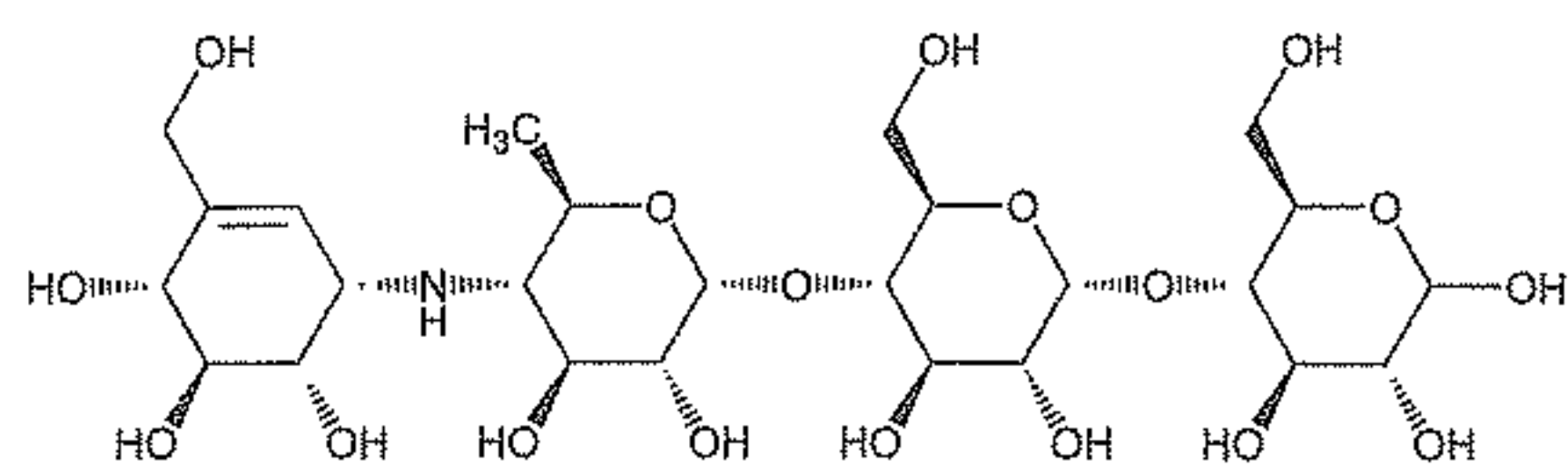


Acarbose



$C_{25}H_{43}NO_{18}$  645.60  
D-Glucose, O-4,6-dideoxy-4-[[[1S-(1 $\alpha$ ,4 $\alpha$ ,5 $\beta$ ,6 $\alpha$ )]-4,5,6-trihydroxy-3-(hydroxymethyl)-2-cyclohexen-1-yl]amino]- $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 4)-O- $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 4)-; O-4,6-Dideoxy-4-[[[1S,4R,5S,6S]-4,5,6-trihydroxy-3-(hydroxymethyl)-2-cyclohexen-1-yl]amino]- $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 4)-O- $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 4)-D-glucose [56180-94-0].

**DEFINITION**  
Acarbose is produced by certain strains of *Actinoplanes utahensis*. It contains NLT 95.0% and NMT 102.0% of acarbose ( $C_{25}H_{43}NO_{18}$ ), calculated on the anhydrous basis.

**IDENTIFICATION**  
• **A. INFRARED ABSORPTION** (197K)  
• **B.** The retention time of the major peak of the *Sample solution* corresponds to that of the *Standard solution*, as obtained in the *Assay*.

**ASSAY**  
• **PROCEDURE**  
*Solution A:* 0.6 mg/mL of monobasic potassium phosphate and 0.35 mg/mL of dibasic sodium phosphate in water  
*Mobile phase:* Acetonitrile and *Solution A* (3:1)  
*System suitability solution:* 20 mg/mL of USP Acarbose System Suitability Mixture RS in water  
*Standard solution:* 20 mg/mL of USP Acarbose RS in water  
*Sample solution:* 20 mg/mL of Acarbose in water  
**Chromatographic system**  
(See *Chromatography* (621), *System Suitability*.)  
*Mode:* LC  
*Detector:* UV 210 nm  
*Column:* 4-mm  $\times$  25-cm; packing L8  
*Column temperature:* 35°  
*Flow rate:* 2 mL/min  
*Injection volume:* 10  $\mu$ L  
**System suitability**  
*Sample:* *System suitability solution*  
Identify the acarbose peak and the peaks due to the impurities listed in *Table 1*.  
**Suitability requirements**  
**Peak-to-valley ratio:** The ratio of the height of the impurity A peak to the height of the valley between the impurity A peak and the acarbose peak is NLT 1.2.  
**Chromatogram comparability:** The chromatogram obtained is similar to the chromatogram provided with USP Acarbose System Suitability Mixture RS for the known impurities found.

