

PACKAGE LEAFLET: INFORMATION FOR THE USER

Sumatriptan 50 mg Film-coated Tablets
Sumatriptan 100 mg Film-coated Tablets
 (sumatriptan succinate)

Read all of this leaflet carefully before you start taking this medicine because it contains important information for you.

- Keep this leaflet. You may need to read it again.
- If you have any further questions, ask your doctor or pharmacist.
- This medicine has been prescribed for you only. Do not pass it on to others. It may harm them, even if their signs of illness are the same as yours.
- If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor or pharmacist. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet. See section 4.

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1. What Sumatriptan tablets are and what are they used for

The name of your medicine is Sumatriptan 50 mg and 100 mg Film coated Tablets. The active substance present in these tablets is Sumatriptan Succinate. Sumatriptan tablets belong to a group medicine called 5-hydroxytryptamine (5HT₁), receptor agonists.

Sumatriptan is used to treat migraine headache.

Migraine symptoms may be caused by the temporary widening of blood vessels in the head. Sumatriptan is believed to reduce the widening of these blood vessels. This in turn helps to take away the headache and relieve other symptoms of a migraine attack, such as feeling or being sick (nausea or vomiting) and sensitivity to light and sound.

2. What you need to know before you take Sumatriptan tablets**Do not take Sumatriptan tablets:**

- if you are allergic to Sumatriptan, or any of the other ingredients of this medicine listed in section 6)
- if you have a heart problem such as narrowing of the arteries (Ischaemic heart disease) or chest pains (angina), or have already had a heart attack
- If you have circulation problems in your legs that cause cramp-like pains when you walk (peripheral vascular disease)
- if you have had a stroke or a mini-stroke (also known as transient ischaemic attack or TIA)
- if you have high blood pressure. You may be able to use Sumatriptan if your high blood pressure is mild and is being treated
- if you have serious liver disease
- **With other migraine medicines**, including those which contain ergotamine, or similar medicines such as methysergide maleate; or anytriptan or 5-HT₁ agonist (such as naratriptan or zolmitriptan)

With any of the following anti-depressants:

- **MAOIs** (*monoamine oxidase inhibitors*) or if you have taken an MAOI in the last 2 weeks
- **SSRIs** (*selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors*) including citalopram, fluoxetine, fluvoxamine, paroxetine and sertraline
- **SNRIs** (*serotonin noradrenaline reuptake inhibitors*) including venlafaxine and duloxetine
- **For children under 18 years of age.**

If any of these apply to you: **Tell your doctor, and don't use Sumatriptan tablets.**

Warnings and Precautions

Talk to your doctor or pharmacist before taking this medicine:

If you have any extra risk factors

- **If you are a heavy smoker** or using **nicotine replacement therapy**, and especially
- **If you are a man aged over 40**, or
- **If you are a woman who has been through the menopause.**

In very rare cases, people have developed serious heart conditions after using Sumatriptan tablets, even though they had no signs of heart disease before. If any of the points above applies to you it could mean you have a greater risk of developing heart disease – so: **tell your doctor** so that your heart function can be checked before Sumatriptan is prescribed for you.

- **If you have a history of fits** (*seizures*) or if you have other conditions which might make it more likely that you'll have a fit – for example, a head injury or alcoholism: tell your doctor so that you can be supervised more closely.
- **If you have had high blood pressure Sumatriptan may not be suitable for you:** tell your doctor or pharmacist before using Sumatriptan.
- **If you have liver or kidney disease: If either of these apply to you:** tell your doctor or pharmacist before using Sumatriptan.
- **If you have an intolerance to some sugars:** tell your doctor so that you can be supervised more closely.
- **If you are allergic to antibiotics called sulphonamides.** If so, you may also be allergic to Sumatriptan. If you know you are allergic to an antibiotic but you are not sure whether it is a sulphonamide: tell your doctor or pharmacist before using sumatriptan.
- **If you are taking anti-depressants called SSRIs** (Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitors) or SNRIs (Serotonin Noradrenaline Reuptake Inhibitors). Tell your doctor or pharmacist before taking Sumatriptan. Also see Other medicines and Sumatriptan Tablets, below.
- **If you use Sumatriptan frequently:** Using Sumatriptan too often may make your headaches worse. Tell your doctor if this applies to you. He or she may recommend you stop using Sumatriptan.
- **If you feel pain or tightness in your chest after you use sumatriptan.** These effects may be intense but they usually pass quickly. If they don't pass quickly, or they become severe: get medical help immediately. Section 4 (overleaf) has more information about these possible side effects.

