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IN-PROCESS CONTROL	System Suitability Test Description
TEST	
Reaction Completion (HPLC/GC)	Area percent methods - Authentic markers for rt and id ref. Duplicate sample injection.
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Reaction Completion (TLC)	Quantitative - range of standards of impurity/material of interest. Limit test - single application of standard material at limit.
Solvent Content (HPLC/GC)	Quantitative – blank injection, sensitivity std, agreement of standards (2 or 3 injections, 3 injections for RSD check), do S/N check if appropriate.
Assay (HPLC/GC)	Wt % result – blank injection, agreement of standards (2 or 3 inj., 3 inj. for RSD check), do resolution check, if appropriate
I CONTRACTOR (INDICACE)	Area % - Authentic markers for rt and id ref. (single sample injections)
Impurity Test (HPLC/GC)	% Impurity (imp x 100/(main + imp)) – blank injection, sensitivity std.
	Area % - mixed imp marker on end.
Impurity Test (TLC)	Identity standard, Rf check
	Limit – Std at limit, Rf check, sensitivity std. Quantitative – Range of stds, Rf check, sensitivity std.
Loss on Drying (Quantitative)	Oven – single determination
	Denver/Computrac – in duplicate, pre- set method, calibrated heating chamber and balance.
Loss on Drying (Limit)	Oven – single determination Denver/Computrac – in duplicate, pre-set method, calibrated heating chamber and balance.
UV Absorbance (Quantitative)	Background correct instrument with blank.
Titration (Quantitative)	Instrumental – Sensor calibration Manual – Duplicate sample only
Refractive Index	Check Standard (e.g. solvent)
Clarity (Nephelometric)	Calibration Standards
KF Titration	Calibrate prior to use (3 x water injections, instrument calculates RSD)
Particle Size Distribution	Control sample (if applicable)
Melting Range	USP standard (if applicable)
TLC Filter Wash	Range of standards only
Vessel Preparation	Moisture content – use calibrated instrument, duplicate sample. GC – blank injection, Agreement of standards, and resolution check