

Ecopharmacovigilance Regulatory Frame Work For Pharmaceuticals In Us And Eu Countries

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ABSTRACT

Pharmacovigilance, which identifies and prevents adverse drug reactions, has evolved over time, and new developments have emerged in recent years. Patient reporting and social media usage have become popular, and hospital-based data repositories and electronic health records have opened up new possibilities. In this essay, we aim to review these developments and predict the future of pharmacovigilance. Pharmacovigilance involves several steps, including identifying a signal, determining the signal, quantifying the alert, and managing the alarm. Each step requires a different set of techniques and skills. In managing drug safety, pharmacovigilance plays a vital role in identifying and preventing adverse drug reactions. This paper is based on the medical specialty of drug-induced diseases and the science of pharmacovigilance. Although pharmacovigilance has become increasingly regulated, this paper does not address specific rules or definitions from regulatory bodies such as the ICH, FDA, or EMA. As pharmacovigilance continues to evolve, it is crucial to consider new developments and predict future trends. The next chapter of big data and pharmacoepidemiology in pharmacovigilance may follow the previous chapters on spontaneous reporting, analysis of individual case reports, reporting patterns, and report databases

KEYWORDS: Ecopharmacovigilance, Pharmacovigilance, Environmental Risk Assessment (ERA), Regulatory Affairs(RA), Pharmaceuticals in the environmen(PiE), European Medicine Agency(EMA), Food and Drug Administration(FDA).

I. INTRODUCTION

Regulatory affairs (RA) is a critical profession that ensures pharmaceutical companies comply with international regulations for producing safe and effective drugs for human and veterinary

consumption. RA professionals are responsible for every aspect of drug development, from clinical trials to post-marketing activities, to maintain the safety and efficacy of the products. Any lapse in safety or regulatory procedures can result in product recall, damaging the company's reputation and costing millions of dollars(1)

OBJECTIVE

The objectives of regulatory affairs include understanding and navigating the complex regulations and laws related to the pharmaceutical industry, ensuring compliance with these regulations, working with regulatory agencies, advising companies on regulatory aspects, and staying up-to-date with the constantly evolving regulations in different regions of the world

PHARMACEUTICAL REGULATORY AFFAIRS

Outsourcing has become common in the pharmaceutical industry for development, manufacturing, and quality control. The Contract Research Organization (CRO) sector is expected to grow by 10-12% due to increasing pharmaceutical R&D.(2)

REGULATORY AFFAIRS IN PRODUCT MANAGEMENT

For development, manufacturing, and quality control, outsourcing has grown widespread in the pharmaceutical sector. As pharmaceutical R&D increases, the contract research organisation (CRO) industry is predicted to rise by 10-12%. (3)

REGULATORY AFFAIRS IN CLINICAL TRIALS

RA specialists serve as liaisons between companies and regulatory agencies, ensuring compliance with all necessary regulations and guidelines. RA professionals are the primary

contact point for international regulatory bodies, such as the USFDA and UKMCA, and interpret the complex regulations and guidelines to other departments in the company. They develop strategies to expedite the approval process and ensure compliance with government obligations, market demands, and evolving scientific conventions while balancing risks and benefits for health products.(4,5,6,7)

CHANGES IN REGULATORY ENVIRONMENT

In India, the pharmaceutical sector began conducting phase III trials after the introduction of

clinical trials registry and is currently working on a bill to regulate the medical device business. The government plans to establish the Medical Devices Regulatory Authority to control the medical device market(8)

REGULATORY AUTHORITY

Drug manufacturers and administrators have the same goal: to improve public health by ensuring that safe, effective, suitably branded pharmaceutical products according to strict value standards are developed, tested, evaluated, and approved for marketing in the shortest amount of time possible.(9)

REGULATORY BODIES IN THE WORLD

COUNTRY	REGULATORY AUTHORITY
India	Central Drugs Standard Control Organization Drug controller general of India (DCGI)
US	Food and Drug Administration (USFDA)
UK	Medicines and Health care products Regulatory Agency (MHRA)
Australia	Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA)
Japan	Japanese Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (MHLW)
Canada	Health Canada
Brazil	Agency National degradation Vigilancia Sanitaria (ANVISA)
South Africa	Medicines Control Council (MCC)
Europe	European Directorate for Quality of Medicines (EDQM) European Medicines Evaluation agencies (EMA)

PHARMACOVIGILANCE

Although all drugs have risks, some may also have benefits [10]. The dose is what distinguishes the drug from the poison because everything is poison and nothing is poison [11]. We

reviewed the past of pharmacovigilance with an eye toward the future in an earlier paper [12]. The world has changed somewhat in the last five years. Patient reporting has gained popularity in addition to the customary spont

aneous reporting by healthcare professionals. Social media usage has skyrocketed, and researchers are mining it in the hope of discovering new security risks [13]. Hospital-based data repositories or electronic health records have opened up new possibilities, and data resources like databases for the nation's healthcare systems are now easily accessible.

