



# Availability of nitazenes for purchase in Australia and internationally via cryptomarkets

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## Introduction

<sup>TM</sup>Nitazenes are a group of highly potent synthetic opioids manufactured by clandestine laboratories.

<sup>TM</sup>Rising harms from nitazenes have been reported globally.

<sup>TM</sup>There is some evidence to suggest that these drugs are being sold via cryptomarkets and surface net shops.

## Aims

This study describes the availability of nitazenes for purchase in Australia and internationally via cryptomarkets between October 2021 and May 2024.

## Methods

<sup>TM</sup>Data on drug listings were collected twice a month from cryptomarkets for the period from October 2021 to May 2024. Substrings (e.g., 'azene', 'tazepyne', 'tazepipne') were used to identify nitazene listings.

<sup>TM</sup>Trends over time in the number of nitazene listings and their percentage as a proportion of all drug listings are presented. The most frequently listed nitazenes and their number of listings over time are also presented.