

# Pharmacological drugs inducing ototoxicity, vestibular symptoms and tinnitus: a reasoned and updated guide

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**Abstract.** – The present work on drug-induced ototoxicity, tinnitus and vertigo represents the update and revision of a previous guide to adverse drug reactions for Italian physicians (2005). The panorama of drug-induced side effects causing ototoxicity or symptoms such as tinnitus or dizziness and vertigo has enlarged in recent years, thanks to a better knowledge and a more specific attention of pharmaceutical firms and drug-control institutions. In daily clinical practice, there is a need for the family physician and the ENT specialist or audiologist (also in consideration of the possible medico-legal implications) to focus the attention on the possible risk of otological side effects. This would allow a clinical risk-benefit evaluation, weighing the possible clinical advantage in their field of competence against possible otological side-effects. The list of active ingredients and drugs is subdivided in categories based on their audiological and otoneurological side-effects, that have been signaled by the drug companies and/or ministerial notes. Drugs have also been subcategorized with regards to the field in which they are applied, the therapeutic indications and the clinical behaviour. They have also been organized in alphabetical order, for an easier consultation.

The guide above, even if initially conceived for being used in Italy, also presents a more general and international interest, especially as for as the concepts of pharmacology and the features of the active ingredients are concerned.

The guide is, therefore, useful as far as we are concerned to any physician, regardless of the country he/she operates in.

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## Introduction

The panorama of the pharmacological origin iatrogenic noxae able to induce either harmful ototoxic effects or just a symptomatology like tinnitus or balance disturbances, without any harmful consequence, has widened in the last few years. The reason for this is the progress of scientific knowledge, the increased awareness of the pharmaceutical companies and of the institutions, which supervise pharmaceutical production.

Only through continuous updating and experience sharing it's possible to offer patients the certainty of receiving the treatment that is appropriate, safe and effective and based upon the most credited clinical studies. This approach is definitely challenging but necessary in order to attain positive effects towards the improvement of patient's conditions and quality of life.

In every day medical practice physicians, otolaryngologists and audiologists, need to focus on the risks of otologic side effects, also from a legal point of view. It will then be beneficial to have a wider variety of drugs of the same family at hand, therefore, having a wider range of options meeting the main therapeutic line. Physicians have to daily balance the drug between effectiveness and safety; in any case the optimization of the pharmacological/therapeutic ratio has to be strictly related to the compromise between clinical advantages and undesired side effects.

Today's work on ototoxic, tinnitus and vertigo induced drugs is a revision and an update of what was previously published in 2005, regarding undesired side effects of drugs of the otoaudiologic field, which has had a positive result and has drawn interest from both general and specialized practitioners<sup>1</sup>.

In the specialised medical practice of otolaryngology and audiology there is the need to evaluate the patient from a pharmaceutical point of view to assess the potential risks of otologic side effects. This will allow the evaluation of clinical advantages versus otologic adverse events. The aim is to optimise the drug administration schedule in order to obtain a therapeutic improvement while sustaining the least number of side effects in the otovestibular apparatus. Sometimes symptomatic or harmful effects do not show up immediately after the first treatment but after a certain time, varying from subject to subject. This delay could be explained by an increase in the organs vulnerability and/or a minimal asymptomatic event after the first treatment and will later be revealed by the next dosage. In other instances side effects could be induced by following non-pathogenic non-iatrogenic noxae (trauma, noise, infections, circulatory, metabolic or endocrinologic disorders) or iatrogenic (oto-surgery).

### ***Pharmacological Action Influencing Factors***

Factors affecting the pharmacological action are: the drug itself (dosage, chemical, physical or physical/chemical properties), the combination with other drugs or substances (interaction and other types of interference), pharmaceutical preparation (which affects the bio-availability of the active principle) or other factors relating to the patient using the drug and by the space/time context in which the drug is administered.

It is well known how the season, the climate, the altitude, the temperature etc. may interfere with the pharmacological action determining sometimes a change from being curative to being toxic. Ultimately the patient is the factor that most affects the pharmacological action, it depends on the general physiological state of the subject, on the pathological conditions involved, on his capability to metabolise and so eliminate the drug, on his sensitivity, which could be high (up to the induction of hyper-sensitivity phenomena both idiosyncratic or allergic) or low. At last factors like gender, age, race, body weight and even social condition and psychological profile are also important in determining or influencing the pharmacological action<sup>2</sup>.

### ***Interactions***

An additional consideration has to be given to pharmaco-dynamic and pharmaco-kinetic actions between different drugs used simultaneous-

ly. The current, sometimes marginal, knowledge of drug behaviours make interactions a delicate issue.

The effects of a drug could be affected by the presence of either of another drug or of food generating an interaction that could be dangerous when causing an increase in toxicity or a decrease in effectiveness. Food creates rare and less important clinical interactions by effecting the speed and the degree of absorption of a drug. Fortunately combinations of drugs to be avoided are only a handful and many drugs with interaction issues can be administered simultaneously by taking proper precautions.

Pharmaco-dynamic interactions take place when the effects of a drug are interfered with by the presence of another drug on the action site. They arise between drugs which share the same or opposite therapeutic effects and that act upon the same physiologic system i.e. sedatives that affect brain and respiratory functions. On the contrary, certain drugs could reduce the effectiveness of others because they compete for the same receptors.

Pharmaco-kinetic interactions can take place at the following levels:

**Absorption:** affecting bioavailability of a drug by altering the absorption coefficient or the total quantity of the drug absorbed;

**Distribution:** the circulation of a drug can be in an inactive form, binded to proteins, or in an active form, not binded; administration of drugs competing for the same proteic linkage might cause an increase in the “free quota” of the drug and consequently its activity;

**Metabolism:** interactions can take place between drugs metabolized by the same enzymatic system, they can act as enzymatic inductors accelerating the metabolism of the other drug and so reducing its effectiveness, or as enzymatic inhibitors slowing down the metabolism of the other drug creating accumulation and thus an increased risk for dosage related side effects;

**Elimination of the drug:** interactions can cause an alteration of both active tubular separation and glomerular filtration during renal clearance of certain drugs.

We can understand that the problem of drug interactions during co-administration is important and delicate. As an example, on “Medicines for Children”, the paediatric therapeutic formula-ry issued by the Royal College of Paediatricians

and Child Health, which is also included in the “Children Drugs User Guide” published by the Italian Department of Health<sup>3</sup>, the combination of an aminoglycoside like amikacin with vancomycin, ciclosporin, cisplatin, furosemide or amphotericin might increase the risk for ototoxicity and nephrotoxicity, but even the association of amikacin with non-ototoxic drugs like cephalosporin, according to the source, might increase the risk for ototoxicity.

To this day it is not possible to anticipate the otologic effects of a single drug, of a combination of drugs, or of drugs combined with non-iatrogenic events such as exposition to noise. It looks like predisposition or genetic vulnerability might play an important role in such instances.

### ***Drug Accumulation***

Drug accumulation can take place when the drug is reintroduced too early, that being before the equivalent quantity of the previous dose has been eliminated causing an increase in plasma concentration leading to possible toxic phenomena due to accumulation. Accumulation is thus inversely proportional to the percentage of the dosage eliminated between administrations.

Drug accumulation can also take place because of a reduced elimination of the drug (i.e. patients with a kidney failure condition) or because of a pathologic state which slows down the hepatic and extra-hepatic metabolic processes. Co-administration of drugs can also cause accumulation as mentioned above because of either pharmacodynamic or pharmacokinetic interferences. Finally, we can observe accumulation when using drugs with a slow elimination rate and/or a longer half-life, either because of the slowness in reaching equilibrium or in the decrease of plasma concentration once the therapy is suspended<sup>2</sup>.

In our otoaudiologic field we experience this problem because of the age group our patients fall into and because of the often chronic audio-vestibular conditions we treat. As a matter of fact we often treat older patients suffering from other conditions and following other pharmacological treatments, especially the ones with chronic pathologies.

Elderly patients must use extreme caution using drugs because they often have to use a number of different drugs, increasing the risk of interactions and adverse reactions. They tend to have a slower metabolism so food and drugs are eliminated at a slower rate; consequently drugs tend to

remain in their system for a longer period of time creating accumulation. The nervous system becomes more sensitive with age and many common drugs like opioid analgesics, benzodiazepine, anti-psychotics, Parkinson’s disease drugs have to be used with caution. In a similar way other organs could be more reactive to certain molecules i.e. non-steroidal anti-hypertensive or anti-inflammatory drugs. The reasons above are why elderly patients are more sensitive to side effects and tend to accumulate massive amounts of drugs in their system.

There is also a need to consider other factors like self-medication, very common among the elderly who often use drugs unnecessarily or don’t seek medical advice, either because of lack of knowledge or just carelessness, and other age-related factors like loss of memory, eyesight and manual dexterity which can all interfere with a proper drug administration schedule.

### ***Pharmaceutical Drugs: Pre-marketing Studies***

Before a new medication is released on the market and prescribed to people, it needs to be proved safe, active and effective and that the relation between the risk of side effects and therapeutic benefits is beneficial. The owner of the medication, normally the pharmaceutical company, is responsible for collecting all of this information. Developing a new medication normally takes a long period of time, sometimes a few years, in pre-clinical laboratory studies on animals and clinical studies on humans.

Agencies like the Food and Drugs Administration (FDA) in the USA and the European Medicines Agency (EMA) in the EU rule pharmaceutical research. The Italian Medicines Agency (AIFA) was recently established in Italy. Studies on both animals and humans have to be submitted to these agencies in order to obtain approval for market release and for clinical use.

In 1970 the British Committee on the Safety of Drugs (today called Committee on Safety of Medicines) stated in its annual report<sup>4</sup> “it is well known that a medication that is effective involves a number of risks. Furthermore it is not certain that all risks can be identified before its release to the public, not all trials on animals and humans will reveal all the possible side-effects of a medication. This data will only be available after a medication has been administered to a large number of patients over a long period of time”.

It has recently been determined<sup>5</sup> that 51 percent of the approved drugs show severe adverse reactions undetected before approval.

Adverse Drug Reactions (ADRs) can thus be identified either before or after the experimental phases that lead to final market release. Pre-marketing clinical trials seldom identify or determine the frequency of severe adverse reactions. The information sheet of the medication states the information available at the time of approval. The result of this process is that once the medication is released on the market both doctor and patient are often unaware that they are continuing to test the drug even to a much greater level than the experiments previously done.

### ***Drug Safety Monitoring***

Drug safety monitoring is the process of evaluating the undesirable side effects potentially related to the pharmacologic treatment<sup>6</sup>.

Drug safety monitoring has four main objectives<sup>7</sup>:

- To detect new ADRs as soon as possible.
- To improve and distribute information regarding known or suspected ADRs.
- To evaluate the advantages of a medication versus another or over other types of therapy.
- To provide information in order to improve medical practices.

Most common ADRs are severe and related to new drugs released on the market<sup>8</sup>.

The main effects observed<sup>8,9</sup> are related to the gastro enteric system (31-35%), central nervous system (15-20%), and skin (10-11%).

The most common drugs<sup>8,9</sup> causing ADRs are the cardiovascular ones.

### ***ADR Classification and Definition***

Adverse reactions to medication have different forms, are heterogeneous and often unexpected and unpredicted<sup>10</sup>.

They can be classified, as per the Inman<sup>11</sup> proposal, in three types A, B and C depending on their characteristics, on the difficulty of identification and on the most effective methods to identify them<sup>12</sup>.

ADRs of the A type are the most common ones and are defined by the World Health Organisation (WHO) as side effects. They tend to be fairly common and dosage-related. They can be

caused by an excessive pharmacological action or by a secondary pharmacological action of the medication or even by pharmaco-kinetic interferences. Even though their incidence and morbidity is high they seldom cause a threat to the patient's life. They can normally be detected before market release and can be replicated in the laboratory. Nevertheless, their identification can be more complex under certain conditions like: when only a minority of the subjects show a reaction, or when there isn't a direct relation with dosage, or when the reaction is common or not important, or when it is difficult to obtain on animals, or when they coincide with other causes (e.g. cephalalgia). The mechanism is unclear.

ADRs of the B type are often of an allergic, immunologic or idiosyncratic nature and take place in a minority of patients (less than 1 per 1000) and they are normally unexpected and unpredictable. They are generally severe and have little or no relation to dosage, they don't represent an extension of the pharmacological reaction and are difficult to identify for a number of reasons. They tend to affect certain organs: liver, hematopoietic system and skin. The time frame between the medication intake and the appearance of the symptoms and the low retrospective frequency of the symptoms lead to consider the medication responsible for the reaction. Except for conditions of immediate hypersensitivity (anaphylaxis) these reactions take place normally after five days from beginning of the treatment (time in which cells become hyper-sensitive to the drug) and there is no upper limit even though most reactions take place within the first twelve weeks.

