



1. TEXT

FDA Drug Safety Communication

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RISK RATING: High

RISK RATING LEGEND	
Rating	Explanation
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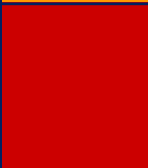
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