

LETTERS

Zopiclone overdose and flumazenil rescue

An and Goodwin appropriately detail the use of flumazenil in select circumstances of benzodiazepine overdosing.¹ As also suggested, most patients with benzodiazepine overdose recover after supportive therapy and without the need of pharmacological intervention. Z drugs (including zopiclone) share gamma-aminobutyric acid (GABA) receptors more or less with the benzodiazepines.² Along the same lines, zopiclone overdose has been effectively treated with flumazenil, although again most such overuses can be treated with supportive therapy only.^{2,3} It would be prudent then to share the same precautions for using flumazenil in zopiclone overdosing as it would be for the benzodiazepines.

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