Metformin Hydrochloride Extended-Release Tablets

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In accordance with section 7.04 (c) of the 2015–2020 Rules and Procedures of the Council of Experts and the Pending Monograph Guideline, this is to provide notice that the Chemical Medicines Monographs 3 Expert Committee intends to revise the Metformin Hydrochloride Extended-Release Tablets monograph.

Based on the supporting data received from a manufacturer awaiting FDA approval, the Expert Committee proposes to revise the Metformin Hydrochloride Extended-Release Tablets monograph to add **Dissolution Test 17**.

- **Dissolution Test 17** was validated using an Agilent ZORBAX Bonus-RB brand of 4.6-mm x 15-cm, 3.5-µm packing L60 column. The typical retention time for metformin is about 3.7 min.

The proposed revision is contingent on FDA approval of a product that meets the proposed monograph specifications. The proposed revision will be published as a Revision Bulletin and an official date will be assigned to coincide as closely as possible with the FDA approval of the associated product.

See below for additional information about the proposed text.¹

Should you have any questions, please contact Andrea F. Carney, Scientific Liaison to the Chemical Medicines Monographs 3 Expert Committee (301-816-8155 or [afc@usp.org](mailto:afc@usp.org)).

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USP provides this text to indicate changes that we anticipate will be made official once the product subject to this proposed revision under the Pending Monograph Program receives FDA approval. Once FDA approval is granted for the associated revision request, a Revision Bulletin will be posted that will include the changes indicated herein, as well as any changes indicated in the product’s final approval, combined with the text of the monograph as effective on the date of approval. Any revisions made to a monograph under the Pending Monograph Program that are posted without prior publication for comment in the *Pharmacopeial Forum* must also meet the requirements outlined in the *USP Guideline on Use of Accelerated Processes for Revisions to the USP–NF*.

*Notice was revised on June 4, 2019, to correct a clerical error.*
Metformin Hydrochloride Extended-Release Tablets

**DEFINITION**
Metformin Hydrochloride Extended-Release Tablets contain NLT 90.0% and NMT 110.0% of the labeled amount of metformin hydrochloride (C$_7$H$_{14}$N$_2$·HCl).

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

**ASSAY**
- **PROCEDURE**
  - **Buffer solution:** 0.5 g/L of sodium 1-heptanesulfonate and 0.5 g/L of sodium chloride in water. Before final dilution, adjust with 0.06 M phosphoric acid to a pH of 3.85.
  - **Mobile phase:** Acetonitrile and Buffer solution (1:9).
  - **Diluent:** 1.25% solution of acetonitrile in water
  - **System suitability solution:** Dilute 0.5 mL of the System suitability stock solution to a 200-mL volumetric flask, and dilute with water through a suitable filter of 0.45-µm pore size.

**SYSTEM SUITABILITY**
- **Sample solution:** Finely powder NLT 10 Tablets. Transfer powder, equivalent to the average Tablet weight, to a homogenization vessel, and add 500 mL of a 10% acetonitrile solution. Alternately, homogenize and allow to soak until the sample is fully homogenized.

**CHROMATOGRAPHIC SYSTEM**
- **Detector:** UV 218 nm
- **Column:** 3.9-mm × 30-cm; 10-µm packing L1
- **Column temperature:** 30°
- **Flow rate:** 1 mL/min
- **Injection volume:** 10 µL
- **Run time:** Until after the elution locus of metformin related compound C

**SYSTEM SUITABILITY**
- **Sample:** System suitability solution
  - **Resolution:** NLT 1.5 between the peaks due to metformin related compound B and metformin related compound C

**Sample**: Standard solution and Sample solution

Calculate the percentage of the labeled amount of metformin hydrochloride (C$_7$H$_{14}$N$_2$·HCl) in the portion of Tablets taken:

\[
\text{Result} = \frac{(r_u/r_s) \times (C_d/C_0)}{100}
\]

- **Tailing factor:** NLT 0.8 and NMT 2.0 for the metformin peak
- **Relative standard deviation:** NMT 1.5% for the metformin peak and NMT 10% for each of the peaks due to metformin related compound B and metformin related compound C

**PERFORMANCE TESTS**

**CHANGE TO READ:**

- **Dissolution (711)**

**Test 1**
- **Medium:** pH 6.8 phosphate buffer solution; 1000 mL
- **Apparatus 1:** 100 rpm for Tablets labeled to contain 750 mg
- **Apparatus 2:** 100 rpm for Tablets labeled to contain 500 mg
- **Times:** 1, 3, and 10 h
- **Detector:** UV 232 nm

**Standard solution:** USP Metformin Hydrochloride RS in Medium

**Sample solution:** Pass a portion of the solution under test through a suitable hydrophilic polyethylene filter of 0.45-µm pore size. Dilute, if necessary, with Medium to a concentration similar to that of the Standard solution.

