

Donepezil Hydrochloride Tablets

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In accordance with the Rules and Procedures of the 2015-2020 Council of Experts, the Chemical Medicines Monographs 4 Expert Committee has revised the Donepezil Hydrochloride Tablets monograph. The purpose for the revision is to:

- Add two dissolution tests for approved products with dissolution conditions and tolerances that are different from the existing test for dissolution
- Revise the relative response factors for donepezil quaternary salt, donepezil indene analog, deoxydonepezil in *Organic Impurities, Procedure 2*.
- Widen the limit for total degradation products in *Organic Impurities, Procedure 2*.

Dissolution Test 2 was validated using an Inertsil ODS-3V brand of L1 column. The typical retention time for donepezil is about 5.5 min.

Additionally, minor editorial changes have been made to update the monograph to current *USP* style.

The Donepezil Hydrochloride Tablets Revision Bulletin supersedes the currently official monograph. The Revision Bulletin will be incorporated in the *Second Supplement to USP 40–NF 35*.

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Donepezil Hydrochloride Tablets

DEFINITION

Donepezil Hydrochloride Tablets contain NLT 90.0% and NMT 110.0% of the labeled amount of donepezil hydrochloride ($C_{24}H_{29}NO_3 \cdot HCl$).

IDENTIFICATION

A. ULTRAVIOLET ABSORPTION (197U)

Wavelength range: 220–360 nm

Sample solution: Crush a suitable number of Tablets, and transfer an amount of powder, equivalent to 10 mg of donepezil hydrochloride, to a 100-mL volumetric flask. Add 80 mL of 0.1 N hydrochloric acid, and sonicate for 5 min. Cool the solution to room temperature, and dilute with 0.1 N hydrochloric acid to volume. Transfer a portion of this solution to a centrifuge tube, and centrifuge for 15 min. Transfer 5 mL of the clear supernatant to a 25-mL volumetric flask, and dilute with 0.1 N hydrochloric acid to volume.

Analysis: Using a 1-cm cell, record the UV spectrum of the *Sample solution*.

Acceptance criteria: The solution exhibits absorption maxima at 230, 271, and 315 nm.

- B. The retention time of the major peak of the *Sample solution* corresponds to that of the *Standard solution*, as obtained in the Assay.

ASSAY

Change to read:

PROCEDURE

Diluent: Methanol and 0.1 N hydrochloric acid (75:25) (RB 1-Feb-2017)

Mobile phase: Dissolve 2.5 g of sodium 1-decanesulfonate (RB 1-Feb-2017) in 650 mL of water, and add 1.0 mL of perchloric acid and 350 mL of acetonitrile. If necessary, adjust with an additional 0.5 mL of perchloric acid to a pH of about 1.8.

System suitability solution: 0.2 mg/mL of USP Donepezil Hydrochloride RS and 0.008 mg/mL of USP Donepezil Related Compound A RS. [NOTE—Dissolve in 40% of the flask volume of methanol, swirl, and dilute with water to volume.]

Standard solution: 0.4 mg/mL of USP Donepezil Hydrochloride RS in *Diluent*. [NOTE—Dissolve in 60% of the flask volume of *Diluent*, swirl, and dilute with *Diluent* to volume.]

Sample solution: Nominally 0.4 mg/mL of donepezil hydrochloride prepared as follows. Dissolve a suitable number of Tablets in 75% of the flask volume of *Diluent*, and sonicate in an ultrasonic bath for 20 min. Swirl the mixture for 30 s, allow to cool to room temperature, and dilute with *Diluent* to volume. [NOTE—If necessary, add a magnetic stirring bar to the flask, and mix for 10 min on the magnetic stirrer, to aid in dissolution.] Allow a few min for the solids to settle. Pass through a suitable filter, discarding the first 2–3 mL of the filtrate.

Chromatographic system

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

Mode: LC

Detector: UV 271 nm

Column: 4.6-mm × 15-cm; 5-μm packing L1

Column temperature: 35°

Flow rate: 1.4 mL/min

Injection volume: (RB 1-Feb-2017) 20 μL

System suitability

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

[NOTE—The relative retention times for donepezil related compound A and donepezil are about 0.92 and 1.0, respectively.]

