LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

House Dust Mite Allergy Immunotherapy Tablet

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To the Editor:

A very interesting report was recently published on the orodispersible house dust mite allergy sublingual immunotherapy (HDM-SLIT) tablet in which Corzo et al [1] noted that "doses up to 12 development units of HDM SLITtablet were tolerated in the selected populations, and thus are suitable for further clinical investigations in adults and children with HDM respiratory allergic disease." HDM allergy immunotherapy, however, is a major challenge in allergology. The HDM SLIT-tablet is a new drug that has proven useful in several allergic diseases as well as asthma [2,3]. Some authors, however, have offered a more measured opinion on the benefits of the tablet. Pham-Thi et al [4], for example, noted that SLIT with tablets of HDM extract "does not provide additional benefit, despite a significant reduction in allergic response to HDM." In addition, because the HDM SLIT-tablet is relatively new, data on its short- and long-term adverse effects need to be closely monitored.

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