

Analysis of Adverse Drug Reaction Reports from a Public Hospital in Shanxi Province in 2022

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Objective: Through analyzing the characteristics and influencing factors of adverse drug reactions/adverse events (ADR/ADE) in a hospital to promote rational drug use in the clinic.

Methods: A total of 1221 ADR/ADE reports collected from a hospital in 2022 were retrieved through the National Adverse Drug Reaction Monitoring Center. The effective reports were screened according to the Guiding Principles for Collection and Reporting of Individual Adverse Drug Reactions, and classified the standardized drugs. The systems/organs and main clinical symptoms affected by ADR/ADE were classified according to the WHO Glossary of Adverse Drug Reaction Terms. The severity, age and gender, occupational distribution, drug category, route of administration, drug dosage form, system/organ involved, and main clinical symptoms of ADR/ADE reports were analyzed.

Results: Among 1221 ADR/ADE reports, 890 cases (75.27%) reported by doctors; 144 cases (11.79%) were serious; Precisely 49.22% of ADR/ADE occurred in patients aged 51 to 70 years old; The highest incidence of adverse reactions was 636 cases (52.09%) by intravenous infusion, 406 cases (33.25%) by oral administration. The top categories of reported cases were anti-infective drugs (29.40%) and anti-tumor drugs (27.52%); Systems/organs involved in ADR/ADE were mainly the skin and its accessories (24.96%) and blood system (21.35%). 166 cases were cured, 893 cases were symptomatic, 160 cases were unknown, and 2 cases had sequelae.

Conclusion: The occurrence of ADR/ADE is related to many influencing factors such as age, drug categories, and route of administration. Therefore, it is recommended that hospitals strengthen the monitoring of ADR/ADE, especially the elderly, anti-infective drugs and intravenous administration.

Keywords: adverse drug reactions, adverse events, report analysis, the rational use of drugs

Introduction

Adverse drug reactions (ADR) have been defined as an unintended, harmful response to a drug which occurs at doses normally used in humans for prophylaxis, diagnosis, or therapy of disease, or for the modification of physiological function.¹ Following an ADR, the overall treatment effectiveness for a patient's disease can be negatively impacted, potentially raising treatment costs, and increasing patient risk during the course of medication. Adverse drug events (ADE), however, encompass a broader range of harmful outcomes from the use of a drug. ADEs include ADRs as well as events due to treatment failures and medication errors. Notably, ADEs can be further divided into preventable ADEs, those that arise from medication errors, and non-preventable ADEs, for which the term ADR is sometimes exclusively used. This use of terminology, however, can often lead to inconsistency in how ADEs and ADRs are understood and discussed.

Reporting of ADR/ADEs is crucial in maintaining and enhancing the safety profile of drugs, as it is not intended to monitor the efficacy of drugs, but to observe and document any potential risks and adverse reactions. It represents an essential tool in guiding the safety of clinical medication, aiding the science of assessing and monitoring the risk/benefit profiles of medications throughout their lifecycle.² The risk associated with drug use can be significantly reduced by

analyzing relevant reporting data, exploring factors influencing ADR/ADE occurrences, and creating and implementing a corresponding clinical medication plan based on these factors.

In an era of continual drug research development, a multitude of medication categories often exist for the same disease. Hence, the analysis of ADR/ADE reports can guide future treatment strategies for the disease. In this research, we aim to provide an in-depth analysis of the ADR/ADE reports and rational drug use in a hospital in Shanxi Province. In this study, we analyze 1221 ADR/ADE reports from a Shanxi hospital in 2022 to understand their characteristics and influence factors, promoting more rational drug use in clinical settings.

Information and Methods

Study Design

This study is a secondary analysis of the National Adverse Drug Reaction Monitoring Platform from January 2022 to December 2022. A total of 1221 ADR/ADE reports were collected from a 500-bed public hospital in Yangquan, an urban area. This hospital utilizes Electronic Health Records (EHR) and the reports include both inpatients and outpatients. The effective reports were screened, and the standardized drugs were classified according to the Guiding Principles for Collection and Reporting of Individual Adverse Drug Reactions. The systems/organs and main clinical symptoms affected by ADR/ADE were classified according to the WHO Glossary of Terms for Adverse Drug Reactions.³

The hospital is required to report ADR/ADEs to the National Adverse Drug Reaction Monitoring Platform. Reports are typically submitted through the electronic health record system. The platform data is regularly used by the hospital for quality improvement and patient safety interventions.

