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Methods: Retrospective study performed on the records of 60 patients attending the psychiatry-department at the Fattouma-Bourguiba-hospital in Monastir for bipolar disorders and treated long-term by lithium salts (Theralite*).

Results: A global percentage of hypothyroidism is 39.6%. This is mainly subclinical hypothyroidism in 31.4% of cases. The study of the duration of treatment and of lithemia as risk factors showed the absence of significant correlations between these factors and the dysthyroids. Regular monitoring of the thyroid functioning should be taken into consideration.

Conclusions: The objectives of our study are to determine the frequency of dysthyroid diseases in patients under long-term lithium therapy, to seek correlations between these dysthyroidism and some characteristics of lithium treatment, to study the evolution of thyroid function in these patients, and to develop recommendations for the management and treatment of dysthyroidism in patients taking long-term lithium therapy.

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