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**Poustie, Resydènter Heisin
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DRUG ALERT

CAUTION IN USE

Dear Healthcare Professional

Aurum Pharmaceuticals

Amiodarone Hydrochloride 50mg/ml

PL 12064/0123

Concentrate for solution for injection or infusion

Batch Number	Expiry Date	Pack Size	First Distributed
80593	09/2010	10 ampoules	30/10/2008
80604	12/2010	10 ampoules	17/04/2009

Aurum Pharmaceuticals have informed us that particles have been found in some ampoules of batch 80593 but in addition batch 80604 is being included as a precautionary measure. An investigation is in progress to determine the nature of the particles and the root cause of the problem.

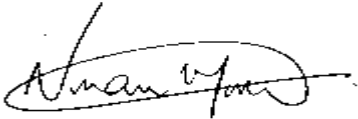
The SPC describes this product as 'a clear pale yellow solution practically free from particulates'. Provided this product is inspected as per normal parenteral practices any unsuitable ampoules should be detected and discarded.

For medical information enquires please contact Aurum Pharmaceuticals medical information on 01708 382791.

For enquiries relating to stock returns and credit please contact Aurum Pharmaceuticals customer services on 0800 028 7933.

HSC Board/RQIA should bring this information to the attention of private hospitals/clinics registered with them and any other relevant care facilities.

Yours sincerely



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