

## 10 International Assessment of Herbal Medicines Pharmacovigilance

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**Introduction:** The ultimate aim of herbal medicines (HM) pharmacovigilance is to protect patients from herb-induced harms and allow them to derive the maximum benefit from HM.

**Aim:** The aim of the study is to assess HM pharmacovigilance in countries represented in Vigimed list comparatively with WHO Programme for International Drug Monitoring guidelines which will be considered as a referential.

**Methods:** A survey using a questionnaire distributed via Vigimed to national centres and national drug regulatory agencies participating in the WHO International Monitoring Programme. Other countries, who are nominated by WHO National Centre persons to be on the Vigimed distribution list, are also involved in the survey. Data collection has been opened from April 17<sup>th</sup> to June 17<sup>th</sup> with weekly recalls to participants. The questionnaire was constituted by six parts: Background Information, Overview of Pharmacovigilance of HM Programme, Spontaneous Adverse Herbal Reaction Reporting, Use of Information from Pharmacovigilance of HM Activities, Regulation of HM, and, Challenges and Future Activities. Assessment of countries HM pharmacovigilance situation will be done by Epi Info 3.3.2 version.

**Results and discussion:** Until May 26<sup>th</sup>, twenty five countries have answered to the questionnaire. The study is undergoing. Results will be presented and discussed.

**Conflicts of interest:** None declared.