**Analysis:** Calculate the percentage of the labeled amount of metformin hydrochloride (C$_7$H$_{14}$N$_2$·HCl) as determined at 1 h (mg/mL) and at 3 h (mg/mL) released at each time point:

\[
\text{Result} = \frac{[(A_u/A_i) \times C_i \times (V - V_s) + (C_0 \times V_i) + (C_{180} \times V_s)] \times 100}{L}
\]

- **A$_u$** = absorbance of the Sample solution
- **A$_i$** = absorbance of the Standard solution
- **C$_i$** = concentration of the Standard solution (mg/mL)
- **C$_0$** = concentration of metformin hydrochloride in Medium determined at 1 h (mg/mL)
- **C$_{180}$** = concentration of metformin hydrochloride in Medium determined at 3 h (mg/mL)
- **L** = label claim (mg/Tablet)

**Tolerances:** See Table 1.
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The percentages of the labeled amount of metformin hydrochloride (C₆H₁₄N₂·HCl) dissolved at the times specified conform to Dissolution (711), Acceptance Table 2.

Test 2: If the product complies with this test, the labeling indicates that it meets USP Dissolution Test 2. Medium: Prepare as directed for Test 1; 1000 mL. Apparatus 2: 100 rpm Times: 1, 2, 6, and 10 h Detector: UV 232 nm Standard solution: USP Metformin Hydrochloride RS in Medium Sample solution: Pass a portion of the solution under test through a suitable polyethylene filter of 0.45-µm pore size. Dilute, if necessary, with Medium to a concentration that is similar to that of the Standard solution.

Analysis: Calculate, in mg/mL, the content of metformin hydrochloride (C₆H₁₄N₂·HCl) (Cᵢ) in Medium at each time point (t):

\[ \text{Result} = \frac{A_i \times C_i \times D_i}{A_j} \]

Aᵢ = absorbance of the Sample solution
Cᵢ = concentration of metformin hydrochloride in Medium at the standard time interval (mg/mL)
Dᵢ = dilution factor of the solution under test
Aⱼ = absorbance of the Standard solution

Calculate the percentage of the labeled amount of metformin hydrochloride (C₆H₁₄N₂·HCl) dissolved at each time point by the following formulas. Percentage dissolved at the first time point (1 h):

\[ \text{Result} = \frac{(C_1 \times V \times 100)}{L} \]

C₁ = content of metformin hydrochloride in Medium at the first time interval (mg/mL)
V = volume of Medium, 1000 mL
L = label claim (mg/Tablet)

Percentage dissolved at the second time point (2 h):

\[ \text{Result} = \frac{[C_2 \times (V - SV_i) + C_i \times SV_i] \times (100/L)}{C_i} \]

C₂ = content of metformin hydrochloride in Medium at the second time interval (mg/mL)
V = volume of Medium, 1000 mL
SVᵢ = volume of the sample withdrawn at 1 h (mL)
Cᵢ = content of metformin hydrochloride in Medium at 1 h (mg/mL)
L = label claim (mg/Tablet)

Percentage dissolved at the nth time point:

\[ \text{Result} = \frac{C_n \times [V - (n - 1)V_j] + (C_1 + C_2 + ... + C_{n-1}) \times V_j]}{L} \times (100/L) \]

C₀ = content of metformin hydrochloride in Medium at the nth time interval (mg/mL)
V = volume of Medium, 1000 mL
n = time interval of interest
Vⱼ = volume of sample withdrawn at each time interval (mL)
Cᵢ = as Cᵢ, C₂, C₃, ... Cₙ₋₁, the content of metformin hydrochloride in Medium at each time interval (mg/mL)
L = label claim (mg/Tablet)

Tolerances: See Table 2.

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The percentages of the labeled amount of metformin hydrochloride (C₆H₁₄N₂·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, Apparatus 1, and Apparatus 2: Proceed as directed in Test 1. Times: 1, 2, 5, and 12 h for Tablets labeled to contain 500 mg; and 1, 3, and 10 h for Tablets labeled to contain 750 mg Detector: UV 232 nm Standard solution: USP Metformin Hydrochloride RS in Medium Sample solution: Pass a portion of the solution under test through a suitable hydrophilic polyethylene filter of 0.45-µm pore size. Dilute, if necessary, with Medium to a concentration similar to that of the Standard solution.