Suitability requirements

Resolution: NLT 1.5 between donepezil related compound A and donepezil, *System suitability solution*

Tailing factor: NMT 1.5 for the donepezil peak, *System suitability solution*

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

Analysis

Samples: *Standard solution* and *Sample solution*

Calculate the percentage of the labeled amount of donepezil hydrochloride ($C_{24}H_{29}NO_3 \cdot HCl$) in the portion of Tablets taken:

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

r_U = peak response of donepezil hydrochloride from the *Sample solution*

r_S = peak response of donepezil hydrochloride from the *Standard solution*

C_S = concentration of USP Donepezil Hydrochloride RS in the *Standard solution* (mg/mL)

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

Acceptance criteria: 90.0%–110.0%

PERFORMANCE TESTS

Change to read:

DISSOLUTION (711)

Test 1 (RB 1-Feb-2017)

Medium: 0.1 N hydrochloric acid; 900 mL

Apparatus 2: 50 rpm

Time: 30 min

Analytical procedure: (RB 1-Feb-2017) Determine the amount of donepezil hydrochloride ($C_{24}H_{29}NO_3 \cdot HCl$) dissolved, by using one of the following methods.

Chromatographic method

Diluent: Methanol and 0.1 N hydrochloric acid (75:25) (RB 1-Feb-2017)

Mobile phase: Acetonitrile, water, and perchloric acid (35: 65: 0.1)

Standard stock solution A: 1.1 mg/mL of USP Donepezil Hydrochloride RS in *Diluent*

Standard stock solution B: 0.11 mg/mL of USP Donepezil Hydrochloride RS from *Standard stock solution A* in *Medium*

Standard solution: ($L/1000$) mg/mL of USP Donepezil Hydrochloride RS from *Standard stock solution B* in *Medium*, where L is the label claim in mg/Tablet (RB 1-Feb-2017)

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Sample solution: Pass a portion of the solution under test through a suitable filter of 0.45- μ m pore size, discarding the first few mL of the filtrate.

Chromatographic system

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

Mode: LC

Detector: UV 271 nm

Column: 4.6-mm \times 15-cm; 5- μ m packing L1

Column temperature: 35 $^{\circ}$

Flow rate: 1.0 mL/min

Injection volume: (RB 1-Feb-2017) 50 μ L

System suitability

Sample: *Standard solution*

Suitability requirements

Tailing factor: NMT 1.5

Column efficiency: NLT 5000 theoretical plates

Relative standard deviation: NMT 2.0%

Analysis

Samples: *Standard solution* and *Sample solution*

Calculate the percentage of the labeled amount of donepezil hydrochloride ($C_{24}H_{29}NO_3 \cdot HCl$) dissolved:

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

r_U = peak response from the *Sample solution*

r_S = peak response from the *Standard solution*

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

L = label claim (mg/Tablet)

V = volume of *Medium*, 900 mL

Spectrometric method

Standard stock solution: 0.11 mg/mL of USP

Donepezil Hydrochloride RS in water

Standard solution: ($L/900$) mg/mL of USP

Donepezil Hydrochloride RS from the *Standard stock solution* in *Medium*, where L is the label claim in mg/Tablet. (RB 1-Feb-2017)

Sample solution: Pass a portion of the solution under test through a suitable filter of 0.45- μ m pore size.

Instrumental conditions

(See *Ultraviolet-Visible Spectroscopy* (857).)

Mode: UV

Analytical wavelength: 230 nm

Blank: *Medium*

Calculate the percentage of the labeled amount of donepezil hydrochloride ($C_{24}H_{29}NO_3 \cdot HCl$) dissolved:

$$\text{Result} = (A_U/A_S) \times (C_S/L) \times V \times 100$$

A_U = absorbance of the *Sample solution*

A_S = absorbance of the *Standard solution*

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

L = label claim (mg/Tablet)

V = volume of *Medium*, 900 mL

Tolerances: NLT 80% (Q) of the labeled amount of donepezil hydrochloride is dissolved.