Reviewing these developments and making another attempt to foresee the future then the next chapter in pharmacovigilance are the goals of the current paper. Will the next chapter of big data and pharmacoepidemiology in pharmacovigilance follow the previous chapters on spontaneous reporting, analysis of individual case

reports, reporting patterns, and report databases?

To establish the context for reflection, let's look at the steps involved in managing drug safety, or pharmacovigilance: identifying a signal, determining the signal, which then becomes an alert; quantifying the alert, which can become an alarm; and managing the alarm, which roughly corresponds to how a disease is typically managed clinically: suspicion (symptoms), diagnosis (confirmation), evaluation (extent and severity), and treatment (followed by measles). Just as there isn't a single exam or test that can cover everything in clinical medicine, each of these steps calls for a different set of techniques and skills (**Fig1**).



Figure 1. Pharmacovigilance

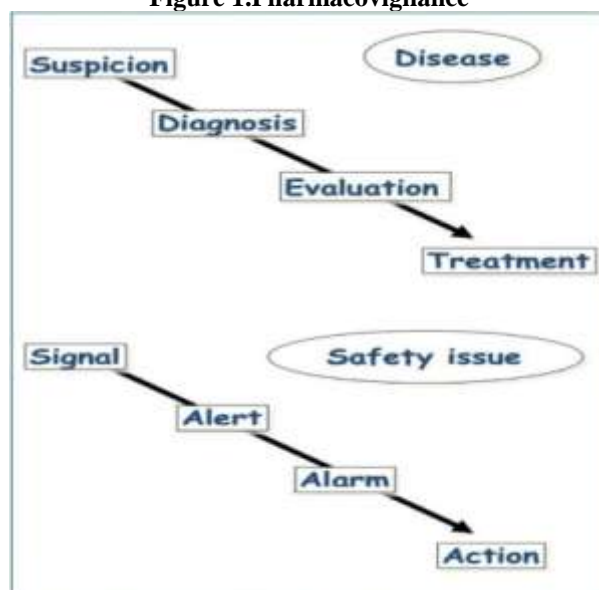


Figure 2. Management of disease and of safety issues.

There are four important methods in Pharmacovigilance such as,

- Passive surveillance.
- Active surveillance.
- Cohort event monitoring.
- Targeted Clinical Investigations

Adapting and applying common methods used in pharmacovigilance to eco-pharmacovigilance

Compared to PV, EPV is a more recent and less matured discipline with fewer specified implementation methods and strategies(14). The main focuses of current EPV policies include

emissions reduction during production, environmentally friendly drug design, sensible drug usage, take-back and management of unwanted medication. To clarify the model and implementation methodologies, more effort is required because these procedures are neither systematic nor explicit. The experience of PV can serve as the basis for EPV.(15,16,17)

Summary of the possible application of common used methods of pharmacovigilance (PV) in the implementation of eco-pharmacovigilance (EPV).

Methods	Characteristics	Pharmacovigilance	Ecopharmacovigilance
Spontaneous reporting	Content of reports	The most commonly used, standardized, passive and voluntary Suspected ADRs of marketed drugs	The uncontrolled release of pharmaceuticals into wastewater or the alleged negative effects of pharmaceutical residues
	Reporting entities	By manufacturers, consumers, patients, and even the general public in some countries, healthcare professionals (including doctors, pharmacists, and nurses)	More dependent on Manufacturers, hospitals, environmental researchers, consumers and the public
Intensive monitoring	Content	Active and targeted Intensive monitoring for the use of certain selected drugs on basis of clinical prescription data during a certain period of time	Intensive monitoring for the specific pharmaceutical products with higher volume of use and higher potential environmental risks

Database studies	Aim	Systematic and timely To test hypotheses (i.e. the adverse events suspected of being an ADR) developed after signals have been detected in Spontaneous reports, in order to facilitate the more timely identification and quantitation of A DRs	To acquire more comprehensive al- timed data on pharmaceutical residu ofes
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Spontaneous reporting

Spontaneous reporting, which is the most popular method of PV, is a standardized and passive form used for reporting suspected adverse drug reactions (ADRs) of marketed drugs to regulatory agencies. It primarily depends on the voluntary reporting by health care professionals (including doctors, pharmacists, and nurses), as well as in some countries by manufacturers, consumers, patients, and even the general public (18,19,20,). Spontaneous reporting has been described as the backbone of data collection in PV, and the most important functions of which are the early identification of potential safety "signals" for medications, formulation of hypotheses, then further confirmatory investigations, sometimes regulatory warnings (21). Based on clinical suspicion, the "suspected" adverse reactions might be early identified and gathered into standardised databases in the national or regional PV centres utilising phone, paper, e-mail, or directly online via tablets, the Internet, and smartphones.

