

Quetiapine Case 1

Warfarin

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1. Quetiapine Case 1

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Educational Objectives

At the conclusion of this presentation, the participant should be able to:

1. Think about pharmacological principles in the context of polypharmacy.
2. Appreciate that for understanding quetiapine safety, one must consider:
 - 2.1. Personal, environmental and genetic factors.
 - 2.2. Pharmacodynamics and pharmacokinetics.
3. Be familiar with warfarin and phenytoin pharmacology.

Abbreviations

- ADR: adverse drug reaction
- AED: anti-epileptic drug
- C: concentration
- D: dose
- DDI: drug-drug interaction
- INR: international normalized ratio
- PM: poor metabolizer. They lack active CYP.
For CYP2D6 and CYP2C19, PMs exist.
For CYP2C9, PMs do not exist, but
some individuals have very low activity.
- TDM: therapeutic drug monitoring
- UM: ultrarapid metabolizer

Quetiapine Case 1

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1.0. Quetiapine Case 1: Case Description

1.0. Quetiapine Case 1: Introduction

- 71-year-old Caucasian ♀
- Diagnosis of vascular dementia
- Medications:
 - phenytoin for seizures
 - warfarin for deep vein thrombosis
- Target INR values for this patient:
2.0 – 3.0

1.1. Phenytoin Pharmacology

1.1. Quetiapine Case 1: Phenytoin

What do you
know about
phenytoin
pharmacology?

1.1. Phenytoin Pharmacology

1.1.1. Phenytoin Pharmacokinetics

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1.1.1. Phenytoin Pharmacokinetics

1.1.1. Quetiapine Case 1: Phenytoin Pharmacokinetics

What do you know
about phenytoin
pharmacokinetics?

1.1.1. Quetiapine Case 1: Phenytoin Pharmacokinetics

■ Very complex pharmacokinetics:

- complex metabolism
- narrow therapeutic window
- non-linear kinetics
 - particularly during intoxication
- complex DDIs

1.1.1. Phenytoin Pharmacokinetics

1.1.1.1. Metabolism

1.1.1.2. Therapeutic Window

1.1.1.3. Non-Linear Kinetics

1.1.1.4. DDIs

1.1.1.1. Phenytoin Metabolism

1.1.1.1. Quetiapine Case 1: Phenytoin Metabolism

■ Phenytoin metabolism:

□ Main enzyme is: CYP2C9

Second enzyme: CYP2C19

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/15557548>

□ Others: CYP2C18 and CYP3A4

1.1.1.1. Quetiapine Case 1: Phenytoin Metabolism

Is CYP2C9
polymorphic?

1.1.1.1. Quetiapine Case 1: Phenytoin Metabolism

Is CYP2C9
polymorphic?

Yes.

1.1.1.1. Quetiapine Case 1: Phenytoin Metabolism

■ CYP2C9 alleles: <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/15637526>

- *2: minor ↓ in activity
11% of Caucasians
(lower % in other races)
- *3: moderate ↓ in activity
7% of Caucasians
(lower % in other races)

1.1.1.1. Quetiapine Case 1: Phenytoin Metabolism

■ CYP2C9 polymorphism:

<u>Alleles</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>(up to 1.0)</u>
*1/*1	Normal	(1.00)
*1/*2	Minor ↓	(0.82)
*2/*2	Moderate ↓	(0.70)
*1/*3	Moderate ↓	(0.56)
*2/*3	Moderate ↓	(0.39)
*3/*3	Very low	(0.13)

It varies from drug to drug. The correction factor for phenytoin on CYP2C9 *3/*3 is 0.65.

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/23344982>

1.1.1. Quetiapine Case 1: Phenytoin Metabolism

Is CYP2C19
polymorphic?

1.1.1. Quetiapine Case 1: Phenytoin Metabolism

Is CYP2C19
polymorphic?

Yes.

