

Consumer Medicine Information (CMI) summary

The [full CMI](#) on the next page has more details. If you are worried about using this medicine, speak to your doctor or pharmacist.

1. Why am I using MOVAPO POD?

MOVAPO POD contains the active ingredient apomorphine hydrochloride hemihydrate. MOVAPO POD is used in the treatment of Parkinson's disease to reduce the number and severity of bouts of freezing and stiffness (or "off" periods).

For more information, see Section [1. Why am I using MOVAPO POD?](#) in the full CMI.

2. What should I know before I use MOVAPO POD?

Do not use if you have ever had an allergic reaction to apomorphine hydrochloride hemihydrate, sodium metabisulfite or any of the ingredients listed at the end of the CMI.

Talk to your doctor if you have any other medical conditions, take any other medicines, or are pregnant or plan to become pregnant or are breastfeeding.

For more information, see Section [2. What should I know before I use MOVAPO POD?](#) in the full CMI.

3. What if I am taking other medicines?

Some medicines may interfere with MOVAPO POD and affect how it works.

A list of these medicines is in Section [3. What if I am taking other medicines?](#) in the full CMI.

4. How do I use MOVAPO POD?

- Your doctor will tell you how much to use.
- MOVAPO POD is designed for slow injection under the skin (subcutaneous infusion).
- You will be trained to recognise when and how to give MOVAPO POD. Follow the instructions given by your doctor or pharmacist.

More instructions can be found in Section [4. How do I use MOVAPO POD?](#) in the full CMI.

5. What should I know while using MOVAPO POD?

Things you should do	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Remind any doctor, dentist or pharmacist you visit that you are using MOVAPO POD.• If you become pregnant while you are using this medicine, tell your doctor immediately.
Things you should not do	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Do not use MOVAPO POD to treat any other complaints unless your doctor tells you to.• Do not give this medicine to anyone else, even if they have the same condition as you.• Do not stop MOVAPO POD abruptly or change the dose without speaking to your doctor to discuss the taper treatment plan.
Driving or using machines	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• MOVAPO POD may cause drowsiness, sudden onset of sleepiness, dizziness or light-headedness in some people.• If you have any of these symptoms do not drive, operate machinery or do anything else that could be dangerous.
Looking after your medicine	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Store below 30°C. Store in the medicine in its original carton. Do not freeze.• Once opened, the solution should be used within 48 hours. Discard any unused solution after 48 hours.

For more information, see Section [5. What should I know while using MOVAPO POD?](#) in the full CMI.

6. Are there any side effects?

Like all medicines, this medicine can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them. Some side effects can be serious and you need to know what symptoms to look out for. MOVAPO POD can cause allergic reactions which may be very serious. If you develop symptoms of allergic reaction, you may need urgent medical attention or hospitalisation.

For more information, including what to do if you have any side effects, see Section [6. Are there any side effects?](#) in the full CMI.

MOVAP0® POD

Active ingredient(s): *apomorphine (a-poe-MOR-feen) hydrochloride hemihydrate*

Consumer Medicine Information (CMI)

This leaflet provides important information about using MOVAP0 POD.

You should also speak to your doctor or pharmacist if you would like further information or if you have any concerns or questions about using MOVAP0 POD.

Where to find information in this leaflet:

- [1. Why am I using MOVAP0 POD?](#)
- [2. What should I know before I use MOVAP0 POD?](#)
- [3. What if I am taking other medicines?](#)
- [4. How do I use MOVAP0 POD?](#)
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1. Why am I using MOVAP0 POD?

MOVAP0 POD contains the active ingredient **apomorphine hydrochloride hemihydrate**. Apomorphine belongs to a group of medicines called dopaminergic compounds.

Apomorphine is used in the treatment of Parkinson's disease to reduce the number and severity of bouts of freezing and stiffness (or "off" periods). This medicine works by acting on dopamine receptors. These receptors help control movement by the body.

Ask your doctor if you have any questions about why this medicine has been prescribed for you. Your doctor may have prescribed it for another reason.

This medicine is not addictive.

