The document describes a pharmaceutical composition comprising atorvastatin and niacin. It is a sustained release component containing atorvastatin and a sustained release component containing niacin wherein the two components are not in intimate contact with each other.

**Abstract:** This invention relates to a pharmaceutical composition of atorvastatin and niacin comprising an immediate release component containing atorvastatin and a sustained release component containing niacin wherein the two components are not in intimate contact with each other.
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