Patients often have predispositions that are not always evident. Certain reactions have an immunological base, others recognise a metabolic genetic error or an acquired deficiency to a certain enzyme, causing an abnormal metabolic pathway or an accumulation of toxic metabolites.

Regarding type C ADRs we need to say that, especially when medication is used over many years or for the rest of one's life, they can induce new medical conditions or change the incidence of the existing ones. Examples of this risk can be identified with the possible incidence of breast cancer or thromboembolic complications induced by birth control pills. These events can be severe and fairly common and can significantly affect public health. The late onset of a disease makes it difficult to identify it as a pharmaco-related pathology.

ADRs regarding our field can definitely be attributed to the first group, type A. They are in fact undesired effects, common type, dosage related and non-life threatening.

Specifically, ototoxicity is regarded as an adverse reaction affecting the inner ear leading to alterations either transitory or permanent of the auditory or vestibular functions. We believe that research over the last decades on the suspected drugs action mechanisms still has a long way to go. It is then very important to gain a deeper knowledge of these action mechanisms in the future in order to let the patient benefit from the most effective means of prevention derived from therapy<sup>13</sup>. Complete or partial loss of the auditory or vestibular functions can have a severe impact on quality of life and socioeconomic status<sup>14</sup>.

### ***Incidence and Frequency of ADRs***

Evaluating the incidence and frequency of ADRs is not simple because the comparison between published studies is not always possible due to the differences in exposition to the specific drug of different populations or the differences in the ADR detection methods. In fact, some studies only account for adverse reactions while others also account for overdose or because certain studies consider only the manifested clinical conditions and others consider laboratory parameter alterations as well<sup>15-29</sup>.

ADRs are responsible for 3-7% of all hospitalisation cases. The U.S. prospective studies showed ADRs in 10-20% of all hospitalisations, in which 10-20% were severe. The incidence of death caused by ADRs is unknown, they suggested rates between 0.5 and 0.9% but they included patients with complex and severe pathologies<sup>20,21,23-29</sup>.

Incidence and severity of ADRs can be influenced by many factors related to the patient (age, gender, present diseases, genetic factors and geographic factors) and to the medication (type of drug, route of administration, therapy duration, dosage and bio-availability). Incidence and severity are probably higher in older people. It is unclear how prescription errors and patients lack of compliance affect ADR incidence.

Pharmaceutical producers declare the frequency of side effect occurrences on certain medications. Such information is reported through a grading system going from < 0,01% (very rare) to >=10% (very common).

Nowadays, drug safety surveillance institutions tend to persuade the pharmaceutical indus-

try to improve the utilisation of this grading scale as a main element in the general management of the pharmacological therapy.

Because of this, the data we now hold will soon be updated and become more detailed.

### ***ADR Costs***

Adverse reactions do not only affect people's health but have a great economic impact as well.

The research on ADR costs has only recently started, following the Institutions request to reduce public health costs.

Works published in the last years have tried to quantify costs and research had to be based on factors like the increase in incidence on medical exams, the number of hospitalisations, the number of additional therapies needed and the lengthening of hospitalisation periods, etc<sup>18,24,27,30,31</sup>.

### ***Ototoxicity***

Let's now make a few considerations on ototoxicity without expecting them to be exhaustive on such a complex and articulated topic that in many ways is still unknown.

Ototoxicity is defined by the toxic capacity of certain drugs or toxins relative to the inner ear structures (particularly to the cochlea and the vestibular cells) or the acoustic nerve. Ototoxic drugs can act on the cochlea, the vestibular system or both<sup>32-34</sup>.

Toxic damage is often shown by symptoms like tinnitus, vertigo, hyperacusis and deafness. Hearing impairment, tinnitus and vertigo are the most important medical conditions of the inner ear due to a drug-induced damage. The onset of these symptoms can be simultaneous or singular, they can develop rapidly or gradually and can be reversible or not. The ototoxic action can lead, in the most severe cases, to remarkable functional reductions of the hearing capability or complete deafness<sup>32-33-34</sup>.

A possible genetic predisposition is assumed to be facilitating the ototoxic action<sup>35-40</sup>. There is a remarkable difference in ototoxic sensitivity among different animal species. This information has to be carefully taken into consideration when translating research from animal models to humans<sup>41</sup>. As an example, guinea pigs and humans share the same ototoxic dosage of cisplatin, while guinea pigs showed much more tolerant to gentamicin than humans<sup>41</sup>. These drugs can be dangerous for both the auditory and the vestibular parts and to a greater extent to the organ of Corti (cochleotoxic).

Because almost every ototoxic drug is eliminated through the kidneys the reaching of levels of toxicity is facilitated by renal failure. Whenever the renal function is altered ototoxic drug dosages, eliminated through the kidneys, have to be corrected so that hematic levels remain within therapeutic limits. Serum levels of the drug (high or minimal) should be checked in order to get the correct therapeutical levels. As a matter of fact even with subjective changes of sensitivity to the drug, hearing is usually preserved if hematic levels remain within the suggested limits.

Ototoxic drugs shouldn't be prescribed for topical medications in the event of an eardrum perforation since the inner ear fluids, through the secondary eardrum of the oval window, could absorb the drug. This practice is quite debated but it is fairly common to find a clinical usage of eardrops containing antibiotics or other ototoxic drugs in chronic otitis even in the presence of a perforated eardrum<sup>42,43</sup>.

Ototoxic antibiotics should not be used on pregnant women. Hearing impaired and elderly people should not be given ototoxic medications if a non-toxic alternative is available. An evaluation of a pre-existing condition of hearing impairment should be done before prescribing ototoxic antibiotics. Hearing ability has to be monitored through audiometric exams throughout the therapy. According to the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) a tonal audiometric exam should be carried out 24 hours after the beginning of the therapy and every two or three days for the rest of the therapy.

The high frequency analysis would supply even more precise and reliable results<sup>44-47</sup>.

The reason for this monitoring is to obtain a physio-pathological description of the ototoxic agents derived damages, outlining the clinical aspects of the damages to the cochlea and to the vestibular receptors, keeping track of the changes over time<sup>48</sup>. High frequencies are generally more sensitive to the treatment and high-pitched tinnitus or vertigo can take place, but they are not always reliable signs to pre-alert.

Transient evoked otoacoustic emission (TEOAE) and distortion product otoacoustic emission (DPOAE) tests are today considered gold-standard exams in ototoxicity control, allowing assessment of cochlea function at high frequencies in just a few minutes. Clinical studies confirm the strict relationship between otoemission and ototoxicity. Otoemissions as a matter of fact allow the detec-

tion of levels of ototoxicity from the beginning of the treatment, sometimes even before any audiometric deficit is detected.

The simultaneous exposition to noise is a worsening factor due to the increased release of free radicals.

Cochlear dysfunction can span from a light increase of the hearing threshold, only detectable through audiometry, to complete deafness. Hearing loss can take place along with either temporary or permanent tinnitus. Clinically cochlear damage appears sooner than vestibular damage that could even be severe before the onset of vertigo. The actual extent of vestibular damage is hard to assess, vestibular damages can go undetected especially if the damage development is slow and progressive (in most cases bilateral)<sup>47</sup>.

Early detection of toxicity enables the adjustment of dosage, the suspension of therapy and the change of medication. In many instances damage evolves over time: in a group of paediatric patients, damage of 11% at the beginning of treatment increased to 44% two years later<sup>49</sup>.

Ototoxicity is considered a pharmacological adverse reaction affecting the inner ear, characterized by cochlear or vestibular dysfunction.

The Council for International Organisations of Medical Sciences (CMIOS), in order to standardise the terminology regarding medication safety, has produced a list of definitions of ADRs and the relative proper procedures. The developments of deafness, tinnitus or vertigo associated with pharmacological treatment are minimum requirements to refer to ADRs.

While an ototoxic damage can be determined by a routine anamnesis, ototoxic loss of hearing can only be determined by comparison of audiograms from before and after the treatment. To diagnose a pharmacologically caused deafness it is necessary to verify through audiometry an increase of the equal loudness contour by 15dB over one or more frequencies. In any case it is hard to mention pharmacological etiology without having audiograms from before and after the therapy.

Legal debates over iatrogenic damage due to ototoxicity are very rare and only attaining severe cases that led to communication disorders (severe hearing loss over many frequencies)<sup>48</sup>.

Drugs ototoxicity is a very delicate issue because many pathologies are treated through the use of drugs that are potentially harmful to the inner ear.

There is evidence about inner ear tissues being immunologically, biochemically and functionally related to kidney tissues. It seems that medications affecting sodium and potassium transport alter ionic homeostasis of the inner ear causing functional problems like hearing loss, tinnitus and vertigo<sup>44</sup>. Renal pharmacological adverse reactions have been studied in the effort of finding predictive signs of possible ADRs related to the inner ear or to the labyrinth and about medication class's influence upon ionic transportation. Resulting data showed that renal ADRs couldn't be considered markers of pharmacologically induced disturbances to the inner ear or labyrinth. Nevertheless, the ability of these drugs to influence the ion transport system and the ion channels and so influencing the ear and kidney ionic homeostasis could be a predicting factor for a possible pharmaceutical related ototoxicity<sup>44</sup>.

No dosage appears to be safe in amino-glycoside therapies no matter what the administration route is (parenteral, intratympanic, per os, intrathecal). Certain studies show how a daily single administration of amino-glycosides is as effective as a set of daily injections, thus a smaller quantity of the medication leads to the same results<sup>50</sup>.

In any case monitoring the cochleo-vestibular function is always very important. Genetic predisposition has been suspected for severe deafness onsets just after a few amino-glycoside injections. As far as medication interactions are concerned, specifically between amino-glycosides and other drugs, the issue has been covered in the preceding paragraph (see page 602, Interactions).

Individual susceptibility and organ vulnerability are debated issues because of their relevance and criticality and often related to genetic characteristics. Several studies today reveal how certain mitochondrial chromosome mutations can represent one of the genetic factors for hypersensitivity, vulnerability and predisposition towards amino-glycosides<sup>51-53</sup>.

A hereditary non-syndromic familiar form associated with the A1555G mutation (substitution of a guanine with an adenine) located on the mitochondrial RNA12S has been discovered<sup>51</sup>. The A1555G mutation is very common in Spain, reaching 25%<sup>45</sup>. Due to the high incidence in this country, detection of the genetic mutation is carried out systematically in order to avoid amino-glycoside ototoxicity<sup>51,54-57</sup>.

Bacteric ribosomal RNA is the amino-glycosides target and the mutated human form A1555G is very similar to the bacteric one, it binds abnormally to the amino-glycoside explaining the reason for deafness even at low dosages of the drug. Some authors report that 17% of the subjects interested by amino-glycoside ototoxic effects have such mutation<sup>51-53,58</sup>.

A recent study on the frequency of mitochondrial mutation over a selected Japanese population specifically selected because had experienced post-streptomycin tinnitus has shown the possibility that a new and rare mutation, C1556T, could appear along with the A1555G as a hearing loss risk factor, specifically as a tinnitus-generating factor. It must be noted that according to the available literature the A1555G mutation doesn't create any vulnerability of the vestibular apparatus even though the chromosomal mutation is present in all mitochondria of every tissue. The C1494T is another 12S ribosomal RNA mutation that can cause even if to a lesser degree amino-glycoside susceptibility<sup>59</sup>.

We have seen that the way cisplatin causes ototoxicity varies significantly from subject to subject and that it is partially related to the genetic differences of the subjects<sup>39</sup>.

Identifying genetic variations and so predicting the severity of ototoxic effects would be an important step towards a better-addressed use of cisplatin<sup>39</sup>.

## Guide Presentation

This work on ototoxic, tinnitus and vertigo-generating medications is, an update and a revision of the previous guide published in 2005, regarding collateral and undesired effects of medications in the oto-audiologic field<sup>1</sup>. We have adjusted the Italian pharmacological context, regarding active principles, to the international Anglo-Saxon one, intentionally omitting in this review commercial products as they pertain to individual country contexts.

This guide should be a practical, comprehensive list of drugs (actually of the active principles of the drugs) used in this country and yet known and used abroad, which can induce otologic and otoneurologic side effects, such as:

1. Ototoxicity, as a neurosensorial hearing damage also including the possible associated labyrinthine vertigo symptomatology and/or the possible onset of tinnitus;

2. The onset of tinnitus only, with no documentable hearing damage;
3. The vertigo generating action only, without any evident toxic action on the hearing apparatus.

