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Drug Safety Research Unit

## Advances in Pharmacovigilance for Herbal Medicines

### Conference

Kew Gardens, London

13 – 14 April 2023

Thursday 13 April

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**0800 - 0900**    **Registration for delegates**

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**0900 - 0915**    **Welcome and introduction to the conference**  
Saad Shakir (Director, Drug Safety Research Unit, Southampton, UK) and  
Jo Barnes (Professor in Herbal Medicines, School of Pharmacy, University of  
Auckland, Auckland, New Zealand)

#### **Backwards and forwards: safety and pharmacovigilance for herbal medicines**

**Chair: Saad Shakir and Jo Barnes**

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**0915 - 0945**    **Pharmacovigilance for herbal medicines: the last 2000 years**  
Jeff Aronson  
Centre for Evidence Based Medicine, Nuffield Department of Primary Care Health  
Sciences, University of Oxford, Oxford, UK

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**0945 - 1030**    **Pharmacovigilance – the next 20.00 years**  
Speaker TBC

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**1030 - 1115**    **Coffee**

#### **On quality and toxicity in pharmacovigilance for herbal medicines**

**Chair: TBC**

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**1115 - 1200**    **Quality of herbal raw materials and its importance in safety and  
pharmacovigilance: the work of the Botanical Adulterants Program**  
Mark Blumenthal (Founder & Executive Director, American Botanical Council,  
Editor-in-Chief, HerbalGram, Founder & Director, ABC-AHP-NCNPR Botanical  
Adulterants Prevention Program; Austin, Texas, USA)

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**1200 - 1245**    **Integrating safety data and toxicology science: the work of the Botanical  
Safety Consortium**  
Amy Roe (Director Principal Toxicologist, Personal Health Care, Proctor & Gamble,  
USA)

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**1245 - 1400**    **Lunch - enjoy time at Kew Gardens / Poster viewing**  
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### Plant names, coding and classification for herbal medicines

Chair: Monique Simmonds and TBC

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**1400 - 1445**    **Names matter: avoiding the pitfalls and consequences arising from misuse of nomenclature for herbals**

Bob Allkin  
Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, London, UK

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**1445 - 1530**    **Challenges and solutions in coding and classification for herbal medicines**

Souad Skalli  
Faculty of Science, University Mohammed V in Rabat, Rabat, Morocco

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**1530 – 1600**    **Tea and Poster viewing**

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### Pharmacovigilance for herbal and other traditional medicines: short presentations from submitted abstracts [10 minutes + 5 minutes for Q&A]

Chair: TBC

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**1600 - 1615**    **'Visit my poster' [one minute per poster]**

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**1615 - 1630**    **Title TBC**  
Name, Organisation **TBC**

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**1630 - 1645**    **Title TBC**  
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**1645 - 1700**    **Title TBC**  
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**1700 - 1715**    **Title TBC**  
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**1715 - 1730**    **'Visit my poster' [one minute per poster]**

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**1730**            **End of day one**

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**1730 - 1830**    **Complimentary networking drinks reception at Cambridge Cottage RBG Kew**

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#### **Patient voice in pharmacovigilance for herbal medicines**

**Chair: Saad Shakir and TBC**

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**0905 - 0945**    TBC

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**0945 - 1030**    **Global pharmacovigilance for herbal and traditional medicines: reports (including patient reports) in VigiBase, the WHO global database of individual case safety reports**  
Florence van Hunsel  
Head Signal Detection, Netherlands Pharmacovigilance Centre (LAREB)

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**1030 - 1100**    **Coffee**

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#### **Methodological developments in pharmacovigilance for herbal medicines (1)**

**Chair: Saad Shakir and TBC**

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**1100 - 1145**    **Towards 'big data' for herbal and traditional medicines**  
Jo Barnes (Professor in Herbal Medicines, School of Pharmacy, University of Auckland, Auckland, New Zealand)

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**1145 - 1230**    **Machine Learning on biological targets (using existing biomedical databases) of Traditional Chinese Medicines and potential interactions with western medicines for COVID symptoms (TBC)**  
Ian CK Wong (Lo Shiu Kwan Kan Po Ling Professor in Pharmacy, Head of Department of Pharmacology and Pharmacy, The University of Hong Kong)

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## Methodological developments in pharmacovigilance for herbal medicines (2)

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1330 - 1415	<b>Signal detection for herbal medicines – results from a scoping review</b> Daniele Sartori (Uppsala Monitoring Centre, Uppsala, Sweden, and Centre for Evidence-Based Medicine, Nuffield Department of Primary Care Health Sciences, University of Oxford, Oxford, UK)
1415 - 1500	<b>A bridge too far? How can we reach islands of information on herbal and other traditional medicines?</b> Rich Boyce (Associate Professor of Biomedical Informatics and Clinical and Translational Science, Clinical and Translational Science Institute, and Associate Director, Biomedical Informatics Training Program, University of Pittsburgh, USA)
1500 - 1530	Tea

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## Perspectives on pharmacovigilance for herbal and traditional medicines

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1530 - 1545	<b>Perspective from the herbal medicines industry – Australasian perspective</b> Phil Rasmussen, founding Director, Natural Health Products New Zealand
1545 - 1600	<b>A regulatory perspective TBC</b> Speaker TBC
1600 - 1615	<b>Herbal medicine practitioners' perspective</b> Phil Rasmussen, medical herbalist, New Zealand
1630 - 1700	<b>Panel discussion</b> Phil Rasmussen, others TBC
1700- 1715	<b>Closing remarks</b> Jo Barnes and Saad Shakir
1730	<b>Close of meeting</b>

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