

DRUG ALERT

CLASS 4 MEDICINES DEFECT INFORMATION

Caution in Use

Distribute to Pharmacy Level

Dear Healthcare Professional

Genethics Europe Ltd (Distributed by Genesis Pharmaceuticals Ltd)

Prednisolone 5mg Tablets

PL 42967/0037

Batch Number	Expiry Date	Pack Size	First Distributed
1809653	08/2021	1 x 28	28/01/2019
1809654	08/2021	1 x 28	28/01/2019
1809655	08/2021	1 x 28	30/01/2019
1809656	08/2021	1 x 28	06/02/2019
1809657	08/2021	1 x 28	26/02/2019

Brief description of the problem

Genesis Pharmaceuticals Ltd has informed us that there is an error on the Braille for the above batches which means that the strength reads as 1mg instead of 5mg. The printed text is correct on all packaging.

Advice for healthcare professionals

There is a risk to patients who have compromised eye-sight and who rely solely on Braille to determine their tablet strength. **Packs from the above distributor with the above batch numbers should not be dispensed to patients who rely solely on Braille.** We understand that alternative batches of the product are available from a number of suppliers.

Further Information

For further information please contact Genesis Pharmaceuticals Ltd, tel. 020 7201 0400



Recipients of this Drug Alert should bring it to the attention of relevant contacts by copy of this letter.

RQIA should bring this information to the attention of private hospitals/clinics registered with them and any other relevant care facilities

The Business Services Organisation is asked to bring this information to the attention of Community Pharmacies and dispensing General Medical Practitioners directly.

TO ALL CHEMISTS, DOCTORS ON THE LISTS

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