

Quetiapine Extended-Release Tablets

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In accordance with the Rules and Procedures of the Council of Experts, the Small Molecules 4 Expert Committee has revised the Quetiapine Extended-Release Tablets monograph. The purpose of the revision is to add *Dissolution Test 11* to accommodate FDA-approved drug products with different dissolution conditions and/or tolerances than the existing dissolution test(s). The revision also necessitates a change in the table numbering in the test(s) for *Organic Impurities*.

The Quetiapine Extended-Release Tablets Revision Bulletin supersedes the currently official monograph.

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Quetiapine Extended-Release Tablets

DEFINITION

Quetiapine Extended-Release Tablets contain quetiapine fumarate $[(C_{21}H_{25}N_3O_2S)_2 \cdot C_4H_4O_4]$ equivalent to NLT 90.0% and NMT 110.0% of the labeled amount of quetiapine $(C_{21}H_{25}N_3O_2S)$.

IDENTIFICATION

• **A. SPECTROSCOPIC IDENTIFICATION TESTS** (197), *Infrared Spectroscopy*: 197F

Standard solution: Transfer 10 mg of [USP Quetiapine Fumarate RS](#) to a suitable vial. Add 10 mL of [acetone](#) and cap the vial. Sonicate for about 10 min. Allow the solution to equilibrate to room temperature. Evaporate the [acetone](#) completely. Add 2 mL of [chloroform](#). Gently swirl for several minutes. Pass through a suitable filter of 0.45- μ m pore size. Use the filtrate.

Sample solution: Grind NLT 10 Tablets. Transfer an amount of powder equivalent to NLT 10 mg of quetiapine fumarate to a suitable vial. Add 10 mL of [acetone](#) and cap the vial. Sonicate for about 10 min. Allow the solution to equilibrate to room temperature. Evaporate the [acetone](#) completely. Add 2 mL of [chloroform](#). Gently swirl for several minutes. Pass through a suitable filter of 0.45- μ m pore size. Use the filtrate.

Acceptance criteria: Meet the requirements

• **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**

Buffer: Dissolve 2.6 g/L of [dibasic ammonium phosphate](#) in [water](#).

Mobile phase: [Methanol](#), [acetonitrile](#), and *Buffer* (54:7:39)

Diluent: [Acetonitrile](#) and [water](#) (50:50)

System suitability stock solution: 0.05 mg/mL of [USP Quetiapine Related Compound H RS](#) in *Mobile phase*

System suitability solution: 0.005 mg/mL of [USP Quetiapine Related Compound H RS](#) and 0.5 mg/mL of [USP Quetiapine System Suitability RS](#) in *Mobile phase* prepared as follows. Transfer 5 mg of [USP Quetiapine System Suitability RS](#) to a 10-mL volumetric flask. Add 7 mL of *Mobile phase* and sonicate to dissolve. Transfer 1 mL of *System suitability stock solution* to the volumetric flask. Dilute with *Mobile phase* to volume.

Standard solution: 0.2 mg/mL of [USP Quetiapine Fumarate RS](#) in *Mobile phase*

Sample stock solution: Transfer NLT 5 Tablets to a homogenizer vessel. Add 50 mL of [acetonitrile](#), swirl to wet, and allow to stand for approximately 10 min. Add an additional 160 mL of *Diluent* and extract for about 10 min. Transfer the contents of the homogenizer to a 500-mL volumetric flask. Dilute with *Diluent* to volume. Pass a portion of the solution through a suitable filter of 0.45- μ m pore size and use the filtrate.

Sample solution: Nominally 0.16–0.18 mg/mL of quetiapine from the *Sample stock solution* in *Mobile phase*

Chromatographic system

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

Mode: LC

Detector: UV 230 nm

Column: 4.6-mm \times 25-cm; 5- μ m packing [L7](#)

Flow rate: 1.3 mL/min

Injection volume: 30 μ L

Run time: NLT 2.5 times the retention time of quetiapine

System suitability

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

[NOTE—See [Table 10](#) (RB 1-Dec-2021) for the relative retention times.]

