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Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: STRATEGY FOR POST-MARKET SURVEILLANCE IN KENYA

An important function of a medicine regulatory authority involves ensuring that medicines in circulation in the country are safe, efficacious and of good quality. The quality of medicines determines their effectiveness and safety and, hence, the health outcome of the patient. If the quality of medicines is compromised, investments in pharmaceutical commodities, health systems and pharmaceutical management systems are negated.

The Pharmacy and Poisons Board (PPB) is the National Medicine Regulatory Authority established in 1957 by an Act of parliament, the Pharmacy and Poisons Act, Cap 244 of the Laws of Kenya. The PPB is charged with the responsibility of regulating the practice of pharmacy and trade in drugs. The PPB's core mandate is to ensure the provision of quality, safe and efficacious pharmaceutical products and services. This is done through evaluation and registration of pharmaceutical products, promotion of rational use of drugs, inspection and surveillance activities, licensing of personnel and institutions, clinical research authorization and advising the Government on any matter relating to regulation of drugs and poisons. Registration of medicines requires thorough quality control testing in order to ensure that the product meets quality specifications.

To ensure that medicines continue to meet these required standards, the PPB has developed a strategy to conduct post-market surveillance in Kenya. This strategy complements the ongoing efforts at the PPB and also helps stakeholders and partners support the same.

In order to get as wide an opinion as possible before the Implementation of this strategy, we are kindly requesting you to go through the attached draft document and send us your comments **by close of day Wednesday 30th June 2010**. Your input will go a long way in coming up with a document that will be of great benefit to all those who are interested in patient safety.

You can send us your comments through the above address or electronically to pv@pharmacyboardkenya.org

Thank you and looking forward to prompt response from you.

Yours sincerely,

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