

Adverse Event	N=270	N=863	20 mg N=36	40 mg N=79	N=94
BODY AS A WHOLE					
Infection	10.0	10.3	2.8	10.1	7.4
Headache	7 0	5.4	167	2.5	64
Accidental Injury	3.7	4.2	0.0	1.3	3.2
Flu Syndrome	19	22	0.0	25	32
Abdominal Pain	07	28	0.0	38	21
Back Pain	3.0	28	0.0	3.8	11
Allergic Beaction	26	0.9	28	13	<u>ó ó</u>
Asthenia	19	22	0.0	38	0.0
DIGESTIVE SYSTEM			0.0	0.0	0.0
Constinution	18	21	0.0	2.5	11
Diarrhea	15	27	0.0	3.8	53
Dysnensia	4 1	23	28	13	21
Flatulence	33	21	2.8	13	11
RESPIRATORY SYSTEM	0.0		2.0	1.0	
Sinueitie	2.6	2.8	0.0	2.5	6.4
Pharynaitie	15	2.0	0.0	13	21
	1.5	2.0	0.0	1.0	2.1
Dach	0.7	2.0	0.0	2.0	4.4
	0.7	5.9	2.0	3.0	1.1
MUSCULUSKELETAL SYSTEM	4.5			<i></i>	
Arthraigia	1.5	2.0	0.0	5.1	0.0
Vivalgia	1.1	3.2	5.6	1.3	0.0

Magio Scandinavian Cardiac Outcomes Trial (ASCOT): In ASCOT involving 10,305 participants treated with atorvastatin 10 mg daily (n=5,168) or placebo (n=5,137), the safety and tolerability profile of the group treated with atorvastatin vas comparable to that of the group treated with placebo during a median of 3.3 years of follow-up. The following adverse events were reported, regardless of causality assessment, in patients treated with atorvastatin in clinical trials. The events in italics occurred in ≥2% of patients and the events in plain type occurred in ≥2% of patients. Body as a Whole: Chest pain, face edema, fever, neck rigidity, malaise, photosensitivity reaction, generalized edema. Digestive System: Nausea, gastroenteritis, liver function tests abnormal, colitis, epotitis, epotestitis, duodenal ulcer, dysphagia, enteritis, melena, gum hemorrhage, stomach ulcer, tenesmus, ulcerative stomatitis, hepatitis, pancreatitis, cholestatic jaundice. Respiratory System: Bronchilis, rhinitis, pneumonia, dyspnea, asthma, epistaxis. Nervous System: Insomnia, dizziness, paresthesia, somnolence, ameesia, abnormal dreams, libido decreased, emotional lability, incoordination, peripheral neuropathy, torticollis, facial paralysis, hyperkniesia, depression, hypestnesia, hypertonia. Musculoskeletal System: Artifics, leg cramps, bursitis, tenosynovitis, myasthenia, tendinous contracture, myositis, Stin and Appendages: Pruritus, contact dermatitis, alopecia, dry skin, sweating, ance, urticani, eczema, seborrhea, skin ulcer. Urogenital System: Uninary frequency, cystitis, hematuria, impotence, dysuria, kidney calculus, nocuria, epididiymitis, fibrocystic breast, vaginal hemorrhage, albuminura, breast enlargement, metrorrhagia, nephritis, urinary incontinence, urinary retention, urinary urgency, abnormal ejaculation, uterine hosynokinase increased, gout, weight gain, hypodycexina. Hemic and Lymphatic System: Ecchymoxis, anemia, taste loss, taste perversion. Cardiovascular System: Palpitation, vasodilatation, syncope, migraine, p

safety and tolerability profile of atorvastatin 10 to 20 mg daily was generally similar to that of placebo (see **PRECAUTIONS**, **Pediatric Use**). OVERDOSAGE: There is no information on overdosage with CADUET in humans. **Information on Amlodipine**: Single oral doses of amlodipine maleate equivalent to 40 mg amlodipine/kg and 100 mg amlodipine/kg in mice and rats, respectively, caused deaths. Single oral amlodipine maleate edus equivalent to 40 mg amlodipine/kg and 100 mg amlodipine/kg in dogs (11 or more times the maximum recommended clinical dose on a mg/m' basis) caused a marked peripheral vasodilation and hypotension. Overdosage might be expected to cause excessive peripheral vasodilation with marked hypotension and possibly a reflex tachycardia. In humans, **experience** with intentional overdosage of amlodipine is limited. Reports of intentional overdosage riclude a patient who ingested 250 mg and was asymptomatic and was not hospitalized; another (120 mg) was hospitalized, underwent gastric lavage and remained normotensive; the third (105 mg) was hospitalized and had hypotension (90/50 mHg) which normalized following plasma expansion. A patient who took 70 mg amlodipine and an unknown quantity of benzodiazepine plasma concentration. A case of accidental drug overdose has been documented in a 19-month-old male who ingested 30 mg amlodipine (about 2 mg/kg). During the emergency room presentation, vital signs were stable with no evidence of hypotension, but a heart rate of 180 bpm. Ipecac was administered 3.5 hours after ingestion and on subsequent observation (overright) no sequelae were noted. If massive overdose should be considered with attention to circulating volume and urine output. Intravenous calcium glucomate may help to reverse the effects of calcium entry blockade. As amlodipine is highly potein bound, hemodialysis is not likely to be of benefit. **Information on Advastatin**. There is no specific treatment for atorvastatin overdosage. In the event of an overdose, the patient should be treated symptom

*These events occurred in less than 1% in placebo-controlled trials, but the incidence of these side effects was between 1% and 2% in all multiple dose studies.



