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**DRUG ALERT
CLASS 2 MEDICINES RECALL**

**Action Within 48 Hours
PHARMACY LEVEL RECALL**

Date: 30 July 2010

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Our Ref: MDR 58-07/10

Dear Healthcare Professional,

Athlone Laboratories Limited

**Citalopram 10mg and 20mg Tablets in Kent
Pharmaceuticals Limited Livery**

**PL 06453/0056 and
PL 06453/0057**

Batch Number	Expiry Date	Pack Size	First Distributed
IB10309	Aug 2012	28	07 Jul 2010
IB10409	Sept 2012	28	07 Jul 2010
IB10509	Sept 2012	28	05 Jul 2010
IB10609	Sept 2012	28	20 Jul 2010

Kent Pharmaceuticals Limited has informed the MHRA that in a very small number of cases, Citalopram 10mg cartons contain Citalopram 20mg blisters with the same batch number. These packs will have been supplied as overwrapped packs of ten Citalopram 20mg cartons. An overwrap could inadvertently include Citalopram 10mg cartons.

Pharmacists are asked to check the batch numbers of stocks of Citalopram 10mg. Any 10mg cartons embossed with the batch number IB10309, IB10409, IB10509 or IB10609 should be quarantined and returned via the original supplier for credit.

Pharmacists are also asked to check all unopened, overwrapped packs of ten Citalopram 20mg, from batches IB10309, IB10409, IB10509 or IB10609, for any 10mg Citalopram cartons. Any found should be quarantined and returned via the original supplier for credit.

MHRA Distribution:

Regional Contacts for NHS Trusts and Provider Units
Chief Pharmacists: England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland
Prison Health Policy Unit (DH)
Chief Pharmacists: Jersey, Guernsey, Alderney, Sark, Isle of Man, Gibraltar
Special Hospitals
Healthcare Commission for distribution to Independent Health Care Establishments
Primary Care Trusts (England)

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For stock return enquiries, please contact Kent Pharmaceuticals Customer Services on 0800 220280.

For Medical Information enquiries, please contact 01233 616474.

Recipients of this Drug Alert should bring it to the attention of relevant contacts by copy of this letter. Primary Care Trusts are asked to forward this to relevant clinics and to General Practitioners and Community Pharmacists for information.

Yours faithfully

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