



**ASSESSMENT OF KNOWLEDGE, ATTITUDE, AND PRACTICE OF  
PHARMACOVIGILANCE AMONG PHARMACISTS AND HEALTH CARE  
PROFESSIONALS IN FOUR GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS AT SANA'A CITY, YEMEN**

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### ABSTRACT

**Background:** Pharmacovigilance is now firmly based on sound scientific principles and is integral to effective clinical practice. **Aim:** To get an insight into the causes of under-reporting of ADRs. **Method:** This is a cross-sectional study that was carried out across four hospitals (Al-Jmhori, Al-Kuwait, Al-Sabeen, Al-Thawra) and pharmacies of capital secretariat using a survey-based questionnaire. Survey was conducted from December 2023 to February 2024, a self-administered questionnaire with mostly close-ended questions were distributed by study researchers to 130 physician, 160 pharmacists and 110 nurses working at different working places using convenience sampling technique. The statistical analysis was performed using the Statistical Package for Social Science (SPSS). **Results:** The result showed good knowledge, Attitude and practice of Pharmacovigilance among health care specialists in government hospitals and pharmacies, the Scoring of all General Knowledge was (65.6%), General Attitude was (78.5%), and all General Practice was (65.7%). **Conclusion:** In general, the study identified deficiencies in knowledge, attitude and practice towards the practical Pharmacovigilance, so this survey strongly suggests that there is a great, need for educational programs to increase awareness among health professionals.

**KEYWORDS:** Pharmacovigilance, Adverse drug reactions, Reporting.

### INTRODUCTION

#### Pharmacovigilance Practice<sup>[1-150]</sup>

Patient safety is considered to be a major concern among healthcare systems around the world. Modern drug therapy has improved the way of managing and controlling diseases and is based on two essential factors: safety and effectiveness. The World Health Organization defines pharmacovigilance as "science and activities relating to detection, assessment, understanding, and prevention of adverse effects or any other drug-related problems.

Because it is difficult to discover all adverse effects of drugs prior to drug approval, post-marketing monitoring and spontaneous reporting of serious and less common ADRs is important to achieve a safe use of medications and to understand risks of drugs. Recently, in Yemen has established its national pharmacovigilance center by Supreme Board of Drug and Medical Appliances (SBDMA) in the capital secretariat as a starting point to

report the ADRs. Spontaneous voluntary adverse drug reaction (ADR) reporting is the backbone for the successful functioning of the Pharmacovigilance Programmer of Yemen. Pharmacovigilance program (PP) has played a major role in the detection of ADRs and banning of several drugs from the market. However, under-reporting of ADRs is one of the major problems associated with PP. Because of variation in drug response, individual prescribing habits, drug regulatory system, and availability of drugs, it has been recommended for every country to set up their own PP. Various methods of detecting an adverse event (AE) include spontaneous reporting, prescription event monitoring, and others.

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The importance of pharmacovigilance practice lies in the study of drug design, preformulation of the drug raw materials, the formulation, the stability, the follow-up of the drug -drug interactions in medical prescriptions, and the stage after drug marketing. All manufacturing or clinical to use is among the studies that interested of pharmaceutical scientists in the world.<sup>[100-198]</sup>

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### OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

Assess the knowledge, attitudes and practices (KAP) regarding pharmacovigilance and ADR reporting among healthcare professionals at various departments of government hospital and pharmacies in the capital secretariat to get an insight into the causes of under-reporting of ADRs and create conceptual knowledge with the importance of pharmacovigilance in improving the medical health of patient.

### MATERIALS AND METHODS

#### Study Design

This is a cross-sectional study that was carried out across four hospitals (Al-Jmhor, Al-kuwait, Al-Sabeen, Al-Thawrah) and pharmacies of capital secretariat using a survey-based questionnaire. Survey was conducted from December 2023 to February 2024, a self-administered questionnaire with mostly close-ended questions were distributed by study researchers to 130 physician, 160 pharmacists and 110 nurses working at different working places using convenience sampling technique. The researchers explained the objective of the survey to all participants before their participation in the study; and after obtaining their agreement, they were handed a self-administered questionnaire to be filled. After that, the researchers came back later to collect the completed questionnaires and sent them for data entry process.

