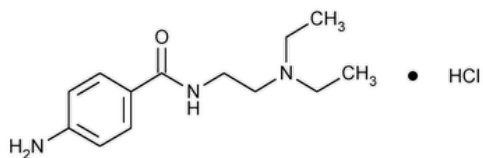


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Procainamide Hydrochloride



$C_{13}H_{21}N_3O \cdot HCl$ 271.79

Benzamide, 4-amino-*N*-[2-(diethylamino)ethyl]-, monohydrochloride.

p-Amino-*N*-[2-(diethylamino)ethyl]benzamide monohydrochloride CAS RN®: 614-39-1; UNII: SI406400LX.

» Procainamide Hydrochloride contains not less than 98.0 percent and not more than 102.0 percent of $C_{13}H_{21}N_3O \cdot HCl$, calculated on the dried basis.

Packaging and storage—Preserve in tight containers. Store at 25°, excursions permitted between 15° and 30°.

USP REFERENCE STANDARDS (11)—

[USP Aminobenzoic Acid RS](#)

[USP Procainamide Hydrochloride RS](#)

Identification—

A: [Spectroscopic Identification Tests \(197\)](#), [Infrared Spectroscopy: 197K](#).

B: *Standard solution*—Use the *Standard solution* containing 0.2 mg of [USP Procainamide Hydrochloride RS](#) per mL, prepared as directed under *Ordinary impurities*.

Test solution—Dilute the *Test solution*, prepared as directed under *Ordinary impurities*, with methanol to obtain a solution containing about 0.2 mg of procainamide hydrochloride per mL.

Adsorbent, Eluant, and Visualization—Prepare as directed in *Ordinary impurities*.

Procedure—Proceed as directed for *Procedure* under [Ordinary impurities \(466\)](#): the R_f value of the principal spot obtained from the *Test solution* corresponds to that obtained from the *Standard solution*.

MELTING RANGE (741): between 165° and 169°.

LOSS ON DRYING (731)—Dry it at 105° for 4 hours: it loses not more than 0.3% of its weight.

RESIDUE ON IGNITION (281): not more than 0.1%.

ORDINARY IMPURITIES (466)—

Test solution: methanol.

Standard solution: methanol.

Adsorbent: chromatographic silica gel.

Eluant: a mixture of chloroform, methanol, and ammonium hydroxide (70:30:0.7).

Visualization: 1, followed by spraying with a 1 in 2000 solution of fluorecamine in acetone and viewing with UV light at 366 nm.

Limit of free *p*-aminobenzoic acid—

Mobile phase and Resolution solution—Proceed as directed in the Assay.

Standard solution—Quantitatively dissolve an accurately weighed quantity of [USP Aminobenzoic Acid RS](#) in *Mobile phase* to obtain a solution having a known concentration of about 0.25 µg per mL.

Test solution—Transfer 25.0 mL of the stock solution used to prepare the Assay preparation to a 50-mL volumetric flask, dilute with *Mobile phase* to volume, and mix. This solution contains about 0.25 mg of procainamide hydrochloride per mL.

Chromatographic system—Proceed as directed for *Chromatographic system* in the Assay. In addition, the tailing factor for the *p*-aminobenzoic acid peak in the chromatogram obtained from the *Resolution solution* is not more than 2.0; and the relative standard deviation for replicate injections of the *Standard solution* is not more than 3.0%.

Procedure—Separately inject equal volumes (about 20 µL) of the *Standard solution* and the *Test solution* into the chromatograph, record the chromatograms, and measure the responses for the *p*-aminobenzoic acid peaks. Calculate the percentage of *p*-aminobenzoic acid in the

portion of Procainamide Hydrochloride taken by the formula:

$$20(C/W)(r_U/r_S)$$

in which C is the concentration, in µg per mL, of [USP Aminobenzoic Acid RS](#) in the *Standard solution*; W is the weight, in mg, of Procainamide Hydrochloride taken to prepare the stock solution for the *Assay preparation*; and r_U and r_S are the *p*-aminobenzoic acid peak responses obtained from the *Test solution* and the *Standard solution*, respectively. The limit is 0.1%.

Assay—

Mobile phase—Prepare a suitable mixture of water, methanol, and triethylamine (140:60:1); adjust with phosphoric acid to a pH of 7.5 ± 0.1; filter; and degas. Make adjustments if necessary (see *System Suitability* under [Chromatography \(621\)](#)).
Standard preparation—Quantitatively dissolve an accurately weighed quantity of [USP Procainamide Hydrochloride RS](#) in *Mobile phase* to obtain a solution having a known concentration of about 0.5 mg per mL. Quantitatively dilute an accurately measured volume of this stock solution with *Mobile phase* to obtain a *Standard preparation* having a known concentration of about 0.05 mg per mL.

Change to read:

Resolution solution—Dissolve a quantity of ▲*p*-aminobenzoic acid▲ (ERR 1-Jun-2024) in *Mobile phase* to obtain a solution containing about 0.1 mg per mL. Pipet 10 mL of this solution and 10 mL of the stock solution used to prepare the *Standard preparation* to a 100-mL volumetric flask, dilute with *Mobile phase* to volume, and mix.
Assay preparation—Transfer about 50 mg of Procainamide Hydrochloride, accurately weighed, to a 100-mL volumetric flask; dissolve in and dilute with *Mobile phase* to volume and mix. Transfer 10.0 mL of this stock solution to a second 100-mL volumetric flask, dilute with *Mobile phase* to volume, and mix.
Chromatographic system (see [CHROMATOGRAPHY \(621\)](#))—The liquid chromatograph is equipped with a 280-nm detector and a 3.9-mm × 30-cm column that contains 10-µm packing L1. The flow rate is about 1 mL per minute. Chromatograph the *Resolution solution*, and record the peak responses as directed for *Procedure*: the resolution, *R*, between the *p*-aminobenzoic acid and procainamide peaks is not less than 5.0. The relative retention times are about 0.5 for *p*-aminobenzoic acid and 1.0 for procainamide hydrochloride. Chromatograph the *Standard preparation*, and record the peak responses as directed for *Procedure*: the relative standard deviation for replicate injections is not more than 2.0%.
Procedure—Separately inject equal volumes (about 20 µL) of the *Standard preparation* and the *Assay preparation* into the chromatograph, record the chromatograms, and measure the responses for the major peaks. Calculate the quantity, in mg, of C₁₃H₂₁N₃O · HCl in the portion of Procainamide Hydrochloride taken by the formula:

$$1000C(r_U/r_S)$$

in which C is the concentration, in mg per mL, of [USP Procainamide Hydrochloride RS](#) in the *Standard preparation*; and r_U and r_S are the peak responses obtained from the *Assay preparation* and the *Standard preparation*, respectively.

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