 mL of *Purified Water* together, and heat to  $80 \pm 5^\circ$  to form a clear aqueous phase. Add the aqueous phase to the oil phase with continuous stirring, and allow it to cool to  $50^\circ$  to form an emulsion. In a mortar, triturate the *Piroxicam* with the *Sodium Hydroxide* to form a suspension. Using additional *Purified Water* to rinse the mortar, add the piroxicam suspension to the previously prepared emulsion, transferring the suspension stepwise and quantitatively to the emulsion. Add sufficient *Purified Water* with stirring to bring to final weight. Package, and label.

**ASSAY**

- PROCEDURE**

**Solution A:** 2.7 g/L of citric acid and 5.4 g/L of dibasic sodium phosphate in *Purified Water*. Pass through a filter of 0.45- $\mu$ m pore size.

**Mobile phase:** Methanol and *Solution A* (50:50). Filter, and degas.

**Diluent:** 0.01 N methanolic hydrochloric acid prepared by diluting 0.9 mL of hydrochloric acid with methanol to a final volume of 1 L

**Standard solution:** Dissolve an accurately weighed quantity of [USP Piroxicam RS](#) in 2 mL of chloroform, and dilute with *Diluent* to obtain a solution with a nominal concentration of about 50  $\mu$ g/mL of piroxicam.

**Sample solution:** Add 340 mg of Cream to 4 mL of chloroform and 150 mL of *Diluent*. Shake the mixture on a wrist action shaker for 15 min, and dilute with *Diluent* to 200 mL. Pass the solution through a filter of 0.45- $\mu$ m pore size, and discard the first 5 mL of the filtrate.

**Blank:** Add 340 mg of *Purified Water* to 4 mL of chloroform and 150 mL of *Diluent*. Shake the mixture on a wrist action shaker for 15 min, and dilute with *Diluent* to 200 mL. Pass the solution through a filter of 0.45- $\mu$ m pore size, and discard the first 5 mL of the filtrate.

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

**Mode:** LC

**Detector:** UV 254 nm

**Columns**  
**Guard:** 4.6-mm  $\times$  2-cm; packing L1

**Analytical:** 4.6-mm × 30-cm; 10-μm packing L1

**Flow rate:** 1.0 mL/min

**Injection volume:** 20 μL

#### System suitability

**Sample:** *Standard solution*

[NOTE—The retention time for piroxicam is about 7 min.]

#### Suitability requirements

**Relative standard deviation:** NMT 2.8% for replicate injections

#### Analysis

**Samples:** *Standard solution*, *Sample solution*, and *Blank*

Calculate the percentage of the labeled amount of piroxicam ( $C_{15}H_{13}N_3O_4S$ ) in the portion of Cream 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 Piroxicam RS](#) in the *Standard solution* (μg/mL)

$C_U$  = nominal concentration of piroxicam in the *Sample solution* (μg/mL)

**Acceptance criteria:** 90.0%–110.0%

#### ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- **PACKAGING AND STORAGE:** Package in a tight, light-resistant, plastic resealable container. Store at controlled room temperature.
- **BEYOND-USE DATE:** NMT 90 days after the date on which it was compounded when stored at controlled room temperature
- **LABELING:** Label it to state the *Beyond-Use Date*.
- **USP REFERENCE STANDARDS (11).**  
[USP Piroxicam RS](#)

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