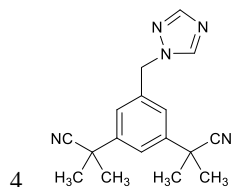


1 **Anastrozole**

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6 $C_{17}H_{19}N_5$: 293.377 2,2'-[5-(1*H*-1,2,4-Triazol-1-ylmethyl)benzene-1,3-

8 diyl]bis(2-methylpropanenitrile)

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11 Anastrozole contains not less than 98.0% and not
12 more than 102.0% of anastrozole ($C_{17}H_{19}N_5$).

13 **Description** Anastrozole occurs as a white, crystalline
14 powder or powder.

15 It is very soluble in acetonitrile, freely soluble in methanol
16 and in ethanol (99.5), and very slightly soluble in water.

17 It shows crystal polymorphism.

18 **Identification** (1) Determine the absorption spectrum of
19 a solution of Anastrozole in methanol (1 in 50,000) as di-
20 rected under Ultraviolet-visible Spectrophotometry <2.24>,
21 and compare the spectrum with the Reference Spectrum or
22 the spectrum of a solution of Anastrozole RS prepared in the
23 same manner as the sample solution: both spectra exhibit
24 similar intensities of absorption at the same wavelengths.

25 (2) Determine the infrared absorption spectrum of Anas-
26 trozole as directed in the potassium bromide disk method un-
27 der Infrared Spectrophotometry <2.25>, and compare the
28 spectrum with the Reference Spectrum or the spectrum of
29 Anastrozole RS: both spectra exhibit similar intensities of ab-
30 sorption at the same wave numbers.

31 **Purity** (1) Heavy metals — Being specified separately
32 when the drug is granted approval based on the Law.

33 (2) Related substances — Weigh accurately about 50 mg
34 of Anastrozole, add 10 mL of acetonitrile for liquid chroma-
35 tography, sonicate to dissolve, add the mobile phase A to
36 make exactly 25 mL, and use this solution as the sample so-
37 lution. Separately, weigh accurately about 50 mg of Anastro-
38 zole RS, add 10 mL of acetonitrile, sonicate to dissolve, and
39 add the mobile phase A to make exactly 25 mL. Pipet 1 mL
40 of this solution, add the mobile phase A to make exactly 100
41 mL, and use this solution as the standard solution. Perform
42 the test with exactly 10 μ L each of the sample solution and
43 standard solution as directed under Liquid Chromatography

44 <2.01> according to the following conditions. Determine
45 the peak area, A_T , of each related substance from the sample
46 solution, and the peak area, A_S , of anastrozole from the stand-
47 ard solution by the automatic integration method, and calcu-
48 late the amounts of related substances by the following equa-
49 tion: the amounts of the related substances A and B, having
50 the relative retention times of about 0.63 and about 2.2 to
51 anastrozole, obtained from the sample solution are not more
52 than 0.2%, respectively, each of other related substances is
53 not more than 0.1%, and the total amount of other related
54 substances is not more than 0.2%. Furthermore, the total
55 amount of the related substances is not more than 0.5%.

56 Amount (%) of related substance
57 $= M_S / M_T \times A_T / A_S$

58 M_S : Amount (mg) of Anastrozole RS taken

59 M_T : Amount (mg) of Anastrozole taken

60 **Operating conditions** —

61 Detector, column, column temperature, mobile phases A
62 and B, flowing of mobile phase and flow rate: Proceed as di-
63 rected in the operating conditions in the Assay.

64 Time span of measurement: For 40 minutes after injection
65 of the sample solution.

66 **System suitability** —

67 Test for required detectability: Pipet 1 mL of the standard
68 solution, and add the mobile phase A to make exactly 20 mL.
69 Confirm that the peak area of anastrozole obtained with 10
70 μ L of this solution is equivalent to 3 to 7% of that with 10 μ L
71 of the standard solution.

72 System performance: When the procedure is run with 10
73 μ L of the standard solution under the above operating condi-
74 tions, the number of theoretical plates and the symmetry fac-
75 tor of the peak of anastrozole are not less than 1500 and not
76 more than 1.4, respectively.

77 System repeatability: When the test is repeated 6 times
78 with 10 μ L of the standard solution under the above operating
79 conditions, the relative standard deviation of the peak area of
80 anastrozole is not more than 2.0%.

