

**Supplementary Table 1: Incidence of adverse events with nicergoline and comparators**

Study Name	Intervention	Total Included	Any AEs	Any SAEs	Agitation/anxiety	Diarrhoea	Dizziness	Drowsiness	Fatigue	Gastric upset	Hot Flushes	Headache	Hypotension	Insomnia	Itching
Batalgia 1989	Nicergoline	154	8	-	-	-	-	1	1	4	2	1	1	1	-
	Placebo	152	4	-	-	-	-	2	0	3	0	0	1	1	-
Battalgia 1990	Nicergoline	73	8	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	2	-	-	-
	Ergoloid Mesylates	71	4	-	-	0	-	-	0	0	-	1	-	-	-
Battalgia 1995	Nicergoline	51	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Placebo	50	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bes 1999	Nicergoline	36	9	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	-
	Placebo	36	12	-	-	-	2	-	3	-	-	-	1	-	-
Crook 1997	Nicergoline	75	61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Placebo	75	56	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Felisati 2002	Nicergoline	44	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-	-	-	-
	Placebo	45	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Herrmann 1997	Nicergoline	67	14	0	0	3	0	0	-	0	-	2	-	1	-
	Placebo	69	14	3	1	4	1	2	-	1	-	2	-	0	-
Kugler 1985	Nicergoline	28	8	-	-	0	1	1	3	-	1	-	-	1	1
	Dihydroergotamine	28	9	-	-	1	2	2	2	-	0	-	-	0	0
Materna 1985	Nicergoline	30	8	-	-	-	1	-	0	3	-	-	-	-	-
	Flunarizine	30	8	-	-	-	0	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
Nappi 1997	Nicergoline	54	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	-	-	-
	Placebo	54	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	0	0	-	-	-
Saletu 1995	Nicergoline (SDAT)	24	7	-	-	1	0	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	1
	Placebo (SDAT)	28	4	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
	Nicergoline (MID)	28	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
	Placebo (MID)	28	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Winblad 2001	Nicergoline	177	106	22	30	-	-	-	-	22	-	9	-	-	-
	Placebo	169	103	22	48	-	-	-	-	22	-	9	-	14	-