

1 Sodium Valproate Extended-release 2 Tablets A

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5 Sodium Valproate Extended-release Tablets A
6 contain not less than 95.0% and not more than
7 105.0% of the labeled amount of sodium valproate
8 ($C_8H_{15}NaO_2$: 166.19).

9 **Method of preparation** Prepare as directed under Tab-
10 lets, with Sodium Valproate.

11 **Identification** To a quantity of powdered Sodium
12 Valproate Extended-release Tablets A, equivalent to 0.2 g
13 of Sodium Valproate, add 20 mL of water, shake thor-
14 oughly, and centrifuge. To 2 mL of the supernatant liquid
15 add 1 mL of a solution of cobalt (II) nitrate hexahydrate (1
16 in 20), and heat on a water bath: a purple precipitate is
17 formed.

18 **Uniformity of dosage units** <6.02> Perform the test ac-
19 cording to the following method: it meets the requirement
20 of the Content uniformity test.

21 Crush 1 tablet of Sodium Valproate Extended-release
22 Tablets A, add exactly $V/40$ mL of the internal standard so-
23 lution, add $4V/5$ mL of a mixture of methanol and water
24 (3:2), shake vigorously, add a mixture of methanol and wa-
25 ter (3:2) to make V mL so that each mL contains about 1
26 mg of sodium valproate ($C_8H_{15}NaO_2$), and filter through a
27 membrane filter with a pore size not exceeding $0.45 \mu\text{m}$.
28 Discard the first 5 mL of the filtrate, and use the subsequent
29 filtrate as the sample solution. Separately, weigh accurately
30 about 0.1 g of sodium valproate for assay, previously dried
31 at 105°C for 3 hours, add exactly 2.5 mL of the internal
32 standard solution, add a mixture of methanol and water
33 (3:2) to make 100 mL, and use this solution as the standard
34 solution. Then, proceed as directed in the Assay.

$$35 \quad \text{Amount (mg) of sodium valproate (C}_8\text{H}_{15}\text{NaO}_2\text{)} \\ 36 \quad = M_S \times Q_T / Q_S \times V / 100$$

37 M_S : Amount (mg) of sodium valproate for assay taken

38 **Internal standard solution** — A solution of ethyl parahy-
39 droxybenzoate in a mixture of methanol and water (3:2) (1
40 in 5000).

41 **Dissolution** <6.10> When the test is performed at 50 rev-
42 olutions per minute according to the Paddle method, using
43 900 mL of water as the dissolution medium, the dissolution
44 rates of a 100-mg tablet in 4 hours, in 6 hours and in 12
45 hours are 15 to 45%, 40 to 70%, and not less than 75%,
46 respectively, and those of a 200-mg tablet in 4 hours, in 6
47 hours and in 12 hours are 15 to 45%, 35 to 65%, and not
48 less than 75%, respectively.

49 Start the test with 1 tablet of Sodium Valproate Ex-
50 tended-release Tablets A, withdraw exactly 20 mL of the
51 medium at the specified minutes after starting the test and
52 supply exactly 20 mL of water warmed to $37 \pm 0.5^\circ\text{C}$ im-
53 mediately after withdrawing of the medium every time. Fil-
54 ter the media through a membrane filter with a pore size not
55 exceeding $0.45 \mu\text{m}$. Discard the first 10 mL of the filtrate,
56 pipet V mL of the subsequent filtrate, add water to make
57 exactly V' mL so that each mL contains about 0.11 mg of
58 sodium valproate ($C_8H_{15}NaO_2$), and use these solutions as
59 the sample solutions. Separately, weigh accurately about 56
60 mg of sodium valproate for assay, previously dried at
61 105°C for 3 hours, and dissolve in water to make exactly
62 50 mL. Pipet 5 mL of this solution, add water to make ex-
63 actly 50 mL, and use this solution as the standard solution.
64 Perform the test with exactly $50 \mu\text{L}$ each of the sample so-
65 lutions and standard solution as directed under Liquid
66 Chromatography <2.01> according to the following condi-
67 tions, and determine the peak areas, $A_{T(n)}$ and A_S , of valproic
68 acid in each solution.