For Tablets which contain 23 mg of donepezil hydrochloride

Test 2: If the product complies with this test, the labeling indicates that it meets USP *Dissolution Test 2*.

Medium: pH 6.8 phosphate buffer; 900 mL

Apparatus 2: 50 rpm

Times: 1, 3, and 8 h

Buffer: 5.0 g/L of monobasic ammonium phosphate in water adjusted with phosphoric acid to a pH of 2.3

Mobile phase: Acetonitrile and *Buffer* (25:75)

Standard stock solution: 0.26 mg/mL of USP

Donepezil Hydrochloride RS prepared as follows.

Transfer a suitable quantity of USP Donepezil Hydrochloride RS to an appropriate volumetric flask. Add 70% of the flask volume of *Medium*. Sonicate to dissolve and dilute with *Medium* to volume.

Standard solution: ($L/900$) mg/mL of USP

Donepezil Hydrochloride RS from *Standard stock solution* in *Medium*, where L is the label claim in mg/Tablet. Pass the solution through a suitable filter, discarding the first 3 mL of the filtrate.

Sample solution: Pass a portion of the solution under test through a suitable filter, discarding the first 3 mL of the filtrate.

Chromatographic system

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

Mode: LC

Detector: UV 210 nm

Column: 4.6-mm \times 15-cm; 5- μ m packing L1

Column temperature: 35 $^{\circ}$

Flow rate: 1.5 mL/min

Injection volume: 50 μ L

Run time: NLT 1.7 times the retention time of donepezil

System suitability

Sample: *Standard solution*

Suitability requirements

Tailing factor: NMT 1.5

Relative standard deviation: NMT 2.0%

Analysis

Samples: *Standard solution* and *Sample solution*

Calculate the concentration (C_i) of donepezil hydrochloride ($C_{24}H_{29}NO_3 \cdot HCl$) in the sample withdrawn from the vessel at each time point (i):

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

r_U = peak response of donepezil from the *Sample solution*

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

C_S = concentration of USP Donepezil Hydrochloride RS in the *Standard solution* (mg/mL)

Calculate the percentage of the labeled amount of donepezil hydrochloride ($C_{24}H_{29}NO_3 \cdot HCl$) dissolved at each time point (i):

$$\text{Result}_1 = C_1 \times V \times (1/L) \times 100$$

$$\text{Result}_2 = \{[C_2 \times (V - V_3)] + [C_1 \times V_3]\} \times (1/L) \times 100$$

$$\text{Result}_3 = \{[C_3 \times [V - (2 \times V_3)]] + [(C_2 + C_1) \times V_3]\} \times (1/L) \times 100$$

C_i = concentration of donepezil hydrochloride in the portion of the sample withdrawn at the specified time point (mg/mL)

V = volume of *Medium*, 900 mL

L = label claim (mg/Tablet)

V_3 = volume of the *Sample solution* withdrawn at each time point (mL)

Tolerances: See *Table 1*.

Table 1

Time Point (i)	Time (h)	Amount Dissolved (%)
1	1	NMT 20
2	3	35–60
3	8	NLT 80

The percentages of the labeled amount of donepezil hydrochloride ($C_{24}H_{29}NO_3 \cdot HCl$) dissolved at the times specified conform to *Dissolution* (711), *Acceptance Table 2*.

Test 3: If the product complies with this test, the labeling indicates that it meets USP *Dissolution Test 3*.

Medium: pH 6.8 phosphate buffer; 900 mL

Apparatus 2: 50 rpm

Times: 1, 3, and 10 h

Standard stock solution: 0.25 mg/mL of USP

Donepezil Hydrochloride RS prepared as follows. Transfer a suitable quantity of USP Donepezil Hydrochloride RS to an appropriate volumetric flask. Add 70% of the flask volume of water. Sonicate to dissolve and allow to cool to room temperature. Dilute with water to volume.

Standard solution: (L/900) mg/mL of USP

Donepezil Hydrochloride RS from *Standard stock solution* in *Medium*, where L is the label claim in mg/

Sample solution: Pass a portion of the solution under test through a suitable filter.

Instrumental conditions

(See *Ultraviolet-Visible Spectroscopy* (857).)

