

## Rosuvastatin Tablets

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In accordance with the Rules and Procedures of the 2015–2020 Council of Experts, the Chemical Medicines Monographs 2 Expert Committee has revised the Rosuvastatin Tablets monograph. The purpose for the revision is to add *Dissolution Test 3* to accommodate drug products that were approved with different conditions and tolerances.

The Rosuvastatin Tablets Revision Bulletin supersedes the Rosuvastatin Tablets monograph that is becoming official in the *First Supplement to USP 41–NF 36*.

Should you have any questions, please contact Donald Min, Ph.D., Senior Scientific Liaison to the Chemical Medicines Monographs 2 Expert Committee (301-230-7457 or [ddm@usp.org](mailto:ddm@usp.org)).

**Add the following:**

**▲ Rosuvastatin Tablets**

**DEFINITION**

Rosuvastatin Tablets contain NLT 90% and NMT 110% of the labeled amount of rosuvastatin (C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>28</sub>FN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>6</sub>S).

**IDENTIFICATION**

- **A.** The UV absorption spectra of the rosuvastatin peak of the *Sample solution* exhibit maxima and minima at the same wavelengths as those of the corresponding peak of the *Standard solution*, as obtained in the *Assay*.
- **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**

• **PROCEDURE**

Protect all solutions containing rosuvastatin from light.

**Solution A:** 1% trifluoroacetic acid in water

**Mobile phase:** Acetonitrile, *Solution A*, and water (37:1:62)

**Diluent:** Acetonitrile and water (25:75)

**Standard stock solution:** 1 mg/mL of USP Rosuvastatin Calcium RS prepared as follows. To a suitable amount of USP Rosuvastatin Calcium RS in a suitable volumetric flask, add water equal to about 50% of the flask volume. Vigorously mix or sonicate the flask to dissolve the material. Add acetonitrile equal to about 25% of the total volume and then dilute with water to volume.

**Standard solution:** 25 µg/mL of USP Rosuvastatin Calcium RS in *Diluent* from the *Standard stock solution*

**Sample solution:** Nominally 25 µg/mL of rosuvastatin prepared as follows. Transfer a suitable number of Tablets, NLT 5 Tablets for 80-mg Tablet strength and NLT 10 Tablets for all other Tablet strengths, into a suitable extraction flask. Add water and vigorously mix to disintegrate the Tablets. Add acetonitrile and mix vigorously. Add more water to obtain a 25:75 composition of acetonitrile and water. Pass the solution through a suitable filter. Dilute the filtrate with *Diluent*, if necessary, to the desired concentration.

**Chromatographic system**

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

**Mode:** LC

**Detector:** UV 242 nm. For *Identification A*, use a diode array detector in the range of 200–440 nm.

**Column:** 3.2-mm × 25-cm; 5-µm packing L1. [NOTE—A suitable guard column may be used.]

**Column temperature:** 40°

**Flow rate:** 0.75 mL/min

**Injection volume:** 10 µL

**Run time:** NLT 1.3 times the retention time of rosuvastatin

**System suitability**

**Sample:** *Standard solution*

**Suitability requirements**

**Tailing factor:** NMT 1.8

**Relative standard deviation:** NMT 2.0%

**Analysis**

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

Calculate the percentage of the labeled amount of rosuvastatin (C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>28</sub>FN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>6</sub>S) in the portion of Tablets taken:

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

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

$r_S$  = peak response of rosuvastatin from the *Standard solution*  
 $C_S$  = concentration of USP Rosuvastatin Calcium RS in the *Standard solution* (µg/mL)  
 $C_U$  = nominal concentration of rosuvastatin in the *Sample solution* (µg/mL)  
 $M$  = number of moles of rosuvastatin per mole of rosuvastatin calcium, 2  
 $M_{r1}$  = molecular weight of rosuvastatin, 481.54  
 $M_{r2}$  = molecular weight of rosuvastatin calcium, 1001.14

**Acceptance criteria:** 90%–110%

**PERFORMANCE TESTS**

**Change to read:**

• **DISSOLUTION <711>**

Protect all solutions containing rosuvastatin from light.

