

## Levorphanol Tartrate Injection

» Levorphanol Tartrate Injection is a sterile solution of Levorphanol Tartrate in Water for Injection. It contains not less than 93.0 percent and not more than 107.0 percent of the labeled amount of  $C_{17}H_{23}NO \cdot C_4H_6O_6 \cdot 2H_2O$ .

**Packaging and storage**—Preserve in single-dose or in multiple-dose containers, preferably of Type I glass.

### USP Reference standards (11)—

USP Endotoxin RS

### Identification—

**A:** To 1 mL of Injection add 1 drop of 3 N hydrochloric acid and 2 drops of ferric chloride TS. Heat to boiling, and add 1 mL of potassium ferricyanide solution (1 in 200): a blue-green color develops.

**B:** The angular rotation of the Injection is levorotatory (see *Optical Rotation* (781)).

**Bacterial endotoxins** (85)—It contains not more than 125.0 USP Endotoxin Units per mg of levorphanol tartrate.

**pH** (791): between 4.1 and 4.5.

**Other requirements**—It meets the requirements under *Injections* (1).

**Assay**—Transfer an accurately measured volume of Injection, equivalent to about 40 mg of levorphanol tartrate, to a 125-mL separator. Add 5 g of sodium chloride and sufficient sodium bicarbonate to render the solution alkaline to litmus, add an additional 100 mg of sodium bicarbonate, and extract the levorphanol with five 20-mL portions of a mixture of 3 volumes of ether and 1 volume of chloroform. Pass the combined extracts through a layer of about 10 g of granular anhydrous sodium sulfate into a 500-mL conical flask, and evaporate to a volume of about 30 mL. Add about 50 mL of chloroform and 1 drop of methanolic methyl red TS, and titrate with 0.01 N perchloric acid in dioxane VS to a red endpoint. Perform a blank determination, and make any necessary correction. Each mL of 0.01 N perchloric acid is equivalent to 4.435 mg of  $C_{17}H_{23}NO \cdot C_4H_6O_6 \cdot 2H_2O$ .

## Levorphanol Tartrate Tablets

» Levorphanol Tartrate Tablets contain not less than 93.0 percent and not more than 107.0 percent of the labeled amount of levorphanol tartrate ( $C_{17}H_{23}NO \cdot C_4H_6O_6 \cdot 2H_2O$ ).

**Packaging and storage**—Preserve in well-closed containers.

### USP Reference standards (11)—

USP Levorphanol Tartrate RS

### Identification—

**A:** Powder finely a number of Tablets. To a portion of the powder, equivalent to about 1 mg of levorphanol tartrate, add 1 mL of water, 1 drop of 3 N hydrochloric acid, and 2 drops of ferric chloride TS, and heat to boiling. To the hot solution add 1 mL of potassium ferricyanide solution (1 in 200): a bluish color develops.

**B:** Powder a number of Tablets, equivalent to about 60 mg of levorphanol tartrate, and transfer the mixture to a small separator. Add 10 mL of water, dissolve as much of the powder as possible, add about 400 mg of sodium bicarbonate, and extract with a 50-mL portion of chloroform. Evaporate the filtered chloroform extract on a steam bath to a small volume, dilute with chloroform to 10 mL, and determine the angular rotation: the solution is levorotatory (see *Optical Rotation* (781)).

### Dissolution (711)—

**Medium:** water; 500 mL.

**Apparatus 2:** 50 rpm.

**Time:** 30 minutes.

**Procedure**—Determine the amount of  $C_{17}H_{23}NO \cdot C_4H_6O_6 \cdot 2H_2O$  dissolved from UV absorbances at the wavelength of maximum absorbance at about 279 nm on filtered portions of the solution under test, suitably diluted with water, in comparison with a Standard solution having a known concentration of USP Levorphanol Tartrate RS in the same medium.

**Tolerances**—Not less than 75% (Q) of the labeled amount of  $C_{17}H_{23}NO \cdot C_4H_6O_6 \cdot 2H_2O$  is dissolved in 30 minutes.

