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## Läkemedelsverkets föreskrifter om ikraftträdande av reviderad monografi för erythromycin ethylsuccinate i Europafarmakopén;

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Läkemedelsverket föreskriver följande på förslag av Svenska farmakopékommittén och med stöd av 9 kap. 11 § läkemedelsförordningen (2015:458).

**1 §** Monografin för erythromycin ethylsuccinate i nionde utgåvan av Europafarmakopén (European Pharmacopoeia Ed. 9.0) ska ersättas med monografin enligt bilagan till dessa föreskrifter och ska gälla som föreskrifter i Sverige i frågor som rör läkemedelslagen (2015:315).

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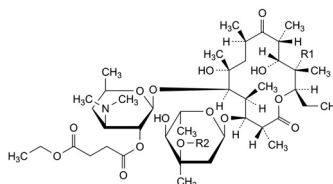
Läkemedelsverket

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## ERYTHROMYCIN ETHYLSUCCINATE

### Erythromycini ethylsuccinas



Erythromycin (ethylsuccinate)	Mol. Formula	M <sub>r</sub>	R1	R2
A	C <sub>43</sub> H <sub>76</sub> NO <sub>16</sub>	862	OH	CH <sub>3</sub>
B	C <sub>43</sub> H <sub>76</sub> NO <sub>15</sub>	846	H	CH <sub>3</sub>
C	C <sub>42</sub> H <sub>73</sub> NO <sub>16</sub>	848	OH	H

#### DEFINITION

Mixture of the ethylsuccinate esters of erythromycin.

*Main component:* (3*R*,4*S*,5*S*,6*R*,7*R*,9*R*,11*R*,12*R*,13*S*,14*R*)-4-[[2,6-dideoxy-3-*C*-methyl-3-*O*-methyl- $\alpha$ -*L*-ribo-hexopyranosyl)oxy]-14-ethyl-7,12,13-trihydroxy-3,5,7,9,11,13-hexamethyl-6-[[3,4,6-trideoxy-3-(dimethylamino)-2-*O*-(4-ethoxy-4-oxobutanoyl)- $\beta$ -*D*-xylo-hexopyranosyl]oxy]oxacyclotetradecane-2,10-dione (erythromycin A 2''-(ethylsuccinate)).

Semi-synthetic product derived from a fermentation product obtained using a strain of *Streptomyces erythreus*.

#### Content:

- sum of erythromycins A, B and C expressed as ethylsuccinates: 93.0 per cent to 102.0 per cent (anhydrous substance);
- erythromycin B ethylsuccinate: maximum 5.0 per cent (anhydrous substance);
- erythromycin C ethylsuccinate: maximum 5.0 per cent (anhydrous substance).

#### CHARACTERS

*Appearance:* white or almost white, crystalline powder, hygroscopic.

*Solubility:* practically insoluble in water, freely soluble in acetone, in anhydrous ethanol and in methanol.

#### IDENTIFICATION

Infrared absorption spectrophotometry (2.2.24).

*Comparison:* erythromycin ethylsuccinate CRS.

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**TESTS****Related substances.** Liquid chromatography (2.2.29).**Hydrolysis solution.** A 20 g/L solution of *dipotassium hydrogen phosphate R* adjusted to pH 8.0 with *phosphoric acid R*.**Test solution.** Dissolve 0.115 g of the substance to be examined in 25 mL of *methanol R*. Add 20 mL of the hydrolysis solution, mix and allow to stand at room temperature for at least 12 h. Dilute to 50.0 mL with the hydrolysis solution.**Reference solution (a).** Dissolve 40.0 mg of *erythromycin A CRS* in 10 mL of *methanol R* and dilute to 20.0 mL with the hydrolysis solution.**Reference solution (b).** Dissolve 10.0 mg of *erythromycin B CRS* and 10.0 mg of *erythromycin C CRS* in 50 mL of *methanol R*. Add 5.0 mL of reference solution (a) and dilute to 100.0 mL with the hydrolysis solution.**Reference solution (c).** Dissolve 2 mg of *N-demethylerythromycin A CRS* in 20 mL of reference solution (b).**Reference solution (d).** Dilute 3.0 mL of reference solution (a) to 100.0 mL with a mixture of equal volumes of *methanol R* and the hydrolysis solution.**Reference solution (e).** Dissolve 40 mg of *erythromycin A CRS*, previously heated at 130 °C for 3 h, in 10 mL of *methanol R* and dilute to 20 mL with the hydrolysis solution.**Column:**– size:  $l = 0.25$  m,  $\varnothing = 4.6$  mm;– stationary phase: *styrene-divinylbenzene copolymer R* (8  $\mu\text{m}$ )<sup>(1)</sup> with a pore size of 100 nm;

– temperature: 70 °C using a water-bath for the column and at least one-third of the tubing preceding the column.

