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Dear:

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

We have had a lot of interest in the SSRI & Violence series of posts and have created a <u>pdf version that consolidates</u> the <u>five posts</u>. This is one of the most important issues in medicine. Your feedback on any aspect would be most welcome.

On <u>DavidHealy.org</u>, a long series of posts on Study 329 has come to an end by introducing the concept of Big Risk. This is not the end of the 329 story - there is more to come next year. We hope that the <u>Restoring Study 329 website</u> will be a resource for decades to come.

Thank you for your support.

Your feedback, as always, is greatly appreciated.

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RxISK stories

<u>Lessons from SSRIStories #5 of 5: What Does Research</u> <u>Tell Us About the Connection between SSRIs and Violence?</u>

It is intriguing that everyone accepts that alcohol and street drugs can cause undesirable behaviour, while being reluctant to believe that prescription medications, which are often chemically similar to or the same as banned substances, might have similar effects... [Read More...]...»

<u>Lessons from SSRIStories #4 of 5: How is SSRI-Related Violence Different?</u>

Medication-induced violence is different from regular violence. It can manifest as bizarre and random actions without apparent motive. Sometimes, it is based on a sudden impulse without any warning. Other times, thought distortion ... [Read More...]...»

<u>Lessons from SSRIStories #3 of 5: How do SSRIs cause violence and suicide?</u>

The same mechanisms that induce violence in users of SSRIs can induce suicide. These mechanisms are akathisia, emotional blunting and delirium-psychosis. These are not uncommon effects, although the degree to which individuals experience ... [Read More...]...»

<u>Lessons from SSRIStories #2 of 5: Anecdotal Evidence of the SSRI-Violence Connection</u>

It is one thing to see that taking SSRI medications can cause violence in some people, but quite another to make sense of it. In his blog, "Prescription-Only Violence", Feb 18, 2013, David Healy identifies the three ... [Read More...]...»

How do SSRIs cause violence and why don't people spot the connection? #1 of 5

Hard as it may be to accept, there is evidence that SSRIs, along with some other drugs, legal and illegal, can cause people to become violent. The connection between

psychoactive medications and violence ... [Read More...]...» [Read More...]...»



From David's blog...

Study 329: Big Risk

This is the Fourth Crusoe Report. "Death waits for these things like a cement floor waits for a dropping light bulb" Big pharma Study 329 seems to fit the classic picture. It has Big Pharma ghostwriting articles, hiding data,

corrupting the scientific process and leaving a trail of death, disability and grieving relatives [...]...»

Study 329: BMJ Transparency

Two weeks ago The BMJ ran an editorial by Richard Smith (former editor) and Fiona Godlee (current editor) on the retraction of a 1989 article by R K Chandra under the heading of A Major Failure of Scientific Governance. While making money from the publication of pharmaceutical company trials, and in the face of a [...]...»

Study 329: 50 Shades of Gray

None of these posts about Study 329 should be taken as representative of a RIAT view, especially this one. See Study 329: Conflicting Interests for a prequel to this post and to make sense of the last comment. Fiona Godlee to RIAT July 6 2015 Re: Study 329 Dear Dr Jureidini, "Many thanks for [...]...»

Study 329: Conflicts of Interest

Email from Fiona Godlee (Editor of The BMJ) to RIAT July 6th 2015 Re: Study 329 Dear Dr Jureidini, Many thanks for your letter. I quite understand you concerns. You are right to say that there are few or no precedents against which to

compare this article. We ourselves are feeling our way, both with $[\ldots]_{\ldots >\!\!\!>}$



