

Price falls dominate the picture in June

Double-digit price declines were more apparent among our 'Fast Movers' in June than significant price increases. Prices for 28-tablet packs of atorvastatin 20mg, for example, were down by 13% on average, slightly steeper than the fall for the lowest price on offer (see Figure 1). The cholesterol-lowerer could be obtained in the trade at a discount to the Lipitor brand of almost 98%.

Prices for 60-tablet packs of levetiracetam 500mg were also generally lower and could be bought by independent pharmacists and dispensing doctors at 18% below the cheapest May price. Pioglitazone 15mg and tolterodine 2mg saw almost the same price declines, but the biggest price faller was 30-tablet packs of desloratadine 5mg.

Notable price increases among the Fast Movers were few, although the average price of 60-tablet packs of risperidone 2mg

rose in double-digits, as did that for similar packs of topiramate 25mg.

Although the prices of conventional olanzapine 5mg tablets were virtually unchanged, those for the orodispersible form took a tumble. Average prices for all four strengths fell by more than a half (see Figure 2). Indapamide 2.5mg was still on the Department of Health's (DoH's) price-concession list for June, despite rapidly falling prices after recent shortages, although an average price of £6.57 (US\$9.99) for a 28-tablet pack was nearly 50% more than the price concession of £4.40.

Eight ingredients in 15 presentations were in short supply in June, according to the DoH. None were among the 'Biggest Risers' in Figure 3, although sertraline 100mg and isosorbide 10mg were nearly among the 'Biggest Fallers'. Three strengths of pramipexole saw some of the biggest price rises, although not the 700µg strength in Figure 1. **G**

| BIGGEST FALLERS | | | | |
|-----------------------------|--------------|------------|---------------|------------|
| Product/Strength/Pack size | Lowest price | Change (%) | Average price | Change (%) |
| Olanzapine oro tabs 15mg 28 | £1.13 | -19 | £2.14 | -79 |
| Olanzapine oro tabs 10mg 28 | £0.75 | ±0 | £1.58 | -76 |
| Olanzapine oro tabs 20mg 28 | £1.59 | -24 | £3.35 | -75 |
| Olanzapine oro tabs 5mg 28 | £0.54 | ±0 | £1.24 | -68 |
| Indapamide tabs 2.5mg 28 | £3.11 | -3 | £6.57 | -65 |
| Indapamide tabs 2.5mg 56 | £2.26 | ±0 | £10.57 | -65 |

| BIGGEST RISERS | | | | |
|----------------------------|--------------|------------|---------------|------------|
| Product/Strength/Pack size | Lowest price | Change (%) | Average price | Change (%) |
| Pramipexole tabs 350µg 100 | £3.60 | ±0 | £27.13 | +91 |
| Phenobarbital tabs 60mg 28 | £0.37 | +12 | £1.42 | +72 |
| Pramipexole tabs 350µg 30 | £1.35 | ±0 | £5.92 | +64 |
| Pramipexole tabs 88µg 30 | £0.60 | +18 | £1.20 | +30 |
| Pramipexole tabs 180µg 100 | £1.65 | +9 | £4.28 | +28 |
| Trimipramine caps 50mg 28 | £15.62 | +12 | £31.02 | +26 |

Figure 1 (below): Comparison between the periods 1-31 May 2013 and 1-30 June 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 1-31 May

2013 and 1-30 June 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 20 data points (Source - WaveData).

| FAST MOVERS | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|------------|---------------|------------|
| Product/Strength/Pack size | Lowest price | Change (%) | Average price | Change (%) |
| Alfuzosin tabs 2.5mg 60 | £3.79 | -5 | £4.91 | -3 |
| Anastrozole tabs 1mg 28 | £0.60 | ±0 | £1.60 | +4 |
| Atorvastatin tabs 20mg 28 | £0.55 | -11 | £0.76 | -13 |
| Bicalutamide tabs 50mg 28 | £1.24 | +3 | £2.18 | -6 |
| Buprenorphine tabs 2mg 7 | £0.79 | -7 | £2.40 | -6 |
| Candesartan tabs 8mg 28 | £1.14 | ±0 | £1.39 | -11 |
| Clopidogrel tabs 75mg 28 | £0.93 | -1 | £1.11 | -2 |
| Desloratadine tabs 5mg 30 | £0.98 | -13 | £1.40 | -28 |
| Donepezil tabs 10mg 28 | £0.57 | -5 | £2.69 | -7 |
| Dorzolamide eye drops 2% 5ml | £1.32 | -1 | £1.78 | +4 |
| Entacapone tabs 200mg 30 | £6.49 | -4 | £7.63 | -5 |
| Esomeprazole tabs 40mg 28 | £4.99 | -4 | £5.86 | -9 |
| Exemestane tabs 25mg 30 | £3.40 | -4 | £4.97 | -8 |
| Finasteride tabs 5mg 28 | £0.66 | +5 | £0.93 | -1 |
| Irbesartan tabs 75mg 28 | £0.65 | -6 | £0.91 | -17 |
| Latanoprost eye drops .005% 2.5ml | £0.95 | -2 | £1.43 | -8 |
| Lercanidipine tabs 10mg 28 | £0.62 | -2 | £0.92 | -8 |
| Letrozole tabs 2.5mg 14 | £0.65 | -24 | £1.31 | -2 |
| Levetiracetam tabs 500mg 60 | £0.94 | -18 | £2.43 | -12 |
| Losartan tabs 100mg 28 | £0.52 | ±0 | £0.74 | -11 |
| Mirtazapine orodisp. tabs 45mg 30 | £1.24 | -2 | £1.78 | -4 |
| Mycophenolate tabs 500mg 50 | £5.61 | +3 | £6.93 | +1 |
| Naratriptan tabs 2.5mg 6 | £0.75 | -5 | £1.45 | -12 |
| Nebivolol tabs 5mg 28 | £0.85 | -2 | £1.21 | -6 |
| Olanzapine tabs 5mg 28 | £0.41 | +2 | £0.79 | -4 |

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|----------------------------|--------------|------------|---------------|------------|
| Product/Strength/Pack size | Lowest price | Change (%) | Average price | Change (%) |
| Perindopril tabs 4mg 30 | £0.63 | -2 | £0.89 | -8 |
| Pioglitazone tabs 15mg 28 | £0.68 | -9 | £1.11 | -11 |
| Pramipexole tabs 700µg 30 | £1.25 | -7 | £2.43 | -3 |
| Quetiapine tabs 25mg 60 | £0.75 | ±0 | £1.14 | -9 |
| Rabeprazole tabs 10mg 28 | £2.28 | ±0 | £2.83 | +2 |
| Riluzole tabs 50mg 56 | £42.74 | -7 | £55.18 | -5 |
| Risedronate tabs 35mg 4 | £0.44 | +2 | £0.65 | -2 |
| Risperidone tabs 2mg 60 | £0.67 | ±0 | £1.42 | +15 |
| Terbinafine cream 1% 15g | £1.29 | ±0 | £1.56 | -8 |
| Tolterodine tabs 2mg 56 | £1.96 | -14 | £2.97 | -8 |
| Topiramate tabs 25mg 60 | £0.87 | ±0 | £1.61 | +10 |
| Trandolapril caps 2mg 28 | £0.73 | ±0 | £1.34 | ±0 |
| Valsartan caps 80mg 28 | £0.85 | ±0 | £1.39 | -11 |
| Venlafaxine tabs 75mg 56 | £1.64 | +2 | £2.19 | ±0 |
| Zolmitriptan tabs 2.5mg 6 | £0.45 | ±0 | £0.98 | -7 |

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