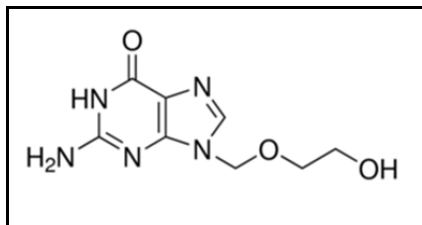


**Aciclovir**  
**200 mg Tablet**

**Structure:**



**Molecular Formula and Mass:** C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>11</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>3</sub> - 225.20

**Category:** Antiviral

**Sample:**

Grind 1 tablet and dissolve in 50.00 mL of a mixture of 45.00 mL of absolute ethanol and 5.00 mL of 0.05 M H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Shake at least 5 min. Concentration of solution = 200 mg/50.00 mL = 4.00 mg/mL. Dilute 1.00 mL of the 4.00 mg/mL solution with 19.0 mL of the same solvent to make a final solution equal to 0.200 mg/mL.

**Standards:**

High Standard:

The high limit is 115%; therefore the concentration of the high standard = (0.200 mg/mL X 1.15 = 0.230 mg/mL. Weigh approximately 11.5 mg of standard. If you weighed 11.3 mg of standard, dissolve it in: (11.3 mg)/(0.230 mg/mL) = 49.1 mL of solvent. This makes the high standard solution concentration equal to 0.230 mg/mL.

Low Standard:

The low limit is 85%; therefore the concentration of the low standard = (0.200 mg/mL) X 0.85 = 0.170 mg/mL. Dilute 1.00 mL of high standard to 1.35 mL by adding 0.35 mL of solvent (1.15/0.85 = 1.35).

**Spotting:**

Spot on the 5 X 10 cm silica gel TLC aluminium plate with 3 µL aliquots as follows:

Left spot	low standard (85%) = 0.510 µg
Center Spot	100% sample = 0.600 µg
Right Spot	high standard (115%) = 0.690 µg

**Development:**

Mix 21.00 mL of ethanol and 3.00 mL of concentrated ammonium hydroxide with 6.00 mL of deionized water. Develop the plate in a small glass chamber with approximately 20.00 mL of this solution until the solvent front reaches within 1 cm of the top of the TLC plate. (R<sub>f</sub> = 0.63)

**Detection:**

UV:

Dry the plate and observe under ultraviolet light at 254 nm. Observe the intensities and the sizes of the spots.

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