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Tramadol Hydrochloride Compounded Oral Suspension

DEFINITION

Tramadol Hydrochloride Compounded Oral Suspension contains NLT 90.0% and NMT 110.0% of the labeled amount of tramadol hydrochloride ($C_{16}H_{25}NO_2 \cdot HCl$).

Prepare Tramadol Hydrochloride Compounded Oral Suspension 5 mg/mL as follows (see *Pharmaceutical Compounding—Nonsterile Preparations* ⟨795⟩).

Tramadol Hydrochloride tablets[a] equivalent to	500 mg of tramadol hydrochloride
Vehicle: a 1:1 mixture of Ora-Sweet[b] (sugar-free) and Ora-Plus,[b] a sufficient quantity to make	100 mL

[a] Ultram 50-mg tablets, Ortho-McNeil Pharmaceutical, Inc., Raritan, NJ.

[b] Paddock Laboratories, Minneapolis, MN.

Calculate the required quantity of each ingredient for the total amount to be prepared. Place the required number of *Tramadol Hydrochloride tablets* in a suitable mortar, and comminute to a fine powder. Add the *Vehicle* in small portions, and triturate to make a smooth paste. Add increasing volumes of the *Vehicle* to make a tramadol hydrochloride 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**

Solution A: 20 mM of phosphoric acid and 4 g/L of sodium 1-hexane sulfonate

Mobile phase: Acetonitrile and *Solution A* (50:50). Filter and degas.

Diluent: Acetonitrile and water (50:50)

Standard solution: 0.25 mg/mL of USP Tramadol Hydrochloride RS in *Diluent*

Sample solution: Shake thoroughly by hand each bottle of Oral Suspension. Prepare 0.25 mg/mL of tramadol hydrochloride from Oral Suspension and *Diluent*, and centrifuge.

Chromatographic system

(See *Chromatography* ⟨621⟩, *System Suitability*.)

Mode: LC

Detector: UV 275 nm

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

Column temperature: 30°

Flow rate: 1.0 mL/min

Injection volume: 5 µL

System suitability

Sample: *Standard solution*

[Note—The retention time for tramadol hydrochloride is about 6 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 tramadol hydrochloride ($C_{16}H_{25}NO_2 \cdot HCl$) in the portion of Oral Suspension 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 Tramadol Hydrochloride RS in the *Standard solution* (mg/mL)

C_U = nominal concentration of tramadol hydrochloride in the *Sample solution* (mg/mL)

Acceptance criteria: 90.0%–110.0%

SPECIFIC TESTS

• **pH** ⟨791⟩**:** 3.8–4.8

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 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⟩

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