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Another short note before the next quarter's Category M changes.

The number of price concessions was back up at 138 last month and included atorvastatin 80mg at over three times its Tariff price.

The ongoing increases in price for atomoxetine capsules continue with all strengths up although the rate of increase has slowed to between 3% and 15%, depending on strength.

Conjugated oestrogens (the generic name for Prempak preparations) have gone up between 3 and 12 fold so 84x 625mcg tablets now 2687 and 84x 1.25mg tablets now 5256.

Another significant price rise, although not for a commonly used drug, is that modified release theophylline tablets (all strengths) have quadrupled in price - 56 of 200,300 or 400mg tablets now 2980.

Finally, generic ranolazine has started to filter through into the Tariff with a Category change from C to A but unfortunately the price has only reduced by 2.4% to 4779 for 60 of each strength.