

Protocol for Determining if a Fish Antibiotic is US Pharmacopeia Grade

Generic human antibiotics are USP grade, usually AB-rated.

Although fish antibiotics are intended for purchase for aquarium use only, some of them fall into the same class.

The following protocol will aid in determining whether an advertised fish antibiotic is a USP, AB-rated generic.

1	Find an online retailer whose advertising features an image of the medication in mind.
2	Check the color and imprint of the medication using a pill identifier such as that at drugstore.com .
3	View additional "pill details," searching for the manufacturer.
4	Next find the manufacturer's home website and search for products.
5	Under products, search for the same medication with the same imprint and appearance.
6	Make sure the product lists "USP" and "AB Rated." The United States Pharmacopeia (USP) sets standards for prescription and OTC drugs manufactured or sold in the U.S. An AB rating indicates that the generic in question has been proven to meet bioequivalence to a reference standard (which is generally the brand name drug).