Analysis: Calculate the percentage of the labeled amount of metformin hydrochloride (C₆H₁₄N₂·HCl) released at each time point:

\[ \text{Result} = \frac{[(A_iA_j)x C_i \times (V - V_j ) + (C_{100} \times V_j ) + (C_{120} \times V_j ) + (C_{200} \times V_j ) + (C_{220} \times V_j )] \times 100}{L} \]

Aᵢ = absorbance of the Sample solution
Aⱼ = absorbance of the Standard solution
Cᵢ = concentration of the Standard solution (mg/mL)
V = initial volume of Medium in the vessel (mL)
Vⱼ = volume withdrawn from the vessel for previous samplings (mL)
C₆₀ = concentration of metformin hydrochloride in Medium determined at 1 h (mg/mL)
C₁₂₀ = concentration of metformin hydrochloride in Medium determined at 2 h (mg/mL)
C₂₀₀ = concentration of metformin hydrochloride in Medium determined at 5 h (mg/mL)
C₂₂₀ = concentration of metformin hydrochloride in Medium determined at 12 h (mg/mL)
L = label claim (mg/Tablet)

Tolerances: See Tables 3 and 4.

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Table 3. For Tablets Labeled to Contain 500 mg

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The percentages of the labeled amount of metformin hydrochloride (C$_4$H$_{11}$N$_5$·HCl) dissolved at the times specified conform to Dissolution (711), Acceptance Table 2.

**Test 4:** If the product complies with this test, the labeling indicates that it meets USP Dissolution Test 4.

- **Medium:** Prepare as directed for Test 1; 1000 mL.
- **Apparatus 2:** 100 rpm
- **Times:** 1, 3, 6, and 10 h
- **Detector:** UV 250 nm (shoulder)
- **Standard solution:** USP Metformin Hydrochloride RS in Medium
- **Sample solution:** Pass a portion of the solution under test through a suitable filter of 0.45-µm pore size. Dilute, if necessary, with Medium to a concentration similar to that of the Standard solution.
- **Analysis:** Calculate, in mg/mL, the content of metformin hydrochloride (C$_4$H$_{11}$N$_5$·HCl) (C), in Medium at each time point (t), by the formulas specified in Test 2.

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**Test 5:** If the product complies with this test, the labeling indicates that it meets USP Dissolution Test 5.

- **Medium:** pH 6.8 phosphate buffer solution; 900 mL, deaerated
- **Apparatus 1:** 100 rpm, with the vertical holder described in Figure 1 and Figure 2
- **Times:** 2, 8, and 16 h
- **Detector:** UV 250 nm
- **Standard solution:** USP Metformin Hydrochloride RS in Medium
- **Sample solution:** Pass a portion of the solution under test through a suitable filter of 0.45-µm pore size. Dilute, if necessary, with Medium to a concentration similar to that of the Standard solution.
- **Analysis:** Place a vertical sample holder into each basket (see Figures 1 and 2). Place 1 Tablet inside the sample holder, making sure that the Tablets are vertical at the bottom of the baskets.

Calculate, in mg/mL, the content of metformin hydrochloride (C$_4$H$_{11}$N$_5$·HCl) (C), in Medium at each time point (t), by the formulas specified in Test 2.
NOTES:
1. MATERIAL: 316SS OR EQUIVALENT .017 WIRE VERTICAL MEAS SQUARE WEAVE WITH .039 SQUARE OPENINGS.
2. ALL DIMENSIONS ARE IN INCHES. TOLERANCES TO BE +/- .010
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Tolerances: See Table 6.

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Test 6: If the product complies with this test, the labeling indicates that it meets USP Dissolution Test 6.
Medium: pH 6.8 phosphate buffer solution; 1000 mL, deaerated
Apparatus 2: 100 rpm, with USP sinker, if necessary
Detector: UV 233 nm
Standard solution: USP Metformin Hydrochloride RS in Medium
Sample solution: Pass a portion of the solution under test through a suitable hydrophilic polyethylene filter of 0.45-µm pore size. Dilute, if necessary, with Medium to a concentration similar to that of the Standard solution.
Analysis: Calculate the percentage of the labeled amount of metformin hydrochloride (C$_4$H$_11$N$_5$·HCl) released at each time point:
Result = \[\left(\frac{A_s}{A_L}\right) \times C_s \times (V - V_f) + (C_{60} \times V_f) + (C_{180} \times V_f) + (C_{600} \times V_f) \times 100\}/L\]

\[A_s\] = absorbance of the Sample solution
\[A_L\] = absorbance of the Standard solution
\[C_s\] = concentration of the Standard solution (mg/mL)
\[V\] = initial volume of Medium in the vessel (mL)
\[V_f\] = volume withdrawn from the vessel for previous samplings (mL)
\[C_{60}\] = concentration of metformin hydrochloride in Medium determined at 1 h (mg/mL)
\[C_{180}\] = concentration of metformin hydrochloride in Medium determined at 3 h (mg/mL)
\[C_{600}\] = concentration of metformin hydrochloride in Medium determined at 10 h (mg/mL)
\[L\] = label claim (mg/Tablet)

Tolerances: See Table 7.

