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Dear :

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

Are you taking any AbbVie drugs, such as Humira, Depakote, Kaletra, Androgel, Lupron, or Esbriet?

You may be interested to know that AbbVie (NYSE:ABBV), the recent spun-off entity of Abbott Laboratories, successfully sued the European Medicines Agency (EMA) to shut down requests for access to documents on these drugs, which means we don't have any data for independent evaluation of its drug trials or those of others. You can read more about this in [PharmaTimes](#).

I recently launched an [AbbVie campaign](#) to capture patient-reported side effects on AbbVie drugs.

Side effects know no borders, and in this campaign we want to collect patient reports about AbbVie drugs from every corner of the planet.

We will share these results with everyone - including AbbVie.

Thank you for your support.

Your feedback, as always, is greatly appreciated.



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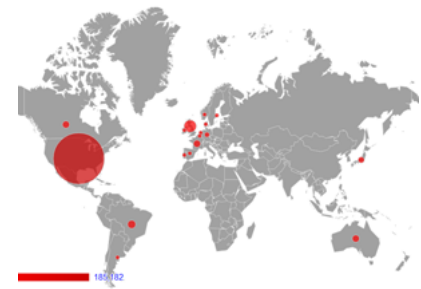
# In the news...

## [RxISK seeks reports from AbbVie customers](#)

RxISK.org, the first free independent website for researching and reporting prescription drug side effects, is helping a campaign to capture patient reported side effects of a range of drugs sold by the pharmaceutical company AbbVie (NYSE:ABBV), the recent spun-off entity of Abbott Laboratories.

## [RxISK on track for world record for patient reported side effects](#)

No one knows a drug's side effects like the person taking it and that's why RxISK.org has been created to provide a place where patients can research, report, and share their stories with others.



*More patients are now reporting side effects to RxISK than to country regulators.*

## RxISK stories

### [Drugs and sex don't go](#)

Most doctors are told headaches or nausea are the commonest side effects of drugs. Nausea for instance is very common on SSRIs - not surprising as there is a lot of serotonin in the gut. But an immediate change in sexual ...

### [RxISK and the RIAT Act](#)

Below is the press release for a potentially significant development in clinical trial publishing - the RIAT Act. Doshi and colleagues are aiming to publish studies that companies have buried or to correct studies that are published but ...

## From David's blog...

### [Lets do the AbbVie again](#)

The idea of a Boycott is an Irish invention. During the Land Wars in 1880, when Colonel Boycott on behalf of Lord Erne unscrupulously



evicted tenants who didn't pay rent following a bad harvest, no one moved in to rent the vacant farms. Everyone refused to talk to Boycott. He was ostracised completely.

### [Go ask Alice](#)

RxISK is all about people discovering things for themselves and alerting others to something that can make a real difference. There have been some wonderful examples outlined in posts

here on RxISK from Anne-Marie Kelly's discovery of a cure for Alcoholism - stop your SSRI and perhaps try a serotonin-3 antagonist like mianserin or ondansetron...

### [Great white lies](#)

Just when you were looking at pancreatic cancer on Januvia and Byetta. Sugar Sugar: Less is not More Most people with diabetes now have type 2 diabetes. But for most people the high blood sugar called type 2 diabetes is not a disease...

### [Swimming with great whites? If you've got "diabetes" look away now](#)

After its launch in the late 1950s, Upjohn's Orinase (tolbutamide) became the first blockbuster hypoglycemic (blood sugar lowering) drug. Its success was born of failure. It wasn't a replacement for insulin. Even if used early, it didn't stop people from becoming insulin dependent. But attempts to create an early use market led to a focus on...

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