Alcohol, DES Exposure Tied to Risk for Fibroids

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BETHESDA, MD. — Alcohol, diethylstilbestrol exposure, and family history are potential risk factors for fibroids, several recent studies have found. The results were presented at an international conference on uterine leiomyoma research, sponsored by the National Institutes of Health.

Data from one study of nearly 1,500 women conducted by the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences identified prenatal diethylstilbestrol (DES) exposure and young age at menarche as fibroid risk factors. The study's purpose

was to explore the epidemiology of fibroids by examining hormonal, inflammatory, and metabolic risk factors, reported Donna Day Baird, Ph.D. Dr. Baird, a senior

epidemiologist with the NIEHS, and her colleagues used data

from the Nurses' Health Study and the Black Women's Health Study to identify a random sample of 1,482 pre- and postmenopausal women (aged 39-49 years) who had fibroids. The presence of fibroids was confirmed by ultrasound (73%), surgery (6%), or self-reports (21%).

Results from the study supported previously known fibroid risk factors of African American ethnicity and age older than 35 years. Approximately half the African American women had been diagnosed with fibroids before enrolling in the study. Among all the women without a previous diagnosis, fibroids also were more common among African American women, especially among the younger age groups.

In a logistic regression analysis, the cumulative incidence of fibroids among black women was 60% at age 35 years and 80% by the age of menopause. Among white women, the incidence was less than 40% at age 35 years and almost 70% by the age of menopause.

Prenatal exposure to DES was significantly associated with the presence of fibroids, Dr. Baird said.

The women in the study all had the potential for DES exposure, since they were born during the time when DES was used as potential therapy for problem pregnancies. The exposure data were based on self-reports, categorized as "yes," "no," and "maybe." Five black women reported definite exposure, and all five had fibroids, as did 14 of 19 white women who reported exposure. "Adjusting for age, there is a significant association between DES exposure and the development of fibroids, and it is stronger for large fibroids than for small fibroids," Dr. Baird said.

Overall, 26% of the women who reported definite DES exposure had fibroids that were at least 4 cm, compared with 20% of those who reported possible exposure and 15% of those who reported no exposure. This association remained statistical-

ly significant after controlling for several factors, including age at menarche, BMI, parity, and maternal history of fibroids.

An examination of other hormonal and reproductive factors showed that an older age of menarche was protective in both blacks and whites, with adjusted odds ratios of 0.8 for both races.

As for metabolism-related factors, body mass index was related to increased risk among blacks, but not whites, and exercise was protective regardless of race.

Factors that were not significantly associated with fibroids in the study population included infertility, breast-feeding, oral contraceptive use, IUD use, caffeine

Overall, 26% of the women who reported definite DES exposure had fibroids of at least 4 cm, compared with 15% of those who reported no exposure. use, and smoking. A poster presented at the meeting by Aimee A. D'Aloisi of the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, and associates used data on 1,324 women from Dr. Baird's NIEHS data set to

assess alcohol consumption as a risk factor for fibroids.

Alcohol exposure was based on patient interviews and self-reports of alcohol intake at age 30 years. Based on the Bayesian method of assessing tumor incidence followed by growth, an increased number of drinks consumed weekly was strongly associated with an increased incidence of uterine fibroids (Bayes factor 244), but only minimally associated with an increase in tumor growth (Bayes factor 1.8). The increase in incidence was evident even among women who reported as few as 0.5-2 drinks weekly.

Among black women, a strong association appeared between increasing incidence of fibroids and increasing number of drinks weekly (Bayes factor 15). However, the increased incidence of fibroids among black women occurred primarily among those who reported consuming seven or more drinks weekly, rather than among those who reported a lower weekly alcohol intake. The association between increased alcohol consumption and tumor growth was only slightly higher among black women compared with the overall cohort (Bayes factor 3.9). Overall, the results suggest that alcohol intake may be involved in the onset, but not necessarily the progression, of uterine fibroids.

Data from a separate study indicated that having a mother who had fibroids was highly predictive of fibroids in her daughter. In a regression analysis of 400 fibroid patients and 146 controls aged 25-64 years, the odds ratio for fibroids was 6.8 in daughters of mothers with fibroids, wrote Kristen Kjerulff, Ph.D., of Pennsylvania State University, and colleagues, in a poster presented at the meeting.

The association between a daughter's development of fibroids if her mother had them was highly significant after controlling for factors such as age, race, years of oral contraceptive use and smoking status.