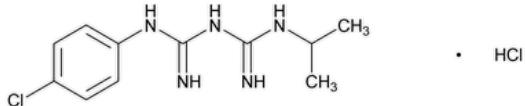


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Proguanil Hydrochloride



$C_{11}H_{16}ClN_5 \cdot HCl$ 290.19

Biguanide, 1-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-isopropyl, hydrochloride;
1-(p-Chlorophenyl)-5-isopropylbiguanide hydrochloride CAS RN®: 637-32-1; UNII: R71Y86M0WT.

DEFINITION

Proguanil Hydrochloride contains NLT 98.5% and NMT 101.0% of proguanil hydrochloride ($C_{11}H_{16}ClN_5 \cdot HCl$), calculated on the dried basis.

IDENTIFICATION

Change to read:

- A. ▲ [SPECTROSCOPIC IDENTIFICATION TESTS \(197\), Infrared Spectroscopy: 197K](#) ▲ (CN 1-MAY-2020)
- B. [IDENTIFICATION TESTS—GENERAL, Chloride\(191\)](#): Meets the requirements

ASSAY

• PROCEDURE

Solution A: 0.65 g/L of 1-pentanesulfonic acid sodium salt and 7.0 g/L of sodium perchlorate in water. Adjust with 1% trifluoroacetic acid to a pH of 3.0.

Solution B: 0.65 g/L of 1-pentanesulfonic acid sodium salt and 7.0 g/L of sodium perchlorate in a mixture of methanol, acetonitrile, and water (400:400:200). Add 4 mL of 1% trifluoroacetic acid to 1 L of this solution.

Mobile phase: See [Table 1](#).

Table 1

Time (min)	Solution A (%)	Solution B (%)
0	75	25
20	40	60
25	75	25
35	75	25

Diluent: Acetonitrile, methanol, and water (200:200:600)

Standard solution: 0.2 mg/mL of [USP Proguanil Hydrochloride RS](#) in *Diluent*

Sample solution: 0.2 mg/mL of Proguanil Hydrochloride in *Diluent*

Chromatographic system

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

Mode: LC

Detector: UV 235 nm

Column: 4.6-mm × 7.5-cm; 3.5-μm packing L7

Column temperature: 40°

Flow rate: 1.5 mL/min

Injection volume: 20 μ L**System suitability****Sample:** Standard solution**Suitability requirements****Tailing factor:** NMT 2.0**Relative standard deviation:** NMT 0.73%**Analysis****Samples:** Standard solution and Sample solutionCalculate the percentage of proguanil hydrochloride ($C_{11}H_{16}ClN_5 \cdot HCl$) in the portion of Proguanil Hydrochloride taken:

$$\text{Result} = (r_u/r_s) \times (C_s/C_u) \times 100$$

 r_u = peak response of proguanil from the Sample solution r_s = peak response of proguanil from the Standard solution C_s = concentration of [USP Proguanil Hydrochloride RS](#) in the Standard solution (mg/mL) C_u = concentration of Proguanil Hydrochloride in the Sample solution (mg/mL)**Acceptance criteria:** 98.5%–101.0% on the dried basis**IMPURITIES**• [RESIDUE ON IGNITION \(281\)](#): NMT 0.1%• [LIMIT OF CHLOROANILINE](#)**Solution A:** 3.45 g/L solution of sodium nitrite**Solution B:** 50 g/L solution of ammonium sulfamate**Solution C:** 1 mg/mL of naphthylethylenediamine dihydrochloride in water. Prepare immediately before use.**Standard solution:** 1.25 mg/L solution of chloroaniline**Sample solution:** Dissolve 100 mg in 1 mL of 2 N hydrochloric acid, and dilute with water to 20 mL.**Analysis:** Cool the Sample solution to 5°. Add 1 mL of Solution A, and allow to stand at 5° for 5 min. Add 2 mL of Solution B, and allow to stand for 10 min. Add 2 mL of Solution C, dilute with water to 50 mL, and allow to stand for 30 min.**Acceptance criteria:** Any red color produced is not more intense than that of a standard prepared at the same time and in the same manner, using 20 mL of Standard solution (250 ppm).• [ORGANIC IMPURITIES, PROCEDURE 1](#)[NOTE—On the basis of the synthetic route, perform either Procedure 1 or Procedure 2. Procedure 2 is recommended when proguanil related compound A, proguanil related compound E, proguanil related compound F, and proguanil related compound G (see [Table 3](#)) may be present.]**Mobile phase:** Dissolve 3.78 g of sodium hexanesulfonate in a mixture of 1200 mL of methanol, 800 mL of water, and 10 mL of glacial acetic acid.**Identification solution:** 0.5 μ g/mL of [USP Proguanil Related Compound C RS](#) in Mobile phase**System suitability stock solution:** 0.5 μ g/mL of [USP Proguanil Related Compound D RS](#) in Mobile phase**System suitability solution:** Dilute 1 mL of the Standard stock solution with Mobile phase to 200 mL. To 1 mL of the resulting solution, add 1 mL of System suitability stock solution.**Standard stock solution:** 0.1 mg/mL of [USP Proguanil Hydrochloride RS](#) in Mobile phase**Standard solution:** 0.2 μ g/mL of [USP Proguanil Hydrochloride RS](#) from the Standard stock solution in Mobile phase**Sample solution:** 0.1 mg/mL of Proguanil Hydrochloride in Mobile phase**Chromatographic system**(See [Chromatography \(621\), System Suitability](#).)**Mode:** LC**Detector:** UV 230 and 254 nm**Column:** 4.6-mm \times 12.5-cm; 5- μ m packing L1, or 4.6-mm \times 15-cm; 5- μ m packing L1**Flow rate:** 1 mL/min**Injection volume:** 20 μ L**Run time:** At least 5 times the retention time of the proguanil peak at both wavelengths**System suitability****Samples:** System suitability solution and Standard solution**Suitability requirements**

