

**Founding Editor: Andrew Herxheimer**

**1960s**

- 1962 [First issue of the British edition of The Medical Letter on Drugs and Therapeutics published](#)
- 1963 [First issue of Drug and Therapeutics Bulletin published](#)
- 1965 [Highlighted the dangers associated with phenacetin](#)

**1970s**

- 1973 [Called for more warnings on the effect of tetracyclines on children's teeth](#)
- 1977 [Highlighted the need for listing drugs by their generic names](#)
- 1979 [Argued for removal or restriction of prednisone](#)

**1980s**

- 1983 [Campaigning against excessive promotional claims made for tiaprofenic acid](#)
- 1984 [Argued for greater use of clinical trial registries and a central body to allocate public funding of clinical trials](#)
- 1985 [Suggested that patient information leaflets should be provided for all medicines](#)

**1990s**

- 1992 - Joe Collier appointed Editor**
- 1994 [Article on using medicines in schools led to national guidelines](#)
- 1994 [Argued against using aspirin for primary prevention of CVD](#)
- 1997 [Called for greater restrictions on off-label use of drugs in children](#)

**2000s**

- 2000 [Provided early warning on the therapeutic limitations of coxib drugs](#)
- 2001 [Highlighted limitations in the evidence for using sibutramine](#)
- 2004 Ike Iheanacho appointed Editor**
- 2005 [Published "Drugs for the doctor's bag" articles that became standard advice](#)
- 2006 BMJ started publishing DTB**

**2010s**

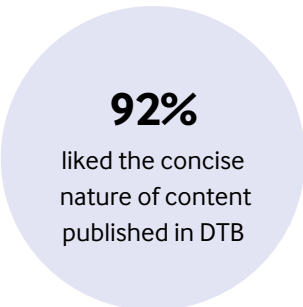
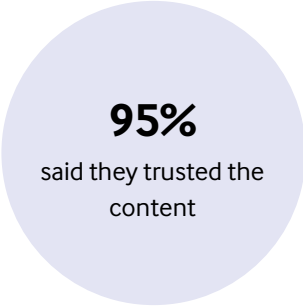
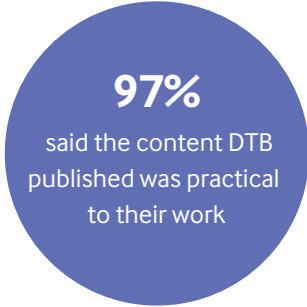
- 2012 James Cave appointed Editor**
- 2014 [Argued for the abolition of the NHS prescription charge in England](#)
- 2015 [Called for minimum unit pricing for alcohol](#)

**2020s**

- 2020 [Highlighted limitations of the evidence for melatonin on symptoms of jet lag](#)
- 2020 [Called for easier access to aspirin for prevention of pre-eclampsia](#)
- 2021 [Called for better information for the public on the safety and effectiveness of Covid-19 vaccines](#)
- 2021 [Called for greater scrutiny of the evidence for aducanumab for Alzheimer's disease](#)



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