**Test 1**

**Medium:** Citrate buffer, pH 6.6 (prepare a solution of 14.7 g/L of sodium citrate dihydrate and 0.33 g/L of anhydrous citric acid; adjust if necessary with sodium citrate or citric acid to a pH of 6.6); 900 mL

**Apparatus 2:** 50 rpm

**Time:** 30 min

**Diluent:** Acetonitrile and water (25:75)

**Mobile phase:** Acetonitrile, water, and phosphoric acid (400:600:1)

**Standard stock solution:** 1 mg/mL of USP Rosuvastatin Calcium RS in *Diluent*

**Standard solution:** A solution of concentration similar to the *Sample solution* in *Medium* from the *Standard stock solution*

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

**Chromatographic system**

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

**Mode:** LC

**Detector:** UV 242 nm

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

**Flow rate:** 1 mL/min

**Injection volume:** 20 µL

**Run time:** NLT 2.5 times the retention time of rosuvastatin

**System suitability**

**Sample:** *Standard solution*

**Suitability requirements**

**Tailing factor:** NMT 1.5

**Analysis**

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

Calculate the percentage of the labeled amount of rosuvastatin (C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>28</sub>FN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>6</sub>S) dissolved:

$$\text{Result} = (r_U/r_S) \times C_S \times V \times (1/L) \times [M \times (M_{r1}/M_{r2})] \times 100$$

$r_U$  = peak response of rosuvastatin from the *Sample solution*  
 $r_S$  = peak response of rosuvastatin from the *Standard solution*  
 $C_S$  = concentration of USP Rosuvastatin Calcium RS in the *Standard solution* (mg/mL)  
 $V$  = volume of *Medium*, 900 mL  
 $L$  = label claim (mg/Tablet)  
 $M$  = number of moles of rosuvastatin per mole of rosuvastatin calcium, 2  
 $M_{r1}$  = molecular weight of rosuvastatin, 481.54  
 $M_{r2}$  = molecular weight of rosuvastatin calcium, 1001.14

**Tolerances:** NLT 75% (Q) of the labeled amount of rosuvastatin ( $C_{22}H_{28}FN_3O_6S$ ) is dissolved.

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

**Medium:** 0.05 M citrate buffer pH 6.6 (to a solution of 10.5 g/L of citric acid monohydrate, add 5.9 g/L of sodium hydroxide and mix; adjust with 0.2 M sodium hydroxide or 0.2 M hydrochloric acid to a pH of 6.6); 900 mL

**Apparatus 2:** 50 rpm

**Time:** 30 min

**Buffer:** Dissolve 2.72 g of potassium dihydrogen phosphate in 1 L of water and add 2 mL of triethylamine. Adjust with phosphoric acid to a pH of 2.5.

**Mobile phase:** Acetonitrile and *Buffer* (30:70)

**Standard stock solution:** 0.5 mg/mL of USP Rosuvastatin Calcium RS in *Medium*. Sonication may be necessary for complete dissolution.

**Standard solution:** ( $L/900$ ) mg/mL of USP Rosuvastatin Calcium RS in *Medium* from the *Standard stock solution*

**Sample solution:** Pass a portion of the solution under test through a suitable filter of 0.45- $\mu$ m pore size.

#### Chromatographic system

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

**Mode:** LC

**Detector:** UV 240 nm

**Column:** 4.6-mm  $\times$  10-cm; 5- $\mu$ m packing L1

**Flow rate:** 2 mL/min

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

**Run time:** NLT 1.5 times the retention time of rosuvastatin

#### System suitability

**Sample:** *Standard solution*

**Suitability requirements**

**Tailing factor:** NMT 2.0

**Relative standard deviation:** NMT 2.0%

#### Analysis

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

Calculate the percentage of the labeled amount of rosuvastatin ( $C_{22}H_{28}FN_3O_6S$ ) dissolved:

$$\text{Result} = (r_U/r_S) \times C_S \times V \times (1/L) \times [M \times (M_{r1}/M_{r2})] \times 100$$

