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STRATTERA CAUSING MORE SUICIDAL THOUGHTS IN AUSTRALIA

More adverse reactions obtained from the TGA recently, include a 9 year old boy who, while on Strattera in December 2006, slammed his head against walls, was always angry, depressed or sad and said he wanted to kill himself. The adverse reaction report says the Strattera was stopped, they changed his diet and he recovered.

Another 10 year old boy became acutely depressed, aggressive and had suicidal thoughts. Another male after 6 days on Strattera, suffered violent reactions including bizarre behaviour, hostility, fantasy, suicide talks, anxiety attacks, distorted face and regressional behaviour.

Strattera isn't restricted to the treatment of children as one 48 year old female also suffered thoughts of death and thoughts of wanting to die, as well as nervousness, tingling in her arms and legs and numbness in her face and hands. (See attached case studied from the TGA).

Although Strattera is primarily prescribed for "ADHD", according to [Health News article "Adult ADD: New Disorder or marketing Ploy?"](#) Strattera was first developed to be an antidepressant in the mid 1980's, however Eli Lilly pulled it from clinical trials after the compound failed to show efficacy. Then, in the mid 1990's just before the expiration date was up, researchers started looking at the compound as a novel treatment for ADD, and reintroduced it with a new brand name, atomoxetine. The atomoxetine (Strattera) molecule is a hybrid of two antidepressants: Prozac and Vestra. This is the latest psychiatric drug to become widely available to Australians through its inclusion yesterday on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS). The above are just some of the reactions reported to the TGA since September 2006.

"ADHD" is a controversial subject due to its lack of validity as a mental condition as it can not be scientifically tested for. "To continue to prescribe and take dangerous mind altering drugs under such circumstances is ludicrous when other simple solutions such as changing diet, tutoring and full medical examinations have proven to be effective in eradicating unwanted behaviour." says Ian White of CCHR WA.

"We are very concerned that as more of this dangerous drug is consumed, it's just a matter of time before the talks and attempts of suicide and homicide become actual" says White. "The reports available are alarming and parents need to be warned so they can protect their children. Because it's now on the PBS hasn't made it any safer to take."

CCHR was founded by the Church of Scientology in 1969 to investigate and expose psychiatric violations of human rights. For further information please contact Ian White on the above numbers.