

## Package leaflet: Information for the user

### Ticagrelor MSN 60 mg film-coated tablets

### Ticagrelor MSN 90 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.

#### What is in this leaflet

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#### 1. What Ticagrelor MSN is and what it is used for

##### What Ticagrelor MSN is

This medicine contains an active substance called ticagrelor. This belongs to a group of medicines called antiplatelet medicines.

##### What Ticagrelor MSN is used for

###### Ticagrelor MSN 60 mg film-coated tablets:

Ticagrelor MSN in combination with acetylsalicylic acid (another antiplatelet agent) is to be used in adults only. You have been given this medicine because you have had:

- a heart attack, over a year ago.

It reduces the chances of you having another heart attack, stroke or dying from a disease related to your heart or blood vessels.

###### Ticagrelor MSN 90 mg film-coated tablets:

Ticagrelor MSN in combination with acetylsalicylic acid (another antiplatelet agent) is to be used in adults only. You have been given this medicine because you have had:

- a heart attack, or
- unstable angina (angina or chest pain that is not well controlled).

It reduces the chances of you having another heart attack, stroke or dying from a disease related to your heart or blood vessels.

##### How Ticagrelor MSN works

Ticagrelor MSN affects cells called 'platelets' (also called thrombocytes). These very small blood cells help stop bleeding by clumping together to plug tiny holes in blood vessels that are cut or damaged.

However, platelets can also form clots inside diseased blood vessels in the heart and brain. This can be very dangerous because:

- the clot can cut off the blood supply completely; this can cause a heart attack (myocardial infarction) or stroke, or
- the clot can partly block the blood vessels to the heart; this reduces the blood flow to the

heart and can cause chest pain which comes and goes (called ‘unstable angina’).

Ticagrelor MSN helps stop the clumping of platelets. This reduces the chance of a blood clot forming that can reduce blood flow.

## **2. What you need to know before you take Ticagrelor MSN**

### **Do not take Ticagrelor MSN if:**

- You are allergic to ticagrelor or any of the other ingredients of this medicine (listed in section 6).
- You are bleeding now.
- You have had a stroke caused by bleeding in the brain.
- You have severe liver disease.
- You are taking any of the following medicines:
  - ketoconazole (used to treat fungal infections)
  - clarithromycin (used to treat bacterial infections)
  - nefazodone (an antidepressant)
  - ritonavir and atazanavir (used to treat HIV infection and AIDS)

Do not take Ticagrelor MSN if any of the above applies to you. If you are not sure, talk to your doctor or pharmacist before taking this medicine.

### **Warnings and precautions**

Talk to your doctor or pharmacist before taking Ticagrelor MSN if:

- You have an increased risk of bleeding because of:
  - a recent serious injury
  - recent surgery (including dental work, ask your dentist about this)
  - you have a condition that affects blood clotting
  - recent bleeding from your stomach or gut (such as a stomach ulcer or colon ‘polyps’)
- You are due to have surgery (including dental work) at any time while taking Ticagrelor MSN. This is because of the increased risk of bleeding. Your doctor may want you to stop taking this medicine 5 days prior to surgery.
- Your heart rate is abnormally low (usually lower than 60 beats per minute) and you do not already have in place a device that paces your heart (pacemaker).
- You have asthma or other lung problems or breathing difficulties.
- You develop irregular breathing patterns such as speeding up, slowing down or short pauses in breathing. Your doctor will decide if you need further evaluation.
- You have had any problems with your liver or have previously had any disease which may have affected your liver.
- You have had a blood test that showed more than the usual amount of uric acid.

If any of the above apply to you (or you are not sure), talk to your doctor or pharmacist before taking this medicine.

If you are taking both Ticagrelor MSN and heparin:

- Your doctor may require a sample of your blood for diagnostic tests if they suspect a rare platelet disorder caused by heparin. It is important that you inform your doctor that you are taking both Ticagrelor MSN and heparin, as Ticagrelor MSN may affect the diagnostic test.

### **Children and adolescents**

Ticagrelor MSN is not recommended for children and adolescents under 18 years.

