

# Distinguishing Tardive Dyskinesia (TD) from Other Dopamine Receptor Blocking Agent (DRBA)-Induced Movement Disorders





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# Introduction to DRBA-Induced Movement Disorders

DRBA, dopamine receptor blocking agent



# DRBA-Induced Movement Disorders

- Dopamine Receptor Blocking Agent (DRBA)-induced movement disorders are associated with medications commonly used to manage psychiatric disorders, such as antipsychotics<sup>1,2</sup>
- Extrapyramidal Symptoms (EPS) is an obsolete umbrella term that has been used to describe a collection of DRBA-induced movement disorders despite each having a distinct presentation, pathophysiology, and treatment<sup>3</sup>
- Tardive dyskinesia (TD) is an often persistent, clinically distinct DRBA-induced movement disorder<sup>2,4</sup>
  - Can coexist with other DRBA-induced movement disorders<sup>4</sup>
  - Requires specific management<sup>4</sup>

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# Clinical Characteristics of DRBA-Induced Movement Disorders

- DRBA-induced movement disorders can include acute presentations or may present after prolonged use of DRBAs (i.e., tardive)<sup>1</sup>

DRBA-Induced Movement Disorders	Timing of Onset <sup>1,2</sup>	Common Distinguishing Features <sup>1,2</sup>
Acute dystonia	Hours to days	- Sustained muscle contractions
Akathisia	Days to months	- Inner restlessness with compulsion to move
Drug-induced parkinsonism (DIP)	Weeks to months	- Bradykinesia, rigidity, decreased arm swing, tremor, stooped posture
Tardive dyskinesia (TD)	Onset is generally later; months to years	- Repetitive movements: commonly grimacing, sticking out of tongue or smacking of lips - Movements can include limbs/trunk - May be rapid jerking movements or slow writhing movements

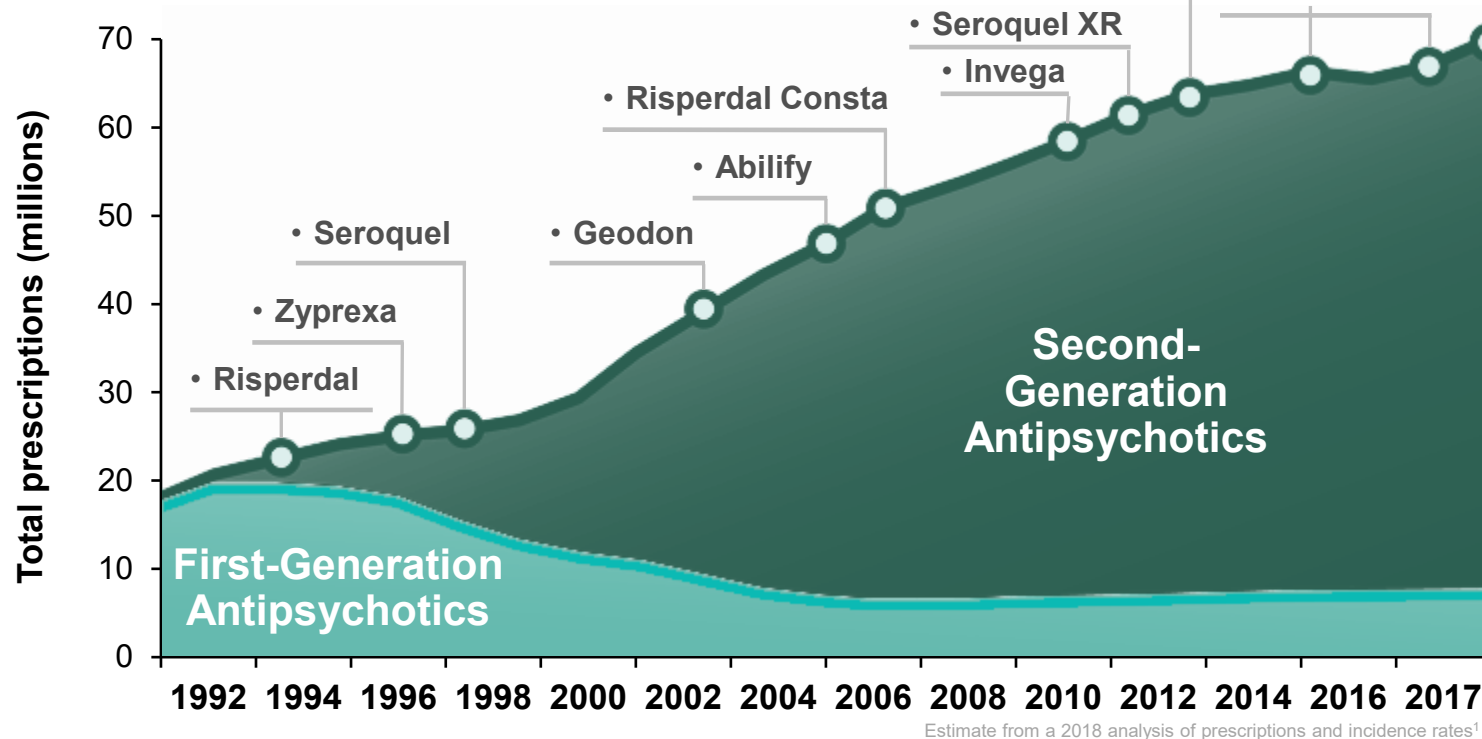
DRBA, Dopamine Receptor Blocking Agent.

