Founding Editor: Andrew Herxheimer

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

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

1983 Campaigned 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

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

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

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

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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