Resolution: NLT 5 between proguanil related compound D and proguanil, *System suitability solution at 230 nm*

Relative standard deviation: NMT 10.0%, *Standard solution at 230 nm*

Analysis

Samples: *Identification solution, System suitability stock solution, Standard solution, and Sample solution*

[*NOTE*—The relative retention times for proguanil related compound D, proguanil, and proguanil related compound C are about 0.46, 1.0, and 2.5, respectively.]

Identify the components based on their relative retention times, and measure the responses for the major peaks.

Calculate the percentage of proguanil related compound C and proguanil related compound D, as detected at 230 nm, in the portion of Proguanil Hydrochloride taken:

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

r_U = peak response of proguanil related compound C or proguanil related compound D from the *Sample solution*

r_S = peak response of proguanil from the *Standard solution*

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

C_U = concentration of Proguanil Hydrochloride in the *Sample solution* (mg/mL)

Calculate the percentage of any other impurity, as detected at 230 nm, in the portion of Proguanil Hydrochloride taken:

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

r_U = peak response of each impurity at 230 nm from the *Sample solution*

r_S = peak response of proguanil at 230 nm from the *Standard solution*

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

C_U = concentration of Proguanil Hydrochloride in the *Sample solution* (mg/mL)

Calculate the percentage of any other impurity, as detected at 254 nm, in the portion of Proguanil Hydrochloride taken:

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

r_U = peak response of each impurity at 254 nm from the *Sample solution*

r_S = peak response of proguanil at 254 nm from the *Standard solution*

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

C_U = concentration of Proguanil Hydrochloride in the *Sample solution* (mg/mL)

Calculate the percentage of total impurities as the sum of the calculated percentage contents of known and unknown impurities, considering each peak at the wavelength at which the peak shows the higher value.

Acceptance criteria: See [Table 2](#).

Table 2

Name	Relative Retention Time	Acceptance Criteria, NMT (%)
Proguanil related compound D ^a	0.46	0.2
Proguanil	1.0	—
Proguanil related compound C ^b	2.5	0.2
Any other impurity ^c	—	0.1

Name	Relative Retention Time	Acceptance Criteria, NMT (%)
Total impurities	—	0.5

^a 1,5-Diisopropylbiguanide or 1,5-Bis(1-methylethyl)biguanide.

^b 1,5-Bis(4-chlorophenyl)biguanide.

^c Disregard any peak below 0.05%.

• **ORGANIC IMPURITIES, PROCEDURE 2**

Solution A, Solution B, Mobile phase, and Diluent: Proceed as directed in the Assay.

Standard stock solution: 0.2 mg/mL each of [USP Proguanil Related Compound A RS](#), [USP Proguanil Related Compound C RS](#), [USP Proguanil Related Compound D RS](#), [USP Proguanil Related Compound E RS](#), [USP Proguanil Related Compound F RS](#), and [USP Proguanil Related Compound G RS](#) in *Diluent*

Standard solution: 0.2 µg/mL of [USP Proguanil Hydrochloride RS](#) and 0.2 µg/mL each of [USP Proguanil Related Compound A RS](#), [USP Proguanil Related Compound C RS](#), [USP Proguanil Related Compound D RS](#), [USP Proguanil Related Compound E RS](#), [USP Proguanil Related Compound F RS](#), and [USP Proguanil Related Compound G RS](#) in *Diluent* from the *Standard stock solution*