2. What should I know before I use MOVAP0 POD?

Warnings

Do not use MOVAP0 POD if you have an allergy to:

- any medicine containing apomorphine or sodium metabisulfite
- any of the ingredients listed at the end of this leaflet
- certain types of pain killers such as morphine or other opioid analgesics

Some symptoms of allergic reaction may include shortness of breath, wheezing or difficulty breathing, swelling of the face, lips, tongue or other parts of the body, rash, itching or hives on the skin.

Always check the ingredients to make sure you can use this medicine.

Do not use MOVAP0 POD if you have or have had any of the following medical conditions:

- Certain forms of dementia, e.g. Alzheimer's Disease
- Severe kidney or liver disease
- Problems with circulation of blood in the brain (cerebrovascular disease)
- Breathing problems (respiratory depression)

Do not use MOVAP0 POD if:

- the packaging is torn or shows signs of tampering
- the expiry date printed on the pack has passed
- the solution has turned green or if the solution is cloudy or you can see particles in it.

Check with your doctor if you:

- have allergies to any other medicines, foods, preservatives or dyes
- you have or have had any of the following medical conditions:
 - a history of nausea and vomiting
 - heart disease
 - kidney disease
 - liver disease
 - lung disease
 - problem gambling
 - any addictive behaviour (e.g. sex, shopping or eating)

Before you use MOVAP0 POD, your doctor will obtain an ECG (electrocardiogram) and will ask for a list of all medicines you take. This ECG will be repeated in the first days of your treatment and at any point if your doctor thinks this is needed. Your doctor will also ask you about other diseases you have, in particular concerning your heart. Some questions and investigations may be repeated at each medical visit. If you experience symptoms which may come from the heart, e.g. palpitations, fainting or near-fainting, you should report this to your doctor immediately. Also, if you experience diarrhoea or start a new medication, this should be reported to your doctor too.

During treatment, you may be at risk of developing certain side effects. It is important you understand these risks and how to monitor for them. See additional information under Section [6. Are there any side effects?](#)

Pregnancy and breastfeeding

Check with your doctor if you are pregnant or intend to become pregnant.

Talk to your doctor if you are breastfeeding or intend to breastfeed.

Children and adolescents

MOVAPO POD should not be used in children and adolescents under the age of 18 years.

3. What if I am taking other medicines?

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking any other medicines, including any medicines, vitamins or supplements that you buy without a prescription from your pharmacy, supermarket or health food shop.

Some medicines may interfere with MOVAPO POD and affect how it works.

These include:

- tetrabenazine, a medicine used to treat movement disorders
- metoclopramide, a medicine used to treat nausea
- medicines used to treat some psychiatric (mental) conditions (e.g. phenothiazines, haloperidol, flupenthixol)
- papaverine, a medicine which expands blood vessels
- amphetamines
- ondansetron, a medicine used to treat nausea and vomiting. This may result in a severe drop in blood pressure or loss of consciousness.

MOVAPO POD may affect these medicines and how well they work. You may need different amounts of your medicines, or different medicines.

Check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure about what medicines, vitamins or supplements you are taking and if these affect MOVAPO POD.

4. How do I use MOVAPO POD?

How much to use

- Your doctor will tell you what dose to use. This depends on your initial response to MOVAPO POD.
- Follow the instructions provided and use MOVAPO POD until your doctor tells you to stop.

When to use MOVAPO POD

- You and/or your carer will be trained by hospital staff to recognise when to use MOVAPO POD.

How to use MOVAPO POD

You will usually be in hospital when you start using this medicine. It is recommended you are given an anti-nausea drug (domperidone) for a few days, and that you will temporarily stop all other anti-Parkinsonian medication so that the correct dose of MOVAPO POD can be determined.

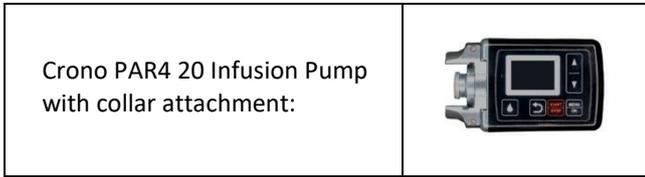
- MOVAPO POD is to be given as an injection under the skin (subcutaneously), usually in your lower abdomen or outer thigh. MOVAPO POD is injected continuously as an infusion (i.e. slow injection via a pump).

