

ANNEX A

List of GMP Inspection Deficiencies

(The list is non-exhaustive and other observations may be added, removed, or re-classified as appropriate)

A. Quality Management System

1. Critical

- Products are released and distributed with failed results for assay, micro
- Products are approved for release with incomplete testing (assay, micro)
- Production and release for distribution of unregistered products
- Falsification or misrepresentation of manufacturing and QC records

2. Major

- Absence or unimplemented procedure/s for change control system, batch release, PQR, CAPA, Deviation, OOS, Risk Management, document control, suppliers' qualification, and other significant SOPs.
- Inconsistent implementation of significant SOPs
- Deviation from the approved manufacturing authorization (LTO) or marketing authorization (CPR)
- Products are released by an unauthorized person
- Products are distributed without undergoing batch release but had passed laboratory testing
- Products released with insufficient investigation/ deviations
- Irreconcilable and untraceable records and documentation
- Absence or incomplete Process Validation of released and distributed products
- Absence of material/FG status tags
- Distribution to unlicensed establishments/individuals

3. Others

- Incomplete/inaccurate annual product review
- Quality documents not updated
- Change control, PQR, CAPA, Deviation, Risk Management or suppliers' qualification are implemented but no established program/procedure
- No designated alternate authorized person

B. Personnel

1. Critical

- No qualification (background, relevant experience and training) of QC & Production Managers
- The QA Head acts as QC Head and Production Head, thus, independency of each division was not being practiced
- Insufficient qualification and training of the person who is responsible to release for sale.

2. Major

- Key personnel do not have sufficient practical experience in their responsibility area

- Insufficient qualification (lack of relevant experience and training) of QC & Production Managers
- Insufficient personnel for QC or production operations resulting in a high probability of error
- Insufficient training for personnel involved in production and QC resulting in related GMP deviations
- Health requirements and or hygiene program not properly implemented or followed
- Responsibility of the person to release products for sale was not in the job description

3. *Others*

- Inadequate training records
- Insufficient written training program
- Organizational Chart not updated
- Health records not filed
- Incomplete written sanitation procedure
- Incomplete implementation of the written sanitation program
- Incomplete records for the sanitation program

C. Premise

1. *Critical*

- Generalized malfunctioning of the ventilation system(s) with evidence of widespread cross-contamination
- Inadequate segregation (without study/evidence that cross-contamination does not occur) of manufacturing or testing areas from other manufacturing areas for high risk products
- Manufacturing areas with evidence of contamination (mildew, mold, powder from previous productions, etc)
- Evidence of widespread accumulation of residues / extraneous matter indicative of inadequate cleaning
- Evidence of gross infestation
- Evidence of contamination

2. *Major*

- Malfunctioning of the ventilation system that could result in possible cross-contamination
- Inadequate segregation (with risk of cross-contamination) of manufacturing or testing areas from other manufacturing areas for high risk products (↑)
- Maintenance / periodic verification such as air filter replacement, monitoring of pressure differentials not performed. (↑)
- Temperature and humidity not controlled and monitored when necessary (e.g. storage not in accordance with labelling requirements)
- Heating, ventilation, air conditioning (HVAC) and purified water (PW) system not qualified. (↑)
- Damage (holes, cracks or peeling paint) to walls / ceilings immediately adjacent or above manufacturing areas or equipment where the product is exposed
- Un-cleanable surfaces created by pipes, fixtures or ducts
- Surfaces finish (floors, walls, and ceilings) that do not permit effective cleaning

- Insufficient manufacturing space that could lead to mix-ups (↑)
 - Physical and electronic quarantine accessible to unauthorized personnel / Physical quarantine area not well marked and / or not respected when used (↑)
 - Manufacturing or QC area serves as a passageway by personnel
 - Toilet is directly located within the manufacturing area
 - Illogical flow of personnel, materials, products, waste or process
 - No separate area / insufficient precautions to prevent contamination or cross-contamination during RM sampling
 - Non-production activities performed in production areas
 - Doors giving direct access to exterior from manufacturing and packaging areas used by personnel
 - No alert and action limits for microbial / environmental monitoring areas where products are manufactured
 - Pressure differential gauges are not installed in critical production areas
 - Monitoring of pressure differential for critical areas was not conducted/recorded during operation
 - No Batch clearance/line clearance
 - Corrugated boxes are brought inside clean rooms including hallways
 - Doors are not well-fitted inside the production area
 - Exposed light bulb inside clean rooms
 - Unlabeled products are stored in close proximity without physical segregation
 - Evidence of residues indicative of inadequate cleaning
 - Compressed air not tested in compliance with acceptable standard
3. *Others*
- Un-screened/un-trapped floor drains
 - Outlets for liquids (PW) and gases not identified
 - Damages to surfaces not directly adjacent or above exposed to products
 - Inadequate rest, change, wash-up and toilet facilities