These side effects have a different weight from a practical point of view. In fact, while adverse reactions related to ototoxicity can justify higher levels of alert based on the ADR scale according to Hartwig et al<sup>60</sup>, side effect-generating tinnitus and vertigo hold a certainly lower level of gravity.

Data contained in publication is a complex elaboration of the information found on the “Guida all’uso dei Farmaci” (2008), based on the British National Formulary (BNF), by the Italian Department of Health and by the Italian Medicines Agency (AIFA).

The Guide mentioned is a translation and an adaptation to the Italian context of the British National Formulary, a prestigious publication created in Great Britain many years ago and made possible thanks to a scientific collaboration agreement between AIFA, the British Medical Association and the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain.

The Drugs User’s Guide is an easy to access manual, where the most relevant information regarding the active principals of the drugs on our market are gathered. It gives reference to the conditions for which they are suggested and valuable indications for prescriptions to categories of patients particularly subject to the risk of undesired reactions like elderly people, children and subjects with severe chronic conditions who require co-administration of more drugs.

For this reason we believe it to be a useful contribution to professionals in this field.

### ***Work Plan and Hints for Directory Consultation***

In this work the list of the pharmacological active principles is divided into sub-categories based on the type of audiologic and otoneurologic side effects (hearing losses and disturbances, tinnitus, balance disorders and vertigo) reported by the pharmaceutical companies and/or by the Health Department directives (the type of side effect is indicated in our lists with a number from 1 to 4).

Whenever possible we kept in consideration the classification of drugs based on the apparatus they attain to, the therapeutic indications and the pharmaco-clinical actions and we made alphabetical lists for easy reference.

More specifically these are the various types of side effects listed and numbered:

1. Drugs with the explicit indication, by the pharmaceutical company and/or the Health Department, of “potentially otologically harmful”, generally indicated as ototoxicity (ototoxic drugs); ototoxicity is meant as a neurosensorial hearing damage (going from light hearing impairment to deafness) and may include both the possible associated symptomatology of labyrinthical alteration vertigo and the possible generation of tinnitus;
2. Drugs with the explicit indication, by the pharmaceutical company and/or the Health Department, as potentially tinnitus-generating, generally called tinnitus, hissing ear, or acouphene (drugs openly declared as tinnitus generating); a potential tinnitus risk is reported for these drugs and there is no mention of ototoxicity;
3. Drugs with the explicit indication, by the pharmaceutical company and/or the Health Department, as potentially vertigo-generating drugs, generally called vertigo or dizziness (drugs openly declared as vertigo generating). Information of potential vertigo associated with the drug is reported while there is no mention of ototoxicity;
4. Drugs with possible audiologic effects, indicated as “hearing disturbances” (drugs with aspecific otologic side effects), it is advisable to have a conservative approach to these drugs and to evaluate in each case the possible intensity and type of adverse reaction.

Certain drugs can clearly be found in more than one sub-category as they can lead to different ENT interests.

In order to provide an easier and better reference, active principles in this book have been grouped and listed in different ways:

**Index A:** general index, where we find the active principles sorted mainly in reference to the apparatus they act upon, to the generic indications and to the pharmaco-clinical action and with a reference to the relevant side effect, using the grading scale 1 to 4 mentioned above. We literally reproduced the “Guida all’uso dei Farmaci” (2008) layout to facilitate consultation.

**Sub-indexes A1-A2-A3-A4:** the pharmacological active principles have been divided into four side affect categories while maintaining the same order of index A, by apparatuses, clinical indications and pharmaco-clinical actions.



**Index B:** in this index the active principles are listed in alphabetical order, each with a numerical reference to the relevant type of side effect. Whenever possible according to data available to us, believing it to be very useful, we indicated the side effect frequency for each drug using a grading scale from *a* to *e* going from “very common” to “very rare”.

Pharmaceutical company indications about side effect frequency are normally expressed as follows:

- a** Very common ( $\geq 10\%$ )
- b** Common ( $\geq 1\%$  e  $< 10\%$ )
- c** Uncommon ( $\geq 0,1\%$  e  $< 1\%$ )
- d** Rare ( $\geq 0,01\%$  e  $< 0,1\%$ )
- e** Very rare ( $< 0,01\%$ )
- f** Unknown, because available data is insufficient

It must be said that this grading is sometimes not published or known by the manufacturers so we haven't assigned a grading letter to drugs with missing data.

### Final Considerations and Behavioural Strategies for Practitioners

Based upon what was said so far, the suggested behaviour for General Practitioners or for ENT/Audiology specialists, whenever they should encounter problems connected to potentially risky pharmacological treatments, cannot be as univocal, peremptory and directional.

As we mentioned in the foreword, the practitioner must always have the objective of finding the right balance between effectiveness and safety keeping in mind that pharmacological programming optimisation also means obtaining a reasonable compromise between clinical advantages and risks related to adverse or undesired side effects.

For this reason it is impossible to generalise the strategies a practitioner has to follow. Instead every patient needs to be studied transversally and observed longitudinally in an absolutely elastic and individualistic way.

In each case the coexistence of additional risk factors like old age, kidney conditions, dysmetabolic conditions, environmentally-related conditions of exposition to noise, genetic or familiar

predisposition to auditory pathologies or the coexistence of non-iatrogenic neuro-sensorial audiologic pathologies are all elements which could interfere with iatrogenic factors increasing the risk for ADRs.

The following suggestions may be given:

1. During anamnesis the pharmaco-therapeutic profile of the patient accurately mark, previous, current and scheduled intakes of drugs with potential risk of ADR, making note of the molecule, the commercial name, the posology, length of treatment and type of ADR and other possible additional and collateral factors of risk.
2. When dealing with a life-saving treatment or a treatment that cannot be stopped and/or is a result of a long series of therapeutic trials, it is improper to operate or to advise the patient's doctor for any changes of the therapeutic profile, generating unnecessary fears in the patient. This is valid if we face an ototoxic drug treatment or, even more, if we deal only with tinnitus and/or vertigo inducing drugs. We have to be reassuring with the patient and warn him (in line with the current prescriptions of the law and with the professional advises on using proper care about the patient's consent, when the treatment involves the use of ototoxic drugs) that possible disturbances could be a normal consequence of the important treatment the patient is undergoing. The patient must also be informed that the disturbances will be strictly monitored and that will be softened by cell protecting treatments and/or small dosage adjustments. This soft, minimizing yet directional approach could reveal very useful with patients showing tinnitus as a central symptom, whose psychological involvement is well known to be frequent and penetrating.
3. The doctor's behaviour towards patients whose pathologies are less severe and where medication can be modified on both posology and type, is definitely different. In such cases, if using ototoxic drugs, it is possible to act before irreversible alterations take place, by talking to the patient's doctor and trying to co-manage the case by small therapeutic adjustments or more radical changes of the pharmacological profile. When dealing with non ototoxic tinnitus and or vertigo inducing drugs and in presence of a symptomatology, and the relationship the drug intake and the sympto-

matology being unclear, it is possible with a dechallenge/rechallenge strategy either partial or total depending on the case.

Since harmful consequences for the auditory system cannot be predictable when using non-ototoxic drugs, there is wider flexibility regarding the medical and legal information to be given to the patient.

4. While managing different strategies it is advisable to keep in consideration the concept of frequency (very common-very rare) of side effects, at least for those drugs for which data is available; such element, which we classified with the “a, b, c, d, e” codes, might reveal useful and sometimes determinant when choosing the strategic behaviour to be adopted by the ENT/Audiology Specialist
5. With the current knowledge to this date, it is impossible to advise the patient’s doctor and the specialist on behavioural strategies when dealing with drugs of category 4 (“hearing disturbances”) because the data available is very limited on frequency and none on the specific type of side effect.

In such instances, especially with drugs with ADR’s rated “common” or “very common”, the only advise that could be given is to be cautious.

We can finally say that a reasonable use of the drug, including the early identification of the minimum effective dose, is certainly the best way to reduce ototoxicity incidence.

A better diffusion of the monitoring techniques would be useful even though they are still quite unknown today and rarely requested. Although ototoxic phenomena incidence is underestimated,

identifying subjects with risk of genetic predisposition and reducing self-medication instances along with a proper policy on the patient’s drug use education will certainly help narrowing the number of ototoxicity cases.

The Specialist is ultimately responsible for diagnosis, medical care, giving advise, prevention and rehabilitation when dealing with the effects of medications on the inner ear.

## Conclusions

This work represents the update and the revision of the previous guide on the unwanted side effects in the oto-audiological field. We believe it has a larger international value and is to be considered useful to any physician regardless of the country he/she operates in.

The risk of drug side-effects has become a burning issue, therefore, in daily clinical practice, doctors need to focus in that direction also in consideration of the possible medical-legal implications.

It will be useful and necessary to periodically update the data of the guide on the basis of the new acquisitions about drugs. Obviously, in the pharmacological scene of each country, there might be some drugs which are not included in the above mentioned list or, on the contrary, some of the drugs listed here might not be included in those used in some countries.

The general interest of this document survives, as it may provide a practical and useful guide for physicians in their daily professional activity.

## Index A

General index, where we find the active principles sorted mainly in reference to the apparatus they act upon, to the generic indications and to the pharmacoclinical action and with a reference to the relevant side effect, using the grading scale 1 to 4 mentioned above:

1. Ototoxic drugs (ototoxicity may include both the possible associated symptomatology of labyrinthical alteration vertigo and the possible generation of tinnitus);
2. Drugs tinnitus-generating (there is no mention of ototoxicity);
3. Drugs vertigo-generating (there is no mention of ototoxicity);

4. Drugs with possible audiologic effects, indicated as “hearing disturbances” (drugs with aspecific otologic side effects).

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- Drugs used in hypoplastic and hemolytic anemias and in anemia in kidney diseases
  - Iron-chelating agents
    - Deferoxamine mesylate ..... 3,4
- Drugs used for treatment of essential thrombocytosis
  - Anagrelide ..... 3

#### *Minerals*

- Hypercalcaemia and hypercalciuric
  - Cinacalcet ..... 3

#### *Vitamins*

- Vitamins d
  - Alfacalcidol ..... 3
  - Calcitriol ..... 3
  - Cholecalciferol ..... 3
  - Dihydrotachysterol ..... 3
  - Ergocalciferol ..... 3
  - Paricalcitol ..... 3

#### *Metabolic disorders*

- Drugs used in metabolic disorders
  - Fabry disease
    - Agalsidase alfa - beta ..... 2,3
  - Gaucher disease
    - Imiglucerase ..... 3
    - Miglustat ..... 3

### Muscle Skeletal System

#### *Drugs used in rheumatological diseases and gout*

- Non steroidal anti inflammatory drugs
  - Aceclofenac ..... 2,3
  - Mefenamic acid ..... 2,3
  - Tiaprofenic acid ..... 2,3
  - Acetylsalicylic acid ..... 1
  - Celecoxib ..... 2,3
  - Dexibuprofene ..... 2,3
  - Dexketoprofene ..... 2,3
  - Diclofenac potassium ..... 2,3
  - Diclofenac sodium ..... 2,3
  - Diclofenac + misoprostol ..... 2,3
  - Etoricoxib ..... 2,3
  - Flurbiprofen ..... 2,3
  - Ibuprofen ..... 2,3
  - Indomethacin ..... 2,3
  - Ketoprofen ..... 2,3
  - Meloxicam ..... 2,3
  - Nabumetone ..... 2,3
  - Naproxen ..... 2,3
  - Piroxicam ..... 2,3
  - Sulindac ..... 2,3
  - Tenoxicam ..... 2,3
- Drugs modifying the rheumatic diseases course
  - Antimalarial drugs
    - Chloroquine ..... 1
    - Hydroxichloroquine sulphate ..... 1
  - Drugs modifying the immune response



Azathioprine	3
Leflunomide	3
Metotrexate	3
– Cytokines inhibitors	
Adalimumab	3
Infliximab	3
Sulfasalazine	2,3
• Gout and hyperuricemia cytotoxic drugs induced	
– Gout long-term control	
Allopurinol	3
<i>Drugs used in neuromuscular diseases</i>	
• Skeletal muscle relaxants	
– Baclofen	3
– Dantrolene sodium	3
– Diazepam	3
– Tizanidine	3
• Limbs night cramps	
Quinine	2,4

## Eye Medicaments

### *Antinfective eye preparations*

• Antibacterial	
– Ciprofloxacin	2,3,4
– Gentamycin	1
– Levofloxacin	3,4
– Neomycin + antibiotics	1
– Neomycin + corticosteroid	1
– Ofloxacin	3
– Tobramycin	1

