Review of: "Could a Simple Barcode Enhance Patient Safety by Raising Awareness of Black Box Warnings? How Can We Bridge the Knowledge Gap in Medication Risks Among Health Professionals?"

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1. In the abstract, it is emphasized that drugs carrying black box warnings, as mandated by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), must be clearly noted in prescriptions, whether in written or electronic form. Furthermore, electronic prescriptions are underscored as essential. Furthermore, it is understood that the term "the strongest drug safety warnings" (line 3) denotes medications with a heightened propensity to cause severe adverse effects. Therefore, it is proposed to replace "strongest" with a phrase better aligned with this concept.

2. Regarding Keywords, the absence of terms like Black Box Warning, Gap, Logo, and Drug Pack in DeCS/MeSH is noted. Additionally, it is inferred that the authors' proposal extends beyond biological drugs to encompass all medications with a higher likelihood of causing severe adverse effects. Consequently, a suggested set of keywords includes Drug Labeling, Prescriptions, Electronic Health Records, Awareness, FDA, and Patient Safety, which collectively encapsulate the manuscript's central theme more effectively.

3. Regarding the paragraph on cigarettes, the sentence should be reframed to better encapsulate the paragraph's meaning, as the current formulation does not adequately convey its significance or outcome.

4. The proposal for implementing a barcode system to enhance patient safety is innovative and offers significant advantages for healthcare.

5. Emphasis should be placed on providing additional details about the methodology.

6. In the conclusion, the repeated use of "black box" may cause ambiguity regarding its intended meaning. Thus, the sentence discussing the suggestion of a barcode or logo for enhancing patient safety should be rephrased to clarify the precise implications.

7. It is recommended to include more references to bolster the argument presented.

8. will be accepted with minor changes