

MANIC PHASE OF BIPOLAR DISORDER BENEFITS FROM BREAST CANCER MEDICATION:
TAMOXIFEN TREATS MANIA FASTER THAN SOME STANDARD MEDICATIONS

The medication tamoxifen, best known as a treatment for breast cancer, dramatically reduces symptoms of the manic phase of bipolar disorder more quickly than many standard medications for the mental illness, a new study shows. Researchers at the National Institutes of Health's National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) who conducted the study also explained how: Tamoxifen blocks an enzyme called protein kinase C (PKC) that regulates activities in brain cells. The enzyme is thought to be over-active during the manic phase of bipolar disorder.

Full Press Release: <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/press/tamoxifen-mania.cfm>