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DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

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4 *Whereas, Many people with serious, chronic mental illness,*
5 *such as schizophrenia, or gastrointestinal disorders, including*
6 *gastroparesis, require treatment with medications that work as*
7 *dopamine receptor blocking agents (DRBAs);*

8 *Whereas, While DRBAs have important, even lifesaving,*
9 *therapeutic value for many patients, the same drugs can also*
10 *lead to tardive dyskinesia;*

11 *Whereas, Tardive dyskinesia is a movement disorder that*
12 *is characterized by random, involuntary, and uncontrolled*
13 *movements of different muscles in the face, trunk, and*
14 *extremities;*

15 *Whereas, In some people, tardive dyskinesia can develop*
16 *months, years, or decades after prolonged use of DRBAs and*
17 *can continue even after the person stops taking the drug;*

18 *Whereas, It is estimated that over 600,000 Americans suffer*
19 *from tardive dyskinesia;*

20 *Whereas, Years of difficult and challenging research have*
21 *resulted in recent scientific breakthroughs, with two new*
22 *treatments for tardive dyskinesia being approved by the United*
23 *States Food and Drug Administration;*