1.1.1.1. Quetiapine Case 1: Phenytoin Metabolism

■ CYP2C19 PMs:

- East Asians: 25 %
- Other races: <5%

■ CYP2C19 UMs:

*17: associated with ↑ expression

Its clinical relevance is not well established.

- The frequency is 1-5% for *17/*17.
- The frequency is higher with only one *17.

See the presentation “Pharmacogenetic Tests in Psychiatry” for more details.

1.1.1.2. Phenytoin Therapeutic Window

**1.1.1.2. Quetiapine Case 1:
Phenytoin Therapeutic Window**

**What do you know
about
phenytoin TDM?**

1.1.1.2. Quetiapine Case 1: Phenytoin Therapeutic Window

- Typical therapeutic range:
10-20 mcg/mL (mg/L)
- This is a narrow therapeutic index (or window).

If you divide $20/10=2$.

This is <3 and indicates a narrow therapeutic window.

For more details on therapeutic index, see the TDM section on the presentation “Pharmacokinetics of Oral Second-Generation Antipsychotics.”

**1.1.1.2. Quetiapine Case 1:
Phenytoin Therapeutic Window**

**Should you worry
about phenytoin
intoxications?**

**1.1.1.2. Quetiapine Case 1:
Phenytoin Therapeutic Window**

**Should you worry
about phenytoin
intoxications?**

Yes, very much.

1.1.1.2. Quetiapine Case 1: Phenytoin Therapeutic Window

Why do you need to
worry so much?

1.1.1.2. Quetiapine Case 1: Phenytoin Therapeutic Window

Why do you need to
worry so much?

**Phenytoin follows
non-linear kinetics
during intoxications.**

1.1.1.3. Non-Linear Kinetics

1.1.1.3. Quetiapine Case 1: Phenytoin Kinetics

- Phenytoin's non-linear kinetics is:
 - dose-dependent, and
 - capacity-limited.
- Dose-dependent kinetics:
changes with dose, (more precisely is concentration-dependent).
- Capacity-limited: metabolism can easily reach saturation when you are close to the upper therapeutic range (20 mcg/ml).

1.1.1.3. Quetiapine Case 1: Phenytoin Kinetics

What is the clinical
relevance of this?

1.1.1.3. Quetiapine Case 1: Phenytoin Kinetics

What is the clinical
relevance of this?

**Be careful with
high serum Cs.**

1.1.1.3. Quetiapine Case 1: Phenytoin Kinetics

- With C_s around 20 mcg/mL, the CYPs (CYP2C9 and CYP2C19) can be saturated.
- Extraordinarily long phenytoin half-lives have been described during Intoxication.
- This requires the complete discontinuation of phenytoin for $\geq 2-3$ days until $C_s < 20$ mcg/ml and metabolism normalizes.

1.1.1.3. Quetiapine Case 1: Phenytoin Kinetics

- Non-linear kinetics should be considered for dosing. ↑ dose slowly to reach therapeutic C.

<u>Phenytoin C (mcg/ml)</u>	<u>Recommended ↑ dose (mg/day)</u>
<7	↑ by 100
7-11	↑ by 50
>12	↑ by 30

1.1.1.4. Phenytoin DDIs

1.1.1.4. Quetiapine Case 1: Phenytoin DDIs

Do you need to worry
about phenytoin
pharmacokinetic DDIs?

1.1.1.4. Quetiapine Case 1: Phenytoin DDIs

Do you need to worry
about phenytoin
pharmacokinetic DDIs?

Yes.

1.1.1.4. Quetiapine Case 1: Phenytoin DDIs

Why?

1.1.1.4. Quetiapine Case 1: Phenytoin DDIs

Why?

Phenytoin is a major inducer.

1.1.1.4. Quetiapine Case 1: Phenytoin DDIs

■ Potent inducers:

□ CYPs:

- Massive effects: CYP2B6, CYP3A4
- Moderate effects: CYP1A2, CYP2A6
- Mild effects: CYP2C
(CYP2C8, CYP2C9 & CYP2C19)

□ UGTs: several

1.1.1.4. Quetiapine Case 1: Phenytoin DDIs

- Time required (not well-studied):
 - Maximum: 1-2 weeks
 - De-induction: 1-2 weeks
 - Auto-induction: mild and not clinically relevant

1.1.1.4. Quetiapine Case 1: Phenytoin DDIs

Are phenytoin's
inductive effects
important for
psychiatric drugs?