Statistical Projects and Methods

This study use descriptive and retrospective analysis methods. Excel software was used for data collation. SPSS 22.0 software was used to descriptive statistics on ADR/ADE results, age and sex, reporter's occupation, drug class, route of administration, affected system/organ and main clinical symptoms. The data retrieval was performed by the researchers with a background in pharmacology, and each report was reviewed by more than one person.

Observation Indicators and Evaluation Criteria

Severity

Severity was classified according to the National ADR monitoring platform categories: general, severe, new general, and new severe. The severity of adverse drug reactions are defined as follows:

- General: mild reactions or illnesses with symptoms that do not require treatment;
- Severe: obvious adverse reaction symptoms, serious damage to organs and system functions in the body;
- New general: mild adverse reaction symptoms, and no significant impact on vital organs or system function;
- New Severe: severe damage to vital organs or system function, resulting in disability or shortening or life-threatening.⁴

Preventability of the ADR/ADE was also evaluated based on the criteria: preventable, possibly preventable, probably preventable, and not preventable.

Drug Categories

The National ADR monitoring platform predetermined the drug categories, which include anti-infective drugs, anti-neoplastic drugs, cardiovascular drugs, central nervous system drugs, respiratory drugs, endocrine system drugs, blood and hematopoietic system drugs, and others.

Route of Administration/Pharmaceutical Formulation

Routes of administration include oral administration, intravenous drip, intravenous injection, subcutaneous injection, intramuscular injection and intrapump injection. The pharmaceutical formulation include injection, tablet, capsule, granule, atomized solution, suppository, etc.

System/Organ Involved

Affected systems and organs include the skin and appendages, hematologic, respiratory, gastrointestinal, hepatobiliary, systemic reactions, cardiovascular, metabolic and endocrine systems, nervous system, circulatory and urinary systems, psychiatric disorders, and visual impairment.

ADR/ADE Causality Determination

The causal relationship between drugs and clinical adverse events (including laboratory abnormalities, or “events”) was assessed according to the National ADR monitoring platform’s levels: definite correlation, likely correlation, possible correlation, possible uncorrelation, to be evaluated, and inability to evaluate.⁵ The same causality categories were used throughout the study to ensure consistency.

Results

Overview of ADR/ADE Reports

This study analyzed 1221 ADR/ADE cases. The majority were general (1048 cases, 85.83%), while 144 cases (11.79%) were serious, and 29 cases (2.38%) were newly general. Reports were primarily submitted by certified doctors (890 cases, 72.89%), with a smaller number submitted by pharmacists (320 cases, 26.21%), and only 11 cases (0.9%) reported by primary nurses (Table 1).

Age and Gender Distribution of ADR/ADE

Gender distribution of ADR/ADE reports showed near parity between females (573 cases, 46.93%) and males (648 cases, 53.07%). The most affected age group was between 51–70 years (49.22%) (Table 2).

Route of Administration of ADR/ADE and Main Drug Species

Among total ADR/ADE reports, 16 routes of administration were involved, with the drugs that were most commonly related to intravenous infusion (52.09%) and oral administration (33.25%). The distribution of the routes of administration that triggered the ADR/ADE are presented in Table 3. Among the 17 pharmaceutical dosage forms involved, The dosage forms that more often were involved in serious ADRs were injection (62.73%) and tablet (26.86%), as shown in Table 4.

327 drugs were covered in the report. The top five drugs were anti-infective drugs (359 cases, 29.40%), anti-tumor drugs (336 cases, 27.52%), cardiovascular drugs (79 cases, 6.47%), central nervous system drugs (75 cases, 6.14%) and respiratory system drugs (57 cases, 4.67%), as shown in Figure 1.

Table 1 Overview of ADR/ADE Reports

Adverse Reaction Status (n=1221)	Number of Cases	Percentage (%)
General	1048	85.83%
Serious	114	11.79%
New General	29	2.38%
Total	1221	100%
Reporter role (n=1221)	Number of cases	Percentage (%)
Certified doctor	890	72.89%
Primary nurse	11	0.9%
Pharmacist	320	26.21%
Total	1221	100%