#### Study Questionnaire

The questionnaire used in this study was based on a questionnaire from a similar survey conducted by the Australian Regulatory Authority (Therapeutic Goods Administration) and KAP questionnaire was designed to assess the demographic details of the healthcare professionals, their knowledge of pharmacovigilance, attitude towards pharmacovigilance, and their practice on ADR reporting. There were 22 questions in the questionnaire to assess the knowledge on ADR, attitude towards pharmacovigilance and their practice on reporting ADR.

### Study Population

The target population of this study were the physicians, pharmacists and nurses.

Inclusion criteria: were being a nurse, pharmacist or physicians and having answered of all items in the questionnaire.

Exclusion criteria: was that the professional category was not identified in the questionnaire.

### Statistical Analysis

The statistical analysis was performed using the Statistical Package for Social Science (SPSS).

For the calculation of each dimension, only participants who answered all the questions were included, whereas for the calculation of the total score all the answers of the three dimensions were used. In case a participant failed to answer a question from any dimension, the total score would not be calculated. Final data were expressed as frequency and percentages.

### RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Spontaneous reporting is an important method in reporting an ADR in PV program and under-reporting is major challenge. Assessing the KAP of PV among the HCPs is thus very important specially in a Regional PV Centre as it will ensure the extent of correct knowledge, right attitude and proper practice of HCPs in reporting an ADR. In Yemen, few studies have been done so far. The current study was conducted in capital secretariat which included a total of 388 healthcare professionals in which 138 pharmacists, 132 physicians, and 118 nurses. All categories of professionals had good levels considering knowledge, practice and "attitude". In Sana'a to the best of our knowledge, this is the first study conducted among health care specialists in government hospitals and pharmacies in the capital secretariat which aimed to assessment of knowledge, attitude, and practice of pharmacovigilance of both community pharmacies and government hospitals with regard to pharmacovigilance and ADRs reporting.

#### According to the Knowledge-Based Questions

General knowledge of Pharmacovigilance among health care specialists in government hospitals and pharmacies are shown in Table 1.

**Table 1: Distribution of Generals Knowledge.**

N	Variable	General Knowledge			
		Good		Poor	
		Freq	%	Freq	%
1	Are you familiar with the concept pharmacovigilance?	172	44.3%	216	55.7%
2	Define Pharmacovigilance?	241	62.1%	147	37.8%
3	The important purpose of Pharmacovigilance is?	195	50.2%	193	49.7%
4	Are you aware of any drug that has been banned recently due to side effects of drugs?	264	68%	124	31.9%
5	Are you aware of suspected side effects of drugs reporting system?	120	30.9%	268	69.1%
6	Is there a pharmacovigilance committee in Capital Secretariat?	46	11.9%	342	88.1%
<b>Total</b>		<b>44.57%</b>	<b>60.1%</b>	<b>55.38%</b>	<b>70.9%</b>
<b>Scoring of General Knowledge</b>		<b>44.5%</b>			

**Table 2: Comparison Between the Pharmacists, Nurses and Physicians Regarding Knowledge.**

Question Number	Knowledge					
	Pharmacist n(138)		Nurses n(118)		Physician n(132)	
	Good	Poor	Good	Poor	Good	Poor
1	67%	33%	44%	56%	20%	80%
2	73%	27%	50%	50%	62%	38%
3	54%	46%	40%	60%	55%	45%
4	80%	20%	58%	42%	64%	36%
5	42%	58%	40%	60%	11%	89%
6	14%	86%	14%	86%	7%	93%
Average Score	<b>55%</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>59%</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>63%</b>
<b>General knowledge Score</b>	<b>44.29%</b>					

As shown in Table 2, the general score for knowledge is poor (44.29%) in (6) variable this result is the same as the study developed with health professionals from Nepal. The degree of knowledge was calculated based on the correct answers to the paragraphs related to

knowledge, where each correct answer was given a degree, and the wrong degrees were not calculated, and the general percentage of knowledge was taken according to the average of the correct degrees.