1.1.1.4. Quetiapine Case 1: Phenytoin DDIs

Are phenytoin's
inductive effects
important for
psychiatric drugs?

Yes, very important.

1.1.1.4. Quetiapine Case 1: Phenytoin DDIs

- Induces metabolism of:
 - most antipsychotics
 - many antidepressants
 - many benzodiazepines
 - carbamazepine & lamotrigine

1.1.1.4. Quetiapine Case 1: Phenytoin DDIs

- Correction factors (described if ≥ 1.5):
 - 5 x: lurasidone, quetiapine
 - 3 x: haloperidol, paliperidone
 - 2-3 x: olanzapine
 - 2 x: aripiprazole, carbamazepine, iloperidone, lamotrigine, mirtazapine, risperidone, TCAs, topiramate
 - 1.5-2 x: clozapine
 - 1.5 x: felbamate

1.1.2. Phenytoin Pharmacodynamics

1.1.2. Quetiapine Case 1: Phenytoin Pharmacodynamics

What do you know
about phenytoin
pharmacodynamics?

1.1.2. Quetiapine Case 1: Phenytoin Pharmacodynamics

- Efficacy as an AED:
 - Phenytoin blocks voltage-dependent sodium channels in neurons.

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/22332980>

1.2. Warfarin Pharmacology

1.2. Quetiapine Case 1: Warfarin

What do you
know about
warfarin
pharmacology?

1.2. Warfarin Pharmacology

1.2.1. Warfarin Pharmacodynamics

1.2.2. Warfarin Pharmacokinetics

1.2.1. Warfarin Pharmacodynamics

1.2.1. Quetiapine Case 1: Warfarin Pharmacodynamics

■ Racemic mix:

- S-warfarin: most of the activity
(5-6 times more active)
- R-warfarin: little of the activity

■ Anticoagulant efficacy: Vitamin K antagonist

1.2.2. Warfarin Pharmacokinetics

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1.2.2.1. Warfarin Metabolism

1.2.2.2. Warfarin DDIs

1.2.2.3. Warfarin Monitoring

1.2.2.4. Warfarin Pharmacogenetics

1.2.2.1. Warfarin Metabolism

1.2.2.1. Quetiapine Case 1: Warfarin Metabolism

- S-warfarin metabolism:
 - mainly by CYP2C9
- R-warfarin metabolism:
 - CYP3A
 - CYP1A2
 - CYP2C19

1.2.2.2. Warfarin DDIs

1.2.2.2. Quetiapine Case 1: Warfarin DDIs

- Warfarin DDIs frequently have clinically relevant effects and are potentially lethal.
- Potent CYP2C9 inhibitors can ↓ warfarin metabolism.
- Potent CYP2C9 inducers can ↑ warfarin metabolism.

1.2.2.2. Quetiapine Case 1: Warfarin DDIs

- CYP2C9 inhibitors used in psychiatry:
 - potent:
 - fluvoxamine
 - valproate
 - moderate: fluoxetine

1.2.2.2. Quetiapine Case 1: Warfarin DDIs

- CYP2C9 inducers used in psychiatry:
 - carbamazepine

1.2.3. Warfarin Monitoring

1.2.3. Quetiapine Case 1: Warfarin Monitoring

What do you know
about warfarin
monitoring?

