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# Topiramate Tablets

## DEFINITION

Topiramate Tablets contain NLT 90.0% and NMT 110.0% of the labeled amount of topiramate ( $C_{12}H_{21}NO_8S$ ).

## IDENTIFICATION

### Change to read:

- **A.** ▲ [SPECTROSCOPIC IDENTIFICATION TESTS \(197\)](#), [Infrared Spectroscopy](#): 197F ▲ (CN 1-May-2020)

**Wavenumber range:** 4000–650  $cm^{-1}$

**Standard solution:** 20 mg/mL of [USP Topiramate RS](#) in acetone

**Sample solution:** Grind an appropriate number of Tablets to prepare a 20-mg/mL topiramate solution in acetone. Shake the solution for 30 min, and centrifuge for 10 min. Then pass an aliquot of the clear supernatant through a suitable nylon filter of 0.45- $\mu m$  pore size, and use the filtrate for analysis.

**Analysis:** Apply 50  $\mu L$  of the *Standard solution* to a sodium chloride plate, allow the solution to dry, and then obtain the IR spectrum. Wash the window with acetone, and repeat the same procedure using the *Sample solution*.

- **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

### PROCEDURE

**Buffer:** 1.54 g/L of ammonium acetate in water. Adjust with glacial acetic acid to a pH of 4.0.

**Diluent:** Methanol and water (1:4)

**Mobile phase:** Methanol and *Buffer* (1:4)

**Standard solution:** 6 mg/mL of [USP Topiramate RS](#) in *Diluent*

**Sample solution:** 6 mg/mL of topiramate in *Diluent* from NLT 12 Tablets, based on the label claim. [NOTE—Shake vigorously for at least 30 min, and pass a portion through a chemical-resistant filter (PTFE) of 0.45- $\mu m$  pore size.]

### Chromatographic system

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

**Mode:** LC

**Detector:** Refractive index

**Column:** 4.6-mm  $\times$  25-cm; 5- $\mu m$  packing L1

### Temperature

**Column:** 35°

**Detector:** 35°

**Flow rate:** 1.5 mL/min

**Injection size:** 100  $\mu L$

### System suitability

**Sample:** *Standard solution*

### Suitability requirements

**Relative standard deviation:** NMT 2.0%

### Analysis

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

Calculate the percentage of topiramate ( $C_{12}H_{21}NO_8S$ ) in the portion of Tablets 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 Topiramate RS](#) in the *Standard solution* (mg/mL)

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

**Acceptance criteria:** 90.0%–110.0%

## PERFORMANCE TESTS

### • [DISSOLUTION \(711\)](#)

#### Test 1

**Medium:** Water; 900 mL

**Apparatus 2:** 50 rpm

**Time:** 20 min

**Mobile phase:** 0.1% trifluoroacetic acid in water and methanol (1:1)

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

**Sample solution:** Pass a portion of the solution under test through a suitable filter of 1-µm pore size.

#### Chromatographic system

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

**Mode:** LC

**Detector:** Refractive index

**Guard column:** 4.0-mm × 1-cm

**Column:** 4.6-mm × 25-cm; 5-µm packing L11

#### Temperature

**Column:** 40°

**Detector:** 40°

**Flow rate:** 1.2 mL/min

**Injection size:** 100 µL

#### System suitability

**Sample:** *Standard solution*

#### Suitability requirements

**Relative standard deviation:** NMT 2.0%

#### Analysis

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

Calculate the percentage of topiramate ( $C_{12}H_{21}NO_8S$ ) dissolved:

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

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

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

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

$L$  = label claim (mg/Tablet)

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

**Tolerances:** NLT 80% (Q) of the labeled amount of topiramate is dissolved.

**Test 2:** If the product complies with this test, the labeling indicates that it meets USP *Dissolution Test 2*.

**Medium:** Water; 900 mL, deaerated

**Apparatus 2:** 50 rpm

**Time:** 40 min

**Standard solution:** (L/900) mg/mL of [USP Topiramate RS](#) in *Medium*, where L is the label claim in mg/Tablet

**Sample solution:** Pass a portion of the solution under test through a suitable filter, discarding the first few mL.

**Mobile phase:** Water and acetonitrile (1:1)

#### Chromatographic system

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

**Mode:** LC

**Detector:** Refractive index

**Column:** 4.6-mm × 25-cm; 5-μm packing L1

**Temperature**

**Column:** 30°

**Detector:** 50°

**Flow rate:** 1.0 mL/min

**Injection size:** 100 μL

**System suitability**

**Sample:** *Standard solution*

**Suitability requirements**

**Tailing factor:** NMT 2.0

**Column efficiency:** NLT 5000 theoretical plates

**Relative standard deviation:** NMT 2.0%

**Analysis**

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

Calculate the percentage of topiramate ( $C_{12}H_{21}NO_8S$ ) dissolved:

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

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

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

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

$L$  = label claim (mg/Tablet)

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

**Tolerances:** NLT 80% (Q) of the labeled amount of topiramate is dissolved.

**Test 3:** If the product complies with this test, the labeling indicates that it meets USP *Dissolution Test 3*.

**Medium:** Water; 900 mL

**Apparatus 2:** 50 rpm

**Time:** 30 min

**Diluent:** Acetonitrile and water (1:1)

**Mobile phase:** Water and acetonitrile (55:45)

**Standard solution:** 1.1 mg/mL of [USP Topiramate RS](#) in *Diluent*. Dilute with *Medium* to obtain a final concentration of about (L/900) mg/mL, where L is the label claim in mg/Tablet.