Intensive monitoring

By expressing issues with underreporting and the challenge of quantifying ADRs, intensive monitoring is an extension of spontaneous reporting that seeks to boost the reporting of ADRs connected to particular drugs. It entails documenting adverse side effects using questionnaires filled out by the prescribing doctor and clinical prescription data used to monitor medication use. By measuring the frequency of adverse events, this technique enables ADR quantification. It is the duty of pharmaceutical manufacturers to oversee their own medications. Database studies (22,23,24,) such as cohort and case-control studies, are an effective PV method for examining hypotheses developed after

signals are discovered in spontaneous reports. Case-control studies look backward at newly identified ADRs, while prospective cohort studies monitor adverse events in a sizable population exposed to a medication. Both kinds of investigations can be done quickly and affordably, especially when the sample size is modest. Database studies, like cohort and case-control studies, are effective pharmacovigilance (PV) techniques for examining the safety of medications. By carrying out cohort studies to track pharmaceutical levels in environmental samples and retrospective case-control studies to look at potential pollution sources, these techniques can also be applied to environmental PV. These investigations present chances to look into various pharmaceutical contaminants and create a common

AIM & OBJECTIVE

AIM

The purpose of this study is to understand and compare the ecopharmacovigilance regulation in Europe and US. It is therefore necessary to establish an ecopharmacovigilance system monitoring and collection of data which would eradicate the risk of pharmaceuticals entering into the surrounding.

OBJECTIVES

- It is comparing the similarities and the differences will give a better comprehension on the different strategies embraced by the different countries with the purpose of protecting the environment from exposure to harmful pharmaceutical drugs.
- "Targeted EPV" implementation focuses on targeted monitoring of the presence of high risk agents in the environment, targeted reporting of over standard discharge.

- Many committees, as well as pharmaceutical companies, are working together for minimizing the potential impacts of medicine on the environment.
- Although the detected concentrations of pharmaceuticals in the environment are generally low, (ng/L to µg/L) potential direct and indirect risks for human and animal populations do exist and hence should be carefully monitored.
- There are several policies in place that can lessen the toxicity of the products in the environment, such as manufacturers' evaluation and minimization of hazards.
- Educating and encouraging the patients will help them to properly dispose the medicines.
- This illustrates the various ERA policies adopted globally emphasizing the current Indian scenario as well.

II. METHODOLOGY

The research was carried out to describe in detail about the role, impact and ecopharmacovigilance regulatory frame work in pharmaceutical sector .The purpose and the future aspects of ecopharmacovigilance in regulatory frame work in pharmaceuticals is also described.

SOURCE OF DATA

The majority of the data collection was done from the Guidance documents released in official website. Search engines such as Google, Google Scholar were exploited to obtain the data for the study Official guidelines are followed by the regulatory department in Europe and US, Several literatures and books were reviewed as the secondary source.

The following criteria's were used to evaluate the data collected for the analysis:

- Introduction and detailed description about pharamacovigilance and ecopharmacovigilance
- Review on current regulatory approval process in US and EUROPE
- A study on recent updates and changes.

ECOPHARMACOVIGILANCE:

"The research and activities concerned with the investigation, assessment, comprehension, and prevention of hazardous environmental impacts of pharmaceuticals." Other words, "science and actions related to detection, assessment, understanding, and avoidance of adverse effects or

other difficulties related to presence of pharmaceuticals in the environment, which influence human and other animal species (25)

Need of ecopharmacovigilance:

- Active pharmaceutical ingredient represent consumption of emerging environmental contamination
- It is estimated worldwide consumption active compounds amounts to be some 100000 or more per year
- Even in trace amounts they are great concern due to their continuous introduction into the environment, their impact on ecosystem and human veterinary health is of great importance
- Now a regulatory requirements prior to launch of any new drug
- Several challenges that has to met EPV is to effective in practice like environment risk management plan

III. STUDY AND DISCUSSION

Whatis ecopharmacovigilance(epv)?

Before introducing the EPV concept, some background is necessary on PIE and the ERA of pharmaceuticals.