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# Trends in Antipsychotic Prescribing

- Invega Sustenna
- Zyprexa Relprevv
- Latuda



- **> 4-fold increase in antipsychotic use over 25 years<sup>1</sup>**
- **Use of second-generation antipsychotics (SGAs) in new conditions and client populations has grown over the past ~2.5 decades<sup>2</sup>**

FGAs: first-generation antipsychotics; SGAs: second-generation antipsychotics

1. Data on file. Neurocrine Biosciences. 2. Alexander GC, et al. *Pharmacoepidemiol Drug Saf.* 2011;20(2)177-184.



# DRBA-Induced Movement Disorders: Epidemiology

- **~50% of patients** treated with high-potency FGAs develop acute DRBA-induced movement disorders within the first several days of treatment<sup>1</sup>
- CATIE study compared SGAs to an intermediate-potency FGA and found no difference in the rates of the below DRBA-induced movement disorders<sup>2</sup>

DRBA-Induced Movement Disorders	Epidemiology
Dystonia	• Incidence of 2 to 5% in patients receiving FGAs <sup>3-5</sup>
Akathisia	• Incidence varied from 21 to 75% across studies of FGAs <sup>6-8</sup>
Drug-induced Parkinsonism (DIP)	• Annual incidence rate of DIP found to be 3.3 per 100,000 person years, with FGAs being the most common cause <sup>9</sup>

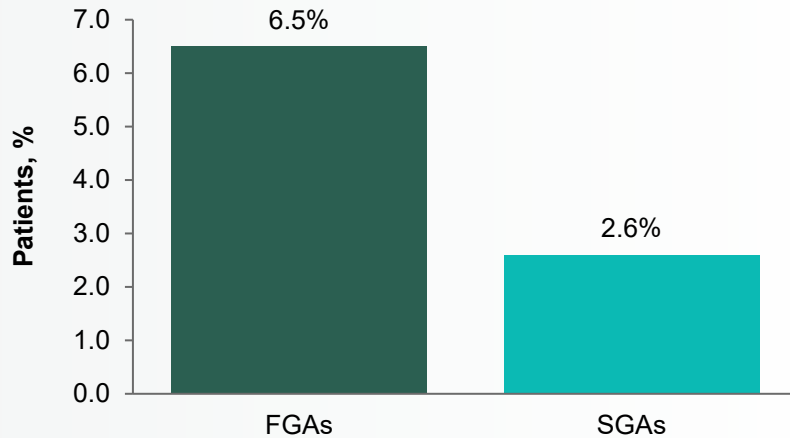
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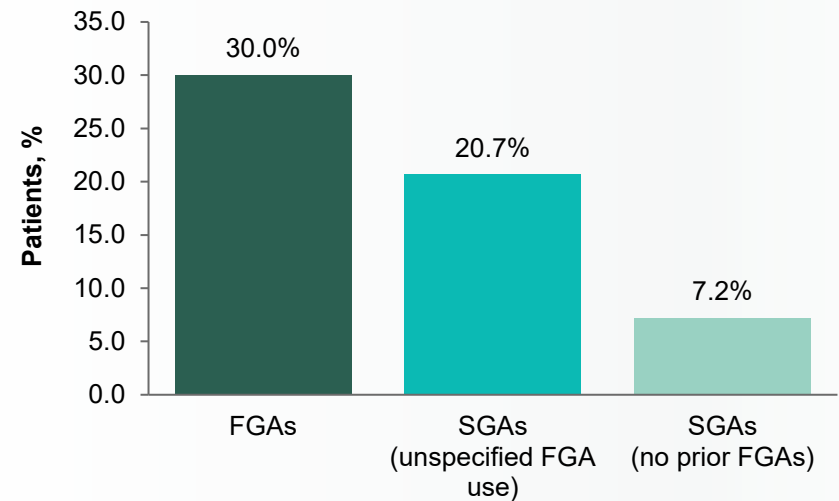