### **Other medicines and Ticagrelor MSN**

Please tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking, have recently taken or might take any other medicines. This is because Ticagrelor MSN can affect the way some medicines work and some medicines can have an effect on Ticagrelor MSN.

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking any of the following medicines:

- rosuvastatin (a medicine to treat high cholesterol)
- more than 40 mg daily of either simvastatin or lovastatin (medicines used to treat high cholesterol)
- rifampicin (an antibiotic)
- phenytoin, carbamazepine and phenobarbital (used to control seizures)
- digoxin (used to treat heart failure)
- cyclosporine (used to lessen your body's defenses)
- quinidine and diltiazem (used to treat abnormal heart rhythms)
- beta blockers and verapamil (used to treat high blood pressure)
- morphine and other opioids (used to treat severe pain)

In particular, tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking any of the following medicines that increase your risk of bleeding:

- 'oral anticoagulants' often referred to as 'blood thinners' which include warfarin.
- Non-Steroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drugs (abbreviated as NSAIDs) often taken as painkillers such as ibuprofen and naproxen.
- Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitors (abbreviated as SSRIs) taken as antidepressants such as paroxetine, sertraline and citalopram.
- other medicines such as ketoconazole (used to treat fungal infections), clarithromycin (used to treat bacterial infections), nefazodone (an antidepressant), ritonavir and atazanavir (used to treat HIV infection and AIDS), cisapride (used to treat heartburn), ergot alkaloids (used to treat migraines and headaches).

Also tell your doctor that because you are taking Ticagrelor MSN, you may have an increased risk of bleeding if your doctor gives you fibrinolytics, often called 'clot solvers', such as streptokinase or alteplase.

### **Pregnancy and breast-feeding**

It is not recommended to use Ticagrelor MSN if you are pregnant or may become pregnant. Women should use appropriate contraceptive measures to avoid pregnancy while taking this medicine.

Talk to your doctor before taking this medicine if you are breast-feeding. Your doctor will discuss with you the benefits and risks of taking Ticagrelor MSN during this time.

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

### **Driving and using machines**

Ticagrelor MSN is not likely to affect your ability to drive or use machines. If you feel dizzy or confused while taking this medicine, be careful while driving or using machines.

## **3. How to take Ticagrelor MSN**

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

### **How much to take**

#### **Ticagrelor MSN 60 mg film-coated tablets:**

- The usual dose is one tablet of 60 mg twice a day. Continue taking Ticagrelor MSN as long as your doctor tells you.
- Take this medicine around the same time every day (for example, one tablet in the morning and one in the evening).

#### **Ticagrelor MSN 90 mg film-coated tablets:**

- The starting dose is two tablets at the same time (loading dose of 180 mg). This dose will usually be given to you in the hospital.
- After this starting dose, the usual dose is one tablet of 90 mg twice a day for up to 12 months unless your doctor tells you differently.
- Take this medicine around the same time every day (for example, one tablet in the morning and one in the evening).

### **Taking Ticagrelor MSN with other medicines for blood clotting**

Your doctor will usually also tell you to take acetylsalicylic acid. This is a substance present in many medicines used to prevent blood clotting. Your doctor will tell you how much to take (usually between 75-150 mg daily).

### **How to take Ticagrelor MSN**

- You can take the tablet with or without food.
- You can check when you last took a tablet of Ticagrelor MSN by looking on the blister. There is a sun (for the morning) and a moon (for the evening). This will tell you whether you have taken the dose.

### **If you have trouble swallowing the tablet**

If you have trouble swallowing the tablet you can crush it and mix with water as follows:

- Crush the tablet to a fine powder.
- Pour the powder into half a glass of water.
- Stir and drink immediately.
- To make sure there is no medicine left, rinse the empty glass with another half a glass of water and drink it.

If you are in the hospital you may be given this tablet mixed with some water and given through a tube via the nose (nasogastric tube).

### **If you take more Ticagrelor MSN than you should**

If you take more Ticagrelor MSN than you should, talk to a doctor or go to hospital straight away. Take the medicine pack with you. You may be at increased risk of bleeding.

