

SCHEDULING STATUS S4

1 NAME OF THE MEDICINE
ROLTESIM 10 (Film-coated tablets)
ROLTESIM 20 (Film-coated tablets)

2 QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE COMPOSITION

Each film-coated **SIMVASTATIN 10** tablet contains 10 mg simvastatin.
Each film-coated **SIMVASTATIN 20** tablet contains 20 mg simvastatin.
Antioxidants: Ascorbic acid: 2,427 % m/m
Citric acid monohydrate: 1,213 % m/m
Butylated hydroxyanisole: 0,0485 % m/m
Contains sugar:
ROLTESIM 10: Lactose monohydrate 67,7 mg
ROLTESIM 20: Lactose monohydrate 135,4 mg.

For full list of excipients, see section 6.1

3 PHARMACEUTICAL FORM

ROLTESIM 10: Light pink coloured, oval, biconvex film coated tablets debossed with 'SVN 10' on one side and plain on the other side.
ROLTESIM 20: Tan coloured, oval, biconvex film coated tablets debossed with 'SVN 20' on one side and plain on the other side.

4 CLINICAL PARTICULARS

4.1 Therapeutic indications

Hypercholesterolaemia:

ROLTESIM is indicated, in combination with diet, to decrease elevated serum total cholesterol and LDL-cholesterol in patients:

- Primary hypercholesterolaemia,
- Heterozygous familial hypercholesterolaemia, or
- Mixed hyperlipidaemia, when response to diet or other nonpharmacological measures alone is not adequate.

Coronary heart disease:

ROLTESIM is indicated in patients with coronary heart disease and hypercholesterolaemia unresponsive to diet, to:

- Reduce the risk of non-fatal myocardial infarction,
- Reduce the risk of total mortality, by reducing coronary death,
- Slow the progression of coronary atherosclerosis, and
- Reduce the risk of undergoing myocardial revascularisation procedures (percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty and coronary artery bypass grafting).

4.2 Posology and method of administration

Posology

The patient must follow a cholesterol-lowering diet before initiation of, and while on **ROLTESIM** therapy.

Hypercholesterolaemia:

Adults: Initial dose: 10 mg daily as a single dose in the evening.

The dose of **ROLTESIM** should be reduced if LDL-cholesterol levels fall below 1,94 mmol/l, or total plasma cholesterol levels fall below 3,6 mmol/l.

Coronary heart disease:

Adults: Initial dose: 20 mg/day as a single dose in the evening.

Dosage adjustments: If required, the dose should be adjusted at intervals of no less than 4 per week, up to a maximum of 80 mg daily as a single dose in the evening.

Special populations

Renal insufficiency:

ROLTESIM does not undergo significant renal excretion, therefore, modification of dose should not be necessary in patients with mild to moderate renal insufficiency. In patients with severe renal insufficiency, **ROLTESIM** therapy should be closely monitored and doses above 10 mg/day should be implemented with caution.

Concomitant therapy:

ROLTESIM is effective on its own or in combination with bile acid sequestrants, but when these medicines are prescribed concomitantly, **ROLTESIM** should be administered 1 hour before or 4 hours after cholestyramine (see section 4.5). A maximum daily dose of 10 mg simvastatin is recommended in patients taking ciclosporin, fibrates or niacin concomitantly (see section 4.5).

Paediatric population

The safety and efficacy of **ROLTESIM** have not been established in paediatric patients (see section 4.4).

Method of administration

The tablet should be swallowed whole.
ROLTESIM can be taken with meals or on an empty stomach.

4.3 Contraindications

- Hypersensitivity to simvastatin, other HMG-CoA reductase inhibitors, or any of the ingredients (see section 4.1)
- Acute or chronic liver disease.
- Unexplained persistent elevations of serum transaminases.
- Pregnancy and lactation (see section 4.4).
- Porphyria: Safety has not been established.

4.4 Special warnings and precautions for use

ROLTESIM should not be used in female patients of child-bearing potential as the active metabolite is foetotoxic and teratogenic in rats.

