

## Patient package insert according to Pharmacists' Regulations (Preparations) – 1986

This medicine can be sold with a physician's prescription only

# **SUMATRIDEX® 50,100, Caplets**

Each caplet contains Sumatriptan (as succinate) at a dosage of 50 or 100 mg respectively. Inactive ingredients and allergens in the medicine - see section 6 "Additional information" and in section 2 "Important information about some of the ingredients of the medicine".

Read this entire leaflet carefully before using the medicine. This leaflet contains concise information about the medicine. If you have any further questions, refer to the doctor or pharmacist. This medicine has been prescribed for you. Do not pass it on to others. It may harm them, even if you think that their medical condition is similar to yours.

# 1. What is the medicine intended for?

**Sumatridex** is used for the acute relief of migraine attacks, with or without aura. **Sumatridex** should only be used where there is a clear diagnosis of migraine.

**Therapeutic group:** Analgesics: triptans – selective 5-HT<sub>1</sub> receptor agonists.

Migraine symptoms may be caused by the temporary dilation of blood vessels in the head. Sumatriptan is believed to reduce the dilation of these blood vessels. This in turn helps to relieve the headache and ease other symptoms of a migraine attack, such as nausea or vomiting and sensitivity to light and sound.

## 2. Before using the medicine

Do not use the medicine:

- If you are hypersensitive (allergic) to the active ingredient sumatriptan or to any of the other ingredients this medicine contains (see section 6).
- If you have a heart problem such as narrowing of the arteries (ischaemic heart disease) or chest pains (angina), or if you have had a heart attack.
- If you have circulation problems in your legs, which cause cramp-like pains while walking (peripheral vascular disease).
- If you have had a stroke or a mini-stroke (also called a transient ischaemic attack or TIA).
- If you have high blood pressure. You may be able to use **Sumatridex** if your high blood pressure is mild and is being treated.
- If you have a serious liver disease.
- with other migraine medicines, including those which contain ergotamine, or similar medicines such as methysergide maleate; or any triptan or 5-HT<sub>1</sub> agonist (such as naratriptan or zolmitriptan).
- with any of the following anti-depressant medicines:
  - monoamine oxidase inhibitors (MAOIs) or if you have taken a MAOI in the last 2 weeks.

If any of these apply to you:

→ Tell your doctor and do not use Sumatridex.

Special warnings regarding the use of the medicine Before treatment with Sumatridex, tell the doctor: If you have any additional risk factors

- if you are a heavy smoker, or are using nicotine replacement therapy, and especially
- if you are a man over the age of 40, or
- if you are a post-menopausal woman

In very rare cases, people have developed serious heart problems after using sumatriptan, even though they had no signs of heart disease before. If any of the points above applies to you, you may have a greater risk of developing heart disease, therefore:

→ Tell your doctor so that your heart function can be checked before Sumatridex 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, Sumatridex may not be suitable for you

→ Tell your doctor or pharmacist before using Sumatridex.

### If you have liver or kidney disease

If any of these apply to you:

→ Tell your doctor or pharmacist before using Sumatridex.

## If you are allergic to antibiotics called sulphonamides

If so, you may also be allergic to **Sumatridex**. 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 Sumatridex.

## If you are taking anti-depressant medicines called SSRIs

(Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitors) or SNRIs (Serotonin and Noradrenaline Reuptake Inhibitors), or TCAs (Tricyclic Anti-depressants):

→ Tell your doctor or pharmacist before using Sumatridex. See also section "Drug interactions" below.

# If you use Sumatridex frequently.

Using **Sumatridex** too often may worsen your headaches.

→ Tell your doctor if this applies to you. Your doctor may recommend you stop using Sumatridex.

# If you feel pain or tightness in your chest after you use Sumatridex

These effects may be intense but they usually pass quickly. If they do not pass quickly, or they worsen:

→ Seek medical assistance immediately. Section 4 (appears below) includes additional information about these possible side effects.

# **Drug interactions**

Some medicines must not be taken with **Sumatridex** and others may cause side effects if they are taken with **Sumatridex**.

If you are taking or have recently taken other medicines, including non-prescription medicines and nutritional supplements, tell the doctor or pharmacist. Especially if you are taking:

- **Ergotamine**, which is also used to treat **migraine**, or similar medicines, such as methysergide (see section 2 "Do not use the medicine"). Do not use **Sumatridex** concomitantly with these medicines. Stop taking these medicines at least 24 hours before using **Sumatridex**. Do not take any medicine which contains ergotamine or compounds similar to ergotamine again for at least 6 hours after using **Sumatridex**.
- Other triptans/5-HT<sub>1</sub> receptor agonists (such as naratriptan, rizatriptan or zolmitriptan), which are also used to treat migraine (see section 2 "Do not use the medicine"). Do not use Sumatridex at the same time as these medicines. Stop taking these medicines at least

- 24 hours before using **Sumatridex**. Do not take another triptan/5-HT<sub>1</sub> receptor agonist again for at least 24 hours after using **Sumatridex**.
- MAOIs, used to treat depression. If you have taken these in the last two weeks, do not use Sumatridex.
- SSRIs, SNRIs, and TCA (Tricyclic Anti-depressant) medicines used to treat depression.
  Using Sumatridex together with these medicines can cause serotonin syndrome (a collection of symptoms which may include restlessness, confusion, sweating, hallucinations, increased reflexes, muscle spasms, shivering, increase of heartbeat and shaking). Tell your doctor immediately if you are affected in this manner.
- Hypericum perforatum (St John's Wort). Taking herbal remedies that contain hypericum together with Sumatridex may raise the probability of side effects.