81 **Water** <2.48> Not more than 0.3% (50 mg, coulometric ti-
82 tration).

83 **Residue on ignition** <2.44> Not more than 0.1% (1 g).

84 **Assay** Weigh accurately about 25 mg each of Anastrozole
85 and Anastrozole RS, to each add 20 mL of acetonitrile for
86 liquid chromatography, sonicate to dissolve, add the mobile
87 phase A to make exactly 50 mL, and use these solutions as
88 the sample solution and the standard solution, respectively.
89 Perform the test with exactly 10 μ L each of the sample so-
90 lution and standard solution as directed under Liquid Chroma-
91 tography <2.01> according to the following conditions, and

92 determine the peak areas, A_T and A_S , of anastrozole in each
93 solution.

94 Amount (mg) of anastrozole ($C_{17}H_{19}N_5$)
95 $= M_S \times A_T / A_S$

96 M_S : Amount (mg) of Anastrozole RS taken

97 *Operating conditions*—

98 Detector: An ultraviolet absorption photometer (wave-
99 length: 215 nm).

100 Column: A stainless steel column 3.2 mm in inside diam-
101 eter and 10 cm in length, packed with octadecylsilyl and oc-
102 tylsilyl groups bound porous silica gel for liquid chromatog-
103 raphy (5 μ m in particle diameter).

104 Column temperature: A constant temperature of about
105 25°C.

106 Mobile phase A: A mixture of water, methanol for liquid
107 chromatography, acetonitrile for liquid chromatography and
108 trifluoroacetic acid (1200:600:200:1).

109 Mobile phase B: A mixture of methanol for liquid chroma-
110 tography, water, acetonitrile for liquid chromatography and
111 trifluoroacetic acid (900:800:300:1).

112 Flowing of mobile phase: Control the gradient by mixing
113 the mobile phases A and B as directed in the following table.

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Time after injection of sample (min)	Mobile phase A (vol%)	Mobile phase B (vol%)
0 — 10	100	0
10 — 40	100 → 0	0 → 100

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116 Flow rate: 0.75 mL per minute (the retention time of anas-
117 trozole is about 6 minutes).

118 *System suitability*—

119 System performance: When the procedure is run with 10
120 μ L of the standard solution under the above operating condi-
121 tions, the number of theoretical plates and the symmetry fac-
122 tor of the peak of anastrozole are not less than 1200 and not
123 more than 1.4, respectively.

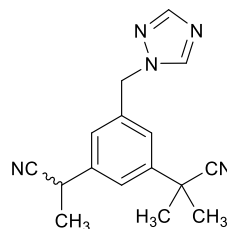
124 System repeatability: When the test is repeated 6 times
125 with 10 μ L of the standard solution under the above operating
126 conditions, the relative standard deviation of the peak area of
127 anastrozole is not more than 1.0%.

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

129 **Others**

130 Related substance A: 2-[3-(1-Cyanoethyl)-5-(1H-1,2,4-
131 triazol-1-

132 ylmethyl)phenyl]-2-methylpropanenitrile

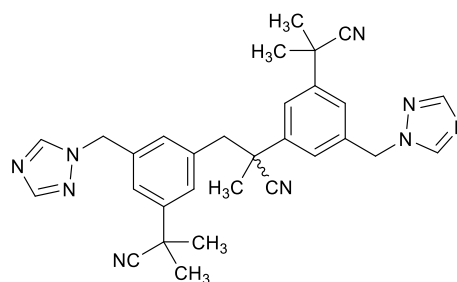


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135 Related substance B: 2,3-Bis[3-(2-cyanopropan-2-yl)-5-
136 (1H-1,2,4-triazol-1-

137 ylmethyl)phenyl]-2-methylpropanenitrile



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140 **Add the following to 9.01 Reference**
141 **Standards section (1):**

142 **Anastrozole RS**

143 **Add the following to 9.42 Solid Sup-**
144 **ports/Column Packings for Chromatography:**

145 **Octadecylsilyl and octylsilyl groups bound porous sil-**
146 **ica gel for liquid chromatography** A porous silica gel
147 bound with octadecylsilyl and octylsilyl groups, prepared for
148 liquid chromatography.