

Authors' response

We appreciate the interest shown by Gozdas and Arpacı from Turkey.

In reply to their remarks we would like to state that our study had some limitations. It did not represent the true prevalence of the problem due to voluntary/spontaneous nature of reporting. Risk factor correlation was not done in this study. The data were generated by spontaneous reporting system as proposed by Pharmacovigilance Programme of India (PvPI). Thus, there might be many other confounding factors which could have affected the final outcome of the study. No attempt was made to establish any statistical correlation as it was beyond the scope of the study. This has been stated in the last paragraph of discussion also under limitations of the study. Thus age, gender and comorbidities as risk factors for drug-induced diseases cannot be concluded from the results of our study. The results only depicted the distribution as these were reported.

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