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Dear :

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

Our global database of prescription drug side effects continues to grow. Based on the number of side effects per 100,000 population the top 10 countries represented are New Zealand, Ireland, Canada, UK, Australia, Luxembourg, United States, Denmark, Switzerland, and Slovenia.

We have streamlined the RxISK Report to make it easier to read and understand. Here is a link to a sample [RxISK Report](#) that you can take to your doctor to discuss whether the effects you are experiencing are linked to your prescription drugs.

We are also working on improving the reporting process to make it more intuitive and easier to report a prescription drug side effect. I'll let you know when that is in production as well.

Thank you for your support and keep those reports coming.

Your feedback, as always, is greatly appreciated.

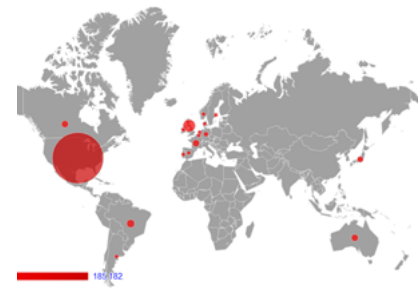


David Healy, MD

In the news...

[Extreme Petitioning](#)

Thank you to everyone who signed RxISK's Drug Safety Petition asking pharmaceutical giants AbbVie and Intermune to stop blocking the European Medicines Agency (EMA) from releasing prescription drug clinical trial data. Only one person signed the United States Declaration of Independence ... [\[Read More...\]](#)...»



RxISK stories

[Fragile Doctors: Iatroporosis](#)

This post is from Sara Bostock, who was one of the originators of the SSRI Stories concept and a key player in putting pressure on FDA to put in place Suicide Warnings on Antidepressants. So she is far ... [\[Read More...\]](#)...»

[I'm not pre-pregnant. I just have a womb.](#)

Two months ago we were deep in a controversy about Antidepressants and Birth Defects. (See The Dark is for Mushrooms, not for Women, and Preventing Precaution and Mumsnet). Many women hearing a message that they should be wary about ... [\[Read More...\]](#)...»

[Let's Do the AbbVie Again](#)

Slightly over three months ago, the idea of an AbbVie was born. She was named after the pharmaceutical company AbbVie - until recently Abbott Laboratories. She was born from the union of a legal action taken by AbbVie in the European Court ... [\[Read More...\]](#)...»

[AbbVie Petition Signers with a Story to Tell](#)

This selection of quotes abbreviates in many cases what was written. The contributions come from all the continents who have signed. ON STATINS (10) ES: Memory loss, couldn't walk very far. came off statins ... [\[Read More...\]](#)...»

From David's blog...

[The Church of GSKology](#)

This post is about midway through a series of posts that are broadly part of the AbbVie series. The series began with GSK's Transparency and Access Journey, moved on to The House of GSK and will have at



least two more posts after this. Reading the Minneapolis StarTribune, it was the reference to [...]...»

[The House of GSK](#)

In a just published article in the BMJ, Peter Doshi notes how in recent months the English pharmaceutical company GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) have assiduously portrayed themselves as advocates of transparency and in support of access to clinical trial data. Well in support of

'Responsible Access'. Responsible essentially means that a researcher commits to the primacy of RCTs and [...]...»

[Trade Wars we have known and loved: Brand EFPIA v Korea](#)

A slight variation of this appeared last week on The Conversation. In 2010, the European Ombudsman ruled that the European Medicines Agency should open access to clinical trials data when companies applied to get their drugs on the market. The ombudsman decided public health was more important than considerations of commercial confidentiality. In February this [...]...»

[Health Action International: Access to Trial Data](#)

Leah Cowan and Ancel-la Santos from Health Action International wrote this post covering the release of a HAI position paper on Access to Clinical Trial Data. HAI have been to the forefront of the move to patient reporting of Adverse Events. It has a position as a partner with the European Consumer Organization [...]...»

[GSK's Transparency and Access Journey](#)

This post has been put together by Peter Goetzsche and David Healy Dear Dr Goetzsche ... "At GSK we firmly believe that making more information available, including clinical study reports and anonymised patient-level data, will enable researchers to study the science behind today's medicines more closely, to learn more about them and how [...]...»

[SHIT Happens - 2](#)

SHIT stands for Secret Health Ingredient in Treatment - see SHIT Happens. In the early twentieth century SHIT was some supposedly secret magic chemical. In the early twenty-first century SHIT is important information about adverse effects of a drug that has been kept hidden. In SHIT Happens, we reported that RxISK has adverse event data on a [...]...»

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A century ago, a distinction was drawn between the ethical

pharmaceutical industry and the patent medicines industry. Ethical companies specified what was in their medicines, whereas the patent industry kept the details hidden. The Birth of Pharma The patent medicines industry flourished on the back of a promise that some Secret Health Ingredient in their [...]...»

[The Attitude of Chicks to Trojans & Horses](#)

This is a cross post from 1boringoldman's Wisdom of the Dixie Chicks. It raises questions about a Lancet editorial jointly written by GSK and AllTrials it would seem. It calls on Iain and Ben to tell us what they are up to. So far there appears to be no clear response from AllTrials. [...]...»

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