ROLTESIM should be used with caution in patients who:

- Consume substantial amounts of alcohol and/or who have a history of liver disease.
- May be predisposed to developing renal failure secondary to rhabdomyolysis, such as in those with severe acute infection, hypotension, severe metabolic, endocrine or electrolyte disorders, uncontrolled seizures, major surgery or trauma. There is an increased risk of developing renal failure if rhabdomyolysis occurs.

Hepatic effects:

Liver function tests, including serum transaminase determinations are recommended prior to initiation of **ROLTESIM** therapy and periodically until one year after the last elevation in dose. **ROLTESIM** should be discontinued if the rise in transaminase levels is persistent and/or increases to three times or more the upper limit of normal (ULN).

Myopathy:

Reducing the risk of myopathy:

1. **General measures:** Patients starting therapy with **ROLTESIM** should be advised of the risk of myopathy and should promptly report unexplained muscle pain, weakness or tenderness. Unexplained muscle symptoms in a patient and a creatine kinase (CK) level of more than 10 times the upper limit of normal (ULN), indicates myopathy. If myopathy is diagnosed or suspected, **ROLTESIM** should be discontinued.
2. **Measures to reduce the risk of myopathy caused by medicine interactions:** The benefits and risks of using **ROLTESIM** together with fibrates, lipid-lowering doses of niacin or immunosuppressants should be carefully considered, and in these instances the dose of **ROLTESIM** should generally not exceed 10 mg/day. Concomitant administration with ciclosporin, itraconazole, ketoconazole, erythromycin, clarithromycin, HIV-protease inhibitors and nefazodone, is not recommended.

ROLTESIM should be temporarily discontinued in patients who are also receiving ciclosporin if systemicazole derivative antifungal therapy is required.

Paediatric population

As the safety and efficacy of simvastatin has not been established in paediatric patients, it is not recommended in this population.

4.5 Interaction with other medicines and other forms of interaction

Myopathy caused by medicine interactions:

Concomitant administration of medicines that inhibit cytochrome P-450 isoenzyme CYP3A4 may result in high plasma levels of **ROLTESIM**, thus increasing the risk of myopathy, and is not recommended. Medicines that inhibit cytochrome P-450 isoenzyme CYP3A4, include ciclosporin, fibrates or lipid-lowering doses of niacin (nicotinic acid).

Digoxin:

ROLTESIM may cause increases in digoxin levels.

Coumarin derivatives (e.g. warfarin):

A possible increase in the anticoagulant effect of the coumarin anticoagulants may occur. Patients taking a coumarin anticoagulant should have their INR determined before starting **ROLTESIM** therapy. The INR should be monitored frequently enough in the early stages of therapy until stabilised. Once the INR has been stabilised, it can then be monitored at the usual intervals recommended for patients on coumarin anticoagulants. When there is a dose adjustment of **ROLTESIM**, this procedure should be repeated.

Bile acid sequestrants:

ROLTESIM should be taken 1 hour before or 4 hours after cholestyramine. Concurrent use may decrease the bioavailability of **ROLTESIM**.

4.6 Fertility, pregnancy and lactation

Pregnancy

Safety in pregnancy and lactation has not been established.
ROLTESIM should not be used in female patients of child-bearing potential, as its active metabolite is foetotoxic and teratogenic in rats.

4.7 Effects on ability to drive and use machines

ROLTESIM can cause dizziness and fatigue that can influence their ability to drive and use machines. Patients should be advised to not drive or use machines until they know how **ROLTESIM** affects them (see section 4.8).

4.8 Undesirable effects

a. Summary of the safety profile

Not applicable.

b. Tabulated summary of adverse reactions

MedDRA system organ class	Frequency	Adverse reactions
Blood and lymphatic system disorders	Frequent	Anaemia, neutropenia.
Immune system disorders	Less frequent	Reactions may include angioedema, lupus-like syndrome, polymyalgia rheumatic, vasculitis, thrombocytopenia, increased erythrocyte sedimentation rate, eosinophilia, arthritis, arthralgia, urticarial, photosensitivity, fever, flushing, malaise and dyspnoea.
Metabolism and nutrition disorders	Less frequent	Mass gain has been reported.
Nervous system disorders	Less frequent	Headache, dizziness, fatigue, asthenia, paraesthesia, peripheral neuropathy.
Gastrointestinal disorders	Frequent	Constipation, diarrhoea, nausea, vomiting, flatulence, dyspepsia, abdominal pain, cramps and pancreatitis.
Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders	Frequent	Skin rash, alopecia.
Musculoskeletal and connective tissue disorders	Frequent	Myalgia, muscle cramps
	Less Frequent	Myopathy, myositis, rhabdomyolysis presenting as muscle pain with elevated creatine phosphokinase and myoglobinuria leading to renal failure.