# TD Is Associated With Prolonged DRBA Treatment

## TD Annual Incidence<sup>1\*</sup>



## TD Prevalence<sup>2†</sup>



**~5 million patients in the US are treated with antipsychotics<sup>3</sup>**  
**≥600,000 patients may have TD<sup>3,4‡</sup>**

\*2018 meta-analysis of 57 randomized controlled trials (FGA-SGA studies, N=10,706; SGA-SGA studies, N=9153). †2017 meta-analysis of 41 studies (N=11,493).

‡Estimate from a 2014 analysis of prescriptions and incidence rates.

DRBA, dopamine receptor–blocking agent; FGA, first-generation antipsychotic; SGA, second-generation antipsychotic; TD, tardive dyskinesia.

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# Stigma associated with DRBA-Induced Movement Disorders

- DRBA-induced movement disorders visually stigmatize patients: psychiatric symptoms are internal but movement disorders are obvious to all<sup>1,2</sup>
- DRBA-induced movement disorders can be disfiguring, stigmatizing, and may influence compliance, relapse, and re-hospitalization<sup>3</sup>
- In some patients, TD is associated with<sup>2,4,5</sup>:
  - More severe psychopathology
  - Worse quality of life and functioning
  - Lower level of daily activity
  - Lower level of leisure activities
  - Lower productivity
  - Social stigma
  - Increased morbidity and mortality

DRBA, dopamine receptor blocking agent

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# Clinical Presentation of DRBA-Induced Movement Disorders

DRBA, dopamine receptor blocking agent



# Clinical Characteristics of Dystonia



## Typical Time to Onset<sup>a</sup>

- **Acute – Hours to Days**
- **Tardive – Weeks to Years**

## Movement Phenomenology

- Pulling, twisting, sustained, & repetitive movements or postures that are usually focal, involving:
  - Head
  - Neck
  - Eyes
  - Mouth
  - Jaw
  - Tongue
  - Face
- Torticollis, trismus, jaw opening, grimacing, blepharospasm or oculogyric crisis, tongue protrusion, biting, or twisting

## Other Clinical Features:

- Muscle pain or cramps
- Distress
- Anxiety
- Dysarthria
- Dysphagia
- Respiratory stridor

<sup>a</sup>Following DRBA initiation or change in dose. Onset may occur earlier or later than the typical time frames listed (see manuscript text for further information).



# Factors Associated With Increased Risk for Acute Dystonia

## Risk Factors for Acute Dystonia<sup>1</sup>

Younger age

Family history of dystonia

Male gender

Cocaine use

Black race

Previous dystonic reactions

1. Caroff S, et al. *Psychiatric Clinics of North America*. 2016;39(3):391-411.



# Dystonia

Retrocollis: repetitive, patterned, neck extension





# Clinical Characteristics of Akathisia



## Typical Time to Onset<sup>a</sup>

- **Acute – Days to Months**
- **Tardive – Weeks to Years**

## Movement Phenomenology

- Inner feeling of restlessness
- Urge to move
- Inability to stay seated
- May be associated with stereotypies:
  - Foot tapping
  - Shuffling
  - Shifting weight
  - Rocking

<sup>a</sup>Following DRBA initiation or change in dose. Onset may occur earlier or later than the typical time frames listed (see manuscript text for further information).