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The percentages of the labeled amount of metformin hydrochloride \((C_6H_11N_4 \cdot HCl)\) dissolved at the times specified conform to Dissolution (711), Acceptance Table 2.

Test 7: If the product complies with this test, the labeling indicates that it meets USP Dissolution Test 7.

Medium: Prepare as directed in Test 1; 1000 mL.
Apparatus 1: 100 rpm for Tablets labeled to contain 750 mg
Apparatus 2: 100 rpm, with sinker, for Tablets labeled to contain 500 mg
Times: 1, 3, and 10 h
Detector: UV 232 nm

Standard solution: USP Metformin Hydrochloride RS in Medium

Sample solution: Pass a portion of the solution under test through a suitable filter of 0.45-µm pore size. Dilute, if necessary, with Medium to a concentration similar to that of the Standard solution.

Analysis: Calculate the percentage of the labeled amount of metformin hydrochloride \((C_6H_11N_4 \cdot HCl)\) released at each time point:

Result = \[\left(\frac{A_s}{A_L}\right) \times C_s \times (V - V_f) + (C_{60} \times V_f) + (C_{120} \times V_f) + (C_{360} \times V_f) \times 100\}/L\]

\[A_s\] = absorbance of the Sample solution
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\[C_s\] = concentration of the Standard solution (mg/mL)
\[V\] = initial volume of Medium in the vessel (mL)
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\[C_{360}\] = concentration of metformin hydrochloride in Medium determined at 6 h (mg/mL)
\[C_{600}\] = concentration of metformin hydrochloride in Medium determined at 10 h (mg/mL)
\[L\] = label claim (mg/Tablet)

Tolerances: See Table 9.

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**Test 9:** If the product complies with this test, the labeling indicates that it meets USP **Dissolution Test 9**.  

**Medium:** 0.05 M phosphate buffer, pH 6.8; 1000 mL  

**Apparatus 1:** 100 rpm, for Tablets labeled to contain 750 mg  

**Apparatus 2:** 100 rpm, for Tablets labeled to contain 500 mg  

**Times:** 1, 5, 12, and 20 h for Tablets labeled to contain 500 mg; and 1, 4, 10, and 24 h for Tablets labeled to contain 750 mg  

**Standard solution:** 0.5 mg/mL of USP Metformin Hydrochloride RS in *Medium*  

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

**Detector:** UV 232 nm  

**Path length:** 0.01 cm, flow cell  

**Blank:** *Medium*  

**Analysis:** Calculate the percentage of the labeled amount of metformin hydrochloride (C₆H₁₄N₂·HCl) released at each time point:  

\[
\text{Result} = \left( \frac{[A_i/U_i \times C_i \times (V - V_i) + (C_i \times V_i) + (C_i \times V_i)] \times 100}{V} \right) \% 
\]  

- \(A_i\) = absorbance of the *Sample solution*  
- \(C_i\) = concentration of the *Standard solution*  
- \(V\) = initial volume of *Medium* in the vessel (mL)  
- \(V_i\) = volume withdrawn from the vessel for previous samplings (mL)  
- \(C_i\) = concentration of metformin hydrochloride in *Medium* determined at the first time point (mg/mL)  
- \(C_i\) = concentration of metformin hydrochloride in *Medium* determined at the second time point (mg/mL)  
- \(C_i\) = concentration of metformin hydrochloride in *Medium* determined at the third time point (mg/mL)  
- \(C_i\) = concentration of metformin hydrochloride in *Medium* determined at the fourth time point (mg/mL)  
- \(L\) = label claim (mg/Tablet)  

**Tolerances:** See *Tables 10 and 11*.  

**Table 10. For Tablets Labeled to Contain 500 mg**  

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The percentages of the labeled amount of metformin hydrochloride (C₆H₁₄N₂·HCl) dissolved at the times specified conform to **Dissolution (711)**, *Acceptance Table 2*.  

**Test 10:** If the product complies with this test, the labeling indicates that it meets USP **Dissolution Test 10**.  

**Medium:** 0.05 M phosphate buffer (prepared by dissolving 6.8 g of monobasic potassium phosphate in 250 mL of water, adding 77 mL of 0.2 N sodium hydroxide and 500 mL of water, adjusting with 2 N sodium hydroxide or 2 N hydrochloric acid to pH 6.8, and diluting with water to 1000 mL)  

**Apparatus 1:** 100 rpm for Tablets labeled to contain 750 mg  

**Apparatus 2:** 100 rpm for Tablets labeled to contain 500 mg  

**Times:** 1, 3, and 10 h  

**Standard solution:** \((L/100,000)\) mg/mL of USP Metformin Hydrochloride RS in *Medium*, where \(L\) is the label claim, in mg/Tablet. This solution is stable for 72 h at room temperature.  

