Drug quality control work in Daru: observations during 1983-1986

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Abstract

During a 4 year period (January J 983 to December J 986), 418 requests for drug analysis were received in the Drug Analysis and Research Unit, Department or Pharmacy, University or Nairobi. or these requests, 212 were from Medical Supplies Coordination Unit, 190 from Government hospitals and health research institutions,) 1 from the Ministry or Health Headquarters (Director of Medical Services and Chief Pharmacist) and 5 came from local pharmaceutical manufacturers. Of the samples analyzed, 70.8% were from local manufacturers, 26.1% were imported and 3.1 % were from undeclared sources. Failure to comply with test for quality, as set out in official compendia (B.P. Eur. ph. Ip, etc.) were observed at 45.8% for locally manufactured drugs and 31.4% for imported drug products.