**Uniformity of dosage units** (905): meet the requirements.

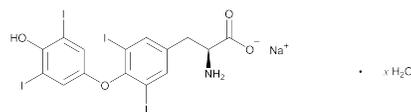
**Procedure for content uniformity**—Transfer 1 Tablet to a glass-stoppered flask, add 25.0 mL of 0.1 N hydrochloric acid, and allow the Tablet to disintegrate. Shake well, and filter through a small filter paper, discarding the first portion of the filtrate. Dilute a portion of the filtrate quantitatively and stepwise, if necessary, to provide a solution containing about 80 µg of levorphanol tartrate per mL. Concomitantly determine the absorbances of this solution and of a solution of USP Levorphanol Tartrate RS in the same medium having a known concentration of about 80 µg of anhydrous levorphanol tartrate per mL, in 1-cm cells at the wavelength of maximum absorbance at about 279 nm, with a suitable spectrophotometer, using 0.1 N hydrochloric acid as the blank. Calculate the quantity, in mg, of  $C_{17}H_{23}NO \cdot C_4H_6O_6 \cdot 2H_2O$  in the Tablet taken by the formula:

$$(443.49 / 407.47)(TC / D)(A_U / A_S)$$

in which 443.49 and 407.47 are the molecular weights of the hydrated and anhydrous forms of levorphanol tartrate, respectively; *T* is the labeled quantity, in mg, of levorphanol tartrate in the Tablet; *C* is the concentration, in µg per mL, of USP Levorphanol Tartrate RS, on the anhydrous basis, in the Standard solution; *D* is the concentration, in µg per mL, of levorphanol tartrate in the solution from the Tablet, based on the labeled quantity per Tablet and the extent of dilution; and *A<sub>U</sub>* and *A<sub>S</sub>* are the absorbances of the solution from the Tablet and the Standard solution, respectively.

**Assay**—Weigh and finely powder not less than 20 Tablets. Weigh accurately a portion of the powder, equivalent to about 40 mg of levorphanol tartrate, transfer to a 125-mL separator, add 20 mL of water and sufficient sodium bicarbonate to render the suspension alkaline to litmus, and proceed as directed in the *Assay* under *Levorphanol Tartrate Injection*, beginning with "add an additional 100 mg of sodium bicarbonate."

## Levothyroxine Sodium



$C_{15}H_{10}I_4NNaO_4 \cdot xH_2O$  (anhydrous) 798.85  
L-Tyrosine, O-(4-hydroxy-3,5-diiodophenyl)-3,5-diiodo-, monosodium salt, hydrate;  
Monosodium L-thyroxine hydrate [25416-65-3].  
Anhydrous [55-03-8].

### DEFINITION

Levothyroxine Sodium is the sodium salt of L-3,3',5,5'-tetraiodothyronine. It contains NLT 97.0% and NMT 103.0% of  $C_{15}H_{10}I_4NNaO_4$ , calculated on the anhydrous basis.

**IDENTIFICATION**

- **A.**  
**Sample:** 50 mg  
**Analysis:** Ignite the *Sample* in a platinum dish over a flame.  
**Acceptance criteria:** It decomposes and liberates iodine vapors. [NOTE—Cool the residue, and reserve it for use in *Identification* test D.]
- **B.**  
**Acid sodium chloride solution:** Alcohol, 1 N sodium hydroxide, hydrochloric acid, and water (25:10:10:30)  
**Sample:** 0.5 mg  
**Analysis:** Add 7.5 mL of *Acid sodium chloride solution* and 1 mL of 10 mg/mL sodium nitrite solution to the *Sample*. Allow to stand in the dark for 20 min, and add 1.25 mL of ammonium hydroxide.  
**Acceptance criteria:** A pink color is produced.
- **C.** The retention time of the major peak of the *Sample solution* corresponds to that of the *Standard solution*, as obtained in the *Assay*.
- **D. IDENTIFICATION TESTS—GENERAL, Sodium (191):** The solution meets the requirements of the flame test.  
**Sample solution:** To the residue retained from *Identification* test A, add a 1 N potassium hydroxide solution dropwise until the residue is dissolved.