System suitability solution: 0.2 mg/mL of [USP Proguanil Hydrochloride RS](#) and 2 µg/mL each of [USP Proguanil Related Compound A RS](#), [USP Proguanil Related Compound C RS](#), [USP Proguanil Related Compound D RS](#), [USP Proguanil Related Compound E RS](#), [USP Proguanil Related Compound F RS](#), and [USP Proguanil Related Compound G RS](#) in *Diluent* from the *Standard stock solution*

Sample solution: 0.2 mg/mL of Proguanil Hydrochloride in *Diluent*

Chromatographic system

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

Mode: LC

Detector: UV 235 nm

Column: 4.6-mm × 7.5-cm; 3.5-µm packing L7

Column temperature: 40°

Flow rate: 1.5 mL/min

Injection volume: 20 µL

System suitability

Sample: *System suitability solution*

Suitability requirements

Resolution: NLT 2.0 between proguanil and proguanil related compound G

Tailing factor: NMT 2.0 for proguanil

Relative standard deviation: NMT 2.0% for the proguanil peak

Analysis

Samples: *Standard solution* and *Sample solution*

Calculate the percentage of each proguanil related compound and any other impurity in the portion of Proguanil Hydrochloride taken:

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

r_U = peak response of the proguanil related compound or any other impurity from the *Sample solution*

r_S = peak response of the corresponding proguanil related compound or proguanil (for calculating any other impurity) from the *Standard solution*

C_S = concentration of the corresponding proguanil related compound or proguanil hydrochloride (for calculating any other impurity) in the *Standard solution* (mg/mL)

C_U = concentration of Proguanil Hydrochloride in the *Sample solution* (mg/mL)

Acceptance criteria: See [Table 3](#).

Table 3

Name	Relative Retention Time	Acceptance Criteria, NMT (%)
Proguanil related compound A ^a	0.11	0.1
Proguanil related compound D ^b	0.34	0.1
Proguanil related compound E ^c	0.51	0.1
Proguanil	1.00	—
Proguanil related compound G ^d	1.05	0.1
Proguanil related compound F ^e	1.38	0.1
Proguanil related compound C ^f	1.49	0.1
Any other impurity	—	0.10
Total impurities	—	0.5

^a 1-Cyano-3-isopropylguanidine.^b 1,5-Diisopropylbiguanide or 1,5-Bis(1-methylethyl) biguanide.^c 1-(4-Chlorophenyl)-3-cyanoguanidine.^d 1-(3-Chlorophenyl)-5-isopropylbiguanide.^e 1-(3,4-Dichlorophenyl)-5-isopropylbiguanide.^f 1,5-Bis(4-chlorophenyl)biguanide.**SPECIFIC TESTS****• ACIDITY OR ALKALINITY****Sample:** 400 mg**Analysis:** Add 0.4 mL of methyl red–methylene blue TS to 35 mL of water maintained at 60°–65°. Neutralize with either 0.01 N sodium hydroxide or 0.01 N hydrochloric acid to a gray color. Add the **Sample**, and stir until completely dissolved.**Acceptance criteria:** The solution is gray or green. NMT 0.2 mL of 0.01 N hydrochloric acid is required to change the color of the solution to reddish-violet.**• LOSS ON DRYING (731)****Analysis:** Dry a sample at 105° for 2 h.**Acceptance criteria:** NMT 0.5%**ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS****• PACKAGING AND STORAGE:** Preserve in well-closed, light-resistant containers, and store at room temperature.**• LABELING:** If a test for *Organic Impurities* other than *Procedure 1* is used, then the labeling states with which *Organic Impurities* test the article complies.**• USP REFERENCE STANDARDS (11)**[USP Proguanil Hydrochloride RS](#)[USP Proguanil Related Compound A RS](#)

1-Cyano-3-isopropylguanidine.

 $C_5H_{10}N_4$ 126.16[USP Proguanil Related Compound C RS](#)

1,5-Bis(4-chlorophenyl)biguanide.

 $C_{14}H_{13}Cl_2N_5$ 322.19[USP Proguanil Related Compound D RS](#)

1,5-Bis(1-methylethyl)biguanide or

1,5-Diisopropylbiguanide.

 $C_8H_{19}N_5$ 185.27[USP Proguanil Related Compound E RS](#)

1-(4-Chlorophenyl)-3-cyanoguanidine.

[USP Proguanil Related Compound F RS](#)

1-(3,4-Dichlorophenyl)-5-isopropylbiguanide.

C₁₁H₁₅Cl₂N₅

288.18

[USP Proguanil Related Compound G RS](#)

1-(3-Chlorophenyl)-5-isopropylbiguanide.

C₁₁H₁₆ClN₅

253.73

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