

## Drugs in the News 4/12/09 - Prescrire in English

*Prescrire* is a highly respected independent source of drug information written in French that has been published for the past 30 years. The English language version, *Prescrire International*, is available to students at the soon to be opened Drug Information Center at the Bayfront campus. *Prescrire* has also announced an English language Web site available at <http://english.prescrire.org/#>. It is worth a bookmark in your favorites list.

Below are some of the articles currently listed on the *Prescrire* in English Web site.

Thalidomide (elderly myeloma patients) (New Indication)  
Some improvement in first-line treatment

Ambroxol lozenges (sore throat) (New Drug)  
Better to just suck on hard candy

FREE Duloxetine (generalised anxiety) (New Indication)  
No thanks!

Editors' Opinion  
Psychopanacea?

Ambrisentan (pulmonary hypertension) (New Drug)  
Too risky in mildly symptomatic disease

Bosentan (pulmonary hypertension) (New Indication)  
Too risky in mildly symptomatic disease

Editors' Opinion  
Marketing authorisation unjustified  
For patients with mildly symptomatic pulmonary arterial hypertension

Cilostazol (intermittent claudication) (New Drug)  
Too little efficacy, too many risks

Sorafenib (hepatocellular carcinoma) (New Indication)  
For some patients

Alemtuzumab (first-line in chronic lymphocytic leukaemia)(New Indication)  
Continue to use chlorambucil

Rimonabant (marketing withdrawal)  
Half-measures

Phenylbutazone (reappearance in France)  
A NSAID to avoid

Human polyvalent immunoglobulin (multifocal motor neuropathy) (New Indication)  
Slightly more muscle strength

Febuxostat (hyperuricaemia) (New Drug)  
Risk of gout attacks

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