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APPENDIX 1: SCOPE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CLINICAL GUIDELINE

1 Guideline title

Bipolar disorder: the assessment and management of bipolar disorder in adults, children and young people in primary and secondary care

1.1 Short title

Bipolar disorder (update)

2 The remit

This is an update of Bipolar disorder (NICE clinical guideline 38). This update is being undertaken as part of the guideline review cycle.

3 Clinical need for the guideline

3.1 Epidemiology

a) Bipolar disorder is an episodic, potentially life-long, disabling disorder. Diagnostic features include periods of mania and depression, or hypomania and depression. Bipolar disorder is characterised by periods of abnormally elevated mood or irritability, which may alternate with periods of depressed mood. These episodes are distressing and often interfere with occupational or educational functioning, social activities and relationships.

b) The lifetime prevalence of bipolar I disorder (depression and mania) is estimated at 1% of the adult population, with a range between 0.4% and 1.6%. Bipolar II disorder (depression and hypomania) affects approximately 0.75% of the adult population with a range between 0.4 and 1.1%. Bipolar II disorder is more common in women, bipolar I disorder appears to be evenly distributed between men and women. The median age of onset is 19 years for both men and women, although the disorder may first appear through to the mid-forties. The peak age at which symptoms first appear is 15–19 years, followed closely by 20–24 years. However, there is often a substantial delay between the onset of the disorder and first contact with treatment services.

c) Bipolar disorder in children and young people can be difficult to diagnose because of the nature of its presentation and complex comorbidities, for example, with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). As a consequence, epidemiological data are very limited. A nationally representative US survey from 2010 found the combined prevalence of bipolar I and II disorder in 13- to 18-year-olds to be 2.9%. Onset of bipolar
disorder after the age of 60 years is more likely to be associated with identifiable general medical conditions, including stroke or other central nervous system disorders.

d) The aetiology of the disorder is uncertain but genetic and biological factors are important. The impact of environmental factors is also uncertain but there is growing evidence that environmental and lifestyle features can have an impact on severity and course of illness.

3.2 Current practice

a) Bipolar disorder is often comorbid with a range of other mental disorders (for example, substance misuse, personality disorders and ADHD) and this has significant implications for both the course of the disorder and its treatment.

b) People with bipolar disorder are currently treated in a range of NHS settings, including primary-care services, general mental health services and specialist secondary-care mental health services. While most people with bipolar disorder are treated or maintained in the community, during severe depressive and manic episodes hospital admission is sometimes needed.

c) There have been recent proposals to extend the diagnostic group of bipolar disorder.

d) Recognition of hypomania, in particular, remains poor in parts of the NHS.

e) Since the publication of NICE clinical guideline 38, some important steps in the treatment pathway and the treatment approaches most likely to lead to benefit have been published.

f) Bipolar disorder is associated with very high levels of need for mental health and physical health services, personal social and occupational impairment and a high risk of suicide.

4 The guideline

The guideline development process is described in detail on the NICE website (see section 6, ‘Further information’).

This scope defines what the guideline will (and will not) examine, and what the guideline developers will consider.

The areas that will be addressed by the guideline are described in the following sections.
4.1 Population

4.1.1 Groups that will be covered

a) Children, young people and adults, including older adults, with bipolar I, bipolar II, mixed affective and rapid cycling bipolar disorder.

4.1.2 Groups that will not be covered

a) The guideline will not make recommendations about other mental health conditions (such as substance misuse and alcohol-use disorders) that commonly co-exist with bipolar disorder; it will nevertheless, refer to other guidelines where relevant, and highlight any necessary modifications to the treatment of either bipolar disorder or the co-existing condition where the co-existing condition is already the subject of an existing NICE guideline

b) Non-bipolar affective conditions will not be covered because these are covered in other guidelines.

4.2 Healthcare setting

a) The guideline will cover the care and shared care provided in primary and secondary health care services, and that provided by healthcare professionals and others working in healthcare settings.

b) The guideline will also be relevant to the work of, but will not provide specific recommendations to, non-NHS services, including social services, voluntary and educational sectors. The guideline will consider the interface between healthcare services and these services.

4.3 Clinical management

4.3.1 Key clinical issues that will be covered

a) Instruments and procedures for the recognition and assessment of bipolar disorder.

b) Psychological and psychosocial interventions for the acute and

c) long-term management of mania, hypomania or bipolar depression (including psychotherapies, exercise, self-help and supported self-help, psychoeducation, self-management, early warning signs, family therapy, peer support, befriending and support groups).
d) Information and communication technologies for monitoring and managing mania, hypomania or bipolar depression (for example, online monitoring or text messaging).

e) Service-level interventions specifically for bipolar disorder (for example, mood clinics, lithium clinics and collaborative care) that are not covered in 'Psychosis and schizophrenia in adults' or in 'Psychosis and schizophrenia in children and young people' NICE clinical guidelines in development (publication dates to be confirmed).

f) Nutritional supplements (for example, fish oil, folic acid, zinc, co-enzyme Q) for mania, hypomania or bipolar depression.

g) Pharmacological interventions for the treatment of depression, mania and hypomania in bipolar disorder.

h) Pharmacological interventions for the long-term management of bipolar disorder.

i) Combined pharmacological, psychological and psychosocial interventions.

j) Physical treatments (including transcranial magnetic stimulation and vagus nerve stimulation) as these apply to bipolar disorder.

k) Modifications needed to manage bipolar disorder in people of different ages (for example, children and young people, older adults), gender, race (for example, African-Caribbean or South Asian groups).

l) Monitoring of side effects and physical health.

m) Pharmacological and non-pharmacological interventions for managing weight gain and promoting health for people with bipolar disorder.

4.3.2 Clinical issues that will not be covered

a) Service-level interventions for people with psychosis or schizophrenia that also apply to people with bipolar disorder (except those noted in section 4.3.1) because these will be addressed in the NICE clinical guidelines 'Psychosis and schizophrenia in adults' and 'Psychosis and schizophrenia in children and young people' which are currently in development.

b) Pharmacological interventions for the management of side effects of treatment for bipolar disorder, except weight gain.

4.4 Main outcomes
a) Symptoms, frequency, and time to event for:
   - mania
   - hypomania
   - depression
   - mixed episodes

b) Side effects of interventions

c) Physical health

d) Quality of life

e) Functional disability (including work, educational, family, and social domains)

f) Carer outcomes

g) Service use

h) Dropout (including all-cause and dropout because of side effects)

4.5 Economic aspects

Developers will take into account both clinical and cost effectiveness when making recommendations involving a choice between alternative interventions. A review of the economic evidence will be conducted and analyses will be carried out as appropriate. The preferred unit of effectiveness is the quality-adjusted life year (QALY), and the costs considered will usually be only from an NHS and personal social services (PSS) perspective. Further detail on the methods can be found in 'The guidelines manual' (see 'Further information').

4.6 Status

4.6.1 Scope

This is the final scope.

4.6.2 Timing

The development of the guideline recommendations will begin in October 2012.
5 Related NICE guidance

5.1 Published guidance

5.1.1 NICE guidance to be updated

- This guideline will update and replace the following NICE guidance: Bipolar disorder. NICE clinical guideline 38 (2006).

5.1.2 Other related NICE guidance

- Schizophrenia. NICE clinical guideline 82 (2009).
- Psychosis with coexisting substance misuse. NICE clinical guideline 120 (2011).
- Service user experience in adult mental health. NICE clinical guideline 136 (2011).

