

CAREMARK TrendsRx® Generic Launch Alert

Building Awareness of your Medication Options

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Simvastatin (Zocor®, Merck & Co., Inc.)*

Therapeutic Class

HMG-CoA Reductase Inhibitor

Estimated Industry Sales in 2005

\$5.1 billion

Anticipated Available Strengths

5 mg, 10 mg, 20 mg, 40 mg, and 80 mg tablets

Launch Date†

June 23, 2006

Market Insight

Zocor, a widely-prescribed antilipemic medication utilized in the treatment of high cholesterol and triglycerides, will be available as a generic in June. Simvastatin, the generic name for Zocor, will be the first high-potency generic antihyperlipidemic statin medication. During the first 180 days of generic simvastatin's availability, we expect to see the medication marketed by an exclusive and an authorized generic vendor. After the expiration of the 180-day exclusivity, additional manufacturers will market simvastatin.

Selected Medications Available in the Class

Generics: lovastatin (various generic manufacturers; Mevacor®, Merck & Co., Inc.) and pravastatin (various generic manufacturers; Pravachol®, Bristol-Meyers Squibb).
Brands: Crestor® (rosuvastatin, AstraZeneca LP), Lescol® (fluvastatin, Novartis Pharmaceuticals, Inc.), and Lipitor® (atorvastatin, Pfizer Inc).

* This information is current as of June 23, 2006.

† This Launch Date may not reflect the date of availability for this medication. Due to circumstances beyond the control of Caremark, information related to prospective medication launch dates is subject to change without notice. This information should not be solely relied upon for decision-making purposes. This medication is expected to be available in pharmacies within a few days of this date.

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