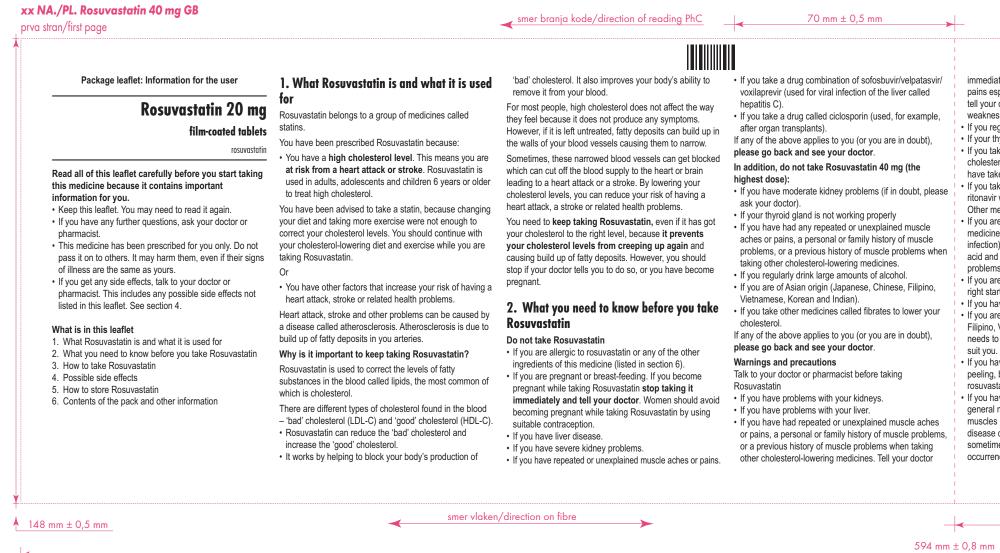
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immediately if you have unexplained muscle aches or pains especially if you feel unwell or have a fever. Also tell your doctor or pharmacist if you have a muscle weakness that is constant.

If you regularly drink large amounts of alcohol.
If your thyroid gland is not working properly.
If you take other medicines called fibrates to lower your cholesterol. Please read this leaflet carefully, even if you have taken other medicines for high cholesterol before.
If you take medicines used to fight the HIV infection e.g. ritonavir with lopinavir and/or atazanavir, please see Other medicines and Rosuvastatin.

 If you are taking or have taken in the last 7 days a medicine called fusidic acid, (a medicine for bacterial infection) orally or by injection. The combination of fusidic acid and Rosuvastatin can lead to serious muscle problems (rhabdomyolysis).

If you are over 70 (as your doctor needs to choose the right start dose of Rosuvastatin to suit you).
If you have severe respiratory failure.

 If you are of Asian origin – that is Japanese, Chinese, Filipino, Vietnamese, Korean and Indian. Your doctor needs to choose the right start dose of Rosuvastatin to with you

 If you have ever developed a severe skin rash or skin peeling, blistering and/or mouth sores after taking rosuvastatin or other statins.

 If you have or have had myasthenia (a disease with general muscle weakness including in some cases muscles used when breathing), or ocular myasthenia (a disease causing eye muscle weakness) as statins may sometimes aggravate the condition or lead to the occurrence of myasthenia (see section 4). If any of the above applies to you (or if you are not sure):
Do not take Rosuvastatin 40 mg (the highest dose) and check with your doctor or pharmacist before you actually start taking any dose of Rosuvastatin.

In a small number of people, statins can affect the liver. This is identified by a simple test which looks for increased levels of liver enzymes in the blood. For this reason, your doctor will usually carry out this blood test (liver function test) before and during treatment with **Rosuvastatin**.

While you are on this medicine your doctor will monitor you closely if you have diabetes or are at risk of developing diabetes. You are likely to be at risk of developing diabetes if you have high levels of sugars and fats in your blood, are overweight and have high blood pressure.

