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## The Quest for Quality: Ensuring Efficacy and Safety in Homoeopathic Medicines

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### ABSTRACT:

The quality of the homoeopathic medicines depends on the production and collection of raw materials. Homoeopathic pharmacopoeias throughout the world prescribe microscopy, physicochemical, instrumental, chromatography and biological analysis for standardization of homoeopathic medicines. Despite the growing use of homoeopathic medicines worldwide, few of the WHO Member States regulate these medicines. It is usually taken for granted that the safety of homoeopathic medicines should not be a major concern as these medicines are often highly diluted when administered. However, this is not always the case. Moreover, the variety of materials used (medicinal plants, animal and human materials, pathogens as well as minerals and chemicals) and other technical aspects of the production and manufacture of homeopathic medicines may constitute potential risks to their safety. GMP (Good Manufacturing Practices) are a part of quality assurance aimed at ensuring that products are consistently manufactured to quality appropriate to their intended use<sup>2</sup>.

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