Definition of epv

Velo is credited with creating the phrase "ecopharmacovigilance." (26) The title ecopharmacology, environmental pharmacology, pharmacoenvironmentology, pharmacovigilance, and ecopharmacostewardship have, however, been proposed in a number of other studies to represent this recently growing subject. Although these articles introduce the idea of EPV and some approaches to it, they typically cover a much broader range that encompasses all aspects of sustainable pharmacy, including green drug design, green chemistry in process development, minimising manufacturing emissions, improved prescribing practices, and the management of unused medications.

ECOPHARMACOVIGILANCE

Ecopharmacovigilance is the science and practice of identifying, evaluating, able to understand, and preventing adverse effects or other issues associated with the presence of pharmaceuticals in the environment that have an impact on people and other animal species.(27)

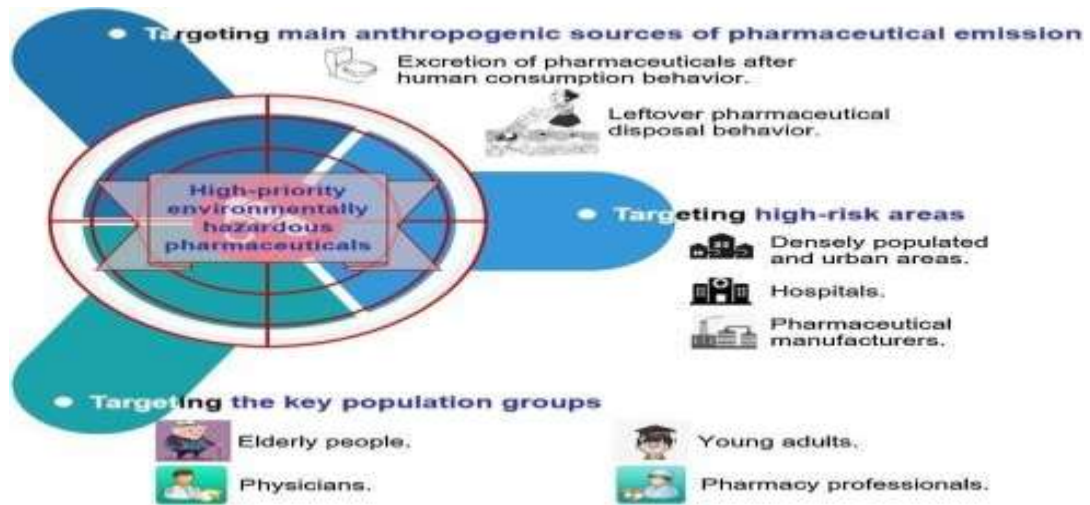


FIGURE 3 Ecopharmacovigilance

Ecopharmacovigilance is the identification, evaluation, comprehension, and avoidance of negative effects caused by pharmaceuticals in the environment. This includes the consequences of pollution by drugs, ways to reduce their release, and their regulation. India lags behind in EPV compared to the West, posing risks to public safety and the environment due to improperly disposed of expired or unused medicines.

Sources of Entry of Pharmaceuticals into Environment

The consumption of drugs is increasing in humans and animals, resulting in large quantities of

drugs being excreted into sewage. Industrial waste from pharmaceutical companies also contributes to drug contamination in the environment.

Despite sewage treatment, some drugs are not entirely removed, leaving traces in water supplies, including cocaine and oral contraceptives. (28,29,30)

Drugs such as cocaine, antidepressants, antiepileptics, statins, hormones, paracetamol, diclofenac, and fluoroquinolones have been found in various water sources worldwide, including the Po River in Italy and the Niagara River.

Although the contamination is small, it still poses a risk of drugs unintentionally re-entering humans through drinking water.



FIGURE 4 Sources of Entry of Pharmaceuticals into Environment

The emergence of ecopharmacovigilance

Interest has been shown in the topic of ecopharmacovigilance (EPV), which focuses on discovering, evaluating, understanding, and preventing adverse effects of drugs on the environment. By using green chemistry, EPV aims to develop environmentally friendly medications, promote responsible medicine use, and reduce production emissions. In terms of identifying, assessing, and treating EPV, the World Health Organization is worried. Life Cycle of PE