- You and/or your carer will be trained by hospital staff on how to give the injections. **If you do not understand the instructions, ask your doctor, nurse or pharmacist to help.**
- It is advisable to change the site of injection every time you insert the needle to avoid getting lumps under the skin.
- There is no need to dilute MOVAPO POD prior to use.
- MOVAPO POD has been designed to be used with an infusion pump and CronoBell Sleeve.
- The infusion pump you will receive will be either the Crono APO-Go III or the Crono PAR4 20 Infusion Pump.
- Your doctor or nurse will show you how to set up and use MOVAPO POD. Also refer to the instructions below on "How to set up the infusion with MOVAPO POD".
- This medicine is for individual patient use only.

How to set up the infusion with MOVAPO POD

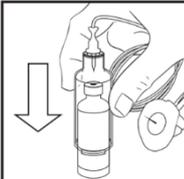
- Wash and dry your hands before handling any infusion equipment.
- Make sure you have each of the following items:
 - Infusion line (your doctor, nurse or pharmacist will advise which type to use)
 - CronoBell Sleeve
 - MOVAPO POD Cartridge (containing the medicine)
 - Infusion pump (either Crono APO-go III Infusion Pump or Crono PAR4 20 Infusion Pump) with collar attachment
 - Tray
 - You may also be provided with a box of single use sterile Leur caps (to store medicine if being used over 2 days).

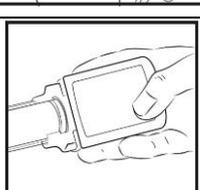
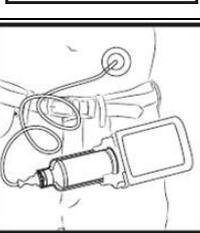
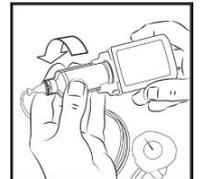
MOVAPO POD Cartridge:	
CronoBell Sleeve:	
Leur Cap:	
Crono APO-go III Infusion Pump with collar attachment:	



- To set up MOVAPO POD with the infusion line and CronoBell Sleeve, follow the instructions below. Please note that there are three different scenarios on how to use and change the cartridge. Please follow the instructions below as directed by doctor or nurse.
- Different infusion lines require different insertion techniques. The choice of needle will be determined by your doctor or nurse.
- Instructions on how to use your pump will be provided by your doctor or nurse.

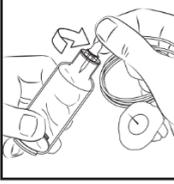
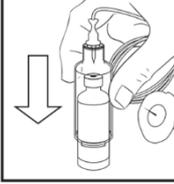
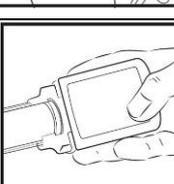
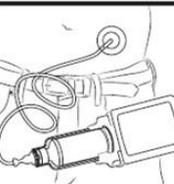
Instructions for using the MOVAPO POD cartridge for one day, without changing the cartridge during the day:

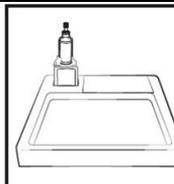
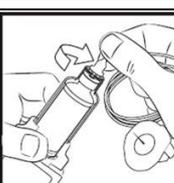
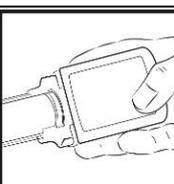
<p>1. Wash and dry your hands.</p>	
<p>2. Remove plastic cap from the cartridge and discard.</p>	
<p>3. Remove CronoBell Sleeve from its sterile packaging.</p>	
<p>4. Connect the infusion line to the top of the CronoBell Sleeve and turn clockwise until tight</p>	
<p>5. Place the cartridge on a flat surface and push the CronoBell Sleeve firmly down onto the cartridge until the rubber bung in the top of the cartridge is pierced.</p>	
<p>6. The cartridge, CronoBell Sleeve and infusion line are now ready to be connected to the pump.</p>	

