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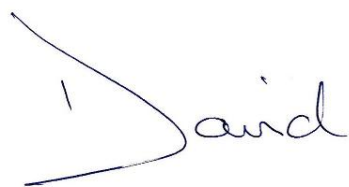
Here's a recap of blog posts and other news from the past month.

You will see the most recent RxISK story is about [Abilify](#) - the best selling drug in North America. This is the first of five posts that will roll out over the next few weeks.

On [DavidHealy.org](#) we are desperately hunting for the middle ground - recent posts have given rise to vigorous threads with some astonishing comments.

Thank you for your support.

Your feedback, as always, is greatly appreciated.



David Healy, MD

[Dodging Abilify](#)

This post is by Johanna Ryan, who has a unique ability to capture the American Nightmare. The best-selling drug in the United States isn't a blood pressure pill, a painkiller or even an antidepressant. It's Abilify, an antipsychotic ... [Read More...][...»](#)

[Becoming Suicidal on an Antibiotic](#)

The last post on Lariam and suicide mentioned an alternate treatment for malaria prophylaxis - doxycycline. Doxycycline is not without its problems, It can cause suicide. It and other tetracycline antibiotics can also cause ... [Read More...][...»](#)

[Antibiotics: Suicide & Psychosis](#)

This is the transcript of a program broadcast as The Lariam Legacy on BBC Radio on March 31 2015. The narrator is Victoria Derbyshire. The featured drug is the anti-microbial Lariam, mefloquine. Mefloquine is closely related to the Fluoroquinolone's ... [Read More...][...»](#)

[Pilots and Antidepressants](#)

This post is by Julie Wood the central figure behind SSRI Stories in its current incarnation. SSRI Stories has collected and posted 47 stories about pilots flying and crashing while on antidepressants. The majority are airplanes but several ... [Read More...][...»](#)



From David's blog...

[A Broken Utopia? The Internet and Health Activism](#)

We increasingly live in a world of tribes - the tribes who see vaccination as an unmitigated good or a harm, the tribes who believe in climate change and

those who don't, and most of us get our views from the Tribe we belong to rather than think them through ourselves. When it comes to your health a tribal response is rarely a good thing. The reason we make drugs available on prescription only through doctors was supposed to be as an aid to each of us to hang on to the middle ground between company marketing and complementary or alternate medicine. But rather than be a bulwark against tribal responses, all too often doctors seem to lead the pack. [...]...»

[Everyone Has the Right to Challenge "Scientific Experts"](#)

This post is from John Horgan who writes for Scientific American. He takes on a worrying trend to regard science as sacrosanct. A recent front cover for National Geographic brought this home to me. To question whether vaccines might cause autism it seems is pretty well to be a Flat Earther. This has clear and worrying implications for me, for RxISK and for anyone who has ever been injured by a drug. [...]...»

[Winging it: Antidepressants and Plane Crashes](#)

The crash last week of the Germanwings plane has shocked many. In view of the apparent mental health record of the co-pilot Andreas Lubitz, questions have been asked about the screening policies of airlines. The focus has generally been on the conditions pilots may have or the arguments they might be having with partners or [...]...»



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