**Sample solution:** Pass a portion of the solution under test through a suitable filter, discarding the first few mL.

**Chromatographic system**

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

**Mode:** LC

**Detector:** Refractive index

**Column:** 4.6-mm × 25-cm; 5-μm packing L1

**Temperature**

**Column:** 50°

**Detector:** 50°

**Flow rate:** 1.2 mL/min

**Injection size:** 100 μL

**System suitability**

**Sample:** *Standard solution*

**Suitability requirements**

**Column efficiency:** NLT 2000 theoretical plates

**Tailing factor:** NMT 2.0

**Relative standard deviation:** NMT 2.0%

**Analysis**

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

Calculate the percentage of topiramate ( $C_{12}H_{21}NO_8S$ ) dissolved:

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

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

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

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

$L$  = label claim (mg/Tablet)

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

**Tolerances:** NLT 80% (Q) of the labeled amount of topiramate is dissolved.

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

## IMPURITIES

### • RELATED COMPOUNDS

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

**Standard solution:** 1.2 mg/mL of [USP Topiramate RS](#) and 0.6 mg/mL of [USP Topiramate Related Compound A RS](#) in *Diluent*

**Peak identification solution:** 0.6 mg/mL each of [USP Topiramate RS](#) and [USP Topiramate Related Compound A RS](#) in *Diluent*

### System suitability

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

[NOTE—Identify the peaks due to topiramate related compound A and topiramate using the relative retention times given in [Table 1](#).]

### Suitability requirements

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

### Analysis

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

Calculate the percentage of each impurity 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 for the individual impurity from the *Sample solution*

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

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

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

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

**Acceptance criteria** See [Table 1](#).

**Table 1**

Name	Relative Retention Time	Relative Response Factor	Acceptance Criteria, NMT (%)
Topiramate related compound A	0.66	1.1	0.5
Topiramate	1.0	—	—
Individual unspecified degradation product	—	—	0.2
Total impurities	—	—	0.7

**SPECIFIC TESTS****• LIMIT OF SULFAMATE AND SULFATE**

[NOTE—Use water with resistivity NLT 18 megohm-cm for preparation of the *Mobile phase*, *Standard solution*, and *Sample solution*.]

**Buffer:** 0.8 g/L of *p*-hydroxybenzoic acid in water

**Mobile phase:** Methanol and *Buffer* (2.5:97.5). Adjust with sodium hydroxide solution to a pH of  $9.4 \pm 0.5$ .

**Standard solution:** 0.015 mg/mL each of sodium sulfate and sulfamic acid in *Mobile phase* from anhydrous sodium sulfate and sulfamic acid, respectively

**Sample solution:** Transfer a suitable amount of ground powder from NLT 20 Tablets to a suitable volumetric flask to obtain a nominal concentration of 6 mg/mL of topiramate. Add 80% of the flask volume of *Mobile phase*, and shake for 30 min. Sonicate for 10 min, and dilute with *Mobile phase* to volume. Centrifuge, and pass through a polyethersulfone membrane filter of 0.45- $\mu$ m pore size, discarding the first 3 mL of the filtrate.

**Chromatographic system**

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

**Mode:** LC

**Detector:** Conductivity

**Column:** 4.6-mm  $\times$  15-cm; 5- $\mu$ m packing L47

**Detector temperature:** 30°

**Flow rate:** 1.5 mL/min

[NOTE—A suitable background suppression unit may be used.]

**Injection size:** 70  $\mu$ L

**System suitability**

**Sample:** *Standard solution*

[NOTE—The approximate relative retention time of the sulfamate ion peak is 0.44 relative to the sulfate ion peak.]

**Suitability requirements**

**Relative standard deviation:** NMT 15.0% for the sulfamate and sulfate peaks

**Analysis**

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

Calculate the percentage of sulfate ion in the portion of 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 sulfate ion from the *Sample solution*

$r_S$  = peak response of sulfate ion from the *Standard solution*

$C_S$  = concentration of sodium sulfate in the *Standard solution* (mg/mL)

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

$M_{r1}$  = molecular weight of the sulfate anion, 96.04

$M_{r2}$  = molecular weight of anhydrous sodium sulfate, 142.04

Calculate the percentage of sulfamate ion in the portion of 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 sulfamate ion from the *Sample solution*

$r_S$  = peak response of sulfamate ion from the *Standard solution*

$C_S$  = concentration of sulfamic acid in the *Standard solution* (mg/mL)

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

$M_{r1}$  = molecular weight of the sulfamate anion, 96.09

$M_{r2}$  = molecular weight of sulfamic acid, 97.09

**Acceptance criteria:** NMT 0.25% of sulfate ion; NMT 0.25% of sulfamate ion

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- **PACKAGING AND STORAGE:** Store in tightly closed containers at controlled room temperature, protected from moisture.
- **LABELING:** When more than one *Dissolution* test is given, the labeling states the *Dissolution* test used only if *Test 1* is not used.
- **USP REFERENCE STANDARDS (11).**
  - [USP Topiramate RS](#)  
2,3:4,5-Di-O-isopropylidene-β-D-fructopyranose sulfamate.  
 $C_{12}H_{21}NO_8S$  339.36
  - [USP Topiramate Related Compound A RS](#)  
2,3:4,5-Bis-O-(1-methylethylidene)-β-D-fructopyranose.  
 $C_{12}H_{20}O_6$  260.28

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