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What is fluoxetine?

Fluoxetine is a widely prescribed antidepressant due to its efficacy and safety profile. It is a selective inhibitor of serotonin reuptake and has little effect on other neurotransmitters. It is often prescribed for bipolar disorder along with the antipsychotic olanzapine.

What is the evidence for fluoxetine as treatment for bipolar disorder?

Moderate to high quality evidence suggests greater improvement in depression with combined olanzapine and fluoxetine when compared to placebo, olanzapine or lamotrigine alone. Low quality evidence is unable to determine the benefits or risks of fluoxetine alone for bipolar disorder.



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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 bipolar disorder or its treatment with your doctor or other health care provider.

For more information see the technical table

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