5.2 Guidance under development

NICE is currently developing the following related guidance (details available from the NICE website):

- Psychosis and schizophrenia in children and young people. NICE clinical guideline. Publication expected January 2013.
- Psychosis and schizophrenia in adults. NICE clinical guideline. Publication expected March 2014.

6 Further information

Information on the guideline development process is provided in the following documents, available from the NICE website:

- ‘How NICE clinical guidelines are developed: an overview for stakeholders the public and the NHS’
- ‘The guidelines manual’.

Information on the progress of the guideline will also be available from the NICE website.
APPENDIX 2: DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS BY GUIDELINE DEVELOPMENT GROUP MEMBERS

With a range of practical experience relevant to bipolar disorder in the GDG, members were appointed because of their understanding and expertise in healthcare for people with bipolar disorder and support for their families/carers, including: scientific issues; health research; the delivery and receipt of healthcare, along with the work of the healthcare industry; and the role of professional organisations and organisations for people with bipolar disorder and their families/carers.

To minimise and manage any potential conflicts of interest, and to avoid any public concern that commercial or other financial interests have affected the work of the GDG and influenced guidance, members of the GDG must declare as a matter of public record any interests held by themselves or their families which fall under specified categories (see below). These categories include any relationships they have with the healthcare industries, professional organisations and organisations for people with bipolar disorder and their families/carers.

Individuals invited to join the GDG were asked to declare their interests before being appointed. To allow the management of any potential conflicts of interest that might arise during the development of the guideline, GDG members were also asked to declare their interests at each GDG meeting throughout the guideline development process. The interests of all the members of the GDG are listed below, including interests declared prior to appointment and during the guideline development process.

Categories of interest to be written in third person

Paid employment

**Personal pecuniary interest:** financial payments or other benefits from either the manufacturer or the owner of the product or service under consideration in this guideline, or the industry or sector from which the product or service comes. This includes holding a directorship or other paid position; carrying out consultancy or fee paid work; having shareholdings or other beneficial interests; receiving expenses and hospitality over and above what would be reasonably expected to attend meetings and conferences.

**Personal family interest:** financial payments or other benefits from the healthcare industry that were received by a member of your family.

**Non-personal pecuniary interest:** financial payments or other benefits received by the GDG member’s organisation or department, but where the GDG member has not personally received payment, including fellowships and other support provided by the healthcare industry. This includes a grant or fellowship or other payment to
sponsor a post, or contribute to the running costs of the department; commissioning of research or other work; contracts with, or grants from, NICE.

**Personal non-pecuniary interest:** these include, but are not limited to, clear opinions or public statements you have made about individuals with bipolar disorder, holding office in a professional organisation or advocacy group with a direct interest in bipolar disorder, other reputational risks relevant to bipolar disorder.

### Guideline Development Group – declarations of interest

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Honorary Consultant Psychiatrist, Nottingham Healthcare Trust |
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Mental health theme lead and Director of Research for CLAHRC Nottinghamshire Derbyshire and Lincolnshire until 31st December 2013. |
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Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust
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APPENDIX 5: STAKEHOLDERS AND EXPERTS WHO SUBMITTED COMMENTS IN RESPONSE TO THE CONSULTATION DRAFT OF THE GUIDELINE

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APPENDIX 7: REVIEW PROTOCOLS AND QUESTIONS

Reviews relating to the experience of carers and the physical health of people with serious mental illness were undertaken in conjunction with a NICE guideline being developed at the same time, *Psychosis and Schizophrenia in Adults* (2014), which includes the full methods and results of those reviews, including the review protocols.

1) **Case identification and assessment**

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<td>Review question(s)</td>
<td>RQ 1.1: For adults at risk of or suspected as having bipolar disorder, what identification instruments when compared to a gold standard diagnosis (based on DSM or ICD criteria) have adequate clinical utility (i.e. clinically useful with good sensitivity and specificity) and reliability?</td>
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<td>RQ 1.2: For children (less than 13 years) and young people (13 to 18 years) at risk of or suspected of having bipolar disorder, what identification instruments when compared to a gold standard diagnosis (based on DSM or ICD criteria) have adequate clinical utility (i.e. clinically useful with good sensitivity and specificity) and reliability?</td>
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<td>RQ 1.3: For people with possible bipolar disorder, what are the key components of, and the most effective structure for, diagnostic assessment?</td>
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<td>What amendments, if any, need to be made for (i) particular cultural or minority ethnic groups, (ii) gender, (iii) children and young people, (iv) older adults?</td>
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| Objectives             | For RQ 1.1 and RQ 1.2: To identify brief screening instruments to assess need for further assessment of people with suspected bipolar disorder and to assess their diagnostic accuracy.                                                                                                                                     |
|                       | For RQ 1.3: To identify the key components of a comprehensive assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

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<td>• Intervention</td>
<td>For case identification (RQ 1.1 and RQ 1.2): Brief screening questionnaires (&lt;15 items) identified by the GDG</td>
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<td>• Comparator</td>
<td>Gold standard: DSM or ICD diagnosis of bipolar disorder</td>
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<td>• Types of participants</td>
<td>Children and young people (aged 18 years and younger) and adults with suspected bipolar disorder</td>
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<td>• Outcomes</td>
<td>Sensitivity (percentage of true cases identified). Specificity (percentage of non-cases excluded).</td>
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<td>• Study design</td>
<td>Studies had to include participants with and without bipolar disorder completing a case-identification instrument and a diagnostic interview.</td>
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| **Search strategy**                          | Databases searched: Embase, Medline, PreMedline, PsycINFO  
|                                            | Date restrictions: database inception to 20 January 2014 |
| **Study design filter/limit used**         | None; no language restriction                           |
| **Question specific search strategy**      | Yes                                                   |
| **Amendments to search strategy/study design filter** | None                                               |
| **Searching other resources**              |                                                        |
| **The review strategy**                    | To conduct pooled test accuracy meta-analyses on the sensitivity and specificity of case identification instruments where possible. |

*Note.*
2) Pharmacological and medical interventions for acute episodes

Pharmacological and nutritional interventions for mania, hypomania, and mixed episodes for adults with bipolar disorder

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<td>RQ2.1: For adults with bipolar disorder, what are the relative benefits and harms of pharmacological and nutritional interventions for mania, hypomania and mixed episodes?</td>
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Objectives
To estimate the efficacy of interventions to treat mania, hypomania and mixed episodes.

