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# Tolbutamide Tablets

## DEFINITION

Tolbutamide Tablets contain NLT 90.0% and NMT 110.0% of the labeled amount of tolbutamide ( $C_{12}H_{18}N_2O_3S$ ).

## IDENTIFICATION

Delete the following:

▲ • **SPECTROSCOPIC IDENTIFICATION TESTS (197), Infrared Spectroscopy:** 197M

**Sample solution:** Triturate a quantity of finely powdered Tablets, equivalent to 500 mg of tolbutamide, with 50 mL of chloroform, and filter. Evaporate the clear filtrate on a steam bath to dryness. ▲ (USP 1-Aug-2022)

Add the following:

▲ • **A.** The UV spectrum of the major peak of the *Sample solution* corresponds to that of the *Standard solution*, as obtained in the Assay. ▲ (USP 1-Aug-2022)

Add the following:

▲ • **B.** The retention time of the major peak of the *Sample solution* corresponds to that of the *Standard solution*, as obtained in the Assay. ▲ (USP 1-Aug-2022)

## ASSAY

Change to read:

### PROCEDURE

▲ **Buffer:** 1.36 g/L of [potassium phosphate, monobasic](#) in [water](#). Adjust with [phosphoric acid](#) to a pH of 3.5.

**Mobile phase:** [Acetonitrile](#) and *Buffer* (35:65)

**Diluent:** [Acetonitrile](#) and *Buffer* (70:30)

**System suitability solution:** 1 mg/mL of [USP Tolbutamide RS](#) and 10 µg/mL of [USP Tolazamide RS](#) in *Diluent*

**Standard solution:** 0.1 mg/mL of [USP Tolbutamide RS](#) in *Diluent*

**Sample stock solution:** Nominally 0.2 mg/mL of tolbutamide from Tablets in *Diluent* prepared as follows. Transfer a quantity equivalent to 50 mg of tolbutamide, from finely powdered Tablets (NLT 5), to a 250-mL volumetric flask containing 150 mL of *Diluent*. Shake by mechanical means for NLT 30 min, and dilute with *Diluent* to volume.

**Sample solution:** Nominally 0.1 mg/mL of tolbutamide from the *Sample stock solution* in *Diluent*. Let stand for NLT 10 min and analyze the supernatant.

### Chromatographic system

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

**Mode:** LC

**Detector:** UV 230 nm. For *Identification A*, use a diode array detector in the range of 210–400 nm.

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

**Autosampler temperature:** 4°

**Flow rate:** 1.5 mL/min

**Injection volume:** 30 µL

**Run time:** NLT 1.5 times the retention time of tolbutamide

### System suitability

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

#### Suitability requirements

**Resolution:** NLT 2.0 between tolbutamide and tolazamide, *System suitability solution*

**Tailing factor:** NMT 2.0, *Standard solution*

**Relative standard deviation:** NMT 1.0%, *Standard solution*

**Analysis**

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

Calculate the percentage of tolbutamide ( $C_{12}H_{18}N_2O_3S$ ) in the portion of Tablets taken:

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

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

$r_S$  = peak response of tolbutamide from the *Standard solution*

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

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

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**Acceptance criteria:** 90.0%–110.0%

**PERFORMANCE TESTS**

**Change to read:**

• [DISSOLUTION \(711\)](#).

**Medium:** [pH 7.4 phosphate buffer](#); 900 mL

**Apparatus 2:** 75 rpm

**Time:** 30 min

**Standard solution:** [USP Tolbutamide RS](#) prepared in a similar manner as the *Sample solution*

[NOTE—An amount of alcohol not to exceed 1% of the total volume of the *Standard solution* may be used to bring the Reference Standard into solution before dilution with *Medium*.]

**Sample solution:** Pass a portion of the solution under test through a suitable filter. Dilute with water as needed.

▲ **Instrumental conditions**

(See [Ultraviolet-Visible Spectroscopy \(857\)](#).)

**Mode:** UV-Vis ▲ (USP 1-Aug-2022)

**Analytical wavelength:** UV 226 nm

▲ **Analysis**

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

Calculate the percentage of the labeled amount of tolbutamide ( $C_{12}H_{18}N_2O_3S$ ) dissolved:

$$\text{Result} = (A_U/A_S) \times C_S \times V \times (1/L) \times D \times 100$$

$A_U$  = absorbance of the *Sample solution*

$A_S$  = absorbance of the *Standard solution*

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

$V$  = volume of *Medium*, 900 mL

$L$  = label claim (mg/Tablet)

$D$  = dilution factor of the *Sample solution*, as needed

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**Tolerances:** NLT 70% (Q) of the labeled amount of tolbutamide ( $C_{12}H_{18}N_2O_3S$ ) is dissolved.

• [UNIFORMITY OF DOSAGE UNITS \(905\)](#): Meet the requirements

**Add the following:**

▲ **IMPURITIES**

• **ORGANIC IMPURITIES**

**Buffer, Mobile phase, Diluent, System suitability solution, and Chromatographic system:** Proceed as directed in the Assay.

**Standard solution:** 0.002 mg/mL of [USP Tolbutamide RS](#) in *Diluent*

**Sensitivity solution:** 0.5 µg/mL of [USP Tolbutamide RS](#) in *Diluent* from the *Standard solution*

**Sample solution:** Nominally 1 mg/mL of tolbutamide from Tablets in *Diluent* as follows. Transfer a quantity equivalent to 250 mg of tolbutamide, from finely powdered Tablets (NLT 5), to a 250-mL volumetric flask containing 150 mL of *Diluent*. Shake by mechanical means for NLT 30 min, and dilute with *Diluent* to volume. Let stand for NLT 10 min and analyze the clear supernatant.

**System suitability**

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

[NOTE—The relative retention times for tosylurea, tolbutamide, and tolazamide are 0.21, 1.00, and 1.14, respectively.]

**Suitability requirements**

**Resolution:** NLT 2.0 between tolbutamide and tolazamide, *System suitability solution*

**Tailing factor:** NMT 2.0, *Standard solution*

**Relative standard deviation:** NMT 5.0%, *Standard solution*

**Signal-to-noise ratio:** NLT 10, *Sensitivity solution*

**Analysis**

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

Calculate the percentage of each degradation product in the portion of Tablets taken:

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

$r_U$  = peak response of each degradation product from the *Sample solution*

$r_S$  = peak response of tolbutamide from the *Standard solution*

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

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

$F$  = relative response factor (see [Table 1](#))

**Acceptance criteria:** See [Table 1](#). The reporting threshold is 0.05%.

**Table 1**

Name	Relative Retention Time	Relative Response Factor	Acceptance Criteria, NMT (%)
Tosylamide <sup>a</sup>	0.26	1.3	0.2
Any unspecified degradation products	—	—	0.10
Total degradation products	—	—	0.5

<sup>a</sup> 4-Methylbenzenesulfonamide.

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**ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

**Change to read:**

- **PACKAGING AND STORAGE:** Preserve in well-closed containers. ▲ Store at controlled room temperature and protect from light. ▲ (USP 1-Aug-2022)

**Change to read:**

- **USP REFERENCE STANDARDS (11).**

▲ [USP Tolazamide RS](#) ▲ (USP 1-Aug-2022)

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