Welcome
Overview on USP Heparin Standards and Compendial Use

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Agenda

- USP Overview and Standard Setting Process
  - Monograph Development

- Overview on Heparin Standards
  - Product Specific Standards

- Overview of LMWH Standards
  - Product Specific Standards

- Q & A
USP Overview and Standard Setting Process
Mission

To improve global health through public standards and related programs that help ensure the quality, safety and benefit of medicines and foods
200 years building quality foundations for a healthier world
Who We Are And Where We Work

- Values-driven organization focused on quality standards for medicine, foods, and dietary supplements

- We work with 900+ scientists, health care practitioners and regulators globally to develop our standards

- Internationally-recognized and globally-focused

- Founded in 1820, non-profit, private and independent

- Headquarter: Rockville, Maryland, USA
The experts behind our standards

2015–2020 Council of Experts

- Healthcare Quality Standards Collaborative Group
  - Nomenclature & Labeling
  - Compounding
  - Healthcare Quality
- Chemical Medicines Monographs Collaborative Group
  - Chemical Medicines Monographs 1
  - Chemical Medicines Monographs 2
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- Biologics Collaborative Group
  - B101 Peptides
  - B102 Proteins
  - B103 Complex Biologicals
  - BIO4 Antibiotics
  - GC Biological Analysis
- Excipient Monographs Collaborative Group
  - Excipient Monographs 1
  - Excipient Monographs 2
- Dietary Supplements/Herbal Medicines/Foods Collaborative Group
  - Non-Botanical Dietary Supplements
  - Botanical Dietary Supplements & Herbal Medicines
  - Food Ingredients
- General Chapters Collaborative Group
  - Chemical Analysis
  - Physical Analysis
  - Statistics
  - Microbiology
  - Dosage Forms
  - Packaging & Distribution
Legal Basis for USP Standards

- **Pure Food and Drugs Act of 1906**
- **Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic (FD&C) Act of 1938**
  - USP standards have been recognized in the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic (FD&C) Act since it was first enacted in 1938.
  - The FD&C Act defines the term "official compendium" as the official USP, the official NF, the official Homeopathic Pharmacopeia of the United States, or any supplement to them.
  - USP–NF standards play a role in the drug adulteration and misbranding provisions of the FD&C Act (which apply as well to biologics, a subset of drugs, under the Public Health Service Act).

**NOTE:** USP has no role in enforcement of these or other provisions that recognize USP–NF standards, which is the responsibility of FDA and other government authorities in the United States and elsewhere.
Partnerships at the heart of quality

Partners in science
With academics, practitioners

Partners in industry
R&D companies and generic manufacturers

Partners in government
With regulatory and health authorities

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Regulatory partners around the world

**BRAZIL**
National Health Surveillance Agency (ANVISA) Signed June 2016

**INDIA**
Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission (IPC) Renewed March 2017

**CHINA**
Chinese Pharmacopoeia Commission (ChP) Renewed October 2016

**JAPAN**

**MEXICO**
Permanent Commission of the Pharmacopeia of the United Mexican States, Fed. Commission for the Protection Against Sanitary Risks (FEUM/COPFEPRIS) Renewing March 2018

**LATIN AMERICA & CARIBBEAN**
Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) Renewed June 2017

**RUSSIA**
Federal Service on Surveillance in Healthcare (ROSZDRAVNADZOR) Renewed June 2015

**SAUDI ARABIA**
Saudi Food & Drug Authority (SFDA) Signed September 2015

**SOUTH KOREA**
National Institute of Food & Drug Safety Evaluation (NFDS) Renewed April 2015

**WHO WORLD MEETING OF PHARMACOPEIAS**
Overview on USP Heparin Standards
Heparin

Widely used anti-coagulant

Heparin is a member of the glycosaminoglycan (GAG) family

Heparin is a polysaccharide, polysulfated negatively charged heterogeneous mixture with molecular weight range between 2,000 to 50,000 Daltons