### *Corticosteroids and other anti inflammatory preparations*

• Corticosteroids and associated antibacterials	
– Dexamethasone + neomycin	1
– Dexamethasone + netilmycin	1
– Dexamethasone + tobramycin	1
– Fluocinolone acetonide + neomycin	1
– Fluorometholone + gentamycin	1
– Hydrocortisone + neomycin + cloramfenicol	1
– Prednisolone + neomycin	1
• Other anti inflammatory preparations	
– Lodoxamide	3
– Olopatadine	3

### *Mydriatic and cycloplegics*

• Antimuscarinics	
– Atropine sulphate	3
– Cyclopentolate hydrochloride	3
– Homatropine bromhydrate	3
– Tropicamide	3

### *Glaucoma treatment*

• Beta blockers	
– Timolol maleate	2,3
• Sympathomimetics	
– Brimonidine tartrate	3
– Brimonidine tartrate + timolol	3
• Carbonic anhydrase inhibitors and systemic drugs	
– Acetazolamide	3,4
– Brinzolamide	3
– Dorzolamide	3
– Dorzolamide + timolol	3

### *Diagnostic and perioperative preparations, photodynamic treatment*

• Perioperative ocular drugs	
– Aproclonidin	3
– Diclofenac sodium	2,3
– Flurbiprofen sodium	2,3
• Retrofoveal choroid neovascularization	
– Pegaptanib sodium	1

## Ear, Nose and Oropharynx

### *Anti-inflammatory steroids and associated antimicrobial*

• Ciprofloxacin + hydrocortisone	2,3,4
• Neomycin + fluocinolone acetonide	1
• Polymyxin b sulphate + neomycin sulphate +	
Lidocaine hydrochloride	1
• Polimyxyn b sulphate + neomycin sulphate +	
Lidocaine hydrochloride + hydrocortisone	1
• Tobramycin	1
• Tobramycin + dexamethasone	1

### *Drugs used for oropharynx*

• Drugs used for oral ulceration and inflammation	
– Flurbiprofen	2,3
• Treatment of oral dryness	
– Systemic treatment	
Pilocarpine hydrochloride	3

## Skin

### *Eczema and psoriasis preparations*

• Immune response regulators	
– Azathioprine	3
– Infliximab	3
– Metotrexate	3

### *Acne and rosacea*

• Topical anti acne preparations	
– Topical retinoids and anti acne preparations	
Tretinoin	3,4
• Anti acne preparations (oral route)	
– Oral anti acne antibiotics	
Doxycycline	2
Erythromycin (reversible hearing loss at high dosages)	4
Minocycline	1
– Oral retinoid used for acne	
Isotretinoin	4

### *Protective substances against uv radiations*

• Photodamage	
– Diclofenac sodium	2,3

### *Anti infective skin preparations*

• Anti bacterial preparations	
– Topical anti bacterial preparations (if you have to treat a large area of skin ototoxicity may be a risk associated with aminoglycosides and polymyxin use)	
Neomycin sulphate	1
Polymyxin	1
• Anti mycotic preparations	
– Ketoconazole	3

## Immunological Medicines and Vaccines

<i>Cholera vaccine</i> . . . . .	3
<i>Meningococcal vaccine</i>	
• <i>Meningococcal group c polysaccharide</i>	
• Conjugate vaccine . . . . .	3
• Meningococcal acwy vaccine . . . . .	3

## Anesthesia

### General anesthesia

• Intravenous anesthetics	
– Propofol . . . . .	3
• Antimuscarinic drugs	
– Atropine . . . . .	3
– Scopolamine hydrobromide . . . . .	3
• Perioperative analgesic and sedative drugs	
– Anxiolytics and neuroleptics	
Diazepam . . . . .	3
Lorazepam . . . . .	3
Midazolam . . . . .	3
Temazepam . . . . .	3
– Opioids analgesics	
Alfentanil . . . . .	3
Fentanyl . . . . .	3
Remifentanyl . . . . .	3
• Drugs used in malignant hyperthermia	
– Dantrolene sodium . . . . .	3
<i>Local anesthesia</i>	
• Lidocaine	
– Lidocaine hydrochloride . . . . .	3

## Sub-index A1

### Ototoxic Drugs

(Ototoxicity may include both the possible associated symptomatology of labyrinthical alteration vertigo and the possible generation of tinnitus).

### Cardiovascular System

#### Diuretics

- Loop diuretics
  - Furosemide
  - Torsemide (usually in high and rapid parenteral administration and in renal failure)

### Central Nervous System

#### Analgesics

- Non opioid analgesic
  - Acetylsalicylic acid
- Anti migraine drugs
  - Migraine acute treatment
  - Acetylsalicylic acid

## Infectious Diseases

### Antibiotics

- Other beta lactamase antibiotics
  - Imipenem + cilastatin
- Tetracyclines
  - Minocycline
- Aminoglycosides
  - Amikacin
  - Gentamycin
  - Netilmycin
  - Tobramycin
- Macrolides
  - Azithromycin
  - Clarithromycin
  - Erythromycin
- Other antibiotics
  - Teicoplanin
  - Vancomycin
- Antituberculosis drugs
  - Streptomycin
- Antifungal drugs
  - Amphotericin b

### Antiviral drugs

- Herpes virus infection
  - Citomegalovirus
  - Ganciclovir

### Antiprotozoal agents

- Antimalarial
  - Chloroquine

## Tumors and Immunosuppression

### Cytotoxic drugs

- Vinca alkaloid and etoposide
  - Etoposide
  - Vinblastine sulphate
  - Vincristine sulphate
  - Vindesine sulphate
  - Vinorelbine

### Other antineoplastic drugs

- Platinum derivatives
  - Carboplatin
  - Cisplatin
  - Oxaliplatin

## Muscle Skeletal System

### Drugs used for rheumatological diseases and gout

- Non steroidal anti inflammatory drugs
  - Acetylsalicylic acid
- Drugs that modify the rheumatic diseases course
  - Antimalarial drugs
    - Chloroquine
    - Hydroxichloroquine sulphate

## Eye Medicaments

### Antinfective eye preparations

- Antibacterial
  - Gentamycin
  - Neomycin + antibiotics
  - Neomycin + corticosteroid
  - Tobramycin
- Corticosteroids and other anti inflammatory preparations*
- Corticosteroids and associated antibacterials
  - Dexamethasone + neomycin
  - Dexamethasone + netilmycin
  - Dexamethasone + tobramycin
  - Fluocinolone acetonide + neomycin
  - Fluorometholone + gentamycin
  - Hydrocortisone + neomycin + cloramfenicol
  - Prednisolone + neomycin
- Diagnostic and perioperative preparations, photodynamic treatment*
- Retrofoveal choroid neovascularization
  - Pegaptanib sodium

### Ear, Nose and Oropharynx

- Anti-inflammatory steroids and associated antimicrobial*
- Neomycin + fluocinolone acetonide
  - Polymyxin b sulphate + neomycin sulphate + lidocaine hydrochloride
  - Polimyxyn b sulphate + neomycin sulphate + lidocaine hydrochloride + hydrocortisone
  - Tobramycin
  - Tobramycin + dexamethasone

### Skin

- Acne and rosacea*
- Anti acne preparations (oral route)
    - Oral anti acne antibiotics
      - Erythromycin
      - Minocycline
  - Anti infective skin preparations*
  - Anti bacterial preparations
    - Topical anti bacterial preparations (if you have to treat a large area of skin ototoxicity may be a risk associated with aminoglycosides and polymyxin use)
      - Neomycin sulphate
      - Polymyxin

## Sub-index A2

### Drugs Tinnitus-Generating

(There is no mention of ototoxicity).

### Gastrointestinal System

- Chronic intestinal disorders*
- Aminosalicylates
    - Sulfasalazine

### Cardiovascular System

#### *Diuretics*

- Potassium-sparing and other diuretics
  - Amiloride and hydrochlorothiazide

#### *Anti-arrhythmics*

- Supraventricular and ventricular arrhythmias
  - Flecainide acetate

#### *Beta blockers*

- Timolol maleate

#### *Hypertension and heart failure*

- Drugs used for regulate renin-angiotensin system
  - Ace inhibitors
    - Enalapril maleate
    - Enalapril+diuretics
    - Moexipril hydrochloride
    - Moexipril+diuretics
  - Angiotensin ii receptor blockers
    - Irbesartan
    - Irbesartan+diuretics
    - Valsartan + diuretics
- Nitrates, calcium channel blockers and other drugs used for angina
  - Calcium channel blockers
    - Amlodipine
    - Nicardipine hydrochloride

#### *Lipid – lowering medications*

- Statins
  - Atorvastatin

### Respiratory System

#### *Antihistamines and drugs used for allergic reactions*

- Sedative antihistamines
  - Chlorpheniramine maleate

### Central Nervous System

#### *Antidepressants*

- Tricyclic antidepressants and related drugs
  - Tricyclic antidepressant
    - Amitriptyline hydrochloride
    - Amitriptyline hydrochloride + perphenazine
    - Clomipramine hydrochloride
    - Dosulepin hydrochloride
    - Fluphenazine/ nortriptyline
    - Imipramine hydrochloride
    - Nortriptyline
    - Trimipramine
  - Related antidepressant
    - Mianserin hydrochloride
    - Trazodone hydrochloride
- Selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors
  - Citalopram
- Other antidepressants
  - Venlafaxine
- Drugs used in nausea and vertigo*
- Serotonin antagonists (5-HT<sub>3</sub> receptor antagonists)
  - Palonosetron

- Neurokinin receptor antagonists
  - Aprepitant

#### *Analgesics*

- Opioid analgesics
  - Buprenorphine
- Anti migraine drugs
  - Migraine acute treatment
    - NSAIDs
  - 5-hydroxy tryptamine agonists
    - Almotriptan
    - Eletriptan
    - Frovatriptan

#### *Antiepileptic drugs*

- Epilepsy control
  - Gabapentin

#### *Drugs addiction*

- Cigarette smoke
  - Bupropion
  - Nicotine drug facts
  - Varenicline
- Opioid dependence
  - Buprenorphine

#### *Drugs used for dementia*

- Galantamine

### **Infectious Diseases**

#### *Antibiotics*

- Tetracycline
  - Doxycycline
- Other antibiotics
  - Linezolid
- Sulfonamides and trimethoprim
  - Sulfadiazine
  - Sulfamethoxazole+trimethoprim
- Fluoroquinolones
  - Ciprofloxacin
  - Norfloxacin

#### *Antifungal drugs*

- Voriconazole

#### *Antiviral drugs*

- Human respiratory syncytial virus
  - Ribavirin

#### *Antiprotozoal agents*

- Antimalarial
  - Doxycycline
  - Mefloquine
  - Quinine

### **Endocrine System**

#### *Bone metabolism regulators*

- Bisphosphonates and other bone metabolism regulators
  - Bisphosphonates
    - Risedronate

### **Obstetric, Gynecology and Urology**

#### *Obstetric drugs*

- Prostaglandins and oxytocic drugs
  - Ergometrine maleate

### **Tumors and Immunosuppression**

#### *Other antineoplastic drugs*

- Protein kinase inhibitors
  - Dasatinib
  - Imatinib
  - Sorafenib

### **Blood and Nutrition**

#### *Metabolic disorders*

- Drugs used in metabolic disorders
  - Fabry disease
    - Agalsidase alfa-beta

### **Muscle Skeletal System**

#### *Drugs used in rheumatological diseases and gout*

- Non steroidal anti inflammatory drugs
  - Aceclofenac
  - Celecoxib
  - Dexibuprofene
  - Dexametopofene
  - Diclofenac potassium
  - Diclofenac sodium
  - Diclofenac + misoprostol
  - Etoricoxib
  - Flurbiprofen
  - Ibuprofen
  - Indomethacin
  - Ketoprofen
  - Mefenamic acid
  - Meloxicam
  - Nabumetone
  - Naproxen
  - Piroxicam
  - Sulindac
  - Tenoxicam
  - Tiaprofenic acid
- Drugs modifying the rheumatic diseases course
  - Cytokines inhibitors
    - Sulfasalazine

#### *Drugs used in neuromuscular diseases*

- Skeletal muscle relaxants
  - Limbs night cramps
    - Quinine

### **Eye Medicaments**

#### *Antinfective eye preparations*

- Antibacterial
  - Ciprofloxacin

#### *Glaucoma treatment*

- Beta blockers
  - Timolol maleate

*Diagnostic and perioperative preparations, photodynamic treatment*

- Perioperative ocular drugs
  - Diclofenac sodium
  - Flurbiprofen sodium

### Ear, Nose and Oropharynx

*Anti-inflammatory steroids and associated antimicrobial*

- Ciprofloxacin + hydrocortisone

*Drugs used for oropharynx*

- Drugs used for oral ulceration and inflammation
  - Flurbiprofen

### Skin

*Acne and rosacea*

- Anti acne preparations (oral route)
  - Oral anti acne antibiotics
  - Doxycycline

*Protective substances against uv radiations*

- Photodamage
  - Diclofenac sodium

## Sub-index A3

### Drugs vertigo-generating

(There is no mention of ototoxicity).

