Clomifene Tablets

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Change **to**: **Clomifene Tablets**

Clomifene Citrate Tablets; Clomiphene Citrate Tablets; Clomiphene Tablets

Clomifene Tablets contains not less than 93.0 per cent and not more than 107.0 per cent of the stated amount of clomifene citrate, $C_{26}H_{28}ClNO, C_6H_8O_7$.

Usual strengths. 25 mg; 50 mg; 100 mg

Identification

A. In the Assay, the principal peak in the chromatogram obtained with the test solution corresponds to the principal peak in the chromatogram obtained with reference solution (a).

B. Dissolve a quantity of the powdered tablets containing 5 mg of Clomifene Citrate in 5 ml of a mixture of 10 volumes of *acetic anhydride* and 50 volumes of *pyridine* and heat in a water-bath; a deep red colour is produced.

Tests

Dissolution (2.5.2).
Apparatus No. 1 (Basket),
Medium. 900 ml of *water*,
Speed and time. 100 rpm and 30 minutes.

Withdraw a suitable volume of the medium and filter promptly through a membrane filter disc having an average pore diameter not greater than 1.0 µm, rejecting the first 1 ml of filtrate. Dilute a suitable volume of the filtrate with *0.1 M hydrochloric acid.* Measure the absorbance of the resulting solution at the maximum at about 232 nm (2.4.7).
Calculate the content of $C_{26}H_{28}C1NO,C_6H_8O_7$ in the medium from the absorbance obtained from a solution of known concentration of *clomifene citrate IPRS* in *0.1 M hydrochloric acid*.

Q. Not less than 75 per cent of the stated amount of $C_{26}H_{28}C1NO,C_6H_8O_7$.

Related substances. Determine by liquid chromatography (2.4.14).

NOTE - Use low-actinic glassware for all solutions.

Buffer solution. A mixture of 40 volumes of *acetonitrile*, 60 volumes of *water* and 0.8 volume of *diethylamine*, adjusted to pH 6.2 with *orthophosphoric acid*.

Test solution. Weigh and powder 20 tablets. Disperse a quantity of powder containing 25 mg of Clomifene Citrate in 10 ml of the buffer solution with the aid of mechanical shaker for 30 minutes and dilute to 20.0 ml with the buffer solution, filter.

Reference solution (a). A 0.00125 per cent w/v solution of *clomifene citrate IPRS* in the buffer solution.

Reference solution (b). A solution containing 0.125 per cent w/v of *clomifene citrate IPRS* and 0.0028 per cent w/v of *clomifene related compound A IPRS* in the buffer solution.

Chromatographic system
- a stainless steel column 10 cm x 4.6 mm, packed with octylsilane bonded to porous silica (2.6 µm) (Such as Kinetex C8),
- mobile phase: A. a mixture of 90 volumes of the buffer solution and 10 volumes of *water*,
  B. buffer solution,
- a gradient programme using the conditions given below,
- flow rate: 1.5 ml per minute,
- spectrophotometer set at 233 nm,
- injection volume: 10 µl.

Time (in min.)	Mobile phase A (per cent v/v)	Mobile phase B (per cent v/v)
0	100	0
3	100	0
23	0	100
33	0	100
33.5	100	0
40	100	0

Name	Relative retention time	Correction factor
Clomifene benzophenone analog[1]	0.10	1.96
Clomifene keto analog[2]	0.31	---
Clomifene related compound A[3]	0.87	---
Clomifene Z-isomer	0.97	---
Clomifene E-isomer	1.0	---

[1] {4-[2-(Diethylamino)ethoxy]phenyl}(phenyl)methanone,
[2] 2-{4-[2-(Diethylamino)ethoxy]phenyl}-1,2-diphenylethan-1-one,
[3] (*E*,*Z*)-2-[4-(1,2-Diphenylvinyl)phenoxy]-*N*,*N*-diethylethanamine hydrochloride.

Inject reference solution (a) and (b). The test is not valid unless the relative standard deviation for replicate injections is not more than 5.0 per cent from the sum of the peak areas of *E* and *Z* isomers in the chromatogram obtained with reference solution (a) and the peak-to-valley ratio between the height of the clomifene related compound A peak and the height of the valley between clomifene related compound A and clomifene is not less than 15 in the chromatogram obtained with reference solution (b).

Inject reference solution (a) and the test solution. In the chromatogram obtained with the test solution, the area of any peak corresponding to clomifene benzophenone analog, clomifene keto analog, each of, is not more than the sum of the peak areas of *E* and *Z* isomers in the chromatogram obtained with reference solution (a) (1.0 per cent), the area of any peak corresponding to clomifene related compound A is not more than twice the sum of the peak areas of *E* and *Z* isomers in the chromatogram obtained with reference solution (a) (2.0 per cent), the area of any other secondary peak is not more than the sum of the peak areas of *E* and *Z* isomers in the chromatogram obtained with reference solution (a) (1.0 per cent) and the sum of areas of all the secondary peaks is not more than 2.5 times the sum of the peak areas of *E* and *Z* isomers in the chromatogram obtained with reference solution (a) (2.5 per cent).

Other tests. Comply with the tests stated under Tablets.

Assay. Determine by liquid chromatography (2.4.14).

NOTE - Use low-actinic glassware for all solutions.

Test solution. Weigh and powder 20 tablets. Transfer a quantity of powder containing 50 mg of Clomifene Citrate in 100-ml volumetric flask, add 50 ml of the mobile phase, stir for 30 minutes and dilute to volume with the mobile phase, filter. Dilute 1.0 ml of the solution to 10.0 ml with the mobile phase.

Reference solution (a). A 0.005 per cent w/v solution of *clomifene citrate IPRS* in the mobile phase.

Reference solution (b). A solution containing 0.0002 per cent w/v of *clomifene related compound A IPRS* and 0.005 per cent w/v of *clomifene citrate IPRS* in the mobile phase.

Chromatographic system
- a stainless steel column 25 cm x 4.6 mm, packed with butylsilane bonded to porous silica (5 µm) (Such as Vydac C4),
- mobile phase: a mixture of 55 volumes of *methanol*, 45 volumes of *water* and 0.3 volume of *triethylamine,* adjusted to pH 2.5 with *orthophosphoric acid,*
- flow rate: 1 ml per minute,
- spectrophotometer set at 233 nm,

– injection volume: 50 µl.

Name	Relative retention time
Clomifene related compound A[1]	0.9
Clomifene Z-isomer	1.0
Clomifene E-isomer	1.2

[1] (*E*,*Z*)-2-[4-(1,2-Diphenylvinyl)phenoxy]-*N*,*N*-diethylethanamine hydrochloride.

Inject reference solution (a) and (b). The test is not valid unless the resolution between the peaks due to clomifene related compound A and *Z*-isomer is not less than 1.0, *Z*-isomer and *E*-isomer is not less than 1.5 in the chromatogram obtained with reference solution (b), the column efficiency is not less than 2000 theoretical plates for the *E*-isomer, the tailing factor is not more than 3.0 for the *E*-isomer and the relative standard deviation for replicate injections is not more than 2.0 per cent for both *E*-isomer and *Z*-isomer in the chromatogram obtained with reference solution (a).

Inject reference solution (a) and the test solution.

Calculate the content of $C_{26}H_{28}ClNO$, $C_6H_8O_7$, from the sum of *Z*-isomer and *E*-isomer in the tablets.

Storage. Store protected from light and moisture, at a temperature not exceeding 30°.