1.2.3. Quetiapine Case 1: Warfarin Monitoring

- Measured by the INR.
- INR values =
$$\frac{\text{patient prothrombin time}}{\text{mean normal prothrombin time}}$$
- INR recommended values:
 - vary per indication
 - usually 2.0 – 3.5 recommended range

1.2.3. Quetiapine Case 1: Warfarin Monitoring

- Serum warfarin Cs are not measured.
- However, you may want to remember warfarin as:
 - a narrow therapeutic window drug
 - with potentially lethal DDIs

1.2.4. Warfarin Pharmacogenetics

1.2.4. Quetiapine Case 1: Warfarin Pharmacogenetics

What do you know
about warfarin
pharmacogenetic
testing?

1.2.4. Quetiapine Case 1: Warfarin Pharmacogenetics

- Clinical tests for polymorphic variations:
 - CYP2C9
 - VKORC1 (vitamin K epoxide reductase complex subunit 1)
- There are dose calculators using:
 - genetics: these 2 genes
 - co-medications:
 - inducers
 - inhibitors
 - personal factors:
 - age
 - height and weight
 - race

1.3. Olanzapine Pharmacology

1.3. Quetiapine Case 1: Olanzapine

<u>Olanzapine</u>	<u>Phenytoin</u>		<u>Warfarin</u>	
D	D	C	D(mg/wk)	INR
0	300	15.5	15	2.6
20 (6 weeks)	300	14.5	12.5	2.0
20	300	19.1	15	2.6
20	300	9.9	20	1.6

■ Taking benztropine 0.5 mg/day.

■ Olanzapine discontinued: no changes in INR.

1.3. Olanzapine Pharmacology

1.3.1. Olanzapine Pharmacokinetics

1.3.2. Olanzapine Pharmacodynamics

1.3.1. Olanzapine Pharmacokinetics

1.3.1. Quetiapine Case 1: Olanzapine Pharmacokinetics

What do you know
about olanzapine
pharmacokinetics?

1.3.1. Quetiapine Case 1: Olanzapine Pharmacokinetics

- Olanzapine metabolism:
 - mainly by CYP1A2
 - secondarily by UGT1A4

- As with most second-generation antipsychotics, olanzapine is:
 - not an inducer,
 - not a major inhibitor, but
 - possibly a competitive inhibitor.

1.3.2. Olanzapine Pharmacodynamics

1.3.2. Quetiapine Case 1: Olanzapine Pharmacodynamics

What do you know
about olanzapine
pharmacodynamics?

1.3.2. Quetiapine Case 1: Olanzapine Pharmacodynamics

- Olanzapine efficacy in psychosis (schizophrenia): D₂ antagonist
- No major effects on coagulation or platelet function are known.
- As with all antipsychotics, it has a black box warning for risk of death in elderly demented patients.
Olanzapine use in dementia is an off-label indication.

1.4. Quetiapine Pharmacology

1.4. Quetiapine Case 1: Quetiapine

<u>Quetiapine</u>	<u>Phenytoin</u>		<u>Warfarin</u>	
<u>D</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>D(mg/wk)</u>	<u>INR</u>
0	300	12.1	19.5	2.7
<u>200*</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>9.2</u>	<u>19.5</u>	<u>9.2</u>

*After 2 weeks on quetiapine up to 200 mg/day.

1.4. Quetiapine Case 1: Quetiapine

- As INR ↑ from 2.7 to 9.2:
 - quetiapine was discontinued
 - warfarin was hold
 - (not administered until INR normalized)
 - 2 injections of vitamin K₁ 10 mg was given
 - injections produced a small amount of bleeding, along with bruising on the hand
- INR = 1.1 the next day
- The patient was stabilized on olanzapine.

1.4. Quetiapine Case 1: Quetiapine

<u>Olanzapine</u>	<u>Phenytoin</u>	<u>Warfarin</u>
<u>D</u>	<u>D</u> <u>C</u>	<u>D(mg/wk)</u> <u>INR</u>
<u>15*</u>	<u>400</u> <u>17.7</u>	<u>21</u> <u>1.6</u>

*4 weeks on olanzapine and taking benztropine 0.5 mg/day.