Suitability requirements

Resolution: NLT 1.5 between quetiapine related compound G and quetiapine related compound H; NLT 2.0 between the quetiapine desethoxy and quetiapine peaks; *System suitability solution*

Tailing factor: NMT 1.5, *Standard solution*

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

Analysis

Samples: *Standard solution* and *Sample solution*

Calculate the percentage of the labeled amount of quetiapine ($C_{21}H_{25}N_3O_2S$) in the portion of Tablets taken:

$$\text{Result} = (r_U/r_S) \times (C_S/C_U) \times (M_{r1}/M_{r2}) \times N \times 100$$

r_U = peak response from the *Sample solution*

r_S = peak response from the *Standard solution*

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

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

M_{r1} = molecular weight of quetiapine free base, 383.51

M_{r2} = molecular weight of quetiapine fumarate, 883.09

N = number of moles of quetiapine free base per mole of quetiapine fumarate, 2

Acceptance criteria: 90.0%–110.0%

PERFORMANCE TESTS

Change to read:

- [DISSOLUTION](#) (711)

Test 1

Medium 1: Citrate buffer, pH 4.8. Dissolve 9.6 g of [anhydrous citric acid](#) in 600 mL of [water](#). Add 90 mL of [1 N sodium hydroxide](#). Dilute with [water](#) to 1 L; 900 mL.

Medium 2: Dissolve 17.9 g of [dibasic sodium phosphate dodecahydrate](#) in 400 mL of [water](#). Add 460 mL of [1 N sodium hydroxide VS](#) and dilute with [water](#) to 1 L; 100 mL.

[NOTE—It is recommended to check the pH of the mixture of 90 mL of *Medium 1* and 10 mL of *Medium 2*, which should be between 6.4 and 6.8. If the pH of the mixture is less than 6.4, 10 mL/L of [1 N sodium hydroxide VS](#) may be added to *Medium 2*. If the pH of the mixture is greater than 6.8, 10 mL/L of [1 N hydrochloric acid VS](#) may be added to *Medium 2*.]

Start the test with 900 mL of *Medium 1*. Add 100 mL of *Medium 2* to the vessel after 5 h of the test and continue the test.

Apparatus 1: 200 rpm

Times: 1, 6, 12, and 20 h

Diluent: *Medium 1* and *Medium 2* (90:10)

Standard solution: ($L/400$) mg/mL of [USP Quetiapine Fumarate RS](#) in *Diluent*, where L is the label claim in mg/Tablet

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

Instrumental conditions

Mode: UV

Analytical wavelength: About 290 nm

Blank: *Diluent*

Analysis

Samples: *Standard solution* and *Sample solution*

Calculate the concentration, C_i , of quetiapine ($C_{21}H_{25}N_3O_2S$) in *Medium* (mg/mL) after time point (i):

$$C_i = (A_U/A_S) \times C_S \times (M_{r1}/M_{r2}) \times N$$

A_U = absorbance of the *Sample solution*

A_S = absorbance of the *Standard solution*

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

M_{r1} = molecular weight of quetiapine free base, 383.51

M_{r2} = molecular weight of quetiapine fumarate, 883.09

N = number of moles of quetiapine free base per mole of quetiapine fumarate, 2

Calculate the percentage of the labeled amount of quetiapine ($C_{21}H_{25}N_3O_2S$) dissolved at each time point (i):

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

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

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

$$\text{Result}_4 = \{(C_4 \times V) + [(C_3 + C_2 + C_1) \times V_S]\} \times (1/L) \times 100$$

C_i = concentration of quetiapine in *Medium* in the portion of sample withdrawn at each time point (mg/mL)

V = volume of *Medium*, 900 mL for 1 h; 1000 mL for 6-, 12-, and 20-h time points

L = label claim (mg/Tablet)

V_S = volume of the *Sample solution* withdrawn from the vessel and replaced with *Medium* (mL)

Tolerances: See [Table 1](#).