**Table 3: Distribution of the Variables of the Knowledge Dimension Stratified by Professional Category.**

Level of Knowledge (Adequacy)	Professional Category				P. Value
	Nursing	Pharmacy	Physicians	Total	
	n(%)	n(%)	n(%)	n(%)	
<b>Are You Familiar with the Concept Pharmacovigilance</b>					
Know the concepts and apply them daily (Adequate)	24 (6.2)	58 (14.9)	12 (3.1)	94 (24.2)	<0.05
Has advanced knowledge and apply it daily (Adequate)	12 (3.1)	18 (4.6)	4 (1)	34 (8.8)	
Know how to apply (Adequate)	16 (4.1)	17 (4.4)	11 (2.8)	44 (11.3)	
Do not know the concepts (Inadequate)	66 (17)	45 (11.6)	105 (27.1)	216 (55.7)	
<b>Define Pharmacovigilance</b>					
The science of monitoring effectiveness of drugs happening in a Hospital (Inadequate)	36 (9.3)	14 (3.6)	35 (9)	85 (21.9)	<0.05
The process of improving the effectiveness of Drugs (Inadequate)	13 (3.4)	9 (2.3)	2 (0.5)	24 (6.2)	
The detection, assessment,	59	100	82	241	

understanding & prevention side effects of drug. (Adequate)	(15.2)	(25.8)	(21.1)	(62.1)	
The science that discovers the effectiveness of drugs after marketing them (Inadequate)	10 (2.6)	15 (3.9)	13 (3.4)	38 (9.8)	
<b>The Important Purpose of Pharmacovigilance</b>					
To identify safety of drugs. (Adequate)	47 (12.1)	75 (19.3)	73 (18.8)	195 (50.3)	0.161
To Calculate the duration of drug effectiveness. (Inadequate)	12 (3.1)	7 (1.8)	10 (2.6)	29 (7.5)	
To identify predisposing factors to drug (Inadequate)	33 (8.5)	27 (7)	16 (4.1)	76 (19.6)	
Determine the effectiveness of drugs that have not been previously identified. (Inadequate)	26 (6.7)	29 (7.5)	33 (8.5)	88 (22.7)	
<b>The Important awareness of Pharmacovigilance</b>					
Are you aware of any drug that has been banned recently due to side effects of drugs? (Adequate)	68 (17.5)	111 (28.6)	85 (21.9)	264 (68)	<0.05
Are you aware of suspected side effects of drugs reporting system? (Adequate)	47 (12.1)	58 (14.9)	15 (3.9)	120 (30.9)	<0.05
Is there a pharmacovigilance committee in Capital Secretariat? (Adequate)	17 (4.4)	19 (4.9)	10 (2.6)	46 (11.9)	0.172

The general knowledge among physicians was poor (36.69%) from the (6) variable. The number of participants is 132 which were mostly undergraduate physicians. The sample obtained from four hospitals Al-Sabeen n (34) Al-Jomhory n (33) Al-Kuwit n (33) Al-Thawrah n (32).

#### **Distribution of The Variables of The Knowledge Dimension for Physicians n (132)**

As shown in Table 3. For the Q are you familiar with the concept pharmacovigilance

The number of participants which chose the correct answer were n 27 (20.45%) and the wrong answer were 105(79.54%) which was poor result this result shows that there is a need and scope for creating awareness among medical student for the Q define pharmacovigilance? Only 82 (62.1%) define pharmacovigilance in (the detection, assessment, understanding & prevention side effects of drug) which a good result comparing with the previous question.

For the Q the important purpose of pharmacovigilance? Only 73 participant (55.3%) answers adequately.

For the Q the are you aware of any drug that has been banned recently due to side effects of drugs? Only 85 participant (64.3%) answers adequately

For the Q are you aware of suspected side effects of drugs reporting system? Only 15 participant (11%) answers adequately which was poor result this result shows that there is a need and scope for creating awareness among medical students.

For the Q is there a pharmacovigilance committee in capital secretariat? Only 10 participant (7%) answers adequately which was poor result this result shows that

there is a need and scope for creating awareness among medical students.

The general knowledge among nursing was poor (40.98%) but was better than physicians The number of participants is 118 which obtained from four hospitals Al-Sabeen n (33) Al-Jomhory n (33) Al-Kuwit n (26) Al-Thawrah hospital n (26).

#### **Distribution of the Variables of the Knowledge Dimension for Nurses n(118)**

As shown in Table 3. For the Q Are you familiar with the concept pharmacovigilance.

The number of participants who chose the correct answer were n 52(44.3%) which was poor result This result shows that there is a need and scope for creating awareness among medical students.