Criteria for considering studies for the review

- **Intervention**
  - All licensed oral medications (and their combinations).
  - Nutritional interventions will be analysed separately.
- **Comparator**
  - Placebo
  - Other interventions
- **Types of participants**
  - Adults (18+) with bipolar disorder who are experiencing an acute episode. Special consideration will be given to the groups above.
- **Outcomes**
  - 1) Response (50% reduction in symptoms)
  - 2) Discontinuation (due to side effect, other)
- **Time**
  - The main analysis will include outcomes at the end of the acute treatment phase.
- **Study design**
  - Randomised controlled trials (RCTs) and cluster RCTs with a parallel group design in which providers and participants were blind to treatment. Quasi-RCTs, such as trials in which allocation is determined by alternation or date of birth, and single-blind studies will be excluded.
- **Dosage**
  - Fixed or flexible doses within the therapeutic range (BNF recommended).
- **Study setting**
  - Primary, secondary, tertiary, health and social care

Search strategy

**Databases searched:**

- RCT: CENTRAL, CINAHL, Embase, MEDLINE, PreMEDLINE, PsycINFO
- SR: CDSR, CINAHL, DARE, Embase, MEDLINE, PreMEDLINE, PsycINFO

**Date limits:**

- RCT: 2005 to 20 January 2014;
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**Study design filter/limit used**

- RCT; SR
- Language restrictions: none

**Question specific search strategy**

- No

**Amendments to search strategy/study design filter**

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**Note.**
Pharmacological and nutritional interventions for episodes of acute bipolar depression in adults

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<td>RQ2.2: For adults with bipolar disorder, what are the relative benefits and harms of pharmacological and nutritional interventions for acute episodes of acute bipolar depression? What amendments, if any, need to be made for (i) particular cultural or minority ethnic groups, (ii) gender, (iii) adults (18 to 64) and older adults (65+)?</td>
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<td>Objectives</td>
<td>To estimate the efficacy of interventions to treat acute episodes of bipolar depression.</td>
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**Criteria for considering studies for the review**

- **Intervention**: All licensed oral medications (and their combinations). Nutritional interventions will be analysed separately.
- **Comparator**: Placebo, Other interventions
- **Types of participants**: Adults (18+) with bipolar disorder who are experiencing an acute episodes of bipolar depression. Special consideration will be given to the groups above.
- **Outcomes**: 1) Response (50% reduction in symptoms) 2) Discontinuation (due to side effect, other)
- **Time**: The main analysis will include outcomes at the end of the acute treatment phase.
- **Study design**: Randomised controlled trials (RCTs) and cluster RCTs with a parallel group design in which providers and participants were blind to treatment. Quasi-RCTs, such as trials in which allocation is determined by alternation or date of birth, and single-blind studies, will be excluded.
- **Dosage**: Fixed or flexible doses within the therapeutic range (BNF recommended).
- **Minimum sample size**: To be included in a network meta-analysis, drugs must have been evaluated in at least 20 participants.
- **Study setting**: Primary, secondary, tertiary, health and social care

**Search strategy**

- **Databases searched**: RCT: CENTRAL, CINAHL, Embase, MEDLINE, PreMEDLINE, PsycINFO  
  SR: CDSR, CINAHL, DARE, Embase, MEDLINE, PreMEDLINE, PsycINFO
- **Date limits**: RCT: 2005 to 20 January 2014; SR: 2005 to 11 November 2012
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**Note.**
### Non-pharmacological interventions for adults with bipolar disorder

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| Review question(s) | RQ 2.3: For adults with bipolar disorder, what are the relative benefits and harms of acupuncture, bright light therapy, transcranial magnetic stimulation (TMS), and vagus nerve stimulation for mania, hypomania, and mixed episodes;  
RQ 2.4: For adults with bipolar disorder, what are the relative benefits and harms of acupuncture, bright light therapy, transcranial magnetic stimulation (TMS), and vagus nerve stimulation for depressive episodes;  
What amendments, if any, need to be made for (i) particular cultural or minority ethnic groups, (ii) gender, (iii) adults (18 to 64) and older adults (65+)? |
| Objectives | To estimate the efficacy of physical interventions for adults with bipolar disorder. |
| Criteria for considering studies for the review |  
- **Intervention** Non-pharmacological medical interventions  
- **Comparator** A credible no-intervention control (for example, sham intervention).  
- **Types of participants** Adults (18+) with bipolar disorder who are experiencing an acute episode. Special consideration will be given to the groups above.  
- **Outcomes** 1) Change in symptoms (of mania or depression)  
2) Response (50% reduction or greater)  
3) Discontinuation  
- **Time** The main analysis will include outcomes at the end of the acute treatment phase.  
- **Study design** Randomised controlled trials (RCTs) and cluster RCTs with a parallel group design. Quasi-RCTs, such as trials in which allocation is determined by alternation or date of birth, will be excluded.  
- **Study setting** Primary, secondary, tertiary, health and social care  
- **Comparator** A credible no-intervention control (e.g. sham intervention).  
- **Types of participants** Adults (18+) with bipolar disorder who are experiencing an acute episode. Special consideration will be given to the groups above.  
- **Outcomes** 4) Change in symptoms (of mania or depression)  
5) Response (50% reduction or greater)  
6) Discontinuation  
- **Time** The main analysis will include outcomes at the end of the acute treatment phase.  
- **Study design** Randomised controlled trials (RCTs) and cluster RCTs with a parallel group design. We will exclude quasi-RCTs, such as trials in which allocation is determined by alternation or date of birth.  
- **Study setting** Primary, secondary, tertiary, health and social care  
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**Note.**
### 3) Long term management of bipolar disorder

#### Service-level intervention for bipolar disorder

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<td><strong>Objectives</strong></td>
<td>To estimate the efficacy of services in treating bipolar disorder.</td>
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<td><strong>Criteria for considering studies for the review</strong></td>
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| - **Intervention** | Lithium Clinics  
Mood clinics  
Collaborative care |
| - **Comparator** | Treatment-as-usual  
Other services |
| - **Types of participants** | Adults (18+) with suspected bipolar disorder. Special consideration will be given to the groups above. |
| - **Outcomes** | 1) Relapse (all, mania/mixed, depression)  
2) Hospitalisation (rate, duration)  
3) Quality of life  
4) Mortality |
| - **Time** | At least 1 year after initiating treatment. |
| - **Study design** | Randomised controlled trials (RCTs) and cluster RCTs with a parallel group design. We will exclude quasi-RCTs, such as trials in which allocation is determined by alternation or date of birth. |

**Search strategy**

| Databases searched:  
RCT: CENTRAL, CINAHL, Embase, Medline, PreMedline, PsycINFO  
SR: CDSR, CINAHL, DARE, Embase, Medline, PreMedline, PsycINFO |

**Date limits:**

| RCT: 2005 to 20 January 2014;  
SR: 2005 to 11 November 2012 |

**Study design filter/limit used**

| RCT; SR  
Language restrictions: none |

**Question specific search strategy**

| No |

**Amendments to search strategy/study design filter**

| None |

**Searching other resources**

| The NCCMH review team will write to all stakeholders and authors of all included studies to request unpublished studies. |

**The review strategy**

<p>| We will conduct pairwise analyses for all comparisons and outcomes using random effects models. For each study, the GDG will also extract: year of study; country; total number of study participants in each included group; inclusion and exclusion criteria; age (mean); gender (percent female); race (percent BME); diagnosis (percent Bipolar I); |</p>
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<th>number of previous episodes; risk of bias.</th>
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*Note.*
Communication technologies for monitoring the symptoms of bipolar disorder

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<td>Review question(s)</td>
<td>RQ3.3: What are the relative benefits and harms of information and communication technologies (e.g. text messaging) for monitoring symptoms? What amendments, if any, need to be made for (i) particular cultural or minority ethnic groups, (ii) gender, and (iii) adults (18 to 64) and older adults (65+)?</td>
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Pharmacological and medical-nutritional interventions for long-term management of adults with bipolar disorder