69 Dissolution rate (%) with respect to the labeled amount of
70 sodium valproate ($C_8H_{15}NaO_2$) on the n th medium with-
71 drawing ($n = 1, 2, 3$)

$$72 \quad = M_S \times \left\{ \frac{A_{T(n)}}{A_S} + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \left(\frac{A_{T(i)}}{A_S} \times \frac{1}{45} \right) \right\} \times \frac{V'}{V} \times \frac{1}{C} \times \\ 73 \quad 180$$

74 M_S : Amount (mg) of sodium valproate for assay taken

75 C : Labeled amount (mg) of sodium valproate
76 ($C_8H_{15}NaO_2$) in 1 tablet

77 **Operating conditions** —

78 Perform as directed in the operating conditions in the
79 Assay.

80 **System suitability** —

81 System performance: When the procedure is run with 50
82 μL of the standard solution under the above operating
83 conditions, the number of theoretical plates and the
84 symmetry factor of the peak of valproic acid are not less
85 than 3000 and not more than 2.0, respectively.

86 System repeatability: When the test is repeated 6 times
87 with $50 \mu\text{L}$ of the standard solution under the above
88 operating conditions, the relative standard deviation of the
89 peak area of valproic acid is not more than 1.5%.

90 **Assay** Weigh accurately the mass of not less than 20 So-
91 dium Valproate Extended-release Tablets A, and powder.
92 Weigh accurately a portion of the powder, equivalent to
93 about 0.1 g of sodium valproate ($C_8H_{15}NaO_2$), add about 80
94 mL of the mobile phase, shake thoroughly, add the mobile
95 phase to make exactly 100 mL, and centrifuge. Pipet 20 mL
96 of the supernatant liquid, add exactly 5 mL of the internal

97 standard solution, and use this solution as the sample solu-
98 tion. Separately, weigh accurately about 0.1 g of sodium
99 valproate for assay, previously dried at 105°C for 3 hours,
100 dissolve in the mobile phase to make exactly 100 mL. Pipet
101 20 mL of this solution, add exactly 5 mL of the internal
102 standard solution, and use this solution as the standard so-
103 lution. Perform the test with 10 μL each of the sample so-
104 lution and standard solution as directed under Liquid Chro-
105 matography <2.01> according to the following conditions,
106 and calculate the ratios, Q_T and Q_S , of the peak area of
107 valproic acid to that of the internal standard.

108 Amount (mg) of sodium valproate ($\text{C}_8\text{H}_{15}\text{NaO}_2$)
109 $= M_S \times Q_T / Q_S$

110 M_S : Amount (mg) of sodium valproate for assay taken

111 *Internal standard solution* – A solution of ethyl parahy-
112 droxybenzoate in the mobile phase (1 in 50,000).

113 *Operating conditions* –

114 Detector: An ultraviolet absorption photometer
115 (wavelength: 210 nm).

116 Column: A stainless steel column 4.6 mm in inside
117 diameter and 15 cm in length, packed with
118 octadecylsilanized silica gel for liquid chromatography (5
119 μm in particle diameter).

120 Column temperature: A constant temperature of about
121 25°C.

122 Mobile phase: A mixture of 0.05 mol/L sodium
123 dihydrogen phosphate TS (pH 3.0) and acetonitrile for
124 liquid chromatography (1:1).

125 Flow rate: Adjust so that the retention time of valproic
126 acid is about 6 minutes.

127 *System suitability* –

128 System performance: When the procedure is run with 10
129 μL of the standard solution under the above operating
130 conditions, the internal standard and valproic acid are
131 eluted in this order with the resolution between these peaks
132 being not less than 7.

133 System repeatability: When the test is repeated 6 times
134 with 10 μL of the standard solution under the above
135 operating conditions, the relative standard deviation of the
136 ratio of the peak area of valproic acid to that of the internal
137 standard is not more than 1.0%.

138 **Containers and storage** Containers – Tight containers.

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