**Analysis**  
*Samples:* *Standard solution* and *Sample solution*  
Calculate the percentage of acarbose ( $C_{25}H_{43}NO_{18}$ ) in the portion of Acarbose taken:

Result =  $(r_U/r_S) \times (C_S/C_U) \times 100$

$r_U$  = peak response from the *Sample solution*  
 $r_S$  = peak response from the *Standard solution*  
 $C_S$  = concentration of USP Acarbose RS in the *Standard solution* (mg/mL)

$C_U$  = concentration of the *Sample solution* (mg/mL)  
**Acceptance criteria:** 95.0%–102.0% on the anhydrous basis

**IMPURITIES**  
• **RESIDUE ON IGNITION** (281)  
*Sample:* 1.0 g  
**Acceptance criteria:** NMT 0.2%

**Delete the following:**  
• **HEAVY METALS, Method II** (231): NMT 20 ppm (Official 1-Jan-2018)

• **CHROMATOGRAPHIC PURITY**  
*Mobile phase, System suitability solution, Sample solution, and Chromatographic system:* Proceed as directed in the *Assay*.  
*Diluted sample solution:* Dilute 1.0 mL of the *Sample solution* with water to 100.0 mL.  
**Analysis**  
*Samples:* *Sample solution* and *Diluted sample solution*  
Calculate the percentage of each impurity in the portion of Acarbose taken:

Result =  $(r_U/r_A) \times (1/F) \times 100$

$r_U$  = peak response of each impurity from the *Sample solution*  
 $r_A$  = peak response of the main acarbose peak from the *Diluted sample solution*  
 $F$  = relative response factor for each impurity (see *Table 1*)  
**Acceptance criteria:** See *Table 1*.

Table 1

Name	Relative Retention Time	Relative Response Factor	Acceptance Criteria, NMT (%)
Impurity A <sup>a</sup>	0.9	1	0.6
Impurity B <sup>b</sup>	0.8	1.6	0.5
Impurity C <sup>c</sup>	1.2	1	1.5
Impurity D <sup>d</sup>	0.5	1.33	1.0
Impurity E <sup>e</sup>	1.7	0.8	0.2
Impurity F <sup>f</sup>	1.9	0.8	0.3
Impurity G <sup>g</sup>	2.2	0.8	0.3
Impurity H <sup>h</sup>	0.6	1	0.2

<sup>a</sup> O-4,6-Dideoxy-4-[[[1S,4R,5S,6S]-4,5,6-trihydroxy-3-(hydroxymethyl)cyclohex-2-enyl]amino]- $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 4)-O- $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 4)-D-arabino-hex-2-ulopyranose.  
<sup>b</sup> (1R,4R,5S,6R)-4,5,6-Trihydroxy-2-(hydroxymethyl)cyclohex-2-enyl 4-O-[4,6-dideoxy-4-[[[1S,4R,5S,6S]-4,5,6-trihydroxy-3-(hydroxymethyl)cyclohex-2-enyl]amino]- $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranosyl]- $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranoside.  
<sup>c</sup>  $\alpha$ -D-Glucopyranosyl 4-O-[4,6-dideoxy-4-[[[1S,4R,5S,6S]-4,5,6-trihydroxy-3-(hydroxymethyl)cyclohex-2-enyl]amino]- $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranosyl]- $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranoside.  
<sup>d</sup> 4-O-[4,6-Dideoxy-4-[[[1S,4R,5S,6S]-4,5,6-trihydroxy-3-(hydroxymethyl)cyclohex-2-enyl]amino]- $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranosyl]-D-glucopyranose.  
<sup>e</sup> O-4,6-Dideoxy-4-[[[1S,4R,5S,6S]-4,5,6-trihydroxy-3-(hydroxymethyl)cyclohex-2-enyl]amino]- $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 4)-O- $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 4)-O- $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 4)-D-arabino-hex-2-ulopyranose (4-O- $\alpha$ -acarboseyl-D-fructopyranose).  
<sup>f</sup> O-4,6-Dideoxy-4-[[[1S,4R,5S,6S]-4,5,6-trihydroxy-3-(hydroxymethyl)cyclohex-2-enyl]amino]- $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 4)-O- $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 4)-O- $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 4)-D-glucopyranose (4-O- $\alpha$ -acarboseyl-D-glucopyranose).  
<sup>g</sup>  $\alpha$ -D-Glucopyranosyl O-4,6-dideoxy-4-[[[1S,4R,5S,6S]-4,5,6-trihydroxy-3-(hydroxymethyl)cyclohex-2-enyl]amino]- $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 4)-O- $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 4)-O- $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranoside ( $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranosyl  $\alpha$ -acarboside).  
<sup>h</sup> O-4,6-Dideoxy-4-[[[1S,4R,5S,6S]-4,5,6-trihydroxy-3-(hydroxymethyl)cyclohex-2-enyl]amino]- $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 4)-O-6-deoxy- $\alpha$ -D-glucopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 4)-D-glucopyranose.