**Mobile phase:** to 50 mL of a 35 g/L solution of *dipotassium hydrogen phosphate R* adjusted to pH 8.0 with *dilute phosphoric acid R*, add 400 mL of *water for chromatography R*, 165 mL of *2-methyl-2-propanol R* and 30 mL of *acetonitrile RI*, and dilute to 1000 mL with *water for chromatography R*.**Flow rate:** 2.0 mL/min.**Detection:** spectrophotometer at 215 nm.**Injection:** 200  $\mu\text{L}$  of the test solution and reference solutions (a), (c), (d) and (e).**Run time:** 5 times the retention time of erythromycin A; begin integration after the hydrolysis peak.**Relative retention** with reference to erythromycin A (retention time = about 15 min): hydrolysis peak = less than 0.3; impurity B = about 0.45; erythromycin C = about 0.5; impurity C = about 0.9; impurity G = about 1.3; impurity D = about 1.4; impurity F = about 1.5; erythromycin B = about 1.8; impurity E = about 4.3.**System suitability:** reference solution (c):

– resolution: minimum 0.8 between the peaks due to impurity B and erythromycin C and minimum 5.5 between the peaks due to impurity B and erythromycin A.

**Limits:**

(1) PLRP-S 1000 Å is suitable.

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2 – *correction factors*: for the calculation of contents, multiply the peak areas of the  
3 following impurities by the corresponding correction factor: impurity E = 0.09;  
4 impurity F = 0.15; impurity G = 0.14; use the chromatogram obtained with reference  
5 solution (e) to identify the peaks due to impurities E and F;  
6 – *any impurity*: not more than the area of the principal peak in the chromatogram  
7 obtained with reference solution (d) (3.0 per cent);  
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9 – *total*: not more than 1.67 times the area of the principal peak in the chromatogram  
10 obtained with reference solution (d) (5.0 per cent);  
11 – *disregard limit*: 0.02 times the area of the principal peak in the chromatogram  
12 obtained with reference solution (d) (0.06 per cent).

13 **Free erythromycin.** Liquid chromatography (2.2.29).

14 *Test solution.* Dissolve 0.250 g of the substance to be examined in *acetonitrile R1* and  
15 dilute to 50.0 mL with the same solvent.

16 *Reference solution.* Dissolve 75.0 mg of *erythromycin A CRS* in *acetonitrile R1* and  
17 dilute to 50.0 mL with the same solvent. Dilute 5.0 mL of the solution to 25.0 mL with  
18 *acetonitrile R1*.

19 *Column:*

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21 – *size*:  $l = 0.25$  m,  $\varnothing = 4.6$  mm;  
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23 – *stationary phase*: *octylsilyl silica gel for chromatography R<sup>(2)</sup>* (5  $\mu$ m);  
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25 – *temperature*: 30 °C.

26 *Mobile phase*: mix 35 volumes of *acetonitrile R1* and 65 volumes of a solution containing  
27 3.4 g/L of *potassium dihydrogen phosphate R* and 2.0 g/L of *triethylamine R*, previously  
28 adjusted to pH 3.0 with *dilute phosphoric acid R*.

29 *Flow rate*: 1 mL/min.

30 *Detection*: spectrophotometer at 195 nm.

31 *Injection*: 20  $\mu$ L.

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33 *Run time*: twice the retention time of erythromycin A (retention time = about 8 min)  
34 for the reference solution; twice the retention time of erythromycin ethylsuccinate  
35 (retention time = about 24 min) for the test solution.

36 *Limit:*

- 37 – *free erythromycin*: not more than the area of the principal peak in the chromatogram  
38 obtained with the reference solution (6.0 per cent).

39 **Water (2.5.12)**: maximum 3.0 per cent, determined on 0.300 g.

40 Use a 100 g/L solution of *imidazole R* in *anhydrous methanol R* as the solvent.

41 **Sulfated ash (2.4.14)**: maximum 0.3 per cent, determined on 1.0 g.

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44 **ASSAY**

45 Liquid chromatography (2.2.29). *Prepare the solutions immediately before use (apart*  
46 *from the test solution).*

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(2) Nucleosil C8 is suitable.

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2 *Solution A* (hydrolysis solution). Dissolve 11.5 g of *dipotassium hydrogen phosphate R*  
3 in 900 mL of *water R*, adjust to pH 8.0 with *dilute phosphoric acid R* and dilute to  
4 1000 mL with *water R*.

5 *Solvent mixture: methanol R*, solution A (40:60 V/V).

