

# A Compendium of Hypophosphatasia (HPP) References for STRENSIQ® (asfotase alfa)

## INDICATION

STRENSIQ® (asfotase alfa) is indicated for the treatment of patients with perinatal/infantile- and juvenile-onset hypophosphatasia (HPP).

## IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION INCLUDING BOXED WARNING

### WARNING: HYPERSENSITIVITY REACTIONS INCLUDING ANAPHYLAXIS

**Patients treated with enzyme replacement therapies have experienced life-threatening hypersensitivity reactions, including anaphylaxis. Anaphylaxis has occurred during the early course of enzyme replacement therapy and after extended duration of therapy.**

**Initiate STRENSIQ under the supervision of a healthcare provider with appropriate medical monitoring and support measures. If a severe hypersensitivity reaction (e.g., anaphylaxis) occurs, discontinue STRENSIQ and immediately initiate appropriate medical treatment, including use of epinephrine. Inform patients of the symptoms of life-threatening hypersensitivity reactions, including anaphylaxis and to seek immediate medical care should symptoms occur [see Warnings and Precautions (5.1)].**

When completing a letter of medical necessity or appeal request for STRENSIQ indicated for the treatment of perinatal/infantile- and juvenile-onset HPP, insurers may require documentation, including clinical notes and impressions, lab results, and other relevant information. The selection of references below, including the STRENSIQ Prescribing Information and published literature, may be helpful when completing the request to your patient's insurance company.

Some of the literature listed below may include content that is not included in the FDA-approved US Full Prescribing Information for STRENSIQ. Please refer to the Indication and Important Safety Information for STRENSIQ on pages [1](#), [3](#), and [4](#) and the accompanying [US Full Prescribing Information](#) when completing the request.

**This compendium is not inclusive of all US and global data and literature for STRENSIQ for the treatment of perinatal/ infantile- and juvenile-onset HPP. Alexion does not warrant, promise, guarantee, or make any statement that the use or citation of any literature listed below will result in coverage or payment for STRENSIQ.**

**Abstracts for the references cited below are available online. Most of the publications permit access and download of the articles for personal use; some publications require that the article be purchased in order to gain access.**

For ease of use, each reference is categorized by topic, as follows:

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## Genetic Testing and Diagnostic Criteria

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Mornet E, Taillandier A, Domingues C, et al. Hypophosphatasia: a genetic-based nosology and new insights in genotype-phenotype correlation. *Eur J Hum Genet*. 2021;29(2):289-299.

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## Genetic Testing: Variant of Unknown Significance

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Mayo Clinic Laboratories. Pyridoxal 5-phosphate (PLP), plasma. Accessed November 30, 2023.  
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PLP = pyridoxal 5'-phosphate.

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## PLP (Vitamin B<sub>6</sub>): Variability Among Patients

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## STRENSIQ Prescribing Information and Published Pivotal Studies in HPP

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## IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION INCLUDING BOXED WARNING (cont'd) WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

- Life-threatening hypersensitivity reactions, including anaphylaxis**, have been reported in STRENSIQ-treated patients. Signs and symptoms consistent with anaphylaxis included difficulty breathing, choking sensation, nausea, periorbital edema, and dizziness. These reactions have occurred within minutes after subcutaneous administration of STRENSIQ and have been observed more than 1 year after treatment initiation. Other hypersensitivity reactions have also been reported in STRENSIQ-treated patients, including vomiting, fever, headache, flushing, irritability, chills, erythema, rash, pruritus, and oral hypoesthesia. Consider the risks and benefits of re-administering STRENSIQ following a severe reaction. If the decision is made to re-administer, monitor patients for a reoccurrence of signs and symptoms of a severe hypersensitivity reaction.
- Lipodystrophy:** Localized lipodystrophy, including lipoatrophy and lipohypertrophy has been reported at injection sites after several months in patients treated with STRENSIQ in clinical trials. Advise patients to follow proper injection technique and to rotate injection sites.

PEA = phosphoethanolamine; PLP = pyridoxal 5'-phosphate

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## IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION INCLUDING BOXED WARNING (cont'd)

### WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS (cont'd)

- Ectopic Calcifications:** Patients with HPP are at increased risk for developing ectopic calcifications. Events of ectopic calcification, including ophthalmic (conjunctival and corneal) and renal (nephrocalcinosis, nephrolithiasis), have been reported in the clinical trial experience with STRENSIQ. There was insufficient information to determine whether the reported events were consistent with the disease or due to STRENSIQ. No visual changes or changes in renal function were reported resulting from the occurrence of ectopic calcifications.

Ophthalmology examinations and renal ultrasounds are recommended at baseline and periodically during treatment with STRENSIQ to monitor for signs and symptoms of ophthalmic and renal ectopic calcifications and for changes in vision or renal function.

- Possible Immune-Mediated Clinical Effects:** In clinical trials, most STRENSIQ-treated patients developed anti-asfotase alfa antibodies and neutralizing antibodies which resulted in reduced systemic exposure of asfotase alfa. In postmarketing reports, some STRENSIQ-treated patients with initial therapeutic response subsequently developed recurrence and worsening in disease-associated laboratory and radiographic biomarkers (some in association with neutralizing antibodies) suggesting possible immune-mediated effects on STRENSIQ's pharmacologic action resulting in disease progression. The effect of anti-asfotase alfa antibody formation on the long-term efficacy of STRENSIQ is unknown. There are no marketed anti-asfotase alfa antibody tests. If patients experience progression of HPP symptoms or worsening of disease-associated laboratory and imaging biomarkers after a period of initial therapeutic response to STRENSIQ, consider obtaining anti-asfotase alfa antibody testing by contacting STRENSIQ Medical Information at Alexion at 1-888-765-4747 or by email at [medinfo@alexion.com](mailto:medinfo@alexion.com). Close clinical follow up is recommended.

### ADVERSE REACTIONS

In clinical trials, the most common adverse reactions ( $\geq 10\%$ ) reported were injection site reactions (63%), lipodystrophy (28%), ectopic calcifications (14%), and hypersensitivity reactions (12%). Possible immune-mediated clinical effects have been identified during post-approval use of STRENSIQ.

### DRUG INTERACTIONS

#### Drug Interference with Laboratory Tests:

- Laboratory tests utilizing alkaline phosphatase (ALP) as a detection reagent could result in erroneous test results for patients receiving treatment due to the presence of asfotase alfa in clinical laboratory samples. Inform laboratory personnel that the patient is being treated with STRENSIQ and discuss use of an alternative testing platform which does not utilize an ALP-conjugated test system.
- Elevated serum ALP measurements detected through clinical laboratory testing are expected in patients receiving STRENSIQ due to circulating concentrations of asfotase alfa. Do not rely on serum ALP measurements for clinical decision making in patients treated with STRENSIQ.

### SPECIAL POPULATIONS

- Pregnancy & Lactation:** There are no available data on STRENSIQ use in pregnant women, the presence of STRENSIQ in human milk, or the effects on the breastfed infant or on milk production, to inform a drug associated risk.

To report SUSPECTED ADVERSE REACTIONS, contact Alexion Pharmaceuticals, Inc. at 1-844-259-6783 or FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088 or [www.fda.gov/medwatch](http://www.fda.gov/medwatch)

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