



## Treatment of Affective Disorders: Adverse Effects, Drug Interactions and Tolerability

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Effective treatment of affective disorders may be challenging. Up to 40% of depressive patients may not achieve satisfactory response to first-line treatment, and in a one-third of them, drug resistance persists after a number of pharmacological interventions, constituting a serious therapeutic issue. Therefore, treatment frequently requires the use of a combination of drugs belonging to different medication classes. Simultaneous use of two or more drugs poses the risk of interactions. This results in drug toxicity effects, multiplication of adverse effects, decreased tolerability and, importantly, significant risk of non-compliance, treatment discontinuation or lack of functional remission. Another issue is the high comorbidity of somatic diseases and affective disorders, often resulting in the accumulation of side effects and interactions between psychotropics and non-psychiatric drugs. Thus, contraindications resulting from general medical state should also be taken into account. In this Special Issue, our aim will be to focus on those challenging aspects of the treatment of affective disorders—adverse effects, drug interactions, and tolerability.





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