



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

**What was found?** The drug nifoxipam has had very sparse activity in drug-related subreddits, with the largest increase occurring over the past two months. Before this point, the drug had consistent low activity online. Based on online activity, this potentially indicates an early signal for a substance that could replace etizolam or clonazolam as these drugs are beginning to come under tighter control.

**What is Nifoxipam?** Nifoxipam is a metabolite of the benzodiazepine flunitrazepam. The drug produces strong tranquilizing and sleep-prolonging effects. It is one of many "designer benzodiazepines" currently available.

**How is it being discussed?** Most commenters on Reddit discuss using the drug as a replacement for etizolam or clonazolam. Reported motivations for use have included easier availability, lower perceived legal risk, lower perceived toxicity, and a weaker effect.

**Drug Terms:** Nifoxipam, Nif, 3-hydroxydesmethylflunitrazepam, DP 370