**ASSAY**

- **PROCEDURE**  
**Mobile phase:** Acetonitrile and water (4:6) that contains 0.5 mL of phosphoric acid in each 1000 mL  
**Solution A:** 400 mg of sodium hydroxide in 500 mL of water. Cool and add 500 mL of methanol.  
**Levothyroxine stock solution:** 0.4 mg/mL of USP Levothyroxine RS in *Solution A*  
**Liothyronine stock solution:** 0.4 mg/mL of liothyronine from USP Liothyronine RS in *Solution A*. Make a 1:100 dilution of this solution using *Mobile phase*.  
**Standard solution:** 10 µg/mL of levothyroxine from *Levothyroxine stock solution* and 0.2 µg/mL of liothyronine from *Liothyronine stock solution*, in *Mobile phase*  
**Sample solution:** Prepare a solution of Levothyroxine Sodium in *Mobile phase* having a known concentration of 10 µg/mL. [NOTE—A small amount of 0.01 M methanolic sodium hydroxide can be used to facilitate the dissolution of the sample.]
- Chromatographic system**  
(See *Chromatography* (621), *System Suitability*.)  
**Mode:** LC  
**Detector:** UV 225 nm  
**Column:** 4.6-mm × 25-cm; packing L10  
**Flow rate:** 1.5 mL/min  
**Injection size:** 100 µL
- System suitability**  
**Sample:** *Standard solution*  
**Suitability requirements**  
**Resolution:** NLT 5.0 between liothyronine and levothyroxine  
**Relative standard deviation:** NMT 2.0% for levothyroxine

**Analysis**

**Samples:** *Standard solution* and *Sample solution*  
Calculate the percentage of levothyroxine sodium (C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>10</sub>I<sub>4</sub>NNaO<sub>4</sub>) in the portion of Levothyroxine Sodium taken:

$$\text{Result} = (r_U/r_S) \times (C_S/C_U) \times (M_{r1}/M_{r2}) \times 100$$

- $r_U$  = peak response of levothyroxine from the *Sample solution*
- $r_S$  = peak response of levothyroxine from the *Standard solution*
- $C_S$  = concentration of USP Levothyroxine RS in the *Standard solution* (µg/mL)
- $C_U$  = concentration of Levothyroxine Sodium in the *Sample solution* (µg/mL)

- $M_{r1}$  = molecular weight of levothyroxine sodium, 798.85
- $M_{r2}$  = molecular weight of levothyroxine, 776.87
- Acceptance criteria:** 97.0%–103.0% on the anhydrous basis

**IMPURITIES**

[NOTE—On the basis of the synthetic route, perform either *Organic Impurities, Procedure 1* or *Organic Impurities, Procedure 2*. *Procedure 2* is recommended when related compounds listed in *Table 3* may be present.]

• **ORGANIC IMPURITIES, Procedure 1**

- Diluent:** Acetonitrile and water (1:1)
- Solution A:** Dilute 5 mL of phosphoric acid with *Diluent* to 100.0 mL.
- Mobile phase:** Dissolve 1.0 g of sodium 1-heptanesulfonate in 200 mL of water. Add 200 mL of acetonitrile, 400 mL of methanol, and 1.0 mL of phosphoric acid. Dilute with water to 1 L.
- Standard stock solution 1:** Transfer 25 mg of USP Levothyroxine RS to a 100-mL volumetric flask. Add 50 mL of *Diluent* and 1 drop of 10 N sodium hydroxide, and sonicate until dissolved. Add 7 mL of *Solution A*, and dilute with *Diluent* to volume.
- Standard stock solution 2:** Transfer 25 mg of USP Liothyronine RS to a 100-mL volumetric flask. Add 50 mL of *Diluent* and 1 drop of 10 N sodium hydroxide, and sonicate until dissolved. Add 7 mL of *Solution A*, and dilute with *Diluent* to volume.
- System suitability solution:** Transfer 5.0 mL of *Standard stock solution 1* and 5.0 mL of *Standard stock solution 2* to a 100-mL volumetric flask. Add 7 mL of *Solution A*, and dilute with *Diluent* to volume.