Table 2 Age and Gender Distribution of ADRs/ADEs

Age Range	Number of Cases (Women)	Number of Cases (Men)	Total
0–10	22 (3.84%)	25 (3.86%)	47
11–20	6 (1.05%)	4 (0.62%)	10
21–30	19 (3.32)	15 (2.31)	34 (2.78)
31–40	34 (5.93)	32 (4.94)	66 (5.41)
41–50	82 (14.31)	71 (10.96)	153 (12.53)
51–60	150 (26.18)	170 (26.23)	320 (26.21)
61–70	132 (23.04)	149 (22.99)	281 (23.01)
71–80	91 (15.88)	125 (19.29)	216 (17.69)
81–90	34 (5.93)	41 (6.33)	75 (6.14)
91–100	3 (0.52)	16 (2.47)	19 (1.56)
Total	573	648	1221

Table 3 ADR/ADE Route of Administration

Route of Medication	Number of Cases	Percentage (%)
Intravenous infusion	636	52.09
Take orally	406	33.25
Subcutaneous/hypodermic injection	47	3.85
Mainline	39	3.19
Arterial administration	24	1.97
Inhalation administration	22	1.80
Intra-pump injection	17	1.39
Intramuscular injection	7	0.57
Rectal administration	5	0.41
Nasal feeding	5	0.41
External use/application	4	0.33
Intraperitoneal administration	4	0.33
Hepatic artery perfusion	2	0.16
Local injection	1	0.08
Local administration	1	0.08
Ophthalmic administration	1	0.08
Total	1221	100%

Major System/Organ Involvement and Clinical Manifestations of ADR/ADE

In the 1221 reports, the cumulative number of ADRs/ADEs (1274) was higher than the actual number of ADR/ADE reports (1221) because some ADRs/ADEs involve multiple organs/systems. Among them, the organs/systems affected by ADR/ADE were mainly the skin and its accessories (24.96%), with the main clinical manifestations of rash, pruritus, and drug rash. The hematological system was next (21.35%), with clinical manifestations of bone marrow suppression, leukopenia, and thrombocytopenia, as shown in [Table 5](#).

Causality Evaluation

Causality of adverse drug reactions (ADR/ADE) is a routine procedure for pharmacovigilance, in that it is used to evaluate drug safety parameters and the correlation and possibility between drug use and the occurrence of ADR/ADE. The causal relationship evaluation results of the reporters in this hospital were “likely correlation” (858 cases, 70.27%), “possible correlation” (253 cases, 20.72%) and “definite correlation” (110 cases, 9.01%), as shown in [Table 6](#).

Table 4 Pharmaceutical Dosage Forms

Pharmaceutical Dosage Form	Number of Cases	Percentage (%)
Injection	766	62.73
Tablet	328	26.86
Capsule	58	4.75
Granular pesticide	13	1.06
Solution	12	0.98
Powder-injection	10	0.82
Atomized solution	6	0.49
Suppository	5	0.41
Suspension agent	5	0.41
Pill	4	0.32
Mixture	3	0.25
Powder	3	0.25
Ointment	3	0.24
Patch (ointment type)	2	0.16
Aerosol	1	0.08
Suspended aerosol	1	0.08
Sustained release tablet	1	0.08
Total	1221	100%

Management and Outcomes

ADR/ADE outcomes generally include recovery, improvement, no improvement, sequelae, and death. Out of 1221 patients, 166 (13.6%) fully recovered, 893 (73.14%) showed symptom improvement, the condition of 160 patients (13.1%) remained unknown, and two patients (0.16%) experienced sequelae following dose reduction, discontinuation of the suspected drug, or specific clinical treatments, as shown in Figure 2.

Analysis of Difference in Severity and Outcome of ADR/ADE

There was no significant difference in ADR/ADE outcomes across different age groups ($p > 0.05$). However, age appeared to significantly influence the severity of the adverse reaction ($p < 0.05$) (Table 7).

