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# Verapamil Hydrochloride Injection

## DEFINITION

Verapamil Hydrochloride Injection is a sterile solution of Verapamil Hydrochloride in Water for Injection. It contains NLT 90.0% and NMT 110.0% of the labeled amount of verapamil hydrochloride ( $C_{27}H_{38}N_2O_4 \cdot HCl$ ).

## IDENTIFICATION

### Change to read:

- **A.** ▲The UV spectrum of the major peak of the *Diluted sample solution* corresponds to that of the *Diluted standard solution*, as obtained in the Assay.▲ (USP 1-May-2019)
- **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 \(191\)](#), [Chemical Identification Tests, Chloride](#): Meets the requirements

## ASSAY

### Change to read:

#### PROCEDURE

**Solution A:** 0.015 N [sodium acetate](#) solution containing 33 mL of [glacial acetic acid](#) per liter

**Mobile phase:** [Acetonitrile](#), *Solution A*, and [2-aminoheptane](#) (30:70:0.5)

**System suitability solution:** 1.9 mg/mL of [USP Verapamil Hydrochloride RS](#) and 1.5 mg/mL of [USP Verapamil Related Compound B RS](#) in *Mobile phase*

**Standard solution:** 2.5 mg/mL of [USP Verapamil Hydrochloride RS](#) in *Mobile phase*

▲**Diluted standard solution:** 0.5 mg/mL of [USP Verapamil Hydrochloride RS](#) from the *Standard solution* in *Mobile phase*▲ (USP 1-May-2019)

**Sample solution:** Nominally 2.5 mg/mL of verapamil hydrochloride from a volume of Injection in *Mobile phase*

▲**Diluted sample solution:** Nominally 0.5 mg/mL of verapamil hydrochloride from the *Sample solution* in *Mobile phase*▲ (USP 1-May-2019)

#### Chromatographic system

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

**Mode:** LC

**Detector:** UV 278 nm. ▲For *Identification A*, use a diode array detector in the range of 200–400 nm.▲ (USP 1-May-2019)

**Column:** 4.6-mm × ▲ (USP 1-May-2019) 15-cm; ▲5-μm▲ (USP 1-May-2019) packing [L1](#)

**Flow rate:** 0.9 mL/min

**Injection volume:** 10 μL

**Run time:** NLT 4 times the retention time of verapamil

#### System suitability

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

[NOTE—The relative retention times for verapamil related compound B and verapamil are about 0.88 and 1.0, respectively.]

#### Suitability requirements

**Resolution:** NLT 1.5 between verapamil related compound B and verapamil, *System suitability solution*

**Relative standard deviation:** NMT 2.0%, *Standard solution*

#### Analysis

**Samples:** *Standard solution*, ▲*Diluted standard solution*,▲ (USP 1-May-2019) *Sample solution*, ▲and *Diluted sample solution*

[NOTE—The *Diluted standard solution* and *Diluted sample solution* are used for *Identification A*.]▲ (USP 1-May-2019)

Calculate the percentage of the labeled amount of verapamil hydrochloride ( $C_{27}H_{38}N_2O_4 \cdot HCl$ ) in the volume of Injection taken:

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

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

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

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

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

**Acceptance criteria:** 90.0%–110.0%

**IMPURITIES**

**Change to read:**

• **ORGANIC IMPURITIES**

**Solution A, Mobile phase, System suitability solution, Sample solution, and Chromatographic system:** Proceed as directed in the Assay.

**Standard solution:** 2.5 mg/mL of [USP Verapamil Hydrochloride RS](#), and 7.5 µg/mL each of [USP Verapamil Related Compound A RS](#), [USP Verapamil Related Compound E RS](#), and [USP Verapamil Related Compound F RS](#) in *Mobile phase*

**System suitability**

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

[NOTE—See [Table 1](#) for relative retention times.]

**Suitability requirements**

**Resolution:** NLT 1.5 between verapamil related compound B and verapamil, *System suitability solution*

**Relative standard deviation:** NMT 2.0%, *Standard solution*

**Signal-to-noise ratio:** NLT 15 for verapamil related compound F, *Standard solution* ▲ (USP 1-May-2019)

**Analysis**

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

Calculate the percentage of each ▲specified degradation product ▲ (USP 1-May-2019) in the portion of Injection taken:

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

$r_U$  = peak response of ▲verapamil related compound A, E, or F ▲ (USP 1-May-2019) from the *Sample solution*

$r_S$  = peak response of ▲verapamil related compound A, E, or F ▲ (USP 1-May-2019) from the *Standard solution*

$C_S$  = concentration of ▲[USP Verapamil Related Compound A RS](#), [USP Verapamil Related Compound E RS](#), or [USP Verapamil Related Compound F RS](#) ▲ (USP 1-May-2019) in the *Standard solution* (mg/mL) ▲▲ (USP 1-May-2019)

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

▲Calculate the percentage of any unspecified degradation product in the portion of Injection taken:

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

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

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

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

$C_U$  = nominal concentration of verapamil hydrochloride in the *Sample solution* (mg/mL) ▲ (USP 1-May-2019)

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

▲**Table 1**

Name	Relative Retention Time	Acceptance Criteria, NMT (%)
Verapamil related compound F	0.4	0.3
Verapamil related compound A	0.5	0.3
Verapamil related compound E	0.7	0.3
Verapamil related compound B <sup>a</sup>	0.88	—
Verapamil	1.0	—
Any unspecified degradation product	—	0.2
Total degradation products	—	1.0▲ (USP 1-May-2019)

<sup>a</sup> For resolution measurement only. It is not to be reported and not to be included in the total degradation products.

#### SPECIFIC TESTS

- **pH (791):** 4.0–6.5
- **BACTERIAL ENDOTOXINS TEST (85):** NMT 16.7 USP Endotoxin Units/mg of verapamil hydrochloride
- **PARTICULATE MATTER IN INJECTIONS (788):** Meets the requirements for small-volume injections
- **OTHER REQUIREMENTS:** Meets the requirements in [Injections and Implanted Drug Products \(1\)](#).

#### ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

##### Change to read:

- **PACKAGING AND STORAGE:** Preserve in single-dose containers, preferably of Type I glass, protected from light. ▲Store at controlled room temperature.▲ (USP 1-May-2019)

##### Change to read:

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

[USP Verapamil Hydrochloride RS](#)

[USP Verapamil Related Compound A RS](#)

▲2-(3,4-Dimethoxyphenyl)-2-isopropyl-5-(methylamino)pentanenitrile hydrochloride.▲ (USP 1-May-2019)

$C_{17}H_{26}N_2O_2 \cdot HCl$  326.87

[USP Verapamil Related Compound B RS](#)

▲4-[(3,4-Dimethoxyphenethyl)(methyl)amino]-2-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-2-isopropylbutanenitrile hydrochloride.▲ (USP 1-May-2019)

$C_{26}H_{36}N_2O_4 \cdot HCl$  ▲477.04▲ (USP 1-May-2019)

[USP Verapamil Related Compound E RS](#)

3,4-Dimethoxybenzaldehyde.

▲ $C_9H_{10}O_3$  166.17▲ (USP 1-May-2019)

[USP Verapamil Related Compound F RS](#)

(3,4-Dimethoxyphenyl)methanol.

▲ $C_9H_{12}O_3$  168.19▲ (USP 1-May-2019)

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