

Secuado Patch vs Saphris Sublingual		
	Secuado	Saphris
Dose conversion	3.8 mg/day	10 mg/day
	5.7 mg/day	15 mg/day
	7.6 mg/day	20 mg/day
Unique side effects	Skin irritation (15%)	Unpleasant taste
Pharmacokinetics	Slower Tmax (12–24 hrs), similar half-life (30 hrs); same drug interactions as Saphris	Faster Tmax (1 hr), similar half-life (24 hrs)
Advantages	Transdermal patches preferred by some patients and families and may increase adherence	The rapid onset means that side effects like fatigue can be minimized by taking the entire dose at night
Disadvantages	Absorption is decreased by oily, hairy skin, and increased by heat	Absorption is significantly decreased if patients eat or drink within 10 minutes after taking it; serum levels are mildly reduced (10%–20%) when a large meal is eaten 30 minutes before or up to 4 hours after the dose
Cost	Unknown	\$600/month; goes generic December 2020

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“An Antipsychotic Patch”
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