## Pregnancy, breastfeeding and fertility

- If you are pregnant, think you may be pregnant or are planning to become pregnant, consult a doctor before using the medicine. There is only limited information on the safety of **Sumatridex** in pregnant women, though up until now there is no evidence of any increased risk of birth defects. Your doctor will discuss with you whether or not you should use **Sumatridex** while you are pregnant.
- **Do not breastfeed your baby for 12 hours after using Sumatridex.** If you express breast milk during this time period, discard the milk and do not give it to your baby.

## **Driving and using machines**

Either this medicine or the migraine symptoms may cause you drowsiness. If you are affected, do not drive or operate machinery.

# Important information about some of the ingredients of the medicine

This medicine contains lactose. If you have been previously told by a doctor that you have intolerance to certain sugars, consult the doctor before starting treatment with this medicine. This medicine contains less than 1 mmol sodium (23 mg) per caplet, i.e. it is essentially "sodium-free".

# 3. How to use this medicine?

Always use the medicine according to the doctor's instructions. Check with the doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure about the dosage and the manner of treatment with the medicine.

#### When to take Sumatridex

- It is preferable to take **Sumatridex as soon as you feel a migraine coming on**, although you can take it at any time during an attack.
- **Do not use Sumatridex** to try to prevent an attack only use it after your migraine symptoms start.

The dosage and manner of treatment will be determined only by the doctor. The usual dosage is: **Adults aged 18 to 65** 

• The usual dosage for adults aged 18 to 65 is one Sumatridex 50 mg caplet. Some patients may require a 100 mg dose – you should follow your doctor's recommendation.

# Children under the age of 18

- Sumatridex is not intended for use in children under the age of 18 years.
   Elderly (aged over 65)
- Sumatridex is not intended for use in people over the age of 65.

Do not exceed the recommended dose.

#### If your symptoms start to return

• You can take a second **Sumatridex** caplet if at least two hours have passed since the first caplet. **Do not take more than a total of 300 mg in 24 hours.** 

## If the first caplet has had no effect

• **Do not take a second caplet** or any other sumatriptan preparation for the same attack. **Sumatridex** can still be used for your next attack.

If **Sumatridex** did not relieve you at all:

→ Refer to your doctor or pharmacist for advice.

#### Method of administration

Swallow the caplet whole with water.

Do not halve the caplet as there is no score line. There is no information regarding crushing or chewing.

### If you have accidentally taken a higher dosage

• Do not take more than six 50 mg caplets or three 100 mg caplets (total of 300 mg) in 24 hours.

Taking too much **Sumatridex** could make you ill. If you have taken more than 300 mg in 24 hours:

→ Refer to your doctor or pharmacist for advice.

**If you have taken an overdose** or if a child has accidentally swallowed the medicine, proceed immediately to a doctor or a hospital emergency room and bring the package of the medicine with you.

Continue with the treatment as recommended by the doctor.

Do not take medicines in the dark! Check the label and the dose <u>each time</u> you take a medicine. Wear glasses if you need them.

If you have further questions on the use of this medicine, consult the doctor or pharmacist.

## 4. Side effects

Like any medicine, the use of **Sumatridex** may cause side effects in some users. Do not be alarmed when reading the list of side effects. You may not suffer from any of them. Some of the symptoms may be caused by the migraine itself.

#### Allergic reaction: refer to the doctor for medical assistance immediately

The following side effects have occurred but their exact frequency is unknown.

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

If you experience any of these symptoms shortly after using **Sumatridex**:

→ Do not use the medicine anymore. Refer to a doctor immediately.

#### Additional side effects

Common side effects (effects that occur in 1-10 out of 100 users):

 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 usually pass quickly.

If these effects continue or worsen (especially the chest pain):

→ Seek medical assistance urgently. In a very small number of people these symptoms can be caused by heart attack.

### Other common side effects include:

- Nausea or vomiting, although this may be due to the migraine itself
- Tiredness or drowsiness
- Dizziness, feeling weak, or hot flushes
- Temporary increase in blood pressure
- Shortness of breath
- Aching muscles

**Very rare side effects** (effects that occur in less than 1 in 10,000 users):

• Liver function changes. If you have to perform blood tests for liver function, tell your doctor that you are taking **Sumatridex**.

**Side effects with unknown frequency** (effects for which a frequency has not yet been determined):

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

If a side effect appears, if one of the side effects worsens or when you suffer from a side effect not mentioned in this leaflet consult the doctor.

Side effects can be reported to the Ministry of Health by clicking the link
"דיווח על תופעות לוואי עקב טיפול תרופתי" found on the homepage of the Ministry of Health website
(www.health.gov.il) directing to the online form for reporting side effects or via the link:
https://sideeffects.health.gov.il

### 5. How to store the medicine?

- Avoid poisoning! This medicine and any other medicine must be stored in a closed place out of the reach and sight of children and/or infants to avoid poisoning. Do not induce vomiting unless explicitly instructed to do so by the doctor.
- Do not use the medicine after the expiry date (תאריך תפוגה) stated on the package. The expiry date refers to the last day of that month.
- Storage conditions: store below 25°C.
- Do not throw away any medicines via wastewater or household waste. Ask the pharmacist how to throw away medicines you no longer use. These measures will help protect the environment.

## 6. Additional information

# In addition to the active ingredient, the medicine also contains:

Lactose monohydrate, microcrystalline cellulose, acesulfame potassium, croscarmellose sodium, magnesium stearate, silica colloidal anhydrous.

## What the medicine looks like and what the package contains:

**Sumatridex 50:** white caplets with "50" imprinted on one side.

Sumatridex 100: white caplets with "100" imprinted on one side.

Approved package sizes: 2, 3, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12, 14, 18, 20, 24, 28, 30, 48 caplets.

Not all package sizes may be marketed.

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