

from 21 to 77 years and is characterized mainly by avermian-type cerebellar disorder, persistent extrapyramidal syndrome, brainstem dysfunction and dementia of varying severity. It can also result in apraxia of the body, changes in the coordination and balance, dysarthria, as well as intentional and kinetic cerebellar tremor, involuntary movements of orofacial dyskinesias or resting tremor.

Objectives: The authors intend to review the relevant and current literature in order to extend the knowledge about this condition and find the best conducts for clinical practice.

Methods: Non-systematic literature review.

Results: Complications from the use of lithium known in the medical literature include mainly nephrotoxicity, endocrine alterations and neurotoxicity. The neurotoxic effects of lithium usually occur at high serum concentrations. However, they can also occur with lithium in the therapeutic range, and memory, attention and ataxia impairment may be some of the permanent sequelae. The etiopathogenesis is unclear, but demyelination has been detected in multiple brain regions, mainly in the cerebellum. The mechanism of lithium-induced cerebellar injury is believed to be mediated by the entry of calcium into the cells of this organ. The main factors that predispose to greater side effects and risk of toxicity are patients with decreased renal function, advanced age, use of diuretics, dementia, pregnancy, low sodium intake and physical illness with vomiting and/or diarrhea.

Conclusions: Lithium is a drug used mostly in affective disorders and given the narrow therapeutic window, it requires close monitoring in order to avoid side effects that can be permanent. In this way, it is important to review the factors that increase the lithium toxicity and make recommendations about it.

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Abilify Maintena 400 mg (aripiprazole once-monthly), two-injection start (TIS) regimen: the experience of the Psychiatric Unit (SPDC) of Rimini

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Introduction: The single-injection start regimen for aripiprazole once-monthly 400 mg (AOM 400) in patients with schizophrenia requires a single intramuscular injection in the gluteal or deltoid site and 14 days of concurrent oral therapy. Based on a population-pharmacokinetic model, the European Medicines Agency and Canada has recently approved a simplified starting strategy of aripiprazole once a month with single-day regimen of two injections at separate gluteal and deltoid injection sites, together with a single 20 mg dose of oral aripiprazole on the 1st day.

Objectives: The aim of the study is to evaluate the two injection start (TIS) regimen in inpatients in the Psychiatric Unit (SPDC) of the Hospital of Rimini.

Methods: We retrospectively reviewed medical records of patients, from February 2021 to April 2023, that have more than 18 years, who received the newly approved 2-injection start regimen as part of their standard care, evaluating if exist changes in clinical indicators, safety and tolerability of this regimen.

We evaluated retrospectively the days of hospitalization after the aripiprazole 400 mg TIS and the number of emergency room access, analyzing the “repository of AUSL della Romagna” and discharge letters and the “CURE” program of the Psychiatric Service of Rimini.

Results: We evaluated 24 patients from February 2021 to April 2023, 11 male (45,8%), 13 female (54,2%); average age 37,95, average length of stay in hospital was 11,75 days. 10 patients with diagnosis of psychosis/schizophrenia (41,7%), 6 patients with bipolar disorder (25%), 4 patients with personality disorder (16,6%), 2 patients with substance induced psychosi (8,3%), 1 patients with delusional disorder (4,2%), 1 patient with schizoaffective disorder (4,2%). 6 patients had the two-injection start regimen in 2021 (25%), 13 patients in 2022 (54,2), 5 patients in 2023 (20,8%); 20 patients did not have admission in hospital after the TIS (83,3%), 4 patients had 1 or more admission after the injection (16,7%). 3 patients (12,5%) had accesses in emergency-room after Abilify Maintena. 15 patients (62,5%) continue therapy; 9 patients (37,5%) had suspended the injection for drop-out or because of change of therapy not correlated at adverse effects (1 female patient had suspended treatment after the two-injections due to pregnancy). Just 1 patient that continue Abilify Maintena 400 mg had 2 accesses in the emergency-room.

Conclusions: The coadministration of 2 injections of 400 mg aripiprazole was not associated with safety concerns beyond those expected with a single-injection start regimen. From the study it appears that the long-acting therapy with Alibify Maintena 400 mg once-monthly helps to stabilize the patient to prevent hospitalization and accesses in emergency-room.

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Evaluating the Efficacy of Prucalopride, a 5-HT₄ Agonist, in Managing Antipsychotic-Induced Constipation: A Prospective Randomized Controlled Trial Conducted at Chronic Psychiatric Rehabilitation Facilities on Corfu Island

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Introduction: Achieving successful stabilization in patients with mental disorders often requires the administration of multiple antipsychotic medications, with the increasing prevalence of clozapine in cases resistant to other treatments. Constipation emerges as a particularly troublesome side effect, gradually progressing into a chronic state of gastrointestinal dysfunction, often accompanied by recurrent episodes of paralytic ileus of varying severity. Prucalopride, a 5-HT₄ agonist, selectively targets receptors within the intestinal system. This interaction induces muscular contractions and promotes chloride secretion. Literature suggest its potential efficacy in managing constipation induced by clozapine. In light of these observations, we designed and will conduct a randomized controlled trial to evaluate the effectiveness of prucalopride in alleviating constipation in patients who had