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Press Release

Government of the Punjab is committed to provide quality healthcare services to the citizens of Punjab including provision of quality medicines and other clinical services. The Government has put in place a transparent, efficient & PPRA compliant mechanism for the procurement of quality medicines across public hospitals in the Punjab that which has yielded fruitful results in terms of quality of medicines. Punjab Government has adopted quality and cost based selection methodology for procurement of medicines. The medicines thus procured are both economical and are of best quality available in the market.

2. Recently there has been a buzz in media putting baseless and false accusations on the procurement process of Government of the Punjab alleging that procured medicines of Punjab are at exorbitant rates as compared to the similar medicines procured by Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhawa.

3. It is imperative to put the record in the correct perspective and clarify that the accusations are false and totally contrary to the facts.

4. A comparison of the prices of medicines along with the details of the suppliers both by the Government of the Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhawa is given below that shows that prices of medicines procured by the Government of Punjab are in fact less than prices of medicine procured by the Government of KP.

5. Moreover it is equally important to keep IMS ranking of firms into account before making any comparison.

6 The comparison of items is as under;

Sr No	Name of Item	Approved Rate of Punjab 2017-18	Name of Firm	Approved Rate of KP 2017-18	Name of Firm
1	Inj. Amikacin (as Sulfate). 100mg	19.57	Bosch Pharma	29.75	Bosch Pharma
2	Cap. Amoxicillin (as trihydrate) 500mg	3.71	GSK Pakistan LTD	3.9	Macter International Limited
3	Cotton Crepe Bandage B.P.C 10cm x 4.5 meters,	42.5	Cotton Craft (Pvt.) Ltd	60	Cotton Craft (Pvt.) Ltd
4	Inhaler Salbutamol 100mcg	120.00	Macter International Limited	130	Macter International Limited



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5	Inj. Insulin 70/30 W/V (Human)(30% soluble insulin &70 % Isophane inslin) 100 IU/ml,	182.85	Novo Nordisk Pharma Pvt Ltd	198	Novo Nordisk Pharma Pvt Ltd
6	Inj. Insulin Regular (Human) 100 units/ml	185.00	Novo Nordisk Pharma Pvt Ltd	200	Novo Nordisk Pharma Pvt Ltd
7	Inj. Octreotide acetate. 0.1mg ampoule / vial in 1ml,	177.00	Novartis Pharma (Pakistan) Ltd	190	Novartis Pharma (Pakistan) Ltd
8	Inj. Propofol 200 mg, Ampoule of 20ml.	193.00	Allied Distributors	205	Allied Distributors
9	Polyvalent anti-snake serum. Single Dose Vial / Ampoule	1,150.00	Amson Vaccines & Pharma Pvt Ltd	1215	Amson Vaccines & Pharma Pvt Ltd
10	Sevoflurane Liquid Inhalation, Bottle of 250ml	7,700.00	Getz Pharma	7740	Getz Pharma
11	CVP Line (Triple Lumen) with seldinger wire.	2100	Iqbal & Company	2870	Hashir Surgical
12	Skin Solution Povidone-Iodine 10%, Bottle of 450ml	286.00	Brookes Pharma Private Limited	286.85	Brookes Pharma Private Limited
13	Solution Salbutamol 5mg/ml for nebulization.	27.83	GSK Pakistan LTD	29	GSK Pakistan LTD
14	Surgical Scrub Povidone-Iodine 7.5%.Bottle of 450ml	296.00	Brookes Pharma Private Limited	296.3	Brookes Pharma Private Limited
15	Tab. Glyceryl Trinitrate 2.6mg , SR	2.56	Searle Company Limited	2.82	Searle Company Limited