Table 1

Time Point (<i>i</i>)	Time (h)	Amount Dissolved (%)
1	1	NMT 20
2	6	47–69
3	12	65–95
4	20	NLT 85

The percentages of the labeled amount of quetiapine ($C_{21}H_{25}N_3O_2S$) 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: [Water](#); 900 mL

Apparatus 1: 100 rpm

Times: 2, 4, 8, and 24 h

Standard solution: 0.03 mg/mL of [USP Quetiapine Fumarate RS](#) in [water](#)

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

Discard the first few milliliters of filtrate. Replace the volume withdrawn with an equal volume of *Medium*. Dilute with *Medium* to a concentration that is similar to that of the *Standard solution*.

Instrumental conditions

Mode: UV

Analytical wavelength: 290 nm

Blank: [Water](#)

Analysis

Samples: *Standard solution* and *Sample solution*

Calculate the concentration, C_i , of quetiapine ($C_{21}H_{25}N_3O_2S$) in *Medium* (mg/mL) after each time point (i):

$$C_i = (A_U/A_S) \times C_S \times D \times (M_{r1}/M_{r2}) \times N$$

A_U = absorbance of the *Sample solution*

A_S = absorbance of the *Standard solution*

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

D = dilution factor for the *Sample solution*, if needed

M_{r1} = molecular weight of quetiapine free base, 383.51

M_{r2} = molecular weight of quetiapine fumarate, 883.09

N = number of moles of quetiapine free base per mole of quetiapine fumarate, 2

Calculate the percentage of the labeled amount of quetiapine ($C_{21}H_{25}N_3O_2S$) dissolved at each time point (i):

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

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

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

$$\text{Result}_4 = \{(C_4 \times V) + [(C_3 + C_2 + C_1) \times V_S]\} \times (1/L) \times 100$$

C_i = concentration of quetiapine in *Medium* in the portion of sample withdrawn at each time point (mg/mL)

V = volume of *Medium*, 900 mL

L = label claim (mg/Tablet)

V_S = volume of the *Sample solution* withdrawn from the vessel and replaced with *Medium* (mL)

Tolerances: See [Table 2](#).

Table 2

Time Point (i)	Time (h)	Amount Dissolved (%)
1	2	5–25
2	4	20–45
3	8	45–75
4	24	NLT 85

The percentages of the labeled amount of quetiapine ($C_{21}H_{25}N_3O_2S$) 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: [0.1 N hydrochloric acid VS](#); 900 mL

Apparatus 2: 50 rpm

Times: 1, 4, and 8 h

Standard solution: [USP Quetiapine Fumarate RS](#), equivalent to $(L/900)$ mg/mL of quetiapine in *Medium*, where L is the label claim in mg/Tablet

Sample solution: Pass a suitable portion of the solution under test through a suitable full flow filter of 10- μ m pore size.

Instrumental conditions

Mode: UV

Analytical wavelength: 295 nm

Cell

For 50-mg Tablets: 10 mm

For 150-, 200-, 300-, and 400-mg Tablets: 1 mm

Blank: *Medium*

Analysis

Samples: *Standard solution* and *Sample solution*

Calculate the percentage of the labeled amount of quetiapine ($C_{21}H_{25}N_3O_2S$) dissolved at each time point (i):

$$\text{Result} = (A_U/A_S) \times C_S \times V \times (1/L) \times (M_{r1}/M_{r2}) \times N \times 100$$

A_U = absorbance of the *Sample solution*

A_S = absorbance of the *Standard solution*

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

V = volume of *Medium*, 900 mL

L = label claim (mg/Tablet)

M_{r1} = molecular weight of quetiapine free base, 383.51

M_{r2} = molecular weight of quetiapine fumarate, 883.09

N = number of moles of quetiapine free base per mole of quetiapine fumarate, 2

Tolerances: See [Table 3](#).

