

# EVIDENCE BASED STATEMENT

DOMAIN **8**, Statement **5**

TOPIC: “RUTOSIDES EVIDENCE-BASED USE IN CHRONIC VENOUS DISEASE MANAGEMENT”

## SEARCH TERMS & SOURCES

(rutosides) AND ((vein) OR (venous))  
PubMed, Embase and Cochrane Library

## INCLUSION CRITERIA

Indexed Journal, English Language, lower limb  
Reviews, <10 y.

## SEARCH RESULT BEFORE - AFTER SELECTION

42 (before) - 13 (after selection)

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### TEXT FOR INCLUSION IN THE DOCUMENT

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Rutosides are derived from horse chestnut whose active component is escin. Escin demonstrated an anti-proteolytic activity on the capillary wall, leading to a fluid leakage counteraction. Its effect demonstrated to reduce pain, heaviness, cramps and swelling sensation.

Methodology biases related to the homogeneity of the study population, lack of blinding and different confounders.

**[Pompilio G, Nicolaides A, Kakkos SK, Integlia D. Systematic literature review and network Meta-analysis of sulodexide and other drugs in chronic venous disease. Phlebology. 2021 Oct;36(9):695-709].**

Rutosides benefit on ulcer healing has been recently questioned by a dedicated revision of the literature.

**[Kitchens BP, Snyder RJ, Cuffy CA. A Literature Review of Pharmacological Agents to Improve Venous Leg Ulcer Healing. Wounds. 2020 Jul;32(7):195-207].**

Some data suggest a potential short-term benefit of Rutosides in post-thrombotic syndrome symptoms, but a dedicated Cochrane analysis highlighted the need of proper data collection before recommending this drug use in the symptomatology preventive context.

The analysis provided no evidence to support the use of rutosides also in the treatment of post-thrombotic syndrome.

**[Morling JR, Yeoh SE, Kolbach DN. Rutosides for prevention of post-thrombotic syndrome. Cochrane Database Syst Rev. 2018 Nov 8;11(11):CD005626].**

A 2020 Cochrane included 28 studies on Rutosides concluding that rutosides probably improve oedema, volume of the leg and pain.

Very limited action was demonstrated ankle perimeter and ulcer healing. Very low evidence support its use for reducing heaviness, cramps, itching, and paraesthesia.

**\*[Martinez-Zapata MJ, Vernooij RW, Simancas-Racines D, et al. Phlebotonics for venous insufficiency. Cochrane Database Syst Rev. 2020 Nov 3;11(11):CD003229].**

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### STATEMENT FOR PUBLIC EVIDENCE-BASED AWARENESS

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“Rutosides demonstrated to potentially reduce swelling and pain. Some studies suggest it can reduce symptoms after a deep venous thrombosis, but there is no high quality evidence which can suggests its use for post-thrombotic syndrome prevention.”

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### identified LITERATURE BIAS

Lack of homogenous study populations and blind assessment. Several confounders, including BMI.

### SUGGESTED NEXT LINES OF RESEARCH

Properly conducted head to head evaluations