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<td>RQ3.4: For adults with bipolar disorder, what are the relative benefits and harms of starting a new pharmacological or nutritional intervention outside of an acute episode? RQ3.5: For adults with bipolar disorder, what are the relative benefits and harms of continuing an acute treatment for 1 year or more? What amendments, if any, need to be made for (i) particular cultural or minority ethnic groups, (ii) gender, and (iii) adults (18 to 64) and older adults (65+)?</td>
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<td>• Intervention</td>
<td>All licensed oral medications (and their combinations) delivered for 1 year or more</td>
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<td>• Comparator</td>
<td>Pill placebo Other pharmacological interventions</td>
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<td>• Types of participants</td>
<td>Adults (18+) with bipolar disorder. Special consideration will be given to the groups above.</td>
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<td>• Outcomes</td>
<td>1) Relapse (all, mania/mixed, depression) (for the purposes of the guideline, relapse was defined as a new episode meeting criteria for MDD or mania) 2) Discontinuation (due to side effect, other) 3) Hospitalisation (rate) 4) Quality of life 5) Mortality (all cause, suicides completed) 6) Weight</td>
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<td>• Time</td>
<td>Included studies must have included controlled measures of outcomes at 12 months or later.</td>
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<td>• Include unpublished data?</td>
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<td>• Minimum sample size</td>
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### Question specific search strategy
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### Amendments to search strategy/study design filter
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### Note.
### 4) Psychological and Psychosocial interventions for adults with bipolar disorder

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| **Review question(s)**       | **Mania**<br>RQ 4.1: For adults with bipolar disorder, what are the relative benefits and harms of psychological and psychosocial interventions for mania, hypomania, and mixed episodes;  
<br>RQ 4.2: For adults with bipolar disorder, what are the relative benefits and harms of combined psychological and pharmacological interventions for mania, hypomania, and mixed episodes;  
<br>**Depression**<br>RQ 4.3: For adults with bipolar disorder, what are the relative benefits and harms of psychological and psychosocial interventions for depression;  
<br>RQ 4.4: For adults with bipolar disorder, what are the relative benefits and harms of combined psychological and pharmacological interventions for depression;  
<br>**Long-term management**<br>RQ 4.5: For adults with bipolar disorder, what are the relative benefits and harms of psychological and psychosocial interventions for long-term management;  
<br>RQ 4.6: For adults with bipolar disorder, what are the relative benefits and harms of combined psychological and pharmacological interventions for long-term management;  
<br>What amendments, if any, need to be made for (i) particular cultural or minority ethnic groups, (ii) gender? |
| **Sub-question(s)**          | Does the effectiveness of treatment vary:  
<br>1. For RQ 6.4 to RQ 6.11: For people taking a mood stabiliser (e.g. lithium or valproate) and people not taking a mood stabiliser;  
<br>2. For RQ 6.12 to RQ 6.15: For people whose most-recent episode was depressive and people whose most-recent episode was manic;  
<br>3. For people with Bipolar I and Bipolar II;  
<br>4. For adults (18 to 64) and older adults (65+). |
| **Objectives**               | To estimate the efficacy of interventions to treat depression. |
| **Criteria for considering studies for the review** | • Intervention: RQ 4.1 to RQ 4.6: All psychological and psychosocial interventions (e.g. cognitive behavioural therapy), all combined psychological with (licensed) pharmacological interventions.  
<br>• Comparator: Wait-list, placebo, and other interventions.  
<br>• Types of participants: Adults (18+) with bipolar disorder. Special consideration will be given to the groups above. |
### Outcomes

**FOR PEOPLE IN AN ACUTE EPISODE**
1) Change in symptoms of depression  
2) Change in symptoms of mania  
3) Response (50% reduction or greater)  
4) Discontinuation  
5) Quality of life  
6) Psychosocial functioning

**FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE EUTHYMIC AT BASELINE**
1) Relapse  
2) Discontinuation  
3) Hospitalisation  
4) Quality of life  
5) Psychosocial functioning

### Time
The main analysis will include outcomes at the end of treatment. For interventions the GDG considers recommending based on post-treatment results, additional analyses will be conducted for further follow-up data.

### Study design
Randomised controlled trials (RCTs) and cluster RCTs with a parallel group design. We will exclude quasi-RCTs, such as trials in which allocation is determined by alternation or date of birth.

### Study setting
Primary, secondary, tertiary, health and social care

### Search strategy
**Databases searched:**  
RCT: CENTRAL, CINAHL, Embase, Medline, PreMedline, PsycINFO  
SR: CDSR, CINAHL, DARE, Embase, Medline, PreMedline, PsycINFO

**Date limits:**  
RCT: 2005 to 20 January 2014;  
SR: 2005 to 11 November 2012

**Study design filter/limit used**  
RCT; SR  
Language restrictions: none

**Question specific search strategy**  
No

**Amendments to search strategy/study design filter**  
None

**Searching other resources**  
The NCCMH review team will write to stakeholders and authors of all included studies to request unpublished studies.

### The review strategy
The GDG will conduct pairwise analyses for all comparisons and outcomes using random effects models. For each study, the GDG will also extract: year of study; country; total number of study participants in each included group; inclusion and exclusion criteria; age (mean); gender (percent female); race (percent BME); diagnosis (percent Bipolar I); number of previous episodes; risk of bias For each intervention or comparison group of interest, dose, frequency and duration will also be extracted.

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*Note.*
5) **Interventions for children and young people with bipolar disorder**

**Pharmacological and nutritional interventions for mania, hypomania and mixed episodes of bipolar disorder in children and young people**

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**Objectives**

To estimate the efficacy of interventions to treat manic, hypomaniac and mixed episodes.

**Criteria for considering studies for the review**

- **Intervention**
  - All licensed oral medications (and their combinations). Nutritional interventions (for example, herbal supplements, fatty acid supplementation).
- **Comparator**
  - Waitlist, no intervention, placebo and other interventions.
- **Types of participants**
  - Children (younger than 13 years) and young people (13 to 18 years) with bipolar disorder. Special consideration will be given to the groups above.
- **Outcomes**
  - 1) Change in symptoms of mania
  - 2) Response (50% reduction or greater)
  - 3) Discontinuation (because of side effects, other)
- **Time**
  - The main analysis will include outcomes at the end of the acute treatment phase.
- **Study design**
  - Randomised controlled trials (RCTs) and cluster RCTs with a parallel group design in which providers and participants were blind to treatment. Quasi-RCTs, such as trials in which allocation is determined by alternation or date of birth, and single-blind studies, will be excluded.
- **Dosage**
  - Fixed or flexible doses within the therapeutic range (BNF recommended).
- **Study setting**
  - Primary, secondary, tertiary health and social care

**Search strategy**

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Date restrictions:
- RCT: 2005 to 20 January 2014
- SR: 2005 to 11 November 2012

**Study design filter/limit used**

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**Amendments to search strategy/study design**

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*Note.*
Pharmacological and nutritional interventions for episodes of bipolar depression in children and young people

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<td>• Outcomes</td>
<td>1) Change in symptoms of depression 2) Response (50% reduction or greater) 3) Discontinuation (due to side effect, other)</td>
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**Note.**
Pharmacological and nutritional interventions for long-term management of bipolar disorder in children and young people

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<td>• Outcomes</td>
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**Note.**
Psychological interventions for bipolar disorder in children and young people

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Note.
## Service-level intervention for bipolar disorder

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### Objectives
To estimate the efficacy of services in treating bipolar disorder.

### Criteria for considering studies for the review

- **Intervention**
  - Lithium Clinics
  - Mood clinics
  - Collaborative care

- **Comparator**
  - Treatment-as-usual
  - Other services

- **Types of participants**
  - Children and young people (aged 18 years and younger) with suspected bipolar disorder. Special consideration will be given to the groups above.