1.4. Quetiapine Pharmacology

1.4.1. Quetiapine Pharmacokinetics

1.4.2. Quetiapine Pharmacodynamics

1.4.3. Quetiapine DI in This Case

1.4.1. Quetiapine Pharmacokinetics

1.4.1. Quetiapine Case 1: Quetiapine Pharmacokinetics

What do you know
about quetiapine
pharmacokinetics?

1.4.1. Quetiapine Case 1: Quetiapine Pharmacokinetics

- Quetiapine metabolism:
 - mainly by CYP3A
 - secondarily by CYP2D6
- As with most second-generation antipsychotics, quetiapine is:
 - not an inducer
 - not a major inhibitor, but
 - possibly a competitive inhibitor, particularly for CYP3A4

1.4.2. Quetiapine Pharmacodynamics

1.4.2. Quetiapine Case 1: Quetiapine Pharmacodynamics

What do you know
about quetiapine
pharmacodynamics?

1.4.2. Quetiapine Case 1: Quetiapine Pharmacodynamics

- Quetiapine efficacy in psychosis:
D₂ antagonist (with low affinity and loose binding).
- No known major effects on coagulation or platelet function.
- As with all antipsychotics, it has a black box warning for risk of death in elderly demented patients.
Quetiapine use in dementia is an off-label indication.

1.4.3. Quetiapine DI in This Case

1.4.3. Quetiapine Case 1: Quetiapine DI in This Case

■ Quetiapine:

- addition: ↑ INR
- discontinuation: back to normal INRs

■ Quetiapine appears to have caused a DI with warfarin.

■ Mechanism:

- pharmacodynamic mechanism:
not known
- pharmacokinetic mechanism: possible

1.4.3. Quetiapine Case 1: Quetiapine DI in This Case

- Competitive inhibition was possible:
 - At CYP3A4: quetiapine may inhibit R-warfarin metabolism.

1.5. Phenytoin's Role in This Case

1.5. Quetiapine Case 1: Phenytoin's Role

The INR was stable before and after quetiapine treatment and the patient was on phenytoin.

1.5. Quetiapine Case 1: Phenytoin's Role

Thus,
we conclude that
phenytoin played
no role in this DDI.

1.5. Quetiapine Case 1: Phenytoin's Role

Is this conclusion
correct?

1.5. Quetiapine Case 1: Phenytoin's Role

Is this conclusion
correct?

Certainly not.

1.5. Quetiapine Case 1: Phenytoin's Role

What is
phenytoin's role?

1.5. Quetiapine Case 1: Phenytoin's Role

What is
phenytoin's role?
Dr. de Leon is not
sure, but it can be
hypothesized.

1.5. Quetiapine Case 1: Phenytoin's Role

- Phenytoin metabolism by CYP2C9 was probably important.
 - Phenytoin competes with warfarin for CYP2C9 : warfarin D was in low range.
<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/19228618>
- Phenytoin is an inducer:
 - but this was not evident: warfarin D was low
 - which may change the balance of CYP2C9 and CYP3A4 for warfarin metabolism.
- By correcting warfarin D according to the INR, the doctor was correcting for phenytoin's effects.

1.5. Quetiapine Case 1: Phenytoin's Role

- We can only hypothesize phenytoin's role. It is probably relevant by:
 - contributing to CYP2C9 inhibition and/or
 - induction, which may modify the metabolism of:
 - warfarin
 - (and/or quetiapine)
- In situations of polypharmacotherapy, it is not easy to interpret DIs.

1.6. Relevance of This Case Report

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- 1.6.1. Initial Recommendation
at the Time of Publication (1999)**
- 1.6.2. PubMed Search**
- 1.6.3. Review of Articles**
- 1.6.4. Generalization from a Case Report**

1.6.1. Initial Recommendation at the Time of Publication (1999)

1.6.1. Quetiapine Case 1: Initial Recommendation

- The initial recommendation in the article regarding warfarin patients:
 - Consider whether adding quetiapine is really necessary; olanzapine did not ↑ the INR.
 - If it is necessary, monitor the INR closely.