Table 3

Time Point (i)	Time (h)	Amount Dissolved (for 50-, 150-, and 200-mg Tablets) (%)	Amount Dissolved (for 300- and 400-mg Tablets) (%)
1	1	NMT 40	NMT 35
2	4	55–75	45–65
3	8	NLT 85	NLT 80

The percentages of the labeled amount of quetiapine ($C_{21}H_{25}N_3O_2S$) 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: [Water](#); 900 mL

Apparatus 2: 100 rpm

Times: 1, 4, 8, and 16 h

Standard solution: [USP Quetiapine Fumarate RS](#), equivalent to $(L/900)$ mg/mL of quetiapine in *Medium*, where L is the label claim in mg/Tablet

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

Instrumental conditions

Mode: UV

Analytical wavelength: 250 nm

Blank: *Medium*

Analysis

Samples: *Standard solution* and *Sample solution*

Calculate the percentage of the labeled amount of quetiapine ($C_{21}H_{25}N_3O_2S$) dissolved at each time point (i):

$$\text{Result} = (A_U/A_S) \times C_S \times V \times (1/L) \times (M_{r1}/M_{r2}) \times N \times 100$$

A_U = absorbance of the *Sample solution*

A_S = absorbance of the *Standard solution*

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

V = volume of *Medium*, 900 mL

L = label claim (mg/Tablet)

M_{r1} = molecular weight of quetiapine free base, 383.51

M_{r2} = molecular weight of quetiapine fumarate, 883.09

N = number of moles of quetiapine free base per mole of quetiapine fumarate, 2

Tolerances: See [Table 4](#). The percentages of the labeled amount of quetiapine ($C_{21}H_{25}N_3O_2S$) dissolved at the times specified conform to [Dissolution \(711\)](#), [Acceptance Table 2](#).

Table 4

Time Point (i)	Time (h)	Amount Dissolved (for 50-mg Tablets) (%)	Amount Dissolved (for 150-mg Tablets) (%)	Amount Dissolved (for 200-mg Tablets) (%)	Amount Dissolved (for 300-mg Tablets) (%)	Amount Dissolved (for 400-mg Tablets) (%)
1	1	NMT 20	NMT 20	NMT 20	NMT 15	NMT 15
2	4	30–55	35–55	28–48	22–42	22–42
3	8	60–85	65–90	60–85	52–76	50–75
4	16	NLT 85	NLT 85	NLT 85	NLT 85	NLT 85

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

Medium, Apparatus 1, Times, Standard solution, Sample solution, Instrumental conditions, and

Analysis: Proceed as directed in *Dissolution Test 2*.

Tolerances: See [Table 5](#).

Table 5

Time Point (i)	Time (h)	Amount Dissolved (%)
1	2	10–30
2	4	30–50
3	8	60–80
4	24	NLT 85

The percentages of the labeled amount of quetiapine ($C_{21}H_{25}N_3O_2S$) dissolved at the times specified conform to [Dissolution \(711\)](#), [Acceptance Table 2](#).

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 (6.8 g/L of [monobasic potassium phosphate](#) and 0.9 g/L of [sodium hydroxide](#) in [water](#). Adjust with [1 N sodium hydroxide VS](#) or [phosphoric acid](#) to a pH of 6.8, and sonicate for NLT 10 min); 900 mL

Apparatus 2: 100 rpm, with sinker

Times: 1, 4, 8, and 16 h

Mobile phase: [Methanol](#), [trifluoroacetic acid](#), and [water](#) (40:0.1:60)

Standard solution: 0.1 mg/mL of [USP Quetiapine Fumarate RS](#) prepared as follows. Transfer an appropriate amount of [USP Quetiapine Fumarate RS](#) to a suitable volumetric flask, and add 5% of the final flask volume of [methanol](#). Sonicate to dissolve, then dilute with *Medium* to volume.