**Standard solution:** Pipet 4.0 mL of the *System suitability solution* into a 100-mL volumetric flask. Add 7 mL of *Solution A*, and dilute with *Diluent* to volume.

**Blank solution:** Transfer 7 mL of *Solution A* to a 100-mL volumetric flask, and dilute with *Diluent* to volume.

**Sample solution:** Transfer 25 mg of Levothyroxine Sodium to a 100-mL volumetric flask. Add 50 mL of *Diluent*, and sonicate until dissolved. Add 7 mL of *Solution A*, and dilute with *Diluent* to volume.

**Chromatographic system**

(See *Chromatography* (621), *System Suitability*.)

**Mode:** LC

**Detector:** UV 225 nm

**Column:** 4.6-mm × 15-cm; 5-µm packing L7

**Column temperature:** 35°

**Flow rate:** 1.5 mL/min

**Injection size:** 15 µL

**System suitability**

**Samples:** *System suitability solution* and *Standard solution*

**Suitability requirements**

**Resolution:** NLT 5.0 between levothyroxine and liothyronine, *System suitability solution*

**Relative standard deviation:** NMT 2.0% for the levothyroxine peak, *Standard solution*

**Analysis**

**Samples:** *Standard solution*, *Blank solution*, and *Sample solution*

[NOTE—Record the chromatograms for at least six times the retention time of the levothyroxine peak. Verify that no peaks elute in the *Blank solution* at the expected retention times for levothyroxine and related compounds.] Calculate the area percentage of each related compound in the portion of Levothyroxine Sodium taken:

$$\text{Result} = (r_U/r_S) \times (C_S/C_U) \times (M_{r1}/M_{r2}) \times 100$$

- $r_U$  = peak response of each impurity from the *Sample solution*
- $r_S$  = peak response of levothyroxine from the *Standard solution*
- $C_S$  = concentration of levothyroxine in the *Standard solution* (mg/mL)

- $C_U$  = concentration of Levothyroxine Sodium in the *Sample solution* (mg/mL)  
 $M_{r1}$  = molecular weight of levothyroxine sodium, 798.85  
 $M_{r2}$  = molecular weight of levothyroxine, 776.87  
 [NOTE—The relative response factor for the impurities listed in *Table 1* is 1.00. Any unspecified impurity peaks should be assigned a relative response factor of 1.00.]  
 Disregard peaks corresponding to those of the *Blank solution*, and disregard peaks corresponding to less than 0.03%.

**Acceptance criteria:** See *Table 1*.

**Table 1**

Name	Relative Retention Time	Acceptance Criteria, NMT (%)
Liothyronine	0.65–0.70	1.0
$\beta$ -Hydroxy-T4 <sup>a</sup>	0.71–0.76	0.15
Levothyroxine	1.0	—
T4-Hydroxyacetic acid <sup>b</sup>	1.13–1.28	0.15
N-Formyl-T4 <sup>c</sup> and T4-acetamide <sup>d</sup>	1.47–1.53	0.15
N-Acetyl-T4 <sup>e</sup>	1.50–1.86	0.20
T4-Acetic acid <sup>f</sup>	2.42–2.51	0.30
T4-Aldehyde <sup>g</sup>	3.17–3.45	0.15
T4-Benzoic acid <sup>h</sup>	3.46–3.70	0.15
Individual unspecified impurity	—	0.10
Total impurities	—	2.0

<sup>a</sup> O-(4-Hydroxy-3,5-diodophenyl)-3,5-diiodo- $\beta$ -hydroxy-L-tyrosine.

<sup>b</sup> 2-Hydroxy-2-(4-(4-hydroxy-3,5-diodophenoxy)-3,5-diodophenyl)acetic acid.

<sup>c</sup> N-Formyl-O-(4-hydroxy-3,5-diodophenyl)-3,5-diiodo-L-tyrosine.

