

Tackling the Problem of Emerging Environmental Contaminants: Lessons Learnt from Pharmaceuticals

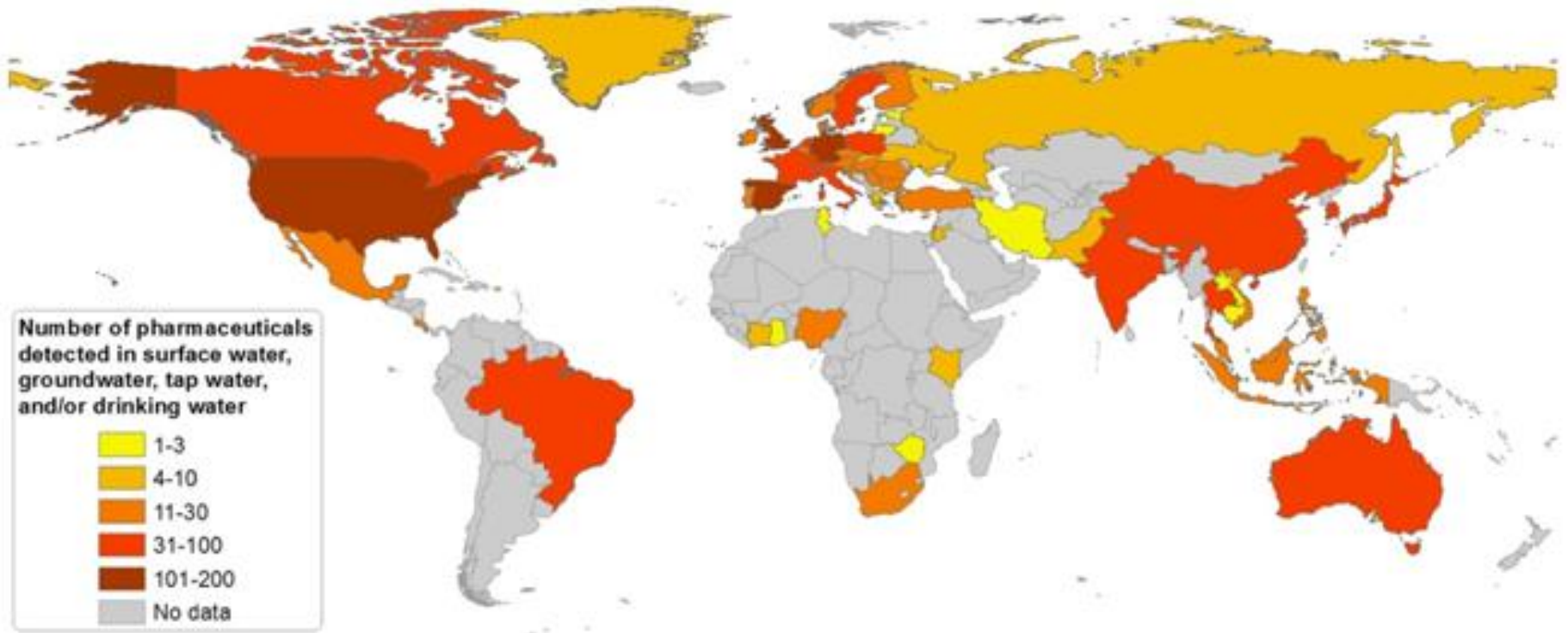
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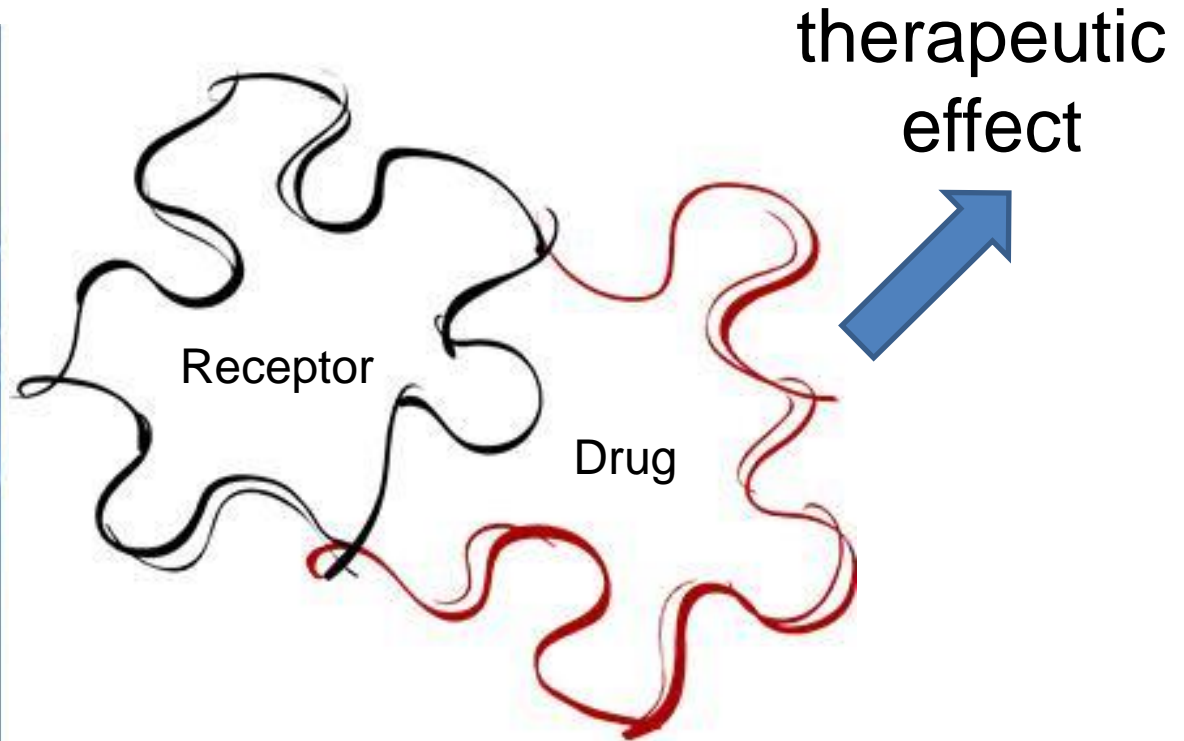