For the Q Define Pharmacovigilance ONLY 59 (50%) Define Pharmacovigilance in (The detection, assessment, understanding & prevention side effects of drug) which was a good result This result shows that there is a need and scope for creating awareness among medical students.

For the Q The important purpose of Pharmacovigilance ONLY 47 participant (39.8%) answers adequately which was poor result This result shows that there is a need and scope for creating awareness among medical students

For the Q the Are you aware of any drug that has been banned recently due to side effects of drugs only 68 participant (57.6%) answers adequately.

For the Q Are you aware of suspected side effects of drugs reporting system? Only 47 participant (39.8%) answers adequately.

For the Q Is there a pharmacovigilance committee in Capital Secretariat? Only 17 participant (14.4%) answers adequately.

The general knowledge among pharmacists was good (55.2%) from the total participant. The number of participants was 138 obtained from random community pharmacies in Capital Secretariat.

#### Distribution of the Variables of the Knowledge Dimension for Pharmacists

As shown in Table 3. For the Q are you familiar with the concept pharmacovigilance.

The number of participants who chose the correct answer were n 93(67.3%)

For the Q define pharmacovigilance only 100(73.4%) define pharmacovigilance in (the detection, assessment, understanding & prevention side effects of drug) which was different from other articles in the same subject

For the Q the important purpose of pharmacovigilance only 75 participant (54.3%) answers adequately which was close from other articles in the same subject

For the Q the are you aware of any drug that has been banned recently due to side effects of drugs only 111 participant (80.4%) answers adequately

For the Q are you aware of suspected side effects of drugs reporting system? Only 58 participant (42%) answers adequately.

For the Q is there a pharmacovigilance committee in capital secretariat? Only 19 participant (13.7%) answers adequately.

In knowledge the present study show that the pharmacist has the highest score secondly nurses and thirdly physicians this lack of knowledge among physicians and nurses and also the male has the highest score may be because they don't have PV course in their college courses. and also, the males have higher score than females as shown in Table 4. Generally, there was a poor knowledge in the reporting system for ADR and the Is there a pharmacovigilance committee in Capital Secretariat which indicate the lack of training programs conducted by Yemen health administration in this topic. To overcome the lack of knowledge among health care professionals' medical schools must conducted a continuing medical education program (CME) on this topic to encourage them to actively participate in reporting ADRs.

**Table 4: Distribution of Knowledge Between Sex.**

N	Male n196 (50.5%)	Female n192 (49.5%)
1	117(59.6%)	55(28.6%)
2	132(67.3%)	109(56.7%)
3	101(51.5%)	94(48.9%)
4	147(76.5%)	117(60.9%)
5	75(38.2%)	45(23%)
6	27(13.6%)	19 (9.8%)
<b>Average Score</b>	<b>50.9%</b>	<b>38.10%</b>

These results obtained dividing the number of males who chose the correct answer by the total number of male and multiply it by 100. the same for the female results.

#### In The Attitude-Based Questions

**Table 5: Distribution of Generals Attitude.**

N	Variable	General Attitude			
		Good		Poor	
		Freq	%	Freq	%
1	The healthcare professionals responsible for reporting side effects of drugs is/are?	192	49.5%	196	50.5%
2	Which among the following factors discourage you from reporting side effects of drugs?	169	43.6%	219	56.4%
3	What is the main reason to notify an adverse drug event (side effects of drugs)?	293	75.6%	95	24.5%
4	Have you ever attended a tutoring session specified for pharmacovigilance?	63	16.2%	325	83.8%
5	Is there a need to include pharmacovigilance in undergraduate curriculum to create Awareness among the healthcare professionals?	360	92.8%	28	7.2%
6	Do you think Pharmacovigilance should be taught in detail to healthcare professionals?	366	94.3%	22	5.7%

7	Do you think side effects of drugs reporting is professional obligation for you?	364	93.8%	24	6.2%
8	Do you think reporting of adverse drug reaction is necessary?	363	93.6%	25	6.4%
<b>Total</b>		<b>90%</b>		<b>63.5%</b>	
<b>Scoring of General Attitude</b>		<b>69.9%</b>			

As illustrated in Table 5. The Attitude based questions the general score for attitude is good (69.9%) in (8)

variable this result is the same as the study developed with health professionals from Brazil, Nepal and India.