D. Equipment

1. *Critical*

- Equipment used for complex manufacturing operations of critical products not qualified and with evidence of malfunctioning or lack of appropriate monitoring
- Foreign materials such as grease, oil, rust and particles inside the production equipment which have contact with the product

2. *Major*

- Equipment used during critical steps of manufacture, packaging/labelling, and testing, including computerized system is not qualified (↑)
- Equipment do not operate within its specifications. (↑)
- Stored equipment not protected from contamination
- Inappropriate equipment for production: surface porous and non-cleanable / material to shed particles
- Evidence of contamination of products by foreign materials such as grease, oil, rust and particles from the equipment (↑)
- No covers for tanks, hoppers or similar manufacturing equipment

- No / inadequate precautions taken when equipment such as oven or autoclave contains more than one product (possibility of cross-contamination or mix-ups) (↑)
- Equipment location does not prevent cross-contamination or possible mix-ups for operations performed in common area (↑)
- PW system not maintained or operated to provide water of adequate quality. (↑)
- Leaking gaskets with potential impact on product quality (↑)
- No calibration program for automatic, mechanical, electronic or measuring equipment / no records maintained
- Outdated equipment calibration
- No equipment usage logbooks
- No preventative maintenance program for major equipment / no records maintained
- Cleaning Validation was not conducted (↑)
- Use of temporary means or devices for repair with contact with the product.
- Unsecured or Inadequate labeling / storage of rejected materials and products that could generate mix-ups
- Non-conduct of qualification
- Use of inappropriate materials (e.g. PVC) and valves (e.g. ball valves) for the pharmacopeial water distribution system
- Presence of dead legs
- Records of sanitization of pharmacopeial water distribution system was not available
- Non-conduct of water system sanitization
- Poor preventive maintenance program for the pharmacopeial water system
 - Pharmacopeial water not tested according to phamacopoeial requirements
- Unreadable labels on the water distribution pipelines (e.g. faucet for the hot & cold water & tap water)
- Preventive maintenance for HVAC lacks critical testing (e.g. integrity testing, pressure differential)
- Uncorrected failed PM results for HVAC system or Water System
- Common HVAC for Production and Micro Laboratory
- Inconsistent conduct of Preventive Maintenance of facilities

3. *Others*

- Insufficient distance between equipment and walls to permit cleaning
- Base of immovable equipment not adequately sealed at points of contact
- Use of temporary means or devices for repair without contact with the product
- Defective or unused equipment not removed or appropriately labelled
- Minor equipment used for non-critical products not qualified
- Presence of leaks in water system
- No records of testing/maintenance for utilities (ie integrity tesing-HEPA)

E. Documentation

1. *Critical*

- Evidence of falsification or misrepresentation of records
- Evidence of falsification or misrepresentation of manufacturing and packaging orders

2. *Major*

- Lack of or incomplete Master Production Documents
- Unavailability of documentation from suppliers in a timely manner
- Lack, inconsistent or incomplete distribution records
- Insufficient retention time for evidence and records to be maintained
- Poor or untraceable records
- Inconsistencies in records
- Products released for distribution without or with incomplete of Process Validation
- Unsigned process documents (e.g. BMR, Line Clearance)
- Incomplete data in process documents
- Use of scrap paper, correction fluids and/or pencil for recording raw data
- Unsigned corrections and erasures
- Absence of pertinent records and documents
- Poor record control (e.g. no document number, no pagination, poor records retrieval)
- Absence of back-up for electronic records

3. *Others*

- No organization charts
- Incomplete plans and specifications for the manufacturing buildings
- Forms, records not cross referenced in the procedure

F. Production

1. *Critical*

- Production commenced with no written Master Formula
- Master formula or manufacturing batch record showing gross deviations or significant calculation errors
- Evidence of falsification or misrepresentation of manufacturing & packaging orders

