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## Ropivacaine Hydrochloride Injection

» Ropivacaine Hydrochloride Injection is a sterile solution of Ropivacaine Hydrochloride in Water for Injection. It contains not less than 90.0 percent and not more than 110.0 percent of the labeled amount of ropivacaine hydrochloride ( $C_{17}H_{26}N_2O \cdot HCl$ ).

**Packaging and storage**—Preserve in single-dose or multiple-dose containers, preferably of Type 1 glass or of suitable plastic.

### Change to read:

#### USP REFERENCE STANDARDS (11)—

[USP Ropivacaine Hydrochloride RS](#)

[USP Ropivacaine Related Compound A RS](#)

2,6-Dimethylaniline hydrochloride.

$C_8H_{11}N \cdot HCl$  ▲ (ERR 1-Jun-2020) 157.64 ▲ (ERR 1-Jun-2020)

[USP Ropivacaine Related Compound B RS](#)

(R)-Ropivacaine hydrochloride monohydrate; (R)-(+)-1-propylpiperidine-2-carboxylic acid (2,6-dimethylphenyl)-amide hydrochloride monohydrate; ▲(R)-N-(2,6-Dimethylphenyl)-1-propylpiperidine-2-carboxamide hydrochloride monohydrate. ▲ (ERR 1-Jun-2020)

$C_{17}H_{26}N_2O \cdot HCl \cdot H_2O$  328.88 ▲ (ERR 1-Jun-2020)

### Identification—

**A:** The retention time of the major peak in the chromatogram of the *Assay preparation* corresponds to that in the chromatogram of the *Standard preparation*, as obtained in the Assay.

**B:** The retention time of the major peak in the chromatogram of the *Test solution* corresponds to that in the chromatogram of the *System suitability solution*, as obtained in the test for *Enantiomeric purity*.

**BACTERIAL ENDOTOXINS TEST (85)**—It contains not more than 60 USP Endotoxin Units per g of ropivacaine hydrochloride.

**PARTICULATE MATTER IN INJECTIONS (788)**: meets the requirements for injections.

**STERILITY TESTS (71)**: It meets the requirements when tested as directed for *Membrane Filtration* under *Test for Sterility of the Product to be Examined*.

**pH (791)**: between 4.0 and 6.0.

### Limit of 2,6-dimethylaniline (ropivacaine related compound A, base)—

*pH 8.0 Buffer solution* and *Mobile phase*—Prepare as directed in the Assay.

*Standard solution*—Prepare as directed for *Standard preparation* in the Assay.

*Test solution*—Dilute accurately the Injection with *Mobile phase* to obtain a concentration of 2.0 mg per mL.

*Chromatographic system* (see [CHROMATOGRAPHY \(621\)](#))—The liquid chromatograph is equipped with a 240-nm detector and a 3.9-mm × 15-cm column that contains 5-μm packing L1. The flow rate is about 1.5 mL per minute. Chromatograph the *Standard solution*, and record the peak responses as directed for *Procedure*: the resolution, *R*, between ropivacaine related compound A and ropivacaine is not less than 5; and the signal-to-noise ratio for ropivacaine related compound A is not less than 10.

*Procedure*—Separately inject equal volumes (about 20 μL) of the *Standard solution* and the *Test solution* into the chromatograph, record the chromatograms, and measure the peak responses. The peak response of ropivacaine related compound A obtained from the *Test solution* is not greater than the corresponding response obtained from the *Standard solution* (not more than 0.01% of ropivacaine related compound A base is found).

### Enantiomeric purity—

*pH 7.2 Buffer solution*—Transfer 7.5 mL of 1 M monobasic sodium phosphate solution and 28.5 mL of 0.5 M dibasic sodium phosphate dihydrate solution into a 1-L volumetric flask, and dilute with water to volume. Adjust the resulting solution to a pH of 7.2, if necessary.

*Mobile phase*—Transfer 35 mL of isopropyl alcohol into a 500-mL volumetric flask, dilute with *pH 7.2 Buffer solution* to volume, mix, and degas. Make adjustments if necessary (see *System Suitability* under [Chromatography \(621\)](#)).