6 *Test solution*. Dissolve 11.5 mg of the substance to be examined in 2.5 mL of *methanol R*.  
7 Add 2 mL of solution A, mix and allow to stand at room temperature for at least 12 h.  
8 Dilute to 5.0 mL with solution A.

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10 *Reference solution (a)*. Dissolve 40.0 mg of *erythromycin A CRS* in 10.0 mL of *methanol R*  
11 and dilute to 20.0 mL with solution A.

12 *Reference solution (b)*. Dissolve 10.0 mg of *erythromycin B CRS* and 10.0 mg of  
13 *erythromycin C CRS* in 50.0 mL of *methanol R* and dilute to 100.0 mL with solution A.

14 *Column:*

15 – *size*:  $l = 0.25$  m,  $\varnothing = 4.6$  mm;

16 – *stationary phase*: *end-capped polar-embedded octadecylsilyl amorphous organosilica*  
17 *polymer R* (3.5  $\mu\text{m}$ )<sup>(3)</sup>;

18 – *temperature*: 65 °C; preheating the mobile phase may be required, for instance by  
20 extending the inlet tubing in the oven to 30 cm.

21 *Mobile phase:*

22 – *mobile phase A*: *phosphate buffer solution pH 7.0 R7*, *acetonitrile R1*, *water for*  
23 *chromatography R* (5:35:60 V/V/V);

24 – *mobile phase B*: *phosphate buffer solution pH 7.0 R7*, *water for chromatography R*,  
25 *acetonitrile R1* (5:45:50 V/V/V);

27 Time <sup>(4)</sup>	Mobile phase A	Mobile phase B
28 (min)	(per cent V/V)	(per cent V/V)
29 0 - $t_R$	100	0
30 $t_R - (t_R + 2)$	100 → 0	0 → 100
31 $(t_R + 2) - (t_R + 15)$	0	100

32  $t_R$  = retention time of erythromycin B, determined by injecting 20  $\mu\text{L}$  of reference solution (b) and eluting with mobile phase A

33 *Flow rate*: 1.0 mL/min.

34 *Detection*: spectrophotometer at 210 nm.

35 *Autosampler*: set at 4 °C.

36 *Injection*: 200  $\mu\text{L}$ .

37 *System suitability*: reference solution (a):

38 – *symmetry factor*: maximum 2.0 for the peak due to erythromycin A;

39 – *repeatability*: maximum relative standard deviation of 1.0 per cent determined on  
41 6 injections.

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43 Calculate the percentage content of erythromycin A ( $\text{C}_{37}\text{H}_{67}\text{NO}_{13}$ ) using the  
44 chromatogram obtained with reference solution (a). Calculate the percentage  
45 contents of erythromycin B ( $\text{C}_{37}\text{H}_{67}\text{NO}_{12}$ ) and erythromycin C ( $\text{C}_{36}\text{H}_{65}\text{NO}_{13}$ ) using the  
46 chromatogram obtained with reference solution (b).

47 (3) XTerra RP18 is suitable.

(4)  $D_v$  (dwell volume used for development of the method) = 2.5 mL.

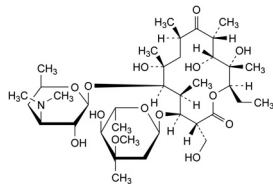
Express the results as erythromycin A ethylsuccinate, erythromycin B ethylsuccinate and erythromycin C ethylsuccinate by multiplying the percentage content of erythromycin A by 1.1744, the percentage content of erythromycin B by 1.1783 and the percentage content of erythromycin C by 1.1777.

For the calculation of content of erythromycin ethylsuccinate, use the sum of erythromycins A, B and C expressed as ethylsuccinates as described above.

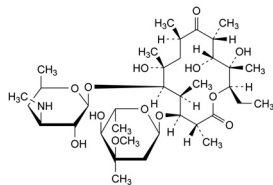
#### STORAGE

In an airtight container, protected from light.

#### IMPURITIES

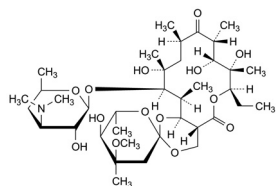


A. (3R,4S,5S,6R,7R,9R,11R,12R,13S,14R)-4-[(2,6-dideoxy-3-C-methyl-3-O-methyl- $\alpha$ -L-ribo-hexopyranosyl)oxy]-14-ethyl-7,12,13-trihydroxy-3-(hydroxymethyl)-5,7,9,11,13-pentamethyl-6-[[3,4,6-trideoxy-3-(dimethylamino)- $\beta$ -D-xylo-hexopyranosyl]oxy]oxacyclotetradecane-2,10-dione (erythromycin F),