2. *Major*

- Master Formula prepared/verified by unqualified personnel
- Lack of or incomplete validation studies/reports for critical process (lack of evaluation/approval) (↑)
- Inadequate validation of change over procedures. (↑)
- Unapproved / undocumented major changes compared to Master Production Documents (↑)
- Deviations from instructions during production not documented and not approved by QC
- Discrepancies in yield or reconciliation following production not investigated
- Line clearance between production of different products not covered by SOP, not documented or not adequately implemented
- No regular checks for measuring devices / no records
- Lack of proper identification of in-process materials and production rooms resulting in a high probability of mix-ups
- Inadequate labelling/storage of rejected materials and products that could generate mix-ups
- Upon receipt, bulk and in-process drugs, raw and packaging materials not held in quarantine until released by QC

- Labels not properly controlled
 - Starting and in-process materials are used without prior authorization by QC
 - Inadequate/inaccurate labeling of bulk/in-process/finished drugs, raw & packaging materials
 - Raw material dispensing not done by qualified persons, according to SOP.
 - Changes in batch size not prepared/verified by qualified personnel.
 - Inaccurate/incomplete information in master /manufacturing /packaging batch documents
 - No written procedure for packaging operations.
 - Non-standard occurrences during packaging not investigated by qualified personnel
 - Master production records not in compliance with marketing authorization
 - Inadequate control of coded and non-coded printed packaging material (including storage, dispensing, printing, disposal)
 - Inadequate handling of outdated/obsolete packaging material
 - Holding time study was not conducted
3. *Others*
- Incomplete SOPs for handling materials and products
 - Access to production areas not restricted to authorized personnel
 - Inadequate checks for incoming materials
 - Written procedures incomplete for packaging operations
 - No agreed tolerance for yield/ reconciliation

G. Quality Control

1. *Critical*
- No person in charge of QC
 - QC department not a distinct and independent unit.
2. *Major*
- Inadequate facilities, personnel and testing equipment
 - No authority to enter production areas
 - No SOPs approved and available for sampling, inspection and testing of materials
 - Out of specification test results, deviations and borderline conformances not properly investigated and documented, according to SOP
 - Reprocessing / reworking / re-sale of returned products done without prior assessment/approval of QC.
 - Inadequate evidence to demonstrate that storage and transportation conditions are appropriate
3. *Others*
- Investigations of non-conformances not completed in a timely manner

H. Raw Material Testing

1. *Critical*
- Evidence of falsification or misrepresentation of analytical results
 - No evidence of COA available from supplier and no testing done by the manufacturer
 - Use of raw material (API) after expiration date

- Testing for DEG and other impurities for glycerin, propylene glycol, and solutions of sorbitol used for oral preparations was not conducted by both the company and the supplier

2. *Major*

- Reduced testing program in place without adequate certification of the vendors / suppliers
- Water used in the formulation is not of acceptable quality
- Insufficient testing of raw material
- Incomplete/inadequate specifications of RM, PM & FG
- Specifications of RM, PM and FG not approved by QC
- Test methods not validated
- Use of raw material (API) after the retest without proper testing.
- Multiple lots comprising one receipt were not considered as separate for sampling, testing and release
- No SOP for conditions for transportation and storage
- Testing for identity not done on each containers for starting materials or after manipulation or repackaging by third party
- No SOPs approved and available for sampling, inspection and testing of materials
- RM / PM used in production without prior approval of QC
- Significant SOPs were not implemented
- Deviations and action limits are not properly investigated and documented according to the SOP
- No action taken for OOS raw materials

3. *Others*

- Lots identified for confirmatory testing used in production without QC approval
- Incomplete validation/verification of test methods

I. Packaging Material Testing

1. *Major*

- Reduce testing program in place without adequate certification of the vendors/ suppliers
- Lack of or insufficient testing of PM
- Inadequate specification
- Specs not approved by QC
- RM / PM used in production without prior approval of QC

2. *Others*

- Inadequate procedures of storage
- Inappropriate environment and or precautions to prevent contamination of packaging material during sampling

J. Finished Goods Testing

1. *Critical*

- Finished product not tested for compliance with applicable specifications prior to release

