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## **MEDICINES NOTIFICATION CLASS 4 MEDICINES DEFECT INFORMATION**

### **Caution in Use Distribute to Pharmacy/Wholesaler Level**

Dear Healthcare Professional

**Macarthy's Laboratories Limited T/A Martindale Pharma**

**Caffeine Citrate 10mg/ml Solution for Injection**

**PL 01883/0344**

<b>Batch Number</b>	<b>Expiry Date</b>	<b>Pack Size</b>	<b>First Distributed</b>
0134161	12/2023	1 x 10	27/01/2021

Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients: caffeine citrate

#### **Brief description of the problem**

Macarthy's Laboratories Limited T/A Martindale Pharma has informed us that the EAN barcode on the outer carton of the above batch is incorrect. When scanned, the incorrect barcode shows the batch as Martindale Pharma's Methylthionium Chloride Injection 1% 10 X 10ml, which has been discontinued. All other information on the outer carton (including the 2D code), as well as the immediate packaging, is correct.

The incorrect EAN barcode on the carton is 5014124170667.

The **correct EAN barcode** should have been **5014124171855**.

#### **Advice for healthcare professionals**

Wholesalers and healthcare professionals are advised to exercise caution when distributing, supplying and/or dispensing this product. Whilst EAN barcodes are not the primary source of product identification, these are mainly used in automated inventory systems by wholesalers and pharmacies. Therefore, it is advised that the scanning of this barcode should not be used for any supply processes or activities relating to this batch.

There is no risk to product quality as a result of this issue, therefore this batch is not being recalled.

**Further Information**

For more information or medical information queries, please contact: [medinfo@ethypharm.co.uk](mailto:medinfo@ethypharm.co.uk)

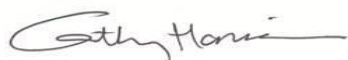
For stock control queries, please contact: [Alan.josiah@ethypharm.com](mailto:Alan.josiah@ethypharm.com)

Recipients of this Drug Alert should bring it to the attention of relevant contacts by copy of this notice.

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 dispensing General Medical Practitioners directly.

Yours sincerely



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