



PHARMACOVIGILANCE-NEEDS FOR AYURVEDA UNANI SIDHHA AND HOMEOPATHIC DRUGS

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ABSTRACT

In the age of modern technology TSM (Traditional System of Medicine) make up an important module towards alternative medicine. ASU medicine are generally considered as safe but they also need consistent monitoring for adverse effect and here pharmacovigilance plays important role as it is related to the protection of public health and monitoring of adverse drug reaction (ADR's). It is becoming ever more popular in today's world as people seek out for natural remedies. To compete with the growing pharmaceutical market, there is an exigency to develop and scientifically validated more medicinally useful herbal products. Pharmacovigilance is an important tool to analyze the drug effect particularly its side effect, if found any. This review article provides an overview of the need of the pharmacovigilance for ASU medicines and future aspects of pharmacovigilance in herbal drugs. In the era of modern technology, scientific advancement, consumer awareness and the advent of evidence based medicine, there is inadequate genuine clinical trials evidence supporting the efficacy and safety of many ASU drugs. Further a common misconception prevails among the people and practitioners that these drugs are without any side effects and safe to use.

KEY WORDS: TSM, ASU (Ayurveda, Sidhha, Unani), Pharmacovigilance, ADR's (Adverse drugs reaction).

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