# Factors Associated With Increased Risk for Akathisia

## Risk Factors for Akathisia<sup>1</sup>

Increasing age

Cognitive dysfunction

Female gender

Iron deficiency

Negative symptoms

Prior akathisia

Concomitant parkinsonism

Mood disorders

1. Caroff S, et al. *Psychiatric Clinics of North America*. 2016;39(3):391-411.



# Akathisia



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# Clinical Characteristics of Drug-Induced Parkinsonism



- Typical Time to Onset<sup>a</sup>**
- **Days or Weeks to Years**

## Movement Phenomenology

- Tremor and/or bradykinesia
- Rigidity of neck, trunk, & extremities
- Hypomimia
- Reduced blink rate
- Reduced arm swing
- Flexed posture
- Shuffling or freezing gait
- Rabbit syndrome (a parkinsonian variant that includes jaw tremor)

## Other Clinical Features:

- Soft speech
- Dysphagia
- Fatigue

<sup>a</sup>Following DRBA initiation or change in dose. Onset may occur earlier or later than the typical time frames listed (see manuscript text for further information).



# Factors Associated With Increased Risk for Drug-Induced Parkinsonism

## Risk Factors for Drug-Induced Parkinsonism<sup>1</sup>

Advancing age

Family history of Parkinson's disease

Female gender

Preexisting extrapyramidal disease

Abnormalities of brain structure including dementia

Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) infection

1. Caroff S, et al. *Psychiatric Clinics of North America*. 2016;39(3):391-411.



# Drug-Induced Parkinsonism

Parkinsonian tremor: rhythmic, 3 to 4 Hz resting tremor



# Drug-Induced Parkinsonism

**Bradykinesia: slow speed and loss of amplitude in finger tapping and marked decrease in facial expression (masking)**





# Drug-Induced Parkinsonism

Parkinsonian tremor: rhythmic, 3 to 4 Hz tremor in lower lip and chin





# Clinical Characteristics of Tardive Dyskinesia



## Typical Time to Onset<sup>a</sup>

- **Weeks to Years<sup>b</sup>**

## Movement Phenomenology

### Movements:

- Choreoathetotic (irregular, dance-like)
- Athetotic (slow, writhing)
- Stereotypic (repetitive, purposeless)

### Locations:

- Mouth, jaw, tongue & face
  - Mouth/jaw chewing
  - Tongue protrusion
  - Grimacing
  - Lip smacking or pursing
  - Blepharospasm
- Neck, trunk, & extremities
  - Piano-playing finger/hand movements
  - Foot tapping
  - Truncal rocking or thrusting

### Other Clinical Features:

- Difficulty speaking, eating, or ambulating
- Embarrassment
- Social isolation

<sup>a</sup>Following DRBA initiation or change in dose. Onset may occur earlier or later than the typical time frames listed (see manuscript text for further information) <sup>b</sup>TD may be “masked” by DRBA treatment and first appear after DRBAs are withdrawn.



# Tardive Dyskinesia (TD) is Associated with Prolonged Exposure to Dopamine Receptor Blocking Agents (DRBAs)

## Tardive Dyskinesia

Defined as abnormal, involuntary movements of the tongue, jaw, trunk, or extremities that develop in association with medications that block post-synaptic dopamine receptors

### TD movements may be:\*

<b>Choreiform</b>	Rapid, jerky, nonrepetitive
<b>Athetoid</b>	Slow, sinuous, continual
<b>Semirhythmic</b>	E.g., stereotypies

### DRBAs can include:

- First-generation antipsychotics
- Second-generation antipsychotics
- Gastrointestinal medications, such as metoclopramide

 **Jaw  
Tongue Neck**

 **OBL Legs**

 **Jaw Hand  
Face**

 **Leg Shoulder  
Face**

\*Movements are distinctly different from the rhythmic tremors (3-6 Hz) commonly seen in drug-induced parkinsonism<sup>1</sup>

DRBA, dopamine receptor–blocking agent; TD, tardive dyskinesia; OBL, oral-buccal-lingual.

