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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 solution*

Calculate 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 µg/mL of [USP Pyrimethamine RS](#) in 0.1 N [hydrochloric acid](#)

**Sample solution:** Nominally 10 µg/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 solution*

Calculate 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* (µg/mL)

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

**Acceptance criteria:** Meet the requirements

**ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

• **PACKAGING AND STORAGE:** Preserve in tight, light-resistant containers.

• **USP REFERENCE STANDARDS** (11).

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