

Package leaflet: Information for the patient

Macitentan Rowex 10 mg film-coated tablets

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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 Macitentan Rowex is and what it is used for

Macitentan Rowex contains the active substance macitentan, which belongs to the class of medicines called “endothelin receptor antagonists”.

Macitentan Rowex is used for the long-term treatment of pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH):

- in adults of WHO Functional Class (FC) II to III
- in children under 18 years and body weight of at least 40 kg with WHO Functional Class (FC) II to III.

It can be used on its own or with other medicines for PAH. PAH is high blood pressure in the blood vessels that carry blood from the heart to the lungs (the pulmonary arteries). In people with PAH, these arteries get narrower, so the heart has to work harder to pump blood through them. This causes people to feel tired, dizzy, and short of breath.

Macitentan Rowex widens the pulmonary arteries, making it easier for the heart to pump blood through them. This lowers the blood pressure, relieves the symptoms, and improves the course of the disease.

2. What you need to know before you take Macitentan Rowex

Do not take Macitentan Rowex

- If you are allergic to macitentan, soya or any of the other ingredients of this medicine (listed in section 6).

- If you are pregnant, if you are planning to become pregnant, or if you could become pregnant because you are not using reliable birth control (contraception). See section ‘Pregnancy and breast-feeding’.
- If you are breast-feeding. See section ‘Pregnancy and breast-feeding’.
- If you have liver disease or if you have very high levels of liver enzymes in your blood. Talk to your doctor, who will decide whether this medicine is suitable for you.

If any of these apply to you, please tell your doctor.

Warnings and precautions

Talk to your doctor or pharmacist before taking Macitentan Rowex.

You will need blood tests, as indicated by your doctor:

Your doctor will take blood test before you start treatment with Macitentan Rowex and during treatment to test:

- whether you have anaemia (a reduced number of red blood cells)
- whether your liver is working properly.

If you have anaemia (a reduced number of red blood cells), you may have the following signs:

- dizziness
- fatigue/malaise/weakness
- fast heart rate, palpitations
- pallor.

If you notice any of these signs, **tell your doctor**.

Signs that your liver may not be working properly include:

- feeling sick (nausea)
- vomiting
- fever
- pain in your stomach (abdomen)
- yellowing of your skin or the whites of your eyes (jaundice)
- dark-coloured urine
- itching of your skin
- unusual tiredness or exhaustion (lethargy or fatigue)
- flu-like syndrome (joint and muscle pain with fever).

If you notice any of these signs, **tell your doctor immediately**.

If you have kidney problems, talk to your doctor before using Macitentan Rowex. Macitentan may lead to more reduction of blood pressure and decrease in haemoglobin in patients with kidney problems.

In patients with pulmonary veno-occlusive disease (obstruction of the lung veins), the use of medicines for treatment of PAH, including Macitentan Rowex, may lead to pulmonary oedema. If you have signs of pulmonary oedema when using Macitentan Rowex, such as a sudden, important increase in breathlessness and low oxygen, **tell your doctor immediately**. Your doctor may perform additional tests, and will determine what treatment regimen is most suitable for you.

Children and adolescents

Do not give this medicine to children below 2 years of age because efficacy and safety have not been established.

Other medicines and Macitentan Rowex

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking, have recently taken or might take any other medicine. Macitentan Rowex can affect other medicines.

If you take Macitentan Rowex together with other medicines including those listed below, the effects of Macitentan Rowex or the other medicines might be altered. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking any of the following medicines:

- rifampicin, clarithromycin, telithromycin, ciprofloxacin, erythromycin (antibiotics used to treat infections)
- phenytoin (a medicine used to treat seizures)
- carbamazepine (used to treat depression and epilepsy)
- St. John's Wort (an herbal preparation used to treat depression)
- ritonavir, saquinavir (used to treat HIV infections)
- nefazodone (used to treat depression), ketoconazole (except shampoo), fluconazole, itraconazole, miconazole, voriconazole (medicines used against fungal infections)
- amiodarone (to control the heartbeat)
- cyclosporine (used to prevent organ rejection after transplant)
- diltiazem, verapamil (to treat high blood pressure or specific heart problems).

Macitentan Rowex with food

If you are taking piperine as a dietary supplement, this may alter how the body responds to some medicinal products, including Macitentan Rowex. Please talk to your doctor or pharmacist should this be the case.

Pregnancy and breast-feeding

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

Macitentan Rowex may harm unborn babies conceived before, during or soon after treatment.

- If it is possible, you could become pregnant, use a reliable form of birth control (contraception) while you are taking Macitentan Rowex. Talk to your doctor about this.
- Do not take Macitentan Rowex if you are pregnant or planning to become pregnant.
- If you become pregnant or think that you may be pregnant while you are taking Macitentan Rowex, or shortly after stopping Macitentan Rowex (up to 1 month), see your doctor immediately.

If you are a woman who could become pregnant, your doctor will ask you to take a pregnancy test before you start taking Macitentan Rowex and regularly (once a month) while you are taking Macitentan Rowex.

It is not known if macitentan is transferred to breast milk. Do not breast-feed while you are taking Macitentan Rowex. Talk to your doctor about this.

Fertility

If you are a man taking Macitentan Rowex, it is possible that this medicine may lower your sperm count. Talk to your doctor if you have any questions or concerns about this.

Driving and using machines

Macitentan Rowex can cause side effects such as headaches and hypotension (listed in section 4), and the symptoms of your condition can also make you less fit to drive or use machines.