*System suitability solution*—Dissolve suitable quantities of [USP Ropivacaine Hydrochloride RS](#) and [USP Ropivacaine Related Compound B RS](#) in water, and dilute quantitatively, and stepwise, with water to obtain a solution containing about 75 μg per mL and 0.75 μg per mL, respectively.

*Test solution*—Dilute the Injection with *Mobile phase* to a concentration of about 75 µg per mL.

*Chromatographic system* (see [CHROMATOGRAPHY \(621\)](#))—The liquid chromatograph is equipped with a 220-nm detector and a 4-mm × 10-cm column that contains packing L41. The flow rate is about 1 mL per minute. Chromatograph the *System suitability solution*, and record the peak responses as directed for *Procedure*: the resolution, *R*, between ropivacaine related compound B (*R* enantiomer) and ropivacaine (*S* enantiomer) is not less than 1.5. [NOTE—For the purpose of identification, the relative retention times are about 0.75 for ropivacaine related compound B and 1.0 for ropivacaine.]

*Procedure*—Inject about 20 µL of the *Test solution* into the chromatograph, record the chromatogram, and measure the peak responses. Calculate the percentage of ropivacaine related compound B (*R* enantiomer) in the portion of Injection taken by the formula:

$$100(r_i/r_s)$$

in which  $r_i$  is the peak response of ropivacaine related compound B (*R* enantiomer); and  $r_s$  is the sum of the peak responses of ropivacaine (*S* enantiomer) and ropivacaine related compound B (*R* enantiomer) obtained from the *Test solution*: not more than 2.0% of ropivacaine related compound B (*R* enantiomer) is found.

**Other requirements**—It meets the requirements under [Injections and Implanted Drug Products \(1\)](#).

#### Assay—

*pH 8.0 Buffer solution*—Transfer 1.3 mL of 1 M monobasic sodium phosphate solution and 32.5 mL of 0.5 M dibasic sodium phosphate dihydrate solution to a 1-L volumetric flask. Dilute with water to volume, and mix. Adjust the resulting solution to a pH of 8.0, if necessary.

*Mobile phase*—Prepare a filtered and degassed mixture of acetonitrile and *pH 8.0 Buffer solution* (60:40). Make adjustments if necessary (see *System Suitability* under [Chromatography \(621\)](#)).

*Standard preparation*—Dissolve accurately weighed quantities of [USP Ropivacaine Hydrochloride RS](#) and [USP Ropivacaine Related Compound A RS](#) in *Mobile phase*, and dilute quantitatively, and stepwise, with *Mobile phase* to obtain a solution having known concentrations of about 0.25 mg per mL of [USP Ropivacaine Hydrochloride RS](#) and about 0.26 µg per mL of [USP Ropivacaine Related Compound A RS](#).

*Assay preparation*—Dilute accurately the Injection with *Mobile phase* to obtain a concentration of about 0.25 mg per mL.

*Chromatographic system* (see [CHROMATOGRAPHY \(621\)](#))—The liquid chromatograph is equipped with a 240-nm detector and a 3.9-mm × 15-cm column that contains 5- or 10-µm packing L1. The flow rate is about 1.2 mL per minute. Chromatograph the *Standard preparation*, and record the peak responses as directed for *Procedure*: the relative standard deviation for replicate injections, calculated for the ropivacaine peak, is not more than 1.0%; and the resolution, *R*, between ropivacaine related compound A and ropivacaine is not less than 5.

*Procedure*—Separately inject equal volumes (about 20 µL) of the *Standard preparation* and the *Assay preparation* into the chromatograph, record the chromatograms, and measure the responses for the major peaks. Calculate the quantity, in mg, of ropivacaine hydrochloride ( $C_{17}H_{26}N_2O \cdot HCl$ ) in each mL of Injection taken by the formula:

$$CD(r_U/r_S)$$

in which *C* is the concentration, in mg per mL, of [USP Ropivacaine Hydrochloride RS](#) in the *Standard preparation*; *D* is the dilution factor, in mL, for the *Assay preparation*; and  $r_U$  and  $r_S$  are the peak responses obtained from the *Assay preparation* and the *Standard preparation*, respectively.

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