### Gastrointestinal System

*Antispasmodic and other drugs used for intestinal motility disorders*

- Antimuscarinic
  - Butylscopolamine bromide
  - Propantheline bromide
  - Sulphate atropine

*Antisecretory and protective drugs on gastric mucosa*

- H2 blockers
  - Cimetidine
  - Famotidine
  - Nizatidine
  - Ranitidine
- Chelates and complexes
  - Sucralfate
- Prostaglandins analogues
  - Misoprostol
- Proton pump inhibitors
  - Esomeprazole
  - Lansoprazole
  - Omeprazole
  - Pantoprazole
  - Rabeprazole sodium

*Anti-diarrheal drugs*

- Gastrointestinal motility inhibitors

- Loperamide hydrochloride

*Chronic intestinal disorders*

- Aminosalicylates
  - Sulfasalazine
- Cytokines inhibitors
  - Infliximab

### Cardiovascular System

*Positive inotropes*

- Cardiac glycoside
  - Digitoxin
  - Digoxin

*Diuretics*

- Thiazide and related diuretics
  - Chlorthalidone
  - Hydrochlorothiazide
  - Indapamide
- Potassium-sparing and other diuretics
  - Amiloride and hydrochlorothiazide

*Anti-arrhythmics*

- Supraventricular and ventricular arrhythmias
  - Amiodarone hydrochloride
  - Flecainide acetate
  - Propafenone hydrochloride
- Ventricular arrhythmias
  - Mexiletine hydrochloride

*Beta blockers*

- Acebutolol
- Atenolol
- Atenolol + calcium channel blockers
- Atenolol + diuretics
- Bisoprolol fumarate
- Bisoprolol fumarate + diuretics
- Carvedilol
- Celiprolol hydrochloride
- Esmolol hydrochloride
- Metoprolol tartrate
- Metoprolol + diuretics
- Nadolol
- Nebivolol
- Oxprenolol + diuretics
- Pindolol
- Propranolol hydrochloride
- Sotalol hydrochloride
- Timolol maleate

*Hypertension and heart failure*

- Anti-hypertensive vasodilators
  - Sildenafil
  - Sodium nitroprusside (related with rapid reduction of blood pressure)
- Centrally-acting anti-hypertensive drugs
  - Clonidine hydrochloride
  - Methyl dopa
  - Moxonidine
- Alpha blockers
  - Doxazosin
  - Terazosin
- Drugs used for regulate renin-angiotensin system

- Ace inhibitors
    - Captopril
    - Captopril + diuretics
    - Cilazapril
    - Cilazapril + diuretics
    - Enalapril maleate
    - Enalapril + diuretics
    - Fosinopril
    - Fosinopril+diuretics
    - Lisinopril
    - Lisinopril + diuretics
    - Moexipril hydrochloride
    - Moexipril + diuretics
    - Perindopril
    - Perindopril + diuretics
    - Quinapril
    - Quinapril + diuretics
    - Ramipril
    - Ramipril+diuretics
    - Trandolapril
    - Trandolapril + calcium channel blockers
  - Angiotensin ii receptor blockers
    - Candesartan cilexetil
    - Candesartan + diuretics
    - Eprosartan
    - Irbesartan
    - Irbesartan + diuretics
    - Losartan potassium
    - Losartan potassium + diuretics
    - Olmесartan medoxomil
    - Olmесartan medoxomil + diuretics
    - Telmisartan
    - Telmisartan + diuretics
    - Valsartan + diuretics
  - Nitrates, calcium channel blockers and other drugs used for angina
    - Nitrates
      - Nitroglycerin
      - Isosorbide dinitrate
      - Isosorbine mononitrate
  - Calcium channel blockers
    - Amlodipine
    - Diltiazem hydrochloride
    - Felodipine
    - Isradipine
    - Lacidipine
    - Lercanidipine hydrochloride
    - Nicardipine hydrochloride
    - Nifedipine
    - Nifedipine + atenolol
    - Nisoldipine
    - Verapamil hydrochloride
  - Peripheral vasodilators and related drugs
    - Pentoxifylline
- Sympathomimetics*
- Cardiopulmonary resuscitation
    - Adrenaline
- Parenteral anticoagulants*
- Fondaparinux

#### *Anti-platelet agents*

- Clopidogrel bisulfate
- Dipyridamole

#### *Anti-fibrinolytic and hemostatic drugs*

- Tranexamic acid (in rapid intravenous injection)

#### *Blood derivatives*

- Human coagulation factor VIII
- Human coagulation factor IX

#### *Lipid – lowering medications*

- Fibrates
  - Bezafibrate
  - Fenofibrate
  - Gemfibrozil
- Statins
  - Atorvastatin
  - Pravastatin sodium
  - Rosuvastatin
  - Simvastatin
  - Simvastatin + ezetimibe
- Fish oil
  - Omega-3 acid ethyl esters

### **Respiratory System**

#### *Drugs used in asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease*

- Adrenergic receptor agonists (sympathomimetics)
  - Beta 2 selective agonists
    - Salmeterol
- Antimuscarinic bronchodilators
  - Tiotropium

#### *Cromoglycate, related therapies and anti-leukotrienes*

- Anti-leukotrienes
  - Montelukast

#### *Antihistamines and drugs used for allergic reactions*

- Sedative antihistamines
  - Ketotifen
- Allergen immunotherapy
  - Omalizumab

### **Central Nervous System**

#### *Hypnotic and anxiolytic drugs*

- Hypnotics
  - Benzodiazepines
    - Diazepam
    - Flurazepam
    - Lormetazepam
    - Nitrazepam
    - Temazepam
  - Zaleplon, zolpidem e zopiclone
    - Zaleplon
    - Zolpidem tartrate
    - Zopiclone
  - Sodium oxybate
    - Sodium oxybate
- Anxiolytics

- Benzodiazepines
  - Alprazolam
  - Chlordiazepoxide
  - Diazepam
  - Lorazepam
  - Oxazepam
- Buspirone
  - Buspirone hydrochloride
- Meprobamate
  - Meprobamate
- Barbiturates*
  - Phenobarbital
- Drugs used for psychosis and related disorders*
  - Atypical antipsychotics
    - Amisulpride
    - Aripiprazole
    - Clorazepate dipotassium
    - Olanzapine
    - Quetiapine
    - Risperidone
- Antidepressants*
  - Tricyclic antidepressants and related drugs
    - Tricyclic antidepressant
      - Amitriptyline hydrochloride
      - Amitriptyline hydrochloride + perphenazine
      - Clomipramine hydrochloride
      - Dosulepin hydrochloride
      - Fluphenazine/nortriptyline
      - Imipramine hydrochloride
      - Nortriptyline
      - Trimipramine
    - Related antidepressant
      - Mianserin hydrochloride
      - Trazodone hydrochloride
  - Selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors
    - Citalopram
    - Escitalopram
    - Fluoxetine
    - Fluvoxamine maleate
    - Paroxetine
    - Sertraline
  - Other antidepressants
    - Duloxetine
    - Mirtazapine
    - Reboxetine
    - Venlafaxine
- Central nervous system stimulants and drugs used for attention deficit disorders and hyperactivity*
  - Atomoxetine
  - Metilphenidate hydrochloride
  - Modafinil
- Drugs used in nausea and vertigo*
  - Serotonin antagonists (5-HT<sub>3</sub> receptor antagonists)
    - Dolasetron mesylate
    - Ondansetron
    - Palonosetron
    - Tropisetron
  - Neurokinin receptor antagonists
    - Aprepitant
- Scopolamine
  - Scopolamine hydrobromide
- Analgesics*
  - Non opioid analgesic
    - Paracetamol + codeine phosphate
  - Opioid analgesics
    - Buprenorphine
    - Fentanyl
    - Methadone hydrochloride
    - Morphine
    - Oxycodone hydrochloride
    - Pentazocine
    - Pethidine hydrochloride
    - Tramadol
- Neuropathic pain (trigeminal neuralgia)*
  - Carbamazepine
  - Oxcarbazepine
- Anti migraine drugs*
  - Migraine acute treatment
    - Nsaids
    - 5-hydroxy tryptamine agonists
      - Almotriptan
      - Eletriptan
      - Frovatriptan
      - Rizatriptan
      - Sumatriptan
      - Zolmitriptan
  - Ergot alkaloids drugs
    - Ergotamine tartrate
  - Migraine prophylaxis
    - Pizotifen
- Antiepileptic drugs*
  - Epilepsy control
    - Carbamazepine
    - Clobazam
    - Clonazepam
    - Ethosuximide
    - Gabapentin
    - Lamotrigine
    - Levetiracetam
    - Oxcarbazepine
    - Phenytoin
    - Pregabalin
    - Primidone
    - Tiagabine
    - Topiramate
    - Vigabatrin
    - Zonisamide
  - Drugs used for status epilepticus
    - Clonazepam
    - Diazepam
    - Phenytoin sodium
    - Lorazepam
- Parkinsonism and related disorders drugs*
  - Dopaminergic drugs used for parkinsonism
    - Dopamine receptor agonists
      - Cabergoline
      - Levodopa + benserazide

- Levodopa + carbidopa
- Levodopa + carbidopa + entacapone
- Lisuride maleate
- Pergolide
- Pramipexole
- Ropinirole
- Monoamine oxidase b inhibitors
  - Resagiline
  - Selegiline hydrochloride
- Catechol o methyltransferase inhibitors
  - Amantadine hydrochloride
  - Entacapone
- Antimuscarinic drugs used for parkinsonism
  - Orphenadrine hydrochloride
  - Trihexyphenidyl hydrochloride
- Drugs used for essential tremor, corea, tic and related disorders
  - Riluzole
- Torsional dystonia and other involuntary movements
  - Botulinum toxin A

#### *Drugs addiction*

- Alcohol dependence
  - Benzodiazepines
- Cigarette smoke
  - Bupropion
  - Nicotine drug facts
  - Varenicline
- Opioid dependence
  - Buprenorphine
  - Methadone hydrochloride
  - Naltrexone hydrochloride

#### *Drugs used for dementia*

- Donepezil hydrochloride
- Galantamine
- Memantine hydrochloride
- Rivastigmine

### **Infectious Diseases**

#### *Antibiotics*

- Penicillins
  - Broad-spectrum penicillins
    - Amoxicillin + clavulanate
- Cephalosporins and other beta lactamase
  - Cephalosporins and cephamycins
    - Cefaclor
    - Cefadroxil
    - Cefazolin sodium
    - Cefixime
    - Cefotaxime
    - Cefpodoxime
    - Cefprozil
    - Cefradine
    - Ceftazidime
    - Ceftriaxone
    - Cefuroxime
    - Cephalexin

- Other beta lactamase antibiotics
  - Aztreonam
  - Ertapenem
- Tetracycline
  - Tigecicline
- Macrolides
  - Telithromycin
- Other antibiotics
  - Daptomycin
  - Linezolid
  - Quinupristin + dalfopristin
- Polymyxin antibiotics
  - Colistin
- Sulfonamides and trimethoprim
  - Sulfadiazine
  - Sulfamethoxazole + trimethoprim
- Antituberculosis drugs
  - Isoniazid
  - Rifampicin
  - Rifampicin + isoniazid
- Metronidazole and tinidazole
  - Metronidazole
  - Tinidazole
- Fluoroquinolones
  - Ciprofloxacin
  - Levofloxacin
  - Moxifloxacin
  - Norfloxacin
  - Ofloxacin
- Antifungal drugs
  - Fluconazole
  - Flucytosine
  - Griseofulvin
  - Itraconazole
  - Posaconazole
  - Terbinafine
  - Voriconazole

#### *Antiviral drugs*

- Human immunodeficiency virus
  - Nucleoside analog reverse transcriptase inhibitors
    - Abacavir
    - Abacavir + lamivudine
    - Abacavir + lamivudine+zidovudine
    - Didanosine
    - Emtricitabine
    - Emtricitabine + tenofovir
    - Lamivudine
    - Stavudine
    - Tenofovir disoproxil
    - Zidovudine
    - Zidovudine + lamivudine
  - Protease inhibitors
    - Atazanavir
    - Fosamprenavir
    - Indinavir
    - Lopinavir + ritonavir
    - Ritonavir
    - Saquinavir
    - Tipranavir



