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Zolpidem-induced acute altered mental status: A report of two cases

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Zolpidem is one of the commonly prescribed sedative-hypnotics for the treatment of insomnia. Due to its effectiveness and side effect profile which was thought to be milder and less problematic compared to other available sedative-hypnotics, zolpidem gained a huge popularity across the world. However, the growing body of evidence and reports on the adverse effects of zolpidem, and also its potential for misuse which has made it one of the commonly abused prescribed drugs, show that this medicine should be prescribed more cautiously. Several cases of coma induced by high dose of zolpidem have been reported thus far. Throughout the current manuscript, two cases of zolpidem use (10 and 200 mg) are reported. These two cases developed altered mental status during intoxication without any other detectable acute ill-sorted consequences

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