

## DIFAEM-EPN Minilab Network News 1 / 2022

March 2022

Dear Minilab Network partners,

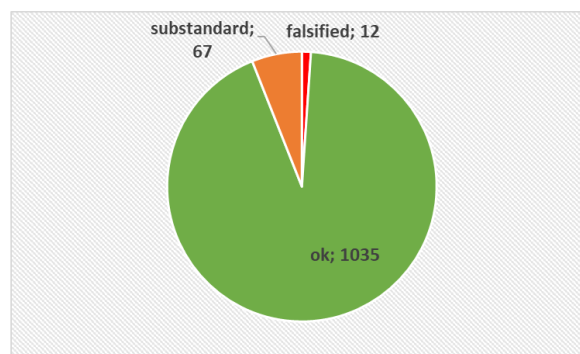
Today you are receiving the new Minilab Network newsletter comprising the following topics:

1. Minilab results 2021
2. Recent confirmed cases of falsified and substandard products
3. Important information on the remaining project and outlook to successor project
4. Spotlight on your activities

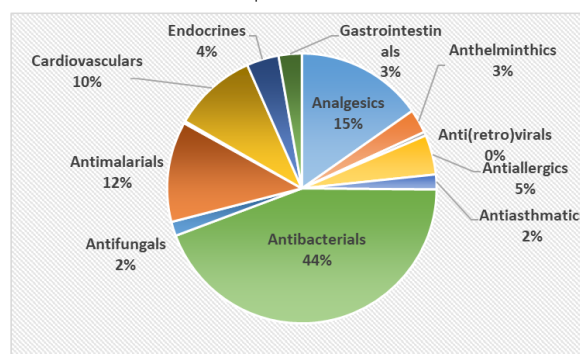
Have a pleasant reading.

### 1. Minilab results 2021

Organization	Conducted Minilab tests
AEST	24
ASSOMESCA	104
CADIMEBU	41
CBC	282
CHAL	13
DCMP	130
FBCMF	258
JMS	52
LIFENET	81
MEDS	12
NKHOMA	15
PCC	102
<b>Gesamtergebnis</b>	<b>1114</b>



Number of medicines without discovered quality problems, substandard and falsified products



Therapeutic categories of analysed samples

**These are the next deadlines to hand in your respective test results:**

**January to March results**

**hand in until 30<sup>st</sup> April 2022**

**April to June results**

**hand in until 31<sup>st</sup> July 2022**

**July to September results**

**hand in until 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022**

**October to December results**

**hand in until 31<sup>st</sup> of January 2023**

## 2. Recent confirmed cases of falsified and substandard products

Please note that in all cases batches other than those shown may also be affected.

### CHLORO®, CHLOROQUINE PHOSPHATE Tablets BP 250 mg

- Stated manufacturer: Leoben Healthcare
- Batch: 0432
- Mfg. Date: 04/2024
- Exp. Date: 05/2020
- Result of compendial analysis: no API
- Detected in: Nigeria
- Additional information: “NAFDAC Reg No : 04-4166” stated on the label. The tablets contained in one bulk container showed different embossing.



### SA'A QUINE, Chloroquine Phosphate Tablets BP 250 mg

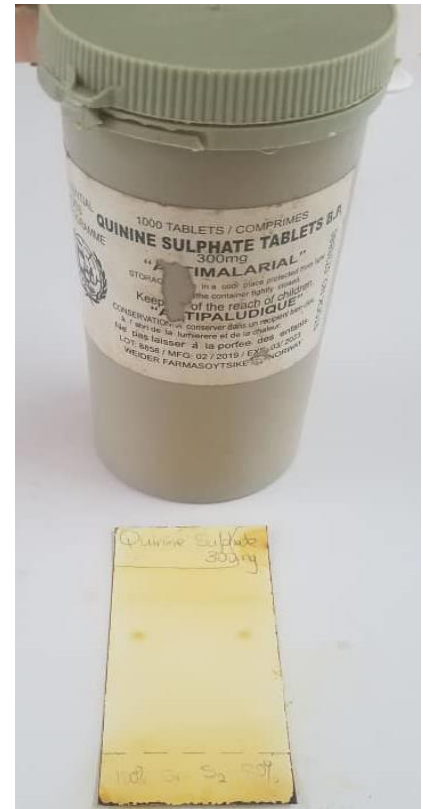
- Stated manufacturer: SA'A Pharmaceutical Products Limited
- Batch: SQ 19043 (on secondary packaging)
- Mfg. Date: 11/2019
- Exp. Date: 10/2022 (on secondary packaging)
- Result of compendial analysis: only 13.1% API
- Detected in: Nigeria
- Additional information: “NAFDAC Reg No: 04-2855” stated on the label. Different batch numbers and expiry dates were found on the different blisters contained in one box.



