



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

**Context:** This alert was prompted by an inquiry from the World Health Organization's Expert Committee on Drug Dependence (ECDD).

**What was found?** Consistent discussion of the drug Zopiclone has persisted in drug Subreddits, with at least 100 total mentions every month in 2022.

**To what does Zopiclone refer?** Zopiclone is a non-benzodiazepine sedative drug. In the US, Zopiclone is a controlled substance sold under the brand name Imovane.

**How is it being discussed?** Commenters describe recreational use of Zopiclone at recommended doses for its sedative effect in combination with other drugs, as well as taking high doses of the drug. While Zopiclone is not a benzodiazepine, commenters frequently discuss the drug in benzodiazepine Subreddits and mention taking the drug recreationally along with benzodiazepines, or when experiencing benzodiazepine withdrawal.

**Drug Terms:** Zopiclone, Imovane