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What are analeptics?

A supplementary, or adjunctive, treatment is administered in conjunction with a patient's ongoing antipsychotic therapy. Analeptics, such as modafinil, have been suggested as potential adjunctive treatments for schizophrenia. Modafinil is a wake-promoting drug (mechanisms of action unknown) which is thought to help with the sedation side-effects of antipsychotics.

What is the evidence for analeptics?

Moderate to high quality evidence finds adjunctive modafinil can improve negative but not positive symptoms or cognition, with no more adverse effects than placebo. Lower quality evidence also finds no differences in global state, quality of life, hospitalisation rates, or study retention.

For more information see the technical table



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NeuRA (Neuroscience Research Australia) is one of the largest independent medical and clinical research institutes in Australia and an international leader in neurological research.

Diseases of the brain and nervous system pose the greatest health, economic and social burden of any disease group because they are chronic, debilitating and have no known cures.

Medical research is the cornerstone of efforts to advance the health and wellbeing of families and the community. Our dedicated scientists are focussed on transforming their research into significant and practical benefits for all patients.

While we hope you find this information useful, it is always important to discuss any questions about schizophrenia or its treatment with your doctor or other health care provider.

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