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Essential medicine status

Section:

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ATC codes: [N05AN01](#)

Indication

Bipolar or related disorders ICD11 code: [6A8Z](#)

Medicine type

Chemical agent

List type

Core

Formulations

Oral > Solid: 300 mg

EML status history

First added in 1977 ([TRS 615](#))

Changed in 1979 ([TRS 641](#))

Changed in 2007 ([TRS 950](#))

Sex

All

Age

Adolescents and adults

Therapeutic alternatives

The recommendation is for this specific medicine

Patent information

Patents have expired in most jurisdictions

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Summary of evidence and Expert Committee recommendations

The EMLc Subcommittee decided not to list any medicines in the EMLc for the management of bipolar disorder at this time, but to seek a review of the management of bipolar disorder in children.