The main raw material is pig intestine and majority is sourced from China

![Heparin molecule](image-url)
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<td><strong>FDA seeks USP collaboration to improve heparin standards</strong></td>
<td><strong>Soliciting methods from industry</strong></td>
<td><strong>USP strengthens Heparin monograph in its entirety: Identification, Potency, Organic Impurities, Absence of OCS, USP releases 5 new RSs.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>APRIL-MAY</strong></td>
<td><strong>Validation of methods</strong></td>
<td><strong>USP develops methods</strong></td>
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<td><strong>USP validates FDA methods</strong></td>
<td><strong>Soliciting batch data to support specifications</strong></td>
<td><strong>FDA requests continued optimization of monograph methods</strong></td>
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<td><strong>JUNE</strong></td>
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<td><strong>USP validates methods</strong></td>
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<td><strong>USP releases revised Heparin Sodium monograph and 2 new Reference Standards (RSs)</strong></td>
<td><strong>NOVEMBER 1, 2012</strong></td>
<td><strong>Stage 3 revision proposal of Heparin Sodium monograph: Optimization of 1H NMR, anion-exchange HPLC procedure, revised protein impurities with tighter specification, new nucleotidic impurities procedure with tighter specification. USP releases 2 new RSs.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>NOVEMBER 2012-MARCH 2013</strong></td>
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Current FDA expectations

Origin of Species
Test and confirm the species origin of crude heparin in each lot of every shipment before use in the manufacture or preparation of a drug.

Impurity
Test for OSCS in crude heparin in each lot of every shipment before use in the manufacture or preparation of a drug.

Regulatory
Know the identity and role of the actual manufacturer of crude heparin and any re-packers and distributors who handle crude heparin before receipt and use.

ICH
Employ the controls described in ICH Q7 to prevent the use of crude heparin containing OSCS or ruminant or unlabeled sources of crude heparin and to fully and promptly investigate and resolve deviations and failures of quality, especially identity and purity.

Additional Impurity Requirements
Reject for use any crude heparin found to contain any amount of OSCS, or to be derived from, in any amount, ruminant mucosa (unless approved in the drug application).
USP Heparin Monographs

Heparin Sodium

- Heparin Lock Flush Solution
- Heparin Sodium Injection
- Anticoagulant Heparin Solution
- Antithrombin III Human
- Protamine Sulfate
- Protamine Sulfate Injection

LMWHs:
- Enoxaparin Sodium
- Enoxaparin Sodium Injection
- Dalteparin Sodium

Supported by General Chapters
- <207>
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Heparin Sodium Monograph after Stage 3

Identification

– A: 1H NMR spectrum
– B: Chromatographic ID
– C: Anti-Factor XA and anti-factor IIA Ratio
– D: Molecular weight Determinations (revised pore size USP 40)
– E. Identification tests-General, Sodium (revised in USP 40)

Assay – Anti-Factor IIA Potency

Other Components: Nitrogen Determination, Method I <461>

Impurities

– Residue on Ignition <218>
– Heavy Metals, Method II <231>
  Removed in USP 40
– Limit of Galactosamine in total hexosamine
– Absence of Oversulfated Chondroitin Sulfate
– Nucleotidic Impurities (note for nuclease revised > 25 Units/mL from 250)
– Protein Impurities
Specific Tests

– Bacterial Endotoxins Test <85>

– Loss on Drying <731>

– pH <791>

– Sterility Tests <71>
Reference Standards for Current Heparin Sodium

- USP Heparin sodium identification
- USP Heparin sodium Molecular Weight Calibrant
- USP Heparin sodium for Assays
- USP Oversulfated Chondroitin sulfate
- USP Dermatan sulfate RS
- USP Adenosine RS
- USP Endotoxin RS
- USP Galactosamine hydrochloride RS
- USP Glucosamine hydrochloride RS
ID method A. $^1$H NMR

$^1$H NMR: NLT 500mHz
Temperature: 20-30º

System suitability solution: NLT 20 mg/mL USP heparin sodium ID RS with 0.3% OSCS

Number of transients: Adjust until the signal-to-noise ratio of the $N$-acetyl heparin signal in the Standard solution is at least 1000/1 in the region near 2 ppm.

Chemical shift: The TSP methyl signal should be set to 0.00 ppm for all samples.

