	Study 1	Study 2	Study 3	Study 4	Study 5
Protocol numbers	GW602/SCAB2001	GW603/SCAA2010	SCA40910	SCA10022	SCA30924
Participants	Bipolar disorder, type I	Bipolar disorder, type I or II	Bipolar disorder, type I	Bipolar disorder, type II	Bipolar disorder, type I
Inclusion criteria	HRSD (17 item) ≥ 18 MDE duration 2 weeks to 12 months ≥2 mood episodes in previous 10 years (at least one manic/mixed)	HRSD (17 item) ≥18 MDE duration 2 weeks to 12 months If bipolar disorder I ≥2 mood episodes in previous 10 years (at least one manic/mixed) If bipolar disorder II at least one de- pressive and two hypomanic episodes in previous 10 years	HRSD (17 item) ≥18 MDE duration 2 weeks to 12 months ⇒2 mood episodes in previous 5 years (at least one manic/mixed)	HRSD (17 item) ≥ 18 MDE duration ≥ 8 weeks ≥ 2 mood episodes in previous 10 years (at least one manic/mixed) ≥ 3 on either HRSD Item 1 or 7 at screen and baseline	HRSD (17 item) ≥18 MDE duration ≥8 weeks History of full or partial hospitalisation for a mood episode
Exclusion criteria	Pregnant, lactating or at risk of becoming pregnant Actively suicidal Rapid cycling (DSM-IV) Epilepsy Abnormal TFTs Panic disorder, bulimia nervosa, obsessive—compulsive disorder, social phobia in 12 months before entry Prior treatment with lamotrigine New course of psychotherapy Any psychoactive drug within 5 half-lives Investigational drug within 30 days	Pregnant, lactating or at risk of becoming pregnant Actively suicidal Rapid cycling (DSM–IV) Epilepsy Abnormal TFTs Panic disorder, bulimia nervosa, obsessive–compulsive disorder, social phobia in 12 months before entry Prior treatment with lamotrigine New course of psychotherapy Any psychoactive drug within 5 half- lives Investigational drug within 30 days	Pregnant, lactating or at risk of becoming pregnant Actively suicidal Rapid cycling (DSM-IV) Epilepsy Abnormal TFTs Panic disorder, bulimia nervosa, obsessive—compulsive disorder, social phobia in 12 months before entry Prior treatment with lamotrigine New course of psychotherapy Any psychoactive drug within 5 half-lives Investigational drug within 30 days ≥ 10 on Mania Rating Scale < 16 MADRS	Pregnant, lactating or at risk of becoming pregnant Actively suicidal Rapid cycling (DSM-IV) Epilepsy Abnormal TFTs Panic disorder, bulimia nervosa, obsessive-compulsive disorder, social phobia in 12 months before entry Prior treatment with lamotrigine New course of psychotherapy Any psychoactive drug within 5 half-lives Investigational drug within 30 days > ±20% change on HRSD from screening to randomisation ≥ 10 on Mania Rating Scale¹	Pregnant, lactating or at risk of becoming pregnant Actively suicidal Rapid cycling (DSM–IV) Epilepsy Abnormal TFTs Panic disorder, bulimia nervosa, obsessive-compulsive disorder, social phobia in 12 months before entry Prior treatment with lamotrigine New course of psychotherapy Any psychoactive drug within 5 half-lives Investigational drug within 30 days > ±20% change on HRSD from screening to randomisation ≥ 10 on Mania Rating Scale²
Treatments and daily dose	Lamotrigine 50 mg or 200 mg (only 200 mg arm included in current analysis) Placebo	Lamotrigine 100–400 mg Placebo	Lamotrigine 200 mg Placebo	Lamotrigine 200 mg Placebo	Lamotrigine 200 mg Placebo
Titration schedule for amotrigine, daily dose	For 200-mg group: Weeks 1 & 2: 25 mg Week 3: 50 mg Week 4: 100 mg Weeks 5-7: 200 mg	Weeks 1 & 2: 25 mg Weeks 3 & 4: 50 mg Week 5: 100 mg Week 6: flexible (100–200 mg) Week 7: flexible (100–300 mg) Weeks 8–10: flexible (100–400 mg)	Weeks 1 & 2: 25 mg Weeks 3 & 4: 50 mg Week 5: 100 mg Weeks 6–8: 200 mg	Weeks 1 & 2: 25 mg Weeks 3 & 4: 50 mg Week 5: 100 mg Weeks 6–8: 200 mg	Weeks 1 & 2: 25 mg Weeks 3 & 4: 50 mg Week 5: 100 mg Weeks 6–8 200 mg
Number randomised and included	129 total: Lamotrigine 200 mg (<i>n</i> =63) Placebo (<i>n</i> =66)	206 total: Lamotrigine 100–400 mg (n=103; bipola disorder I=61; bipolar disorder II=41) Placebo (n=103; bipolar disorder I=61; bipolar disorder II=41)	257 total: rLamotrigine 200 mg (<i>n</i> =133) Placebo (<i>n</i> =124)	221 total: Lamotrigine 200 mg (n=111) Placebo (n=109, no post- randomisation primary outcome in 1 participant)	259 total: Lamotrigine 200 mg (<i>n</i> =131) Placebo (<i>n</i> =128)