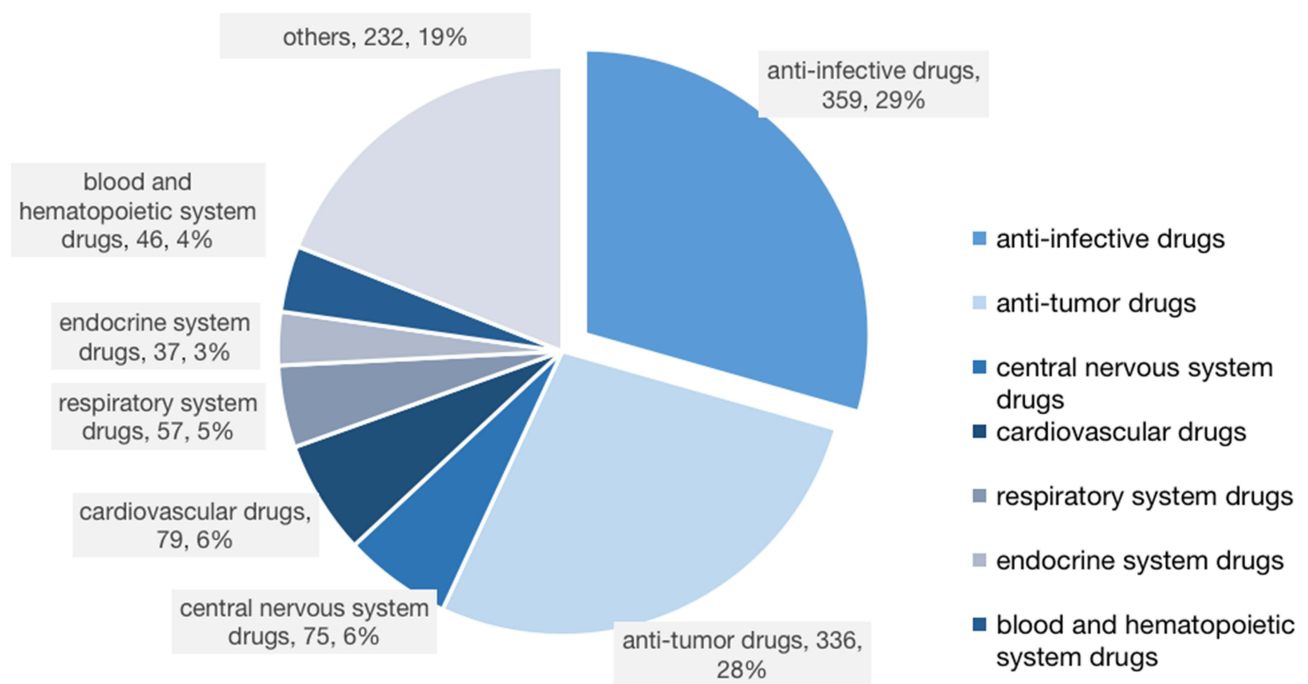


Figure 1 Relate to classification of drug categories.

Table 5 Major System, Organ and Clinical Manifestations of ADR/ADE

Organ System Involved	Main Clinical Manifestations	Percentage
Skin and accessories damage (n=318)	Rash (170), pruritus (100), drug eruption (12), skin hemorrhage (5), skin pigmentation (5), urticaria (4), severe erythema multiforme type drug eruption (4), skin mucosal ulcer (2), alopecia (2), hyperpigmentation (2), ecchymosis (2), skin congestion (1), oral ulcer (1), herpes zoster (1), flushing (1), skin redness (1), skin infection (1), skin nodules (1), skin tingling sensation (1), chapped (1), pustulosis (1)	24.96%
Blood system damage (n=272)	Bone marrow suppression (133), leukopenia (82), thrombocytopenia (22), anemia (9), neutropenia (9), pancytopenia (6), leukopenia (4), hemorrhage (3), coagulopathy (2), mucosal hemorrhage (1), anemia aggravation (1)	21.35%
Gastrointestinal tract damage (n=206)	Nausea (88), vomiting (36), diarrhea (35), abdominal pain (18), decreased appetite (7), constipation (6), gastritis (4), upper gastrointestinal bleeding (3), hiccup (2), intestinal perforation (2), abdominal distension (2), nausea (1), enteritis (1), gastrointestinal reactions (1)	16.17%
Systemic reaction (n=129)	Pain (29), edema (19), fatigue (19), fever (18), tremor (8), numbness (7), chill (6), infection (5), lower limb edema (3), allergic reaction (3), anaphylactic shock (2), chest distress (2), drug fever (2), sweating (2), headache (1), spasm (1), chest pain (1), trembling (1)	10.13%
Hepatobiliary impairment (n=115)	Liver damage (77), elevated liver enzymes (18), elevated bilirubin (10), elevated transaminases (10)	9.03%
Central nervous system impairment (n=77)	Dizziness (24), headache (22), insomnia (11), epilepsy (5), convulsions (4), drowsiness (3), central nervous system excitation (3), involuntary movement (1), central nervous system inhibition (1), head bulge (1), head discomfort (1), nerve damage (1)	6.04%
Respiratory impairment (n=39)	Cough (9), asthma (7), dyspnea (6), shortness of breath (5), breath (3), hypoxia (2), hemoptysis (2), shortness of breath (1), qi tight (1), chest sense of urgency (1), interstitial pneumonia (1), upper respiratory tract infection (1)	3.06%
Metabolic and endocrine system impairment (n=38)	Hyperuricemia (31), decreased T4 (3), decreased T3 (2), increased blood glucose (2)	2.98%
Urinary system damage (n=32)	Elevated creatinine (15), renal impairment (8), hematuria (5), elevated creatinine (2), autoimmune nephritis (1), bacteriuria (1)	2.51%
Cardiovascular system impairment (n=24)	Palpitation (12), palpitation (4), hypotension (2), myocardial ischemia (2), increased blood pressure (1), decreased blood pressure (1), hypertension (1), increased hypertension (1)	1.88%
Mental disorders (n=19)	Irritability (13), multilingualism (2), hallucinations (2), anxiety (1), delirium (1)	1.49%
Visual impairment (n=5)	Posterior subcapsular cataract (1), diplopia (1), eye pain (1), conjunctival disease (1), blurred vision (1)	0.39%

