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Symptom Stability in de Novo and Rollover Patients with Bipolar I Disorder Receiving Aripiprazole Once-monthly in a 52-Week, Open-label Study

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ABSTRACT: Introduction: Long-term maintenance treatment is essential in management of bipolar I disorder (BP-I) to achieve mood stability, prevent recurrence of mood episodes and improve functioning. Aripiprazole once-monthly 400 mg (AOM 400) is a long-acting formulation of aripiprazole for maintenance treatment of BP-I. In a double-blind, placebo-controlled, randomized withdrawal study in adult patients with BP-I after a manic episode (NCT01567527), AOM 400 delayed time to and reduced rate of recurrence of mood episodes and was safe and well tolerated (1). In an open-label, long-term safety study (NCT01710709), AOM 400 was safe and effective as long-term maintenance treatment (2).

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