<sup>d</sup> 2-(4-(4-Hydroxy-3,5-diodophenoxy)-3,5-diodophenyl) acetamide.

<sup>e</sup> N-Acetyl-O-(4-hydroxy-3,5-diodophenyl)-3,5-diiodo-L-tyrosine.

<sup>f</sup> 2-(4-(4-Hydroxy-3,5-diodophenoxy)-3,5-diodophenyl)acetic acid.

<sup>g</sup> 4-(4-Hydroxy-3,5-diodophenoxy)-3,5-diiodobenzaldehyde.

<sup>h</sup> 4-(4-Hydroxy-3,5-diodophenoxy)-3,5-diiodobenzoic acid.

• **ORGANIC IMPURITIES, Procedure 2**

**Solution A:** Dissolve 9.7 g of sulfamic acid in 2000 mL of water. Add 1.5 g of sodium hydroxide, mix to dissolve, and adjust with 2 N sodium hydroxide to a pH of 2.0.

**Solution B:** Acetonitrile

**Diluent 1:** Methanol and *Solution A* (90:10)

**Diluent 2:** Acetonitrile and *Solution A* (30:70); mix with *Diluent 1* (1:1).

**Mobile phase:** See *Table 2*.

**Table 2**

Time (min)	Solution A (%)	Solution B (%)
0	70	30
10	70	30
40	20	80
50	20	80
53	70	30
75	70	30

**Blank solution:** Use *Diluent 2*.

**Standard stock solution:** 0.1 mg/mL each of USP Levothyroxine RS and USP Liothyronine RS in *Diluent 1*

**Standard solution:** 0.002 mg/mL of USP Levothyroxine RS and USP Liothyronine RS, prepared using the *Standard stock solution* in *Diluent 2*

**Sensitivity solution:** 0.0002 mg/mL of USP Levothyroxine RS and USP Liothyronine RS, prepared using the *Standard solution* in *Diluent 2*

**Identification solution:** Dissolve 5.0 mg of USP Levothyroxine for Peak Identification RS in 4.5 mL of methanol. Add 0.5 mL of *Solution A*. Further dilute a portion of this solution with *Diluent 2* to obtain a solution containing about 0.2 mg/mL.

**Sample solution:** Dissolve an amount of Levothyroxine Sodium in *Diluent 1* to obtain a solution having a known concentration of about 1.0 mg/mL. Further dilute a portion of this solution with *Diluent 2* to obtain a solution having a known concentration of about 0.2 mg/mL.

**Chromatographic system**

(See *Chromatography* <621>, *System Suitability*.)

**Mode:** LC

**Detector:** UV 225 nm

**Column:** 4.0-mm  $\times$  15-cm; 3- $\mu$ m packing L1

**Flow rate:** 1.0 mL/min

**Injection size:** 25  $\mu$ L

**System suitability**

**Samples:** *Standard solution* and *Sensitivity solution*

**Suitability requirements**

**Resolution:** NLT 5 between levothyroxine and liothyronine, *Standard solution*

**Signal-to-noise ratio:** NLT 5 for each peak from the *Sensitivity solution*, calculated as follows:

$$\text{Result} = (2H)/h$$

$H$  = measured height of the peak

$h$  = amplitude of the average measured baseline noise

**Analysis**

**Samples:** *Blank solution*, *Standard solution*, *Identification solution*, and *Sample solution*

[NOTE—Identify the components on the basis of their relative retention times as listed in *Table 3*.]

