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# DRUG ALERT

## CLASS 2 MEDICINES RECALL

**Action Within 48 Hours**  
**Prescriber or equivalent LEVEL RECALL**

Date: 06 Dec 2006

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Our Ref: MDR 05-12/06

Dear Healthcare Professional,

### Novartis Vaccines

**Rabipur Rabies Vaccine**  
**(Rabies Vaccine)**

**PL 16033/0008**

Batch Number	Expiry Date	Pack Size	First Distributed
400011A	09/2009	1x Single dose vial + diluent ampoule + syringe & needle	14 Aug 2006
402011A	08/2009	1 x Single dose vial + diluent ampoule + syringe & needle	26 Sep 2006

Novartis Vaccines are recalling the above batches of Rabipur Rabies Vaccine because it was noticed that in a few instances the seam around the blister containing the syringe and needle was not intact. Hence sterility of the syringe and needle could not be guaranteed.

Recipients of this Alert should not use or further distribute any of the affected batches and should return them to their supplier for return to Novartis Vaccines.

For medical information queries, contact Novartis Vaccines on Tel 01865 782800. For all other queries contact Novartis Vaccines customer services on Tel. 08457 451500

Recipients of this Drug Alert should bring this information to the attention of relevant contacts including Travel Clinics by copy of this letter. Primary Care Trusts are asked to bring this information to the attention of Community Pharmacists and General Practitioners by copy of this letter.

Yours faithfully

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