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

Chromatographic system(See [Chromatography \(621\)](#), [System Suitability](#).)**Mode:** LC**Detector:** UV 280 nm**Column:** 4.6-mm × 5.0-cm; 5-µm packing [L1](#)**Column temperature:** 40°**Flow rate:** 1.2 mL/min**Injection volume:** 10 µL**Run time:** NLT 2.0 times the retention time of quetiapine**System suitability****Sample:** *Standard solution***Suitability requirements****Tailing factor:** NMT 2.0**Relative standard deviation:** NMT 3.0%**Analysis****Samples:** *Standard solution* and *Sample solution*Calculate the concentration, C_i , of quetiapine ($C_{21}H_{25}N_3O_2S$) in *Medium* (mg/mL) after each time point (i):

$$C_i = (r_U/r_S) \times C_S \times (M_{r1}/M_{r2}) \times N$$

 r_U = peak response from the *Sample solution* r_S = peak response from the *Standard solution* C_S = concentration of [USP Quetiapine Fumarate RS](#) in the *Standard solution* (mg/mL) M_{r1} = molecular weight of quetiapine free base, 383.51 M_{r2} = molecular weight of quetiapine fumarate, 883.09 N = number of moles of quetiapine free base per mole of quetiapine fumarate, 2Calculate the percentage of the labeled amount of quetiapine ($C_{21}H_{25}N_3O_2S$) dissolved at each time point (i):

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

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

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

$$\text{Result}_4 = (\{C_4 \times [V - (3 \times V_S)]\} + [(C_3 + C_2 + C_1) \times V_S]) \times (1/L) \times 100$$

 C_i = concentration of quetiapine in *Medium* in the portion of sample withdrawn at each time point (mg/mL) V = volume of *Medium*, 900 mL L = label claim (mg/Tablet) V_S = volume of the *Sample solution* withdrawn from the *Medium* (mL)**Tolerances:** See [Table 6](#).**Table 6**

Time Point (i)	Time (h)	Amount Dissolved (for 50- and 150-mg Tablets) (%)	Amount Dissolved (for 200-, 300-, and 400-mg Tablets) (%)
1	1	NMT 15	NMT 10
2	4	21–41	21–41
3	8	56–76	51–71

Time Point (i)	Time (h)	Amount Dissolved (for 50- and 150-mg Tablets) (%)	Amount Dissolved (for 200-, 300-, and 400-mg Tablets) (%)
4	16	NLT 80	NLT 80

The percentages of the labeled amount of quetiapine (C₂₁H₂₅N₃O₂S) 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*.

Acid stage medium: Citrate buffer, pH 4.8 (9.6 g/L of [anhydrous citric acid](#) in [water](#) prepared as follows. Transfer a suitable quantity of [anhydrous citric acid](#) to an appropriate volumetric flask. Dissolve in 60% of the flask volume of [water](#), then add 9% of the flask volume of [1 N sodium hydroxide VS](#). Dilute with [water](#) to volume); 900 mL, deaerated

0.05 M phosphate buffer solution: 17.9 g/L of [dibasic sodium phosphate dodecahydrate](#) solution prepared as follows. Transfer a suitable amount of [dibasic sodium phosphate dodecahydrate](#) to an appropriate volumetric flask containing 40% of the flask volume of [water](#). Add 46% of the flask volume of [1 N sodium hydroxide VS](#) and dilute with [water](#) to volume.

Buffer stage medium: Phosphate buffer, pH 6.6 (add 100 mL of *0.05 M phosphate buffer solution* to the *Acid stage medium*; adjust with [1 N sodium hydroxide VS](#) or [1 N hydrochloric acid VS](#) to obtain a pH of 6.6 ± 0.20, if necessary); 1000 mL

Apparatus 1: 20-mesh basket; 200 rpm

Times: 1 and 4 h in *Acid stage medium*; 6, 10, and 16 h in *Buffer stage medium*. The time in the *Buffer stage medium* includes the time in the *Acid stage medium*.

Procedure: Run the test in the *Acid stage medium* for the times specified. After 5 h, add 100 mL of *0.05 M phosphate buffer solution* and continue running the test in *Buffer stage medium* for the times specified.

Standard stock solution: 1.2 mg/mL of [USP Quetiapine Fumarate RS](#) prepared as follows. Transfer an appropriate amount of [USP Quetiapine Fumarate RS](#) into a suitable volumetric flask. Add 40% of the flask volume of [methanol](#) and sonicate to dissolve. Dilute with [water](#) to volume.

