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Investigation on Quality and Adulteration of Potassium Bromate in Permanent Wave in Taiwan Area

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ABSTRACT

In order to assess the quality and the adulteration of potassium bromate in the commercial permanent wave, sixty-eight samples were collected from beauty saloons and cosmetics stores in Taiwan by local health authorities from January to April, 2007. The contents of active ingredients, pH value, alkalinity and labeling were examined. The results showed that all of the sixty-eight samples complied with the quality requirement of regulation, but sixty-three samples (92.6%) failed to meet the labeling regulation.

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