Chemical shifts (for the $N$-acetyl resonance of heparin and oversulfated chondroitin sulfate in the System suitability solution): Should be observed at 2.05 ± 0.02 and 2.16 ± 0.03 ppm, respectively.
ID method A: $^1$H NMR Reference Standards

USP Heparin sodium Identification

USP Oversulfated Chondroitin sulfate
$^1$H NMR Specification for Identity of Heparin

- H1 of GlcNAc/GlcNS, 6S
- H1 of IdoA2S
- H2 of GlcNS
- Methyl of GlcNAc

8.00 ppm
Acceptance Criteria

- No unidentified signals greater than 4% of the mean of signal height of 1 and 2 are present in the following ranges: 0.10-2.00, 2.10-3.20, and 5.70-8.00 ppm.
- No signals greater than 200% signal height of the mean of the signal height of 1 and 2 are present in the 3.35-4.55 ppm for porcine heparin.
\(^1\)H NMR Spectrum Heparin Sodium System Suitability Solution

Signal (2.044 ppm) / Noise: 2320583/(752*2) SINO: 1542.34
(Original message = NOISP1: 9.835 NOISP2: 8.859
SIG F1: 2.130 SIG F2: 1.944
Signal (2.044 ppm) / Noise: 2320583/(752*2) SINO: 1542.34)
**ID method B: Chromatographic ID**

**Mode:** Anion exchange chromatography,  
**Column:** 2mm x 25cm (L86)  
**Detector:** UV 202nm

**System suitability solution:** NLT 20 mg/mL USP heparin sodium ID RS with 0.1% (w/w) OSCS and 0.5% (w/w) DS  
**Resolution:** NLT 1.0 between the dermatan sulfate and heparin peaks, and NLT 1.5 between the heparin and oversulfated chondroitin sulfate peaks  
**Relative standard deviation:** NMT 2% for the heparin peak, for 3 replicate injections

**Acceptance Criteria:** The retention time of the major peak from the Sample solution corresponds to that of the Standard solution.
Chromatographic ID Reference Standards

USP Heparin sodium Identification

USP Oversulfated Chondroitin sulfate

USP Dermatan Sulfate
Chromatographic ID Heparin sodium ID RS
Chromatographic ID System Suitability Solution

Dermatan Sulfate Resolution NLT 1.0

OSCS Resolution NLT 1.5
Anti-Factor XA and Anti-Factor IIA Assays for Unfractionated and Low molecular Weight Heparins <208>

Acceptance criteria: 0.9–1.1
In the test system, heparin is bound to antithrombin (AT), and factor IIa or factor Xa added to the mixture binds to the heparin–AT complex. The residual factor IIa or factor Xa not inhibited by the heparin–AT complex is quantified by a chromogenic substrate that is specific for either factor IIa or factor Xa and is added in the final step. Analysts note an inverse relationship wherein more color is produced by more residual enzyme, which equates to less heparin activity.
ID method D. Molecular weight determination

Mode: HPLC
Detector: Refractive index
Columns: One 7.8-mm × 30-cm, 8-μm packing L59 in series with a 7.8-mm × 30-cm, 5-μm packing L59 (revised official in USP 40)
Guard column: 6-mm × 4-cm; 7-μm packing L59
System suitability Samples: Calibration solution and System suitability solution (duplicate injections)

Suitability requirements Weight-average molecular weight ($M_w$): The $M_w$ of the System suitability sample is within 500 Da of the labeled value as stated in the USP Certificate for USP Heparin Sodium Identification RS.
Peak molecular weights ($M_p$): The peak molecular weights ($M_p$) of the duplicate injections of the System suitability solution do not differ by more than 5% of the upper value.
Resolution: Baseline resolution between the heparin and salt peaks.
Calibration curve: $r^2$NLT 0.990, using a third order polynomial equation.

Acceptance criteria: $M_{24000}$ is NMT 20%, $M_w$ is between 15,000 Da and 19,000 Da, and the ratio of $M_{8000–16000}$ to $M_{16000–24000}$ is NLT 1.0.
Molecular weight determination Calibration solution

Calibration curve: $r^2 \text{NLT} 0.990$, using a third order polynomial equation.
Molecular weight determination chromatogram
System Suitability solution

Suitability requirements

Weight-average molecular weight ($M_w$): The $M_w$ of the System suitability sample is within 500 Da of the labeled value.

