

Public Consultation Submission Survey - Folate in Special Purpose Medical Foods

The Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) is considering changing the regulation of certain products containing folate which will cause the removal of Neurofolin from the Australian market.

Neurofolin is for the dietary management of folate disorders, common in depression sufferers. The specific type of folate in Neurofolin has been shown in clinical trials to be safe and is effective in ameliorating the impairments in folate uptake and retention associated with a sizeable proportion of people suffering from depression.

The TGA is not worried about any health or safety issues with Neurofolin. Instead, it is worried that people might take Neurofolin to be a cure for depression and buy it instead of seeking appropriate medical support for depression.

Email address *

████████████████████

First name *

██████████

Surname *

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How long have you been using Neurofolin? *

- Less than 1 month
- 1-3 months
- 6-12 months
- More than 12 months
- Havent used it yet

Was Neurofolin recommended to you by someone? *

- Yes
- No

If you answered "Yes" to the question above: Who recommended Neurofolin to you?

- Your GP
- Your psychiatrist
- Your pharmacist
- Another medical preofessional

Do you believe Neurofolin is helpful for you? *

- Yes
- No

If you answered "Yes" to the question above: How have you found Neurofolin to be helpful for you?

On days where I feel a bit flat, I find it lifts my mood.

Are you concerned that the TGAs proposed change in regulation causing the removal of Neurofolin from the market would deprive you (or others) access to a product that you think should be available? *

Yes

No

Is there anything else you would like to tell the TGA about your experience with Neurofolin or why it is important that it continues to be available?

Individuals who decide to take this product of their own volition, should be allowed to do so without bureaucracy interfering. In my opinion, taking Neurofolin is no different to someone deciding they want a Berocca on occasion, or even daily! Managing my depression on a daily basis is up to me (with consultation from a psychiatrist) and Neurofolin is an important tool in my tool kit that I use - just like many of the CBT techniques I use.

I think it would be a travesty if it was removed from the market, and I would certainly question on what basis the TGA would do such a thing.

To be honest, it smacks of big pharmaceuticals companies (who might be threatened by the efficacy of this product) lobbying the TGA and the TGA caving.

Do you want your answers to be publicly viewable as part of the submission, or submitted on a private basis? *

- Public, with my name publicly viewable
 - Public, with my name withheld from public view
 - Private
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