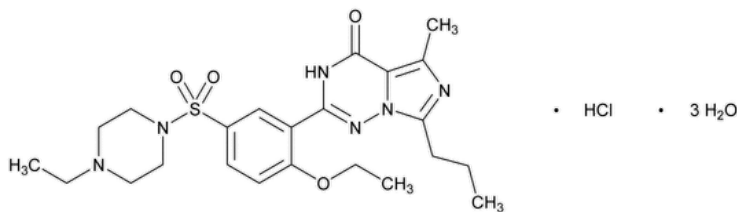


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# Vardenafil Hydrochloride



$\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{32}\text{N}_6\text{O}_4\text{S} \cdot \text{HCl} \cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$  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 ( $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{32}\text{N}_6\text{O}_4\text{S} \cdot \text{HCl}$ ), 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 <sup>a</sup>		0.83	0.15
Vardenafil		1.0	—
Unspecified impurities	Vardenafil acid <sup>b</sup>	0.48	0.10 each
	Vardenafil dimer <sup>c</sup>	1.2	
	Any unspecified individual impurity	—	
Total impurities		—	0.3

- <sup>a</sup> 2-{2-Ethoxy-5-[(4-ethylpiperazin-1-yl)sulfonyl]phenyl}-5,7-dimethylimidazo[5,1-*f*][1,2,4]triazin-4(3*H*)-one.
- <sup>b</sup> 4-Ethoxy-3-(5-methyl-4-oxo-7-propyl-3,4-dihydroimidazo [5,1-*f*][1,2,4]triazin-2-yl)benzenesulfonic acid.
- <sup>c</sup> 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(3*H*)-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(3*H*)-one).



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