c. Description of selected adverse reactions

Laboratory test findings:

Marked and persistent increases of serum transaminases and elevated alkaline phosphatase and gamma-glutamyl transpeptidase have been reported. These liver function test abnormalities have generally been mild and have been of a transient nature. There have also been reports of increases in serum creatine kinase (CK) levels, derived from skeletal muscle (see section 4.4).

Reporting of suspected adverse reactions

Reporting suspected adverse reactions after authorisation of the medicine is important. It allows continued monitoring of the benefit/risk balance of the medicine. Health care providers are asked to report any suspected adverse reactions to SAHPRA via the '**6.04 Adverse Drug Reactions Reporting Form**', found online under SAHPRA's publications: <https://www.sahpra.org.za/Publications/Index/8>
The applicant can be reached at the following contact number: 010 045 2500.

4.9 Overdose

Liver function should be monitored, and general measures adopted. Treatment is symptomatic and supportive.

5 PHARMACOLOGICAL PROPERTIES

5.1 Pharmacodynamic properties

Pharmacological classification: A 7.5 Serum-cholesterol reducers.

Pharmacotherapeutic group: HMG CoA reductase inhibitors. ATC code: C10AA01

Mechanism of action

Simvastatin, a cholesterol-lowering agent, is a synthetic derivative of a fermentation product of *Aspergillus terreus*. Simvastatin is an inactive lactone, and is hydrolysed to its active form, the corresponding beta-hydroxyacid, after oral ingestion. The beta-hydroxyacid, a principal metabolite, inhibits 3-hydroxy-3-methylglutaryl-coenzyme A (HMG-CoA) reductase. This enzyme catalyses the conversion of HMG-CoA to mevalonate, which is an early and rate-limiting step in biosynthesis of cholesterol. Simvastatin, due to the inhibition of this enzyme, therefore, reduces total plasma cholesterol, low-density lipoprotein (LDL)- and very low-density lipoprotein (VLDL)-cholesterol concentrations. Simvastatin also reduces apolipoprotein B, variably reduces plasma triglycerides, and moderately increases high-density lipoprotein (HDL)-cholesterol.

5.2 Pharmacokinetic properties

Absorption

There is extensive first-pass extraction by the liver, with oral bioavailability of the active medicine or metabolites being less than 5 %.

Distribution

More than 95 % of simvastatin and its beta-hydroxy metabolite are bound to plasma proteins. Following an oral dose, peak plasma concentrations of simvastatin are seen in 1 to 2 hours.

Elimination

Simvastatin is excreted primarily via the liver, and less than 13 % of its metabolites are excreted in the urine.

6 PHARMACEUTICAL PARTICULARS

6.1 List of excipients

Tablet core:
Ascorbic acid
Butylated hydroxy anisole
Citric acid monohydrate
Lactose monohydrate
Magnesium stearate
Microcrystalline cellulose
Pregelatinized starch
Film-coating:
SIMVASTATIN 10 STRIDES: Opadry® Pink 20A54692
SIMVASTATIN 20 STRIDES: Opadry® Brown 20A56767
Coating material contains hydroxypropyl cellulose, hypromellose, titanium dioxide, talc, iron oxide red, iron oxide black, iron oxide yellow.

6.2 Incompatibilities

Not applicable

6.3 Shelf life

ROLTESIM 10: 3 years
ROLTESIM 20: 2 years
Store at or below 25 °C.

6.4 Special precautions for storage

Protect from light. Keep the blisters in the outer carton until required for use. KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN.