Calculate the percentage of liothyronine sodium in the portion of Levothyroxine Sodium taken:

$$\text{Result} = (r_U/r_S) \times (C_S/C_U) \times (M_{r1}/M_{r2}) \times 100$$

$r_U$  = peak response of liothyronine from the *Sample solution*

$r_S$  = peak response of liothyronine from the *Standard solution*

$C_S$  = concentration of liothyronine in the *Standard solution* (mg/mL)

$C_U$  = concentration of Levothyroxine Sodium in the *Sample solution* (mg/mL)

$M_{r1}$  = molecular weight of liothyronine sodium, 672.96

$M_{r2}$  = molecular weight of levothyroxine, 650.98

Calculate the percentage of any other impurity in the portion of Levothyroxine Sodium taken:

$$\text{Result} = (r_U/r_S) \times (C_S/C_U) \times (M_{r1}/M_{r2}) \times 100$$

$r_U$  = peak response of any impurity from the *Sample solution*

$r_S$  = peak response of levothyroxine from the *Standard solution*

$C_S$  = concentration of levothyroxine in the *Standard solution* (mg/mL)

$C_U$  = concentration of Levothyroxine Sodium in the *Sample solution* (mg/mL)

$M_{r1}$  = molecular weight of levothyroxine sodium, 798.85

$M_{r2}$  = molecular weight of levothyroxine, 776.87

[NOTE—The relative response factor for the impurities listed in *Table 3* is 1.00. Any unspecified impurity peaks should be assigned a relative response factor of 1.00.]

Disregard peaks corresponding to those of the *Blank solution*, and disregard peaks corresponding to less than 0.03%.

Acceptance criteria: See Table 3.

Table 3

Name	Relative Retention Time	Acceptance Criteria, NMT (%)
Liothyronine	0.65	1.0
Monochlorotriiodothyronine <sup>a</sup>	0.94	0.15
Levothyroxine <i>N</i> -methylamide <sup>b</sup>	0.97	0.15
Levothyroxine	1.0	—
Triiodothyroacetic acid, or T3-acetic acid <sup>c</sup>	1.57	0.15
O-(4-Hydroxy-3,5-diiodophenyl)thyroxine, or T6 <sup>d</sup>	1.61	0.50
O-Methyl-tetraiodothyroethylamine, or T4-amine O-methyl <sup>e</sup>	1.76	0.30
T4-Acetic acid <sup>f</sup>	1.79	0.30
Individual unspecified impurity	—	0.10
Total impurities	—	2.0

<sup>a</sup> (S)-2-Amino-3-[3-chloro-4-(4-hydroxy-3,5-diiodophenoxy)-5-iodophenyl]propanoic acid.

<sup>b</sup> (S)-2-Amino-3-[4-(4-hydroxy-3,5-diiodophenoxy)-3,5-diiodophenyl]-*N*-methylpropanamide.

<sup>c</sup> [4-(4-Hydroxy-3-iodophenoxy)-3,5-diiodophenyl]acetic acid.

<sup>d</sup> (S)-2-Amino-3-[4-(4-hydroxy-3,5-diiodophenoxy)-3,5-diiodophenoxy]-3,5-diiodophenyl]propanoic acid.

<sup>e</sup> 2-[4-(3,5-Diiodo-4-methoxyphenoxy)-3,5-diiodophenyl]ethanamine.

<sup>f</sup> 2-(4-(4-Hydroxy-3,5-diiodophenoxy)-3,5-diiodophenyl)acetic acid.

**SPECIFIC TESTS**

- **OPTICAL ROTATION, Specific Rotation (781S):** −5° to −6°  
**Sample solution:** Equivalent to 30 mg/mL of anhydrous Levothyroxine Sodium in alcohol and 1 N sodium hydroxide (2:1)
- **WATER DETERMINATION, Method I (921):** NMT 11.0%

**ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

- **PACKAGING AND STORAGE:** Preserve in tight containers, protected from light. Store as stated in the labeling instructions.
- **LABELING:** If a test for *Organic Impurities* other than *Procedure 1* is used, the labeling states the test with which the article complies.
- **USP REFERENCE STANDARDS (11)**  
 USP Levothyroxine RS  
 O-(4-hydroxy-3,5-diiodophenyl)-3,5-diiodo-L-tyrosine.  
 $C_{15}H_{11}I_4NO_4$  776.87  
 USP Liothyronine RS  
 O-(4-hydroxy-3-iodophenyl)-3,5-diiodo-L-tyrosine.  
 $C_{15}H_{12}I_3NO_4$  650.98  
 USP Levothyroxine for Peak Identification RS  
 Levothyroxine sodium spiked with liothyronine, triiodothyroacetic acid, tetraiodothyroacetic acid.