- Evidence of falsification or misrepresentation of testing & stability results/ forgery of COA
2. *Major*
 - Incomplete/inadequate specifications
 - FG specs not approved by QC
 - Incomplete testing
 - Lack of or insufficient validation of test methods
 - No SOP for conditions for transportation and storage
 - Products not in finished form tested and considered as result for FG testing
 - Conduct of trial runs
 3. *Others*
 - Inadequate method transfers for a validated analytical method
 - Method validation report does not specify the revision of the analytical method used at the time of validation

K. Samples

1. *Major*
 - Retained samples not kept for finished products
 - Failure to submit retained samples when alternative sample retention granted
2. *Others*
 - Samples of raw material not available
 - Insufficient quantity for finished products or API
 - Improper storage conditions

L. Stability Testing

1. *Critical*
 - No data available to establish shelf-life of products
 - Evidence of falsification or misrepresentation of stability data / forgery of COA
2. *Major*
 - Insufficient data to establish shelf-life
 - Insufficient number of lots to establish shelf-life
 - No action taken when data shows that the products do not meet their specifications prior to the expiry date
 - Lack of or inadequate continuing stability program
 - No stability studies pertaining to changes in manufacturing (formulation) / packaging materials / reworked or reprocessed lots
 - Testing methods not validated
 - In-process materials were used for time zero for stability
 - Inappropriate storage conditions for stability samples
3. *Others*
 - Stability testing not performed at the time required by the written program
 - Review of stability data not performed in a timely manner

M. Reference Standard

1. *Critical*

- Use of expired secondary standard for testing

2. *Major*

- No appropriate monitoring device provided
- There were noted expired reference standards and/or volumetric reagents kept in the cabinet
- Logbook and inventory for primary and secondary reference standards were not provided
- Secondary reference standards were not standardized against the primary reference standard
- There was no potency result indicated on the label of secondary reference standards
- Volumetric reagents were not standardized

3. *Others*

- Incomplete information on labels
- Primary reference standards were not checked for its validity and expiry in the USP catalog
- There were no provided inventory records for reference standards
- No records/evidence of destruction of expired standards

N. Computer System Validation

1. *Major*

- Audit trail function was not enabled
- There was no designated system administrator
- Back-up for data was not provided
- Process controls to ensure data integrity in the computerized system were not fully in place
- Time and date of the computer used can be changed
- Non conduct of CSV
- Common username and password
- Access levels of analysts were not defined

O. Microbiological Laboratory

1. *Major*

- Growth Promotion Test was not performed/conducted on the prepared media
- Non-use of positive control
- Reference Microorganisms were not available in the microbiology laboratory
- Inappropriate storage of media
- Incomplete testing
- Insufficient incubation period
- Alert and action limit was not established

P. Contract Manufacturing Agreement

1. *Major*

- Agreement not in accordance with PIC/S requirements

- There is no assurance that the results and conclusions generated by third party are accurate, precise and reliable

2. *Others*

- Expired agreement
- Absence of agreement

Q. Complaints and Recalls

1. *Major*

- Ineffective / inadequate recall procedure
- Improper quarantine and disposal practices that would allow recalled / rejected units to be returned for sale
- No system, or Lack of or inadequate system for complaint handling and returned goods
- Lack of or incomplete records of complaints received relative to the quality of product complaint

2. *Others*

- Incomplete recall procedure
- No agreement between the wholesaler, the importer and distributor relative to a recall process
- No SOP on Handling Product Complaints
- Effectivity of recall procedure was not validated

R. Self-Inspection

1. *Major*

- No or inadequate self-inspection program. Program does not address all applicable sections of GMPs. Records incomplete or not maintained

2. *Others*

- Internal audit was not regularly conducted
- Unsigned inspection reports

ANNEX B

ACRONYMS

API - Active Pharmaceutical Ingredient
BMR – Batch Manufacturing Record
CAPA – Corrective Action-Preventive Action
COA – Certificate of Analysis
CPR – Certificate of Product Registration
CSV – Computer System Validation
DEG –Diethylene glycol
FG – Finished Goods
GMP – Good Manufacturing Practice
HEPA – High Efficiency Particulate Air
HVAC – Heating, Ventilation and Air-conditioning
LTO – License to Operate
OOS – Out-of-Specifications
PIC/S – Pharmaceutical Inspection Cooperation Scheme
PM – Packaging Material
PQR – Product Quality Review
PVC – Polyvinyl chloride
PW – Pharmaceutical Water
QA – Quality Assurance
QC – Quality Control
RM – Raw Material
SOP – Standard Operating Procedure