American Psychiatric Association: *Diagnostic and Stat Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders*. Fifth Edition – Text Revision. American Psychiatric Association: Washington, DC; 2022



# Diagnosis of TD

- Healthcare providers use clinical evaluation and medical history to diagnose TD
- TD may appear in patients also experiencing other DRBA-induced movement disorders

## Movements must be present for at least:



4 weeks

## History of the offending agent for at least:



1 month in those 60 years and older



3 months in those younger than 60 years

## Signs of TD may develop:



During exposure to DRBA



Within 4 weeks of withdrawal from an oral DRBA\*



Within 8 weeks of withdrawal from LAI DRBA\*

\*Dyskinesia may remit with continued withdrawal. A diagnosis of TD may be warranted if the dyskinesia persists for at least 4 weeks.

DRBA, dopamine receptor–blocking agent; TD, tardive dyskinesia; LAI, long acting injectable.

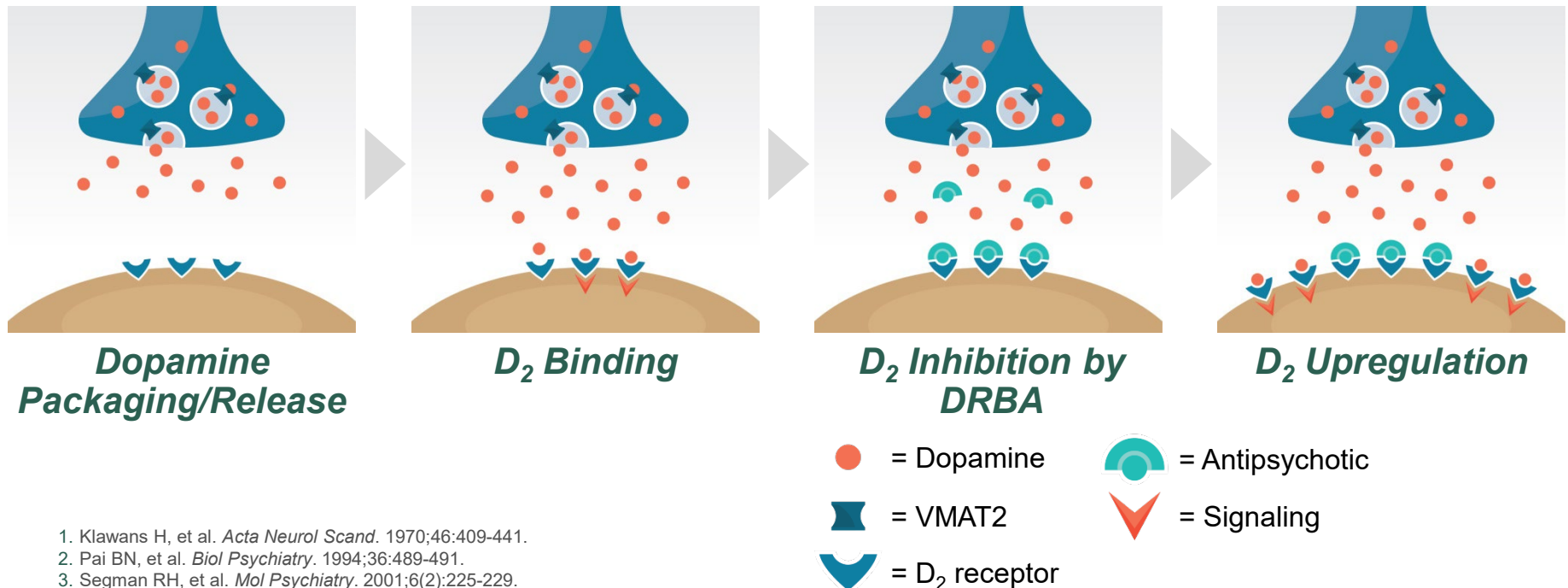
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# TD Pathophysiology

- The mechanism underlying TD is complex and the exact cause has not been fully elucidated<sup>1-4</sup>
- A leading theory is the upregulation and subsequent hypersensitivity of brain dopamine D<sub>2</sub> receptors following prolonged exposure to DRBAs<sup>1</sup>
- Additional hypotheses include DRBA-induced:
  - Oxidative stress from free radical formation<sup>2</sup>
  - Dysfunction of GABA and/or serotonin pathways<sup>3,4</sup>



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# Factors Associated With Increased Risk for TD

