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# Propylthiouracil Compounded Oral Suspension

**DEFINITION**  
Propylthiouracil Compounded Oral Suspension contains NLT 90.0% and NMT 110.0% of the labeled amount of propylthiouracil (C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>10</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OS).  
Prepare Propylthiouracil Compounded Oral Suspension 5 mg/mL as follows (see [Pharmaceutical Compounding—Nonsterile Preparations \(795\)](#)).

Propylthiouracil tablets <sup>a</sup> equivalent to	500 mg of propylthiouracil
Vehicle: a 1:1 mixture of Ora-Sweet <sup>b</sup> and Ora-Plus, <sup>b</sup> a sufficient quantity to make	100 mL

- <sup>a</sup> Propylthiouracil 50-mg tablets, West-Ward Pharmaceutical Corp., Eatontown, NJ.  
<sup>b</sup> Paddock Laboratories, Minneapolis, MN.

Calculate the required quantity of each ingredient for the total amount to be prepared. Place the required number of *Propylthiouracil tablets* in a suitable mortar, and comminute to a fine powder with a pestle. Add the *Vehicle* in small portions, and triturate to make a smooth paste. Add increasing volumes of the *Vehicle* to make a propylthiouracil liquid that is pourable. Transfer the contents of the mortar, stepwise and quantitatively, to a calibrated bottle. Add enough of the *Vehicle* to bring to final volume, and mix well.

**ASSAY**

**Change to read:**

• **PROCEDURE**

**Mobile phase:** 5 mM 1-heptanesulfonic acid ▲sodium salt, glacial ▲(USP 1-Aug-2020) acetic acid (1% v/v), and methanol (40:45:15). Pass through a nylon 66 filter of 0.45-µm pore size, and degas.  
**Internal standard solution:** 1.0 mg/mL of 6-methyl-2-thiouracil in methanol  
**Standard stock solution:** 1.75 mg/mL of [USP Propylthiouracil RS](#) in methanol  
**Standard solution:** Pipet 0.4 mL of the *Standard stock solution* into a 10-mL volumetric flask, and add 0.25 mL of the *Internal standard solution*. Dilute with *Mobile phase* to volume to obtain a nominal concentration of 70 µg/mL of propylthiouracil and 25 µg/mL of 6-methyl-2-thiouracil, and centrifuge.  
**Sample solution:** Shake thoroughly by hand each bottle of Oral Suspension. Pipet 2 mL of Oral Suspension into a 10-mL volumetric flask, and dilute with methanol to volume to obtain a concentration of 1 mg/mL. Transfer 0.7 mL of the diluted solution to a 10-mL volumetric flask, and add 0.25 mL of the *Internal standard solution*. Dilute with *Mobile phase* to volume to obtain a nominal concentration of 70 µg/mL of propylthiouracil and 25 µg/mL of 6-methyl-2-thiouracil, and centrifuge.

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

- Mode:** LC  
**Detector:** UV 276 nm  
**Column:** 3.0-mm × 15-cm; 5-µm packing L1  
**Column temperature:** 40°  
**Flow rate:** 0.4 mL/min  
**Injection volume:** 10 µL

**System suitability**

**Sample:** *Standard solution*

[NOTE—The relative retention times for 6-methyl-2-thiouracil and propylthiouracil are about 0.25 and 1.0, respectively.]

**Suitability requirements**

**Resolution:** NLT 10.0 between propylthiouracil and 6-methyl-2-thiouracil

**Column efficiency:** NLT 10,000 theoretical plates

**Tailing factor:** NMT 2.0 for the propylthiouracil peak

**Relative standard deviation:** NMT 2.0% for replicate injections

#### Analysis

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

Calculate the percentage of the labeled amount of propylthiouracil ( $C_7H_{10}N_2OS$ ) in the portion of Oral Suspension taken:

$$\text{Result} = (R_U/R_S) \times (C_S/C_U) \times 100$$

$R_U$  = peak response ratio of propylthiouracil to the internal standard from the *Sample solution*

$R_S$  = peak response ratio of propylthiouracil to the internal standard from the *Standard solution*

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

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

**Acceptance criteria:** 90.0%–110.0%

#### SPECIFIC TESTS

- **pH (791):** 3.8–4.8

#### ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- **PACKAGING AND STORAGE:** Package in tight, light-resistant containers. Store at controlled room temperature or in a refrigerator.
- **BEYOND-USE DATE:** NMT 90 days after the date on which it was compounded, when stored in a refrigerator, and NMT 60 days after the date on which it was compounded, when stored at controlled room temperature
- **LABELING:** Label it to indicate that it is to be well shaken before use, and to state the *Beyond-Use Date*.
- **USP REFERENCE STANDARDS (11).**  
[USP Propylthiouracil RS](#)

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