Table 6 Causality Evaluation

Causality Evaluation	Number of Cases	Percentage (%)
Likely correlation	858	70.27%
Possible correlation	253	20.72%
Definite correlation	110	9.01%
Total	1221	100%

Discussion

As the listing rate of new drugs increases year by year, it is important to strengthen drug safety management and improve the level of rational administration of drug. The Notice on Further Strengthening Drug Safety Management and Promoting Rational Use of Drugs published by the National Health and Wellness Commission emphasizes that ADR/ADE monitoring reports and analysis should be strengthened, and actively respond to ADR/ADE.⁶ Medical institutions carefully analyze ADR/ADE reports and monitoring data will be beneficial for further safeguarding and safeguarding medical quality and safety, as well as people's health rights and interests. Prior literature has also stressed the importance of improving the ADR/ADE monitoring and reporting systems, which aligns with our study and reflects the general consensus in the field.⁷

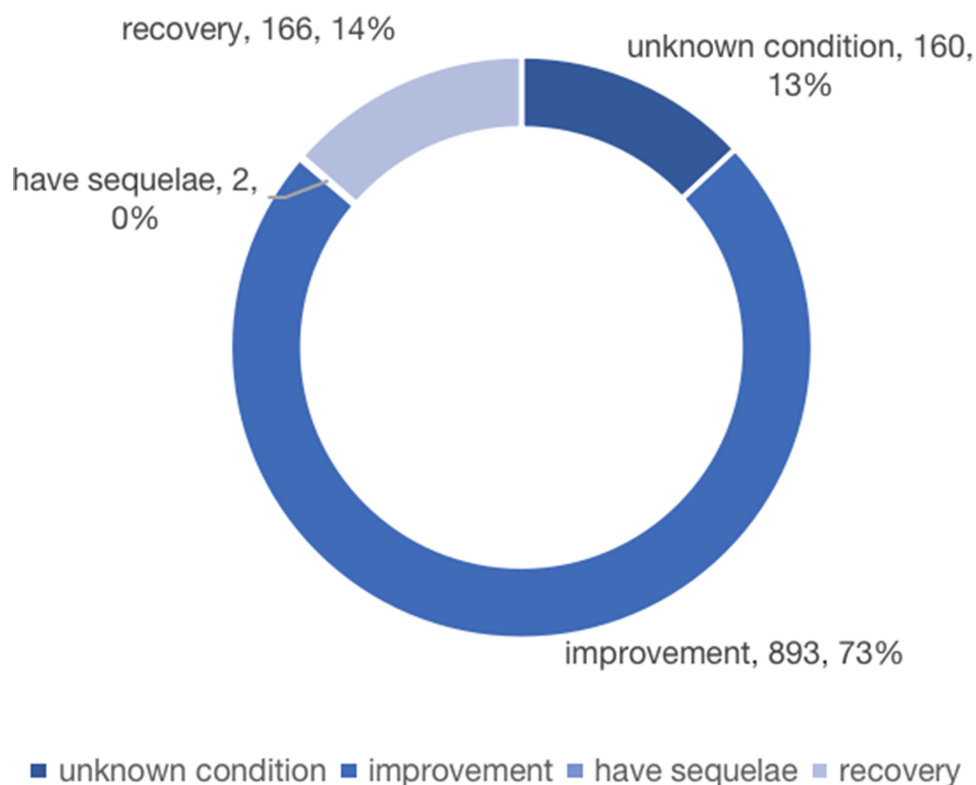


Figure 2 Outcome evaluation.