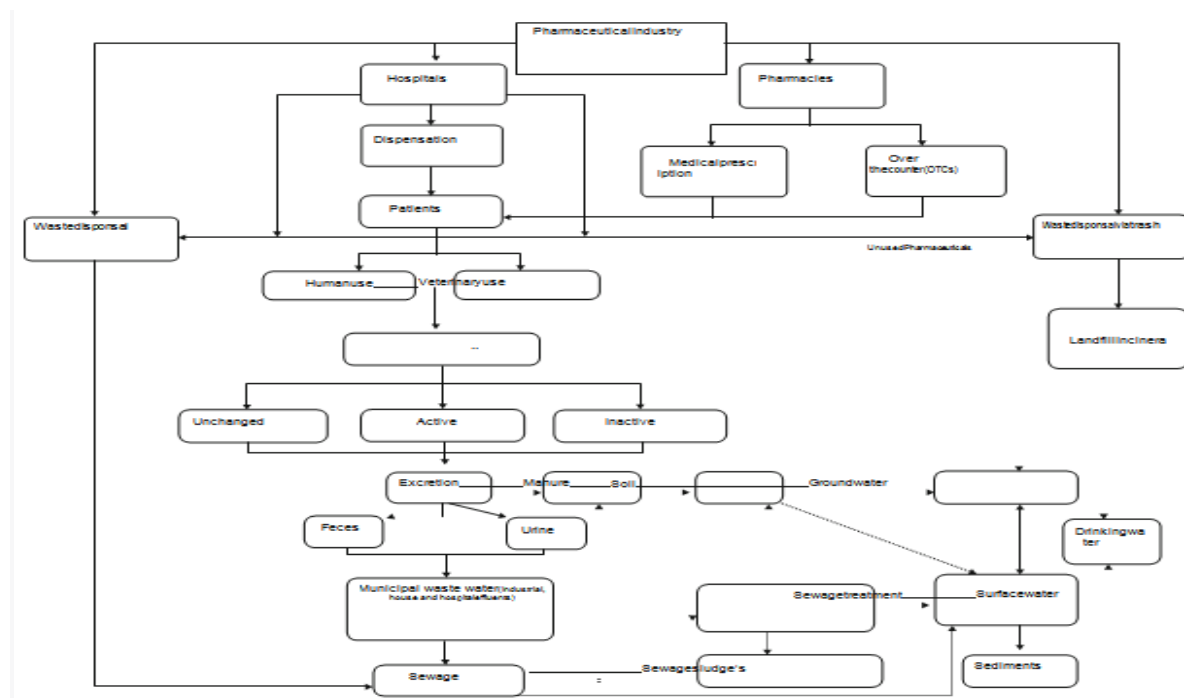
Overview of eco-pharmacovigilance

Daughton and Ruhoy (31) first proposed the idea of eco-pharmacovigilance, which is described as "the science and activities concerning detection, assessment, understanding and prevention of adverse effects or other problems related to the presence of pharmaceuticals in the environment, which affect both human and other animal species." (32) This closely resembles the World Health Organization's (WHO) definition of pharmacovigilance (33), a field of study that looks for any negative effects of drugs on humans after they have been taken. Pharmacovigilance systems collect, monitor, research, evaluate, and assess data from medical

personnel, including physicians, dentists, pharmacists, nurses, and other health professionals, in order to be aware of adverse drug reactions. Could studies on pharmacovigilance help to improve eco-pharmacovigilance

Overview of environmental risk assessment

In response to the adoption of a number of environmental laws, risk assessment in the context of the environment first emerged in the United States in the 1970s: The Pure Air the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act of 1970, the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, the Toxic Substances Control Act of 1976, and the Clean Water Act of 1977 are some examples of legislation that regulated pesticide use. The newly established USEPA was tasked with enforcing these regulatory statutes. The laws required the evaluation of environmental and public health risks as a foundation for regulatory decision-making, either explicitly or implicitly. However, the USEPA offices and other regulatory organizations that uphold regulatory statutes have different interpretations of risk assessment. In 1981, the US National Academy of Sciences was asked to review the "institutional means of assessment of risks to public health" due to the controversy that the risk assessments had caused (NRC 1983)..



Phases in Regulation		Study Objective	Risk Assessment Stages	Risk Assessment Approach	Test/ Data Specifications
Phase I		Exposure Assessment	Pre-screening	Action limit	Consumption data log K _{ow}
Phase II	Tier A	Initial prediction of risk	Screening	Risk Assessment	Base set aquatic toxicology and fate
	Tier B	Refinement and risk assessment	Extended	Risk Assessment	Extended data set on emission, fate and effects

ECO-PHARMACOVIGILANCE OF PHARMACEUTICALS IN USA AND EUROPE

Although pharmaceuticals promote health, their production, usage, and disposal have a negative influence on the environment. Concern over their presence in aquatic environments, especially drinking water, is growing. To lessen dangers to the health of people and animals, the effects of medications on the environment are being researched. (34)

The incorrect disposal of drugs can have detrimental impacts on the environment, including the growth of germs that are resistant to antibiotics and the contamination of water sources. Environmental risk assessment (ERA) and ecopharmacovigilance (EPV) have been created to identify, evaluate, comprehend, and mitigate the harmful impacts of medications on the

environment. Every prescription that poses a risk to the environment must be reported and properly evaluated to lessen its effects, according to legislation in the EU. ERA is made of (35) of Through a variety of pathways, pharmaceuticals pollute our environment by entering the environment. After using, patients contribute to this process as well. pharmaceuticals. Human pharmaceuticals may enter the environment through one or more of the following routes:

