Table 1 New fields included in the national adverse drug reaction (ADR)/medication error reporting form for Malta

Section	Field	Captures
2.1	Medication tradename, international nonproprietary name (INN), pharmaceutical form, strength, dose and type of container	Information on the medicinal product involved in the error. Three columns were added to this field to capture multiple medications when these are involved. This can be used in cases of errors due to medication names that look or sound alike
2.2	Date event occurred and date event was detected	Lag time for detection which helps in the classification of medication-error-related harm to the patient (low-impact, long-term error versus high-impact, short-term error)
2.3	A free-text field for the reporter to describe the event	
2.3	Stage in the health-care system when the error occurred	
2.4	Setting of medication error (location where it occurred)	
2.5	Suspected cause of error by reporter (to be used for the fishbone tool, as part of root-cause analysis)	Data to be used as part of root-cause analysis
2.6	Proposed contributing factors for errors by reporter (to be used for the fish-bone tool, as part of root cause analysis)	
2.7	Preventability of medication error	Information on possible ways to reduce the incidence of medication errors and improve the quality of health care as suggested by the reporter
2.8 & 2.9	Whether any remedial action was taken or would be recommendable to take by reporter	
2.10	Whether the medication error resulted in an ADR	