Sodium Valproate Extended-release Tablets B

Sodium Valproate Extended-release Tablets B contain not less than 95.0% and not more than 105.0% of the labeled amount of sodium valproate [(C$_{6}$H$_{12}$NaO$_{2}$): 166.19].

Method of preparation: Prepare as directed under Tablets, with Sodium Valproate.

Identification: To a quantity of the powdered Sodium Valproate Extended-release Tablets B, equivalent to 1.0 g of Sodium Valproate, add 10 mL of water, heat on a water bath for 30 minutes, and filter. To 2.5 mL of the filtrate add 2.5 mL of water and 1 mL of a solution of cobalt (II) nitrate hexahydrate (1 in 20), and heat on a water bath: a purple precipitate is formed.

Uniformity of dosage units: Perform the Mass variation test, or the Content uniformity test according to the following method: it meets the requirement.

Identification: To 1 tablet of Sodium Valproate Extended-release Tablets B add 150 mL of the mobile phase, allow to stand for not less than 16 hours, shake until the film is disintegrated, and add the mobile phase to make exactly 200 mL. Pipet 2.5 mL of this solution, and add the mobile phase to make exactly V mL so that each mL contains about 1 mg of sodium valproate (C$_{6}$H$_{12}$NaO$_{2}$). Centrifuge this solution, and filter the supernatant liquid through a membrane filter with a pore size not exceeding 0.45 μm. Discard the first 5 mL of the filtrate, pipet 20 mL of the subsequent filtrate, add exactly 5 mL of the internal standard solution, and use this solution as the standard solution. Then, proceed as directed in the Assay.

Internal standard solution: A solution of methyl parahydroxybenzoate in the mobile phase (1 in 50,000).

Dissolution: When the test is performed at 50 revolutions per minute according to the Paddle method, using 900 mL of water as the dissolution medium, the dissolution rates of a 200-mg tablet in 8 hours, in 11 hours and in 20 hours are 15 to 45%, 35 to 65%, and not less than 70%, respectively, and those of a 400-mg tablet in 9 hours, in 12 hours and in 21 hours are 15 to 45%, 35 to 65%, and not less than 70%, respectively.

Start the test with 1 tablet of Sodium Valproate Extended-release Tablets B, withdraw exactly 20 mL of the medium at the specified minutes after starting the test and supply exactly 20 mL of water warmed to 37±0.5°C immediately after withdrawing of the medium every time. Filter the media through a membrane filter with a pore size not exceeding 0.45 μm. Discard the first 2 mL of the filtrate, pipet V mL of the subsequent filtrate, add water to make exactly V mL so that each mL contains about 0.22 mg of sodium valproate (C$_{6}$H$_{12}$NaO$_{2}$), and use these solutions as the sample solutions. Separately, weigh accurately about 55 mg of sodium valproate for assay, previously dried at 105°C for 3 hours, dissolve in water to make exactly 250 mL, and use this solution as the standard solution. Perform the test with exactly 20 μL each of the sample solutions and standard solution as directed under Liquid Chromatography <2.01> according to the following conditions, and determine the peak areas, A$_{T(0)}$ and A$_{S}$, of valproic acid in each solution.

Dissolution rate (%): Let $M_S$ be the amount (mg) of sodium valproate for assay taken, $C$: Labeled amount (mg) of sodium valproate (C$_{6}$H$_{12}$NaO$_{2}$) in 1 tablet. Operating conditions:

\[ M_S \times \left( \frac{A_{T(0)}}{A_S} + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \frac{A_{T(i)}}{A_S} \times \frac{1}{45} \right) \times \frac{V}{V} \times \frac{1}{C} \times \]

= 360 $M_S$: Amount (mg) of sodium valproate for assay taken

C: Labeled amount (mg) of sodium valproate (C$_{6}$H$_{12}$NaO$_{2}$) in 1 tablet

System suitability:

System performance: When the procedure is run with 20 μL of the standard solution under the above operating conditions, the number of theoretical plates and the symmetry factor of the peak of valproic acid are not less than 3000 and not more than 2.0, respectively.

System repeatability: When the test is repeated 6 times with 20 μL of the standard solution under the above operating conditions, the relative standard deviation of the peak area of valproic acid is not more than 1.0%.

Assay: To 20 Sodium Valproate Extended-release Tablets B add 150 mL of the mobile phase, allow to stand for not less than 16 hours, shake until the film is disintegrated, and add the mobile phase to make exactly 200 mL. Pipet 5 mL of this solution, add the mobile phase to make exactly V mL so that each mL contains about 1 mg of sodium valproate (C$_{6}$H$_{12}$NaO$_{2}$). Centrifuge this solution, and filter the supernatant liquid through a membrane filter with a pore size not exceeding 0.45 μm. Discard the first 5 mL of the filtrate,
pipet 20 mL of the subsequent filtrate, add exactly 5 mL of the internal standard solution, and use this solution as the sample solution. Separately, weigh accurately about 0.1 g of sodium valproate for assay, previously dried at 105°C for 3 hours, dissolve in the mobile phase to make exactly 100 mL. Pipet 20 mL of this solution, add exactly 5 mL of the internal standard solution, and use this solution as the standard solution. Perform the test with 10 µL each of the sample solution and standard solution as directed under Liquid Chromatography <2.01> according to the following conditions, and calculate the ratios, $Q_T$ and $Q_S$, of the peak area of valproic acid to that of the internal standard.

Amount (mg) of sodium valproate ($C_8H_{15}NaO_2$) in 1 tablet

$$M_S = \frac{Q_T}{Q_S} \times \frac{V}{50}$$

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

**Internal standard solution** — A solution of methyl para-hydroxybenzoate in the mobile phase (1 in 50,000).

**Operating conditions** —
Detector: An ultraviolet absorption photometer (wavelength: 210 nm).
Column: A stainless steel column 4.6 mm in inside diameter and 15 cm in length, packed with octadecylsilanized silica gel for liquid chromatography (5 µm in particle diameter).
Column temperature: A constant temperature of about 25°C.
Mobile phase: A mixture of 0.05 mol/L sodium dihydrogen phosphate TS (pH 3.0) and acetonitrile for liquid chromatography (1:1).
Flow rate: Adjust so that the retention time of valproic acid is about 6 minutes.

**System suitability** —
System performance: When the procedure is run with 10 µL of the standard solution under the above operating conditions, the internal standard and valproic acid are eluted in this order with the resolution between these peaks being not less than 7.
System repeatability: When the test is repeated 6 times with 10 µL of the standard solution under the above operating conditions, the relative standard deviation of the ratio of the peak area of valproic acid to that of the internal standard is not more than 1.0%.

**Containers and storage** — Containers — Tight containers.