- Release from the manufacturing site.
 - The discarding of unused medication by patients, hospitals, or suppliers.
- Pharmaceuticals that patients excrete into the wastewater as metabolites

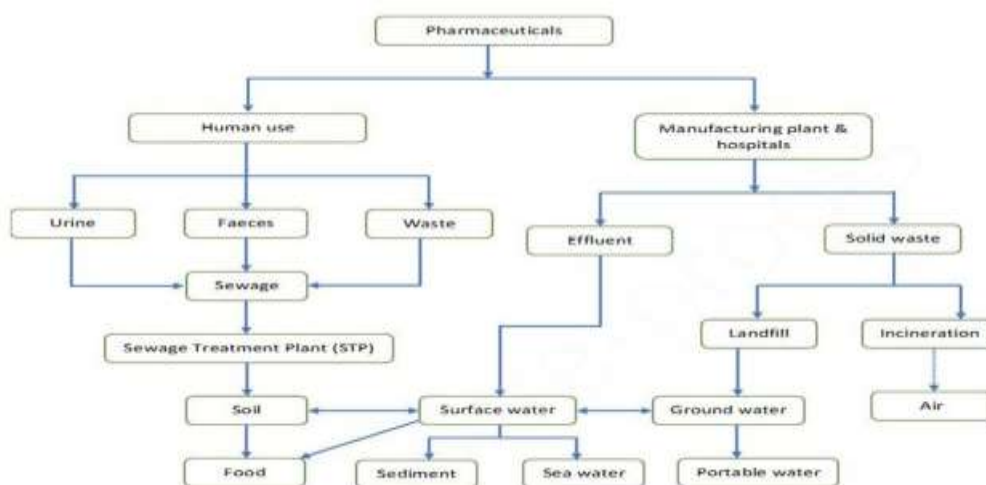


Figure 5. Pathway into which the pharmaceutical enter into the environment

STUDY AND DISCUSSION

EU Environmental Risk Assessment (ERA)

The process of determining how much of an environmental impact the usage of chemicals will have is known as the Environmental Risk Assessment (ERA). The EU's ERA for pharmaceuticals is outlined in Article 8(3) of Directive 2001/83/EC. According to the regulations, every medication that poses a risk to the environment must be disclosed and then thoroughly examined to reduce its effects.

Regardless of the authorization process, an ERA is seen as necessary (36). The ERA is not required for Type IA/IB variations, but it is required for Type II variations. According to EMEA/CHMP (2006), Module 1.6 of the marketing authorization application must contain the ERA paper. To guarantee that the applicant conducts the ERA properly, rules for the ERA of medicinal goods for human use were proposed. In addition to the present risk evaluation processes, the new rules that the EMA has adopted require that hazardous and bio-accumulative waste be subjected to hazard assessments. As of June 30, 2019, the regulations were in effect (37). Table 1 displays an overview of environmental risk

assessment. (Fig 10)

ERA CONSIST OF

Phase I: exposure of drug substance to the environment.

1. Phase II: assessment of fate and effects in the environment. The Phase II is subdivided into:

- a) Tier A
- b) Tier B

Environmental risk assessment for antibiotics

Antibiotics need to be assessed specifically due to their unique mechanism of action. Phase II evaluation is applied to all compartments, including fate considerations, for antibiotics. For the aquatic compartment, an OECD ecotoxicity test is available (38).

Antimicrobials and other pharmacological targets in the aquatic compartment should be specifically evaluated (39). The information from science on lower trophic levels, which are targeted for suitable sensitivity for antibacterial treatments and include bacteria, algae, and marine invertebrates (40), displays the test that was necessary for compounds with an antibacterial mechanism of action.

List of tests required for active substances with the antimicrobial mode of action

Test	Test species	Endpoint
OECD 201	Anabaena flos-aquae (Cyanobacteria)	EC*10 or NOEC*
OECD 201	Synechococcus leopoliensis (Cyanobacteria)	EC10 or NOEC
OECD 201	Raphidocelis subcapitata (Green algae)	EC10 or NOEC
OECD 211	Daphnia magna (invertebrate)	EC10 or NOEC

*EC- Effective concentration representing 10% of the maximum effect NOEC-no observed effect concentration

