MEDICAL PRODUCT ALERT

DRAP ALERT NO. Nº I/S/4-25-35

SUBSTANDARD PRODUCTS DECLARED BY PROVINCIAL DRUG TESTING LABORATORIES.

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Target Audience:

- National Regulatory Field Force of DRAP and Provincial Drug Control Departments.
- Healthcare Professionals (Physicians, Pharmacists & Nurses).
- General Public.

Alert Summary:

Directorate of Drug Control (DDC) Punjab has informed Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan that the samples of below mentioned products have been reported as '***Substandard***'.

S#	Product Name	Batch No.	Manufacturers	Remarks
1.	**Amekoran Injection** Each 2mL contains: Amikacin (as Sulphate)….250mg Reg. No. 053627	BK-019	**M/s Ameer Pharma (Pvt) Ltd**, 23-Km, Sheikhupura Road, Lahore.	**'Substandard'** on the basis of visible particulates.
2.	**Ortizin Tablet** Each film coated tablet contains: Cetirizine dihydrochloride….10mg Reg. No. 025405	24I268	**M/s. Obsons Pharmaceuticals,** 209-S, Quaid-e-Azam Industrial Estate, Kot Lakhpat, Lahore.	**'Substandard'** with regards to impurities.
3.	**AQUA-P Injection** Sterile water for Injection 5ml Reg. No. 034290	P-669	**M/s. IPRAM International,** Plot No. 26, St # S.S-3, National Industrial Zone, Rawat.	**'Substandard'** on the basis of visible particulate matter.
4.	**Injection Dorcip 100ml** Ciprofloxacin as lactate….2mg/ml Reg. No. 046086	DC-121	**M/s. Trigon Pharmaceuticals (Pvt) Ltd.** 8-Km, Thokar Raiwind Road, Lahore.	**'Substandard'** with regards to visible particulates in injection and Sterility Test.

5.	**Meclomine Tablet 500mcg** Each film coated tablet contains: Mecobalamine…500mcg Reg# 042601	8482	**M/s Alfalah Pharma (PVT) Ltd.,** 12-Km, Sheikhupura Road, Lahore.	**'Adulterated'** as per section 3(a)(iv) of Drugs Act, 1976.
6.	**Meclomine Tablet 500mcg** Each film coated tablet contains: Mecobalamine…500mcg Reg# 042601	8440	**M/s Alfalah Pharma (PVT) Ltd.,** 12-Km, Sheikhupura Road, Lahore.	**'Substandard'** on the basis of Physical Description & Assay Test and **'Adulterated'** as per section 3(a)(iv) of Drugs Act, 1976.
7.	**Injection Neocobal** Mecobalamine… 0.5mg/ml Reg# 071447	S-2455	**M/s Pulse Pharmaceuticals (Pvt.) Ltd.,** Sua Aasil, Raiwind Road, Lahore.	**'Substandard'** on the basis of Assay Test and **'Adulterated'** as per Drugs Act, 1976.

Risk Statement:

The use of substandard products can result in therapy failure, increasing the risk of complications, particularly in vulnerable groups such as immunocompromised individuals, as well as pediatric and geriatric population.

Action initiated: -

The field force of DRAP and Provincial Drug Control departments have been directed to immediately conduct market surveys for detection of presence and removal of mentioned batches from the market.

Advice for Pharmacies/Medical stores: -

All pharmacists and chemist working at distributions and pharmacies should **immediately check** their stocks and stop supplying mentioned products. The remaining stocks should be quarantined and returned to the supplier/company. Regulatory field force of all federating units (DRAP and Provincial Health Departments) should also increase surveillance in the market to ensure the effective recall of defective products(s).

Advice for Healthcare Professionals: -

DRAP requests increased vigilance within the supply chains of institutions/pharmacies/healthcare facilities likely to be affected by batches of mentioned products. Adverse reactions or quality problems experienced with the use of above mentioned product are to be reported to the National Pharmacovigilance Centre (NPC), DRAP using Adverse Event Reporting Form or online through this link. Further information of reporting problems to DRAP is available on this link.

Advice for Consumers/general public: -

Consumers should stop using products bearing the affected batch number(s) and shall contact to their physician or healthcare provider if they have experienced any problems that may be related to taking or using this drug product, and report the incident to Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan/ National Pharmacovigilance Centre.

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