**Table 6: Distribution of the Variables of the Attitude Dimension Stratified by Professional Category.**

Attitude (Adequacy)	Professional Category				P. Value
	Nursing	Pharmacy	Physicians	Total	
	n(%)	n(%)	n(%)	n(%)	
<b>The Healthcare Professionals Responsible for Reporting Side Effects of Drugs Is/Are?</b>					
Physicians s	36 (9.3)	17 (4.4)	49 (12.6)	102 (26.3)	< 0.05
Pharmacists	16 (4.1)	24 (6.2)	20 (5.2)	60 (15.5)	
Nurses	22 (5.7)	7 (1.8)	5 (1.3)	34 (8.8)	
All of the above (Adequate)	44 (17)	90 (11.6)	58 (27.1)	192 (55.7)	
<b>Which Among the Following Factors Discourage You from Reporting Side Effects of Drugs?</b>					
Non-remuneration for reporting (Inadequate)	40 (10.3)	26 (6.7)	51 (13.1)	117 (30.2)	< 0.05
Lack of time to report side effects of drugs (Inadequate)	19 (4.9)	24 (6.2)	6 (1.5)	49 (12.6)	
A single unreported case may not affect side effects of drugs database (Inadequate)	23 (5.9)	17 (4.4)	13 (3.4)	53 (13.7)	
Difficult to decide whether side effects of drugs have occurred or not (Adequate)	36 (15.2)	71 (25.8)	62 (21.1)	169 (62.1)	
<b>What Is the Main Reason to Notify an Adverse Drug Event (Side Effects of Drugs)?</b>					
It can lead to actions that reduce the risk associated to medicines (Adequate)	36 (9.3)	34 (8.8)	47 (12.1)	117 (30.2)	0.274
Reporting side effects of drugs is important to build drug safety profiles (Adequate)	43 (11.1)	78 (20.1)	55 (14.2)	176 (45.4)	
Mandatory policies to report side effects of drugs at workplace (Inadequate)	12 (3.1)	2 (0.5)	9 (2.3)	23 (5.9)	
Interest in obtaining scientific information about side effects of drugs (Inadequate)	27 (17)	24 (11.6)	21 (27.1)	72 (55.7)	
Have you ever attend a tutoring session specified for pharmacovigilance? (Adequate)	24 (6.2)	31 (8)	8 (2.1)	63 (16.2)	< 0.05
Is there a need to include pharmacovigilance in undergraduate curriculum to create Awareness among the healthcare professionals? (Adequate)	104 (26.8)	133 (34.3)	123 (31.7)	360 (92.8)	< 0.05
Do you think Pharmacovigilance should be taught in detail to healthcare professionals? (Adequate)	103 (26.5)	133 (34.3)	130 (33.5)	366 (94.3)	< 0.05
Do you think side effects of drugs reporting is professional obligation for you? (Adequate)	108 (27.8)	134 (34.5)	122 (31.4)	364 (93.8)	0.131
Do you think reporting of adverse drug reaction is necessary? (Adequate)	107 (27.6)	129 (33.2)	127 (32.7)	363 (93.6)	0.206

#### **Distribution of the Variables of the Attitude Dimension for Physicians n(132)**

As shown in Table 6. In the Q The healthcare professionals responsible for reporting side effects of

drugs is/are? Only 58 (43.9%) participant answers adequately.

Which among the following factors discourage you from reporting side effects of drugs? Only 132 (100%)

participant answers adequately which the 4 variables are correct.

What is the main reason to notify an adverse drug event (side effects of drugs)? Only 102 (77.2%) participant answers adequately which is good result.

Have you ever attended a tutoring session specified for pharmacovigilance? Only 8 (6%) participant answers adequately.

Is there a need to include pharmacovigilance in undergraduate curriculum to create Awareness Among the healthcare professionals? Only 123 (93.1%) participant answers adequately.

Do you think Pharmacovigilance should be taught in detail to healthcare professionals? Only 130 (98.4%) participant answers adequately.

Do you think side effects of drugs reporting is professional obligation for you? Only 122 (92.4%) participant answers adequately.

Do you think reporting of adverse drug reaction is necessary? Only 127 (96.2%) participant answers adequately

**Distribution of the Variables of the Attitude Dimension for Nursing n (118)**

As shown in Table 6. In the Q The healthcare professionals responsible for reporting side effects of drugs is/are? Only 44(37.28%) participant answers adequately.

which among the following factors discourage you from reporting side effects of drugs? Only 118 (100%)

What is the main reason to notify an adverse drug event (side effects of drugs)? Only 79(66.9%) participant answers adequately.