Macitentan Rowex contains lactose, lecithin from soya and sodium

Macitentan Rowex contains a sugar called lactose. If you have been told by your doctor that you have an intolerance to some sugars, contact your doctor before taking this medicine.

Macitentan Rowex contains soya lecithin derived from soya. If you are allergic to soya or peanut, do not use this medicine (see section 2 'Do not take Macitentan Rowex').

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

3. How to take Macitentan Rowex

Macitentan Rowex should only be prescribed by a doctor experienced in the treatment of pulmonary arterial hypertension.

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

Adults and children aged less than 18 years weighing at least 40 kg

The recommended dose of Macitentan Rowex is one 10 mg tablet, once a day. Swallow the whole tablet, with a glass of water, do not chew or break the tablet. If you are unable to swallow tablets whole, you should use other pharmaceutical forms containing macitentan available on the market.

You can take Macitentan Rowex with or without food. It is best to take the tablet at the same time each day.

For children weighing less than 40 kg, macitentan dispersible tablets with a lower strength are available under other brand names.

If you take more Macitentan Rowex than you should

If you have taken more tablets than you have been told to take, you may experience headache, nausea, or vomiting. Ask your doctor for advice.

If you forget to take Macitentan Rowex

If you forget to take Macitentan Rowex, take a dose as soon as you remember, then continue to take your tablets at the usual times. Do not take a double dose to make up for a forgotten tablet.

If you stop taking Macitentan Rowex

Macitentan Rowex is a treatment that you will need to keep on taking to control your PAH. Do not stop taking Macitentan Rowex unless you have agreed this with your doctor.

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.

Uncommon serious side effects (may affect up to 1 in 100 people)

- Allergic reactions (swelling around the eyes, face, lips, tongue or throat, itching and/or rash).

If you notice any of these signs, tell your doctor immediately.

Very common side effects (may affect more than 1 in 10 people)

- Anaemia (low number of red blood cells) or reduced haemoglobin
- Headache
- Bronchitis (inflammation of the airways)
- Nasopharyngitis (inflammation of the throat and nasal passages)
- Oedema (swelling), especially of the ankles and feet.

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

- Pharyngitis (inflammation of the throat)
- Influenza (flu)
- Urinary tract infection (bladder infection)
- Hypotension (low blood pressure)
- Nasal congestion (blocked nose)
- Elevated liver tests
- Leukopenia (decreased white blood cell counts)
- Thrombocytopenia (decreased blood platelet counts)
- Flushing (redness of the skin)
- Increased uterine bleeding.

Side effects in children and adolescents

The side effects listed above may also be seen in children. Additional side effects very commonly seen in children include upper respiratory tract infection (infected nose sinuses, or throat) and gastroenteritis (inflamed stomach and gut). Rhinitis (itchy, runny, or blocked nose) was seen commonly in children.

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 the national reporting system: HPRa Pharmacovigilance; website: www.hpra.ie. By reporting side effects you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

5. How to store Macitentan Rowex

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 carton and blister after EXP. The expiry date refers to the last day of that month.

This medicinal product does not require any special storage conditions.

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 to protect the environment.

6. Contents of the pack and other information

What Macitentan Rowex contains

- The active substance is macitentan. Each film-coated tablet contains 10 mg macitentan.
- The other ingredients are lactose monohydrate, cellulose microcrystalline, croscarmellose sodium, poloxamer, povidone, sodium stearyl fumarate, polyvinyl alcohol part hydrolysed, titanium dioxide, talc, soya lecithin and xanthan gum.

What Macitentan Rowex looks like and contents of the pack

Macitentan Rowex 10 mg tablets are round, biconvex, white to off-white film coated tablet, debossed with “L” on one side and “11” on other side. Approximately 5.4 mm in diameter.

Macitentan Rowex are available in blisters containing 15 or 30 film-coated tablets or perforated unit dose blisters containing 15 x 1 or 30 x 1 film-coated tablets.

Not all pack sizes may be marketed.

Marketing Authorisation Holder and Manufacturers**Marketing Authorisation Holder**

Rowex Ltd., Bantry, Co. Cork, Ireland.

Manufacturers

Salutas Pharma GmbH, Otto-von-Guericke Allee 1, 39179 Barleben, Germany.

Pharmadox Healthcare Limited, KW20A Kordin Industrial Park, Paola, PLA 3000, Malta.

This medicine is authorised in the Member States of the European Economic Area under the following names:

AT	Macitentan Sandoz 10 mg – Filmtabletten
BE	Macitentan Sandoz 10 mg filmomhulde tabletten/ Macitentan Sandoz 10 mg comprimés/ Macitentan Sandoz 10 mg Filmtabletten
CY	Macitentan Sandoz
DE	Macitentan – 1 A Pharma 10 mg Filmtabletten
DK	Macitentan Sandoz
EL	Macitentan/Sandoz
ES	Macitentan Sandoz 10 mg comprimidos recubiertos con película EFG
FI	Macitentan Sandoz 10 mg tabletti kalvopäällysteinen
HU	Macitentan Sandoz 10 mg filmtabletta
IE	Macitentan Rowex 10 mg film-coated tablets
IT	Macitentan Sandoz
MT	Macitentan Sandoz 10 mg film-coated tablets
NL	Macitentan Sandoz 10 mg, filmomhulde tabletten
NO	Macitentan Sandoz
PL	Macitentan Sandoz
PT	Macitentan Sandoz 10 mg Comprimido revestido película
SE	Macitentan Sandoz

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