

DRUG ALERT

CLASS 2 MEDICINES RECALL

Action within 48 Hours

Pharmacy and Wholesaler Level recall

Dear Healthcare Professional

M & A Pharmachem Limited
Paracetamol 500mg Tablets, 1 x 1000

PL 04077/0001

Batch Number	Expiry Date	Pack Size	First Distributed
0014	04/2022	1 x 1000	28/09/2017
0032	07/2022	1 x 1000	10/10/2017
0033	07/2022	1 x 1000	19/10/2017
0036	07/2022	1 x 1000	02/11/2017
0040	07/2022	1 x 1000	16/11/2017
0041	07/2022	1 x 1000	22/11/2017
0043	07/2022	1 x 1000	05/12/2017
0045	08/2022	1 x 1000	12/12/2017
0046	08/2022	1 x 1000	03/01/2018
0049	08/2022	1 x 1000	24/01/2018
0050	08/2022	1 x 1000	07/02/2018
0053	08/2022	1 x 1000	15/02/2018
0054	08/2022	1 x 1000	23/02/2018
0057	08/2022	1 x 1000	09/03/2018
0060	08/2022	1 x 1000	28/03/2018
0062	09/2022	1 x 1000	13/04/2018
0065	09/2022	1 x 1000	23/04/2018
0067	09/2022	1 x 1000	30/04/2018
0070	09/2022	1 x 1000	30/04/2018
0071	09/2022	1 x 1000	17/05/2018
0073	09/2022	1 x 1000	24/05/2018



0074	09/2022	1 x 1000	07/06/2018
0075	09/2022	1 x 1000	21/06/2018
0078	12/2022	1 x 1000	05/07/2018
0089	12/2022	1 x 1000	23/07/2018
0098	01/2023	1 x 1000	02/08/2018
0100	04/2023	1 x 1000	13/08/2018
0101	04/2023	1 x 1000	17/08/2018
0102	04/2023	1 x 1000	11/09/2018
0105	04/2023	1 x 1000	02/10/208
0117	04/2023	1 x 1000	12/10/2018
0119	06/2023	1 x 1000	29/10/2018
0123	06/2023	1 x 1000	12/11/2018
0131	07/2023	1 x 1000	23/11/2018

0133	07/2023	1 x 1000	06/12/2018
0140	07/2023	1 x 1000	14/12/2018
0141	07/2023	1 x 1000	20/12/2018
0158	10/2023	1 x 1000	31/01/2018
0159	10/2023	1 x 1000	11/02/2019
0173	10/2023	1 x 1000	22/02/2019

Brief description of the problem

M & A Pharmachem is recalling the above batches as a precautionary measure, because a small number of pots from some batches have been found to contain discoloured tablets due to fungal contamination. The fungus has been identified as *Penicillium citrinum*. It is unlikely that any affected tablets will have got to patient level as the discolouration is noticeable on opening affected packs.

Advice for healthcare professionals

Stop supplying the batches listed above immediately. Quarantine all remaining stock and return it to your supplier using your supplier's approved process.

Company contacts for further information

For stock enquiries, please contact Pauline Caddick, Responsible Person:

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For medical Information enquiries, please contact Cristina Parau,
Pharmacovigilance Manager

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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 Pharmacists and General Medical Practitioners directly.

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