



Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Health  
**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**



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Secretary  
Department of Health

Dear **Secretary Ubial**:

The Formulary Executive Council (FEC) respectfully recommends the **DISAPPROVAL** of the inclusion of the following medicines in the Philippine National Formulary (PNF) due the reasons specified below:

**1. Cefpodoxime proxetil 200 mg tablet**

Other third generation cephalosporins are already included in the PNF (i.e., cefixime, cefotaxime, ceftazidime and ceftriaxone) which can be used instead.

**2. Raltegravir 400 mg tablet**

The drug is not included in the DOH - National AIDS/STI Prevention and Control Program (NASPCP) policies and guidelines on the use of antiretroviral therapy (ART) among people living with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and HIV-exposed infants.

**3. Primaquine 30 mg base tablet**

Primaquine 15 mg base tablet is already included in the Formulary which is also the only FDA-registered preparation of the drug.

**4. Sofosbuvir 400 mg tablet**

Other antiviral medicines for hepatitis shall be discussed once the DOH hepatitis program guideline is already available. ✓

**5. Tacrolimus 0.5 mg slow-release tablet**

The 1 mg and 5 mg slow-release tablets were already recommended for inclusion in the PNF.

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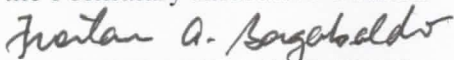
Please be informed that the above list was posted for 30 days on the website of the Pharmaceutical Division to accommodate any comment or appeal from the stakeholders.

For your disposition, Ma'am.

Thank you and best regards.

Very truly yours,

For the Formulary Executive Council



**ATTY. FROILAN BAGABALDO**

Chair

Formulary Executive Council

Recommending disapproval:



**LILIBETH C. DAVID, MD, MPH, MPM, CESO III**

Undersecretary of Health

Office for Policy and Health Systems I

Official disapproval of the above medicines:



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