

# Draxis Health faces lawsuit

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Draxis Health Inc. said today it is facing a lawsuit alleging that a drug it distributed in Canada causes obsessive behaviour, including "pathological" gambling.

The plaintiff, not identified in the company's release, is looking to make the claim a class-action suit.

Before July 2003, Draxis Pharmaceutica — the Canadian sales and marketing division of the company — distributed the drug Permax for another manufacturer. That month, Draxis sold the Pharmaceutica division to Shire BioChem Inc.

The company (TSX: [DAX](#)) said today it is not the only defendant in the case, which alleges that Permax causes "compulsive/obsessive behaviour, including pathological gambling."

Draxis said it believes the claim is without merit and will oppose both the proceeding and the attempt to have it classified as a class action suit.

The pharmaceutical company employs more than 500 people at its Montreal site.

This morning, Draxis shares lost more than one per cent, or seven cents, to trade at \$5.82 on the Toronto Stock Exchange.

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