- Non-nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors
  - Efavirenz
- Other antiretroviral drugs
  - Enfuvirtide
- Herpes virus infection
  - Herpes simplex and zoster
    - Acyclovir
    - Famcyclovir
    - Inosine pranobex
    - Valacyclovir
  - Citomegalovirus
    - Foscarnet sodium
    - Valgancyclovir
- Viral hepatitis
  - Entecavir
- Flu
  - Amantadine hydrochloride
  - Oseltamivir
- Human respiratory syncytial virus
  - Ribavirin

#### *Antiprotozoal agents*

- Antimalarial
  - Mefloquine
  - Proguanil hydrochloride + atovaquone
- Anti-parasitic drugs against amoeba and trichomonas
  - Metronidazole
  - Tinidazole
- Leishmaniasis
  - Sodium stibogluconate
- Anti-pneumocystosis drugs
  - Pentamidine isethionate
  - Proguanil hydrochloride + atovaquone

#### *Antihelminthic drugs*

- Anti-cestode parasites drugs
  - Tenuicide
  - Niclosamide

### **Endocrine System**

#### *Anti-diabetic agents*

- Oral blood-glucose-lowering drugs
  - Sulfonylurea class
    - Glipizide
  - Other oral blood-glucose-lowering drugs
    - Pioglitazone
    - Pioglitazone + metformin

#### *Corticosteroids*

- Glucocorticoid steroids
  - Betamethasone
  - Deflazacort
  - Dexamethasone
  - Hydrocortisone
  - Methylprednisolone
  - Triamcinolone

#### *Female sex hormones*

- Estrogens and hormone replacement therapy
  - Estradiol

- Estradiol + progestin
- Estriol
- Estrogens conjugated + progestin
- Ethinylestradiol
- Tibolone
- Progestinics
  - Dydrogesterone
  - Medroxyprogesterone acetate
  - Norethisterone
  - Norethisterone + estradiol
  - Progesterone

#### *Hypothalamic-hypophyseal hormones*

- Hypothalamic, adenohipophyseal hormones and antiestrogens
  - Antiestrogens
    - Clomiphene citrate
  - Adenohipophyseal hormones
- Growth hormone receptor antagonists
  - Pegvisomant
  - Thyrotropin alfa
- Neurohypophyseal hormones and antagonists
  - Neurohypophyseal hormones
    - Terlipressin

#### *Bone metabolism regulators*

- Calcitonin and parathyroid hormone
  - Parathyroid hormone
  - Salmon calcitonin
  - Teriparatide
- Bisphosphonates and other bone metabolism regulators
  - Bisphosphonates
    - Pamidronate
    - Risedronate
    - Zoledronate

#### *Other endocrine drugs*

- Gonadotropins regulators
  - Antagonists and inhibitors
    - Danazol
    - Ganirelix
  - Gonadorelin analogue
    - Buserelin
    - Goserelin
    - Leuprorelin acetate
    - Triptorelin

### **Obstetric, Gynecology and Urology**

#### *Obstetric drugs*

- Prostaglandins and oxytocic drugs
  - Dinoprostone
  - Ergometrine maleate
  - Gemeprost
- Tocolytic drugs
  - Atosiban

#### *Drugs used for vaginal atrophy*

- Topical hormone replacement therapy
  - Topical estrogens

#### *Hormonal contraceptives*

- Vaginal route
  - Etonogestrel + ethinylestradiol

*Emergency contraception (post-coital)*

- Hormonal methods
  - Levonorgestrel

*Progestin contraceptives*

- Progestin contraceptives (oral route)

*Drugs used for genito-urinary disorders*

- Drugs used for urinary retention
  - Alpha blockers
    - Alfuzosin hydrochloride
    - Doxazosin
    - Tamsulosin hydrochloride
    - Terazosin

*Drugs used for urinary disorders and incontinence*

- Urinary incontinence
  - Duloxetine
  - Flavoxate hydrochloride
  - Oxibutynin hydrochloride

*Drugs used in erectile dysfunction*

- Alprostadil

*Phosphodiesterase type 5 inhibitors*

- Sildenafil
- Tadalafil
- Vardenafil

## **Tumors and Immunosuppression**

*Other antineoplastic drugs*

- Cetuximab
- Protein kinase inhibitors
  - Dasatinib
  - Imatinib
  - Sunitinib
- Trastuzumab
  - Trastuzumab
- Tretinoin
  - Tretinoin

*Drugs altering immune system response*

- Drugs suppressing the immune system
  - Azathioprine
  - Mefenamic acid
- Corticosteroids and other immunosuppressors
  - Tacrolimus

*Other immunomodulator drugs*

- Natalizumab
  - Natalizumab

*Sex hormones and hormone antagonists in tumors*

- Progestinics
  - Medroxyprogesterone acetate
  - Megestrol acetate
  - Norethisterone
- Hormone antagonists
  - Breast cancer
    - Exemestane
    - Letrozole
    - Toremifene
- Prostate cancer and gonadotropin releasing hormone agonist
  - Buserelin
  - Flutamide

- Goserelin
- Leuprorelin acetate
- Triptorelin

## **Blood and Nutrition**

*Anemia and other hematic disorders*

- Iron deficiency anemia
  - Iron injection for anemia
  - Iron sucrose injection
- Drugs used in megaloblastic anemia
  - Hydroxocobalamin
- Drugs used in hypoplastic and hemolytic anemias and in anemia in kidney diseases
  - Iron-chelating agents
    - Deferoxamine mesylate
- Drugs used for treatment of essential thrombocytosis
  - Anagrelide

*Minerals*

- Hypercalcaemia and hypercalciuric
  - Cinacalcet

*Vitamins*

- Vitamins d
  - Alfacalcidol
  - Calcitriol
  - Cholecalciferol
  - Dihydrotachysterol
  - Ergocalciferol
  - Paricalcitol

*Metabolic disorders*

- Drugs used for metabolic disorders
  - Fabry disease
    - Agalsidase alfa - beta
  - Gaucher disease
    - Imiglucerasi
    - Miglustat

## **Muscle Skeletal System**

*Drugs used in rheumatological diseases and gout*

- Non steroidal anti inflammatory drugs
  - Aceclofenac
  - Celecoxib
  - Dexibuprofene
  - Dexketoprofene
  - Diclofenac potassium
  - Diclofenac sodium
  - Diclofenac + misoprostol
  - Etoricoxib
  - Flurbiprofen
  - Ibuprofen
  - Indomethacin
  - Ketoprofen
  - Mefenamic acid
  - Meloxicam
  - Nabumetone
  - Naproxen
  - Piroxicam
  - Sulindac

- Tenoxicam
- Tiaprofenic acid
- Drugs modifying the immune response
  - Azathioprine
  - Leflunomide
  - Metotrexate
- Cytokines inhibitors
  - Adalimumab
  - Infliximab
  - Sulfasalazine
- Gout and hyperuricemia cytotoxic drugs induced
  - Gout long-term control
  - Allopurinol

*Drugs used in neuromuscular diseases*

- Skeletal muscle relaxants
  - Baclofen
  - Dantrolene sodium
  - Diazepam
  - Tizanidine

**Eye Medicaments**

*Antimicrobial eye preparations*

- Antibacterial
  - Ciprofloxacin
  - Levofloxacin
  - Ofloxacin

*Corticosteroids and other anti-inflammatory preparations*

- Other anti-inflammatory preparations
  - Lodoxamide
  - Olopatadine

*Mydriatic and cycloplegics*

- Antimuscarinics
  - Atropine sulphate
  - Cyclopentolate hydrochloride
  - Homatropine bromhydrate
  - Tropicamide

*Glaucoma treatment*

- Beta blockers
  - Timolol maleate
- Sympathomimetics
  - Brimonidine tartrate
  - Brimonidine tartrate + timolol
- Carbonic anhydrase inhibitors and systemic drugs
  - Acetazolamide
  - Brinzolamide
  - Dorzolamide
  - Dorzolamide + timolol

*Diagnostic and perioperative preparations, photodynamic treatment*

- Perioperative ocular drugs
  - Aproclonidin
  - Diclofenac sodium
  - Flurbiprofen sodium

**Ear, Nose and Oropharynx**

*Anti-inflammatory steroids and associated antimicrobial*

- Ciprofloxacin + hydrocortisone

*Drugs used for oropharynx*

- Drugs used for oral ulceration and inflammation
  - Flurbiprofen
- Treatment of oral dryness
  - Systemic treatment
  - Pilocarpine hydrochloride

**Skin**

*Eczema and psoriasis preparations*

- Immune response regulators
  - Azathioprine
  - Infliximab
  - Metotrexate

*Acne and rosacea*

- Topical anti acne preparations
  - Topical retinoids and anti acne preparations
  - Tretinoin

*Protective substances against uv radiations*

- Photodamage
  - Diclofenac sodium

*Anti infective skin preparations*

- Anti mycotic preparations
  - Ketoconazole

**Immunological Medicines and Vaccines**

*Cholera vaccine*

*Meningococcal vaccine*

- Meningococcal group c polysaccharide conjugate vaccine
- Meningococcal acwy vaccine

**Anesthesia**

*General anesthesia*

- Intravenous anesthetics
  - Propofol
- Antimuscarinic drugs
  - Atropine
  - Scopolamine hydrobromide
- Perioperative analgesic and sedative drugs
  - Anxiolytics and neuroleptics
  - Diazepam
  - Lorazepam
  - Midazolam
  - Temazepam
  - Opioids analgesics
  - Alfentanil
  - Fentanyl
  - Remifentanyl
- Drugs used in malignant hyperthermia
  - Dantrolene sodium

*Local anesthesia*

- Lidocaine
  - Lidocaine hydrochloride

## Sub-Index A4

Drugs with possible audiological effects, indicated as “hearing disturbances” (drugs with aspecific otologic side effects), it is advisable to have a conservative approach to these drugs and to evaluate in each case the possible intensity and type of adverse reaction.

### Central Nervous System

#### *Hypnotic and anxiolytic drugs*

- Hypnotics
  - Zaleplon, zolpidem e zopiclone
  - Zaleplon
  - Zolpidem tartrate

#### *Antiepileptic drugs*

- Epilepsy control
  - Pregabalin (hyperacusia)

### Infectious Diseases

#### *Antibiotics*

- Fluoroquinolones
  - Ciprofloxacin
  - Levofloxacin
  - Moxifloxacin
  - Norfloxacin
  - Ofloxacin

#### *Antifungal drugs*

- Posaconazole
- Voriconazole

#### *Antiviral drugs*

- Flu
  - Oseltamivir

#### *Antiprotozoal agents*

- Antimalarial
  - Quinine

### Endocrine System

#### *Other endocrine drugs*

- Gonadotropins regulators
  - Gonadorelin analogue
  - Buserelin

### Tumors and Immunosuppression

#### *Other antineoplastic drugs*

- Tretinoin
  - Tretinoin

#### *Drugs altering immune system response*

- Corticosteroids and other immunosuppressors
  - Tacrolimus

#### *Sex hormones and hormone antagonists in tumors*

- Hormone antagonists
  - Prostate cancer and gonadotropin releasing hormone agonist
  - Buserelin

### Blood and Nutrition

#### *Anemia and other hematic disorders*

- Drugs used in hypoplastic and hemolytic anemias and in anemia in kidney diseases
  - Iron-chelating agents
  - Deferoxamine mesylate

### Muscle Skeletal System

#### *Drugs used in neuromuscular diseases*

- Skeletal muscle relaxants
  - Limbs night cramps
  - Quinine

### Eye Medicaments

#### *Antifective eye preparations*

- Antibacterial
  - Ciprofloxacin
  - Levofloxacin

#### *Glaucoma treatment*

- Carbonic anhydrase inhibitors and systemic drugs
  - Acetazolamide

### Ear, Nose and Oropharynx

#### *Anti-inflammatory steroids and associated antimicrobial*

- Ciprofloxacin + hydrocortisone

### Skin

#### *Acne and rosacea*

- Topical anti acne preparations
  - Topical retinoids and anti acne preparations
  - Tretinoin

#### *Anti acne preparations (oral route)*

- Oral retinoid used for acne
- Isotretinoin

## Index B

In this index the active principles are listed in alphabetical order, each with a numerical reference to the relevant type of side effect. Whenever possible according to data available to us, believing it to be

very useful, we indicated the side effect frequency for each drug using a grading scale from a to e going from “very common” to “very rare” (see page 609).

