

## Response ID ANON-7PVC-ATFQ-C

Submitted to Proposed amendments to the designated pharmacist prescriber specified prescription medicines list  
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### Introduction

1 What is your name?

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4 Are you submitting as an individual or on behalf of an organisation?

On behalf of an organisation

5 What is your job title?

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Deputy Chair/Cofounder

6 Which of these best describes you?

Consumer

If you selected other, please specify:

7 Do you agree with the proposed medicines on the list?

Yes

### Other comments

19 Are there any other comments you would like to make?

Comments:

We support the addition of atogepant for migraine prophylaxis but would also like to see the addition of the other new migraine preventives: galcanezumab, erenumab and fremanezumab. These are monthly injections and pharmacists would be well placed to demonstrate how to use these. They have the same therapeutic target as atogepant and a similar safety and efficacy profile. All of these medications are now considered first-line treatments in other jurisdictions because of their superiority over existing medication options, particularly having fewer side effects. The mabs also do not require any dose adjustment for age, weight, renal or hepatic function and have no known drug interactions. Atogepant, galcanezumab and erenumab have all been approved by Pharmac and are on the Options for Investment list; fremanezumab is currently being considered by Pharmac. Although none are yet funded, many people in NZ are self-funding these and wider access through broader prescribing has the potential to benefit more people with migraine.

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