

# 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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The idea of adding a barcode to the black box warnings is interesting and a way to link a therapy with black box warnings to adverse dangerous reactions in other diseases or therapies. The problem is that this idea is declared as a commercially protected solution. Therefore, the chance of translating this idea into a strategy by medical authorities such as the FDA is lower. This only makes sense if the barcodes of the black box warnings are stored in an official open-source database with links to other drugs that can cause adverse critical reactions. This would immediately result in a specific warning in the patient's electronic medication plan.