Reference numbers	Drugs classes	ADR	Reference numbers	Drugs classes	ADR
1	Abacavir + Lamivudine	3	52	Aztreonam	3
2	Abacavir	3	53	Bacitracin + Neomycin	1
3	Abacavir + Lamivudine + Zidovudine	3	54	Baclofen	3
4	Acebutolol	3b	55	Benazepril + Hydrochlorothiazide	2c,3b
5	Aceclidine + Timolol Maleate	2,3	56	Benazepril Hydrochloride	2,3
6	Aceclofenac	2e,3e	57	Betamethasone + Bekanamycin + Tetryzoline	1
7	Acetazolamide	3,4	58	Betamethasone + Tetryzoline	3
8	Acetylsalicylic Acid	1	59	Betamethasone	3
9	Acetylsalicylic Acid + Magnesium	1	60	Betamethasone + Clorfenamin	2,3
10	Acyclovir	3	61	Bezafibrate	3
11	Adalimumab	3b	62	Biperiden Hydrochloride	3
12	Adrenaline	3	63	Bisoprolol Fumarate + Diuretics	3c
13	Agalsidase Alfa - Beta	2,3	64	Bisoprolol Fumarate	3b
14	Alfacalcidol	3	65	Botulinum Toxin A	3b
15	Alfentanil	3	66	Brimonidine Tartrate + Timolol	3c
16	Alfuzosin Hydrochloride	3	67	Brimonidine Tartrate	3b
17	Alizapride Hydrochloride	3	68	Brinzolamide	3c
18	Allopurinol	3	69	Bromazepam	3
19	Almotriptan	2c,3b	70	Bromocriptine Mesylate	3
20	Alpha 1 Antitrypsin	3	71	Bromperidol	3
21	Alprazolam	3b	72	Brotizolam	3
22	Alprostadil	3	73	Buflomedil Hydrochloride	3e
23	Amantadine Hydrochloride	3	74	Bupivacaine + Adrenaline	3
24	Ambroxol Hydrochloride	3	75	Bupivacaine Hydrochloride	3
25	Amifostine	3	76	Buprenorphine	2d,3b
26	Amikacin	1	77	Bupropion	2c,3b
27	Amikacin Sulphate	1	78	Buserelin	3,4
28	Amiloride And Hydrochlorothiazide	2,3	79	Buspirone Hydrochloride	3b
29	Amiodarone Hydrochloride	3	80	Butizide + Canrenoate Potassium	3e
30	Amisulpride	3	81	Butylscopolamine Bromide	3
31	Amitriptyline Chlordiazepoxide	2,3	82	Buxamine	3
32	Amitriptyline Hydrochloride	2,3	83	Buxamine + Fenobarbital + Fenitoina	3
33	Amitriptyline Hydrochloride + Perphenazine	2,3	84	Buxamine + Diazepam	3
34	Amlodipine	2,3	85	Cabergoline	3b
35	Amoxicillin + Clavulanate	3	86	Cadralazine	3
36	Amphotericin B	1	87	Calcitriol	3
37	Anagrelide	3b	88	Calcium Carbonate + Cholecalciferol (Vitamin D3)	3
38	Aniracetam	3d	89	Calcium Channel Blockers	3
39	Aprepitant	2,3	90	Candesartan + Diuretics	3
40	Aproclonidin	3c	91	Candesartan Cilexetil	3
41	Aripiprazole	3b	92	Captopril + Diuretics	3
42	Articaine + Adrenaline	2,3	93	Captopril	3
43	Atazanavir	3c	94	Carbamazepine	3a
44	Atenolol + Diuretics	3	95	Carboplatin	1
45	Atenolol	3	96	Carvedilol	3a
46	Atomoxetine	3	97	Cefaclor	3d
47	Atorvastatin	2,3	98	Cefadroxil	3
48	Atosiban	3b	99	Cefazolin Sodium	3
49	Atropine Sulphate	3	100	Cefepime	2d,3d
50	Azathioprine	3	101	Cefixime	3
51	Azithromycin	1,3d			

102	Cefonicid Disodium	3	161	Dexamethasone	3
103	Cefoperazone Sodium	3d	162	Dexamethasone + Neomycin	1
104	Cefotaxime	3	163	Dexamethasone + Netilmicin	1
105	Cefpodoxime	3	164	Dexamethasone + Tobramycin	1
106	Cefprozil	3c	165	Dexibuprofene	2c,3b
107	Ceftazidime	3c	166	Dexketoprofene	2e,3c
108	Ceftibutene	2,3d	167	Diazepam	3
109	Ceftizoxime Sodium	3	168	Diclofenac + Misoprostol	2,3
110	Ceftriaxone	3d	169	Diclofenac Epolamine	2e,3e
111	Cefuroxime	3	170	Diclofenac Potassium	2e,3e
112	Celecoxib	2c,3c	171	Diclofenac Sodium	2e,3e
113	Celiprololo Hydrochloride	3	172	Diclofenamide (Sodium)	2,3
114	Cephalexin	3	173	Didanosine	3
115	Cephradin	3	174	Digitoxin	3
116	Cetuximab	3a	175	Digoxin	3
117	Chlordiazepoxide	3	176	Dihydrocodeine	3e
118	Chloroquine	1	177	Dihydrocodeine + Benzoic Acid	3e
119	Chlorpheniramine Maleate	2b	178	Dihydrocodeine + Pentetrazol	3e
120	Chlorthalidone	3	179	Dihydroergokryptine Mesylate	3
121	Cholecalciferol	3	180	Dihydroergotamine Mesylate	3
122	Chondroitin Sulphate	3	181	Dihydroquinidine Hydrochloride	1
123	Cilazapril + Diuretics	3	182	Dihydrotachysterol	3
124	Cilazapril	3b	183	Diltiazem Hydrochloride	3
125	Cimetidine	3	184	Dinoprostone	3
126	Cimetropium Bromide	3	185	Diosmin	3
127	Cinacalcet	3b	186	Diosmin + Hesperidin	3
128	Cinoxacin	1,2c,3b	187	Diphtheria, Tetanus Vaccine Adsorbed	3d
129	Ciprofloxacin + Hydrocortisone	2b,3c, 4d	188	Dipyridamole	3e
130	Ciprofloxacin	2d,3c, 4d	189	Dolasetron Mesylate	3
131	Cisplatin	1a	190	Donepezil Hydrochloride	3b
132	Citalopram	2b,3b	191	Dorzolamide	3
133	Clarithromicin	1e,2d, 3e	192	Dorzolamide + Timolol	3c
134	Clidinium Bromide + Chlordiazepoxide	3	193	Dosulepin Hydrochloride	2b,3b
135	Clobazam	3	194	Doxazosin	3b
136	Clomiphene Citrate	3c	195	Doxycycline	2
137	Clomipramine Hydrochloride	2b,3a	196	Duloxetine	3c
138	Clonazepam	3	197	Dydrogesterone	3
139	Clonidine Hydrochloride	3	198	Efavirenz	3c
140	Clopidogrel Bisulfate	3d	199	Eletriptan	2c,3b
141	Clorazepate Dipotassium	3	200	Emtricitabine + Tenofovir	3a
142	Clotiazepam	3	201	Emtricitabine	3b
143	Coccarboxylase + Pyridoxine + Hydroxocobalamin	3	202	Enalapril + Diuretics	2c,3c
144	Codeine + Pheniramine	3	203	Enalapril Maleate	2c,3c
145	Codeine Phosphate + Ivy	3e	204	Enfuvirtide	3b
146	Colistin	3	205	Entacapone	3b
147	Cyclobenzaprine Hydrochloride	2,3	206	Entecavir	3b
148	Cyclopentolate Hydrochloride	3	207	Eprosartan	3d
149	Cyproterone + Ethinyl Estradiol	3d	208	Ergocalciferol	3
150	Danazol	3e	209	Ergometrine Maleate	2,3
151	Dantrolene Sodium	3b	210	Ergotamine Tartrate	3
152	Daptomycin	3c	211	Ertapenem	3
153	Dasatinib	2c,3d	212	Erythromycin	1
154	Deferoxamine Mesylate	3,4	213	Escitalopram	3b
155	Defibrotide	3	214	Esmolol Hydrochloride	3
156	Deflazacort	3	215	Esomeprazole	3c
157	Delapril	3d	216	Estazolam	3
158	Delapril + Indapamide	3d	217	Estradiol + Progestin	3c
159	Delorazepam	3	218	Estradiol	3c
160	Desipramine Hydrochloride	2b,3b	219	Estriol	3
			220	Estrogens Conjugated + Progestin	3
			221	Ethacrynic Acid	1
			222	Ethinylestradiol	3c
			223	Ethosuximide	3
			224	Etizolam	3

Pharmacological drugs inducing ototoxicity, vestibular symptoms and tinnitus

225	Etonogestrel + Ethinylestradiol	3c	282	Ibuprofen	2d,3d
226	Etoposide	1	283	Icodextrin + Sodium Chloride + Sodium Lactate + Calcium Chloride + Magnesium Chloride	3b
227	Etoricoxib	2c,3c			
228	Exemestane	3b	284	Idebenone	3
229	Famciclovir	3d	285	Idroxine Hydrochloride	2,3
230	Famotidine	3b	286	Imatinib	2c,3c
231	Felbamate	3c	287	Imiglucerase	3c
232	Felodipine	3c	288	Imipenem + Cilastatin	1
233	Fenofibrate	3	289	Imipramine Hydrochloride	2,3
234	Fentanyl Citrate	3	290	Indapamide	3
235	Flavoxate Hydrochloride + Propyphenazone	3	291	Indinavir	3a
236	Flavoxate Hydrochloride	3d	292	Indomethacin	2,3
237	Flecainide Acetate	2b,3b	293	Indomethacin + Caffeine + Prochlorperazina	2,3,4
238	Fluconazole	3b	294	Infliximab	3b
239	Flucytosine	3	295	Inosine Pranobex	3
240	Fluocinolone Acetonide + Neomycin	1	296	Irbesartan + Diuretics	2e,3e
241	Fluorometholone + Gentamycin	1	297	Irbesartan	2
242	Fluoxetine	3b	298	Iron Sucrose Injection	3
243	Fluphenazine/Nortriptyline	2,3	299	Isoniazid + Ethambutol + Pyridoxine	3
244	Flurazepam	3	300	Isoniazid	3
245	Flurbiprofen Sodium	2,3	301	Isosorbide Dinitrate	3
246	Flurbiprofen	2,3	302	Isosorbide Mononitrate	3e
247	Flurithromycin Ethylsuccinate	3	303	Isotretinoin	4e
248	Flutamide	3d	304	Isoxsuprine Hydrochloride	3
249	Fluvoxamine Maleate	3b	305	Isradipine	3
250	Fondaparinux	3d	306	Itraconazole	3c
251	Fosamprenavir	3b	307	Ketazolam	3
252	Foscarnet Sodium	3	308	Ketoconazole	3
253	Fosinopril	3c	309	Ketoprofen	2,3e
254	Fosinopril + Diuretics	3	310	Ketorolac Tromethamine	3,4
255	Frovatriptan	2c,3c	311	Ketotifen	3
256	Furosemide	1d,2d	312	Lacidipine	3
257	Gabapentin	2,3	313	Lamivudine	3
258	Galantamine	2,3b	314	Lamotrigine	3
259	Gancyclovir	1,3b	315	Lansoprazole	3
260	Ganirelix	3	316	Leflunomide	3b
261	Gemeprost	3e	317	Lercanidipine Hydrochloride	3b
262	Gemfibrozil	3e	318	Lertapenem	3c
263	Gentamycin	1	319	Letrozole	3b
264	Glipizide	3	320	Leuprorelin Acetate	3
265	Goserelin	3	321	Levetiracetam	3b
266	Griseofulvin	3d	322	Levobupivacaine Hydrochloride	3b
267	Haemophilus B (Meningococcal Protein Conjugate) Hepatitis B Vaccine Recombinant	3d	323	Levodopa + Benserazide	3
268	Halcinonide + Salicylic Acid	1	324	Levodopa + Carbidopa	3c
269	Hepatitis A Inactivated & Hepatitis B (Recombinant) Vaccine	3d	325	Levodopa + Carbidopa + Entacapone	3c
270	Hepatitis B Vaccine (Rdna)	3d	326	Levodropropizine	3
271	Homatropine Bromhydrate	3	327	Levofloxacin	3c,4e
272	Human Coagulation Factor IX	3c	328	Levonorgestrel	3b
273	Human Coagulation Factor VIII	3	329	Levosimendan	3b
274	Human Cytomegalovirus Immunoglobulin For Intravenous Administration	3	330	Lidocaine + Adrenaline	3
275	Hydrochlorothiazide	3	331	Lidocaine + Cetrionium Bromide	3
276	Hydrochlorothiazide + Spironolactone	3	332	Lidocaine + Hydrocortisone	3
277	Hydrocortisone	3	333	Lidocaine + Nor Adrenaline	3
278	Hydrocortisone + Neomycin + Cloramfenicol	1	334	Lidocaine Hydrochloride	3
279	Hydroxichloroquine Sulphate	1	335	Lincomycin Hydrochloride	2e,3e
280	Hydroxocobalamin	3	336	Linezolid	2c,3c
281	Hydroxyprogesterone Caproate	3	337	Lisinopril	3b
			338	Lisinopril+ Diuretics	3b
			339	Lisuride Maleate	3e
			340	Lodoxamide	3
			341	Lomefloxacin Hydrochloride	1b,2b,3b