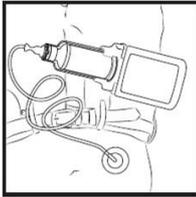
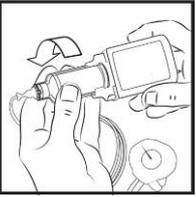
<p>7. Slide the CronoBell Sleeve (with cartridge inside) onto the collar on the pump aligning the out lip on the CronoBell Sleeve with the gap in the collar of the pump.</p>	
<p>8. Once inserted, turn the CronoBell Sleeve (with cartridge inside) clockwise until it clicks in place.</p>	
<p>9. If instructed by your doctor or nurse, the infusion line can be primed. Insert the infusion line as directed by your doctor or nurse.</p>	
<p>10. Once the infusion needle is inserted in the body, the pump can be switched on and the infusion started. At the end of the infusion stop the pump and detach the infusion line from the body/patient. The infusion is generally stopped before sleeping.</p>	
<p>11. Ensure the pusher of the pump is fully retracted, once this is done the CronoBell Sleeve (with cartridge inside) and the infusion line can be turned and detached.</p>	
<p>12. Dispose of the CronoBell (with cartridge inside) and the infusion line in a Sharps bin</p>	

Instructions for using the same MOVAPO POD cartridge over 2 days:

<p>1. Wash and dry your hands.</p>	
<p>2. Remove plastic cap from the cartridge and discard.</p>	

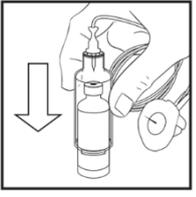
<p>3. Remove CronoBell Sleeve from its sterile packaging.</p>	
<p>4. Connect the infusion line to the top of the CronoBell Sleeve and turn clockwise until tight</p>	
<p>5. Place the cartridge on a flat surface and push the CronoBell Sleeve firmly down onto the cartridge until the rubber bung in the top of the cartridge is pierced.</p>	
<p>6. The cartridge, CronoBell Sleeve and infusion line are now ready to be connected to the pump.</p>	
<p>7. Slide the CronoBell Sleeve (with cartridge inside) onto the collar on the pump aligning the out lip on the CronoBell Sleeve with the gap in the collar of the pump.</p>	
<p>8. Once inserted, turn the CronoBell Sleeve (with cartridge inside) clockwise until it clicks in place.</p>	
<p>9. If instructed by your doctor or nurse, the infusion line can be primed. Insert the infusion line as directed by your doctor or nurse.</p>	
<p>10. Once the infusion needle is inserted in the body, the pump can be switched on and the infusion started.</p> <p>At the end of the infusion stop the pump and detach the infusion line from the body/patient.</p> <p>The infusion is generally stopped before sleeping.</p>	
<p>How to put the pump with cartridge and CronoBell sleeve away for the night (steps 11 – 13)</p>	

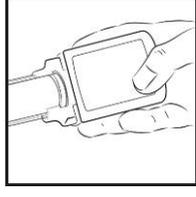
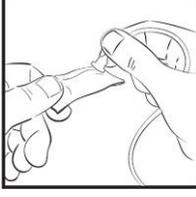
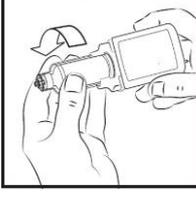
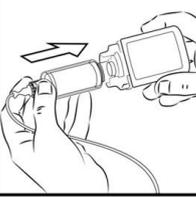
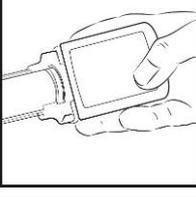
<p>11. Wash and dry your hands as in Step 1 and detach the infusion line from the body/patient.</p> <p>Place the pump standing upwards on the tray with the cartridge/sleeve still attached.</p> <p>Detach the infusion line from the pump and dispose of in the sharps bin.</p> <p>Wipe away any spillage with alcohol wipe.</p>	
<p>12. Screw the sterile Leur cap onto the CronoBell Sleeve (leaving the cartridge inside).</p>	
<p>13. Place the tray with the infusion pump in a safe place. Store below 30°C and do not refrigerate. Keep out of reach from children.</p>	
<p>How to start the infusion the following morning (steps 14-17)</p>	
<p>14. The following day, wash and dry your hands.</p>	
<p>15. Unscrew the Leur cap and dispose of in the bin. Clean the top of the CronoBell Sleeve with an alcohol wipe. Immediately take a new infusion line and connect to the top of the CronoBell Sleeve (with cartridge still inside) by turning clockwise until tight.</p>	
<p>16. If instructed by your doctor or nurse, the infusion line can be primed. Insert the infusion line as directed by your doctor or nurse.</p>	