- **Outcomes**
  - 5) Relapse (all, mania/mixed, depression)
  - 6) Hospitalisation (rate, duration)
  - 7) Quality of life
  - 8) Mortality

- **Time**
  - At least 1 year after initiating treatment.

- **Study design**
  - Randomised controlled trials (RCTs) and cluster RCTs with a parallel group design. We will exclude quasi-RCTs, such as trials in which allocation is determined by alternation or date of birth.

### Search strategy

- **Databases searched:**
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- **Date limits:**
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- **Study design filter/limit used**
  - RCT; SR
  - Language restrictions: none

- **Question specific search strategy**
  - No

- **Amendments to search strategy/study design filter**
  - None

- **Searching other resources**
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- **The review strategy**
  - We will conduct pairwise analyses for all comparisons and outcomes using random effects models. For each study, the GDG will also extract: year of study; country; total number of study participants in each included group; inclusion and exclusion criteria; age (mean); gender (percent female); race (percent BME); diagnosis (percent Bipolar I); number of previous episodes; risk of bias.

**Note.**
APPENDIX 8: SEARCH STRATEGIES FOR THE 
IDENTIFICATION OF CLINICAL STUDIES

Scoping searches

A broad preliminary search of the literature was undertaken in August 2011 to obtain an overview of the issues likely to be covered by the scope, and to help define key areas. Searches were restricted to clinical guidelines, Health Technology Assessment (HTA) reports, key systematic reviews and RCTs.

- BMJ Clinical Evidence
- Canadian Medical Association (CMA) Infobase (Canadian guidelines)
- Clinical Policy and Practice Program of the New South Wales Department of Health (Australia)
- Clinical Practice Guidelines (Australian Guidelines)
- Cochrane Central Register of Controlled Trials (CENTRAL)
- Cochrane Database of Abstracts of Reviews of Effects (DARE)
- Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews (CDSR)
- Excerpta Medica Database (Embase)
- Guidelines International Network (G-I-N)
- Health Evidence Bulletin Wales
- Health Management Information Consortium [HMIC]
- HTA database (technology assessments)
- Medical Literature Analysis and Retrieval System Online (MEDLINE/MEDLINE In-Process)
- National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC)
- National Library for Health (NLH) Guidelines Finder
- New Zealand Guidelines Group
- NHS Centre for Reviews and Dissemination (CRD)
- Organizing Medical Networked Information (OMNI) Medical Search
- Scottish Intercollegiate Guidelines Network (SIGN)
- Turning Research Into Practice (TRIP)
- United States Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)
- Websites of NICE – including NHS Evidence - and the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) HTA Programme for guidelines and HTAs in development.

Further information about this process can be found in The Guidelines Manual (NICE, 2012).
Systematic search

Each search was constructed using the groups of terms set out in Text Box 1. The full set of search terms is documented in sections 1 to 3.23. The selection of search terms was kept broad to maximise retrieval of evidence in a wide range of areas of interest to the GDG.

Text Box 1: Summary of systematic search strategies: Search strategy construction

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### Management of physical health

**Generic search**

General medical databases:
- [(population terms version 1) AND (RCT/SR terms)]
- Topic specific databases:
  - [(population terms)]

**Qualitative systematic reviews, randomized controlled studies**

General medical databases:
- CINAHL, Embase, Medline, PreMedline, PsycINFO
  - Topic specific databases: CDSR, CENTRAL, DARE, HMIC, HTA

**SR:** 2005 to 11 November 2012; **RCT:** 2005 to 20 January 2014

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**Note: evidence resulting from generic searches mapped to all review areas**

* CDSR (Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews), CENTRAL (COCHRANE database of RCTs and other controlled trials), CINAHL, (Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature), DARE (Database of Abstracts of Reviews and Effectiveness), HMIC (Health Management Information Consortium), HTA (Health Technology Assessment database)
1 Population search terms - all databases

1.1 STEM - General medical databases
Embase, Medline, PreMEDLINE, PsycINFO – OVID SP

Version 1

1 exp bipolar disorder/ or mania/
2 1 use emez
3 exp bipolar disorder/
4 3 use mesz, prem
5 exp bipolar disorder/ or exp mania/
6 5 use psyh
7 ((bi?polar adj5 (disorder$ or depress$)) or ((cyclothymi$ or rapid or ultradian) adj5 cycl$) or hypomani$ or mania$ or manic$ or mixed episode$ or rcbd).ti,ab.
8 or/2,4,6-7

Version 2

1 exp bipolar disorder/ or mania/ or mood disorder/
2 1 use emez
3 exp bipolar disorder/ or mood disorders/
4 3 use mesz, prem
5 affective disorders/ or exp bipolar disorder/ or exp mania/
6 5 use psyh
7 (bi?polar or ((cyclothymi$ or rapid or ultradian) adj5 cycl$) or hypomani$ or mania$ or manic$ or mixed episode$ or rcbd).ti,ab,tm.
8 ((affective$ or mood) adj (disorder$ or disturbance$ or dysfunction$ or illness$ or swing$)).ti,ab.tm.
9 or/2,4,6-8

1.2 STEM - topic specific databases
HTA, CDSR, DARE, CENTRAL – Wiley

#1 mesh descriptor bipolar disorder explode all trees

(((bipolar or “bi polar”) near/5 (disorder* or depress*)) or ((cyclothymi* or rapid or ultradian) near/5 cycl*) or hypomani* or mania* or manic* or “mixed episode*” or rcbd):ti,ab,kw

#2

#3 (#1 or #2)
1.3 STEM- topic specific databases
CINAHL – Ebsco

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3 hmic 1 or 2

2. Question specific search strategies - all databases

2.1 Case identification and assessment

**Review questions:**

RQ: For adults at risk of or suspected as having bipolar disorder, what identification instruments when compared to a gold standard diagnosis (based on DSM or ICD criteria) have adequate clinical utility (i.e. clinically useful with good sensitivity and specificity) and reliability?

RQ: For children (less than 13 years) and young people (13 to 18 years) at risk of or suspected of having bipolar disorder, what identification instruments when compared to a gold standard diagnosis (based on DSM or ICD criteria) have adequate clinical utility (i.e. clinically useful with good sensitivity and specificity) and reliability?

RQ: For people with possible bipolar disorder, what are the key components of, and the most effective structure for, diagnostic assessment?

