Rosuvastatin 10 mg and Fenofibrate 160 mg Tablets



# Background:

- Dyslipidemia, and especially atherogenic dyslipidemia, a combination of small low-density lipoproteins cholesterol (LDL-C), decreased high-density lipoprotein cholesterol (HDL-C) and increased triglyceride (TG) concentrations, represents a major cardiovascular (CV) risk factor.
- Nuclear receptor peroxisome proliferator-activated receptors (PPARs) are involved in the regulation of lipid metabolism; PPAR ligands are used to treat dyslipidemias. Fibrates have a major impact on TG metabolism as well as on modulating LDL size and subclasses.

# **Description:**

- ROSLAREN-F-10 contains Rosuvastatin and Fenofibrate. Both are antilipemic agent which reduces both cholesterol and triglycerides in the blood.
- Rosuvastatin competitively inhibits hydroxymethylglutaryl-coenzyme A (HMG-CoA) reductase to reduce cholesterol synthesis in liver.
- Fenofibrate belongs to the class of organic compounds known as benzophenones.

# **Composition:**

Each Film coated tablet of ROSLAREN-F-10 contains Rosuvastatin 10 mg and Fenofibrate 160 mg.

### Indication:

For use as adjunctive therapy to diet to reduce elevated LDL-C, Total-C and Triglycerides and to increase HDL-C in adult patients with primary hypercholesterolemia or mixed dyslipidemia.

### Mechanism of Action:

- Rosuvastatin is a competitive inhibitor of HMG-CoA reductase. HMG-CoA reductase catalyzes the conversion of HMG-CoA to mevalonate, an early rate-limiting step in cholesterol biosynthesis.
- Fenofibrate exerts its therapeutic effects through activation of peroxisome proliferator activated receptor alpha (PPARα). This increases lipolysis and elimination of triglyceride-rich particles from plasma by activating lipoprotein lipase and reducing production of Apoprotein C-III.
- The resulting fall in triglycerides produces an alteration in the size and composition of LDL from small, dense particles, to large buoyant particles. These larger particles have a greater affinity for cholesterol receptors and are catabolized rapidly.

# Dosage:

The recommended daily dosage of ROSLAREN-F-10 is one Tablet per day.

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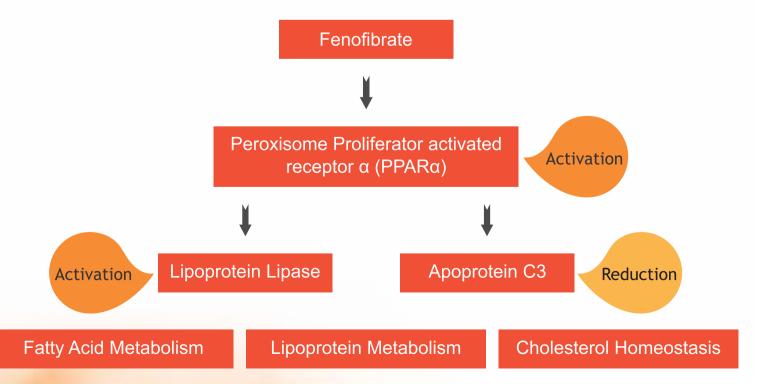
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# Dyslipidemia:

- Dyslipidemia is elevation of plasma cholesterol, triglycerides (TGs), or both, or a low high-density lipoprotein level that contributes to the development of atherosclerosis.
- → Diagnosis is by measuring plasma levels of total cholesterol, TGs, and individual lipoproteins. Treatment involves dietary changes, exercise, and lipid-lowering drugs.

### Fenofibrate Mode of Action:

- The peroxisome proliferator-activated receptors (PPARs) are a group of nuclear receptor proteins that function as transcription factors regulating the expression of genes.
- PPARs play essential roles in the regulation of cellular differentiation, development, and metabolism (carbohydrate, lipid, protein) and tumorigenesis of higher organisms.
- $\rightarrow$  Fenofibrate acts through activation of peroxisome proliferator activated receptor  $\alpha$  (PPAR $\alpha$ ).
- Peroxisome proliferator activated receptor  $\alpha$  (PPAR $\alpha$ ) principally regulates the fatty acid and lipoprotein metabolism.
- Fenofibrate lowers the blood cholesterol and other lipid levels by activating PPARα, which in turn activates lipoprotein lipase and reduces Apoprotein C3.
- Active lipoprotein lipase and reduced Apoprotein C3 cause dramatic degradation (lipolysis) and elimination of triglyceride-rich particles from plasma.
- Activation of PPARα also reduces very low-density lipoprotein (VLDL) and low-density lipoprotein (LDL) containing Apoprotein B.
- Apart from this PPAR $\alpha$  also enhances the synthesis of Apoprotein AI, AII, and high-density lipoprotein (HDL).



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# **CLINICAL STUDY**

Effect of Rosuvastatin monotherapy or in combination with fenofibrate or  $\omega$  -3 fatty acids on lipoprotein subfraction profile in patients with mixed dyslipidemia and metabolic syndrome.

# **Background:**

Raised triglycerides (TG), decreased high-density lipoprotein cholesterol (HDL-C) levels and a predominance of small dense low density lipoproteins (sdLDL) are characteristics of the metabolic syndrome (MetS).

# **Objective:**

To compare the effect of high-dose Rosuvastatin monotherapy with moderate dosing combined with fenofibrate or  $\omega$ -3 fatty acids on the lipoprotein subfraction profile in patients with mixed dyslipidemia and MetS.

### **Methods:**

- We previously randomised patients with low-density lipoprotein cholesterol (LDL-C) > 160 and TG > 200 mg /dl to Rosuvastatin monotherapy 40 mg / day (R group, n = 30) or Rosuvastatin 10 mg / day combined with fenofibrate 200 mg / day (RF group, n = 30) or ω -3 fatty acids 2g/day (Rω group, n = 30).
- In the present study, only patients with MetS were included (24, 23 and 24 in the R, RF and R $\omega$  groups respectively). At baseline and after 12 weeks of treatment, the lipoprotein subfraction profile was determined by polyacrylamide 3% gel electrophoresis.

### Results:

- The mean LDL size was significantly increased in all groups. This change was more prominent with RF than with other treatments in parallel with its greater hypotriglyceridemic capacity (p < 0.05 compared with R and R $\omega$ ).
- → A decrease in insulin resistance by RF was also noted. Only RF significantly raised HDL-C levels (by 7.7%, p < 0.05) by increasing the cholesterol of small HDL particles.
- $\rightarrow$  The cholesterol of larger HDL subclasses was significantly increased by R and R $\omega$ .

### Conclusion:

All regimens increased mean LDL size; RF was the most effective. A differential effect of treatments was noted on the HDL subfraction profile.

#### Reference:

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