<p>17. Once the infusion line needle is inserted into the body, the pump can be switched on and the infusion restarted.</p> <p>At the end of the infusion stop the pump and detach the infusion line from the body/patient.</p>	
<p>18. Ensure the pusher of the pump is fully retracted, once this is done the CronoBell Sleeve (with cartridge inside) and the infusion line can be turned and detached.</p>	
<p>19. Dispose of the CronoBell (with cartridge inside) and the infusion line in a Sharps bin</p>	

Instructions for changing the MOVAPO POD cartridge during the day:

If you are using the cartridge for more than one day it may be necessary to use a new cartridge when the old one finishes.

<p>1. Wash and dry your hands.</p>	
<p>2. Remove plastic cap from the cartridge and discard.</p>	
<p>3. Remove CronoBell Sleeve from its sterile packaging.</p>	
<p>4. Place the cartridge on a flat surface and push the CronoBell Sleeve firmly down onto the cartridge until the rubber bung in the top of the cartridge is pierced.</p>	
<p>5. The CronoBell Sleeve (with cartridge) is now ready to be connected to the pump. Wipe away any spillage with the alcohol wipe.</p>	

<p>6. Stop the infusion.</p>	
<p>7. Detach the infusion line from the used CronoBell Sleeve (with cartridge still inside), leaving the infusion line in the skin.</p>	
<p>8. Wipe the end of the infusion line with a new alcohol wipe. In order to prevent contamination, do not touch the end of the infusion line except to wipe it.</p>	
<p>9. Connect the infusion line to the new CronoBell Sleeve (with cartridge inside).</p>	
<p>10. Ensure the pusher of the pump is fully retracted, once this is done the CronoBell Sleeve (with cartridge inside) and the infusion line can be turned and detached.</p>	
<p>11. Dispose of the CronoBell (with cartridge inside) in a Sharps bin</p>	
<p>12. Slide the new CronoBell Sleeve (with cartridge inside) into the collar on the pump aligning the outer lip on the CronoBell Sleeve with the gap in the collar of the pump.</p>	
<p>13. Once inserted, turn the CronoBell Sleeve (with cartridge inside) clockwise until it clicks into place.</p>	
<p>14. The pump can be switched on and the infusion started.</p>	

If you use too much MOVAPO POD

If you think that you have used too much MOVAPO POD you may need urgent medical attention. Symptoms of overdose may include severe nausea and vomiting, slow or troubled breathing, restlessness, hallucinations or unconsciousness.

You should immediately:

- phone the Poisons Information Centre (**by calling 13 11 26**), or
- contact your doctor, or
- go to the Emergency Department at your nearest hospital.

You should do this even if there are no signs of discomfort or poisoning.

5. What should I know while using MOVAPO POD?

Things you should do

- If you plan to have surgery, tell the surgeon or anaesthetist you are taking this medicine. It may affect any medicines used during surgery.
- Keep all your doctor's appointments so that your progress can be checked.

Call your doctor straight away if you:

- are about to start on any new medication
- become pregnant
- have any symptoms which may come from your heart, e.g. palpitations, fainting, or near-fainting
- experience diarrhoea

Remind any doctor, dentist or pharmacist you visit that you are using MOVAPO POD.

Things you should not do

- Do not use MOVAPO POD to treat any other complaints unless your doctor tells you to.
- Do not give this medicine to anyone else, even if they have the same condition as you.
- Do not stop MOVAPO POD abruptly or change the dose, without speaking to your doctor to discuss a taper treatment plan.
- It is important not to suddenly stop taking you MOVAPO POD, unless advised to do so by your doctor. If you stop taking it suddenly, your condition may worsen, or you may have unwarranted side effects. The dose will normally be reduced gradually over several days.