### QUININE SULPHATE TABLETS B.P. 300mg

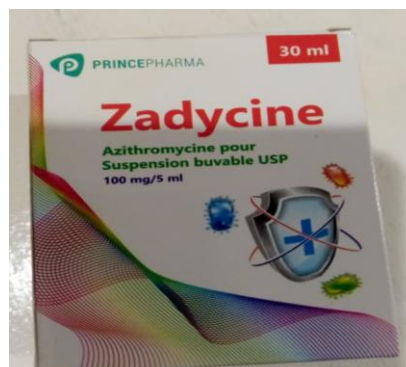
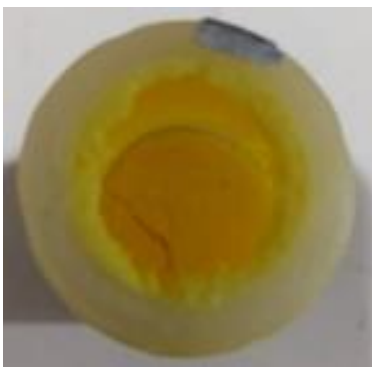
- Stated manufacturer: WEIDER FARMASOYTSIKE NORWAY
- Batch: 8858
- Mfg. Date: 02 / 2019
- Exp. Date: 03/ 2023
- Result of TLC analysis: not API
- Detected in: Cameroon
- Additional information: outdated WHO Essential Drugs Program Logo on the label

**In case you discover further (preferably unopened) products with this outdated logo on the label, please inform Difäm immediately (and do NOT open the container).**



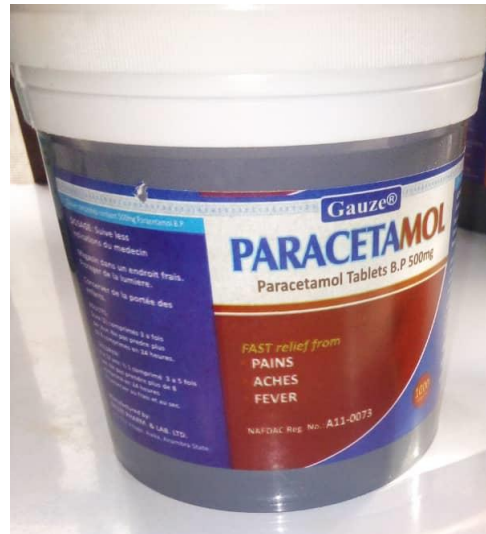
### Zadycine, Azithromycine pour Suspension buvable USP 100mg/5 ml

- Stated manufacturer: PRINCEPHARMA
- Batch: 06824
- Mfg. Date: 02/2020
- Exp. Date: 01/2023
- Result Minilab analysis: reconstitution of the product is not possible
- Detected in: DR Congo



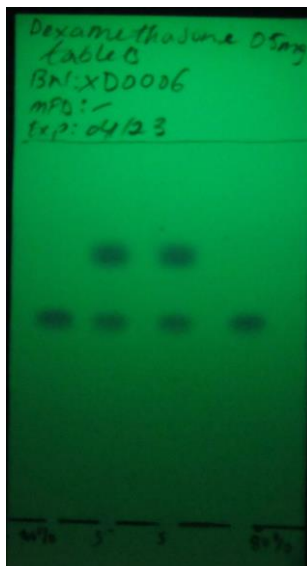
## PARACETAMOL Tablets B.P 500mg

- Stated manufacturer: Gauze
- Batch: 248
- Mfg. Date: MAY 2021
- Exp. Date: APR 2024
- Result of Minilab analysis: tablets do not disintegrate even after several days
- Detected in: Nigeria



## DEXA-0.4 Dexamethasone Tablets B.P. 0.5mg

- Stated manufacturer: Surmount Laboratories PVT. LTD.
- Batch: XD006E
- Mfg. Date: not stated
- Exp. Date: 04/23
- Result of compendial analysis: 88% API + 0.2mg methylparabene and 0.1mg propylparabene
- Detected in: Cameroon
- Additional information: The presence of these preservatives in tablets is unusual and unnecessary. Furthermore, the use of propylparabene in children is discouraged, due to possible adverse reactions.



### 3. Important information on the remaining project and outlook to successor project

As you are probably aware, the current Minilab project (Difäm project number 2019-550) funded by Bread for the World will end on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022. By this date, also the current MoUs between Difäm and the Network DSOs will expire. Difäm has already handed in the proposal for a three-year successor project at Bread for the World and we are optimistic that this successor project can start on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022 as planned. However, to avoid unnecessary delays **in case you are in urgent need for Minilab supplies, please send your list of requirements as soon as possible**. We will not be able to process your order during the time of the project's final accounting and until new MoUs have been set up.

A key focus of the foreseen successor project will be to strengthen the cooperation between the Network DSOs and government/state authorities. You may already **start developing ideas for cooperative activities with your respective authority**, such as advocacy meetings, joint trainings or Minilab demonstrations. We are happy to receive your suggestions.

### 4. Spotlight on your activities



#### DCMP, DRC

**Sensitisation** and training on visual inspection was conducted in 30 health facilities in November 2021



#### CBC & PCC, Cameroon

A joint **advocacy meeting** with EPN and the Ministry of Public Health took place in March 2022



#### ASSOMESCA, CAR

**Supervision** and **training** on essential pharmaceutical practice was conducted in three health centers between Dec 21 and Jan 22



#### BUFMAR, Rwanda

A two-days **training** on medicine quality, QA, QC and the use of the Minilab for BUFMAR staff and pharmacists from 14 public hospitals was conducted



#### CHAL, Liberia

A **stakeholder meeting** together with EPN, the MoH and the LMHRA took place in December 2021 in order to set the framework for future cooperation



**Thank you for your efforts and contributions to all achievements of the Minilab network!  
DIFAEM is looking forward to a further successful collaboration with you!**

Kind regards,  
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