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

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

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

$V$  = volume of *Medium*, 900 mL

$L$  = label claim (mg/Tablet)

$M$  = number of moles of rosuvastatin per mole of rosuvastatin calcium, 2

$M_{r1}$  = molecular weight of rosuvastatin, 481.54

$M_{r2}$  = molecular weight of rosuvastatin calcium, 1001.14

**Tolerances:** NLT 80% (Q) of the labeled amount of rosuvastatin ( $C_{22}H_{28}FN_3O_6S$ ) is dissolved.

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

**Medium:** 0.05 M citrate buffer pH 6.6 (dissolve 63.0 of citric acid monohydrate and 35.2 g of sodium hydroxide into 6 L of water and mix; adjust if necessary with sodium hydroxide or citric acid to a pH of 6.6); 900 mL

**Apparatus 2:** 50 rpm

**Time:** 45 min

**Standard stock solution:** 0.044 mg/mL of USP Rosuvastatin Calcium RS in *Medium*. Sonication may be necessary for complete dissolution.

**Standard solution:** ( $L/900$ ) mg/mL of USP Rosuvastatin Calcium RS in *Medium* from the *Standard stock solution*, where  $L$  is the label claim in mg/Tablet. [NOTE—The *Standard stock solution* is the *Standard solution* for 40-mg Tablets.]

**Sample solution:** Pass a portion of the solution under test through a suitable filter of 0.45- $\mu$ m pore size.

#### Instrumental conditions

**Mode:** UV

**Analytical wavelength:** 241 nm

**Cell:** 1.0 cm (for 5-mg and 10-mg Tablets) and 0.2 cm (for 20-mg and 40-mg Tablets)

**Blank:** *Medium*

#### Analysis

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

Calculate the percentage of the labeled amount of rosuvastatin ( $C_{22}H_{28}FN_3O_6S$ ) dissolved:

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

$A_U$  = absorbance of the *Sample solution*

$A_S$  = absorbance of the *Standard solution*

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

$V$  = volume of *Medium*, 900 mL

$L$  = label claim (mg/Tablet)

$M$  = number of moles of rosuvastatin per mole of rosuvastatin calcium, 2

$M_{r1}$  = molecular weight of rosuvastatin, 481.54

$M_{r2}$  = molecular weight of rosuvastatin calcium, 1001.14

**Tolerances:** NLT 80% (Q) of the labeled amount of rosuvastatin ( $C_{22}H_{28}FN_3O_6S$ ) is dissolved.  $\blacktriangle$  (RB 1-Aug-2018)

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

#### IMPURITIES

- **ORGANIC IMPURITIES**

Protect all solutions containing rosuvastatin calcium from light.

**Mobile phase and Diluent:** Prepare as directed in the *Assay*.

**System suitability stock solution:** 50  $\mu$ g/mL each of USP Rosuvastatin Calcium RS and rosuvastatin diastereomers in acidic water prepared as follows. To a suitable amount of USP Rosuvastatin Calcium RS in a suitable volumetric flask, add water equal to about 50% of the flask volume. Add 1 M hydrochloric acid equal to about 10% of the total volume. Heat in a water bath at 60° for 2 h and neutralize by adding 1 M sodium hydroxide. Cool to room temperature and add acetonitrile equal to about 25% of the total volume. Dilute with water to volume.

