

THE ROLE OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG MARKET

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ABSTRACT

Over the last ten years, there has been a phenomenal increase in the use and abuse of prescription drugs and the developing countries have been playing a leading role, in particular as suppliers of counterfeit drugs to other developing countries. These phenomena have extremely serious economic, social and ethical implications. Unfortunately, the literature on prescription drugs does not address properly this issue and the scope of the study is to shed some light on this debate by looking at the main actors, linkages, causal factors and suggest policies in order to address the challenges posed by such phenomena.

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