

Anastrozole experiences fast July increase

Anastrozole underwent a steep average price hike in July as prices for 28-tablet packs of anastrozole 1mg from Actavis rose sharply, according to WaveData. The effect on the market as a whole was to raise the product's average price by 57% to £2.51 (US\$3.82).

The best price on offer, however, fell slightly by 5% to £1.09 (see Figure 1). Direct comparisons should not be made with the £0.60 published last month (**Generics bulletin**, 12 July 2013, page 17) as this was a short-dated offer. The best long-dated June offer recorded by WaveData was £1.15. Similarly, 28-capsule packs of trandolapril 2mg were said to be on offer at £0.73. The actual, long-dated figure was £0.93, making July's price change a modest 3% uplift to £0.96.

Elsewhere, June's lowest price for seven-tablet packs of buprenorphine 2mg more than doubled in July.

The 'fast movers' table contains 28-tablet packs of montelukast 10mg and 100-tablet packs of cyclizine 50mg, now that they have been added to category M of the Drug Tariff of pharmacy reimbursement prices. The table's oldest members – perindopril 4mg tablets in 30-count packs, launched in July 2007, and 30-tablet packs of mirtazapine 45mg, introduced in November 2006 – have dropped out to make way.

Fosinopril and sertraline tablets underwent price falls in July (see Figure 2). Sertraline had previously undergone some dramatic price rises and was still on the Department of Health's (DoH's) price-concession list in June. Isosorbide and trazodone continued on the DoH list in July, although any further price rises were not enough to register in Figure 3. Other products given price concessions in July, overriding the Drug Tariff, were hydralazine, nabumetone and naftidrofuryl. **G**

BIGGEST FALLERS				
Product/Strength/Pack size	Lowest price	Change (%)	Average price	Change (%)
Fosinopril tabs 10mg 28	£1.38	-15	£2.39	-61
Sertraline tabs 50mg 28	£1.85	-38	£5.07	-37
Sertraline tabs 100mg 28	£2.45	-39	£6.17	-30
Cimetidine tabs 200mg 60	£0.96	+4	£1.34	-27
Indapamide tabs 2.5mg 28	£2.76	-11	£4.83	-26
Fosinopril tabs 20mg 28	£1.43	-1	£2.22	-25

BIGGEST RISERS				
Product/Strength/Pack size	Lowest price	Change (%)	Average price	Change (%)
Senna tabs 7.5mg 60	£0.81	±0	£5.00	+80
Levothyroxine tabs 25µg 500	£39.25	+110	£43.69	+71
Risperidone tabs 6mg 28	£0.86	±0	£5.23	+43
Glycerin suppositories 4g 12	£0.42	+2	£0.96	+33
Risperidone tabs 1mg 60	£0.69	+21	£1.92	+25
Cefuroxime tabs 250mg 14	£2.35	±0	£7.07	+25

Figure 1 (below): Comparison between the periods 1-30 June 2013 and 1-29 July 2013 of the lowest and average UK trade prices of fast-moving generics. Each average price was calculated from at least 18 data points. Figure 2 (above) and Figure 3 (above right): Biggest changes recorded between the periods 1-30 June

2013 and 1-29 July 2013 in lowest and average UK trade prices of about 748 commonly-dispensed generics. The basket specifically excludes the 'fast movers' shown below, but includes other presentations of the same products. Each average price was calculated from at least 15 data points (Source – WaveData).

FAST MOVERS				
Product/Strength/Pack size	Lowest price	Change (%)	Average price	Change (%)
Alfuzosin tabs 2.5mg 60	£3.85	+2	£4.78	-3
Anastrozole tabs 1mg 28	£1.09	-5	£2.51	+57
Atorvastatin tabs 20mg 28	£0.53	-4	£0.78	+2
Bicalutamide tabs 50mg 28	£1.29	+4	£2.46	+13
Buprenorphine tabs 2mg 7	£1.70	+115	£2.32	-3
Candesartan tabs 8mg 28	£1.05	-8	£1.33	-4
Clopidogrel tabs 75mg 28	£0.92	-1	£1.17	+6
Cyclizine tabs 50mg 100	£9.89	-10	£12.11	±0
Desloratadine tabs 5mg 30	£0.89	-9	£1.30	-7
Donepezil tabs 10mg 28	£0.57	±0	£0.92	+6
Dorzolamide eye drops 2% 5ml	£1.33	+1	£1.81	+1
Entacapone tabs 200mg 30	£5.95	-8	£7.45	-2
Esomeprazole tabs 40mg 28	£4.40	-12	£5.72	-2
Exemestane tabs 25mg 30	£3.20	-6	£5.06	+2
Finasteride tabs 5mg 28	£0.65	-2	£0.94	+1
Irbesartan tabs 75mg 28	£0.64	-2	£0.86	-6
Latanoprost eye drops .005% 2.5ml	£0.86	-9	£1.33	-7
Lercanidipine tabs 10mg 28	£0.63	+2	£1.00	+9
Letrozole tabs 2.5mg 14	£0.67	+3	£1.31	±0
Levetiracetam tabs 500mg 60	£0.90	-4	£2.50	+3
Losartan tabs 100mg 28	£0.50	-4	£0.76	+3
Montelukast tabs 10mg 28	£1.48	-10	£2.00	-14
Mycophenolate tabs 500mg 50	£5.88	+5	£7.98	+15
Naratriptan tabs 2.5mg 6	£0.73	-3	£1.38	-5
Nebivolol tabs 5mg 28	£0.86	+1	£1.23	+2

FAST MOVERS				
Product/Strength/Pack size	Lowest price	Change (%)	Average price	Change (%)
Olanzapine tabs 5mg 28	£0.40	-2	£0.78	-2
Pioglitazone tabs 15mg 28	£0.68	±0	£1.10	-1
Pramipexole tabs 700µg 30	£1.25	±0	£2.23	-8
Quetiapine tabs 25mg 60	£0.70	-7	£1.08	-5
Rabeprazole tabs 10mg 28	£1.92	-16	£2.44	-14
Riluzole tabs 50mg 56	£40.90	-4	£52.83	-4
Risedronate tabs 35mg 4	£0.44	±0	£0.70	+7
Risperidone tabs 2mg 60	£0.71	+6	£1.68	+18
Terbinafine cream 1% 15g	£1.19	-8	£1.56	±0
Tolterodine tabs 2mg 56	£1.98	+1	£2.96	±0
Topiramate tabs 25mg 60	£0.92	+6	£1.81	+12
Trandolapril caps 2mg 28	£0.96	+3	£1.32	-1
Valsartan caps 80mg 28	£0.89	+5	£1.36	-2
Venlafaxine tabs 75mg 56	£1.57	-4	£2.09	-4
Zolmitriptan tabs 2.5mg 6	£0.48	+7	£0.94	-4

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