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Pyrimethamine Tablets

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DEFINITION

Pyrimethamine Tablets contain NLT 93.0% and NMT 107.0% of the labeled amount of pyrimethamine ($C_{12}H_{13}ClN_4$).

IDENTIFICATION

- **A.** The UV absorption spectrum of the *Sample solution* exhibits maxima at the same wavelengths as that of a similar solution of [USP Pyrimethamine RS](#), as obtained in the Assay.

- **B. [SPECTROSCOPIC IDENTIFICATION TESTS \(197\), Infrared Spectroscopy](#):** 197K

Sample: Nominally equivalent to about 250 mg of pyrimethamine from powdered Tablets

Analysis: Add 25 mL of [acetone](#) to the *Sample*, boil for 2 min, and filter through a sintered-glass crucible. Repeat this treatment three times with 25-mL portions of [acetone](#). Evaporate the combined filtrates carefully on a steam bath with the aid of a current of air to dryness.

Acceptance criteria: The residue meets the requirements in 197K, and melts at 237°–242° (see [Melting Range or Temperature \(741\)](#)).

ASSAY

- **PROCEDURE**

Standard stock solution: Prepare as directed for the Standard preparation in [Salts of Organic Nitrogenous Bases \(501\)](#).

Standard solution: Transfer 5.0 mL of the Standard stock solution to a 200-mL volumetric flask and dilute with 0.5 N [sulfuric acid](#) to volume.

Sample stock solution: Prepare as directed for the Assay preparation in [Salts of Organic Nitrogenous Bases \(501\)](#).

Sample solution: Transfer 5.0 mL of the Sample stock solution to a 200-mL volumetric flask and dilute with 0.5 N [sulfuric acid](#) to volume.

Instrumental conditions

Mode: UV

Analytical wavelength: Maximum absorbance at about 273 nm

Cell: 1 cm

Blank: 0.5 N [sulfuric acid](#)

Analysis

Samples: Standard solution and Sample solution

Calculate the percentage of the labeled amount of pyrimethamine ($C_{12}H_{13}ClN_4$) in the portion of Tablets taken:

$$\text{Result} = (A_U/A_S) \times (C_S/C_U) \times 100$$

A_U = absorbance of the *Sample solution*

A_S = absorbance of the *Standard solution*

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

C_U = nominal concentration of pyrimethamine in the *Sample solution* (mg/mL)

Acceptance criteria: 93.0%–107.0%

PERFORMANCE TESTS

- [DISSOLUTION \(711\)](#)

Medium: 0.1 N [hydrochloric acid](#); 900 mL

Apparatus 2: 50 rpm

Time: 45 min

Standard solution: A known concentration of [USP Pyrimethamine RS](#) in *Medium*

Sample solution: Filter portions of the solution under test, and suitably dilute with *Medium* if necessary.

Instrumental conditions**Mode:** UV**Analytical wavelength:** Maximum absorbance at about 273 nm**Analysis****Samples:** Standard solution and Sample solutionCalculate the labeled amount of pyrimethamine ($C_{12}H_{13}ClN_4$) dissolved.**Tolerances:** NLT 75% (Q) of the labeled amount of pyrimethamine ($C_{12}H_{13}ClN_4$) is dissolved.• **UNIFORMITY OF DOSAGE UNITS (905)****Procedure for content uniformity****Standard solution:** 10 μ g/mL of [USP Pyrimethamine RS](#) in 0.1 N [hydrochloric acid](#)**Sample solution:** Nominally 10 μ g/mL of pyrimethamine, prepared as follows. Transfer 1 Tablet to a 100-mL volumetric flask, add 25 mL of 0.1 N [hydrochloric acid](#), warm the flask on a steam bath for 5 min, cool, dilute with 0.1 N [hydrochloric acid](#) to volume, mix, and filter, discarding the first few milliliters of the filtrate. Pipet a portion of the clear filtrate, equivalent to about 2.5 mg of pyrimethamine, into a 250-mL volumetric flask, and dilute with 0.1 N [hydrochloric acid](#) to volume.**Instrumental conditions****Mode:** UV**Analytical wavelength:** Maximum absorbance at about 273 nm**Cell:** 1 cm**Blank:** 0.1 N [hydrochloric acid](#)**Analysis****Samples:** Standard solution and Sample solutionCalculate the percentage of the labeled amount of pyrimethamine ($C_{12}H_{13}ClN_4$) in the Tablet taken:

$$\text{Result} = (A_U/A_S) \times (C_S/C_U) \times 100$$

 A_U = absorbance of the Sample solution A_S = absorbance of the Standard solution C_S = concentration of [USP Pyrimethamine RS](#) in the Standard solution (μ g/mL) C_U = nominal concentration of pyrimethamine in the Sample solution (μ g/mL)**Acceptance criteria:** Meet the requirements**ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS**• **PACKAGING AND STORAGE:** Preserve in tight, light-resistant containers.• **USP REFERENCE STANDARDS (11).**[USP Pyrimethamine RS](#)**Auxiliary Information** - Please [check for your question in the FAQs](#) before contacting USP.

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