Have you ever attended a tutoring session specified for pharmacovigilance? Only 24 (20%) participant answers adequately.

Is there a need to include pharmacovigilance in undergraduate curriculum to create Awareness among

the healthcare professionals? Only 104 (88.1%) participant answers adequately.

Do you think Pharmacovigilance should be taught in detail to healthcare professionals? Only 103 (87.2%) participant answers adequately.

Do you think side effects of drugs reporting is professional obligation for you? Only 108 (91.5%) participant answers adequately.

Do you think reporting of adverse drug reaction is necessary? Only 107(90.6%) participant answers adequately.

**Distribution of The Variables of The Attitude Dimension for Pharmacists n (138)**

As shown in Table 6. In the Q The healthcare professionals responsible for reporting side effects of drugs is/are? Only 90(65.2%) participant answers adequately.

which among the following factors discourage you from reporting side effects of drugs? Only 138 (100%)

What is the main reason to notify an adverse drug event (side effects of drugs)? Only 112(81.1%) participant answers adequately.

Have you ever attended a tutoring session specified for pharmacovigilance? Only 31(22.4%) participant answers adequately.

Is there a need to include pharmacovigilance in undergraduate curriculum to create Awareness among the healthcare professionals? Only 133(96.3%) participant answers adequately.

Do you think Pharmacovigilance should be taught in detail to healthcare professionals? Only 133 (96.3%) participant answers adequately.

Do you think side effects of drugs reporting is professional obligation for you? Only 134(97.1%) participant answers adequately.

Do you think reporting of adverse drug reaction is necessary? Only 129 (93.4%) participant answers adequately.

**Table 7: Comparison Between the Pharmacists, Nurses and Physicians Regarding Attitude.**

	Attitude					
	Pharmacist n(138)		Nurses n(118)		Physician n(132)	
	Good	Poor	Good	Poor	Good	Poor
1	65%	35%	37%	63%	44%	56%
2	51%	49%	31%	70%	47%	53%
3	81%	19%	67%	33%	77%	23%
4	22%	78%	20%	80%	6%	94%
5	96%	4%	88%	12%	93%	7%
6	96%	4%	87%	13%	98%	2%
7	97%	3%	92%	9%	92%	8%
8	93%	7%	91%	9%	96%	4%
<b>AVG Score</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>64%</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>69%</b>	<b>31%</b>
<b>General Attitude Score</b>	<b>69.56%</b>					

As shown in Table 7. The attitude in the present study show that the pharmacist has the highest score secondly nurses and thirdly physicians the present study shows a

good attitude among health care professionals toward ADR reporting. In Which among the following factors discourage you from reporting side effects of drugs 30%

are discouraged by Non-remuneration for reporting, are discouraged by 12.6% Lack of time to report side effects of drugs, 13.7% A single unreported case may not affect side effects of drugs database and 62.1% are discouraged by difficult to decide whether side effects of drugs have occurred or not. to overcome this educating them that any suspected ADRs are to be reported even if one is not sure about it. 93.8% of the participant felt that ADR

reporting is a professional obligation and 92.8% felt that PV should be taught in detail to health care professionals. which it reveals a positive attitude of the participants and this finding is almost similar to previous studies, also the average attitude score for female is higher than male in the dimension of attitude as shown in Table 8.

**Table (8): Distribution of Attitude Between Sex.**

No	Male n196(%)	Female n192 (%)
1	104(52.5%)	88(45.8%)
2	196(100%)	192(100%)
3	152(76.7%)	141(73.4%)
4	36 (18.1%)	27(14.06%)
5	182(92.8%)	178(92.7%)
6	184(93.8%)	182(94.8%)
7	183(93.3%)	181(94.2%)
8	182(92.8)	181(94.2%)
<b>Average Score</b>	<b>77.70%</b>	<b>82.50%</b>

This result obtained dividing the number of males who chose the correct answer by the total number of male and multiply it by 100. the same for the female result.

#### In The Practice-Based Questions

The General score for practice is poor (40.65%) in (8) variable, this result is the same as the study developed with health professionals from Nepal, India. Distribution of general practice as shown in Table 9.