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Clinical Global Impression—Improvement; CGL-S, Clinical Global Impression—Severity; HRSD, Hamilton Rating Scale for Depression Scale; MADRS, Montgomery—Asberg Depression Rating Scale; MDE, major depressive episode; TFT, thyroid function test. HRSD item 1, 17-item HRSD, 31-item HRSD, CGI-, CGI-Lamotrigine: 60% Placebo: 57% 8 weeks Study 5 MADRS HRSD item 1, 17-item HRSD 31-item HRSD, CGI-S, CGI-I Lamotrigine: 73% Placebo: 67% Study 4 8 weeks MADRS HRSD item 1, 17-item HRSD, 31-item HRSD, CGI-S, CGI-I Lamotrigine: 61% Placebo: 73% 8 weeks Study 3 MADRS HRSD item 1, 31-item HRSD, MADRS, CGI-S, CGI-I Lamotrigine: 66% Placebo: 67% 17-item HRSD 10 weeks Study 2 HRSD item 1, 31-item HRSD, MADRS, CGI-S,2 CGI-I2 Lamotrigine: 71% 17-item HRSD Placebo: 71% 7 weeks Study 1 Table DS1 (continued) Duration of double-blind Study completion rate Secondary outcomes Primary outcome treatment

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Appendix DS1: Search strategy used to identify articles

Search history (January 2005 to November 2006)

- 1. exp bipolar disorder/
- 2. ((bipolar OR bi?polar OR bi polar) adj5 (disorder\$ OR depress\$)).tw.
- 3. (mania\$ OR manic\$ OR hypomania\$).tw.
- 4. (((cyclothymi\$ OR rapid OR ultradian) adj5 cycl\$) OR RCBD).tw.
- 5. OR/1-4
- 6. (lamotrigin\$ OR lamictal OR lamictin OR labileno).mp.
- 7. (BW 430 C OR BW 430c OR BW 430c78 OR BW430c OR BW430c78).tw.
- 9. OR/6-8
- 10. exp clinical trials/ OR exp clinical trial/ OR exp controlled clinical trials/
- 11. exp crossover procedure/ OR exp cross over studies/ OR exp cross-
- 12. exp double blind procedure/ OR exp double blind method/ OR exp double blind studies/
- OR exp single blind procedure/ OR exp single blind method/ OR exp single blind studies/
- 13. exp random allocation/ OR exp randomization/ OR exp random assignment/ OR exp

random sample/ OR exp random sampling/

- 14. exp randomized controlled trials/ OR exp randomized controlled trial/
- 15. (clinical adj2 trial\$).tw.
- 16. (crossover OR cross over).tw.
- 17. (((single\$ OR doubl\$ OR trebl\$ OR tripl\$) adj5 (blind\$ OR mask\$ OR dummy)) OR (singleblind\$ OR doubleblind\$ OR trebleblind\$)).tw.
- 18. (placebo\$ OR random\$).mp.
- 19. (clinical trial\$ OR random\$).pt. OR (random\$ OR clinical control trial).sd.
- 20. animals/ NOT (animals/ AND human\$.mp.)
- 21. animal\$/ NOT (animal\$/ AND human\$/)
- 22. (animal NOT (animal AND human)).po.
- 23. (OR/10-19) NOT (OR/20-22)
- 24. AND /5,9,23
- 25. limit 24 to yr="2005-2007"
- 26. remove duplicates from 25

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