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## Supply Issues - MADOPAR® (benserazide + levodopa)

Due to stock constraints of the competitor product Sinemet (carbidopa + levodopa) across many countries worldwide, Roche Products Limited is not able to meet current demand levels for MADOPAR.

Unfortunately, stock-outs at patient level may not be avoided for some strengths, despite the fact that we have supplied the UK market with 10% more MADOPAR during the last six months versus the same period in 2017.

Roche is taking action to manage stock and supply of all MADOPAR presentations as carefully as possible to minimise out of stock situations and disruption to patients. This involves supplying as much stock as possible to the wholesalers whilst retaining stock within the Roche warehouse for emergency supply for individual patients.

The following MADOPAR presentations are currently subject to stock issues in the UK:

Presentation	Current stock picture
Madopar 100 mg/25 mg Dispersible Tablets EAN: 5000471001723 PIP Code: 032-9276	Very limited stock available. Stock-out mid-December to mid-January anticipated. <b>Sufficient stock of Madopar 50 mg/12.5 mg Dispersible Tablets are available where patients prescriptions can be changed</b>
Madopar CR 100 mg/25 mg Prolonged Release Hard Capsules EAN: 5000471002133 PIP Code: 020-5344	Very limited stock available currently with further stock expected to be supplied to UK wholesalers within the next two weeks

Currently pharmacies should be able to secure supply of MADOPAR from branches of AAH Pharmaceuticals Ltd and Alliance Healthcare for normal patient demand. If pharmacies are not able to obtain supply of the presentations shown above from their wholesaler, they should contact Roche Customer Care on **0800 731 5711** to check on stock availability for emergency supply or refer the patient to their prescribing doctor to have their prescription changed to an available presentation.