What amendments, if any, need to be made for (i) particular cultural or minority ethnic groups, (ii) people of different genders, (iii) children and young people, (iv) older adults?
2.11 General medical databases
Embase, Medline, PreMEDLINE, PsycINFO – OVID SP

1 checklist/ or clinical assessment tool/ or clinical assessment/ or clinical evaluation/ or exp computer assisted diagnosis/ or exp diagnostic test/ or functional assessment/ or geriatric assessment/ or measurement/ or needs assessment/ or nursing assessment/ or outcome assessment/ or patient assessment/ or predictive value/ or exp psychologic test/ or psychometry/ or rating scale/ or risk assessment/ or scoring system/ or screening test/ or self evaluation/ or semi structured interview/ or "speech and language assessment"/ or structured interview/ or structured questionnaire/ or summated rating scale/

2 1 use emez

3 checklist/ or exp diagnosis, computer-assisted/ or diagnostic tests, routine/ or diagnostic, self evaluation/ or geriatric assessment/ or interview, psychological/ or mass screening/ or needs assessment/ or exp nursing assessment/ or "outcome and process assessment (health care)"/ or "outcome assessment (health care)"/ or exp personality assessment/ or "predictive value of tests"/ or exp psychiatric status rating scales/ or exp psychological tests/ or exp questionnaires/ or risk assessment/

4 3 use mesz, prem

5 attitude measurement/ or exp attitude measures/ or comprehension tests/ or computer assisted diagnosis/ or geriatric assessment/ or group testing/ or individual testing/ or exp inventories/ or measurement/ or needs assessment/ or exp perceptual measures/ or performance tests/ or exp personality measures/ or exp preference measures/ or pretesting/ or professional examinations/ or exp psychiatric evaluation/ or exp psychodiagnostic interview/ or exp psychological assessment/ or psychometrics/ or exp questionnaires/ or exp rating scales/ or exp reading measures/ or exp retention measures/ or risk assessment/ or exp screening tests/ or exp selection tests/ or self evaluation/ or sensorimotor measures/ or sociometric tests/ or "speech and hearing measures"/ or standardized tests/ or subtests/ or symptom checklists/ or exp testing/ or testing methods/ or exp test scores/ or verbal tests/

6 5 use psyh

7 (index or instrument$ or interview$ or inventor$ or item$ or measure$1 or questionnaire$ or rate$ or rating or scale$ or score$ or screen$ or (self adj (assess$ or report$)) or subscale$ or survey$ or test$ or tool$).tw.

8 or/2,4,6-7

9 di.fs. or exp diagnosis/ or exp mass screening/ or screening test/
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exp diagnosis/ or exp health screening/ or screening/ or exp screening
tests/
14 13 use psyh
15 (assess$ or detect$ or diagnos$ or evaluat$ or identif$ or psychodiagnos$
or recogni$ or screen$).tw.
or/10,12,14-15
17 8 and 16
18 (casefind$ or ((case or tool$) adj (find$ or identif$))).tw.
or/17-18
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characteristic/ or reliability/ or "sensitivity and specificity"/ or test retest
reliability/ or validity/
20 20 use emez
"area under curve"/ or "predictive value of tests"/ or "reproducibility of
results"/ or roc curve/ or "sensitivity and specificity"/ or validation
studies/
or/21,23,25-26
23 22 use mesz, prem
test reliability/ or test validity/
25 24 use psyh
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valid$).tw.
or/21,23,25-26
27 19 and 27
29 ((altman adj (selfrat$ or self rat$) adj mania adj2 scale$) or arsm).tw.
(bipolar spectrum diagnostic scale$ or bsd$).tw.
31 ((bipolarity or bi polarity) adj index).tw.
32 ((child mania rating scale) or cmrs).ti,ab,tm.
33 (clinician-administered rating scale for mania or carsm or cars m).tw.
34 ((conner$ abbreviated adj3 parent$ adj3 question$) or CAPQ).ti,ab,tm.
(hypomania checklist or hcl 32 or hcl32 or hcl32r1).tw.
36 (hypomanic personality adj (questionnaire$ or scale$)).tw.
37 ($(screening assessment adj2 (depression adj2 polarity)) or sadp or sad
p).tw.
38 ($(parent adj4 young mania rating scale) or pymrs or p ymrs).tw.
39 (composite international diagnostic interview or cidi or cidi1 or cidi2 or
cidi3 or cidisc).tw.
40 (general behavio?r inventory or gbi15 or gbi 15 or pgbi or p gbi).tw.
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3 Study design filters – all databases

3.1 Quantitative systematic review study design filters

3.1.1 Quantitative systematic review study design filter, general medical databases

Embase, Medline, Medline In-Process, PsycINFO – OVID SP

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2 1 use emez
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6 5 use psyh
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16 reference list$.ab.
17 bibliograph$.ab.
18 published studies.ab.
19 relevant journals.ab.
20 selection criteria.ab.
21 (data adj (extraction or synthesis$)).ab.
22 (handsearch$ or ((hand or manual) adj search$)).ti,ab.
23 (mantel haenszel or peto or dersimonian or der simonian).ti,ab.
24 (fixed effect$ or random effect$).ti,ab.
25 ((pool$ or combined or combining) adj2 (data or trials or studies or results$)).ti,ab.
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3.12 Qualitative systematic review study design filter, topic specific databases
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3.2 Randomised controlled trial filters

3.21 Randomized controlled trial study design filter, general medical databases

- Embase, Medline, PreMEDLINE, PsycINFO – OVID SP

- exp "clinical trial (topic)"/ or exp clinical trial/ or crossover procedure/ or
double blind procedure/ or placebo/ or randomization/ or random sample/
or single blind procedure/

1 1 use emez
exp clinical trial/ or exp “clinical trials as topic”/ or cross-over studies/ or
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2 3 use mesz, prem

5 (clinical trials or placebo or random sampling).sh,id.

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7 (clinical adj2 trial$).ti,ab.

8 (crossover or cross over).ti,ab.

9 (((single$ or doubl$ or trebl$ or tripl$) adj2 blind$) or mask$ or dummy or
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10 (placebo$ or random$).ti,ab.

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APPENDIX 9: SEARCH STRATEGIES FOR THE IDENTIFICATION OF HEALTH ECONOMICS EVIDENCE

Scoping searches

A broad preliminary search of the literature was undertaken in August 2011 to obtain an overview of the issues likely to be covered by the scope, and to help define key areas. Searches were limited to full and partial economic evaluations, and quality of life studies.

- NHS Economic Evaluation Database (NHS EED) [Cochrane Library]
- Excerpta Medica Database (Embase)
- HTA database (technology assessments)
- Medical Literature Analysis and Retrieval System Online (MEDLINE/MEDLINE In-Process)

Further information about this process can be found in The Guidelines Manual (NICE, 2012).
Systematic search

Each search was constructed using the groups of terms set out in Text Box 1. The full set of search terms is documented in sections 1 to 3.1. The selection of search terms was kept broad to maximise retrieval of evidence in a wide range of areas of interest to the GDG.

Text Box 1: Summary of systematic search strategies: Search strategy construction

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Bipolar Disorder (Update): full guideline (March 2014)
### Pharmacologic and medical interventions for acute episodes

**Generic search**
- General medical databases: 
  - [(population terms version 1) AND (HE/QoL terms)]
- Topic specific databases: 
  - [(population terms)]

**Full and partial economic evaluations, quality of life studies**

**General medical databases:** Embase, Medline, PreMedline, PsycINFO

**Topic specific databases:** HTA, NHS EED

**Search strategy:** 2005 to 20 January 2014

### Pharmacologic and medical interventions for long-term management

**Generic search**
- General medical databases: 
  - [(population terms version 1) AND (HE/QoL terms)]
- Topic specific databases: 
  - [(population terms)]

**Full and partial economic evaluations, quality of life studies**

**General medical databases:** Embase, Medline, PreMedline, PsycINFO

**Topic specific databases:** HTA, NHS EED

**Search strategy:** 2005 to 20 January 2014

### Psychosocial interventions for adults

**Generic search**
- General medical databases: 
  - [(population terms version 1) AND (HE/QoL terms)]
- Topic specific databases: 
  - [(population terms)]

**Full and partial economic evaluations, quality of life studies**

**General medical databases:** Embase, Medline, PreMedline, PsycINFO

**Topic specific databases:** HTA, NHS EED

**Search strategy:** 2005 to 20 January 2014
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* HTA (Health Technology Assessment database), NHS EED (NHS Economic Evaluation database).

