RAPID ALERT

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Spurious/Falsified Drug Products Declared as "Spurious" by Drug Testing Laboratory, Sindh

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Target Audience:

- Regulatory Field Force of DRAP and Provincial Drug Control departments.
- Healthcare Professionals
- Consumers

Problem Statement:

Drug Testing Laboratory, Sindh has declared following samples of drug products **"Spurious"** under Section 3(z-b) (i) and (ii) of the Drugs Act 1976, as the declared active ingredients were not identified in the sample. The samples were referred by the Provincial Inspectors of Drugs, Sindh. Furthermore, manufacturers have disowned the below-mentioned drug products.

Sr. No.	Name of product	Batch Number	Purported Name of manufacturer	Remarks
1	Velosef 500mg Capsule	LX3E	***Purported to be manufactured by:*** GlaxoSmithKline Pakistan Ltd, plot 5, Sector 21, K.I.A Karachi	The sample is declared as "Spurious" since it does not contain the active ingredient i.e. Cephradine.
2	Augmentin 625mg tablet	YT9D	***Purported to be manufactured by:*** GlaxoSmithKline Pakistan Ltd, F/268 SITE Karachi	The sample is declared as "Spurious" since it does not contain the active ingredient i.e. Amoxicillin Trihydrate & Clavulanic Acid.
3	No-Spa Forte 80mg tablet	AN010	***Purported to be manufactured by:*** Hoeschst Pakistan Limited, plot No. 23 Sec 22 Korangi Industrial Area Karachi	The sample is declared as "Spurious" since it does not contain the active ingredient i.e. Drotaverine Hydrochloride.

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4	Mucaine Suspension	257A088	***Purported to be manufactured by:*** Lucky Core Industries Limited, S 33, Hawkes Bay Road, SITE Karachi	The sample is declared as "Spurious" since it does not contain the active ingredients i.e. Oxethazaine, Aluminium Hydroxide & Magnesium Hydroxide. Hence the sample is declared as "Spurious".

Risk Statement:

Use of this product may result in treatment failure due to the absence of the declared active ingredient and may pose potential risks to patient safety.

Action Initiated: -

The Regulatory Field Force of DRAP and Provincial Drug Control Departments has been directed to conduct surveillance activities throughout the supply chain to confiscate the falsified products.

Advice for Healthcare Professionals: -

DRAP requests healthcare professionals to have increased vigilance within the supply chains of institutions/pharmacies/healthcare facilities likely to be affected by above mentioned product. Any adverse events or quality problems experienced with the use of these products should be reported to National or Provincial pharmacovigilance centers using Adverse Event Reporting Form or online through this link. Further information on reporting problems to DRAP is available on this link.

Advice for Consumers:

Consumers should not use these products and should contact their physician or healthcare provider(s) if they have experienced any problem related to taking or using the above-mentioned products and should report the incident to the Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan / National Pharmacovigilance Centre. All therapeutic goods must be obtained from licensed pharmacies and other authorized/licensed retail outlets. The authenticity and condition of products should be carefully checked. Seek advice from your pharmacists or other healthcare professionals in case of any doubt.

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