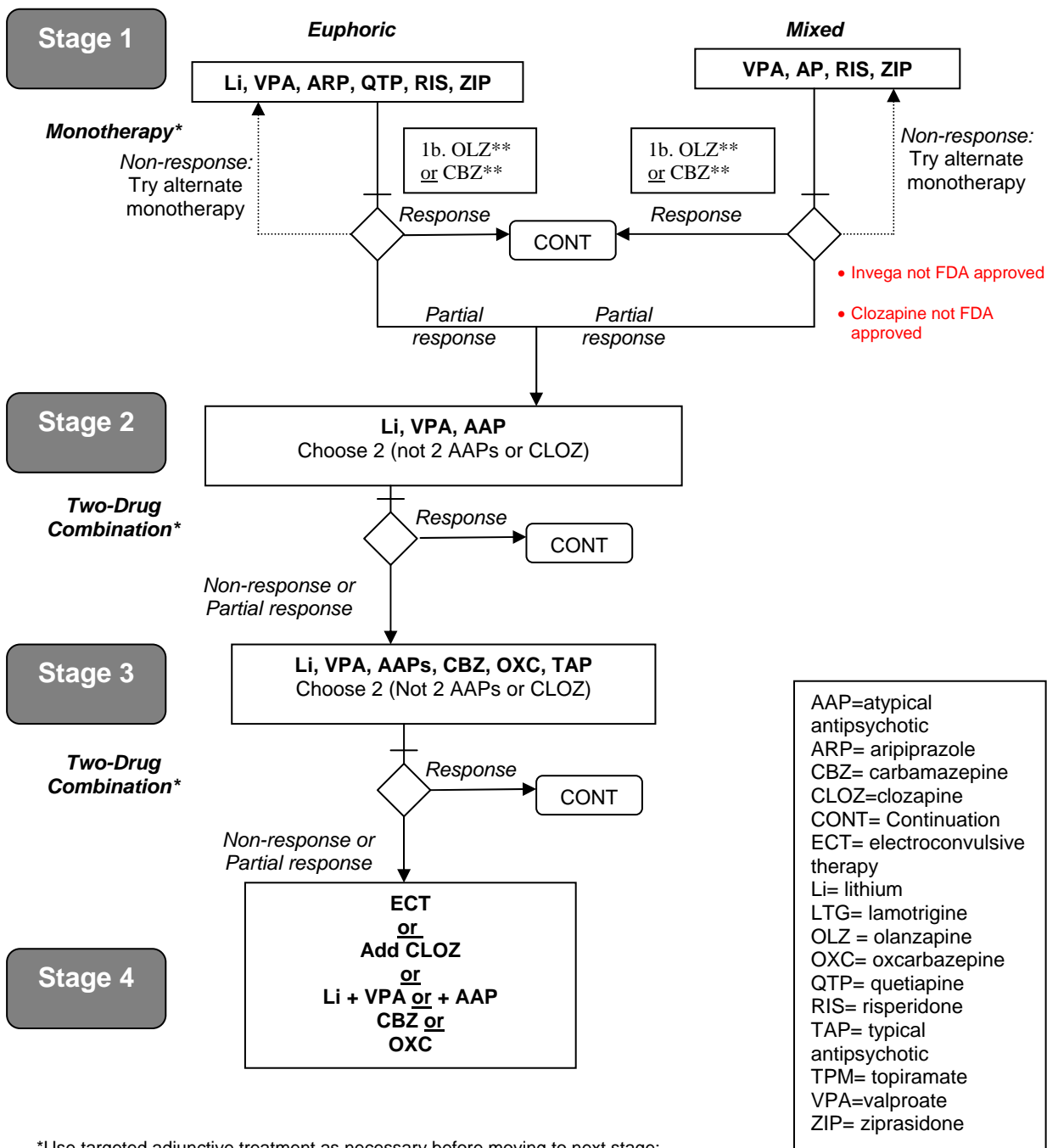


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*Use targeted adjunctive treatment as necessary before moving to next stage:

Agitation/Aggression – clonidine, sedatives

Insomnia – hypnotics

Anxiety – benzodiazapines, gabapentin

**Safety and other concerns led to placement of OLZ and CBZ as alternate 1st stage choices.

It is appropriate to try >1 combination at a given level. New trials from each stage can be labeled Stage 2 (1), Stage 2 (2), etc.

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