Green pharmacy in antibiotic development: prolonging efficacy by prioritising compounds least likely to select for resistance

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IMAGE: CDC, Antibiotic resistance threats in the United States, 2013, 2013, Centre for Disease Control and Prevention.

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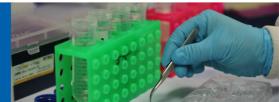
We are looking for collaborators!

Able to provide abandoned compounds or those currently under development for testing.



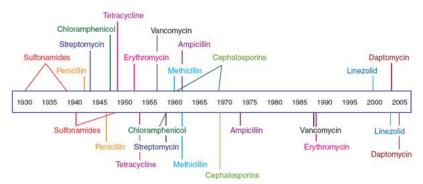


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The broken pipeline

Antibiotic deployment

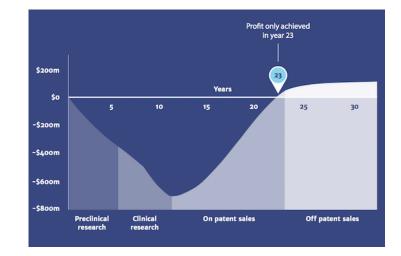


Antibiotic resistance observed

From the following article

Targeting virulence: a new paradigm for antimicrobial therapy, Anne E Clatworthy, Emily Pierson & Deborah T Hung

Nature Chemical Biology **3**, 541 - 548 (2007) Published online: 20 August 2007, doi:10.1038/nchembio.2007.24



HM's Government & Wellcome Trust. Review on Antimicrobial Resistance. *Securing new drugs for future generations: the pipeline of antibiotics.* May 2015

Antibiotics are high risk, low profit

- Drugs take years to develop cost
- Antibiotics are for acute illnesses low return
 - Short term prescription only
 - Less return than for e.g. hypertension drugs, or other chronic conditions

They soon become ineffective due to novel resistances arising

... The concepts of the green pharmacy... numerous approaches can be used to not only reduce or minimize the entry of APIs to the environment, but to simultaneously improve the efficiency and effectiveness of healthcare... with outcomes such as lower costs for the consumer, improved therapeutic outcomes and reduced incidence of unintended poisonings and drug diversion.

Christian G Daughton & Ilene S Ruhoy (2011) Green pharmacy and pharmEcovigilance: prescribing and the planet, Expert Review of Clinical Pharmacology, 4:2, 211-232, DOI: 10.1586/ecp.11.6





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'Selective Assay for Growth-based Endpoints'

SAGE method for Green Pharmacy in antibiotic development

Thank you for your attention Any questions?



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