The use of buprenorphine together with sumatriptan can lead to serotonin syndrome, a potentially life-threatening condition (see "Other medicines and Sumatriptan Tablets").

Other medicines and Sumatriptan Tablets

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking, have recently taken or might take any other medicines. This includes any herbal products or medicines you have bought without a prescription.

Some medicines must not be taken with Sumatriptan and others may cause adverse effects if they're taken with Sumatriptan. **You must tell your doctor if you are taking:**

- **ergotamine also** used to treat **migraine**, or similar medicines such as methysergide (see section 2 Do not take Sumatriptan tablets). Don't use Sumatriptan at the same time as these medicines. Stop taking these medicines at least 24 hours before using Sumatriptan. Don't take any medicines which contain ergotamine or compounds similar to ergotamine again for at least 6 hours after using Sumatriptan
- **other triptans/5-HT₁ receptor agonists** (such as naratriptan, rizatriptan, zolmitriptan), also used to treat **migraine**, (see section 2. Do not take Sumatriptan tablets). Don't use Sumatriptan at the same time as these medicines. Stop taking these medicines at least 24 hours before using Sumatriptan. Don't take another triptan/5-HT₁ receptor agonist again for at least 24 hours after using Sumatriptan.
- **MAOIs** used to treat **depression**. Don't use Sumatriptan if you have taken these in the last 2 weeks
- **SSRIs and SNRIs** used to treat **depression**. Using Sumatriptan with these medicines can cause serotonin syndrome (a collection of symptoms which can include restlessness, confusion, sweating, hallucinations, increased reflexes, muscle spasms, shivering, increased heartbeat and shaking). Tell your doctor immediately if you are affected in this way.
- **St John's Wort** (*Hypericum perforatum*). Taking herbal remedies that contain St John's Wort together with Sumatriptan may make side effects more likely.
- Buprenorphine/ opioids (used to treat opioid overdose). These medicines may interact with Sumatriptan and you may experience symptoms such as involuntary, rhythmic contractions of muscles, including the muscles that control movement of the eye, agitation, hallucinations, coma, excessive sweating, tremor, exaggeration of reflexes, increased muscle tension, body temperature above 38°C. Contact your doctor when experiencing such symptoms.

Pregnancy, breast-feeding and fertility**Pregnancy**

If you are pregnant, think you may be pregnant or are planning to have a baby, ask your doctor for advice before taking this medicine.

There is only limited information about the safety of Sumatriptan for pregnant women, though up till now there is no evidence of any increased risk of birth defects. Your doctor will discuss with you whether or not you should use Sumatriptan while you are pregnant.

Breast-Feeding**Don't breast-feed your baby for 12 hours after using Sumatriptan.**

If you express any breast milk during this time, discard the milk and don't give it to your baby. Some breastfeeding women report breast and/or nipple pain after use of sumatriptan. The pain is usually temporary and disappears in 3 to 12 hours.

Driving and using machines

Either the symptoms of migraine or your medicine may make you drowsy. **If you are affected, don't drive or operate machinery.**

Sumatriptan Tablets contain Lactose

Sumatriptan tablets contain lactose monohydrate. If you have been told by your doctor that you have intolerance to some sugars, speak to your doctor before taking this medicinal product.

Information on sodium content

This medicine contains less than 1 mmol sodium (23 mg) per tablet, that is to say essentially 'sodium free'.

3. How to take Sumatriptan tablets

Always take this medicine exactly as your doctor or pharmacist has told you. Check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure.

When to take Sumatriptan tablets

- It's best to take sumatriptan as soon as you feel a migraine coming on, although you can take it at any time during an attack
- **Don't use sumatriptan to try to prevent an attack** – only use it after your migraine symptoms start.

The recommended dose is:

- **Adults (18 to 65 years of age):** The usual dose for adults aged 18 to 65 is one Sumatriptan 50 mg tablet, swallowed whole with water. Some patients may need a 100 mg dose - you should follow your doctor's advice.
- **Children and adolescents (under 18 years of age):** Sumatriptan is not recommended for children under 18 years old.
- **Elderly (over 65 years of age):** Sumatriptan is not recommended for people aged over 65.