Serious skin reactions including Stevens-Johnson syndrome and drug reaction with eosinophilia and systemic symptoms (DRESS) have been reported in association with rosuvastatin treatment. Stop using Rosuvastatin and seek medical attention immediately if you notice any of the symptoms described in section 4.

#### Children and adolescents:

• If the patient is under 6 years old: Rosuvastatin should not be given to children younger than 6 years.

 If the patient is below 18 years of age: The Rosuvastatin 40 mg tablets are not suitable for use in children and adolescents below 18 years of age.

#### Other medicines and Rosuvastatin

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking, or have recently taken, or might take any other medicines. Tell your doctor if you are taking any of the following: • ciclosporin (used for example, after organ transplants),

- warfarin, clopidogrel or ticagrelor (or any other drug used for thinning the blood),
- fibrates (such as gemfibrozil, fenofibrate) or any other medicine used to lower cholesterol (such as ezetimibe),
  indigestion remedies (used to neutralise acid in your stomach),
- erythromycin (an antibiotic), fusidic acid (an antibiotic please see below and Warnings and precautions),
  an oral contraceptive (the pill),
- regorafenib (used to treat cancer),
  darolutamide (used to treat cancer).
- hormone replacement therapy.
- regorafenib (used to treat cancer).
- any of the following drugs used to treat viral infections, including HIV or hepatitis C infection, alone or in combination (please see Warnings and precautions): ritonavir, lopinavir, atazanavir, sofosbuvir, voxilaprevir, ombitasvir, paritaprevir, dasabuvir, velpatasvir, grazoprevir, elbasvir, glecaprevir, pibrentasvir.

If you need to take oral fusidic acid to treat a bacterial infection you will need to temporarily stop using this medicine. Your doctor will tell you when it is safe to restart Rosuvastatin. Taking Rosuvastatin with fusidic acid may rarely lead to muscle weakness, tenderness or pain (rhabdomyolysis). See more information regarding rhabdomyolysis in section 4.

The effects of these medicines could be changed by Rosuvastatin or they could change the effects of Rosuvastatin.

#### Rosuvastatin with food and drink

You can take Rosuvastatin with or without food.

#### Pregnancy and breast-feeding

Do not take Rosuvastatin if you are pregnant or breastfeeding. If you become pregnant while taking Rosuvastatin stop taking it immediately and tell your doctor. Women should avoid becoming pregnant while taking Rosuvastatin by using suitable contraception.

Ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice before taking any medicine.

#### Driving and using machines

Most people can drive a car and operate machinery while using Rosuvastatin – it will not affect their ability. However, some people feel dizzy during treatment with Rosuvastatin. If you feel dizzy, consult your doctor before attempting to drive or use machines.

#### Rosuvastatin contains lactose

If you have been told by your doctor that you have an intolerance to some sugars (lactose or milk sugar), contact your doctor before taking this medicinal product.

#### 3. How to take Rosuvastatin

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

#### Usual doses in adults

#### If you are taking Rosuvastatin for high cholesterol:

Starting dose

Your treatment with Rosuvastatin must start with the **5 mg** or the **10 mg dose**, even if you have taken a higher dose of a different statin before. The choice of your start dose

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### will depend upon:

- Your cholesterol level.
- The level of risk you have of experiencing a heart attack or stroke
- Whether you have a factor that may make you more sensitive to possible side effects.

Please check with your doctor or pharmacist which start dose of Rosuvastatin will best suit you.

- Your doctor may decide to give you the lowest dose (5 mg) if: • You are of Asian origin (Japanese, Chinese, Filipino,
- Vietnamese, Korean and Indian).
- You are over 70 years of age.
- · You have moderate kidney problems.
- You are at risk of muscle aches and pains (myopathy).

