



March 2013

Dear (Contact First Name),

Here's a recap of blog posts and other news from the past month.

RxISK is the first source to make a causal connection between [doxycycline and suicide](#) and [SSRIs and alcoholism](#).

We have also listed [98 drugs that can cause suicide](#) and potentially trigger violence, up to and including school shootings.

We have been approached by the producers of a UK television program on the widespread use of prescription drugs and their side effects. If you are in the United Kingdom and interested in being interviewed, please contact Fiona Scott at fionastuff@gmail.com and include "RxISK" in your email subject line by Monday, April 8, 2013.

Thank you for your support.

Your feedback, as always, is greatly appreciated.

David Healy, MD

In the news...

[Pharmageddon makes list of 2012 best non-fiction books](#)

RxISK is pleased to announce that Dr. David Healy's latest book, *Pharmageddon*, was named by Maclean's magazine as one of the best non-fiction books of 2012. "David Healy's exposé of the pharmaceutical industry's control of modern medicine is a chilling, essential read," says Maclean's on *Pharmageddon*... [\[Read More...\]...»](#)



[Side Effects - the true story](#)

In the first part of the movie Side Effects there is an exposé of the pharmaceutical industry and greedy doctors. Emily Hawkins (Rooney Mara) is put on Abilix by her psychiatrist, Jonathan Banks (Jude Law), and while on it kills her husband. She apparently murders him while sleep-walking triggered by Abilix, and sleep walking being a perfect defence against murder, she is acquitted. That's the film but in the real world can this happen? [Read More...][...»](#)



RxISK stories

[RxISK says doxycycline causes suicide](#)

There have been several reports to RxISK of young men committing suicide on doxycycline. This led us to investigate further. The evidence seems clear - doxycycline can cause someone to commit suicide. We have no idea how often this happens but ... [Read More...][...»](#)

[Amnesia on statins](#)

This is a third post on Statins. The first two were Birth of a Statinista and The Legacy Effects of Statins. This one deals with one of the more complex problems these drugs can cause - cognitive failure. Many people might ask ... [Read More...][...»](#)

[The legacy effects of statins: a role for RxISK](#)

This chilling account of the effects of statin drugs brings out a key role for reporters to RxISK.org - we need good data on how long the after-effects of drug treatment can last. This data is rarely collected ... [Read More...][...»](#)

[Withdrawal zone](#)

Sven Ternov, a doctor working in Sweden, recently wrote this article which appeared in DagensMedicin in January 2013. He has translated it for RxISK stories. Several other doctors have written about their difficulties in withdrawing from antidepressants - mostly ... [Read More...][...»](#)

From David's blog...

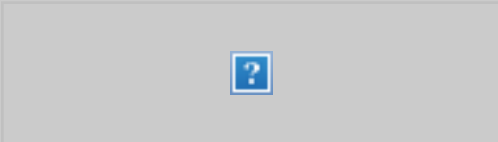
[Left hanging: suicide in Bridgend](#)



The Figures In the England and Wales there are roughly 5,000 suicides in roughly 60 million people per year. This would until recently have led to around 2000 hangings per year, 34 hangings per million people per year, 3.5 per 100,000 people per year. Bridgend in South Wales has a population of 40,000.

[Prescription-only homicide and violence](#)

These are the speaking notes for two talks given in Chicago on Monday February 18th and Tuesday February 19th. The S2, S3 in the text refers to slides which are available on the RxISK.org Video Gallery. Video will be posted when available. The first slides features RxISK.org where we have created a Violence Zone and want you.



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