Severity Analysis of ADR/ADE

In this study, more than 70% of the ADR/ADE reports from medical institutions were reported by physicians. It might be related to the fact that physicians had more contact with patients and were easy to obtain the first time feedback information about adverse reactions from patients. Our results are in accordance with previous literature that found physicians to be the major reporters of ADR/ADE.⁸

In 85.83% of total patients, the severity level was average. It indicated that the adverse reactions caused by drug application in this medical institution were mild and not to need therapy. However, 11.79% of the patients still experienced serious reactions. This aligns with previous studies highlighting a significant portion of patients who encounter severe ADR/ADE.⁹ It indicated that the adverse reactions in some patients seriously damaged their organ functions. In these patients, we found that the main drug categories included anti-infection, anti-tumor, cardiovascular system treatment and central nervous system treatment, indicating that the monitoring of these drug categories should be continuously strengthened in clinical practice.

Gender and Age

ADR/ADE is a significant and increasingly serious global healthcare issue. Older age and female gender are significant predictors of ADR/ADE.¹⁰ In this study, the reported proportion of women to men was almost the same, indicating there was no significant correlation between ADR/ADE and the gender. It is inconsistent with that reported in the literature, a published research found more women with ADR/ADE than men.^{11,12} From the age distribution, the incidence of ADR/ADE in patients over 50 years old reached 74.61%. Nearly half of the patients are over 60 years old, which is significantly higher than that in patients of other age groups. However, age also affected the severity of ADR/ADE, and 79.86% severe ADR/ADE occurred in patients over the age of 50. It may be related to the organ dysfunction in elderly patients, especially the liver and kidney dysfunction, which affects the metabolism and excretion of drugs.¹³ In addition, elderly patients often suffer from multiple chronic diseases and need concomitant medications, further increasing the incidence and severity of ADR/ADE.¹⁴

Table 7 Age for Adverse Reaction Status, Difference Analysis of Adverse Reaction Results

Subject	Name	Age Range (%)										Total	χ^2	p
		0-10	11-20	21-30	31-40	41-50	51-60	61-70	71-80	81-90	91-100			
Adverse reaction status	Common	45 (95.74)	10 (100.00)	32 (94.12)	56 (84.85)	135 (88.24)	277 (86.56)	230 (81.85)	182 (84.26)	62 (82.67)	19 (100.00)	1048 (85.83)	31.235	0.027*
	Serious	2 (4.26)	0 (0.00)	2 (5.88)	9 (13.64)	16 (10.46)	36 (11.25)	38 (13.52)	33 (15.28)	8 (10.67)	0 (0.00)	144 (11.79)		
	New general	0 (0.00)	0 (0.00)	0 (0.00)	1 (1.52)	2 (1.31)	7 (2.19)	13 (4.63)	1 (0.46)	5 (6.67)	0 (0.00)	29 (2.38)		
Total		47	47	10	34	66	153	320	281	216	75	19		
Results of adverse reactions	Unknown condition	4 (8.51)	1 (10.00)	3 (8.82)	10 (15.15)	23 (15.03)	51 (15.94)	28 (9.96)	29 (13.43)	9 (12.00)	2 (10.53)	160 (13.10)	40.026	0.051
	Symptoms improved	33 (70.21)	5 (50.00)	23 (67.65)	46 (69.70)	109 (71.24)	233 (72.81)	223 (79.36)	157 (72.69)	54 (72.00)	10 (52.63)	893 (73.14)		
	Have sequelae	0 (0.00)	0 (0.00)	0 (0.00)	1 (1.52)	0 (0.00)	1 (0.31)	0 (0.00)	0 (0.00)	0 (0.00)	0 (0.00)	2 (0.16)		
	Cured	10 (21.28)	4 (40.00)	8 (23.53)	9 (13.64)	21 (13.73)	35 (10.94)	30 (10.68)	30 (13.89)	12 (16.00)	7 (36.84)	166 (13.60)		
Total		47	47	10	34	66	153	320	281	216	75	19		

Note: *p<0.05.

