

DIFAEM-EPN Minilab Network News 1 / 2022

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Dear EPN partners,

With this extract from the internal newsletter of the DIFAEM-EPN Minilab Network, we would like to draw your attention to substandard and falsified medicines, which have recently been identified by the DIFAEM-EPN Minilab Network using the GPHF Minilab. These products are harmful for patients and must not be used. In case you encounter one of these products, immediately remove it from the shelf and quarantine or destroy it according to the procedures of your organization/facility. Please do not return these products to the supplier as in this manner they might be resold to other customers. In case of question you may contact us using the email addresses below.

Enjoy the lecture!

Kind regards,

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Recent confirmed cases of falsified and substandard products

Please note that in all cases batches other than those shown may also be affected.

CHLORO[®], CHLOROQUINE PHOSPHATE Tablets BP 250 mg

- Stated manufacturer: Leoben Healthcare
- Batch: 0432
- Mfg. Date: 04/2024
- Exp. Date: 05/2020
- Result of compendial analysis: no API
- Detected in: Nigeria
- Additional information: “NAFDAC Reg No : 04-4166” stated on the label. The tablets contained in one bulk container showed different embossing.



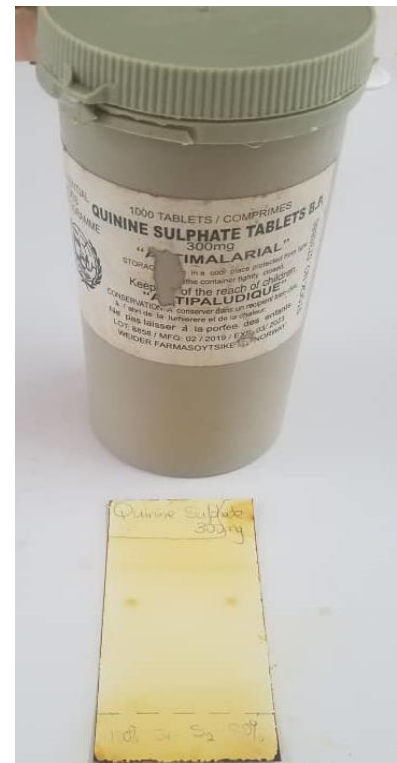
SA'A QUINE, Chloroquine Phosphate Tablets BP 250 mg

- Stated manufacturer: SA'A Pharmaceutical Products Limited
- Batch: SQ 19043 (on secondary packaging)
- Mfg. Date: 11/2019
- Exp. Date: 10/2022 (on secondary packaging)
- Result of compendial analysis: only 13.1% API
- Detected in: Nigeria
- Additional information: “NAFDAC Reg No: 04-2855” stated on the label. Different batch numbers and expiry dates were found on the different blisters contained in one box.



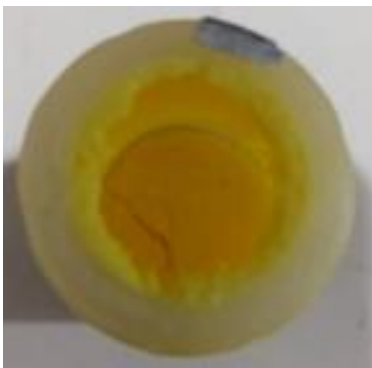
QUININE SULPHATE TABLETS B.P. 300mg

- Stated manufacturer: WEIDER FARMASOYTSIKE NORWAY
- Batch: 8858
- Mfg. Date: 02 / 2019
- Exp. Date: 03/ 2023
- Result of TLC analysis: no API
- Detected in: Cameroon
- Additional information: outdated WHO Essential Drugs Program Logo on the label



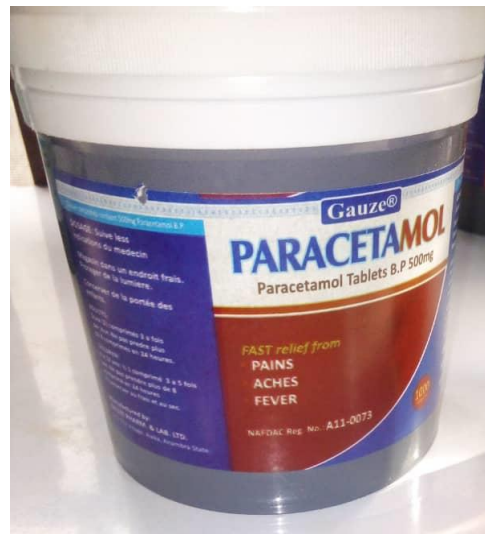
Zadycine, Azithromycine pour Suspension buvable USP 100mg/5 ml

- Stated manufacturer: PRINCEPHARMA
- Batch: 06824
- Mfg. Date: 02/2020
- Exp. Date: 01/2023
- Result Minilab analysis: reconstitution of the product is not possible
- Detected in: DR Congo



PARACETAMOL Tablets B.P 500mg

- Stated manufacturer: Gauze
- Batch: 248
- Mfg. Date: MAY 2021
- Exp. Date: APR 2024
- Result of Minilab analysis: tablets do not disintegrate even after several days
- Detected in: Nigeria



DEXA-0.4 Dexamethasone Tablets B.P. 0.5mg

- Stated manufacturer: Surmount Laboratories PVT. LTD.
- Batch: XD006E
- Mfg. Date: not stated
- Exp. Date: 04/23
- Result of compendial analysis: 88% API + 0.2mg methylparabene and 0.1mg propylparabene
- Detected in: Cameroon
- Additional information: The presence of these preservatives in tablets is unusual and unnecessary. Furthermore, the use of propylparabene in children is discouraged, due to possible adverse reactions.