6.5 Nature and contents of container

B blister pack comprises of clear, transparent, non-toxic, well thermoformable PVC/PVDC film with backing of aluminium foil with VMCH (Hard tempered, aluminium foil, coated with heat sealable lacquer against PVC). Suitable number of blister strips will be placed in an outer cardboard carton. Blister strips of 10's, 14's or 15's are packed into unit cartons for pack sizes of 28's or 30's. Not all pack sizes may be marketed.

6.6 Special precautions for disposal

Not applicable.

7 HOLDER OF CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION

Strides Pharma SA (Pty) Ltd.
106 16th Road, Building 2, Midrand, 1685.

8 REGISTRATION NUMBER(S)

ROLTESIM 10: A40/7.5/0399
ROLTESIM 20: A40/7.5/0400

9 DATE OF FIRST AUTHORISATION/RENEWAL OF THE AUTHORISATION

13 April 2007

10 DATE OF REVISION OF THE TEXT

14 May 2021

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Elke filmbedekte **ROLTESIM 10** tablet bevat 10 mg simvastatin.
Elke filmbedekte **ROLTESIM 20** tablet bevat 20 mg simvastatin.
Antioksidante: Askorbiensuur: 2,427 % m/m
Sitroensuurmonohidraat: 1,213 % m/m
Butielhidroksianisool: 0,0485 % m/m
Bevat suiker:
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ROLTESIM 20: Laktosemonohidraat 135,4 mg.

Sien afdeling 6.1 vir 'n volledige lys hulpstowwe

3 FARMASEUTIESE VORM

ROLTESIM10: Ligte piengekleurde, ovaal, bikonvekse filmbedekte tablette met 'SVN 10' gegraveer aan die een kant en glad aan die ander kant.
ROLTESIM 20: Bruingekleurde, ovaal, bikonvekse, filmbedekte tablette met 'SVN 20' gegraveer aan die een kant en glad aan die ander kant.

4 KLINIESE BESONDERHEDE

4.1 Terapeutiese indikasies

Hypercholesterolemie:

ROLTESIM word aangedui, in kombinasie met dieet, om verhoogde serum totale cholesterol en LDL-cholesterol te verlaag in pasiënte met:

- Primêre hipercholesterolemie.
- Heterosigotiese familiële hipercholesterolemie, of
- Gemengde hiperlipidemie, wanneer die respons op 'n dieet of ander nie-farmakologiese maatreëls alleen nie voldoende is nie.

Koronêre hartsiekte:

ROLTESIM word aangedui vir pasiënte met koronêre hartsiekte en hipercholesterolemie wat nie op dieet reager nie, om:

- Die risiko vir nie-noodlottige miokardiale infarksie te verminder,
- Die risiko van totale mortaliteit te verlaag deur koronêre sterftes te verminder,
- Die progressie van koronêre vat aterosklerose te vertraag, en
- Die risiko om miokardiale revaskularisasie prosedures te ondergaan, te verminder (perkutane transluminale koronêre angioplastie en koronêre vat omleidingsoorplanting).

4.2 Posologie en metode van toediening

Posologie

Die pasiënt moet 'n cholesterolverlagende dieet volg voor aanvangs van, en tydens **ROLTESIM** behandeling.

Hipercholesterolemie:

Volwassenes: Aanvanklike dosis: 10 mg daagliks as 'n enkelvoudige dosis.

Die dosis van **ROLTESIM** moet verminder word indien LDL-cholesterolvlakke daal benede 1,94 mmol/l, of totale plasma cholesterolvlakke daal onder 3,6 mmol/l.

Koronêre hartsiekte:

Volwassenes: Aanvanklike dosis: 10 mg daagliks as 'n enkelvoudige dosis.

Dosisaanpassings: Indien nodig, behoort die dosis aangepas te word met tussenposes van nie minder as 4 weke nie, tot 'n maksimum van 80 mg daagliks as 'n enkelvoudige dosis.

Spesiale populasies

Nierinkorting:

ROLTESIM ondergaan nie betekenisvolle nieruitskeiding nie, aanpassing van die dosis behoort dus nie nodig te wees in pasiënte met geringe tot matige nierinkorting nie. In pasiënte met erge nierinkorting behoort **ROLTESIM** behandeling noukeurig gemonitor te word en dosisse bo 10 mg/dag moet met omsigtigheid aangepwend word.