**Sample solution:** At the times specified, withdraw 10 mL of the solution under test and replace with 10 mL of *Medium* previously equilibrated at 37.0 ± 0.5°. Centrifuge at 2500 rpm for 10 min. Dilute a portion of the supernatant with *Medium* to obtain a theoretical concentration of \((L/100,000)\) mg/mL, where \(L\) is the label claim, in mg/Tablet.  

**Detector:** UV 232 nm  

**Path length:** 1 cm  

**Blank:** *Medium*  

**Analysis:** Calculate the concentration, in mg/mL, of metformin hydrochloride \(C\) at each time point:  

\[
C_i = \left( \frac{A_i}{A} \times C \right) \times 100 
\]  

- \(A_i\) = absorbance of the *Sample solution*  
- \(A\) = absorbance of the *Standard solution*  
- \(C\) = concentration of the *Standard solution* (mg/mL)  

Calculate the cumulative percentage of the labeled amount of metformin hydrochloride (C₆H₁₄N₂·HCl) dissolved \(Q\) at each time point \(i\):  

At \(i = 1\):  

\[
Q_1 = \left[ C_i \times V/L \times 100 \right] 
\]  

At \(i = 3\):  

\[
Q_3 = \left[ C_i (V - V_i) + (C_i \times V_i) \right] \times 100/L 
\]  

At \(i = 10\):  

\[
Q_{10} = \left[ C_i (V - 2V_i) + (C_i + C_i)V_i \right] \times 100/L 
\]  

- \(V\) = initial volume of *Medium*, 1000 mL  
- \(V_i\) = sampling volume, 10 mL  
- \(L\) = label claim (mg/Tablet)  

**Tolerances:** See *Table 12*.  

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The percentages of the labeled amount of metformin hydrochloride (C₆H₁₁N₄·HCl) dissolved at the times specified conform to Dissolution (711), Acceptance Table 2.

**Test 11:** If the product complies with this test, the labeling indicates that it meets USP Dissolution Test 11.

**Medium:** pH 6.8 phosphate buffer solution; 1000 mL

**Apparatus 1:** 100 rpm for Tablets labeled to contain 750 mg

**Apparatus 2:** 100 rpm for Tablets labeled to contain 500 mg

**Times:** 1, 3, and 10 h

**Standard solution:** 7.5 µg/mL of USP Metformin Hydrochloride RS in Medium

**Sample solution:** At the times specified, withdraw 10 mL of the solution under test, and pass it through a suitable filter of 0.45-µm pore size, discarding the first 3 mL of filtrate. Dilute 3.0 mL of the filtrate with Medium to 200 mL. For Tablets labeled to contain 750 mg, dilute 2.0 mL of the filtrate with Medium to 200 mL. Replace the volume of Medium taken with the same volume of Medium preheated at 37.0 ± 0.5°C.

**Detector:** UV 232 nm

**Path length:** 1 cm

**Blank:** Medium

**Analysis:** Calculate the concentration (C) of metformin hydrochloride (C₆H₁₁N₄·HCl) dissolved at each time point:

\[
Q_i = (A_i/A_j) \times (C_j/L) \times V \times D \times 100
\]

At 1 h:

Result = Q₁

At 3 h:

Result = Q₃ + \[(Q₁ \times 10)/V\]

At 10 h:

Result = Q₁₀ + \[(Q₁ \times 10)/V\] + \[(Q₃ \times 10)/V\]

\(A_i\) = absorbance of the Sample solution

\(A_j\) = absorbance of the Standard solution

\(C_j\) = concentration of the Standard solution (mg/mL)

\(L\) = label claim (mg/Tablet)

\(V\) = volume of Medium, 1000 mL

\(D\) = dilution factor of the Sample solution

**Tolerances:** See Table 13.

Table 13

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The percentages of the labeled amount of metformin hydrochloride (C₆H₁₁N₄·HCl) dissolved at the times specified conform to Dissolution (711), Acceptance Table 2.

**Test 12:** If the product complies with this test, the labeling indicates that it meets USP Dissolution Test 12.

**Medium:** pH 6.8 phosphate buffer solution; 1000 mL

**Apparatus 1:** 100 rpm

**Times:** 1, 4, and 12 h

**Standard stock solution:** 0.2 mg/mL of USP Metformin Hydrochloride RS in Medium

**Sample solution:** At the times specified, withdraw 10 mL of the solution under test, and replace with 10 mL of Medium previously equilibrated at 37.0 ± 0.5°C. Pass it through a suitable filter, discarding the first few mL of the filtrate.

