

SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL

A translated version of the questionnaire which was presented to the participants in Greek.

QUESTIONNAIRE ON KNOWLEDGE AND ATTITUDES TOWARDS PARACETAMOL USE AMONG THE GREEK POPULATION

Please fill in the questions that follow. We thank you for your co-operation.

GENDER:

AGE:

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

- A. Middle School graduate
- B. High School graduate
- C. University graduate
- D. Postgraduate or PhD
- E. Healthcare professional

1. Which of the following medications do you believe contains paracetamol as the main active compound?

- A. DEPON
- B. PANADOL
- C. PONSTAN
- D. ASPIRIN
- E. MESULID
- F. VOLTAREN
- G. APOTEL
- H. BUSCOPAN PLUS
- I. LONARID

2. How often do you use paracetamol?

- A. Every day
- B. Two times per week
- C. Once per week
- D. Once per month
- E. It depends on my demands

3. Which was the reason you used paracetamol recently?

- A. Headache
- B. Arthralgia
- C. Cold and flu
- D. Fever
- E. Dizziness
- F. Other (please specify):

4. The last time that used paracetamol, what was the dosage?

- A. One pill
- B. 2–3 pills per day
- C. One pill every day for 3–4 days
- D. One pill every day for one week
- E. One pill every day for more than one week

5. Who recommended the use of paracetamol the last time that you used it?

- A. My physician
- B. My physician in a similar situation in the past
- C. My pharmacist
- D. One of my close relatives
- E. A friend of mine

6. Do you know what the maximum allowed daily dose of paracetamol is?

- A. 500 mg
- B. 1 g
- C. 3 g
- D. 4 g
- E. 5 g

7. Where do you get information about paracetamol?

- A. My friends and relatives
- B. My physician
- C. My pharmacist
- D. Internet (webpages)
- E. Advertisements on TV/Internet

8. How often do you use analgesics on your own (without a doctor's prescription)?

- A. Every day
- B. 2–3 times per week
- C. Once per week
- D. Once per month
- E. Other (please specify):

9. Do you consume alcohol after the use of paracetamol?

- A. Never
- B. Yes, after 2–3 hours of treatment
- C. Yes

10. For patients under chronic treatment only: Do you contact your physician before the use of paracetamol?

- A. No
- B. Sometimes I will call the doctor
- C. Only when I visit the doctor
- D. Never

11. For patients under chronic treatment only: Do you discuss with your pharmacist before the use of paracetamol?

- A. No
- B. Sometimes
- C. Only if he/she asks
- D. Always
- E. I find it redundant

12. Do you believe that chronic use of paracetamol can cause side effects?

- A. No
- B. Yes

13. If paracetamol was freely available in the market (other than the pharmacy, e.g., supermarket, etc.), would you purchase it from such places?

- A. Yes
- B. Yes, if I was in a hurry
- C. In some cases, if I have already bought from pharmacy once
- D. No, since I would like to have expert advice
- E. No, since I'm not sure if they have been stored in the appropriate way

14. After drinking alcohol, would you consume analgesics?

- A. Yes
- B. No