Acid stage standard solution: 0.03 mg/mL of [USP Quetiapine Fumarate RS](#) from *Standard stock solution* in *Acid stage medium*

Buffer stage standard solution: 0.03 mg/mL of [USP Quetiapine Fumarate RS](#) from *Standard stock solution* in *Buffer stage medium*

Acid stage sample solution: Pass a portion of the solution under test through a suitable filter, discarding the first portion of filtrate if needed. Dilute the filtrate further with *Acid stage medium*, if needed. Replace the portion of solution removed from the vessel with an equivalent volume of warmed *Acid stage medium*.

Buffer stage sample solution: Pass a portion of the solution under test through a suitable filter, discarding the first portion of filtrate if needed. Dilute the filtrate further with *Buffer stage medium*, if needed. Replace the portion of solution removed from the vessel with an equivalent volume of warmed *Buffer stage medium*.

Instrumental conditions

(See [Ultraviolet-Visible Spectroscopy <857>](#).)

Mode: UV

Analytical wavelength: 290 nm

Blank: *Acid stage medium* or *Buffer stage medium*

System suitability

Samples: *Acid stage standard solution* and *Buffer stage standard solution*

Suitability requirements

Relative standard deviation: NMT 2.0%, *Acid stage standard solution* and *Buffer stage standard solution*

Analysis

Samples: *Acid stage standard solution* and *Acid stage sample solution* or *Buffer stage standard solution* and *Buffer stage sample solution*

Calculate the concentration (C_i) of quetiapine ($C_{21}H_{25}N_3O_2S$) in the sample withdrawn from the vessel at each time point (i):

$$\text{Result}_i = (A_U/A_S) \times C_S \times D \times (M_{r1}/M_{r2}) \times N$$

A_U = absorbance of the *Acid stage sample solution* or *Buffer stage sample solution*

A_S = absorbance of the *Acid stage standard solution* or *Buffer stage standard solution*, corresponding to the related sample solution

C_S = concentration of quetiapine fumarate in *Acid stage standard solution* or *Buffer stage standard solution* (mg/mL)

D = dilution factor for the *Acid stage sample solution* or *Buffer stage sample solution*, if needed

M_{r1} = molecular weight of quetiapine free base, 383.51

M_{r2} = molecular weight of quetiapine fumarate, 883.09

N = number of moles of quetiapine free base per mole of quetiapine fumarate, 2

Calculate the percentage of the labeled amount of quetiapine ($C_{21}H_{25}N_3O_2S$) dissolved at each time point (i):

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

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

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

$$\text{Result}_4 = \{(C_4 \times V_B) + [(C_3 + C_2 + C_1) \times V_S]\} \times (1/L) \times 100$$

$$\text{Result}_5 = \{(C_5 \times V_B) + [(C_4 + C_3 + C_2 + C_1) \times V_S]\} \times (1/L) \times 100$$

C_i = concentration of quetiapine in *Acid stage medium* or *Buffer stage medium* in the portion of sample withdrawn at each time point (mg/mL)

V_A = volume of *Acid stage medium*, 900 mL

L = label claim (mg/Tablet)

V_S = volume of the *Acid stage sample solution* or *Buffer stage sample solution* withdrawn from the vessel and replaced with *Acid stage medium* or *Buffer stage medium*, respectively (mL)

V_B = volume of *Buffer stage medium*, 1000 mL

Tolerances: See [Table 7](#).

Table 7

Time Point (<i>i</i>)	Time (h)	Amount Dissolved (%)
1	1	NMT 15
2	4	28–48
3	6	40–60
4	10	62–82
5	16	NLT 80

The percentages of the labeled amount of quetiapine ($C_{21}H_{25}N_3O_2S$) 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: 3.72 g/L [potassium chloride](#) in [water](#). Adjust with [hydrochloric acid](#) to a pH of 1.2; 900 mL

Apparatus 1: 100 rpm

Times: 1, 4, and 12 h

Standard solution: 0.016 mg/mL of [USP Quetiapine Fumarate RS](#) in *Medium*

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

Discard the first few milliliters of filtrate. Replace the volume withdrawn with an equal volume of *Medium*. Dilute with *Medium*, if necessary.

