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## Succinylcholine Chloride Injection

### DEFINITION

Succinylcholine Chloride Injection is a sterile solution of Succinylcholine Chloride in a suitable aqueous vehicle. It contains NLT 90.0% and NMT 110.0% of the labeled amount of anhydrous succinylcholine chloride ( $C_{14}H_{30}Cl_2N_2O_4$ ).

### IDENTIFICATION

- A. The retention time of the major peak of the *Sample solution* corresponds to that of the *Standard solution*, as obtained in the Assay.
- B. [THIN-LAYER CHROMATOGRAPHIC IDENTIFICATION TEST \(201\)](#).

**Standard solution:** 1 mg/mL of [USP Succinylcholine Chloride RS](#) in water

**Sample solution:** Nominally 1 mg/mL of succinylcholine chloride from Injection in water

#### Chromatographic system

(See [Chromatography \(621\), Thin-Layer Chromatography.](#))

**Adsorbent:** 0.25-mm layer of chromatographic silica gel

**Application volume:** 1  $\mu$ L

**Developing solvent system:** Acetone and 1 N hydrochloric acid (1:1)

#### Analysis

**Samples:** *Standard solution* and *Sample solution*

Proceed as directed in the chapter. To locate the spots, heat the plate at 105° for 5 min, cool, and spray with potassium bismuth iodide TS, then heat again at 105° for 5 min.

**Acceptance criteria:** Meets the requirements

### ASSAY

#### • PROCEDURE

[NOTE—Because the *Mobile phase* used in this procedure has a fairly high concentration of chloride ion and a low pH, it is advisable to rinse the entire system with water following use of this *Mobile phase*.]

**Mobile phase:** Prepare a solution (1 in 10) of 1 N tetramethylammonium chloride in methanol. Pass this solution through a 0.45- $\mu$ m membrane filter, and adjust with hydrochloric acid to a pH of 3.0.

**Standard solution:** 8.8 mg/mL of [USP Succinylcholine Chloride RS](#) prepared as follows. Transfer 88 mg of [USP Succinylcholine Chloride RS](#) to a 10-mL volumetric flask and add a volume of water corresponding to the solvent composition of the *Sample solution*. Dilute with *Mobile phase* to volume. Prepare the *Standard solution* concurrently with the *Sample solution*.

**Sample solution:** Nominally 8.0 mg/mL of succinylcholine chloride prepared as follows. Transfer a volume of Injection equivalent to 80 mg of anhydrous succinylcholine chloride to a 10-mL volumetric flask and dilute with *Mobile phase* to volume.

#### Chromatographic system

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

**Mode:** LC

**Detector:** UV 214 nm

**Column:** 4-mm  $\times$  25-cm; packing L3

**Flow rate:** 0.75 mL/min

**Injection volume:** 10  $\mu$ L

#### System suitability

**Sample:** *Standard solution*

#### Suitability requirements

**Tailing factor:** NMT 2.5

**Relative standard deviation:** NMT 1.5%

#### Analysis

**Samples:** *Standard solution* and *Sample solution*

Calculate the percentage of the labeled amount of anhydrous succinylcholine chloride ( $C_{14}H_{30}Cl_2N_2O_4$ ) in the portion of Injection taken:

$$\text{Result} = (r_u/r_s) \times (C_s/C_u) \times 100$$

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

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

$C_s$  = concentration of [USP Succinylcholine Chloride RS](#) in the *Standard solution* (mg/mL)

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

**Acceptance criteria:** 90.0%–110.0%

#### SPECIFIC TESTS

- [BACTERIAL ENDOTOXINS TEST \(85\)](#): NMT 2.0 USP Endotoxin Units/mg of succinylcholine chloride
- [pH \(791\)](#): 3.0–4.5
- **OTHER REQUIREMENTS:** It meets the requirements in [Injections and Implanted Drug Products \(1\)](#).

#### ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- **PACKAGING AND STORAGE:** Preserve in single-dose or in multiple-dose containers, preferably of Type I or Type II glass, in a refrigerator.
- **LABELING:** Label it to indicate, as its expiration date, the month and year NMT 2 years from the month during which the Injection was last assayed and released by the manufacturer.
- [USP REFERENCE STANDARDS \(11\)](#)  
[USP Succinylcholine Chloride RS](#)

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