

## Allergic Reactions and Sudden Death With Asenapine

**To the Editor:** The recent review of the antipsychotic asenapine<sup>1</sup> omitted recent US Food and Drug Administration warnings about allergic reactions and sudden death with this product.<sup>2,3</sup> I think that there should be a note about this risk in an upcoming edition of this journal with a case example for discussion. For some patients and physicians, knowing this risk might be a relative contraindication for its use. Please consider doing this.

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