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Dear :

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

A quick update on the Restoring Study 329 paper, which was published in the BMJ last month. There was massive press interest around the world (see a <u>summary at Study</u> <u>329</u>). The paper and related articles have been accessed from the BMJ website 37,000 times, and more than 5,200 PDFs have been downloaded. These metrics put Restoring Study 329 in the top 1% of articles ever published in the BMJ.

Since its launch in 2012, RxISK has had a major focus on dependence and withdrawal on ALL drugs. This focus has made it clear that dependence on drugs like antidepressants is far more complex than previously thought. This week we launched the <u>RxISK Centre for</u> <u>Medication Withdrawal</u>, a website dedicated to establishing what causes dependence and how to treat it. A section of the website is dedicated to researching the causes and treatment of PSSD.

Thank you for your support.

Your feedback, as always, is greatly appreciated.

and

David Healy, MD

RxISK stories

Tracking Down the Cause of Withdrawal and PSSD

By the end of the year, RxISK will have a major revamp. Among the first new features will be a Withdrawal and PSSD Research Zone. The philosophy behind this is that no-one knows what Protracted Withdrawal ... [Read More...]...»

Withdrawal Research Forum: Relief at Last?

There are tens of thousands of people affected by dependence on and protracted withdrawal from antidepressants, antipsychotics, benzodiazepines, dopamine agonists and other drugs. We will be opening up a Complex Withdrawal Syndrome and PSSD research forum on RxISK.org ... [Read More...]...»

The Wise List?

There is a wonderful listserv in Sweden now available in English. "Kloka listan" is a list of essential medicines for common diseases. Launched in Stockholm in 2001, it was decided to use different marketing tools make it known to people (posters and interviews with the public in public places, TV spots, etc.)... [Read More...]...»

Study 329 Stories

It is refreshing to see the BMJ publish an article highlighting the corruption, collusion and dangerously unethical behaviors among the pharmaceutical and psychiatric industries, university medical departments and government "regulators." I'd like to tell my teen-aged



From David's blog...

Study 329 in Japan

By 2002 GlaxoSmithKline had done 3 studies in children who were depressed and described all three to FDA as negative. As an old post on Bob Fiddaman's blog reproduced here outlines, several years later they undertook

another study in children in Japan. Regular readers of this blog will know how I broke the $[\dots]$...»

Study 329: By the Standards of the Time

This post by Johanna Ryan looks at an element of the defense offered by Neal Ryan and others, namely that by the standards of the time the authors of 329 weren't doing much wrong. Getting real about clinical research The controversy over "Study 329" on the effects of Paxil in teen depression has [...]...»

Study 329: Minions No Longer

A few weeks ago I was asked to review Good Pharma by Don Light and Antonio Maturo. The published review appears in TES - here. It makes a great foil to the Data Wars post earlier this week. The problem was deciding if the title for this post should read Minions no Longer or Underlings [...]...»

Study 329: Data Wars

Sensing the end of the Roman Republic and unhappy at the approach of Empire, Cassius approached Brutus to save the Republic. "The fault, dear Brutus, is not in our stars, But in ourselves, that we are underlings." The Republic was a Democracy, with a Government answerable to its Electors. Caesar's conquests meant that the Roman [...]...»





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