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Diagnosis of Adverse Reactions to Drugs

Message from the Guest Editors

Adverse drug reactions (ADRs) affect all body organ systems and vary widely in severity. According to the World Health Organization, ADRs are one of the most common causes of morbidity and mortality; thus, they represent a financial burden for health care providers and the pharmaceutical industry. Non-serious ADRs are often resolved rapidly after removal of the casual drug; sometimes, after dose reduction, re-administration of the suspicious drug with the subsequent reappearance of the ADR is the gold standard diagnostic. However, in serious ADRs, which can lead to significant injury to organs/tissues which can be fatal, re-exposure is contraindicated for ethical reasons because its effects can be deadly. Most serious ADRs appear in the post-commercialization period. Therefore, a series of stakeholders would benefit from the development of solid diagnostics for early detection, and improve the forecast of serious ADRs.

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