DESIGNER BENZODIAZEPINES

RESEARCH CHEMICAL PRESENTATION





NOT FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION

Benzodiazepines

| | Tetrazepam | | | 111 |
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| Diazepam | Тепагера | 1111 | Ketazolam | Flurazepam |
| Estazolam | Nimetazepam | Cinolazepam | | |
| | Nordazepam | Bron | nazepam | Lormetazepam |
| Etizolam | | | | |
| Flunitrazepam | Lorazepam | Pinazepam | Chlor | rdiazepoxide |
| - | Triazolam | Premazepam | Nitrazepam | Temazepam |
| Clorazepate | Medazepam | Halazepam | Prazepam | Clonazepam |
| Flutoprazepam | Quazepam | Alprazolam | Cloxazolam | |
| D.I | Loprazolam | Ovazana | a ma | Midazolam |
| Phenazepam | Pyrazolam | Oxazepa | Pyrazola | |
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Benzodiazepine – Therapeutic Use



- Anticonvulsants
- Anxiolytics
- Muscle relaxants
- Hypnotic
- Alcohol withdrawal



Benzodiazepine Abuse



- 1. Over prescribing resulting in dependency
- 2. Recreational abuse
 - In isolation
 - To achieve a high
 - > CNS depressant properties
 - Poly drug abuse
 - To enhance the effects of other CNS depressant drugs
 - Alleviate withdrawal effects
 - To combat effects of stimulants
- 3. Drug facilitated crime
 - Sexual crime
 - Robbery
 - Neglect



Benzodiazepine side effects/withdrawal

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| Side Effects | Withdrawal | | |
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| Anterograde amnesia | Anxiety | | |
| Rapid Tolerance | Irritability | | |
| Dependence | Dysphonia | | |
| Severe withdrawal | Decreased concentration | | |
| Injection injuries | Insomnia /Malaise | | |
| Dizziness | Nausea | | |
| Blurred vision | Muscle twitching / tremors | | |
| Nausea | Sweating | | |
| Appetite changes | Convulsions | | |



The changing face of benzodiazepines









Time line



2009

Phenazepam

2012

Etizolam

2012

Pyrazolam

2012

Flubromazepam

2012

Diclazepam

2014

Nifoxipam

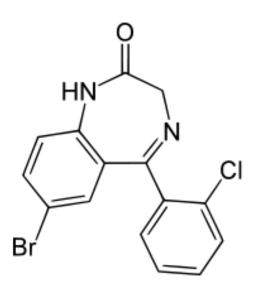
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Phenazepam

Chemical Name: 7-bromo-5-(2-chlorophenyl)-1,3-dihydro-2*H*-1,4-benzodiazepin-2-one



Synonyms: Fenazepam, Bonsai, PNZ

Origin: Developed in the Russia in the mid- to late 1970s **Therapeutic use:** Anticonvulsant, anxiety, premedication **Appearance:** Tablets (0.5mg), fine white powder, liquid

(1mg/mL)

Potency: ~5X diazepam

Dose: 1-2mg (Max daily dosage of 10mg)

ROA: Snorted or swallowed

Peak effects: 2-3hrs

T1/2: 60 hours

Metabolites: 3-Hydroxyphenazepam, 3-Oxy-phenazepam

(CAS 51753-57-2)

Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs , ACMD advice on phenazepam, 20 July2011: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/acmd-advice-on-phenazepam



Phenazepam: 2211.15, 3-Hydroxyphenazepam: 8825.15, Phenazepam 4-oxide: 9947.15

Etizolam

Chemical Name: 7-(2-Chlorophenyl)-4-ethyl-13-methyl-3-thia-1,8,11,12-tetraazatricyclo[8.3.0.0^{2,6}] trideca-2(6),4,7,10,12-pentaene



(CAS 40054-69-1)

Synonym: Depas (Trade name) Zoly, Sylazepam, Pasaden, Mozun, Inxity, Etizola, Etisedan, Etilaam,

eticalm, Dezolam, Depas

Origin: Japan in 1983

Therapeutic use: Insomnia, anxiety and panic attacks

Appearance: Tablet, Pellet

Dose: 1mg

ROA: Orally (injection, anally)

Cmax: 30min-2.5hr

Plasma concentration: 25ng/mL (peak, 2mg)

T1/2: (3.5hr) 6hr

Metabolites: α-Hydroxyetizolam, 8-Hydroxyetizolam



Etizolam: 10394.17



Chemical Name: 8-bromo-1-methyl-6-pyridine-2-yl-4H-[1,2,4] triazolo[4,3-

a][1,4]benzodiazepine



(CAS 39243-02-2)

