

Safe use of proprietary Chinese medicines

Following a media enquiry related to a suspected chromium-tainted capsule of a proprietary Chinese medicine (pCm), named [W.S.] Tsung Tso Wan (HKP-07499), imported by a licensed pCm trader, Wah Shun Medicine Limited, Department of Health (DH) conducted investigation immediately. Samples of pCm were taken from a wholesaler and a retailer for laboratory analysis. The Government Laboratory test results showed that all samples of empty capsules of the pCm contained chromium level below the recommended limit of 2 ppm, of the Pharmacopoeia of the People's Republic of China. DH also alerted the pCm trader to remain vigilant to the sources of its capsule products and take laboratory analysis on their products if necessary.

While no adverse report has been received so far, DH will closely monitor the development.

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