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For Action: Directors of Pharmaceutical Services of the HSC Board & BSO
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Regional Quality Improvement Authority

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DRUG ALERT MEDICINES RECALL

**Marlborough Pharmaceuticals Ltd
Sinepin Capsules 50mg
Doxepin Capsules 50mg
PL 23138/0003**

Batch Number	Expiry Date	Pack Size	First Distributed
0901001	01/2012	28 capsules per carton	25/03/2009

Marlborough Pharmaceuticals Ltd have informed us that packs of Sinepin 50mg from the above batch have an error in the Braille print on the front of the carton. The Braille embossed on the carton states 'Sinepin 25mg'. This is incorrect and it should state 'Sinepin 50mg'.

The error affects only packs of 50mg capsules imprinted with batch number 0901001. All other batches are unaffected. **We understand that the company has re-worked stocks of batch 0901001 which had not yet entered the supply chain. This stock will be distributed as batch number 0901001A and is not affected by this notification.**

Pharmacists are asked to contact any visually impaired customers who may have received this batch to make them aware of this issue. Alternative batches of Sinepin 50mg capsules are available; therefore batch 0901001 should not be dispensed to anyone who relies on Braille for the identification of the product.

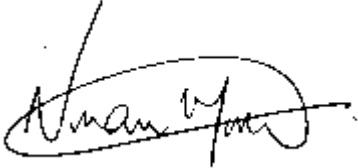
Further Information

For further information, please contact Marlborough Pharmaceuticals Ltd, tel 01672 514187, e-mail info@marlborough-pharma.co.uk

HSC Board/RQIA should bring this information to the attention of private hospitals/clinics registered with them, Out of Hours Centres 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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Norman Morrow', enclosed within a large, loopy oval shape.

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Chief Pharmaceutical Officer

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