**For Tablets labeled to contain 500 mg:** Dilute 2.0 mL of the filtrate with water to 100 mL.

**For Tablets labeled to contain 1000 mg:** Dilute 1.0 mL of the filtrate with water to 100 mL.

**Detector:** UV 232 nm

**Blank:** Dilute 1 mL of Medium with water to 100 mL.

**Analysis:** Calculate the concentration (C) in mg/mL, of metformin hydrochloride (C₆H₁₁N₄·HCl) in the sample withdrawn at each time point (i):

\[
\text{Result}_i = (A_i/A_j) \times C_j \times D
\]

\(A_i\) = absorbance of the Sample solution

\(A_j\) = absorbance of the Standard solution

\(C_j\) = concentration of the Standard solution (mg/mL)

\(D\) = dilution factor of the Sample solution

Calculate the percentage of the labeled amount of metformin hydrochloride (C₆H₁₁N₄·HCl) dissolved (Q) at each time point (i):

\[
\text{Result}_1 = C_j \times V \times (1/L) \times 100
\]

\[
\text{Result}_2 = ([C_j \times V] + [C_i \times V_i]) \times (1/L) \times 100
\]

\[
\text{Result}_3 = ([C_j \times V] + [C_i \times V_i] + [C_5 \times V_5]) \times (1/L) \times 100
\]

\(C_i\) = concentration of metformin hydrochloride in the portion of sample withdrawn at time point i (mg/mL)

\(V\) = initial volume of Medium, 1000 mL

\(L\) = label claim (mg/Tablet)

\(V_i\) = volume of the Sample solution withdrawn, 10 mL

**Tolerances:** See Table 14.

Table 14

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The percentages of the labeled amount of metformin hydrochloride (C₆H₁₁N₂·HCl) dissolved at the times specified conform to Dissolution (711), Acceptance Table 2.

Test 13: If the product complies with this test, the labeling indicates that it meets USP Dissolution Test 13.

Medium: pH 6.8 phosphate buffer solution; 1000 mL

Apparatus 1: 100 rpm
Times: 1, 4, 6, and 14 h

Standard stock solution: 0.2 mg/mL of USP Metformin Hydrochloride RS prepared as follows. Transfer a suitable amount of USP Metformin Hydrochloride RS into an appropriate volumetric flask. Dissolve by adding Medium to fill 50% of the flask volume and dilute with Medium to volume.

Standard solution: 0.01 mg/mL of USP Metformin Hydrochloride RS from Standard stock solution in water

Sample stock solution: At the times specified, withdraw 10 mL of the solution under test and, with each sample, of Medium preheated at 37.0 ± 0.5°. Pass a portion of the solution under test through a suitable filter of 0.45-µm pore size, discard the first few mL, and use the filtrate.

Sample solution
For Tablets labeled to contain 500 mg: Dilute 2 mL of Sample stock solution with water to 100 mL.
For Tablets labeled to contain 1000 mg: Dilute 1 mL of Sample stock solution with water to 100 mL.

Instrumental conditions
(See Ultraviolet-Visible Spectroscopy (857).)
Mode: UV
Analytical wavelength: 232 nm
Blank
For Tablets labeled to contain 500 mg: Dilute 2 mL of Medium with water to 100 mL.
For Tablets labeled to contain 1000 mg: Dilute 1 mL of Medium with water to 100 mL.

System suitability
Sample: Standard solution
Suitability requirements
Relative standard deviation: NMT 2.0%

Analysis
Samples: Standard solution, Sample solution, and Blank
Calculate the concentration (Cᵢ) in mg/mL, of metformin hydrochloride (C₆H₁₁N₂·HCl) in the sample withdrawn from the vessel at each time point (i):

Resultᵢ = (Aᵢ/A₀) × Cᵢ × D

Aᵢ = absorbance of the Sample solution
A₀ = absorbance of the Standard solution
Cᵢ = concentration of the Standard solution (mg/mL)
D = dilution factor of the Sample solution

Calculate the percentage of the labeled amount of metformin hydrochloride (C₆H₁₁N₂·HCl) dissolved at each time point (i):

Resultᵢ = Cᵢ × V × (1/L) × 100
Result₂ = [(C₂ × V) + (Cᵢ × Vᵢ)] × (1/L) × 100
Result₃ = [(C₃ × V) + [(Cᵢ × Vᵢ)] × (1/L) × 100

Cᵢ = concentration of metformin hydrochloride in the portion of sample withdrawn at the specified time point (mg/mL)
V = volume of Medium, 1000 mL
L = label claim (mg/Tablet)
Vᵢ = volume of the Sample solution withdrawn at each time point and replaced with Medium (mL)

Tolerances: See Table 15.

