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Ivermectin Paste

DEFINITION

Ivermectin Paste contains NLT 90.0% and NMT 110.0% of the labeled amount of Ivermectin, calculated as the sum of component H_2B_{1a} ($C_{48}H_{74}O_{14}$) and component H_2B_{1b} ($C_{47}H_{72}O_{14}$). The ratio of the contents, $H_2B_{1a}/(H_2B_{1a} + H_2B_{1b})$, is NLT 90.0%.

IDENTIFICATION

• A. [THIN-LAYER CHROMATOGRAPHIC IDENTIFICATION TEST \(201\)](#)

Sample solution: 0.5 mg/mL of ivermectin dispersed in methanol from a quantity of Paste. Sonicate if necessary until completely dispersed.

Application volume: 2 μ L

Developing solvent system: Methylene chloride, methanol, and ammonium hydroxide (90:9:1)

Analysis: Develop the chromatogram in an unsaturated chamber. Remove the plate, allow to air dry, and examine under short- and long-wavelength UV light.

Acceptance criteria: Meets the requirements

- **B.** The retention times of the two principal component peaks of ivermectin from the *Sample solution* correspond to those of the two principal component peaks of ivermectin from the *Standard solution*, as obtained in the Assay.

ASSAY

• PROCEDURE

Mobile phase: Acetonitrile, methanol, and water (106:55:39)

Standard solution: 0.4 mg/mL of [USP Ivermectin RS](#) in methanol

Sample solution: Disperse a quantity of Paste in methanol, using sonication if necessary, to obtain a solution containing 0.4 mg/mL of ivermectin.

Chromatographic system

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

Mode: LC

Detector: UV 245 nm

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

Flow rate: 1.5 mL/min

Injection size: 20 μ L

System suitability

Sample: *Standard solution*

Suitability requirements

Resolution: NLT 3.0 between the first peak (component H_2B_{1b}) and the second peak (component H_2B_{1a})

Relative standard deviation: NMT 2.0%, determined from the component H_2B_{1a} peak

Analysis

Samples: *Standard solution* and *Sample solution*

Calculate the percentage of the labeled amount of ivermectin, component H_2B_{1a} ($C_{48}H_{74}O_{14}$) and component H_2B_{1b} ($C_{47}H_{72}O_{14}$), in the portion of Paste taken:

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

r_U = sum of the peak responses for component H_2B_{1a} and component H_2B_{1b} from the *Sample solution*

r_S = sum of the peak responses for component H_2B_{1a} and component H_2B_{1b} from the *Standard solution*

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



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

Calculate the ratio of the contents, in percentage, of the components, $H_2B_{1a}/(H_2B_{1a} + H_2B_{1b})$, in the portion of Paste taken:

$$\text{Result} = (r_U/r_T) \times 100$$

r_U = peak response of H_2B_{1a} from the *Sample solution*

r_T = sum of the peak responses for component H_2B_{1a} and component H_2B_{1b} from the *Sample solution*

Acceptance criteria: 90.0%–110.0% of the labeled amount of ivermectin, calculated as the sum of component H_2B_{1a} ($C_{48}H_{74}O_{14}$) and component H_2B_{1b} ($C_{47}H_{72}O_{14}$). The ratio of the contents, $H_2B_{1a}/(H_2B_{1a} + H_2B_{1b})$, is NLT 90.0%.

IMPURITIES

• ORGANIC IMPURITIES

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

Standard solution: 0.004 mg/mL of [USP Ivermectin RS](#) in methanol

Analysis

Samples: *Standard solution* and *Sample solution*

Calculate the percentage of each impurity in the portion of Paste taken, disregarding any peak below 0.05%:

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

r_U = peak response for each impurity from the *Sample solution*

r_S = peak response of the principal peak from the *Standard solution*

C_S = concentration of the *Standard solution* (mg/mL)

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

Acceptance criteria: NMT 3.0% of any peak with a relative retention time of 1.3–1.5, relative to that of the principal peak

Any other impurity: NMT 1.0%

Total impurities: NMT 6.0%

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- **PACKAGING AND STORAGE:** Preserve in well-closed containers. Store at a temperature not higher than 30°.
- **LABELING:** Label it to indicate that it is for oral veterinary use only.
- **USP REFERENCE STANDARDS (11).**
[USP Ivermectin RS](#)

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