**Similar packaging Rexulti® (brexpiprazole)**

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| **Look-Alike Medicines** | **Product 1** | **Product 2** |
| **Photo** |  |  |
| **Name** | brexpiprazole | brexpiprazole |
| **Strength** | 1 mg | 2 mg |
| **Formulation** | Tablet | Tablet |
| **Manufacturer** | Lundbeck Australia Pty Ltd | Lundbeck Australia Pty Ltd |
| **Brand Name** | Rexulti® | Rexulti® |
| **Other comments** | * No other generic brand available * Usual dose (AMH): Oral, initially 1 mg once daily on days 1–4, then increase to 2 mg once daily on days 5–7, then to 4 mg once daily from day 8, depending on response. Usual maintenance dose 2–4 mg once daily. Use half the usual dose in CYP2D6 poor metabolisers. | |

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| **Date reported to NSW TAG** | 10/9/2021 |
| **Background to alert** | Email from member: One of our pharmacy technicians drew this to my attention recently. These two products have *very* similar packaging. The box ends used to have larger numbers preceding the strength but now they are a smaller font and look virtually identical on quick glance. |
| **Actual outcome/s** | No incident occurred (that is, incident averted) |
| **Risk management strategies** | For NSW TAG:  Alert company: Telephone Aus: 1800 025 554, Email: [SafetyLuAustralia@lundbeck.com](mailto:SafetyLuAustralia@lundbeck.com)  Raise awareness with members via email, at meetings, post to SHPA discussion forum?  For hospitals:  No alternate brands currently available anywhere for this medicine  Review where medicine is stored and assess if both strengths required where it is stored. If both required, separate the 2 strengths on the shelves or consider making one strength available by dispensing to individual patient only.  ?+/- shelf signage?  The packaging of the 3 mg and 4 mg strengths stocked are similar but not as much as 1mg and 2mg strengths.  Can the 2 mg be kept only and tablet halved when a 1 mg dose is required? (1 mg appears to only required for a short period during initiation of the medicine)  Automation: use barcode scanning of medicines as part of dispensing process…  Stickers on the boxes to warn packaging look-alike? |



