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Raltegravir Chewable Tablets

DEFINITION
Raltegravir Chewable Tablets contain an amount of Raltegravir Potassium equivalent to NLT 95.0% and NMT 105.0% of the labeled amount of raltegravir (C₂₀H₂₁FN₆O₅).

IDENTIFICATION
Change to read:

- A.** [▲SPECTROSCOPIC IDENTIFICATION TESTS \(197\), Infrared Spectroscopy: 197A or 197K▲](#) (CN 1-MAY-2020)
Sample: Grind a Tablet, and use a suitable amount of the powdered Chewable Tablet to prepare a specimen.
Acceptance criteria: The spectrum obtained from the *Sample* shows bands at approximately 1633, 1515, 1188, 810, and 728 cm⁻¹, similar to the spectrum from the Standard similarly obtained. [NOTE—Peak positions may vary slightly between instruments (within ±10 cm⁻¹). Other peaks may be present in the spectra that do not appear in this list.]
- B.** The retention time of the major peak of the *Sample solution* corresponds to that of the *Standard solution*, as obtained in the Assay.

ASSAY
Change to read:

- PROCEDURE**
Buffer: 1.36 g/L of [monobasic potassium phosphate](#) in [water](#). Adjust with [phosphoric acid](#) to a pH of 3.0.
Solution A: [Acetonitrile](#) and *Buffer* (20:80)
Solution B: [Acetonitrile](#)
Mobile phase: See [Table 1](#).

Table 1

Time (min)	Solution A (%)	Solution B (%)
0	100	0
25	50	50
25.1	100	0
30	100	0

Diluent: [Acetonitrile](#) and [water](#) (30:70)
Standard solution: 0.11 mg/mL of [USP Raltegravir Potassium RS](#) in *Diluent*
Sample stock solution: Nominally equivalent to 1 mg/mL of raltegravir from Chewable Tablets prepared as follows. Transfer NLT 10 Chewable Tablets to a suitable volumetric flask and dilute with *Diluent* to 20% of the flask volume. Stir the contents of the flask for about 10 min to break apart the Chewable Tablets. Dilute with *Diluent* to volume and stir the contents of the flask for about 1 h. Centrifuge a portion of the solution and use the supernatant for *Sample solution* preparation.
Sample solution: Nominally 0.1 mg/mL of raltegravir from the *Sample stock solution* in *Diluent*
Chromatographic system
(See [Chromatography \(621\), System Suitability.](#))
Mode: LC
Detector: UV 220 nm

Column: 4.6-mm × 25-cm; 5-μm packing [L1](#)

Column temperature: 40°

Flow rate: 1 mL/min

Injection volume: 15 μL

System suitability

Sample: *Standard solution*

Suitability requirements

Tailing factor: NMT 1.5

Relative standard deviation: NMT 2.0%

Analysis

Samples: *Standard solution* and *Sample solution*

Calculate the percentage of the labeled amount of raltegravir ($C_{20}H_{21}FN_6O_5$) in the portion of Chewable Tablets taken:

$$\text{Result} = (r_U/r_S) \times (C_S/C_U) \times (M_{r1}/M_{r2}) \times 100$$

r_U = peak response of raltegravir from the *Sample solution*

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

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

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

M_{r1} = molecular weight of raltegravir, ▲444.42▲ (ERR 1-May-2020)

M_{r2} = molecular weight of raltegravir potassium, 482.51

Acceptance criteria: 95.0%–105.0%

PERFORMANCE TESTS

Change to read:

• [DISSOLUTION \(711\)](#)

Medium: [Water](#); 900 mL, deaerated

Apparatus 2: 50 rpm

Time: 15 min

Buffer: 1.36 g/L of [monobasic potassium phosphate](#) in [water](#). Adjust with [phosphoric acid](#) to a pH of 3.0.

Mobile phase: [Acetonitrile](#) and *Buffer* (38:62)

Diluent: [Acetonitrile](#) and [water](#) (30:70)

Standard solution: (L/900) mg/mL of raltegravir from [USP Raltegravir Potassium RS](#) in *Diluent*, where L is the label claim in mg/Chewable Tablet

Sample solution: Pass a portion of the solution under test through a suitable filter.

Chromatographic system

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

Mode: LC

Detector: UV 303 nm

Column: 4.6-mm × 10-cm; packing [L1](#)

Column temperature: 40°

Flow rate: 5 mL/min

Injection volume: 30 μL

Run time: 1 min

System suitability

Sample: *Standard solution*

Suitability requirements

Relative standard deviation: NMT 2.0%

Analysis

Samples: *Standard solution* and *Sample solution*

Calculate the percentage of the labeled amount of raltegravir ($C_{20}H_{21}FN_6O_5$) dissolved:

$$\text{Result} = (r_U/r_S) \times C_S \times (1/L) \times V \times D \times (M_{r1}/M_{r2}) \times 100$$

r_U = peak response of raltegravir from the *Sample solution*

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

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

L = label claim (mg/Chewable Tablet)

V = volume of *Medium*, 900 mL

D = dilution factor for the *Sample solution*, if applicable

M_{r1} = molecular weight of raltegravir, ▲444.42▲ (ERR 1-May-2020)

M_{r2} = molecular weight of raltegravir potassium, 482.51

Tolerances: NLT 85% (Q) of the labeled amount of raltegravir is dissolved.