**Levothyroxine Sodium Oral Powder**

» Levothyroxine Sodium Oral Powder contains not less than 90.0 percent and not more than 110.0 percent of the labeled amount of levothyroxine sodium ( $C_{15}H_{10}I_4NNaO_4$ ).

**Packaging and storage**—Preserve in tight, light-resistant containers.

**Labeling**—Label it to indicate that it is for veterinary use only.

**USP Reference standards (11)**—

USP Levothyroxine RS

**Identification**—The retention time of the major peak in the chromatogram of the *Assay preparation* corresponds to that in the chromatogram of the *Standard preparation*, as obtained in the *Assay*.

**Loss on drying (731)**—Dry it in vacuum at 60° for 3 hours: it loses not more than 2.0% of its weight.

**Assay**—

*Mobile phase*—Prepare a filtered and degassed mixture of water and acetonitrile (65:35) that contains 1 mL of phosphoric acid in each 1000 mL. Make adjustments if necessary (see *System Suitability* under *Chromatography (621)*).

*0.01 M Methanolic sodium hydroxide*—Dissolve 400 mg of sodium hydroxide in 500 mL of water. Cool, add 500 mL of methanol, and mix.

*Standard preparation*—Dissolve an accurately weighed quantity of USP Levothyroxine RS in *0.01 M Methanolic sodium hydroxide*, and dilute quantitatively and stepwise with *0.01 M Methanolic sodium hydroxide* to obtain a solution having a known concentration of about 4 µg per mL.

*Assay preparation*—Transfer an accurately weighed portion of Oral Powder, equivalent to about 5 mg of levothyroxine sodium, to a 250-mL volumetric flask. Dilute with *0.01 M Methanolic sodium hydroxide* to volume, mix, and allow to stand for 4 hours, with occasional mixing. Pass a portion of this mixture through a filter that does not absorb levothyroxine. Transfer 10.0 mL of the filtrate to a 50-mL volumetric flask, dilute with *0.01 M Methanolic sodium hydroxide* to volume, and mix.

*Chromatographic system* (see *Chromatography (621)*)—The liquid chromatograph is equipped with a 225-nm detector and a 4.6-mm × 25-cm column that contains packing L10. The flow rate is about 1 mL per minute. Chromatograph the *Standard preparation*, and record the peak responses as directed for *Procedure*: the tailing factor is not more than 1.8; and the relative standard deviation for replicate injections is not more than 2.0%.

*Procedure*—Separately inject equal volumes (about 50 µL) of the *Standard preparation* and the *Assay preparation* into the chromatograph, record the chromatograms, and measure the responses for the major peaks. Calculate the quantity, in mg, of levothyroxine sodium ( $C_{15}H_{10}I_4NNaO_4$ ) in the portion of Oral Powder taken by the formula:

$$(798.85 / 776.87)(1.25C)(r_U / r_S)$$

in which 798.85 and 776.87 are the molecular weights of levothyroxine sodium and levothyroxine, respectively; C is the concentration, in µg per mL, of USP Levothyroxine RS in the *Standard preparation*; and  $r_U$  and  $r_S$  are the peak responses obtained from the *Assay preparation* and the *Standard preparation*, respectively.

**Levothyroxine Sodium Tablets**

**DEFINITION**

Levothyroxine Sodium Tablets contain NLT 95.0% and NMT 105.0% of the labeled amount of levothyroxine sodium ( $C_{15}H_{10}I_4NNaO_4$ ).

**IDENTIFICATION**

- The retention time of the major peak of the *Sample solution* corresponds to the levothyroxine peak of the *Standard solution*, as obtained in the *Assay*.

**ASSAY**

• **PROCEDURE**

[NOTE—Use *Sample solution 2* for Tablets labeled to meet the requirements of *Dissolution Test 3*. For all other products, use the *Sample solution*.]