**Table 9: Distribution of General Practice.**

N	Variable	General Practice			
		Good		Poor	
		Freq	%	Freq	%
1	In which circumstances do you consult the package leaflet medicines?	275	70.8%	113	29.2%
2	Have you ever experienced adverse drug reactions in your patient during your professional practice?	247	63.7%	141	36.3%
3	Have you ever read any article about preventing side effects of medications?	256	66%	132	34%
4	Have ever been trained on how to report adverse drug reaction?	75	19.3%	313	80.7%
5	Have you ever seen the adverse drug reaction reporting form?	70	18%	318	82%
6	Have you ever reported adverse drug reaction (side effects of drugs) to pharmacovigilance center?	40	10.3%	348	89.7%
7	Do you keep records of side effects of drugs?	116	29.9%	272	70.1%
8	Are you willing for side effects of drugs reporting?	183	47.2%	205	52.8%
<b>Total</b>		<b>66.8%</b>		<b>75%</b>	
<b>Scoring of General Practice</b>		<b>40.2%</b>			

**Table 10: Distribution of the Variables of the Practice Dimension Stratified by Professional Category.**

Practice (Adequacy)	Professional Category				P. Value
	Nursing	Pharmacy	Physicians	Total	
	n(%)	n(%)	n(%)	n (%)	
Prescribing a medicine for the first time (Adequate).	43(11.1)	40(10.3)	69(17.8)	152(39.2)	< 0.05
Patient reports the occurrence of a side effects of drugs(Adequate).	48(12.4)	38(9.8)	37(9.5)	123(31.7)	
Patient asks for information about a medicine (Inadequate).	13(3.4)	28(7.2)	21(5.4)	62(16)	
Prescribing a medicine that is new to the	14(3.6)	32(8.2)	5(1.3)	51(13.1)	

patient (Inadequate).					
Have you ever experienced adverse drug reactions in your patient during your professional practice? (Adequate)	75(19.3)	89(22.9)	83(21.4)	247(63.7)	0.962
Have you ever read any article about preventing side effects of medications? (Adequate)	81(20.9)	104(26.8)	71(18.3)	256(66)	< 0.05
Have ever been trained on how to report adverse drug reaction? (Adequate)	35(9)	31(8)	9(2.3)	75(19.3)	< 0.05
Have you ever seen the adverse drug reaction reporting form? (Adequate)	38(9.8)	23(5.9)	9(2.3)	70(18)	< 0.05
Have you ever reported adverse drug reaction (side effects of drugs) to pharmacovigilance center? (Adequate)	25(6.4)	10(2.6)	5(1.3)	40(10.3)	< 0.05
Do you keep records of side effects of drugs? (Adequate)	45(11.6)	30(7.7)	41(10.6)	116(29.9)	< 0.05
Are you willing for side effects of drugs reporting? (Adequate)	55(14.2)	96(24.7)	32(8.2)	183(47.2)	< 0.05

### Distribution of The Variables of The Practice Dimension Physicians n (132)

As shown in Table 10. In the Q In which circumstances do you consult the package leaflet medicines? Only 106(80.3%) participant answers adequately.

In the Q Have you ever experienced adverse drug reactions in your patient during your Professional practice? Only 83 (62.8%) participant answers adequately.

In the Q Have you ever read any article about preventing side effects of medications? Only 71(53.7%) participant answers adequately.

In the Q Have ever been trained on how to report adverse drug reaction? Only 9(6.8%) participant answers adequately.

In the Q Have you ever seen the adverse drug reaction reporting form? Only 9(6.8%) participant answers adequately.

In the Q Have you ever reported adverse drug reaction (side effects of drugs) to Pharmacovigilance center? Only 5 (3.7%) participant answers adequately.

In the Q Do you keep records of side effects of drugs? Only 41(31%) participant answers adequately.

In the Q Are you willing for side effects of drugs reporting? Only 32 (24.2%) participant answers adequately.

### Distribution of The Variables Of The Practice Dimension Nursing n(118)

As shown in Table 10. In the Q In which circumstances do you consult the package leaflet medicines? Only 91(77.1%) participant answers adequately.

In the Q Have you ever experienced adverse drug reactions in your patient during your Professional practice? Only 75(56%) participant answers adequately.

In the Q Have you ever read any article about preventing side effects of medications? Only 81(68.6%) participant answers adequately.

