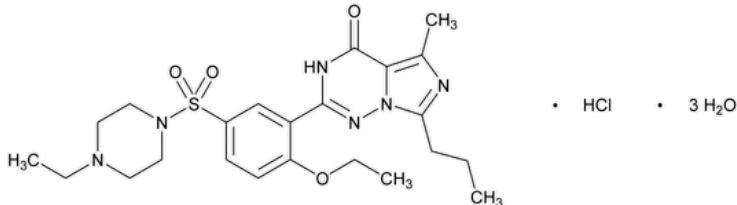


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Vardenafil Hydrochloride



$C_{23}H_{32}N_6O_4S \cdot HCl \cdot 3H_2O$ 579.11

Piperazine, 1-[[3-(1,4-dihydro-5-methyl-4-oxo-7-propylimidazo[5,1-f][1,2,4]triazin-2-yl)-4-ethoxyphenyl]sulfonyl]-4-ethyl-, monohydrochloride, trihydrate;

2-[2-Ethoxy-5-(4-ethyl-piperazine-1-sulfonyl)-phenyl]-5-methyl-7-propyl-3H-imidazo[5,1-f][1,2,4]triazin-4-one, hydrochloride, trihydrate CAS RN®: 330808-88-3; UNII: 5M8S2CU0TS.

Anhydrous 525.06 CAS RN®: 224785-91-5; UNII: IF61NL91H3.

DEFINITION

Vardenafil Hydrochloride contains NLT 98.0% and NMT 102.0% of vardenafil hydrochloride ($C_{23}H_{32}N_6O_4S \cdot HCl$), calculated on the anhydrous basis.

IDENTIFICATION

Change to read:

- A. ▲ [SPECTROSCOPIC IDENTIFICATION TESTS \(197\), Infrared Spectroscopy: 197K](#) ▲ (CN 1-May-2020)
- B. The retention time of the major peak of the *Sample solution* corresponds to that of the *Standard solution*, as obtained in the Assay.
- C. [IDENTIFICATION TESTS—GENERAL, Chloride\(191\)](#): Meets the requirements

ASSAY

• **PROCEDURE**

Protect all solutions containing vardenafil from light.

Buffer: Dissolve 1.3 g of monobasic potassium phosphate and 0.7 g of dibasic sodium phosphate dihydrate in 1 L of water.

Mobile phase: See [Table 1](#). Return to original conditions, and re-equilibrate the system.

Table 1

Time (min)	Buffer (%)	Acetonitrile (%)
0	80	20
2	80	20
22	25	75
27	25	75

System suitability solution: 0.5 mg/mL of [USP Vardenafil System Suitability RS](#) prepared as follows. Transfer an appropriate quantity of the Reference Standard to a volumetric flask. Add 20% of the flask volume of acetonitrile and dilute with *Buffer* to volume.

Standard solution: 0.15 mg/mL of [USP Vardenafil Hydrochloride RS](#) prepared as follows. Transfer an appropriate quantity of [USP Vardenafil Hydrochloride RS](#) to a volumetric flask. Add 20% of the flask volume of acetonitrile and dilute with *Buffer* to volume.

Sample solution: 0.15 mg/mL of Vardenafil Hydrochloride prepared as follows. Transfer an appropriate quantity of Vardenafil Hydrochloride to a volumetric flask. Add 20% of the flask volume of acetonitrile and dilute with *Buffer* to volume.

Chromatographic system

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

Mode: LC

Detector: UV 242 nm

Column: 3-mm × 25-cm; 5-μm packing L1

Column temperature: 45°

Flow rate: 0.5 mL/min

Injection volume: 10 μL

System suitability

Samples: System suitability solution and Standard solution

Suitability requirements

Resolution: NLT 5.0 between vardenafil and 7-methyl vardenafil, System suitability solution

Relative standard deviation: NMT 0.85%, Standard solution

Tailing factor: 0.8–1.5, Standard solution

Analysis

Samples: Standard solution and Sample solution

Calculate the percentage of vardenafil hydrochloride ($C_{23}H_{32}N_6O_4S \cdot HCl$) in the portion of Vardenafil Hydrochloride taken:

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

r_U = peak response of vardenafil from the Sample solution

r_S = peak response of vardenafil from the Standard solution

C_S = concentration of [USP Vardenafil Hydrochloride RS](#) in the Standard solution (mg/mL)

C_U = concentration of Vardenafil Hydrochloride in the Sample solution (mg/mL)

Acceptance criteria: 98.0%–102.0% on the anhydrous basis

IMPURITIES

• [RESIDUE ON IGNITION \(281\)](#): NMT 0.1%

• **ORGANIC IMPURITIES**

Protect all solutions containing vardenafil from light.

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

Diluent: Acetonitrile and *Buffer* (20:80)

Standard stock solution: 0.5 mg/mL of [USP Vardenafil Hydrochloride RS](#) prepared as follows. Transfer an appropriate quantity of the Reference Standard to a volumetric flask. Add 20% of the flask volume of acetonitrile and dilute with *Buffer* to volume.

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

Sample solution: 0.5 mg/mL of Vardenafil Hydrochloride prepared as follows. Transfer an appropriate quantity of Vardenafil Hydrochloride to a volumetric flask. Add 20% of the flask volume of acetonitrile and dilute with *Buffer* to volume.

System suitability

[NOTE—See [Table 2](#) for the relative retention times.]

Samples: System suitability solution and Standard solution

Suitability requirements

Resolution: NLT 5.0 between vardenafil and 7-methyl vardenafil, System suitability solution

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 Vardenafil Hydrochloride taken:

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

r_U = peak response of each impurity from the Sample solution

r_S = peak response of vardenafil from the Standard solution

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

C_u = concentration of Vardenafil Hydrochloride in the *Sample solution* (mg/mL)

Acceptance criteria: See [Table 2](#). Disregard any impurity peak less than 0.05%.

Table 2

Name	Relative Retention Time	Acceptance Criteria, NMT (%)
7-Methyl vardenafil ^a	0.83	0.15
Vardenafil	1.0	—
Unspecified impurities	Vardenafil acid ^b	0.48
	Vardenafil dimer ^c	1.2
	Any unspecified individual impurity	—
Total impurities	—	0.3

^a 2-{2-Ethoxy-5-[(4-ethylpiperazin-1-yl)sulfonyl]phenyl}-5,7-dimethylimidazo[5,1-f][1,2,4]triazin-4(3H)-one.

^b 4-Ethoxy-3-(5-methyl-4-oxo-7-propyl-3,4-dihydroimidazo [5,1-f][1,2,4]triazin-2-yl)benzenesulfonic acid.

^c 2,2'-(Piperazine-1,4-disulfonyl)bis(6-ethoxy-3,1-phenylene)bis[5-methyl-7-propylimidazo[5,1-f][1,2,4]triazin-4(3H)-one].

SPECIFIC TESTS

- [WATER DETERMINATION, Method I\(921\)](#): 8.8%–10.5%

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- **PACKAGING AND STORAGE:** Store in well-closed containers at room temperature.

- [USP REFERENCE STANDARDS \(11\)](#)

[USP Vardenafil Hydrochloride RS](#)

[USP Vardenafil System Suitability RS](#)

This mixture contains Vardenafil Hydrochloride and approximately 1% of 7-methyl vardenafil (2-{2-ethoxy-5-[(4-ethylpiperazin-1-yl)sulfonyl]phenyl}-5,7-dimethylimidazo[5,1-f][1,2,4]triazin-4(3H)-one).

$C_{21}H_{28}N_6O_4S$ 460.55

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