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Sun Pharma recalls over 40,000 bottles of antidepressant

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Sun Pharmaceutical Industries is recalling 41,127 bottles of anti-depressant 'venlafaxine hydrochloride' in the US, after the drug failed to dissolve properly, the US Food and Drug Administration said.

The voluntary recall was begun by Sun Pharma's unit Caraco Pharmaceutical Laboratories in June and was classified by the FDA as 'Class II', meaning that use of or exposure to the drug may cause temporary or medically reversible adverse health consequences.

Dissolution tests are commonly conducted to help predict how a drug performs inside the body. "Stability results found the product did not meet the drug release dissolution specifications," the FDA said on its website. The company's recall of venlafaxine hydrochloride comes three months after Pfizer said it was pulling 104,000 bottles of the same drug, which the company sells under the brand 'Effexor XR'.

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