Tadalafil

Subarachnoid haemorrhage: case report

A 45-year-old man developed a subarachnoid haemorrhage after taking tadalafil [indication not stated]. He arrived at an emergency department with a severe headache that had lasted for 5 hours and was associated with one vomiting episode. On examination, he was in severe discomfort and agitated. He reported having taken a 20mg tablet of tadalafil a few hours prior to symptom onset. He had started taking tadalafil as needed and without consulting a health care provider. A CT scan showed a subarachnoid haemorrhage. He received nimodipine. He had an uneventful stay in an ICU for 4 days and was discharged.

Author comment: "Use of the Naranjo et al. adversereaction probability scale revealed a probable association between the [subarachnoid haemorrhage] and tadalafil (score of 6)."

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