Peak molecular weights ($M_p$): The peak molecular weights ($M_p$) of the duplicate injections do not differ by more than 5% of the upper value.

Resolution: Baseline resolution between the heparin and salt peaks.
Impurities: Limit of glucosamine in total Hexosamine

Mode: HPIC
Detector: Pulsed amperometric detector
Column: 3-mm × 3-cm amino acid trap column in series with a 3-mm × 3-cm guard column and a 3-mm × 15-cm column that contains packing L69

Standard solution: 0.8 mg/mL USP Glucosamine hydrochloride and 8 ug/mL glucosamine hydrochloride in 5N HCl
Resolution: NLT 2 between the galactosamine and glucosamine peaks
Column efficiency: NLT 2000 theoretical plates for glucosamine
Tailing factor: Between 0.8 and 2.0 for the galactosamine and glucosamine peaks

Acceptance criteria: The percent galactosamine peak area of the total hexosamine of the Hydrolyzed sample solution must be NMT 1%.
Impurities: Limit of glucosamine in total hexosamine

System Suitability solution

Resolution: NLT 2 between the galactosamine and glucosamine peaks
Impurities: Nucleotidic Impurities

Mode: LC
Detector: UV 260 nm
Column: 4.6-mm × 15-cm; 4-µm packing L1

System suitability Samples: System suitability solution, Standard solution, and Nucleoside identification solution

Suitability requirements Resolution: The resolution between the 2’-deoxycytidine peak and the uridine peak is NLT 1.3 for the injection of the Nucleoside identification solution.

Relative standard deviation: Inject six replicates of the Standard solution. (%RSD) of the adenosine peak is NMT 10%.

Signal-to-noise ratio: NLT 10 for the adenosine peak

Acceptance criteria: NMT 0.1% (w/w) is found.
## Nucleoside identification solution

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<td>Guanosine</td>
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<td>2'-Deoxyguanosine</td>
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### Suitability requirements Resolution:

The resolution between the 2'-deoxycytidine peak and the uridine peak is NLT 1.3 for the injection of the *Nucleoside identification solution*.
Nucleotidic impurities, Standard solution

Relative standard deviation: Inject six replicates of the Standard solution. (%RSD) of the adenosine peak is NMT 10%.

Signal-to-noise ratio: NLT 10 for the adenosine peak.
Overview on USP Low Molecular Weight Heparin Standards
Identification

- A: UV Absorption <197K>
- B: $^{13}$C NMR Spectrum (potential revision)
- C: Anti-Factor XA and anti-factor IIA Ratio
- D: Molecular weight Determinations
- E. Identification tests-General, Sodium (191)

Other Components:

- Benzyl alcohol determination
- Nitrogen Determination, Method II<461>
- Sodium Content

Specific Tests

- pH <791>
- Loss on Drying <731>
- Specific Absorbance
- Bacterial Endotoxins <85>

Assay – Anti-Factor Xₐ Potency
- Anti-Factor IIa activity
- Molar Ratio of sulfate to carboxylate
ID B: 13C NMR Spectrum

NLT 75Mhz NMR

Acceptance criteria Similar to standard

Potential for Revision to $^1$H NMR
Use General chapter <208>

System suitability XA:
1. A blank solution gives an increase in absorbance value at 405 nm of NMT 0.20 absorbance units/min (or 0.8 absorbance units in total) when assayed using an appropriate volume (50 mL) of pH 7.4 buffer instead of 50 mL of the Standard solution or the Sample solution.
2. The reading of the blank B2 is not more than ±0.05 absorbance units against blank B1.
**ID D: Molecular weight determination**

**Mode:** HPLC

**Detector:** Refractive index

**Columns:** One 7.8-mm × 30-cm, L59 in series with a 7.8-mm × 30-cm, L59

**Guard column:** 6-mm × 4-cm; 7-µm packing L59

**System suitability Samples:** Calibration solution and System suitability solution (duplicate injections)

**Suitability requirements**

Weight-average molecular weight (\(M_w\)): The \(M_w\) of the System suitability sample is within 150 Da of the labeled value as stated in the USP Certificate for USP enoxaparin Sodium RS.

