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Pharma Safety Alarms: Reviewing Drug Recalls in India

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1.1 ABSTRACT -

Background: Drug recalls are a critical regulatory function that ensures public health safety. India's Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO) oversees drug recalls based on product defects, safety concerns, or non-compliance with quality standards. This study analyzes drug recall patterns in India in 2023 to identify trends, causes, and regulatory challenges.

Methods: A retrospective review of drug recalls was conducted using CDSCO's official database from January 2023 to December 2023. Data on therapeutic classes, dosage forms, and recall reasons were analyzed.

Results: A total of 254 drug recalls were recorded. The most affected drug categories were NSAIDs (118 cases) and antibiotics (107 cases). Tablets had the highest recall frequency, followed by injectables and capsules. The primary reasons for recalls included failure to meet potency standards, microbial contamination, and labeling errors.

Conclusion: India's drug recall system is functioning effectively, but challenges such as delayed public notifications, gaps in manufacturer compliance, and inadequate consumer awareness remain. Regulatory reforms and improved surveillance mechanisms are needed to strengthen pharmaceutical safety in India.

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