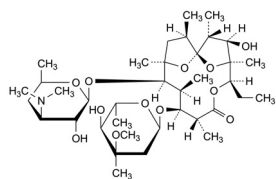


B. (3R,4S,5S,6R,7R,9R,11R,12R,13S,14R)-4-[(2,6-dideoxy-3-C-methyl-3-O-methyl- $\alpha$ -L-ribo-hexopyranosyl)oxy]-14-ethyl-7,12,13-trihydroxy-3,5,7,9,11,13-hexamethyl-6-[[3,4,6-trideoxy-3-(methylamino)- $\beta$ -D-xylo-hexopyranosyl]oxy]oxacyclotetradecane-2,10-dione (3'-N-demethylerythromycin A),

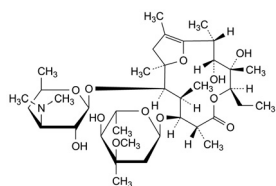
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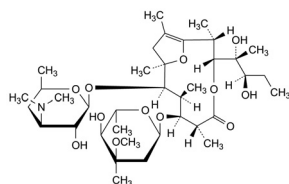
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11 C. (2S,4aR,4'R,5'S,6'S,7R,8S,9R,10R,12R,14R,15R,16S,16aS)-7-ethyl-5',8,9,14-  
12 tetrahydroxy-4'-methoxy-4',6',8,10,12,14,16-heptamethyl-15-[[3,4,6-trideoxy-3-  
13 (dimethylamino)- $\beta$ -D-*xylo*-hexopyranosyl]oxy]hexadecahydrospiro[5H,11H]-1,3-  
14 dioxino[5,4-c]oxacyclotetradecin-2,2'-pyrane]-5,11-dione (erythromycin E),



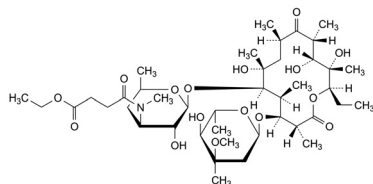
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28 D. (1S,2R,3R,4S,5R,8R,9S,10S,11R,12R,14R)-9-[(2,6-dideoxy-3-C-methyl-3-O-methyl-  
29  $\alpha$ -L-*ribo*-hexopyranosyl)oxy]-5-ethyl-3-hydroxy-2,4,8,10,12,14-hexamethyl-  
30 11-[[3,4,6-trideoxy-3-(dimethylamino)- $\beta$ -D-*xylo*-hexopyranosyl]oxy]-6,15,16-  
31 trioxatricyclo[10.2.1.1<sup>4</sup>]hexadecan-7-one (anhydroerythromycin A),



- 45 E. (2R,3R,4S,5R,8R,9S,10S,11R,12R)-9-[(2,6-dideoxy-3-C-methyl-3-O-methyl- $\alpha$ -  
46 L-*ribo*-hexopyranosyl)oxy]-5-ethyl-3,4-dihydroxy-2,4,8,10,12,14-hexamethyl-  
47 11-[[3,4,6-trideoxy-3-(dimethylamino)- $\beta$ -D-*xylo*-hexopyranosyl]oxy]-6,15-  
dioxabicyclo[10.2.1]pentadec-1(14)-en-7-one (erythromycin A enol ether),



10 F. (2*R*,3*R*,6*R*,7*S*,8*S*,9*R*,10*R*)-7-[(2,6-dideoxy-3-*C*-methyl-3-*O*-methyl- $\alpha$ -*L*-ribo-  
11 hexopyranosyl)oxy]-3-[(1*R*,2*R*)-1,2-dihydroxy-1-methylbutyl]-2,6,8,10,12-  
12 pentamethyl-9-[[3,4,6-trideoxy-3-(dimethylamino)- $\beta$ -*D*-xylo-hexopyranosyl]oxy]-4,  
13 13-dioxabicyclo[8.2.1]tridec-1(12)-en-5-one (pseudoerythromycin A enol ether),  
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23 G. (3*R*,4*S*,5*S*,6*R*,7*R*,9*R*,11*R*,12*R*,13*S*,14*R*)-4-[(2,6-dideoxy-3-*C*-methyl-3-*O*-  
24 methyl- $\alpha$ -*L*-ribo-hexopyranosyl)oxy]-14-ethyl-7,12,13-trihydroxy-3,5,7,9,11,13-  
25 hexamethyl-6-[[3,4,6-trideoxy-3-[(4-ethoxy-4-oxobutanoyl)methylamino]- $\beta$ -*D*-  
26 xylo-hexopyranosyl]oxy]oxacyclotetradecane-2,10-dione (3''-*N*-demethyl-3''-*N*-  
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