



## Alert from the NDEWS Web Monitoring Team: Online mentions of Tianeptine

**What was found?** The drug has had consistent discussion online with a historical peak in March 2022. The trend has fluctuated quite dramatically from month to month, but the overall growth has been a steady uptick in mentions over time since early 2020.

**What is Tianeptine?** Tianeptine is a tricyclic antidepressant that is capable of mimicking the effects of opioids.

**How is it being discussed?** Tianeptine is often referred to as 'Zaza' online. Commenters describe the effect of tianeptine as similar to opioids at high doses, and as an antidepressant at lower doses. Recent comments warn of overdosing as well as potential for addiction with repeated use.

**Drug Terms:** Tianeptine, zaza red, gas station heroin, tianna, td red, pegasus