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**Poustie, Resydènter Heisin
an Fowk Siccar**

From The Chief Pharmaceutical Officer
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For Action: Directors of Pharmaceutical Services of the Boards & CSA
Directors of Pharmaceutical Services of HSC Trusts
Regional Quality Improvement Authority

DRUG ALERT MEDICINES RECALL

Dear Colleague

METWEST PHARMACEUTICALS LTD

SIMVASTATIN TABLETS 10MG

PL 17521/0087

Batch Number	Expiry Date	Pack Size	First Distributed
TS0010806	07/2008	28	17/10/2007

Metwest Pharmaceuticals Ltd are recalling the above batch because the blister foil is incorrectly labelled as Simvastatin 20mg. All other labelling is correct and tablets present in the blisters are 10mg strength.

Recipients are requested to quarantine any remaining stock and return it to their supplier for credit.

For medical information and stock return enquiries please contact Metwest Customer Services on 020 7835 5990.

Area Boards/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 Central Services Agency is asked to bring this information to the attention of Community Pharmacists and Dispensing Doctors and GP's within 5 days.

Yours sincerely

DR NORMAN MORROW
Chief Pharmacist

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