1.6.2. PubMed Search (2016)

1.6.2. Quetiapine Case 1: PubMed Search

- Go to PubMed. <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed>
- Type in the search box:
“quetiapine and warfarin”
- On January 20, 2016,
Dr. de Leon found 9 articles.
Starting from the bottom,
they are as follows.

1.6.2. Quetiapine Case 1: PubMed Search

- Number 9: <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/10440472>
This is a case report.
- Number 8: <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/11980386>
The abstract suggests it is not relevant.
- Number 7: <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/12168506>
The abstract suggests it is not relevant.
- Number 6: <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/16089244>
The abstract suggests it is not relevant.
- Number 5: <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/19025425>
The abstract suggests it is not relevant.

1.6.2. Quetiapine Case 1: PubMed Search

- Number 4: <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/21799620>

Title: “Drug interaction as cause of spontaneously resolving epidural spinal hematoma on warfarin therapy.”

The abstract (and available pdf) suggest this was a case of polypharmacy and it is unclear whether quetiapine contributed or not.

1.6.2. Quetiapine Case 1: PubMed Search

- Number 3: <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/21601733>

Yang & Liang, 2011

Title: “Multiple intracerebral hemorrhages in an elderly patient after adding quetiapine to a stable warfarin regimen.”

The abstract says, “...Here, we present an elderly male patient with dementia who developed multiple intracerebral hemorrhages (ICHs) 3 days after the addition of quetiapine to his stable warfarin regimen...”

1.6.2. Quetiapine Case 1: PubMed Search

- Number 2: <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/23033232>

Nadkarni et al., 2012

Title: “Drug-drug interactions between warfarin and psychotropics: updated review of the literature”

The abstract states:

“Psychotropics that pose a particular risk of increasing the INR when used with warfarin include fluoxetine, fluvoxamine, quetiapine, and valproic acid.”

1.6.2. Quetiapine Case 1: PubMed Search

- Number 1: <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/24247877>

Chen et al., 2013

Title: “Enhanced bleeding risk in an elderly dementia patient treated with warfarin and quetiapine.”

There is no abstract.

1.6.3. Review of Articles

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1.6.3.1. Number 3: Case by Yang & Liang, 2011

1.6.3.2. Number 1: Case by Chen et al., 2013

1.6.3.3. Number 2: Review by Nadkarni et al., 2012

1.6.3.4. Another Warfarin Review: Holdbrook et al.,
2005

1.6.3.1. Number 3: Case by Yang & Liang, 2011

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/21601733>

1.6.3.1. Quetiapine Case 1: Case by Yang & Liang, 2011

- 71-year-old ♂ from Taiwan
- Diagnosis of dementia
- Medications:
 - warfarin for atrial fibrillation: INR 1.02-2.0
 - other co-medications:
 - atenolol 50 mg/d
 - lacidipine 4 mg/d
 - donepezil 5 mg/d
- After 3 days on quetiapine 12.5 mg/d:
 - an intracerebral hemorrhage developed
 - INR ↑ to 3.2

1.6.3.2. Number 1: Case by Chen et al., 2013

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/24247877>

1.6.3.2. Quetiapine Case 1: Case by Chen et al., 2013

- 74-year-old ♂ from Taiwan
- Diagnosis of vascular dementia
- Medication:
 - quetiapine 400 mg/day for 3 years
- Developed peripheral vein thrombosis:
 - warfarin 1.25 mg/day for 1 month
- Admitted due to psychotic exacerbation:
 - INR was found to be 3.9
 - warfarin was stopped (and vitamin K added).
 - quetiapine was switched to amisulpride.
- Restarted with warfarin 1.25 mg/day with normal INRs on amisulpride.