## Risk Factors for TD

### Treatment Factors

Cumulative exposure to antipsychotics<sup>1</sup>

Treatment with anticholinergics<sup>1</sup>

History of extrapyramidal side effects<sup>1</sup>

Potency of DRBA<sup>2</sup>

Neuroleptic withdrawal-emergent dyskinesia<sup>6</sup>

### Patient Factors

Increased age<sup>1</sup>

Substance abuse<sup>1</sup>

Diagnosis of mood disorder<sup>3,4</sup>

Postmenopausal Women<sup>5</sup>

TD, Tardive Dyskinesia; DRBA, dopamine receptor blocking agent

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# Treatment Approaches for DRBA-Induced Movement Disorders

DRBA, dopamine receptor blocking agent



# Key Differences in Pharmacologic Effects of Common Treatments on DRBA-Induced Movement Disorders

Action	TD	Acute Dystonia	Acute Akathisia	DIP
Add VMAT2 inhibitor	Improves (approved for treatment of TD) <sup>a</sup>	May worsen	Insufficient data	May worsen
Increase DRBA dose	May initially “mask” symptoms <sup>b</sup>	May trigger or worsen	May trigger or worsen	May trigger or worsen
Discontinue DRBA or reduce dose	Generally no effect, but may improve over time in some patients <sup>c</sup>	Improves	Improves	Improves

Abbreviations: TD, tardive dyskinesia; DIP, drug-induced parkinsonism; VMAT2, vesicular monoamine transporter type 2; DRBA, Dopamine Receptor Blocking Agent.

<sup>a</sup>Valbenazine and deutetrabenazine are approved in the US for the treatment of TD in adults and are recommended as first-line treatment for TD; <sup>b</sup>Increasing DRBA dose may diminish chances of recovery from TD; <sup>c</sup>DRBA discontinuation or reduction can initially trigger or exacerbate TD that had been “masked” by DRBA treatment; <sup>d</sup>Limited data available.



# Key Differences in Pharmacologic Effects of Common Treatments on DRBA-Induced Movement Disorders

Action	TD	Acute Dystonia	Acute Akathisia	DIP
Add VMAT2 inhibitor	Improves (approved for treatment of TD) <sup>a</sup>	May worsen	Insufficient data	May worsen
Add anticholinergic	May worsen	May improve <sup>b</sup>	Insufficient data	Improves (approved for treatment of parkinsonism) <sup>b</sup>
Discontinue anticholinergic	May improve	May worsen	Insufficient data	May worsen

Abbreviations: TD, tardive dyskinesia; DIP, drug-induced parkinsonism; VMAT2, vesicular monoamine transporter type 2.

<sup>a</sup>Valbenazine and deutetrabenazine are approved in the US for the treatment of TD in adults and are recommended as first-line treatment for TD; <sup>b</sup>Benzotropine is approved in the US for all forms of parkinsonism and may be useful for acute DRBA-induced dystonia. Anticholinergics can aggravate TD and should not be used for TD.



# Benztropine: Not Recommended for the Treatment of TD

- Benzotropine is indicated for the control of extrapyramidal disorders **except tardive dyskinesia** due to neuroleptic drugs<sup>1</sup>
- The Precautions section of the Benzotropine FDA-approved full prescribing information states the following<sup>1</sup>:
  - Tardive dyskinesia may appear in some patients on long-term therapy with phenothiazines<sup>a</sup> and related agents, or may occur after therapy when these drugs have been discontinued
  - Antiparkinsonism agents<sup>b</sup> do not alleviate the symptoms of tardive dyskinesia, and in some instances may aggravate them
  - Benzotropine **is not** recommended for use in patients with tardive dyskinesia

<sup>a</sup>Examples of phenothiazines include fluphenazine, chlorpromazine, and perphenazine (all first generation antipsychotics). <sup>b</sup>Refers to anticholinergics such as benztropine.

1. Benzotropine mesylate [package insert]. Warren, NJ: Cipla USA, Inc.; 2020.



## 2020 APA Guideline: TD Recommendations

Reversible VMAT2 inhibitors are recommended in patients with moderate to severe or disabling TD

VMAT2 inhibitors can also be considered for patients with mild TD

There is insufficient evidence to support a guideline statement on the use of the following treatments in individuals with TD:

Anticholinergics (e.g., benztropine)

Benzodiazepines (e.g., clonazepam)

Change in antipsychotic therapy to a lower-potency medication

Ginkgo biloba

Cessation or reduction of antipsychotic medication

Amantadine

Vitamin E

APA, American Psychiatric Association; TD, tardive dyskinesia; VMAT2, vesicular monoamine transporter type 2.