**Acceptance criteria:** \(M2000\) is between 12.0% and 20.0%, \(M2000–8000\) is between 68.0% and 82.0%, and \(M8000\) is NMT 18.0%
Enoxaparin Sodium Molecular weight Calibrants
ID D: Molecular Weight Determinations

System suitability: 150 Da of USP RS value
Dalteparin

Identification
- A: 1H NMR spectrum
- B: Molecular weight Determinations <209>
- C: Anti-Factor XA and anti-factor IIA Ratio
- D. Identification tests-General, Sodium (191)

Assay – Anti-Factor XA Potency

Other Components:
- Nitrogen Determination, Method II <461>
- Sodium Content

Impurities
- Limit of Nitrites
- Boron (Revision to Boron test wavelength under consideration)

Specific Tests
- Anti-Factor IIA Activity
- Molar Ratio of sulfate to carboxylate

Specific Tests
- Bacterial Endotoxins Test <85>
- Loss on Drying <731>
- pH <791>
$1H$ NMR: NLT 500mHz

**Temperature:** 20-30$^\circ$C

**Chemical shift:** The TSP methyl signal should be set to 0.00 ppm for all samples.

**Chemical shifts** The ppm values for the methyl group of $N$-acetyl, the H-2 of $N$-
1H NMR Dalteparin sodium

![1D proton NMR of Dalteparin](image)

- H-1 of 2-O sulfo iduronic acid
- H-1 of iduronic acid
- H2 of 3-O sulfonated glucosamine + H2 of glucuronic acid
- H-2 of N-sulfo glucosamine
- N-acetyl

GlcNS (3-O-sulfated)
System suitability XA:

1. A blank solution gives an increase in absorbance value at 405 nm of NMT 0.20 absorbance units/min (or 0.8 absorbance units in total) when assayed using an appropriate volume (50 mL) of pH 7.4 buffer instead of 50 mL of the Standard solution or the Sample solution.

2. The reading of the blank B2 is not more than ±0.05 absorbance units against blank B1.
Boron is determined by measurement of the emission from inductively coupled plasma (ICP) at 249.733 nm or a suitable wavelength.

**Adopted from EP**

Boron is determined by measurement of the emission from inductively coupled plasma (ICP) at 249.733 nm or a suitable wavelength.

- **Plasma gas flow**: 12 L/min
- **Auxiliary gas flow**: 0.2 L/min
- **Nebulizer gas flow**: 0.75 L/min
- **RF power**: 1300 watts
- **Plasma view**: Radial
- **Read delay**: 20 sec
- **Read parameters (s)**: 1.0 min, 5.0 max
- **Peristaltic pump flow rate**: 0.44 mL/min
- **Spray chamber**: Cyclonic
- **Nebulizer**: Meinhard® Type K1
- **Injector**: Alumina, 2.0 mm i.d
- **Quartz torch**: Single slot
- **Replicates**: 5
- **Resolution**: Normal
- **Wavelength (nm)**: 249.772 and 249.677

*Wavelength at 249.677 nm was used for reference only, no data reported*
DEPOLYMERIZATION OF ENOXAPARIN SODIUM BY HEPARINASES AND RESULTING OLIGOSACCHARIDES

Mode: HPLC

Detector: 234nm

Columns: 3-mm × 25-cm column that contains 5-mm packing L14

Reduction suitability test requirement of 0.02% to be revised to 2%

Should USP develop Heparinase standards?
1,6-anhydro test USP Enoxaparin sodium
Mode: HPLC
Detector: Refractive index
Columns: Columns: 7.8-mm × 30-cm; 5-µm packing L59 in series with a 7.8-mm × 30-cm; 5-µm packing L59

Suitability requirements

Resolution: There is baseline resolution between the last peak of the USP Low Molecular Weight Heparin Molecular Weight Calibrant RS and the salt peak, or negative exchange peaks.

Calibration curve: The coefficient of determination of the calibration curve fitted to the Broad Standard Table values must be NLT 0.990, using a third-order polynomial equation.