IV. METHODS

The applicant must disclose information about any potential danger associated with his chemical to the environment when submitting applications such as NDAs, ANDAs, INDs, and BLAs. The US places a strong emphasis on the requirement for an environmental assessment of those compounds, whose application has received many approvals, and at the point of introduction to water bodies, the concentration is approximately 1 ppb or higher. In some circumstances, the permitted moiety may have an effect on the compounds already present in the environment, or the applicant may claim that his molecules may have unfavourable harmful effects if present in quantities over a specific threshold. The focus is solely on the active chemical, and evaluations are based mostly on what happens to and how it affects the environment after being released into the environment. Data from tests conducted on the specified chemicals or from a literature study must be provided by the applicant (41). The focus is solely on the active chemical, and evaluations are based mostly on what happens to and how it affects the environment after being released into the environment. Data from tests conducted on the specified chemicals or from a literature study must be provided by the applicant (41).

Estimating the substance's release, its environmental fate is the first step in the evaluation process. It mostly consists of 4 stages, namely:

1. Identification of substances of interest.
2. Physical and chemical characterization.
3. Environmental depletion mechanism.
4. Environmental concentrations

IDENTIFICATION OF SUBSTANCES OF INTEREST

The compounds that might enter the environment are identified and listed at this stage. The chemicals chosen for the investigations must have a valid justification and must make up more than 10% of the dose. The parent molecule's information must be provided, and Substance Registry Services (SRS) will consider if there are structural similarities or differences based on that information.

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PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL CHARACTERIZATION

Numerous tests are included, including the octanol/water partition coefficient test, the water solubility test, the dissociation constant test, and the Henry's law constant test [164] Fischer and Ballschmiter, 1998]. The octanol/water partition coefficient test must be carried out at pH levels 5, 7, and 9 if the according to (42) and Fischer and, test substance is discovered to dissociate or interact with water.

ENVIRONMENTAL DEPLETION MECHANISM

Data pertaining to this investigation must be provided since the test's main goal is to examine the depletion mechanism. In the event that the depletion lowers the estimated concentration of the substance introduced into the environment, detailed information from the analysis must be provided. No tests other than the microbial inhibition test are necessary in these circumstances if a substance is found to be rapidly depleting. In order for a substance to degrade quickly, it must:

- Hydrolysis $t_{1/2}$ (pH 5-9): ≤ 24 hours
- Aerobic Biodegradation $t_{1/2}$: ≤ 8 hours
- Soil Biodegradation $t_{1/2}$: ≤ 5 days

Comparison of ERA for pharmaceutical in EU and US

	US	EU
Category	Human Pharmaceuticals	
Title	Environmental Assessment(EA), Environmental Impact Statement(EIS)	Environment Risk Assessment(ERA)
Legislation	National Environmental Policy Act 1969 (NEPA), Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA) 21 CFR 25.15, 40 CFR 1508	Article 8(3) of Directive 2001/83/EC, Regulation EC no 726/2004
Subject	Human Drugs and Biologics	Medicinal Product for human use
Guideline	Guidance for Industry- Environment Assessment of Human Drug and Biological Application	Guideline on the Environmental Risk Assessment of the Medicinal Products for Human Use
Authorities Responsible	Food and Drug Administration	European Medicine

	(FDA) & Centre for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER)	Agency (EMA) & Committee for Medicinal Products for Human Use (CHMP)
Analysis	Products	Products
Assessment of	New Products	New Products
Application	NDA, ANDA, IND, BLA	For marketing authorization
Approach	Tiered approach (Tier 1, Tier 2, Tier 3)	Phase-tiered approach (Phase I, Phase II, Tier A, Tier B)

Exclusion Criteria	When the estimated concentration of the substance at the point of entry into the aquatic environment will be 1 ppb or less (EIC < 1 µg/L)	When it is clear that there is no environmental impact (PEC < 0.01 µg/L)
Risk Assessment characterization	EC50(LC50)/MEEC < 10	PEC/PNEC ≥ 1
Tiered approach	Applicable	Applicable
Priority list	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Submission	DM For MF when Required	Module 1.6

5.2 EU AND US data on detection of concentration of Pharmaceuticals and chemicals in the environment (Table 8)

Chemicals	Concentration range (µg/L)	Concentration range (µg/L)	country	Concentration range (µg/L)	Reference
Antimicrobials/antibiotics					
Azithromycin	0.022–7.351	Rivers and lakes; surface water; STPs; wastewater	U.S	90-320	Lopez-Serna et al., 2012;
Ciprofloxacin	0.01–38.689				
Clarithromycin	0.002–8				
Clindamycin	0.02–0.50				
Cloxacillin	0.005–0.05				
Doxycycline	0.019–0.078				
Enrofloxacin	0.003–0.015				

