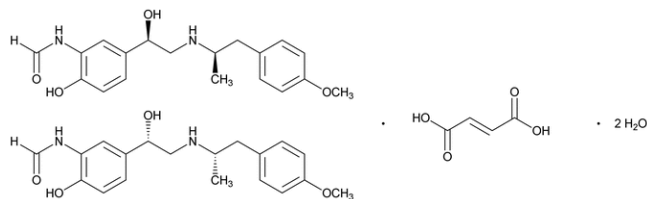


## Formoterol Fumarate

### Change to read:



$(C_{19}H_{24}N_2O_4)_2 \cdot C_4H_4O_4 \cdot 2H_2O$  ▲840.92

Formamide, N-[2-hydroxy-5-[1-hydroxy-2-[[1-(4-methoxyphenyl)propan-2-yl]amino]ethyl]phenyl], (*R\*,R\**)-, fumarate (2:1) (salt), dihydrate; ▲ (IRA 1-Jan-2020)

(±)-2'-Hydroxy-5'-[(*R\**)-1-hydroxy-2-[(*R\**)-*p*-methoxy- $\alpha$ -methylphenethyl]amino]ethyl]formanilide fumarate (2:1) (salt), dihydrate [183814-30-4].

▲Anhydrous

$(C_{19}H_{24}N_2O_4)_2 \cdot C_4H_4O_4$  804.89  
[43229-80-7]. ▲ (IRA 1-Jan-2020)

### DEFINITION

Formoterol Fumarate contains NLT 98.5% and NMT 101.5% of formoterol fumarate [ $(C_{19}H_{24}N_2O_4)_2 \cdot C_4H_4O_4$ ], calculated on the anhydrous basis.

### IDENTIFICATION

#### Change to read:

- **A.** ▲SPECTROSCOPIC IDENTIFICATION TESTS (197), *Infrared Spectroscopy*: ▲ (IRA 1-Jan-2020) (197K) ▲ or (197A) ▲ (IRA 1-Jan-2020)
- **B.** The retention time of the formoterol peak of the *Sample solution* corresponds to that of the *Standard solution*, as obtained in the *Assay*.

### ASSAY

#### Change to read:

#### PROCEDURE

▲Protect solutions of formoterol fumarate from light. ▲ (IRA 1-Jan-2020)

**Buffer:** 6.1 g/L of monobasic sodium phosphate and 1.0 g/L of dibasic sodium phosphate dihydrate in water.

[NOTE—The pH is  $6.0 \pm 0.1$ .]

**Solution A:** 3.7 g/L of monobasic sodium phosphate and 0.35 g/L of phosphoric acid in water. [NOTE—The pH is  $3.1 \pm 0.1$ .]

**Solution B:** Acetonitrile

**Mobile phase:** See *Table 1*.

Table 1

Time (min)	Solution A (%)	Solution B (%)
0	84	16
10	84	16
12.7	30	70
12.8	84	16
18	84	16

**Diluent:** Acetonitrile and *Buffer* (16:84)

**Standard solution:** 0.2 mg/mL of USP Formoterol Fumarate RS in *Diluent*

**Sample solution:** 0.2 mg/mL of Formoterol Fumarate in *Diluent*

### Chromatographic system

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

**Mode:** LC

**Detector:** UV 214 nm

**Column:** 4.6-mm  $\times$  15-cm; 5- $\mu$ m packing L7

**Flow rate:** ▲1 ▲ (IRA 1-Jan-2020) mL/min

**Injection volume:** 10  $\mu$ L

### System suitability

**Sample:** *Standard solution*

### Suitability requirements

**Tailing factor:** NMT 2.0

**Relative standard deviation:** NMT 0.73% ▲ (IRA 1-Jan-2020)

### Analysis

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

Calculate the percentage of formoterol fumarate [ $(C_{19}H_{24}N_2O_4)_2 \cdot C_4H_4O_4$ ] in the portion of Formoterol Fumarate taken:

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

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

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

$C_S$  = concentration of USP Formoterol Fumarate RS in the *Standard solution* (mg/mL)

$C_U$  = concentration of Formoterol Fumarate in the *Sample solution* (mg/mL)

**Acceptance criteria:** 98.5%–101.5% on the anhydrous basis

### IMPURITIES

#### RESIDUE ON IGNITION (281)

**Sample:** 1 g

**Acceptance criteria:** NMT 0.1%

#### Change to read:

#### ORGANIC IMPURITIES

▲Protect solutions of formoterol fumarate from light. ▲ (IRA 1-Jan-2020)