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The percentages of the labeled amount of metformin hydrochloride (C₆H₁₁N₂·HCl) dissolved at the times specified conform to Dissolution (711), Acceptance Table 2.

Test 14: If the product complies with this test, the labeling indicates that it meets USP Dissolution Test 14.

Medium: pH 6.8 phosphate buffer solution; 1000 mL

Apparatus 1: 100 rpm for Tablets labeled to contain 750 mg
Apparatus 2: 100 rpm for Tablets labeled to contain 500 mg
Times: 1, 3, and 10 h

Standard solution: 7.5 µg/mL of USP Metformin Hydrochloride RS in Medium

Sample solution: At the times specified, withdraw 10 mL of the solution under test and replace with the same volume of Medium. Pass the solution under test through a suitable filter of 0.45-µm pore size, discarding the first few milliliters. Dilute with Medium to a concentration similar to that of the Standard solution.

Instrumental conditions
Mode: UV
Analytical wavelength: 232 nm
Blank: Medium

Analysis
Samples: Standard solution, Sample solution, and Blank
Calculate the concentration (Cᵢ) in µg/mL, of metformin hydrochloride (C₆H₁₁N₂·HCl) in the sample withdrawn from the vessel at each time point (i):

Resultᵢ = (Aᵢ/A₀) × Cᵢ × D

Aᵢ = absorbance of the Sample solution
A₀ = absorbance of the Standard solution
Cᵢ = concentration of the Standard solution (µg/mL)
D = dilution factor of the Sample solution

Calculate the percentage of the labeled amount of metformin hydrochloride (C₆H₁₁N₂·HCl) dissolved at each time point (i):

Resultᵢ = Cᵢ × V × (1/L) × 100
Result₂ = [(C₂ × V) + (Cᵢ × Vᵢ)] × (1/L) × 100

Cᵢ = concentration of metformin hydrochloride in the portion of sample withdrawn at the specified time point (mg/mL)
V = volume of Medium, 1000 mL
L = label claim (mg/Tablet)
Vᵢ = volume of the Sample solution withdrawn at each time point and replaced with Medium (mL)

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10 Metformin

If the product complies with this test, the 100 rpm 0.02 mg/mL of USP Metformin pH 6.8 phosphate buffer solution; 1000 mL 30° 0.2 mg/mL of USP Metformin 4.6-mm × 15-cm; 3.5-µm packing Standard solution 1 mL/min At the times specified, withdraw a 0.54 g/L of 20 µL UV 232 nm 1, 4, 6, and 14 h

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Calculate the percentage of the labeled amount of metformin hydrochloride (C₄H₁₁N₂·HCl) dissolved at the specified time point:

\[
\text{Result}_i = C_i \times V \times (1/L) \times 100
\]

Tolerances: See Table 16.

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The percentages of the labeled amount of metformin hydrochloride (C₄H₁₁N₂·HCl) dissolved at the times specified conform to Dissolution (711), Acceptance Table 2.

Test 16: If the product complies with this test, the labeling indicates that it meets USP Dissolution Test 16. Medium: pH 6.8 phosphate buffer solution; 1000 mL Apparatus 1: 100 rpm Times: 1, 3, and 10 h Standard solution: 0.015 mg/mL of USP Metformin Hydrochloride RS in Medium. Sonicate as needed. Sample stock solution: At the times specified, withdraw 10 mL of the solution under test and pass it through a suitable filter. Sample solution

For Tablets labeled to contain 500 mg: Dilute 3 mL of the Sample stock solution with Medium to 100 mL For Tablets labeled to contain 750 mg: Dilute 2 mL of the Sample stock solution with Medium to 100 mL

Instrumental conditions
(See Ultraviolet-Visible Spectroscopy (857).)
Mode: UV-Vis Analytical wavelength: UV 232 nm Path length: 1 cm 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) of metformin hydrochloride (C₄H₁₁N₂·HCl) in the sample withdrawn from the vessel at each time point (i):

\[
\text{Result}_i = \frac{(C_i \times V) + ([C_i + C_v] \times V_j)}{(1/L) \times 100}
\]

Tolerances: See Table 18.

\[
\text{Result}_i = \left( C_i \times V \right) \times \frac{1}{L} \times 100
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The percentages of the labeled amount of metformin hydrochloride (C₄H₁₁N₂·HCl) dissolved at the times specified conform to Dissolution (711), Acceptance Table 2.