#### Increasing the dose and maximum daily dose

Your doctor may decide to increase your dose. This is so that you are taking the amount of Rosuvastatin that is right for you. If you started with a 5 mg dose, your doctor may decide to double this to 10 mg, then 20 mg and then 40 mg cholesterol checks, to make sure your cholesterol has if necessary. If you started on 10 mg, your doctor may decide to double this to 20 mg and then 40 mg if necessary. There will be a gap of four weeks between every dose adjustment.

The maximum daily dose of Rosuvastatin is 40 mg. It is only for patients with high cholesterol levels and a high risk of heart attacks or stroke whose cholesterol levels are not lowered enough with 20 mg.

#### If you are taking Rosuvastatin to reduce your risk of having a heart attack, stroke or related health problems:

The recommended dose is 20 mg daily. However, your doctor may decide to use a lower dose if you have any of the factors mentioned above.

## Use in children and adolescents aged 6-17 years

The dose range in children and adolescents aged 6 to 17 years is 5 to 20 mg once daily. The usual start dose is 5 mg per day and your doctor may gradually increase your dose to find the right amount of Rosuvastatin for you. The maximum daily dose of Rosuvastatin is 10 or 20 mg for children aged 6 to 17 years depending on your underlying condition being treated. Take your dose once a day. Rosuvastatin 40 mg tablet should not be used by children.

Taking your tablets Swallow each tablet whole with a drink of water.

Take Rosuvastatin once daily. You can take it at any time of the day with or without food.

Try to take your tablet at the same time every day to help you to remember it.

#### Regular cholesterol checks

It is important to go back to your doctor for regular reached and is staying at the correct level. Your doctor may decide to increase your dose so that you are taking the amount of Rosuvastatin that is right for you.

#### If you take more Rosuvastatin than you should

Contact your doctor or nearest hospital for advice. If you go into hospital or receive treatment for another condition, tell the medical staff that you're taking Rosuvastatin.

#### If you forget to take Rosuvastatin

Don't worry, just take your next scheduled dose at the correct time. Do not take a double dose to make up for a forgotten dose.

#### If you stop taking Rosuvastatin

Talk to your doctor if you want to stop taking Rosuvastatin.

Your cholesterol levels might increase again if you stop taking Rosuvastatin.

If you have any further questions on 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.

It is important that you are aware of what these side effects may be. They are usually mild and disappear after a short

Stop taking Rosuvastatin and seek medical help **immediately** if you have any of the following allergic reactions:

- Difficulty in breathing, with or without swelling of the face, lips, tongue and/or throat.
- Swelling of the face, lips, tongue and/or throat, which may cause difficulty in swallowing.
- Severe itching of the skin (with raised lumps).

#### Also, stop taking Rosuvastatin and talk to your doctor immediately if you have any of the following:

- · Unusual aches or pains in your muscles which go on for longer than you might expect. Muscle symptoms are more common in children and adolescents than in adults. As with other statins, a very small number of people have experienced unpleasant muscle effects and rarely these have gone on to become a potentially life threatening muscle damage known as *rhabdomyolysis*.
- Lupus-like disease syndrome (including rash, joint disorders and effects on blood cells).

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- If you notice reddish non-elevated, target-like or circular patches on the trunk, often with central blisters, skin peeling, ulcers of mouth, throat, nose, genitals and eyes. These serious skin rashes can be preceded by fever and flu-like symptoms (Stevens-Johnson syndrome).
- If you notice widespread rash, high body temperature and enlarged lymph nodes (DRESS syndrome or drug hypersensitivity syndrome).

#### Common possible side effects (these may affect up to 1 in 10 people):

- Headache
- Stomach pain
- Constipation
- Feeling sick
- Muscle pain
- Feeling weak
- Dizziness · An increase in the amount of protein in the urine - this usually returns to normal on its own without having to stop taking your Rosuvastatin tablets (only the 40 mg dose).
- Diabetes. This is more likely if you have high levels of sugars and fats in your blood, are overweight and have high blood pressure. Your doctor will monitor you while you are taking this medicine.