**Buffer, Solution A, Solution B, and Diluent:** Prepare as directed in the *Assay*.

**Mobile phase:** See *Table 2*.

Table 2

Time (min)	Solution A (%)	Solution B (%)
0	84	16
10	84	16
37	30	70
40	84	16
55	84	16

**System suitability solution:** ▲0.2 mg/mL of USP Formoterol Fumarate RS and 2  $\mu$ g/mL each of USP Formoterol Related Compound A RS, USP Formoterol Related Compound C RS, and USP Formoterol Related Compound D RS ▲ (IRA 1-Jan-2020) in *Diluent*. Sonicate to dissolve prior to final dilution.

**Sensitivity solution:** 0.1  $\mu$ g/mL of USP Formoterol Fumarate RS in *Diluent* ▲ (IRA 1-Jan-2020)

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**Sample solution:**  $\blacktriangle$  0.2  $\blacktriangle$  (IRA 1-Jan-2020) mg/mL of Formoterol Fumarate in *Diluent*. Sonicate to dissolve before final dilution.

### Chromatographic system

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

**Mode:** LC

**Detector:** UV 214 nm

**Column:** 4.6-mm  $\times$  15-cm; packing L7

**Flow rate:** 1 mL/min

**Injection volume:** 20  $\mu$ L

### System suitability

**Samples:** *System suitability solution*  $\blacktriangle$  and *Sensitivity solution*  $\blacktriangle$  (IRA 1-Jan-2020)

[NOTE—The relative retention times for the peaks are given in *Table 3*.]

**Suitability requirements**

**Resolution:**  $\blacktriangle$ NLT 2.0 between formoterol and formoterol related compound C; and NLT 1.5 between formoterol related compound C and formoterol related compound D.  $\blacktriangle$  (IRA 1-Jan-2020) *System suitability solution*

**Signal-to-noise ratio:** NLT 10, *Sensitivity solution*  $\blacktriangle$  (IRA 1-Jan-2020)

### Analysis

**Sample:** *Sample solution*

Calculate the percentage of each impurity in the portion of Formoterol Fumarate taken:

$$\text{Result} = (r_U/r_T) \times (1/F) \times 100$$

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

$r_T$  = sum of the responses of all peaks from the *Sample solution*

$F$  = relative response factor for each peak (see *Table 3*)

**Acceptance criteria:** See *Table 3*.  $\blacktriangle$ The reporting threshold is  $\blacktriangle$  (IRA 1-Jan-2020) 0.05%.

**Table 3**

Name	Relative Retention Time	Relative Response Factor	Acceptance Criteria, NMT (%)
$\blacktriangle$ 2-Aminopropyl aniso <sup>a</sup> $\blacktriangle$ (IRA 1-Jan-2020)	0.4	1.0	0.1
Formoterol related compound A	0.5	0.57	0.3
$\blacktriangle$ Desmethyl formoterol <sup>b</sup> $\blacktriangle$ (IRA 1-Jan-2020)	0.7	1.0	0.2
Formoterol	1.0	—	—
Formoterol related compound C	1.2	1.0	0.2
Formoterol related compound D	1.3	1.0	0.2
$\blacktriangle$ 3-Methyl formoterol <sup>c</sup> $\blacktriangle$ (IRA 1-Jan-2020)	1.8	1.0	0.1
$\blacktriangle$ Formoterol dimer <sup>d,e</sup> $\blacktriangle$ (IRA 1-Jan-2020)	2.0	1.0	0.2
$\blacktriangle$ N-Benzyl formoterol <sup>f</sup> $\blacktriangle$ (IRA 1-Jan-2020)	2.2	1.0	0.1
Any individual unspecified impurity	—	1.0	0.10

**Table 3** (continued)

Name	Relative Retention Time	Relative Response Factor	Acceptance Criteria, NMT (%)
Total impurities	—	—	0.5

<sup>a</sup> 1-(4-Methoxyphenyl)propan-2-amine.

<sup>b</sup> N-(2-Hydroxy-5-(1-hydroxy-2-[(4-methoxyphenethyl)amino]ethyl)phenyl)formamide.

