

**Evidence-Based Practice Group Answers to Clinical
Questions**

**“Effect of Ropinirole on Patients with
Myoclonic Dystonia”**

A Rapid Systematic Review

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Objective

To determine whether there is evidence to support the efficacy and/or effectiveness of Ropinirole in patients with myoclonic dystonia.

Methods

- A systematic literature search was done on September 8th, 2020.
- This literature search was conducted on commercial medical literature databases, including Medline Epub Ahead of Print[®], Medline In-Process & Other Non-Indexed Citations[®], Medline Daily Update[®] and Medline[®] (1946 to September 4, 2020), available through the Ovid[®] platform.
- The search was done by employing combinations of keywords. Full search strategies seen in Appendix 2.
- No limitations, such as on the language and date of publication, were implemented in any of these searches.
- For non-English language publications, the Bing Translator[®] (<https://www.bing.com/translator/>) was used to generate an English translation.
- A manual search was also conducted on the references of the articles that were retrieved in full.

Results

- Search results:
- 22 published studies were identified through literature search
- Upon examination of the titles and abstracts of these published studies, one study, a case study, was thought to be relevant and was retrieved in full for further appraisal.¹
- The manual search identified one additional study, a case report.²
- Of the two studies that were retrieved in full, both were excluded due to incorrect study design (case reports)

Summary

- At present, there is no high quality evidence that supports the use of Ropinirole on patients with myoclonic dystonia.

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Appendix 1

WorkSafeBC - Evidence-Based Practice Group Levels of Evidence (adapted from 1,2,3,4)

1	Evidence from at least 1 properly randomized controlled trial (RCT) or systematic review of RCTs.
2	Evidence from well-designed controlled trials without randomization or systematic reviews of observational studies.
3	Evidence from well-designed cohort or case-control analytic studies, preferably from more than 1 centre or research group.
4	Evidence from comparisons between times or places with or without the intervention. Dramatic results in uncontrolled experiments could also be included here.
5	Opinions of respected authorities, based on clinical experience, descriptive studies or reports of expert committees.

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Appendix 2

Search 1. Search strategy for MEDLINE (via OVID)

1	myoclon*.mp.	17029
2	dyston*.mp.	19146
3	1 or 2	35070
4	exp Dystonic Disorders/	7076
5	myoclonus dystonia/	0
6	dyston*.ab,ti.	16736
7	exp dystonia/	9660
8	DYT11.mp.	72
9	SGCE.mp.	223
10	epsilon sarcoglycan.mp.	150
11	myoclonic dystonia/	0
12	hereditary essential myoclonus.mp.	18
13	paramyoclonus multiplex.mp.	37
14	myoclonus-dystonia {Including Related Terms}	304
15	myoclonic-dystonia {Including Related Terms}	61
16	or/3-15	37678
17	ropinirole.mp.	935
18	ReQuip.mp.	21
19	ropinirole {Including Related Terms}	789
20	or/17-19	936
21	16 and 20	22