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DRUG ALERT

CLASS 2 MEDICINES RECALL

Action Within 48 Hours
Pharmacy Level Recall

Date: 13 June 2019 EL (19) A 14 Final Our Ref: MDR 13-04/19

Dear Healthcare Professional,

M & A Pharmachem Limited

Paracetamol 500mg Tablets, 1 x 1000 PL 04077/0001

Batch Number	Expiry Date	Pack Size	First Distributed
0110	Jun 2023	1 x 1000	06/09/2018
0174	Oct 2023	1 x 1000	14/03/2019

Brief description of the problem

M & A Pharmachem is recalling the above batches because a small number of pots from each batch have been found to contain discoloured tablets due to fungal contamination. The fungi have been identified as *Penicillium citrinium* and *Penicillium brevicompactum*. 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 and Wholesalers

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. NHS regional teams are asked to forward this to relevant clinics, general practitioners and community pharmacists.

Yours faithfully

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