In the Q Have ever been trained on how to report adverse drug reaction? Only 35(29.6%) participant answers adequately.

In the Q Have you ever seen the adverse drug reaction reporting form? Only 35(29.6%) participant answers adequately.

In the Q Have you ever reported adverse drug reaction (side effects of drugs) to Pharmacovigilance center? Only 38 (32.2%) participant answers adequately.

In the Q Do you keep records of side effects of drugs? Only 45(38.1%) participant answers adequately.

In the Q Are you willing for side effects of drugs reporting? Only 55(46.6%) participant answers adequately.

### Distribution of The Variables of The Practice Dimension Pharmacists n (138)

As shown in Table 10. In the Q In which circumstances do you consult the package leaflet medicines? Only 78(56.5%) participant answers adequately.

In the Q Have you ever experienced adverse drug reactions in your patient during your Professional practice? Only 89(64.4%) participant answers adequately.

In the Q Have ever been trained on how to report adverse drug reaction? Only 31(26.2%) participant answers adequately.

In the Q Have you ever read any article about preventing side effects of medications? Only 104(75.3%) participant answers adequately.

In the Q Have you ever seen the adverse drug reaction reporting form? Only 23(16%) participant answers adequately.

In the Q Have you ever reported adverse drug reaction (side effects of drugs) to Pharmacovigilance center? Only 5(3.6%) participant answers adequately.

In the Q Do you keep records of side effects of drugs? Only 96(69.5%) participant answers adequately.

In the practice the present study shown in Table 11, that the pharmacist has the highest score secondly nurses and thirdly physicians the present study shows a good practice among health care professionals toward ADR reporting. Despite the good score there are a deficient in

the Q Have you ever seen the adverse drug reaction reporting form, in the Q Have you ever reported adverse drug reaction (side effects of drugs) to pharmacovigilance center and in the Q Have ever been

trained on how to report adverse drug reaction which is concerning also this study result shows that the male has a greater score than female as shown in Table12.

**Table 11: Comparison Between the Pharmacists, Nurses and Physicians Regarding Practice.**

	Practice					
	Pharmacists n(138)		Nurses n(118)		Physicians n(132)	
	Good	Poor	Good	Poor	Good	Poor
1	56.50%	43.50%	77.10%	22.90%	80.30%	19.70%
2	64.40%	36%	64%	36.00%	62.80%	37.20%
3	75.36%	24.640%	68.64%	31.36%	53.78%	46.22%
4	75.30%	24.70%	29.66%	70.34%	6.80%	93.20%
5	22.40%	77.60%	29.60%	70.40%	6.80%	93.20%
6	7.24%	92.76%	32.20%	67.80%	3.70%	96.30%
7	21.70%	78.30%	38.10%	63%	31%	69%
8	69.50%	30.50%	46.60%	53.40%	24.20%	75.80%
<b>Average Score</b>	<b>49.05%</b>	<b>50.95%</b>	<b>48.18%</b>	<b>51.89%</b>	<b>33.67%</b>	<b>66.33%</b>
<b>General Practice Score</b>	<b>43.75%</b>					

**Table 12: Distribution of Practice Between Sex.**

	Male n196 (%)	Female n192 (%)
1	128 (65.36%)	120 (62.5%)
2	133 (67.8%)	114 (59.3%)
3	139 (70.9%)	117 (60.93%)
4	46 (23.4%)	29 (15.1%)
5	37 (18.8%)	33 (17.1%)
6	21 (10.7%)	19 (9.8%)
7	45 (22.9%)	71 (36.9%)
8	124 (63.2%)	59 (30.7%)
<b>Average Score</b>	<b>42.9%</b>	<b>36.5%</b>

This result obtained dividing the number of males who chose the correct answer by the total number of male and multiply it by 100. the same for the female result.

## CONCLUSION

It was observed that health care professionals have "poor level" for knowledge and practice toward pharmacovigilance and were considered as "a good level" regarding attitude. It was observed that pharmacists have better knowledge, attitude and practice toward pharmacovigilance than physicians and nurses. The study also show that male is better in knowledge, attitude and practice toward pharmacovigilance. In general, the study also identified deficiencies in "knowledge, practice and attitude" towards the practical pharmacovigilance, which makes it possible to guide better planning to face the challenges involved in strengthening the Yemen's Pharmacovigilance.

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