<sup>c</sup> N-[2-Hydroxy-5-(1-hydroxy-2-[[1-(4-methoxy-3-methylphenyl)propan-2-yl]amino]ethyl)phenyl]formamide.

<sup>d</sup> N-[2-Hydroxy-5-(1-[[2-hydroxy-5-(1-hydroxy-2-[[1-(4-methoxyphenyl)propan-2-yl]amino]ethyl)phenyl]amino)-2-[[1-(4-methoxyphenyl)propan-2-yl]amino]ethyl)phenyl]formamide.

<sup>e</sup> When present in the chromatogram, the formoterol dimer diastereomers will appear as multiple overlapped peaks, for which the total peak area is to be assessed.

<sup>f</sup> N-{5-[(RS)-2-(Benzyl[(RS)-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)propan-2-yl]amino)-1-hydroxyethyl]-2-hydroxyphenyl}formamide.

### Change to read:

#### • LIMIT OF FORMOTEROL RELATED COMPOUND I

**Buffer:** 4.2 g/L of tribasic potassium phosphate. Adjust with potassium hydroxide or phosphoric acid to a pH of 12.0  $\pm$  0.1.

**Mobile phase:** Acetonitrile and *Buffer* (12:88)

**System suitability solution:** 0.1 mg/mL of USP Formoterol Fumarate Resolution Mixture RS  $\blacktriangle$  in water  $\blacktriangle$  (IRA 1-Jan-2020)

**Sample solution:** 0.1 mg/mL of Formoterol Fumarate  $\blacktriangle$  in water  $\blacktriangle$  (IRA 1-Jan-2020)

**Diluted sample solution:** 0.2  $\mu$ g/mL of Formoterol

Fumarate from the *Sample solution*  $\blacktriangle$  in water  $\blacktriangle$  (IRA 1-Jan-2020)

### Chromatographic system

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

**Mode:** LC

**Detector:** UV 225 nm

**Column:** 4.6-mm  $\times$  15-cm; packing L67

**Flow rate:** 0.5 mL/min

**Injection volume:** 20  $\mu$ L

**Run time:** NLT 2 times the retention time of

formoterol  $\blacktriangle$  (IRA 1-Jan-2020)

### System suitability

**Sample:** *System suitability solution*

[NOTE—The relative retention times for formoterol and formoterol related compound I are 1.0 and 1.17, respectively.]

### Suitability requirements

**Peak-to-valley ratio:** NLT 2.5 for formoterol related compound I and formoterol

### Analysis

**Samples:** *Sample solution* and *Diluted sample solution*

**Acceptance criteria:** NMT 0.3%; the peak area of formoterol diastereomer in the *Sample solution* is NMT 1.5 times the peak area of formoterol fumarate in the *Diluted sample solution*.

### SPECIFIC TESTS

#### • pH <791>

**Sample solution:** 1 mg/mL in water

**Acceptance criteria:** 5.5–6.5

#### • WATER DETERMINATION <921>, *Method I*: 4.0%–5.0%

### ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

• **PACKAGING AND STORAGE:** Preserve in well-closed light-resistant containers.

### Change to read:

#### • USP REFERENCE STANDARDS <11>

USP Formoterol Fumarate RS

USP Formoterol Fumarate Resolution Mixture RS

Mixture of formoterol and formoterol related compound I.

*Formoterol related compound I:* ▲N-(2-Hydroxy-5-[(RS)-1-hydroxy-2-[(SR)-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)propan-2-yl]amino)ethyl]phenyl)formamide.

USP Formoterol Related Compound A RS

2-Amino-4-(1-hydroxy-2-((1-(4-methoxyphenyl)propan-2-yl)amino)ethyl)phenol.

$C_{18}H_{24}N_2O_3$  316.39

USP Formoterol Related Compound C RS

N-(2-Hydroxy-5-(1-hydroxy-2-[[1-(4-methoxyphenyl)propan-2-yl]amino)ethyl]phenyl)acetamide fumarate.

$(C_{20}H_{26}N_2O_4)_2 \cdot C_4H_4O_4$  832.95

USP Formoterol Related Compound D RS

N-(2-Hydroxy-5-(1-hydroxy-2-[[1-(4-methoxyphenyl)propan-2-yl](methyl)amino)ethyl]phenyl)formamide fumarate.

$(C_{20}H_{26}N_2O_4)_2 \cdot C_4H_4O_4$  832.95 ▲ (IRA 1-Jan-2020)