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Application of clofibrate for 12 days caused significant increase of the hydrogen peroxide producing enzymes in the Wistar rat livers. Hydrogen decomposing enzymes showed decrease of the activity (superoxide dismutase and glutathione peroxidase) or limited increase of the activity (catalase). The results support the hypothesis that peroxisomal proliferators might lead to oxidative stress.

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AntiHBc seropositivity among patients with chronic HCV infection is not a rare entity (57.14 %). We observed that antiHBc antibody seropositivity does not have a significant impact on treatment responses to interferon/ribavirin therapy in patients for chronic HCV infection in contrast to some reports in the literature.

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Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) is one of the main cases of mortality and morbidity of population worldwide. In spite of enormous efforts there are not pharmacological agents evidently influencing natural course of disease available. Besides looking for new drugs influencing the long term outcome of patients with COPD, there is also running the process of re-evaluation of the role of several already established drug groups.

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The purified or modified polysaccharides originated from various plants possess the antitussive activity on mechanically induced cough in conscious cats. This activity is significantly higher than cough-suppressive ability of antitussive drugs with peripheral mechanism of action. Adverse reaction and negative influence on expectoration is negligible in comparison with codeine.

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Four large randomized trials to assess efficacy and toxicity of trastuzumab in adjuvant systemic therapy of breast cancer have been initiated. Results clearly demonstrate, that adjuvant treatment of trastuzumab significantly improves outcomes for women with HER2 positive breast cancer. The clinically most significant adverse events of trastuzumab are serious-infusion related reactions and cardiotoxicity. Benefit for patient should be considered according to advantage versus risk.

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The dural venous sinuses lie in between the two layers of the dura mater. The dural venous sinuses are important, because they receive blood from the brain and the cranial bones. All sinuses are related to the inner surface of the skull, except for the inferior sagittal and the straight sinus. The sinuses related to the inner surface of the skull produce impressions on it.

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