Erythromycin	0.009–7.545				
Lincomycin	0.004–0.11				
Metronidazole	0.009–12.315				
Ofloxacin	0.006–24.811				
Penicillin	0.003–0.064				
Roxithromycin	0.001–0.009				
Sulfamerazine	0.007–0.009				
Sulfamethazine	0.017–0.641				

Europe ND-3052 Siemens etal.,(2008)

Anti-epileptics					
Alprazolam	0.0044-0.168	Rivers and lakes; STPs; surface water; wastewater	U.S.		Althakafy et al., 2017; Gibson et al., 2010; Patrocco et al., 2012; Nannou et al., 2015;
Citalopram	0.009–0.888				
Diazepam	0.002–0.049				
Fluoxetine	0.014–0.24				
Lorazepam	0.017–1.325				
Nordiazepam	0.001–0.003				
Olanzapine	0.001-0.824				
Paroxetine	0.007–0.25				

Europe

Anti-inflammatory agents					
Acetylsalicylic acid	0.005–0.93	Rivers and lakes; STPs; ground and surface water ; seawater; wastewater; hospital and industrial effluents	US		San Juan-Reyes et al., (2015)
Diclofenac	0.001–104.63				
Ibuprofen	0.001–100.40				
Indomethacin	0.051–0.15				
Ketoprofen	0.001–3.25				
Naproxen	0.001–1.717				
Nimesulide	0.001–1.717				
Paracetamol	0.016–3.034				

Europe

Phenazone	0.010–0.271				
Hormones					
17 α -Ethinylestradiol	0.021–3.18	STPs;lakes	US	0.2-9.6	Díaz-Torres et al., 2013, Martín et al., 2012; Pessoa et al., 2014; Yu et al., 2013
17 β -Estradiol	0.001–0.776		Europe	ND-25	
Estriol	0.008–0.83				
Estrone	0.001–3.05				
Pharmaceuticals used in diabetes					
Glibenclamide	0.027–0.096	Rivers; STPs	Europe	-	Althakafy Lopez-Serna et al.
Metformin	0.003–9.08				
Sunscreen agents		WWTP Effluents	Europe	-	[Li et al., 2007] [Kasprzyk-Hordern et al., 2009]

*ND-Not detected

V. SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

- Daughton and Ruhoy were first proposed eco-pharmacovigilance, for concerning detection, assessment, understanding and prevention of adverse effects of both human and the other animal species by the presence of pharmaceuticals in the environment.
- The aim of eco-pharmacovigilance is to increase ERA and enable the forecasting of potential environmental issues.
- In regulatory science following amendments were implemented, The European Parliament adopted amendments to the legislation in September 2010 (Directive 2001/83/EC and Regulation EC No 726/2004) was done to expand the definition of pharmacovigilance for monitoring and assessing the risk of environmental effects of pharmaceuticals to the comment until November 7, 2011. Unlike, In 1981 the US National Academy of Sciences was asked to review the "institutional means of assessment of risks

to public health" due to the controversy that the risk assessments had caused (NRC 1983) & the Red Book (NRC 1983) offers a framework for assessing the risks to human health, including hazard identification, dose-response evaluation, exposure evaluation, and risk characterization.

- Many ERA procedures have been adopted by numerous nations and organizations, including the "Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)" to safeguard the environment. From that EU and US countries were found to be the best for assessment of ERA. According to EMEA/CHMP (2006), Module 1.6 of the marketing authorization application must contain the ERA papers.
- In EU, ERA were done by phase I (exposure of drug substance to the environment) & phase II (Assessment of fate and effect in the

environment) process and also done by Tier I (Initial prediction of risk), Tier II (Refinement and risk assessment). Totally 95% of antibiotic drugs possess risk to environment, for that EU country the followed phase II for ERA detection.

- In US, ERA were followed only Tier I (Initial prediction of risk), Tier II (Refinement and risk assessment) for pharmaceutical effect on environment.
- So far, we compared the regulatory frameworks for US and EU country for knowing the drawbacks, from that we can identify the EU countries follow the more proceed

Conclusion:

There is a high necessity to establish an eco-pharmacovigilance system for monitoring and collection of data, which would reduce the hazardous pharmaceuticals from invading the ecological system. Overall, the regulations for the environmental risk assessment for pharmaceuticals are becoming strict. But there is also a need to implement these regulations particularly in US country to avoid the drawbacks occurred during the ERA assessment. At present, there are no specific guidelines for ERA of pharmaceuticals in US. Nevertheless, it's expected to have strict regulations and legal requirement shortly. It is also necessary to regulate the environmental risk assessment from a few drugs to comprehensive environmental monitoring of all pharmaceuticals across their life cycle. Lastly, there is a need to improve the waste management system, which will be a huge global challenge.

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