Gelyktydige terapie:

ROLTESIM is effektief op sy eie of in kombinasie met galsuursekwestreëders, maar indien hierdie middels saam voorgeskryf word, behoort **ROLTESIM** 1 uur voor of 4 uur na cholestramien toegedien te word (sien afdeling 4.5). 'n Maksimum daaglikse dosis van 10 mg simvastatin word aanbeveel in pasiënte wat siklosporien, fibrate of niasien gelyktydig neem (sien afdeling 4.5).

Pediatriese populasie

Die veiligheid en effektiwiteit van **ROLTESIM** is nie by pediatriese pasiënte vasgestel nie (sien afdeling 4.4).

Metode van toediening

Die tablet moet heel geneem word.
ROLTESIM kan met maaltye of op 'n leë maag geneem word.

4.3 Kontraindikasies

- Hipersensitiwiteit vir simvastatin, ander HMG-CoA reductase inhibeerders, of enige van die bestanddele (sien afdeling 6.1).
- Akute of chroniese lewersiekte.
- Onverklaarbare volgehoue stygings van serumtransaminases.
- Swangerskap en laktasie (sien afdeling 4.4).
- Porfirie: Veiligheid is nog nie vasgestel nie.

4.4 Spesiale waarskuwings en voorsorgmaatreëls vir gebruik

ROLTESIM behoort nie gebruik te word in vroulike pasiënte wat swanger kan raak nie, aangesien die aktiewe metaboliet fetotoksies en teratogenies in rotte is.

ROLTESIM behoort nie gebruik te word in pasiënte wat op omsigtigheid gebruik te word in pasiënte wat:

- Groot hoeveelhede alkohol gebruik en/of wat 'n geskiedenis van lewersiekte het.
- Kan predisoneer tot die ontwikkeling van nierversaking sekondêr tot rabdomiolise, soos dié met 'n erge akute infeksie, hipotensie, erge metabolieë, endokriene of elektrolietstoornisse, ongekontroleerde konvulsies, ernstige chirurgie of trauma. Daar is 'n verhoogde risiko om nierversaking te ontwikkel indien rabdomiolise voorkom.

Hepatiëse effekte:

Lewerfunksietoetses, insluitende serumtransaminase bepalinge word aanbeveel voor die aanvang van **ROLTESIM** behandeling en periodiek daarna tot een jaar na die laaste toename in dosis. **ROLTESIM** behoort gestaak te word indien die styging in transaminasevlakke volgehoue is en/of styg tot drie maal of meer die boonste grens van normaal (BGN).

Miopatie:

Vermindering van die risiko vir miopatie:

1. Algemene maatreëls: Pasiënte wat behandeling met **ROLTESIM** begin behoort ingelig te word van die risiko vir miopatie en behoort dadelik onverklaarbare spierpyne, -swakheid of -teerheid aan te meld. Onverklaarbare spiersimptome in 'n pasiënt en 'n kreatienkinase (KK) vlak van meer as 10 maal die boonste grens van normaal (BGN), dui op miopatie. Indien miopatie gediagnoseer word vermoed word, behoort **ROLTESIM** gestaak te word.

2. Maatreëls om die risiko vir miopatie veroorsaak deur middelinteraksies te verminder: Die voordele en risiko deur **ROLTESIM** te gebruik saam met fibrate, lipied-verlagende dosisse van niasien of immuunonderdrukkende middels behoort versigtig oorweeg te word, en in hierdie gevalle behoort die dosis van **ROLTESIM** oor die algemene dosis van 10 mg/dag te oorskry nie. Gesamentlike toediening met siklosporien, itraconasool, ketokonasool, eritromisien, klaritromisien, HIV-protease inhibeerders en nefasodoon, word nie aanbeveel nie.

ROLTESIM behoort tydelik gestaak te word in pasiënte wat ook siklosporien ontvang, indien sistemiese asoolderivaat anti-swam behandeling benodig word.

Pediatriese populasie

Omdat die veiligheid en effektiwiteit van simvastatin nie by pediatriese pasiënte vasgestel is nie, is dit nie vir die populasie aanbeveel nie.

4.5 Interaksie met ander medisyne en ander vorme van interaksie

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