If your symptoms start to come back

You can take a second Sumatriptan tablet if at least 2 hours have passed since the first tablet. **Don't take more than 300 mg in total in 24 hours.**

If the first tablet has no effect

Don't take a second tablet or any other Sumatriptan preparation for the same attack. Sumatriptan can still be used for your next attack.

If Sumatriptan doesn't give you any relief: **Ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice.**

If you take more Sumatriptan tablets than you should

Don't take more than six 50 mg tablets or three 100 mg tablets (300 mg in total) in any 24 hours. Taking too much Sumatriptan could make you ill. If you have taken more than 300 mg in 24 hours: Contact your doctor for advice.

If you have any further questions about the use of this medicine, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

4. Possible side effects

Like all medicines, this medicine can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them. Some symptoms may be caused by the migraine itself.

Allergic reaction: get doctor's help straight away

The following side effects have occurred but their exact frequency is not known.

The signs of allergy include rash, hives (itchy rash); wheezing; swollen eyelids, face or lips; complete collapse.

If you get any of these following symptoms soon after using Sumatriptan:

- Don't use any more. Contact your doctor straight away.

Common side effects (affect up to 1 in 10 people)

- Pain, heaviness, pressure or tightness in the chest, throat or other parts of the body, or unusual

sensations, including numbness, tingling and warmth or cold. These effects may be intense but generally pass quickly.

If these effects continue or become severe (especially the chest pain): **get medical help urgently.** In a very small number of people these symptoms can be caused by a heart attack.

Other common side effects include:

- Feeling sick (nausea) or being sick (vomiting), although this may be due to the migraine itself
- Tiredness or drowsiness
- Dizziness, feeling weak, or getting hot flushes
- Temporary increase in blood pressure
- Shortness of breath
- Aching muscles.

Rare: may affect up to 1 in 1,000 people

- Breast pain

Very rare side effects (affect up to 1 in 10,000 people)

- Liver function changes. If you have a blood test to check your liver function, tell your doctor or nurse that you are taking Sumatriptan tablets.

Not known: frequency cannot be estimated from the available data:

- Seizures/fits, tremors, muscle spasm, neck stiffness
- Visual disturbances such as flickering, reduced vision, double vision, loss of vision, and in some cases even permanent defects (although these may be due to the migraine attack itself)
- Heart problems, where your heartbeat may go faster, slower or change rhythm, chest pains (*angina*) or heart attack
- Pale, blue-tinged skin and/or pain in your fingers, toes, ears, nose or jaw in response to cold or stress (*Raynaud's phenomenon*)
- Feeling faint (blood pressure may go down)
- Pain in the lower left side of the stomach and bloody diarrhoea (*ischaemic colitis*)
- Diarrhoea
- Pain in the joints
- Feeling anxious
- Excessive sweating
- If you had a recent injury or if you have inflammation (like rheumatism or inflammation of the colon) you may experience pain or pain worsening at the site of injury or inflammation.
- Difficulty swallowing

Reporting of side effects

If you get any side effect, talk to your doctor or pharmacist. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet. You can also report side effects directly via the Yellow Card Scheme Website: www.mhra.gov.uk/yellowcard or search for MHRA Yellow Pages in the Google Play or apple App Store. By reporting side effects, you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

5. How to store Sumatriptan tablets

- Keep this medicine out of the sight and reach of children.
- This medicinal product does not require any special storage conditions.

6. Contents of the pack and other information

What Sumatriptan tablets contain:

- The active ingredient in Sumatriptan tablets is Sumatriptan Succinate.
- The other ingredients are lactose monohydrate, microcrystalline cellulose (Avicel PH101), pregelatinised starch (starch 1500), microcrystalline cellulose (Avicel PH200), croscarmellose sodium, magnesium stearate, hypromellose, titanium dioxide (E171), purified talc, macrogol 6000.
- In addition the 50 mg strength also contains ferric oxide yellow (E172) and ferric oxide red (E172).

What Sumatriptan tablets looks like and contents of pack:

- Sumatriptan 100 mg Film-Coated Tablets are white, capsule shaped, biconvex, film coated tablet with "BL" debossed on one side and plain on the other side.
- Sumatriptan 50 mg Film-Coated Tablets are peach coloured, capsule shaped, biconvex, film coated tablet with "BL" debossed on one side and plain on the other side.
- Each pack of 100 mg strength contains 6 or 12 tablets in blister strips.
- Each pack of 50 mg strength contains 2, 6 or 12 tablets in blister strips.
- Not all pack sizes may be marketed.

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