- **UNIFORMITY OF DOSAGE UNITS (905):** Meet the requirements

IMPURITIES

Change to read:

• ORGANIC IMPURITIES

Solution A, Mobile phase, Diluent, Sample solution, and Chromatographic system: Proceed as directed in the Assay.

Peak identification solution: Prepare a solution containing 2 mg/mL of [USP Raltegravir Potassium RS](#) in 1 N sodium hydroxide solution. Stir the solution for 2 h at room temperature. Transfer 5 mL of this solution to a 50-mL volumetric flask and add 5 mL of 1 N hydrochloric acid. Dilute with *Diluent* to volume. [NOTE—In situ degradation generates the raltegravir amine and raltegravir oxalylacetohydrazide analog peaks along with a small peak for raltegravir oxalyl analog impurity.]

System suitability solution: 0.1 mg/mL of [USP Raltegravir Potassium RS](#) and 0.2 µg/mL of [USP Raltegravir Related Compound E RS](#) in *Diluent*

Standard stock solution: Use the *Standard solution* prepared in the Assay.

Standard solution: 0.22 µg/mL of [USP Raltegravir Potassium RS](#) in *Diluent* from *Standard stock solution*

System suitability

Samples: *System suitability solution* and *Standard solution*

[NOTE—See [Table 2](#) for relative retention times.]

Suitability requirements

Resolution: NLT 1.5 between raltegravir related compound E and raltegravir, *System suitability solution*

Relative standard deviation: NMT 10.0%, *Standard solution*

Analysis

Samples: *Sample solution*, *Peak identification solution*, and *Standard solution*

Calculate the percentage of any individual impurity in the portion of Chewable Tablets taken:

$$\text{Result} = (r_U/r_S) \times (C_S/C_U) \times (M_{r1}/M_{r2}) \times (1/F) \times 100$$

r_U = peak response of any individual impurity from the *Sample solution*

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

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

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

M_{r1} = molecular weight of raltegravir, ▲444.42▲ (ERR 1-May-2020)

M_{r2} = molecular weight of raltegravir potassium, 482.51

F = relative response factor (see [Table 2](#))

Acceptance criteria: See [Table 2](#). Reporting threshold is 0.1%.

Table 2

Name	Relative Retention Time	Relative Response Factor	Acceptance Criteria, NMT (%)
Raltegravir amine ^a	0.42	1.0	— ^b
Raltegravir formididyl analog ^c	0.53	1.0	— ^b
Raltegravir oxalyl analog ^d	0.69	0.70	0.2
Raltegravir oxalylacetohydrazide analog ^e	0.81	0.63	0.3
Raltegravir related compound E	0.96	1.0	— ^b
Raltegravir	1.0	—	—
Any individual unspecified impurity	—	1.0	0.2
Total impurities	—	—	0.8

^a 2-(2-Aminopropan-2-yl)-N-(4-fluorobenzyl)-5-hydroxy-1-methyl-6-oxo-1,6-dihydropyrimidine-4-carboxamide.

^b This is a process impurity controlled in the drug substance and not included in total impurities.

^c (E)-2-(2-[[[(Dimethylamino)methylidene]amino]propan-2-yl]-N-(4-fluorobenzyl)-5-hydroxy-1-methyl-6-oxo-1,6-dihydropyrimidine-4-carboxamide.

^d 2-[(2-{4-[(4-Fluorobenzyl)carbonyl]-5-hydroxy-1-methyl-6-oxo-1,6-dihydropyrimidin-2-yl}propan-2-yl)amino]-2-oxoacetic acid.

^e 2-{2-[2-(2-Acetylhydrazinyl)-2-oxoacetamido]propan-2-yl}-N-(4-fluorobenzyl)-5-hydroxy-1-methyl-6-oxo-1,6-dihydropyrimidine-4-carboxamide.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

• **PACKAGING AND STORAGE:** Preserve in tight containers. Store at controlled room temperature.

• **USP REFERENCE STANDARDS** (11).

[USP Raltegravir Potassium RS](#)

[USP Raltegravir Related Compound E RS](#)

N-{2-[4-(Benzylcarbonyl)-5-hydroxy-1-methyl-6-oxo-1,6-dihydropyrimidin-2-yl]propan-2-yl}-5-methyl-1,3,4-oxadiazole-2-carboxamide.

C₂₀H₂₂N₆O₅ 426.43

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