1.6.3.3. Number 2: Review by Nadkarni et al., 2012

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/23033232>

1.6.3.3. Quetiapine Case 1: Review by Nadkarni et al., 2012

- Based on 2 cases:
 - this case, and
 - case by Yang & Liang, 2011

They consider quetiapine to “pose particular risk of increasing the INR”.
- They group quetiapine with some other inhibitors with more definitive data:
 - fluoxetine
 - fluvoxamine
 - valproic acid

1.6.3.4. Another Warfarin Review: Holdbrook et al., 2005

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/15911722>

1.6.3.4. Quetiapine Case 1: Review by Holdbrook et al., 2005

- Yang & Liang, 2011, quote a 2005 warfarin review article, by Holbrook et al.
- Holbrook et al. had a different opinion: Tables 2 and 3 describe as “highly improbable” the quetiapine-warfarin DDI case described in this presentation.

1.6.3.4. Quetiapine Case 1: Review by Holdbrook et al., 2005

- There is a big difference between an evidence-based medicine approach used by Holdbrook et al. versus a personalized medicine approach based on pharmacokinetic mechanisms used in this presentation.

1.6.3.4. Quetiapine Case 1: Review by Holdbrook et al., 2005

- Using an evidence-based medicine approach to verify the DDI described in this case requires studying a group of patients taking phenytoin and warfarin, randomizing them to quetiapine versus placebo, and following them prospectively.
- Such a study won't happen for economic (lack of funding) and ethical reasons (serious risk).

1.6.4. Generalization from a Case Report

1.6.4. Quetiapine Case 1: Generalization from a Case Report

- There are no case reports with other antipsychotics \uparrow INR.
- Interpreting this case report, with a personalized medicine approach (pharmacological mechanisms), in 1999, Dr. de Leon recommended monitoring INR closely if the decision is made to add quetiapine to warfarin.

1.6.4. Quetiapine Case 1: Generalization from a Case Report

- In 2005, interpreting this case report, with an evidence-based medicine approach, Holbrook et al. recommended ignoring it (“highly improbable”).

1.6.4. Quetiapine Case 1: Generalization from a Case Report

When interpreting this case,
what is best?

To give value to
a personalized medicine
approach
or to an evidence-based
medicine approach?

1.6.4. Quetiapine Case 1: Generalization from a Case Report

- The best way is to frame the question as a risk-benefit analysis.

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What are the risks and benefits?

1.6.4. Quetiapine Case 1: Generalization from a Case Report

- No benefits: quetiapine does not \uparrow INR.
- Risks: you have wasted a few INRs by closely monitoring INR after adding quetiapine.
The INRs were normal and you were overconcerned.

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- The risks of adding quetiapine to warfarin are demonstrated in 2 published cases by clinicians who ignored the risks:
 - Yang & Liang, 2011: the outcome was an intracerebral hemorrhage.
<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/21601733>
 - Chen et al., 2013: ↑ INR was fortunately caught rapidly. <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/24247877>
- Benefits: avoiding these risky outcomes.

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It depends on how
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- Dr. de Leon thinks the evidence-based medicine approach is very limited for identifying rare and potentially lethal ADRs.

RCTs by pharmaceutical companies:

- are short-term (weeks),
- are small (hundreds of patients),
- exclude patients with relevant
 - medical problems, or
 - co-medications.

1.6.4. Generalization from a Case Report

- Dr. de Leon thinks that you should pay attention to case reports for preventing rare and potentially lethal ADRs.

1.6. Quetiapine Case 1: Relevance

- If you are interested in differences between evidence-based and personalized-medicine approaches, see the presentation titled “Evidence-Based Medicine versus Personalized Medicine” or the editorial on which it is based. <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/22367661>

pre-printed free copy http://uknowledge.uky.edu/psychiatry_facpub/41/

Questions

- Please review the 10 questions on the pdf entitled “Questions on the Presentation Quetiapine Case 1 Warfarin”.
- You will find the answers on the last slide after the “Thank you slide”. No peeking until you have answered all the questions.
- If you do not answer all the questions correctly, please review the PowerPoint presentation again to reinforce the pharmacological concepts.

Thank you

Answers

1. A

2. B

3. D

4. D

5. B

6. C

7. D

8. B

9. B

10. A