The French National Agency for Medicines and Health Products Safety (ANSM) has set up in 2005 a department to collect and manage medication errors or potential medication errors related to medicinal products, and monitor those likely to present a public health risk. The "Medication errors’ Guichet" enables healthcare professionals and patients to directly report to ANSM, medication errors (ME) without adverse effect (AE) or near misses, in addition of reports of adverse events (AE) collected through the Pharmacovigilance System. In 2013 and 2014, respectively 2248 and 2525 medication errors have been collected.

We performed an analysis of medication errors (risk, near misses and patient error) reported to ANSM in relation with oral use of paracetamol (oral dry form containing paracetamol alone or in combination medicines) and to recommend measures to reduce these errors.

This analysis highlights that given the consumption of paracetamol in France, an annual mean quantity of 73.7 g of paracetamol (61.7 g from medicines containing paracetamol alone and 12 g of paracetamol in combination with other substances) has been consumed by a population (principally at home).

In France, in 2013, an annual mean quantity of 73.7 g of Paracetamol (61.7g from medicines containing only Paracetamol and 12 g of Paracetamol in combination with other substances) has been consumed by a patient (principally at home).

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