Uncommon possible side effects (these may affect up to 1 in 100 people):

- · Rash, itching or other skin reactions.
- An increase in the amount of protein in the urine this usually returns to normal on its own without having to stop taking your Rosuvastatin tablets (only doses 5-20 mg).

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#### Rare possible side effects (these may affect up to 1 in 1 000 people):

- Severe allergic reaction signs include swelling of the face, lips, tongue and/or throat, difficulty in swallowing and breathing, a severe itching of the skin (with raised lumps). If you think you are having an allergic reaction, then stop taking Rosuvastatin and seek medical help immediately
- Muscle damage in adults as a precaution, stop taking Rosuvastatin and talk to your doctor immediately if you have any unusual aches or pains in your muscles which go on for longer than expected
- A severe stomach pain (inflamed pancreas).
- · Increase in liver enzymes in the blood.
- Reduction in blood platelets, which increases risk of bleeding or bruising (thrombocytopenia). · Lupus-like disease syndrome (including rash, joint disorders and effects on blood cells).
- Very rare possible side effects (these may affect up to 1 in 10 000 people):
- Jaundice (yellowing of the skin and eyes)
- Hepatitis (an inflamed liver)
- Traces of blood in your urine
- · Damage to the nerves of your legs and arms (such as numbness)
- Joint pain
- Memory loss
- Breast enlargement in men (gynaecomastia)
- Side effects of unknown frequency may include: • Diarrhoea (loose stools)
- Cough
- Shortness of breath

- Oedema (swelling)
- Sleep disturbances, including insomnia and nightmares
- Sexual difficulties
- Depression
- Breathing problems, including persistent cough and/or shortness of breath or fever
- Tendon injury
- Muscle weakness that is constant
- Myasthenia gravis (a disease causing general muscle weakness including in some cases muscles used when breathing)
- Ocular myasthenia (a disease causing eye muscle weakness)

Talk to your doctor if you experience weakness in your arms or legs that worsens after periods of activity, double vision or drooping of your eyelids, difficulty swallowing, or shortness of breath.

#### Reporting of side effects

If you get any side effects, 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 Yellow Card Scheme, Website: www.mhra.gov.uk/yellowcard or search for MHRA Yellow Card 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 Rosuvastatin

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Keep this medicine out of the sight and reach of children. Do not use this medicine after the expiry date which is stated on the packaging after EXP. The expiry date refers

This medicinal product does not require any special temperature storage conditions.

Store in the original package in order to protect from moisture.

Do not throw away any medicines via wastewater or household waste. Ask your pharmacist how to throw away medicines you no longer use. These measures will help protect the environment.

## 6. Contents of the pack and other information

#### What Rosuvastatin contains

- The active substance is rosuvastatin. Each film-coated tablet contains 20 mg rosuvastatin (as rosuvastatin calcium).
- The other ingredients are lactose, microcrystalline cellulose, crospovidone (type A), magnesium stearate and colloidal anhydrous silica in the tablet core and poly vinyl alcohol, titanium dioxide (E171), macrogol 3350, talc, in the film coating.

#### What Rosuvastatin looks like and contents of the pack

Rosuvastatin 20 mg film-coated tablets are white or almost white, round, slightly biconvex film-coated tablets with bevelled edges, engraved with number 20 on one side of the tablet (diameter: 10 mm).

Rosuvastatin is available in boxes containing 10, 14, 15, 20, 28, 30, 56, 60, 90, 98 and 100 film-coated tablets in blisters.

Rosuvastatin is available in boxes containing 10 x 1, 14 x 1, 15 x 1, 20 x 1, 28 x 1, 30 x 1, 56 x 1, 60 x 1, 90 x 1, 98 x 1 and 100 x 1 film-coated tablets in perforated unit dose blisters.

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Not all pack sizes may be marketed.

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