Test 17: If the product complies with this test, the labeling indicates that it meets USP Dissolution Test 17. Medium: pH 6.8 phosphate buffer solution; 1000 mL Apparatus 1: 100 rpm Times: 1, 4, 6, and 14 h Buffer solution: 0.54 g/L of sodium heptasulfonate and 0.50 g/L of sodium chloride in 900 mL of water. Adjust with 0.06 M phosphoric acid to a pH of 3.85 and dilute with water to volume. Mobile phase: Buffer solution and acetonitrile (92:8) Standard stock solution: 0.2 mg/mL of USP Metformin Hydrochloride RS in Medium prepared as follows. Transfer a suitable amount of USP Metformin Hydrochloride RS to a suitable volumetric flask containing approximately 80% volume of Medium, and sonicate until dissolved. Allow the solution to equilibrate to room temperature, dilute with Medium to volume, and mix by inversion.

Standard solution: 0.02 mg/mL of USP Metformin Hydrochloride RS in water. Mix by inversion.

Sample solution: At the times specified, withdraw a suitable amount of the solution under test and pass it through a suitable filter. Further dilute 3 mL of the solution with water to 150 mL.

Chromatographic system
(See Chromatography (621), System Suitability.)
Mode: LC Detector: UV 232 nm Column: 4.6-mm × 15-cm; 3.5-µm packing L60 Column temperature: 30° Flow rate: 1 mL/min Injection volume: 20 µL System suitability
Sample: Standard solution

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Suitability requirements

Tailing factor: NMT 2.0
Relative standard deviation: NMT 2.0%

Analysis

Samples: Standard solution and Sample solution

Calculate the concentration \( C_i \) of metformin hydrochloride \( (C_4H_{11}N_5 \cdot HCl) \) in the sample withdrawn from the vessel at each time point \( i \):

\[
\text{Result} = \left( \frac{r_U}{r_S} \right) \times C_S \times \frac{D}{L}
\]

\( r_U \) = peak response of metformin from the Sample solution
\( r_S \) = peak response of metformin from the Standard solution
\( C_S \) = concentration of the Standard solution (mg/mL)
\( D \) = dilution factor for the Sample solution

Calculate the percentage of the labeled amount of metformin hydrochloride \( (C_4H_{11}N_5 \cdot HCl) \) dissolved at the specified time point:

\[
\text{Result}_1 = C_1 \times \frac{V}{L} \times \frac{1}{100}
\]
\[
\text{Result}_2 = \left( \frac{C_2 \times (V - V_S)}{V} \right) + \left( \frac{(C_1 \times V_S)}{V} \right) \times \frac{1}{100}
\]
\[
\text{Result}_3 = \left( \frac{C_3 \times (V - (2 \times V_S))}{V} \right) + \left( \frac{(\sum C_i \times V_S)}{V} \right) \times \frac{1}{100}
\]
\[
\text{Result}_4 = \left( \frac{C_4 \times (V - (3 \times V_S))}{V} \right) + \left( \frac{(\sum C_i \times V_S)}{V} \right) \times \frac{1}{100}
\]

\( C_i \) = concentration of metformin hydrochloride in the portion of sample withdrawn at the specified time point (mg/mL)
\( V \) = volume of Medium, 1000 mL
\( L \) = label claim (mg/Tablet)
\( V_S \) = volume of the Sample solution withdrawn at each time point (mL)

Tolerances: See Table 19.

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The percentages of the labeled amount of metformin hydrochloride \( (C_4H_{11}N_5 \cdot HCl) \) dissolved at the times specified conform to Dissolution (711), Acceptance Table 2.

- Uniformity of Dosage Units (905): Meet the requirements

Impurities

- Organic Impurities

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

Analysis: From the chromatogram of the Sample solution obtained in the Assay, calculate the percentage of each impurity in the portion of Tablets taken:

\[
\text{Result} = \left( \frac{r_U}{r_T} \right) \times 100
\]

\( r_U \) = peak response for each impurity
\( r_T \) = sum of all the peak responses

Acceptance criteria

Individual criteria: NMT 0.1%
Total impurities: NMT 0.6%

[NOTE—Disregard any peak less than 0.05%, and disregard any peak observed in the blank.]

Additional Requirements

- Packaging and Storage: Preserve in well-closed, light-resistant containers, and store at controlled room temperature.

- Labeling: When more than one dissolution test is given, the labeling states the Dissolution test used only if Test 1 is not used.

- USP Reference Standards (11)

USP Metformin Hydrochloride RS
USP Metformin Related Compound B RS
1-Methylbiguanide hydrochloride. \( C_9H_{10}N_3 \cdot HCl \) 151.60
USP Metformin Related Compound C RS
\( N,N \)-Dimethyl-\{1,3,5\}triazine-2,4,6-triamine. \( C_9H_{10}N_3 \) 154.17

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