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DRUG ALERT MEDICINES RECALL

Dear Healthcare Professional

GlaxoSmithKline

**Lamictal 200mg Tablets
(Lamotrigine 200mg Tablets)**

PL 00003/0297

Batch number	Expiry date	Pack size	First distributed
PJ1925	31 Aug 2013	56	18 Nov 2010
PJ1926	31 Aug 2013	56	29 Nov 2010

GlaxoSmithKline is recalling the above batches because it has identified an issue with delayed dissolution. This is unlikely to have an impact on plasma concentrations but there is a very low risk that a small number of patients may experience a reduction in efficacy if they receive tablets from these batches.

Please note, no other batches, dose forms and strengths of Lamictal have been identified as affected by this issue.

Pharmacists are asked to quarantine affected stock and return to the wholesaler from which it was originally obtained. For stock enquiries, please contact your usual wholesaler.

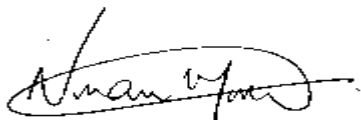
For medical information enquiries please contact GlaxoSmithKline on 0800 221 441.

Recipients of this Drug Alert are requested to bring it to the attention of relevant professionals.

HSC Board/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.

Yours sincerely



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