342	Loperamide Hydrochloride	3e	400	Naltrexone Hydrochloride	3b
343	Lopinavir + Ritonavir	3d	401	Naproxen	2b,3d
344	Lorazepam	3b	402	Natalizumab	3b
345	Lormetazepam	3	403	Nebivolol	3b
346	Losartan Potassium	3b	404	Neomycin + Antibiotics	1
347	Losartan Potassium + Diuretics	3b	405	Neomycin + Corticosteroid	1
348	Lysine Acetyl Salicylate	1b,2b, 3b	406	Neomycin + Dexamethasone + Gramicidin + Tetryzoline	1
349	Manidipine Hydrochloride	3	407	Neomycin + Dexamethasone + Phenylephrine	1
350	Measles, Mumps And Rubella Virus Vaccine Live Attenuated	1e	408	Neomycin + Fluocinolone Acetonide	1
351	Meclofenamate Sodium	2,3	409	Neomycin Sulphate	1
352	Medroxyprogesterone + Estrogens Conjugated	3	410	Neostigmine Methylsulfate	3d
353	Medroxyprogesterone Acetate	3	411	Netilmicin	1e
354	Mefenamic Acid	2,3	412	Nicardipine Hydrochloride	2,3e
355	Mefloquine	2,3b	413	Nicergoline	3d
356	Megestrol Acetate	3	414	Niclosamide	3
357	Meloxicam	2c,3c	415	Nicotine Drug Facts	2,3b
358	Memantine Hydrochloride	3b	416	Nifedipine	3d
359	Meningococcal Acwy Vaccine	3	417	Nifedipine + Atenolol	3
360	Meningococcal Group C Polysaccharide Conjugate Vaccine	3e	418	Nimesulide	3c,4e
361	Mepivacaine + Adrenaline	2,3	419	Nimesulide Beta – Dex	3e,4e
362	Mepivacaine Hydrochloride	2,3	420	Nisoldipine	3
363	Meprobamate	3	421	Nitrazepam	3
364	Metformin + Glybenclamide	3	422	Nitroglycerin	3
365	Metformin Hydrochloride	3b	423	Nizatidine	3
366	Methadone Hydrochloride	3b	424	Nordazepam	3
367	Methyl Dopa + Hydrochlorotiazide	3e	425	Norethisterone + Estradiol	3
368	Methyl Dopa	3	426	Norethisterone Acetate	3
369	Methylergometrine Maleate	2e,3e	427	Norethisterone	3
370	Methylpranolol + Pilocarpine Hydrochloride	3	428	Norfloxacin	2e,3b, 4e
371	Methylprednisolone	3	429	Nortriptyline	2,3
372	Methylprednisolone + Lidocaine	3	430	Octatropine Methyl Bromide and Diazepam	3d
373	Metilphenidate Hydrochloride	3	431	Ofloxacin	3e,4e
374	Metixene Hydrochloride	3	432	Olanzapine	3b
375	Metoprolol + Diuretics	3e	433	Olmesartan Medoxomil + Diuretics	3b
376	Metoprolol Tartrate	3b	434	Olmesartan Medoxomil	3e
377	Metotrexate	3	435	Olopatadine	3c
378	Metronidazole	3e	436	Omalizumab	3c
379	Mexiletine Hydrochloride	3d	437	Omega-3 Acid Ethyl Esters	3
380	Mianserin Hydrochloride	2,3	438	Omeprazole	3c
381	Midazolam	3e	439	Ondansetrone	3d
382	Midodrine Hydrochloride	3	440	Oral Cholera Vaccine	3d
383	Miglustat	3a	441	Orphenadrine Hydrochloride	3
384	Minocycline	1,3d	442	Oseltamivir	3b,4b
385	Mirtazapine	3b	443	Otilonio Bromide	3
386	Misoprostol	3	444	Otilonio Bromide + Diazepam	3e
387	Modafinil	3c	445	Oxaliplatin	1c
388	Moexipril + Diuretics	2d,3d	446	Oxaprozin	2e,3e, 4e
389	Moexipril Hydrochloride	2e,3e	447	Oxazepam	3
390	Montelukast	3d	448	Oxcarbazepine	3b
391	Morococog Alfa	3	449	Oxibutynin Hydrochloride	3
392	Morphine Hydrochloride	3	450	Oxprenolol + Diuretics	3
393	Morphine Hydrochloride + Atropine Sulphate	3	451	Oxycodone Hydrochloride	3c
394	Moxifloxacin	3b,4d	452	Palonosetron	2c,3b
395	Moxonidine	3b	453	Pamidronate	3c
396	Muromonab - Cd3	1	454	Pantoprazole	3d
397	Mycophenolic Acid	3b	455	Paracetamol + Chlorphenamine	2,3
398	Nabumetone	2d,3d	456	Paracetamol + Codeine Phosphate	3
399	Nadolol	3e	457	Parathyroid Hormone	3b
			458	Paricalcitol	3c



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459	Paromomycin Sulphate	1e	519	Resagiline	3b
460	Paroxetine	3b	520	Reserpine + Chlorthalidone	3
461	Pefloxacin Mesylate	3	521	Reserpine + Dihydroergocristine + Clopamide	3
462	Pegaptanib Sodium	1c,3c			
463	Pegvisomant	3b	522	Ribavirin	2b,3b
464	Pentamidine Isethionate	3	523	Rifampicin	3
465	Pentazocine	3b	524	Rifampicin + Isoniazid	3
466	Pentoxifylline	3	525	Riluzole	3c
467	Pergolide	3a	526	Risedronate	2,3
468	Perindopril	3b	527	Risperidone	3c
469	Perindopril + Diuretics	3c	528	Ritonavir	3b
470	Pethidine Hydrochloride	3	529	Rivastigmine	3a
471	Phenobarbital	3	530	Rizatriptan	3b
472	Phenytoin	3	531	Ropinirole	3b
473	Phenytoin Sodium	3e	532	Rosiglitazone Maleate	3b
474	Pilocarpine Hydrochloride	3b	533	Rosuvastatin	3b
475	Pindolol	3b	534	Roxatidine Acetate Hydrochloride	3e
476	Pioglitazone + Metformin	3	535	Roxithromycin	3e
477	Pioglitazone	3b	536	Rufloxacin Hydrochloride	3b
478	Pipemidic Acid	3	537	Salmeterol	3
479	Piperazine	3	538	Salmon Calcitonin	3c
480	Piretanide	3	539	Salt Morphine	3d
481	Piroxicam	2d,3d	540	Saquinavir	3
482	Pizotifen	3	541	Scopolamine Hydrobromide	3d
483	Polimyxin B Sulphate + Neomycin Sulphate + Lidocaine Hydrochloride + Hydrocortisone	1	542	Scopolamine Methylbromide/ Diazepam	3
484	Polymyxin B Sulphate + Neomycin Sulphate + Lidocaine Hydrochloride	1	543	Selegiline Hydrochloride	3b
485	Polymyxin	1	544	Sertraline	3a
486	Posaconazole	3c,4d	545	Sildenafil	3b
487	Pramipexole	3b	546	Simvastatin + Ezetimibe	3d
488	Prasterone + Estradiol Valerate	3d	547	Simvastatin	3d
489	Pravastatin Sodium	3d	548	Sodium Neridronate	3b
490	Prazepam	3	549	Sodium Nitroprusside	3
491	Prednisolone + Neomycin	1	550	Sodium Oxybate	3b
492	Pregabalin	3a,4d	551	Sodium Stibogluconate	3
493	Prifinium Bromide	3	552	Somatostatin	3
494	Primidone	3e	553	Sorafenib	2b
495	Progesterone	3d	554	Sotalol Hydrochloride	3b
496	Progestogen Oral Contraceptive	3	555	Spectinomycin Hydrochloride	3
497	Proguanil Hydrochloride + Atovaquone	3	556	Stavudine	3b
498	Propafenone Hydrochloride	3e	557	Streptomycin	1
499	Propantheline Bromide	3d	558	Sucralfate	3c
500	Propofol	3	559	Sulfadiazine	2,3
501	Propranolol Hydrochloride	3	560	Sulfametoxazolo + Trimethoprim	2e,3e
502	Propyphenazone + Butalbital + Caffeine	3	561	Sulfasalazine	2d,3d
503	Propyphenazone + Codeine	3d	562	Sulindac	2b,3b
504	Pyrantel Pamoate	3	563	Sumatriptan	3b
505	Pyrimethamine + Sulfamethoperazine	2,3	564	Sunitinib	3b
506	Quetiapine	3a	565	Tacrolimus	3b,4b
507	Quinapril + Diuretics	3b	566	Tadalafil	3
508	Quinapril	3b	567	Tamsulosin Hydrochloride	3b
509	Quinine	2,4	568	Teicoplanin	1e,2e,3e
510	Quinupristin + Dalfopristin	3c	569	Telithromycin	3c
511	Rabbit Anti-Human Thymocyte Immunoglobulin	3	570	Telmisartan + Diuretics	3b
512	Rabeprazole Sodium	3b	571	Telmisartan	3c
513	Ramipril	3d	572	Temazepam	3
514	Ramipril + Diuretics	3d	573	Tenofovir Disoproxil	3a
515	Ranitidine	3d	574	Tenoxicam	2,3c
516	Raubasine	3d	575	Terazosin	3b
517	Reboxetine	3b	576	Terbinafine	3
518	Remifentanyl	3	577	Teriparatide	3b
			578	Terlipressin	3
			579	Tetanus Vaccine	3e

580	Thiamine + Pyridoxine + Hydroxocobalamin	3	611	Trihexyphenidyl Hydrochloride	3
581	Thiopental Sodium	3	612	Trimetazidine Dihydrochloride	3e
582	Thyrotropin Alfa	3b	613	Trimipramine	2b,3b
583	Tiagabine	3a	614	Triptorelin	3
584	Tiaprofenic Acid	2,3	615	Tropicamide	3
585	Tibolone	3e	616	Tropisetron	3
586	Ticlopidine Hydrochloride	3	617	Urapidil Hydrochloride	3e
587	Tigecicline	3b	618	Valacyclovir	3c
588	Timolol + Pilocarpine Hydrochloride	2	619	Valgancyclovir	3b
589	Timolol Maleate	2,3	620	Valsartan + Diuretics	2c,3d
590	Tinidazole + Nystatin	3	621	Vancomycin	1d
591	Tinidazole	3	622	Vardenafil	3b
592	Tiotropium	3c	623	Varenicicline	2,3
593	Tipranavir	3c	624	Varicella Virus Vaccine Live	3e
594	Tizanidine	3	625	Venlafaxine	2b,3b
595	Tobramycin	1	626	Verapamil Hydrochloride	3b
596	Tobramycin + Dexamethasone	1	627	Vigabatrin	3
597	Topiramate	3b	628	Vimicol-P-Hydroxybenzoate	3e
598	Toremifene	3d	629	Vinblastine Sulphate	1d
599	Torsemide	1e,2e	630	Vincristine Sulphate	1
600	Tramadol	3a	631	Vindesine Sulphate	1
601	Trandolapril	3	632	Vinorelbine	1
602	Trandolapril + Calcium Channel Blockers	3b	633	Voriconazole	2d,3b,4d
603	Tranexamic Acid	3	634	Warfarin Sodium	3d
604	Tranlycypromine + Trifluoperazine	3	635	Zaleplon	3c,4c
605	Trapidil	3e	636	Zidovudine	3
606	Trastuzumab	3b	637	Zidovudine + Lamivudine	3d
607	Trazodone Hydrochloride	2e,3e	638	Zoledronate	3c
608	Tretinoin	3a,4a	639	Zolmitriptan	3b
609	Triamcinolone	3	640	Zolpidem Tartrate	3,4
610	Triazolam	3	641	Zonisamide	3a
			642	Zopiclone	3

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