Previous studies have shown that the implementation of medication reconciliation¹⁵ and comprehensive assessment of older age¹⁶ can reduce potential ADR/ADE. Therefore, the characteristics of elderly patients should be fully considered in the clinical medication, and they need reasonable drug formulation and dosage to reduce the occurrence of adverse reactions.

Route of Administration and Formulation

According to the data of this study, injection was the main formulation causing ADR/ADE (62.73%), and intravenous administration was also the main route causing ADR/ADE (55.28%), which was also consistent with previous reports.¹⁷ The reasons for this result may include: there was no first-pass effect when the drugs were directly injected into the blood by intravenous administration; the drugs had a rapid onset; the pH value; osmotic pressure and endotoxin of the injection were induced; the concentration of the drug was high by intravenous administration; the drug was given quickly; large injection administration base for hospitalized patients.^{17,18} Therefore, the WHO principle of “being able to take orally without injection and intramuscular without intravenous injection” should be advocated in clinic to reduce unnecessary intravenous administration. At the same time, hospitals should provide relevant education on intravenous medication, and strictly control the infusion speed to reduce ADR/ADE.

Drug Category

The results of this study showed that among the 1221 patients, there were more ADR/ADE cases caused by anti-infective drugs and anti-tumor drugs. It is consistent with that reported in the literature, the main drug category is anti-infective drugs.^{19–21} There are many reports of anti-infective drugs, which may be related to the large number of patients and the non-standardized drugs use (such as no correction of medication, excessive preventive medication, combination therapy, and long-term treatment).²² The most common clinical symptom caused by anti-infective drugs is allergic reaction due to skin and accessory damage, and the incidence of serious adverse reactions is low. The application of anti-tumor drugs often leads to severe bone marrow suppression. Therefore, active and reasonable prevention and intervention measures should be taken clinically to avoid the severe ADR/ADE.

Systems/Organs and Clinical Manifestations

According to data analysis, the top three systems/organs affected of total patients were skin and its accessories damage, blood system damage, and gastrointestinal tract damage. The blood system is mainly characterized by severe ADR/ADE such as bone marrow suppression. Due to the lack of external symptoms, blood system damage should be judged based on clinical experience and examination results. Therefore, blood system damage occurred for a long time and had a high severity. Skin and its accessories damage was mainly caused by rash and pruritus. Moreover, the common clinical manifestations of skin and its accessories damage are easy to observe and judge, and it is not easy to fail to report. After timely drug withdrawal or symptomatic treatment, it is not easy to cause serious consequences. Gastrointestinal tract injury is mainly characterized by nausea, vomiting and diarrhea, with average severity. It is easy to handle in clinical practice and usually not causing serious consequences.

Outcomes and Causality Analysis

Among the 1221 ADR/ADE reports, 1059 cases (86.74%) were cured or improved, indicating that most of the ADR/ADE could be cured or improved after drug discontinuation or treatment. From the evaluation of causal relationship, the proportion of drug safety positively or possibly related to ADR/ADE accounted for 79.28%, and the rest were possibly related without “unrelated” patients. Therefore, we should pay more attention to the reporting of ADR/ADE, and strengthen the monitoring and early warning of serious adverse reactions to promote clinical rational use of drugs.

While the limitations of this study are primarily rooted in the single-center study design, which may not reflect the situation in other medical institutions, our study has also its own unique strengths. The strength of our study lies in its comprehensive analysis of ADR/ADE reports from a well-established medical institution, providing valuable insights into the local landscape of drug administration. It underscores the need for further multicenter, cross-regional studies to

expand on our findings and better understand the severity and occurrence of ADR/ADE in different populations and under varying circumstances.

Conclusion

The occurrence of ADR/ADE is related to many influencing factors such as age, drug categories, and route of administration. Older patients aged >50 years are the population with high incidence of ADR/ADE, and intravenous administration is the most important route of drug administration causing ADR/ADE. Attention should be paid to anti-infective drugs and anti-tumor drugs. Previous investigations have shown that establish an ADR/ADE management system and to regularly monitor indicators then maintain the quality of ADR/ADE processes may improve patient medication safety.^{2,3} Strengthening supervision and management to promote safe and rational drug use.

Ethics Approval

This study was conducted in accordance with the declaration of Helsinki. This study was conducted with approval from the Ethics Committee of Yangquan Hospital of Shanxi Medical University. Written informed consent was obtained from all participants/local guardians. No identifiable participant information (such as patients' images, faces, or names) was disclosed in the study.

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All data generated or analyzed during this study are included in this published article.

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