

Supplementary Table 1. Inclusion and exclusion criteria

| Inclusion criteria |
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| 1. Recent ischemic stroke that fulfills the following criteria |
| 1) Relevant acute ischemic stroke confirmed by diffusion-weighted imaging |
| 2) Randomization within 90 days after symptom onset |
| 2. Statin therapy indicated according to the 2014 American Heart Association/American Stroke Association guidelines, satisfying at least one of the following three criteria: |
| 1) Ischemic stroke due to arteriosclerosis and low-density lipoprotein cholesterol (LDL-C) ≥ 100 mg/dL |
| 2) Ischemic stroke due to arteriosclerosis and LDL-C < 100 mg/dL |
| 3) Associated atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease, requiring statin therapy |
| 3. No pre-stroke statin use within 28 days before the index ischemic stroke. |
| 4. Baseline LDL-C level measured after the index ischemic stroke, satisfying at least one of the following criteria: |
| 1) Baseline LDL-C level measured before initiating any statins after the index ischemic stroke |
| 2) For patients who received non-study statins immediately after hospitalization before the study enrollment, the baseline LDL-C should be measured within 3 days of initiating non-study statins |
| 5. Randomization and initiation of study medications within 7 days of the baseline LDL-C measurement |
| 6. Age ≥ 19 |
| 7. Written informed consent |
| Exclusion criteria |
| 1. Planned vascular intervention before the end of trial |
| 2. Significant hepatic dysfunction (aspartate aminotransferase or alanine aminotransferase > 120 IU/L) |
| 3. Allergy or contraindication to rosuvastatin or ezetimibe |
| 4. Alcohol or drug addiction |
| 5. Pregnancy or breast-feeding |
| 6. Severe anemia: hemoglobin level < 10 g/dL for men and < 9 g/dL for women |
| 7. Bleeding diathesis: platelet count $< 100,000/\mu\text{L}$ or prothrombin time international normalized ratio (INR) > 1.7 (Note: patients who were taking oral anticoagulation and INR > 1.7 were eligible for enrollment) |
| 8. Inability or unwillingness to comply with study-related procedures |
| 9. Employees of the investigator or study center, with direct involvement in the current study |
| 10. Women unwilling to continue contraception during the study period |
| 11. Participation in other clinical trials within 3 months |
| 12. Malignancy or other serious medical conditions with a life expectancy < 6 months |
| 13. Treatment with protease inhibitors or cyclosporine |
| 14. Patients with severe renal impairment (creatinine clearance < 30 mL/min) |
| 15. Other reasons for ineligibility judged by investigators |

Supplementary Table 2. Non-study statin use before randomization

| | ROS10/EZT10 (n=273) | ROS20 (n=257) | P |
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| Non-study statin initiation to randomization (day) | 3.0 \pm 1.7 | 3.1 \pm 1.6 | 0.8958 |
| Non-study statin use before randomization after hospitalization | 193 (70.7) | 188 (73.2) | 0.5297 |
| Atorvastatin | 120 (62.2) | 115 (61.2) | |
| Rosuvastatin | 73 (37.8) | 73 (38.8) | |
| Statin dose (mg/dL)* | 49.7 \pm 22.4 | 53.0 \pm 23.5 | 0.1694 |

Data are presented as mean \pm standard deviation or n (%).

*Statin dose: converted to atorvastatin-equivalent dose.