Instrumental conditions

(See [Ultraviolet-Visible Spectroscopy \(857\)](#).)

Mode: UV

Analytical wavelength: 254 nm

Blank: *Medium*

Analysis

Samples: *Standard solution* and *Sample solution*

Calculate the concentration (C_i) of quetiapine ($C_{21}H_{25}N_3O_2S$) in the sample withdrawn from the vessel at each time point (i):

$$C_i = (A_U/A_S) \times C_S \times D \times (M_{r1}/M_{r2}) \times N$$

A_U = absorbance of the *Sample solution*

A_S = absorbance of the *Standard solution*

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

D = dilution factor for the *Sample solution*, if needed

M_{r1} = molecular weight of quetiapine free base, 383.51

M_{r2} = molecular weight of quetiapine fumarate, 883.09

N = number of moles of quetiapine free base per mole of quetiapine fumarate, 2

Calculate the percentage of the labeled amount of quetiapine ($C_{21}H_{25}N_3O_2S$) dissolved at each time point (i):

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

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

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

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

V = volume of *Medium*, 900 mL

L = label claim (mg/Tablet)

V_S = volume of the *Sample solution* withdrawn from the vessel and replaced with *Medium* (mL)

Tolerances: See [Table 8](#).

Table 8

Time Point (i)	Time (h)	Amount Dissolved (for 150- and 200-mg Tablets) (%)	Amount Dissolved (for 300- and 400-mg Tablets) (%)
1	1	NMT 40	NMT 40
2	4	55–75	50–70
3	12	NLT 85	NLT 85

The percentages of the labeled amount of quetiapine ($C_{21}H_{25}N_3O_2S$) 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: 0.1 N hydrochloric acid VS; 900 mL

Apparatus 2: 50 rpm

Times: 1, 4, 8, and 16 h

Standard stock solution: 1.5 mg/mL of USP Quetiapine Fumarate RS prepared as follows. Transfer a suitable amount of USP Quetiapine Fumarate RS into an appropriate volumetric flask and add 20% of the flask volume of methanol to dissolve. Dilute with *Medium* to volume.

Standard solution: Prepare a solution of USP Quetiapine Fumarate RS at a concentration equivalent to $(L/900)$ mg/mL of quetiapine, from *Standard stock solution* in *Medium*, where L is the label claim in mg/Tablet.

Sample solution: At the times specified, withdraw a portion of the solution under test, centrifuge, and use the supernatant.

Instrumental conditions

(See [Ultraviolet-Visible Spectroscopy \(857\)](#).)

Mode: UV

Analytical wavelength: 290 nm

Cell

50-mg Tablets: 1 cm

150-, 200-, 300-, and 400-mg Tablets: 0.1 cm

Blank: *Medium*

Analysis

Samples: *Standard solution* and *Sample solution*

Calculate the concentration (C_i) of quetiapine ($C_{21}H_{25}N_3O_2S$) in the sample withdrawn from the vessel at each time point (i):

$$C_i = (A_U/A_S) \times C_S \times (M_{r1}/M_{r2}) \times N$$

A_U = absorbance of the *Sample solution*

A_S = absorbance of the *Standard solution*

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

M_{r1} = molecular weight of quetiapine free base, 383.51

M_{r2} = molecular weight of quetiapine fumarate, 883.09

N = number of moles of quetiapine free base per mole of quetiapine fumarate, 2

Calculate the percentage of the labeled amount of quetiapine ($C_{21}H_{25}N_3O_2S$) dissolved at each time point (i):

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

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

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

$$\text{Result}_4 = (\{C_4 \times [V - (3 \times V_S)]\} + [(C_3 + C_2 + C_1) \times V_S]) \times (1/L) \times 100$$

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

V = volume of *Medium*, 900 mL

L = label claim (mg/Tablet)

V_S = volume of the *Sample solution* withdrawn from the vessel (mL)

Tolerances: See [Table 9](#).