### **If you forget to take Ticagrelor MSN**

- If you forget to take a dose, just take your next dose as normal.
- Do not take a double dose (two doses at the same time) to make up for the forgotten dose.

### **If you stop taking Ticagrelor MSN**

Do not stop taking Ticagrelor MSN without talking to your doctor. Take this medicine on a regular basis and for as long as your doctor keeps prescribing it. If you stop taking Ticagrelor MSN, it may increase your chances of having another heart attack or stroke or dying from a disease related to your heart or blood vessels.

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. The following side effects may happen with this medicine:

Ticagrelor MSN affects blood clotting, so most side effects are related to bleeding. Bleeding may occur in any part of the body. Some bleeding is common (like bruising and nosebleeds). Severe bleeding is uncommon but can be life threatening.

**See a doctor straight away if you notice any of the following – you may need urgent medical**

**treatment:**

- **Bleeding into the brain or inside the skull is an uncommon side effect, and may cause signs of a stroke such as:**
  - sudden numbness or weakness of your arm, leg or face, especially if only on one side of the body
  - sudden confusion, difficulty speaking or understanding others
  - sudden difficulty in walking or loss of balance or co-ordination
  - suddenly feeling dizzy or sudden severe headache with no known cause
- **Signs of bleeding such as:**
  - bleeding that is severe or that you cannot control
  - unexpected bleeding or bleeding that lasts a long time
  - pink, red or brown urine
  - vomiting red blood or your vomit looks like ‘coffee grounds’
  - red or black stools (look like tar)
  - coughing up or vomiting blood clots
- **Fainting (syncope)**
  - a temporary loss of consciousness due to sudden drop in blood flow to the brain (common)
- **Signs of a blood clotting problem called Thrombotic Thrombocytopenic Purpura (TTP) such as:**
  - fever and purplish spots (called purpura) on the skin or in the mouth, with or without yellowing of the skin or eyes (jaundice), unexplained extreme tiredness or confusion

**Discuss with your doctor if you notice any of the following:**

- **Feeling short of breath - this is very common.** It might be due to your heart disease or another cause, or it might be a side effect of Ticagrelor MSN. Ticagrelor MSN -related breathlessness is generally mild and characterised as a sudden, unexpected hunger for air usually occurring at rest and may appear in the first weeks of therapy and for many may disappear. If your feeling of shortness of breath gets worse or lasts a long time, tell your doctor. Your doctor will decide if it needs treatment or further investigations.

**Other possible side effects**

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

- High level of uric acid in your blood (as seen in tests)
- Bleeding caused by blood disorders

**Common (may affect up to 1 in 10 people)**

- Bruising
- Headache
- Feeling dizzy or like the room is spinning
- Diarrhoea or indigestion
- Feeling sick (nausea)
- Constipation
- Rash
- Itching
- Severe pain and swelling in your joints – these are signs of gout
- Feeling dizzy or light-headed, or having blurred vision – these are signs of low blood pressure
- Nosebleed
- Bleeding after surgery or from cuts (for example while shaving) and wounds more than is normal

- Bleeding from your stomach lining (ulcer)
- Bleeding gums

**Uncommon (may affect up to 1 in 100 people)**

- Allergic reaction – a rash, itching or a swollen face or swollen lips/tongue may be signs of an allergic reaction
- Confusion
- Visual problems caused by blood in your eye
- Vaginal bleeding that is heavier, or happens at different times, than your normal period (menstrual) bleeding
- Bleeding into your joints and muscles causing painful swelling
- Blood in your ear
- Internal bleeding, this may cause dizziness or light-headedness

**Not known (frequency cannot be estimated from the available data)**

- Abnormally Low heart rate (usually lower than 60 beats per minute)

**Reporting of side effects**

If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor or nurse. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet. You can also report side effects directly via:

HPRA Pharmacovigilance

Website: [www.hpra.ie](http://www.hpra.ie).

By reporting side effects you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

**5. How to store Ticagrelor MSN**

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 blister and carton after EXP.

