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Dear Dr. LI,

Repaglinide - New Contraindication for Concomitant Use with Clopidogrel

Your attention is drawn to the Health Canada's announcement regarding the new contraindication for concomitant use of repaglinide with clopidogrel.

Health Canada is informing family physicians, general practitioners, nurses, nurse practitioners, pharmacists, endocrinologists and cardiovascular clinics that the co-administration of repaglinide and clopidogrel (a known CYP2C8 inhibitor) may lead to a significant decrease in blood glucose levels due to a drug-drug interaction. The concomitant use of repaglinide and clopidogrel is now contraindicated.

Please refer to the following website in Health Canada for details:

<http://healthycanadians.gc.ca/recall-alert-rappel-avis/hc-sc/2015/54454a-eng.php>

In Hong Kong, there are 8 registered pharmaceutical products containing repaglinide and 32 registered pharmaceutical products containing clopidogrel. All products are prescription-only medicines. So far, the Department of Health (DH) has not received any adverse drug reaction report related to the two ingredients. In view of the Health Canada's announcement, the matter will be discussed in the meeting of the Registration Committee of the Pharmacy and Poisons Board. The DH will remain vigilant on any safety updates of the drug.

Please report any adverse events caused by drugs to the Pharmacovigilance Unit of the DH (tel. no.: 2319 2920, fax: 2319 6319 or email: adr@dh.gov.hk). For details, please refer to the website at Drug Office under "ADR Reporting": <http://www.drugoffice.gov.hk/adr.html>. You may wish to visit the Drug Office's website for subscription and browsing of "Drug News" which is a monthly digest of drug safety news and information issued by Drug Office.

Yours sincerely,

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