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Dear reader,

I read two pieces of news on the internet today: 1/ that you are looking for ideas to stop counterfeit drugs 2/ that the city government of Rotterdam, my hometown, is starting an experiment in which valuable items that are prone for theft, such as laptops and mobile phones will be marked with liquid DNA. A glue like substance that has microparticles in it with a unique code that can be read by an ultraviolet reader (plus other equipment). It was claimed to be impossible to fully remove the substance from the items it was glued upon and that this method substantially decrease theft rates in the areas of the UK where it was tried before.

There must be some way to use that same technique to give each (batch) of drug an unique DNA code and give pharmacists a reader, much like they use readers to check whether money is real.

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