'Designer Benzodiazepine'

Origin: 1st reported in 1979. Not marketed by

pharmaceutical companies anywhere in the world

Appearance: Pellets

Dose: 0.5mg (measured 0.47mg)

Potency: ~12X Diazepam

Duration of action: 6hrs (Vendor stated)

T1/2: 17hr

Metabolism: Not extensively metabolized

Detectability (1mg, LOD 1ng/mL)

- Serum >50 h
- Urine approximately 6 days

Moosmann_et al. Characterization of the designer benzodiazepine pyrazolam and its detectability in human serum and urine. Forensic Toxicology. July 2013, Volume 31, Issue 2, pp 263-271



Pyrazolam: 10427.16

Flubromazepam



Chemical Name: 7-bromo-5-(2-fluorophenyl)-1,3-dihydro-1,4-benzodiazepin-2-one



Origin: Synthesis described in 1962 by Sternbach et al.

Flubromazepam

(CAS 2647-50-9)

Moosmann *et al.* Detection and identification of the designer benzodiazepine flubromazepam and preliminary data on its metabolism and pharmacokinetics. Accepted for publication in J Mass Spectrom DOI: 10.1002/jms.3279



Flubromazepam: 10428.15

Flubromazepam





Dosage: 4mg **T1/2**: >106 h **VD:** 0.73 L/kg

Clearance: 0.346 L/h

Metabolites: OH-flubromazepam, debrominated flubromazepam, debromated-OH-flubromazepam

Poor cross reactivity with commercial immunoassays

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Flubromazepam: 10428.15

Diclazepam

Chemical Name: 7-chloro-5-(2-chlorophenyl)-1-methyl-1,3-dihydro-2H-1,4-benzodiazepin-2-one



Synonyms: Chlorodiazepam, Ro 5-3448

Origin: 1st synthesised by Hoffman-La Roche in the

1960's

T1/2: 42 h

Appearance: White or purple pellets

Dose: 1mg pellets (0.59-1.39mg), 2mg less common

Potency: ~10X diazepam

Metabolites: Delorazepam, Lorazepam, and

Lormetazepam

(CAS 2894-68-0)

Moosmann et al. Characterization of the designer benzodiazepine diclazepam and preliminary data on its metabolism and pharmacokinetics. Drug Test Anal. 2014 Mar 6. doi: 10.1002/dta.1628.



Diclazepam: 10420.16

Nifoxipam

Chemical Name: 5 – (2-fluorophenyl)-3- hydroxy -7-nitro -1H- benzodiazepine -2 (3H) –one



(CAS 74723-10-7)

Synonym: 3-hydroxy-desmethylflunitrazepam

Availability: Poland, Sweden

<u>chemicalservices.net</u>

"During laboratory testing , we recommend that at least 2mg Nifoxipam used"

"Nifoxipam is perfectly legal in Sweden and will remain legal after the classification of Pyrazolam, Diclazepam and Flubromazepam April 9."

"Seems Swedish RC vendors are making a ton of new legal benzo"



Nifoxipam: 10537.15

Conclusion



Abused benzodiazepines may be;

- Black market or diverted prescription medication
 - Diazepam, temazepam
- Little known about pharmaceuticals
 - Phenazepam, etizolam
- Designer benzodiazepines
 - Pyrazolam, flubromazepam, nifoxipam
- Producers of new benzodiazepine legal highs are likely making use of historical published literature
- Further substances in this class are anticipated
- The potential range of new pharmacologically active benzodiazepines is substantial



User Ratings



Recreation

- 1- Nifoxipam (1-3mg)
- 2- Midazolam (7.5mg)
- 3- Diazepam (15-25mg)
- 4- Flubromazepam (4-8mg)
- 5- Alprazolam (0.5-1.5mg)
- 6- Pyrazolam (1-2.5mg)
- 7- Clonazepam (1-2mg)
- 8- Etizolam (0.5-2mg)
- 9- Lorazepam (2-4mg)
- 10- Diclazepam (2-4mg)

Therapeutic/medicinal use (anxiety)

- 1- Diclazepam
- 2- Diazepam
- 3- Pyrazolam
- 4- Nifoxipam
- 5- Lorazepam
- 6- Flubromazepam
- 7- Clonazepam
- 8- Alprazolam
- 9- Etizolam
- 10- Midazolam

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