

Appendix 1: Research Questionnaire

Please mark the best answer with an X

Example:

Strongly agree	X
Agree	
Neither (agree or disagree)	
Disagree	
Strongly disagree	

1. Thinking about pharmaceutical products available in Sudan today, would you consider medicines to be?

High quality	1
Generally of good quality	2
Low quality	3
Very low quality	4
I do not know	5

2. Do you agree or disagree the drug legislations prohibit marketing of low quality medicines in Sudan?

Strongly agree	1
Agree	2
Neither (agree or disagree)	3
Disagree	4
Strongly disagree	5

3. How much confidence do you have in the systems and safeguards currently in place to ensure the quality of drugs available in Sudan today?

Very confident	1
Somewhat confident	2
Not very confident	3
Not at all confident	4

4. How much confidence do you have in the way the Federal government regulates and monitors quality of medicines?

Very confident	1
Somewhat confident	2
Not very confident	3
Not at all confident	4

5. After approval of the Pharmacy and Poisons Act 2001, the Ministry of Animal Resources took the responsibility of registration and control of veterinary medicines and the licensing of their premises. This action will: (Tick more than one)

	Yes = 1	No = 2
Improve the quality control of medicines		
Weaken the role of the Ministry of Health in public health protection		
Cause conflict between medicine control authorities		

6. According to the Pharmacy and Poisons Act 2001, the authority of controlling quality of medicines and poisons was given to Federal Pharmacy and Poisons Board instead of the General Directorate of Pharmacy. This amendment:

Will improve the medicines quality assurance system	1
Will have no effect at all	2
Will to some extent, undermine the medicine quality control system	3
Will entirely undermine the medicine quality control system	4

7. The provisions of the Pharmacy and Poisons Act 2001 gave the authority of licensing of pharmacies premises and their inspection to state health authorities. This action will enhance the medicines control:

Strongly agree	1
Agree	2
Neither (agree or disagree)	3
Disagree	4
Strongly disagree	5

8. Increased number of unregistered medicines importers will facilitate the marketing of low quality and counterfeit medicines:

Strongly agree		1
Agree		2
Neither (agree or disagree)		3
Disagree		4
Strongly disagree		5

9. Do you think that over the past four years, low quality (counterfeit) medicines in Sudan have?

Has not changed		1
Become less of a problem		2
Become more of a problem		3

10. How serious a problem do you believe low quality medicines (counterfeit) are in Sudan today? Is this a problem that is?

Not at all serious		1
Not very serious		2
Somewhat serious		3
Very serious		4

11. Are the recently updated medicines registration requirements sufficient to prohibit the marketing of low quality medicines?

Yes, sufficient		1
No, not sufficient		2
I do not know		3

12. Do you think the pre-marketing analysis of medicines is sufficient to assure their quality?

Yes, sufficient		1
No, not sufficient		2
I do not know		3

13. To ensure the overall quality of medicines used by consumers in Sudan today, do you believe that such pre-marketing analysis of medicines is?

Critically important		1
Important, but not critically		2
Not very important		3

14. Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the current Sudan legal pharmaceutical framework in assuring medicines quality?

Very satisfied		1
Satisfied		2
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied		3
Dissatisfied		4
Very dissatisfied		5
Not sure		6

15. If you have any other comments about Sudan pharmaceutical legal framework, please do not hesitate to report them (Arabic comments are also be accepted)

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