Mode: UV-Vis

Analytical wavelength: 315 nm

Blank: *Medium*

System suitability

Sample: *Standard solution*

Suitability requirements

Relative standard deviation: NMT 2.0%

Analysis

Samples: *Standard solution* and *Sample solution*

Calculate the concentration (C_i) of donepezil hydrochloride ($C_{24}H_{29}NO_3 \cdot HCl$) in the sample withdrawn from the vessel at each time point (i):

$$\text{Result}_i = (A_U/A_S) \times C_S$$

A_U = absorbance of donepezil from the *Sample solution*

A_S = absorbance of donepezil from the *Standard solution*

C_S = concentration of USP Donepezil Hydrochloride RS in the *Standard solution* (mg/mL)

Calculate the percentage of the labeled amount of donepezil hydrochloride ($C_{24}H_{29}NO_3 \cdot HCl$) dissolved at each time point (i):

$$\text{Result}_1 = C_1 \times V \times (1/L) \times 100$$

$$\text{Result}_2 = \{[C_2 \times (V - V_S)] + [C_1 \times V_S]\} \times (1/L) \times 100$$

$$\text{Result}_3 = \{[C_3 \times [V - (2 \times V_S)]] + [(C_2 + C_1) \times V_S]\} \times (1/L) \times 100$$

C_i = concentration of donepezil hydrochloride in the portion of the sample withdrawn at the specified time point (mg/mL)

V = volume of *Medium*, 900 mL

L = label claim (mg/Tablet)

V_S = volume of the *Sample solution* withdrawn at each time point (mL)

Tolerances: See *Table 2*.

Table 2

Time Point (i)	Time (h)	Amount Dissolved (%)
1	1	10–30
2	3	33–53
3	10	NLT 80

The percentages of the labeled amount of donepezil hydrochloride ($C_{24}H_{29}NO_3 \cdot HCl$) dissolved at the times specified conform to *Dissolution* (711), *Acceptance Table 2*. (RB 1-Feb-2017)

- **UNIFORMITY OF DOSAGE UNITS (905):** Meet the requirements

IMPURITIES

Change to read:

- **ORGANIC IMPURITIES, PROCEDURE 1**

[NOTE—On the basis of the synthetic route, perform either *Procedure 1* or *Procedure 2*. *Procedure 2* is recommended if any of the impurities included in *Table 5* (RB 1-Feb-2017) are potential degradation products.]

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

Standard solution: 0.0008 mg/mL (RB 1-Feb-2017) of USP Donepezil Hydrochloride RS in *Diluent*

System suitability

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

[NOTE—The relative retention times for donepezil related compound A and donepezil are about 0.92 and 1.0, respectively.]

Suitability requirements

Resolution: NLT 1.5 between donepezil related compound A and donepezil, *System suitability solution*

Relative standard deviation: NMT 8.0%, *Standard solution*

Analysis

Samples: *Standard solution* and *Sample solution*

[NOTE—Identify the impurities using the relative retention times given in *Table 3*. (RB 1-Feb-2017)]

Calculate the percentage of any individual impurity in the portion of Tablets taken:

$$\text{Result} = (r_U/r_S) \times (C_S/C_U) \times (1/F) \times 100$$

r_U = peak response of each individual impurity from the *Sample solution*

r_S = peak response of donepezil hydrochloride from the *Standard solution*

C_S = concentration of USP Donepezil Hydrochloride RS in the *Standard solution* (mg/mL)

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

F = relative response factor (see *Table 3*). (RB 1-Feb-2017)

Acceptance criteria: See *Table 3*.

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Table 3 (RB 1-Feb-2017)

Name	Relative Retention Time	Relative Response Factor	Acceptance Criteria, NMT (%)
Desbenzyl donepezil ^a	0.33	1.0	0.5
Donepezil open ring ^b	0.70	0.6	0.5
Donepezil hydrochloride	1.0	—	—
Donepezil <i>N</i> -oxide ^c	1.2	1.0	0.5
Any individual unspecified degradation product	—	—	0.2

^a 5,6-Dimethoxy-2-(piperidin-4-ylmethyl)indan-1-one.