The expiry date refers to the last day of that month.

This medicine 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 Ticagrelor MSN contains**

- The active substance is ticagrelor.  
Each film-coated tablets contains 60 mg of ticagrelor.  
Each film-coated tablet contains 90 mg of ticagrelor.
- The other ingredients are:  
*Tablet core:* mannitol (E421), hydroxy propyl cellulose low substituted, calcium hydrogen phosphate dihydrate, hydroxypropyl cellulose (E463), (contains silica), magnesium stearate (E470b).

*Tablet film-coating:*

Ticagrelor MSN 60 mg film-coated tablets:

hypromellose 2910 (E464), titanium dioxide (E171), talc (E553b), macrogol 400 (E1521), iron oxide yellow (E172), iron oxide red (E172), iron oxide black (E172)

Ticagrelor MSN 90 mg film-coated tablets:

hypromellose 2910 (E464), titanium dioxide (E171), macrogol 400 (E1521), talc (E553b), iron oxide yellow (E172).

### **What Ticagrelor MSN looks like and contents of the pack**

Pink coloured, round, biconvex, film-coated tablets (approximately 8 mm diameter), debossed with “60 & M” on one side and plain on other side.

Yellow coloured, round, biconvex, film coated tablets (approximately 9 mm diameter), debossed with "90 & M" on one side and plain on other side.

Ticagrelor MSN is available in:

#### **60mg:**

- standard blisters (with sun/moon symbols) in cartons of 60 and 180 tablets.
- calendar blisters (with sun/moon symbols) in cartons of 14, 56 and 168 tablets.
- perforated unit dose blister of 10 tablets; cartons of 60×1, and 180×1 tablets.
- perforated unit dose blister of 14 tablets; cartons of 14×1, 56×1, 168×1 tablets.

#### **90mg:**

- standard blisters (with sun/moon symbols) in cartons of 60, 100 and 180 tablets.
- calendar blisters (with sun/moon symbols) in cartons of 14, 56 and 168 tablets.
- perforated unit dose blister of 10 tablets; cartons of 60×1, 100×1 and 180×1 tablets.
- perforated unit dose blister of 14 tablets; cartons of 14×1, 56×1, 168×1 tablets.

Not all pack sizes may be marketed.

### **Marketing Authorization Holder and Manufacturer**

#### **Marketing Authorisation Holder**

MSN Labs Europe Limited,  
KW20A, Corradino Park,  
Paola PLA 3000,  
Malta

#### **Manufacturer**

Pharmadox Healthcare Limited,  
KW20A Kordin Industrial Park,  
Paola, PLA3000,  
Malta

MSN Labs Europe Limited,  
KW20A Corradino Park,  
Paola, PLA3000,  
Malta

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

Hungary	Ticagrelor Vivanta 60 mg filmtabletta Ticagrelor Vivanta 90 mg filmtabletta
Germany	Ticagrelor Vivanta 60 mg Filmtabletten Ticagrelor Vivanta 90 mg Filmtabletten
Spain	Ticagrelor Vivanta 60 mg comprimidos recubiertos con película EFG Ticagrelor Vivanta 90 mg comprimidos recubiertos con película EFG

Portugal	Ticagrelor Vivanta
The Netherlands	Ticagrelor Vivanta 60 mg filmomhulde tabletten Ticagrelor Vivanta 90 mg filmomhulde tabletten
Denmark	Ticagrelor Vivanta
Finland	Ticagrelor Vivanta 60 mg kalvopäällysteiset tabletti Ticagrelor Vivanta 90 mg kalvopäällysteiset tabletti
Norway	Ticagrelor Vivanta
Sweden	Ticagrelor Vivanta 60 mg filmdragerade tabletter Ticagrelor Vivanta 90 mg filmdragerade tabletter
Italy	Ticagrelor Vivanta
Cyprus	Ticagrelor MSN 60 mg, film-coated tablets Ticagrelor MSN 90 mg, film-coated tablets
Ireland	Ticagrelor MSN 60 mg film-coated tablets Ticagrelor MSN 90 mg film-coated tablets

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