**System suitability solution:** 25  $\mu$ g/mL each of USP Rosuvastatin Calcium RS and rosuvastatin diastereomers prepared by mixing *System suitability stock solution* and *Diluent* (1:1)

**Standard solution:** 10  $\mu$ g/mL of USP Rosuvastatin Calcium RS in *Diluent*

**Sample solution:** Nominally 1 mg/mL of rosuvastatin prepared as follows. Transfer a number of Tablets per *Table 1* into a suitable extraction flask. Add water, and mix vigorously to disintegrate the Tablets. Add acetonitrile and mix vigorously followed by an additional amount of water to obtain a final composition of

acetonitrile and water (1:3). Pass the solution through a suitable filter.

**Table 1**

Tablet Strength (mg)	Number of Tablets	Volumetric Flask Size (mL)	Water (mL)	Acetonitrile (mL)
2.5	40	100	50	25
5	20	100	50	25
10	10	100	50	25
20	10	200	100	50
40	12	500	250	125
80	6	500	250	125

**Chromatographic system:** Proceed as directed in the Assay, except for Run time.

**Run time:** NLT 2.5 times the retention time of rosuvastatin

**System suitability**

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

**Suitability requirements**

**Resolution:** NLT 1.5 between rosuvastatin and rosuvastatin diastereomers, System suitability solution

**Tailing factor:** NMT 1.8, Standard solution

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

**Analysis**

**Samples:** Standard solution and Sample solution

Calculate the percentage of each impurity in the portion of Tablets taken:

$$\text{Result} = (r_U/r_S) \times (C_S/C_U) \times [M \times (M_{r1}/M_{r2})] \times (1/F) \times 100$$

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

$r_S$  = peak response of rosuvastatin from the Standard solution

$C_S$  = concentration of USP Rosuvastatin Calcium RS in the Standard solution (mg/mL)

$C_U$  = nominal concentration of rosuvastatin in the Sample solution (mg/mL)

$M$  = number of moles of rosuvastatin per mole of rosuvastatin calcium, 2

$M_{r1}$  = molecular weight of rosuvastatin, 481.54

$M_{r2}$  = molecular weight of rosuvastatin calcium, 1001.14

$F$  = relative response factor (see Table 2)

**Acceptance criteria:** See Table 2.

**Table 2**

Name	Relative Retention Time	Relative Response Factor	Acceptance Criteria, NMT (%)
Rosuvastatin related compound A	0.9	—	—
Rosuvastatin	1.0	—	—
Rosuvastatin diastereomers <sup>a, b</sup>	1.1	—	—
Rosuvastatin ketone <sup>c</sup>	1.6	0.71	2.1
Rosuvastatin lactone <sup>d</sup>	2.3	1.0	1.5
Rosuvastatin ethyl ester (if present) <sup>e</sup>	3.8	1.0	0.5
Any unspecified degradation product	—	1.0	0.2
Total degradation products	—	—	3.6

<sup>a</sup> (3*R,S*,5*R,S*,*E*)-7-[4-(4-Fluorophenyl)-6-isopropyl-2-(*N*-methylmethylsulfonamido)pyrimidin-5-yl]-3,5-dihydroxyhept-6-enoic acid.

<sup>b</sup> Process impurity controlled in the drug substance monograph. Provided for information only; the content is not calculated, not reported, and not included in the total impurities.

<sup>c</sup> (*R,E*)-7-[4-(4-Fluorophenyl)-6-isopropyl-2-(*N*-methylmethylsulfonamido)pyrimidin-5-yl]-3-hydroxy-5-oxohept-6-enoic acid.

<sup>d</sup> *N*-[4-(4-Fluorophenyl)-5-[(*E*)-2-[(2*S*,4*R*)-4-hydroxy-6-oxotetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-2-yl]vinyl]-6-isopropylpyrimidin-2-yl]-*N*-methylmethanesulfonamide.

<sup>e</sup> Ethyl (3*R,S*,5*S*,*E*)-7-[4-(4-fluorophenyl)-6-isopropyl-2-(*N*-methylmethylsulfonamido)pyrimidin-5-yl]-3,5-dihydroxyhept-6-enoate.

**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 Rosuvastatin Calcium RS<sub>A</sub> 15 (USP41)