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# Sildenafil Compounded Oral Suspension

**DEFINITION**

Sildenafil Compounded Oral Suspension contains NLT 90.0% and NMT 110.0% of the labeled amount of sildenafil ( $C_{22}H_{30}N_6O_4S$ ).  
Prepare Sildenafil Compounded Oral Suspension containing 2.5 mg/mL of sildenafil as follows (see [Pharmaceutical Compounding—Nonsterile Preparations \(795\)](#)).

Sildenafil Citrate tablets <sup>a</sup> equivalent to	250 mg of sildenafil
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> Viagra 25-mg tablets, Pfizer Inc., New York, NY.  
<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 *Sildenafil Citrate 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 sildenafil 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**

• **PROCEDURE**

**Mobile phase:** Acetonitrile and 0.2 M ammonium acetate (50:50). Pass through a nylon 66 filter of 0.45-µm pore size, and degas.  
**Standard stock solution:** 2.5 mg/mL of sildenafil prepared from [USP Sildenafil Citrate RS](#) in *Mobile phase*  
**Standard solution:** 0.25 mg/mL of sildenafil prepared from *Standard stock solution* and *Mobile phase*  
**Sample solution:** Shake thoroughly by hand each bottle of Oral Suspension. Prepare 0.25 mg/mL of sildenafil from Oral Suspension and *Mobile phase*, and centrifuge.

**Chromatographic system**

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

**Mode:** LC  
**Detector:** UV 245 nm  
**Column:** 3.0-mm × 15-cm; 5-µm packing L1  
**Column temperature:** 25°  
**Flow rate:** 0.5 mL/min  
**Injection volume:** 10 µL

**System suitability**

**Sample:** *Standard solution*  
[NOTE—The retention time for sildenafil is about 7.1 min.]

**Suitability requirements**

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

**Analysis**

**Samples:** *Standard solution* and *Sample solution*  
Calculate the percentage of the labeled amount of sildenafil ( $C_{22}H_{30}N_6O_4S$ ) in the portion of Oral Suspension taken:

Result =  $(r_U/r_S) \times (C_S/C_U) \times 100$

$r_U$  = peak response from the *Sample solution*

$r_s$  = peak response from the *Standard solution*

$C_s$  = concentration of sildenafil in the *Standard solution* (mg/mL)

$C_u$  = nominal concentration of sildenafil in the *Sample solution* (mg/mL)

**Acceptance criteria:** 90.0%–110.0%

**SPECIFIC TESTS**

- **pH** (791): 3.9–4.9

**ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

- **PACKAGING AND STORAGE:** Package in tight, light-resistant containers. Store in a refrigerator or at controlled room temperature.
- **BEYOND-USE DATE:** NMT 90 days after the date on which it was compounded, when stored in a refrigerator or 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 Sildenafil Citrate RS](#)

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