Driving or using machines

Be careful before you drive or use any machines or tools until you know how MOVAPO POD affects you.

MOVAPO POD may cause drowsiness, sudden onset of sleepiness, dizziness or light-headedness in some people. If you have any of these symptoms do not drive, operate machinery or do anything else that could be dangerous.

Looking after your medicine

Store MOVAPO POD below 30°C.

- Do not freeze.
- Keep in the original carton.

Follow the instructions in the carton on how to take care of your medicine properly.

Store it in a cool dry place away from moisture, heat or sunlight; for example, do not store it:

- in the bathroom or near a sink, or
- in the car or on window sills.

Keep it where young children cannot reach it.

When to discard your medicine

This medicine is for single use only. Once opened, the contents of the cartridge should be used within 48 hours. Discard any unused solution.

Getting rid of any unwanted medicine

If you no longer need to use this medicine or it is out of date, take it to any pharmacy for safe disposal.

Do not use this medicine after the expiry date.

6. Are there any side effects?

All medicines can have side effects. If you do experience any side effects, most of them are minor and temporary. However, some side effects may need medical attention.

See the information below and, if you need to, ask your doctor or pharmacist if you have any further questions about side effects.

Less serious side effects

Less serious side effects	What to do
<p>Gut related:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nausea or vomiting particularly when starting this medicine <p>Skin and Hair related:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lumps under the skin, rashes or ulcers at the site of injection which are sore, troublesome and may be red and itchy• Reduced facial hair <p>Nervous system related:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Drowsiness or suddenly falling asleep• Confusion• Dizziness or light-headedness when standing up, fainting• Headache <p>Eyes, nose and mouth related:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Unpleasant metallic taste, sore mouth• Runny nose• Watery eyes	<p>Speak to your doctor if you have any of these less serious side effects and they worry you.</p>

Other: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weight loss • Spontaneous penile erection • Yawning 	
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Serious side effects

Serious side effects	What to do
Nervous system or behaviour related: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased involuntary movements or increased shakiness during “on” periods • Aggression, agitation • Inability to resist impulse, drive or temptation to perform an action that could be harmful to you or others, which may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - decreased or increased sexual arousal - increased need to gamble - compulsive eating, shopping or medication use Blood related: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduction in blood platelets which can lead to bleeding or bruising • Reduction in red blood cells which can lead to pale yellow skin, weakness or breathlessness 	Call your doctor straight away if you notice any of these serious side effects.

Very serious side effects

Serious side effects	What to do
Allergy related: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shortness of breath • Wheezing or difficulty breathing • Swelling of the face, lips, tongue or other parts of the body • Rash, itching or hives of the skin Nervous system or behaviour related: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hallucinations (seeing, hearing or feeling things that are not there) • High fever, muscle cramps or stiffness, dizziness, severe headache, fast heartbeat, confusion, agitation, hallucinations, or if you are sweating a lot (symptoms relating to neuroleptic malignant syndrome). 	Call your doctor straight away, or go straight to the Emergency Department at your nearest hospital if you notice any of these very serious side effects.

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you notice anything else that may be making you feel unwell.

Other side effects not listed here may occur in some people.

Reporting side effects

After you have received medical advice for any side effects you experience, you can report side effects to the Therapeutic Goods Administration online at www.tga.gov.au/reporting-problems. By reporting side effects, you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

Always make sure you speak to your doctor or pharmacist before you decide to stop taking any of your medicines.

7. Product details

This medicine is only available with a doctor's prescription.

What MOVAPO POD contains

Active ingredient (main ingredient)	Apomorphine hydrochloride hemihydrate
Other ingredients (inactive ingredients)	Sodium metabisulfite Water for injections Hydrochloric acid
Potential allergens	Sodium metabisulfite

Do not take this medicine if you are allergic to any of these ingredients.

What MOVAPO POD looks like

MOVAPO POD 100 mg/20 mL is a clear, colourless to slightly yellow, sterile solution, supplied in a carton containing 5 cartridges in a cardboard tray (AUST R 423350).

Who distributes MOVAPO POD

In Australia:

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