^b 2-(3-(1-Benzylpiperidin-4-yl)-2-oxopropyl)-4,5-dimethoxybenzoic acid.

^c 2-[(1-Benzylpiperidin-4-yl)methyl]-5,6-dimethoxyindan-1-one *N*-oxide.

Change to read:

• ORGANIC IMPURITIES, PROCEDURE 2

Diluent: Acetonitrile and water (25:75)

Solution A: Add 1 mL of phosphoric acid in 1 L of water. Adjust with triethylamine to a pH of 6.5. Pass through a filter of 0.45- μ m or finer pore size.

Solution B: Acetonitrile

Mobile phase: See **Table 4**.

Table 4 (RB 1-Feb-2017)

Time (min)	Solution A (%)	Solution B (%)
0	75	25
10	40	60
40	40	60
41	75	25
50	75	25

Standard solution: 0.01 mg/mL of USP Donepezil Hydrochloride RS in *Diluent*. Sonication may be used to aid the dissolution.

Sample solution: Nominally 1.0 mg/mL of donepezil hydrochloride in *Diluent*. Sonication may be used to aid the dissolution.

Chromatographic system

(See *Chromatography* <621>, *System Suitability*.)

Mode: LC

Detector: UV 286 nm

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

Column temperature: 50°

Flow rate: 1.5 mL/min

Injection volume: (RB 1-Feb-2017) 20 μ L

System suitability

Sample: *Standard solution*

Suitability requirements

Tailing factor: NMT 1.5

Relative standard deviation: NMT 2.0%, for five replicate injections

Analysis

Samples: *Standard solution* and *Sample solution*

Calculate the percentage of each specified impurity or any individual degradation product in the portion of Tablets taken:

$$\text{Result} = (r_U/r_S) \times (C_S/C_U) \times (1/F) \times 100$$

r_U = peak response of each individual impurity from the *Sample solution*

r_S = peak response of donepezil hydrochloride from the *Standard solution*

C_S = concentration of USP Donepezil Hydrochloride RS in the *Standard solution* (mg/mL)

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

F = relative response factor for the corresponding impurity peak from **Table 5** (RB 1-Feb-2017)

Acceptance criteria: See **Table 5**.

Table 5

Name	Relative Retention Time ^a	Relative Response Factor	Acceptance Criteria, NMT (%)
Desbenzyl donepezil ^b	0.23	1.5	0.15
Donepezil pyridine analog ^c	0.49	1.9	0.15
Donepezil quaternary salt ^d	0.68	0.74	0.15
Donepezil hydrochloride	1.0	1.0	—
Donepezil indene analog ^e	1.7	2.2	0.15
Deoxydonepezil ^f	2.1	1.3	0.15
Any individual degradation product	—	1.0	0.1
Total degradation products	—	—	1.0

^a Relative retention times are based on 1-mL gradient delay volume.

^b 5,6-Dimethoxy-2-(piperidin-4-ylmethyl)indan-1-one.

^c 5,6-Dimethoxy-2-(pyridin-4-ylmethyl)indan-1-one; also known as DPML.

^d 1,1-Dibenzyl-4-[(5,6-dimethoxy-1-oxoindan-2-yl)methyl]piperidinium; also known as donepezil benzyl.

^e 1-Benzyl-4-[(5,6-dimethoxyinden-2-yl)methyl]piperidine; also known as dehydrodeoxy donepezil.

^f 1-Benzyl-4-[(5,6-dimethoxyindan-2-yl)methyl]piperidine.

(RB 1-Feb-2017)

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

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

Change to read:

- **LABELING:** If a test for *Organic Impurities* other than *Procedure 1* is used, the labeling states the test with which the article complies. If a test for *Dissolution* other than *Test 1* is used, the labeling states the test with which the article complies. (RB 1-Feb-2017)

• USP REFERENCE STANDARDS <11>

USP Donepezil Hydrochloride RS

USP Donepezil Related Compound A RS

(*E*)-2-[(1-Benzylpiperidin-4-yl)methylene]-5,6-dimethoxyindan-1-one.

C₂₄H₂₇NO₃ 377.48