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Direct reporting of adverse drug reactions by healthcare consumers in Africa; a narrative review

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Abstract

Background: Direct reporting by health care consumers has been adopted in some developed and developing countries with a positive impact in improving pharmacovigilance through increased reporting rate. There are limited reports on direct reporting and its outcome in Africa.

Purpose: To identify and present the available evidence on direct reporting of adverse drug reactions by healthcare consumers in Africa.

Methodology: A review guided by Cochrane handbook was conducted. Electronic scientific databases such as PubMed, Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature, Embase and Cochrane Library were searched. Google scholar, general Google search engine, the website for the regulatory resources for Africa and World Health Organisation - Uppsala Monitoring were also searched for available guidelines, documents and publications. The review period was January 1992 to October 2019.



Biography:

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