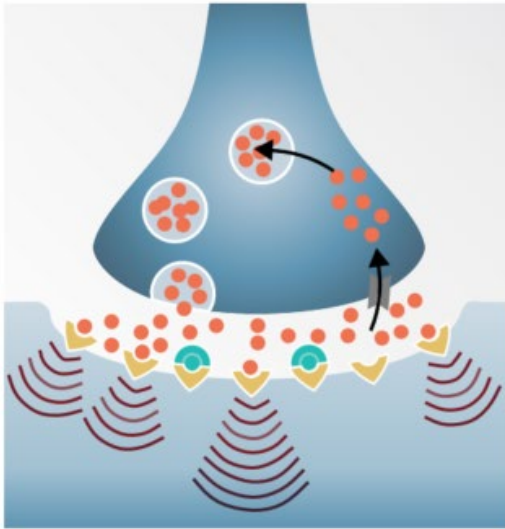
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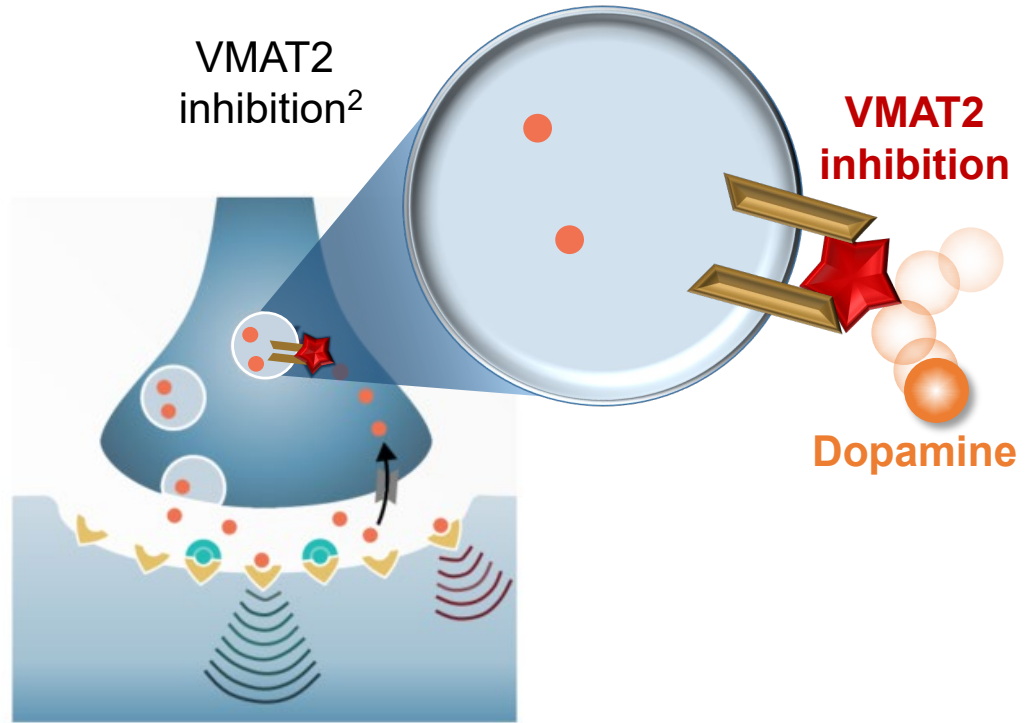


# VMAT2 Inhibitor: Mechanism of Action

Upregulation and dopamine hypersensitivity<sup>1</sup>



VMAT2 inhibition<sup>2</sup>



★ VMAT2 inhibitor    || Dopamine transporter    ● Dopamine    ≡ VMAT2    ∪ D<sub>2</sub> receptor    ⊕ Antipsychotic

TD, tardive dyskinesia; VMAT2, vesicular monoamine transporter type 2.

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# Summary

- TD should be distinguished from other DRBA-induced movement disorders as each have their own distinct pathophysiology, presentation, and treatment
  - The use of EPS as an umbrella term is considered obsolete and clinically problematic
- Understanding the differences between TD and other DRBA-induced movement disorders will aid in finding the optimal treatment plan for patients