Table 9

Time Point (i)	Time (h)	Amount Dissolved (for 50-mg Tablets) (%)	Amount Dissolved (for 150-mg Tablets) (%)	Amount Dissolved (for 200-mg Tablets) (%)	Amount Dissolved (for 300-mg Tablets) (%)	Amount Dissolved (for 400-mg Tablets) (%)
1	1	NMT 25	NMT 25	NMT 25	NMT 25	NMT 25
2	4	42–60	40–60	35–55	35–55	30–50
3	8	70–90	65–85	62–82	60–80	55–75
4	16	NLT 80	NLT 80	NLT 80	NLT 80	NLT 80

The percentages of the labeled amount of quetiapine (C₂₁H₂₅N₃O₂S) dissolved at the times specified conform to *Dissolution* (711), *Acceptance Table 2*.▲ (RB 1-Dec-2021)

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

IMPURITIES

Change to read:

• ORGANIC IMPURITIES

Buffer, Mobile phase, Diluent, System suitability solution, Sample solution, and Chromatographic

system: Proceed as directed in the Assay.

System suitability

Sample: *System suitability solution*

[NOTE—See ▲*Table 10*▲ (RB 1-Dec-2021) for the relative retention times.]

Suitability requirements

Resolution: NLT 1.5 between quetiapine related compound G and quetiapine related compound H; NLT 2.0 between the quetiapine desethoxy and quetiapine peaks

Analysis

Sample: *Sample solution*

[NOTE—See ▲*Table 10*▲ (RB 1-Dec-2021) for the relative retention times.]

Calculate the percentage of each degradation product in the portion of Tablets taken:

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

r_U = peak response of each degradation product from the *Sample solution*

r_S = peak response of quetiapine from the *Sample solution*

F = relative response factor for the corresponding degradation product from ▲*Table 10*▲ (RB 1-Dec-2021)

Acceptance criteria: See ▲*Table 10*.▲ (RB 1-Dec-2021) Disregard peaks less than 0.05%.

▲**Table 10**▲ (RB 1-Dec-2021)

Name	Relative Retention Time	Relative Response Factor	Acceptance Criteria, NMT (%)
Fumaric acid ^a	0.1	—	—
Quetiapine related compound G	0.48	1.4	0.2

Name	Relative Retention Time	Relative Response Factor	Acceptance Criteria, NMT (%)
Quetiapine related compound H	0.57	1.0	0.2
Quetiapine desethoxy ^b	0.87	—	—
Quetiapine	1.0	—	—
Quetiapine related compound B ^b	1.9	—	—
Any individual unspecified degradation product	—	1.0	0.2
Total degradation products	—	—	0.4

^a Counter ion peak, not to be included in the total degradation products.

^b Process impurity controlled in the drug substance. Included for identification purposes only. Not reported for the drug product and not included in the total degradation products.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- **PACKAGING AND STORAGE:** Preserve in well-closed containers. 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 Quetiapine Fumarate RS](#)

[USP Quetiapine Related Compound H RS](#)

4-(Dibenzo[*b,f*][1,4]thiazepin-11-yl)-1-[2-(2-hydroxyethoxy)ethyl]piperazine 1-oxide.

C₂₁H₂₅N₃O₃S 399.51

[USP Quetiapine System Suitability RS](#)

It contains quetiapine fumarate and at least 0.1% of each of the following impurities:

Quetiapine related compound B: 11-(Piperazin-1-yl)dibenzo[*b,f*][1,4]thiazepine; Quetiapine related compound G:

Dibenzo[*b,f*][1,4]thiazepin-11(10*H*)-one; and Quetiapine desethoxy: 2-[4-(Dibenzo[*b,f*][1,4]thiazepin-11-yl)piperazin-1-yl]ethanol.

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