

Microbial Contaminants Found in Low Egg Passage Rabies Vaccine Used in Nigeria.

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Summary

Bacteriological and mycological examinations (cultural and biochemical characteristics) identified 4 pathogenic organisms as contaminants in 6 out of 7 LEP batch 20 rabies vaccines produced 1990 in Nigeria. *Cryptococcus neoformans* and *Penicillium spp.* were isolated from 5 vaccine samples, while one sample additionally also contained *Rhizopus* and *Pseudomonas*. One vaccine sample was negative for microbial contaminants. Improper conditions of vaccine production and storage are discussed.