

1 Zopiclone Tablets

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4 Zopiclone Tablets contain not less than 95.0% and
5 not more than 105.0% of the labeled amount of zopi-
6 clone ($C_{17}H_{17}ClN_6O_3$; 388.81).

7 **Method of preparation** Prepare as directed under Tab-
8 lets, with Zopiclone.

9 **Identification** To a quantity of powdered Zopiclone Tab-
10 lets, equivalent to 30 mg of Zopiclone, add about 60 mL of
11 0.1 mol/L hydrochloric acid TS, shake thoroughly, add 0.1
12 mol/L hydrochloric acid TS to make 100 mL, and filter. To
13 2 mL of the filtrate add 0.1 mol/L hydrochloric acid TS to
14 make 50 mL. Determine the absorption spectrum of this so-
15 lution as directed under Ultraviolet-visible Spectrophotom-
16 etry <2.24>: it exhibits maxima between 214 nm and 218 nm,
17 and between 302 nm and 306 nm.

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 To 1 tablet of Zopiclone Tablets add the mobile phase,
22 sonicate while occasional shaking, disintegrate, add the mo-
23 bile phase to make exactly 50 mL, and filter through a mem-
24 brane filter with a pore size not exceeding 0.45 μ m. Discard
25 the first 10 mL of the filtrate, pipet V mL of the subsequent
26 filtrate, add exactly $V'/10$ mL of the internal standard so-
27 lution, add the mobile phase to make V' mL so that each mL
28 contains about 0.1 mg of zopiclone ($C_{17}H_{17}ClN_6O_3$), and use
29 this solution as the sample solution. Then, proceed as di-
30 rected in the Assay.

31 Amount (mg) of zopiclone ($C_{17}H_{17}ClN_6O_3$)
32 $=M_S \times Q_T/Q_S \times V'/V \times 1/10$

33 M_S : Amount (mg) of zopiclone for assay taken

34 *Internal standard solution*—A solution of salicylic acid in
35 the mobile phase (1 in 800).

36 **Dissolution** <6.10> When the test is performed at 50 rev-
37 olutions per minute according to the Paddle method, using
38 900 mL of 0.05 mol/L acetic acid-sodium acetate buffer so-
39 lution (pH 4.0) as the dissolution medium, the dissolution
40 rate in 30 minutes of Zopiclone Tablets is not less than 80%.

41 Start the test with 1 tablet of Zopiclone Tablets, withdraw
42 not less than 20 mL of the medium at the specified minute
43 after starting the test, and filter through a membrane filter
44 with a pore size not exceeding 0.45 μ m. Discard the first 10
45 mL of the filtrate, pipet V mL of the subsequent filtrate, add
46 the dissolution medium to make exactly V' mL so that each
47 mL contains about 8.3 μ g of zopiclone ($C_{17}H_{17}ClN_6O_3$), and

48 use this solution as the sample solution. Separately, weigh
49 accurately about 21 mg of zopiclone for assay, previously
50 dried in vacuum at 100°C for 24 hours, and dissolve in the
51 dissolution medium to make exactly 100 mL. Pipet 4 mL of
52 this solution, add the dissolution medium to make exactly
53 100 mL, and use this solution as the standard solution. De-
54 termine the absorbances, A_T and A_S , of the sample solution
55 and standard solution at 304 nm as directed under Ultravio-
56 let-visible Spectrophotometry <2.24>.

57 Dissolution rate (%) with respect to the labeled amount of
58 zopiclone ($C_{17}H_{17}ClN_6O_3$)

59 $=M_S \times A_T/A_S \times V'/V \times 1/C \times 36$

60 M_S : Amount (mg) of zopiclone for assay taken

61 C : Labeled amount (mg) of zopiclone ($C_{17}H_{17}ClN_6O_3$) in
62 1 tablet

63 **Assay** To 20 tablets of Zopiclone Tablets add the mobile
64 phase, sonicate while occasional shaking, disintegrate, add
65 the mobile phase to make exactly 500 mL, and filter through
66 a membrane filter with a pore size not exceeding 0.45 μ m.
67 Discard the first 10 mL of the filtrate, pipet V mL of the
68 subsequent filtrate, add exactly $V'/10$ mL of the internal
69 standard solution, add the mobile phase to make V' mL so
70 that each mL contains about 0.1 mg of zopiclone
71 ($C_{17}H_{17}ClN_6O_3$), and use this solution as the sample solution.
72 Separately, weigh accurately about 50 mg of zopiclone for
73 assay, previously dried in vacuum at 100°C for 24 hours,
74 and dissolve in the mobile phase to make exactly 20 mL.
75 Pipet 4 mL of this solution, add exactly 10 mL of the inter-
76 nal standard solution, add the mobile phase to make 100 mL,
77 and use this solution as the standard solution. Perform the
78 test with 10 μ L each of the sample solution and standard
79 solution as directed under Liquid Chromatography <2.01>
80 according to the following conditions, and calculate the ra-
81 tios, Q_T and Q_S , of the peak area of zopiclone to that of the
82 internal standard.

83 Amount (mg) of zopiclone ($C_{17}H_{17}ClN_6O_3$) in 1 tablet
84 of Zopiclone Tablet

85 $=M_S \times Q_T/Q_S \times V'/V \times 1/20$

86 M_S : Amount (mg) of zopiclone for assay taken

87 *Internal standard solution*—A solution of salicylic acid in
88 the mobile phase (1 in 800).

89 *Operating conditions*—

90 Detector: An ultraviolet absorption photometer
91 (wavelength: 304 nm).

92 Column: A stainless steel column 4.6 mm in inside
93 diameter and 15 cm in length, packed with
94 octadecylsilanized silica gel for liquid chromatography (5
95 μ m in particle diameter).

96 Column temperature: A constant temperature of about
97 30°C.

98 Mobile phase: To 378 mL of diluted acetic acid (100) (57
99 in 5000), add 222 mL of a solution of sodium acetate
100 trihydrate (136 in 5000), and add 400 mL of acetonitrile.

101 Flow rate: Adjust so that the retention time of zopiclone
102 is about 9.5 minutes.

103 *System suitability* —

104 System performance: When the procedure is run with 10
105 μL of the standard solution under the above operating
106 conditions, the internal standard and zopiclone are eluted in
107 this order with the resolution between these peaks being not
108 less than 5.

109 System repeatability: When the test is repeated 6 times
110 with 10 μL of the standard solution under the above
111 operating conditions, the relative standard deviation of the
112 ratio of the peak area of zopiclone to that of the internal
113 standard is not more than 1.0%.

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

115 Storage—Light-resistant.

116 **Add the following to 9.41 Reagents,**

117 **Test Solutions:**

118 **Zopiclone for assay** $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{17}\text{ClN}_6\text{O}_3$ [Same as the
119 monograph Zopiclone. When dried, it contains not less than
120 99.5% of zopiclone ($\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{17}\text{ClN}_6\text{O}_3$).]

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