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16	Tab. Divalproex Sodium 500mg	3.34	Platinum Pharmaceuti cals Pvt Ltd	4.29	Platinum Pharmaceutic als Pvt Ltd
17	Tab. Ibuprofen 400 mg (film/sugar coated).	1.92	Abbott Laboratories (Private) Limited	1.997	Abbott Laboratories (Private) Limited
18	Tab. Prednisolone 5mg	1.03	Pfizer Pharma	1.159	Pfizer Pharma
19	Cap. Amoxicillin (as trihydrate) 250mg	2.05	GSK Pakistan LTD	2.15	GSK Pakistan LTD
20	Tab. Allopurinol 300mg	3.63	GSK Pakistan LTD	3.74	GSK Pakistan LTD
21	Inf. Paracetamol 1 gm/ 100ml.	51.88	Bosch Pharma	53.9	Bosch Pharma
22	Amoxicillin (as trihydrate) 125mg / 5ml, Bottle of 90ml	36.30	GSK Pakistan LTD	38.5	Macter International Limited
23	Eye Drops Chloramphenicol 0.5%,	23.30	Barrett Hodgson (Pvt.) Ltd	45	Sante
24	Foley's Catheters Two way Silicon Coated.	63	Al-Hamd Enterprises	78	Hashir Surgical
25	Tab. Amoxicillin (as trihydrate) 500mg + Clavulanic Acid (as Potassium) 125mg,	9.46	GSK Pakistan LTD	10.75	Bosch Pharma
26	Tab. Amoxicillin (as trihydrate) 875mg + Clavulanic Acid (as Potassium) 125mg,	11.33	GSK Pakistan LTD	13.85	Bosch Pharma
27	Syp. Cetirizine 1mg/ml, bottle of 60ml,	28.50	GSK Pakistan LTD	30	Sami Pharmaceutic als



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28	Capsule/Tab Cefixime 400 mg.	17.00	CCL Pharmaceuti cal (Pvt) Ltd	18	Macter International Limited
*29	Disposable syringe 1 ml with needle and Luer-Lock/Slip.	0.045\$ 5.175 PKR	Genome Pharmaceuti cals Pvt Ltd	5.4	Injection System
30	Drotavarine 40mg Injection,	9.56	Searle Company Limited	20.34	Sanofi aventis
31	I.V. Cannula with Injection Port and Integrated Closing Cone Size 18G.	0.17\$ 19.55 PKR	Al-Hamd Enterprises	43.9	Al-Hamd Enterprises
32	I.V. Cannula with Injection Port and Integrated Closing Cone Size 20G.	0.25 \$28.75 PKR	B Braun Pakistan	43.9	Al-Hamd Enterprises
33	I.V. Cannula with Injection Port and Integrated Closing Cone Size 22G.	0.25 \$ 28.75 PKR	B Braun Pakistan	43.9	Al-Hamd Enterprises
34	I.V. Cannula with Integrated Closing Cone Size 24G.	0.32\$ 36.8 PKR	B.Braun Pvt Ltd	59.9	Al-Hamd Enterprises
35	Susp/Syp Zinc Sulfate Monohydrate (equivalent to elemental Zinc 20 mg/5 ml, 60 ml)	19.76	Nabi Qasim Industries (Pvt.) Ltd	20.74	Zafa Pharmaceutic als
36	Tab. / Cap. Glyceryl Trinitrate 6.4 mg , SR,	3.52	Searle Company Limited	5	Zafa Pharmaceutic als
37	Tab. Misoprostol 200 mcg, Blister Pack. Pack of 30 or less, packed in carton with leaflet.	4.85	Saffron Pharmaceuti cals (Pvt.) Ltd	5	Zafa Pharmaceutic als



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38	Tab Daclatasvir 60mg	14.93	Getz Pharma	17.46	The Searle Company

6. It is also worth mentioning that Government of the Punjab has put additional features in its medicine procurement and distribution system without any additional burden on public exchequer. These features are

- The medicines procured by Government of Punjab are tested by international WHO pre-qualified laboratory at the cost of the vendor. These laboratories include well reputed institutions like Chemical center Singapore, Intertek Switzerland, Health Concept Thailand, Cengam South Africa.
- The supplier companies are required to print a 2D data matrix including a serialization code on each packet of the medicine for making it traceable during the process of its distribution. This feature of tracking and traceability has resulted into minimization of chances of theft of these medicines.
- The suppliers will also be required to provide the medicines in customized packing specially designed for the public hospitals which will check any sale of these medicines at retail shops.

7. The facts mentioned above make it amply clear that the process adopted by the Government of the Punjab for procurement of medicine has been fully transparent and it has saved millions of rupees of the public exchequer by procuring economical and quality medicines.

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