Note: evidence resulting from generic searches mapped to all review areas
1 Population search terms – all databases

1.1 STEM – General medical databases
Embase, Medline, PreMEDLINE, PsycINFO – OVID SP

Version 1

1  exp bipolar disorder/ or mania/
2  1 use emez
3  exp bipolar disorder/
4  3 use mesz, prem
5  exp bipolar disorder/ or exp mania/
6  5 use psyh
7  ((bi?polar adj5 (disorder$ or depress$)) or ((cyclothymi$ or rapid or ultradian) adj5 cycl$) or hypomani$ or mania$ or manic$ or mixed episode$ or rcbd).ti,ab.
8  or/2,4,6-7

Version 2

1  exp bipolar disorder/ or mania/ or mood disorder/
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3  exp bipolar disorder/ or mood disorders/
4  3 use mesz, prem
5  affective disorders/ or exp bipolar disorder/ or exp mania/
6  5 use psyh
7  (bi?polar or ((cyclothymi$ or rapid or ultradian) adj5 cycl$) or hypomani$ or mania$ or manic$ or mixed episode$ or rcbd).ti,ab.tm.
8  ((affective$ or mood) adj (disorder$ or disturbance$ or dysfunction$ or illness$ or swing$)).ti,ab.tm.
9  or/2,4,6-8

1.2 STEM - topic specific databases
HTA, CDSR, DARE, CENTRAL – Wiley

Version one

#1 mesh descriptor bipolar disorder explode all trees
    (((bipolar or “bi polar”) near/5 (disorder* or depress*)) or
#2 ((cyclothymi* or rapid or ultradian) near/5 cycl*) or
   hypomani* or mania* or manic* or “mixed episode**” or
   rcbd):ti,ab,kw
#3 (#1 or #2)
2. Question specific search strategies - all databases

2.1 Case identification and assessment

Review questions:

RQ: For adults at risk of or suspected as having bipolar disorder, what identification instruments when compared to a gold standard diagnosis (based on DSM or ICD criteria) have adequate clinical utility (i.e. clinically useful with good sensitivity and specificity) and reliability?

RQ: For children (less than 13 years) and young people (13 to 18 years) at risk of or suspected of having bipolar disorder, what identification instruments when compared to a gold standard diagnosis (based on DSM or ICD criteria) have adequate clinical utility (i.e. clinically useful with good sensitivity and specificity) and reliability?

RQ: For people with possible bipolar disorder, what are the key components of, and the most effective structure for, diagnostic assessment?

What amendments, if any, need to be made for (i) particular cultural or minority ethnic groups, (ii) people of different genders, (iii) children and young people, (iv) older adults?

2.11 General medical databases
Embase, Medline, PreMEDLINE, PsycINFO – OVID SP

1 checklist/ or clinical assessment tool/ or clinical assessment/ or clinical evaluation/ or exp computer assisted diagnosis/ or exp diagnostic test/ or functional assessment/ or geriatric assessment/ or measurement/ or needs assessment/ or nursing assessment/ or outcome assessment/ or patient assessment/ or predictive value/ or exp psychologic test/ or psychometry/ or rating scale/ or risk assessment/ or scoring system/ or screening test/ or self evaluation/ or semi structured interview/ or "speech and language assessment"/ or structured interview/ or structured questionnaire/ or summated rating scale/
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3 use mesz, prem attitude measurement/ or exp attitude measures/ or comprehension tests/ or computer assisted diagnosis/ or geriatric assessment/ or group testing/ or individual testing/ or exp inventories/ or measurement/ or needs assessment/ or exp perceptual measures/ or performance tests/ or exp personality measures/ or exp preference measures/ or pretesting/ or professional examinations/ or exp psychiatric evaluation/ or exp psychodiagnostic interview/ or exp psychological assessment/ or psychometrics/ or exp questionnaires/ or exp rating scales/ or exp reading measures/ or exp retention measures/ or risk assessment/ or exp screening tests/ or exp selection tests/ or self evaluation/ or sensorimotor measures/ or sociometric tests/ or "speech and hearing measures"/ or standardized tests/ or subtests/ or symptom checklists/ or exp testing/ or testing methods/ or exp test scores/ or verbal tests/
5 use psych (index or instrument$ or interview$ or inventor$ or item$ or measure$ or questionnaire$ or rate$ or rating or scale$ or score$ or screen$ or (self adj (assess$ or report$)) or subscale$ or survey$ or test$ or tool$).tw.
7 or/2,4,6-7 di.fs. or exp diagnosis/ or exp mass screening/ or screening test/
9 use emez di.fs. or exp diagnosis/ or mass screening/ or nursing diagnosis/
11 use mesz, prem exp diagnosis/ or exp health screening/ or screening/ or exp screening tests/
13 use psych (assess$ or detect$ or diagnosis$ or evaluation$ or identify$ or psychodiagnosis$ or recognize$ or screen$).tw.
15 or/10,12,14-15 8 and 16 (casefind$ or ((case or tool$) adj (find$ or identify$))).tw.
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(accurac$ or accurat$ or area under curve or auc value$ or (likelihood adj3 ratio$) or (diagnostic adj2 odds ratio$) or ((pretest or pre test or posttest or post test) adj2 probabilit$) or (predict$ adj3 value$) or receiver operating characteristic or (roc adj2 curv$) or reliabil$ or sensititiv$ or specificit$ or valid$).tw.
26 or/21,23,25-26
19 and 27
((altman adj (selfrat$ or self rat$) adj mania adj2 scale$) or arsm).tw.
29 (bipolar spectrum diagnostic scale$ or bsds).tw.
((bipolarity or bi polarity) adj index).tw.
31 (child mania rating scale) or cmrs).ti,ab.tm.
(clinician-administered rating scale for mania or carsm or cars m).tw.
33 ((conner$ abbreviated adj3 parent$ adj3 question$) or CAPQ).ti,ab.tm.
35 (hypomania checklist or hcl 32 or hcl32 or hcl32r1).tw.
36 (hypomanic personality adj (questionnaire$ or scale$)).tw.
37 ((screening assessment adj2 (depression adj2 polarity)) or sadp or sad p).tw.
39 ((parent adj4 young mania rating scale) or pymrs or p ymrs).tw.
39 (composite international diagnostic interview or cidi or cidi1 or cidi2 or cidi3 or cidisc).tw.
(general behavio?r inventory or gbi15 or gbi 15 or pgbi or p gbi).tw.
41 life chart.tw.
42 ((m3 or m 3) adj (checklist$ or screen$)).tw.
43 (((miniinternational or mini international) adj neuropsychiatric interview) or mini or miniplus).tw.
45 (mood disorder questionnaire or mdq).tw.
46 (provisional diagnostic instrument or pdi4 or pdi 4).tw.
47 or/29-46
48 or/28,47

