

Table 4. Measures used in assessing causality

Measure	Example
Temporal relationship	When the drug was consumed, dosage
De-challenge response	Do symptoms disappear when substance is removed?
Re-challenge response	Do symptoms appear again if substance is reintroduced?
Possibility of alternative explanation	Dehydration or consumption of other toxic substances
Prior reaction to same substance	
Dose response	
Objective evidence of adverse event	Witnesses or medical records
Previous conclusive reports	Has this same reaction happened when other persons consumed substance?
Definition of substance	