



Counterfeits of Lancets detected in the Market

For gentle drawing of blood Roche Diagnostics, Mannheim, offers Accu-Chek Softclix lancets. The company now informs that counterfeited lancets of the kit variant containing 200 lancets (PZN 1410763) have been detected in the market. The company asks the Association of German Pharmacists as well as the wholesalers to support their efforts in the identification of further counterfeited kits and in the clarification of the occurrence.

The counterfeited product can be identified mainly by three features in the packaging.

- The images shown on the kits are of bad print quality and the colour is darker than the images of the original Accu-Chek kits.
- The image of the lancet shown on the kit is not on but situated beside the graphical globe which is typical for the Roche kits.
- The counterfeited kits are sealed by means of an adhesive tape.

Laboratory investigations revealed that the quality of the counterfeited lancets is significant lower than that of the original product. The grinding quality is clearly cruder than that of the original product. Further, the counterfeited lancets are not true to size and do not fit correctly to the Accu-Chek Softclix which derogates the function. Legal measures against the manufacturer as well as against the wholesalers in Europe, which placed the counterfeited product on the market, have already been initiated .

The company informs that it does not take over guaranty for the counterfeited product, especially not for the function and sterility. In case you have counterfeited goods on your stock, the company asks to send such lots to your supplier and to inform the Customer Service Center of Roche Diagnostics (phone number ++49 180 2000165).

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