Cited in Dalteparin sodium
Identification
– A: $^{13}$C NMR Spectrum
– B: Chromatographic ID
– C: Sodium Determination
– E. Identification tests-General, Sodium (191)

Assay – HPLC

Other Components: Sodium Determination

Impurities
– Free Sulfate and Residual Chloride Determination
– Organic Impurities
– Pyridine and Ethanol Determination

Specific Tests
– Bacterial Endotoxins <85>
– pH <791>
– Microbial Enumeration Tests <61>
– Water Determination <921>
1. The Assay has been revised to add instructions to filter Solution B, revise the Note in the Assay to include further suggestions on obtaining a stable baseline, a System suitability solution B subsection and related RS have been added, and wording on the resolution requirement has been added for clarity.
2. A hyperlink to the nitric acid reagent has been added in the test for Sodium Determination.
3. The test for Organic Impurities has been revised to specify solutions to be used in the test and include a Note explaining USP's approach to Fondaparinux related impurities as well as process related impurities from the synthesis. The section now includes degradation impurities as well as process related impurities above the unspecified impurity limit.
4. The test for Water Determination has been revised to include a Sample amount and detailed Analysis.
**Mode:** NMR, pulsed (Fourier transform)

**Frequency:** NLT 100 MHz (for $^{13}$C)

**Temperature:** 40°

**Suitability requirements Number of transients:** The signal-to-noise ratio of the β-D-glucopyranosyluronic acid ring of fondaparinux sodium in the *Standard solution* is at least 20:1 in the region near 103.9 ppm.

**Chemical shift:** The trimethylsilyl resonance for the *NMR reference* should be set to 0.0 ppm, which acts as an external calibration for all samples.

**Chemical shifts for system suitability:** The O-methyl and two carbonyl carbons of fondaparinux sodium should be observed at 58.2, 176.7, and 178.0 ppm, all ±0.3 ppm, respectively, in the *Standard solution*. 
ID A: $^{13}$C NMR USP RS Spectrum
**Mode:** LC

**Detector:** UV 210 nm

**Column:** 4-mm × 25-cm; packing L46

**Column temperature:** 25°

Revision added, System suitability solution B: 5.0 mg/mL of USP Fondaparinux Sodium System Suitability Mixture B RS
Specificity and baseline drift  The chromatogram of the second Blank injection shows a baseline drift between 0.00 and 0.02 AU over 30 min. If necessary, adjust the DMSO content of the Mobile phase until an acceptable baseline is achieved.

The chromatogram of the second Blank injection does not contain peaks between 3.00 and 30.00 min.

Resolution: Using System suitability solution B, NLT 1.2 between fondaparinux related compound C and fondaparinux related compound D and NLT 1.1 between fondaparinux related compound F and fondaparinux related compound G (see Table 3)2S (USP40)
Relative standard deviation: For six consecutive injections of the Standard solution, the calculated % RSD of the area of the fondaparinux peak is NMT 2.0%. The retention time of the fondaparinux peak should be ±5% of the mean value. The calculated % RSD of the response factors for all replicate injections of the Standard solution is NMT 2.0%. The calculated % RSD of the pooled response factors for all injections of the Standard solution is NMT 2.0%. The % RSD of the mean response factors for each duplicate Standard solution is NMT 2.0%.

Signal-to-noise ratio: NLT 10 for the fondaparinux peak in the chromatogram of the Sensitivity check solution.

Chromatogram similarity: The chromatograms of System suitability solution A and System suitability solution B2S (USP40) correspond to those of the chromatograms provided with USP Fondaparinux Sodium System Suitability Mixture A RS and USP Fondaparinux Sodium System Suitability Mixture B RS.2S (USP40)
Fondaparinux sodium for assays
## Organic Impurities

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<td>0.3 (a/a)</td>
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<td>0.48</td>
<td>70</td>
<td>0.15 (w/w)</td>
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<td>Fondaparinux related compound D</td>
<td>0.80</td>
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<td>0.8 (a/a)</td>
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Comment received in PF that the specifications do not align with all products in US Market
[NOTE—Manufacturers should determine the suitability of their related substances method for their process related and degradation impurities. For any impurity peak above the limit for unspecified impurity peaks, identification and appropriate qualification is required.]

Individual impurities table added with specifications

Added, System suitability solution B: 5.0 mg/mL of USP Fondaparinux Sodium System Suitability Mixture B RS
Way forward

What new standards are needed?
How can we Collaborate??
Questions?
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