3 Study design filters – all databases

3.1 Health economic and quality of life study design filter
Embase, Medline, PreMEDLINE, PsycINFO – OVID SP

budget/ or exp economic evaluation/ or exp fee/ or funding/ or exp health care cost/ or health economics/ or exp pharmaco economics/ or resource allocation/
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exp budgets/ or exp “costs and cost analysis”/ or economics/ or exp economics, hospital/ or exp economics, medical/ or economics, nursing/ or economics, pharmaceutical/ or exp “fees and charges”/ or exp resource allocation/ or value of life/
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4 3 use mesz, prem
   exp "costs and cost analysis"/ or "cost containment"/ or economics/ or finance/
5 or funding/ or health care economics/ or pharmaco economics/ or exp
6 professional fees/ or resource allocation/
7 5 use psyh
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   (monetary or money))).ti,ab.
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9 *theoretical model/
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11 10 use mesz, prem
12 12 use psyh
   ((decision adj (analy$ or model$ or tree$)) or economic model$. or markov or
   monte carlo).ti,ab.
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15 form 20/ or short form 36/ or short form 8/ or sickness impact profile/
16 15 use emez
17 quality-adjusted life years/ or sickness impact profile/
18 17 use mesz, prem
19 "*quality of life"/
20 19 use psyh
21 (((disability or quality) adj adjusted) or (adjusted adj2 life)).ti,ab.
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23 (health year equivalent or hye or hyes).ti,ab.
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25 discrete choice.ti,ab.
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27 (hui or hui1 or hui2 or hui3).ti,ab.
28 ((quality adj2 (wellbeing or well being)) or quality adjusted life or qwb or (value adj2
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31 sickness impact profile.ti,ab.
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APPENDIX 10: RESEARCH RECOMMENDATIONS

The Guideline Development Group has made the following recommendations for research, based on its review of evidence, to improve NICE guidance and patient care in the future.

1. Psychological interventions for young people with bipolar depression

What is the clinical and cost effectiveness of structured psychological interventions for young people with bipolar depression?

Why this is important

There has been very little research regarding the clinical effectiveness of structured individual and group psychological interventions for children and young people with bipolar disorder. Research on unipolar depression in children and young people supports the effectiveness of cognitive behavioural therapy (CBT), interpersonal therapy (IPT) and short-term family therapy. However there have been no published trials investigating clinical and functional outcomes for young people with bipolar depression. Given the increasing emphasis on early interventions in related conditions such as psychosis and unipolar depression, it is important to know the form of psychological therapy that can benefit young people with bipolar disorder.

A high-quality, non-inferiority randomised controlled trial (RCT) should recruit young people during an acute episode of bipolar depression who are treated with structured psychological interventions (CBT versus IPT). Interventions should be offered over 6–9 months, with a 9-month follow-up period. Key outcomes should include clinical recovery, symptom change, personal recovery or functional outcomes at the end of treatment and at 9-month follow-up, and cost effectiveness.

2. Maintenance treatment

In the maintenance treatment of bipolar disorder, what is the relative effect on quality of life of lithium, an antipsychotic (olanzapine, risperidone, haloperidol or quetiapine), or a combination of lithium and an antipsychotic?

Why this is important

Lithium and antipsychotic medication are known to reduce the risk of relapse when used long-term in people with bipolar disorder. Relapses do still occur and the response is usually to add another mood-stabilising drug. However, lithium and antipsychotics are associated with a number of side effects, some of which can adversely affect physical health. The relative effects of lithium, an antipsychotic or a combination of these drugs, regarding efficacy, tolerability, cost effectiveness and quality of life are unknown. Such information is important to people with bipolar disorder to help them make an informed choice about the treatment options available to them, and to the NHS to inform the best use of resources.
The suggested programme of research should involve a pragmatic 3-arm RCT comparing lithium monotherapy with antipsychotic monotherapy (olanzapine, risperidone, haloperidol or quetiapine) and a combination of lithium and an antipsychotic. The study should last at least 1 year with the primary outcome being quality of life. Symptom control, relapse, function and economic outcomes should also be measured.

3. Antidepressants combined with antimanic medication in bipolar depression

What is the clinical and cost effectiveness of fluoxetine combined with olanzapine versus an alternative selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor (SSRI) combined with olanzapine in the treatment of moderate to severe bipolar depression?

Why this is important

Bipolar depression occurs 3 times more frequently than mania and is associated with suicide and impaired function and quality of life. The 2014 NICE clinical guideline on bipolar disorder found that the combination of fluoxetine and olanzapine was the most clinically and cost effective treatment for bipolar depression. Antidepressants (imipramine, paroxetine and moclobemide) alone were ineffective compared with placebo. Olanzapine alone was an effective treatment for bipolar depression but not as effective as olanzapine and fluoxetine in combination. However, for many people some antidepressants are ineffective or cannot be tolerated. For these people the NICE clinical guideline on depression in adults recommends changing to another antidepressant from the same or a different class.

A 2-arm non-inferiority RCT of the combination of fluoxetine and olanzapine within BNF therapeutic levels versus an alternative SSRI and olanzapine for moderate or severe bipolar depression with a 12-week follow-up period, should be carried out. The primary clinical outcome should be depression response. Secondary outcomes should be depression remission, function, anxiety symptoms, emergent mania or hypomania symptoms, other adverse outcomes, quality of life and cost effectiveness.

4. A specialised collaborative care service for people with bipolar disorder

What is the clinical and cost effectiveness of a specialised collaborative care service for people admitted to hospital with bipolar disorder versus treatment as usual delivered by generic care services?

Why this is important

There is moderate-quality evidence of the effectiveness of a specialised collaborative care service compared with treatment as usual in reducing hospitalisation in 2 studies (from Denmark and the USA). There is no overall evidence of an effect on relapse or other outcomes. An economic analysis from 1 study showed that better clinical outcomes were achieved at two-thirds of the overall cost of treatment as usual. If similar results were obtained in England, then better care for a substantially reduced cost might be achieved.
A 2-arm multicentre RCT of a specialist collaborative care service for people admitted to hospital with bipolar disorder compared with treatment as usual, with follow-up of at least 2 years, is needed. Community alternatives to hospitalisation should be included. The specialist intervention should be based on collaborative care principles, including group or other psychoeducation to promote self-management, care coordination and algorithm-derived psychotropic medication (compatible with the 2014 NICE clinical guideline on bipolar disorder) under the direction of a psychiatrist. Feasibility and acceptability development work should involve collaborating with service users and professionals to demonstrate sustainable service delivery and recruitment, and identify and address possible barriers to such a service. Clinical outcomes should include time to next bipolar episode, mania and depression symptoms, function, recovery and quality of life. Economic outcomes should consider health, social care and personal costs.

5. Cognitive behavioural therapy for the long-term management of bipolar disorder

What is the clinical and cost effectiveness of face-to-face CBT versus internet-facilitated CBT in the long-term management of bipolar disorder?

Why this is important

The 2014 NICE clinical guideline on bipolar disorder found that individual structured psychological interventions are clinically effective. Studies support the efficacy of individual CBT but evidence for long-term benefits of internet-based interventions is less conclusive. Internet-facilitated CBT has the potential to deliver the key components of face-to-face CBT in a more cost-effective and accessible format. If this proves to be the case then increased access to cost-effective psychological care could be rapidly achieved.

The proposed research programme would have two phases: (1) software development of internet-facilitated CBT including alpha, beta and feasibility and acceptability testing to confirm that the intervention is safe, acceptable and used by potential patients; (2) a 2-arm non-inferiority RCT comparing internet-facilitated CBT with individual face-to-face CBT designed for bipolar disorder. Participants should be aged 16 years and over and be in a state of euthymia when recruited. The primary outcomes should be personal recovery and quality of life at 12-month follow-up. Secondary outcomes should be time to relapse, social and occupational functioning, and cost effectiveness.