Certain skin-lightening creams and medicated soaps contain high levels of mercury, even if it is not listed as an ingredient on the label. Mercury is a poison that can damage the brain and kidneys, and cause skin problems.

- Never use skin-lightening creams and medicated soaps that list mercury as an ingredient.
- If you use non-prescription products to lighten your skin or for skin disorders, ask your doctor to test your urine for mercury.

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