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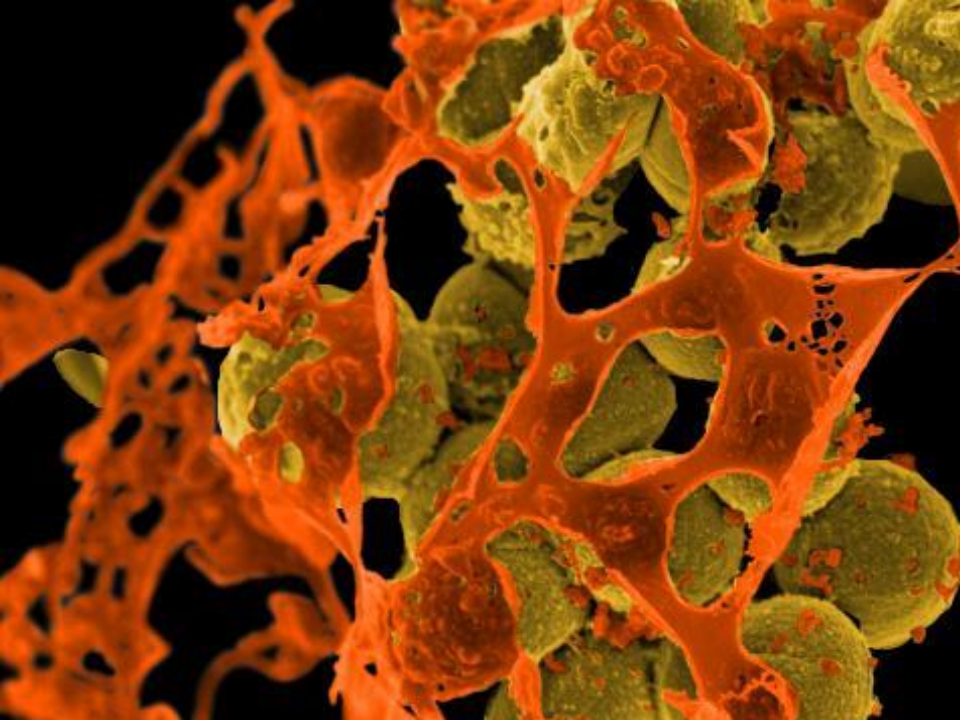
Global occurrence of pharmaceuticals



Drug receptors



Many receptors conserved in organisms in the natural environment



The bigger picture

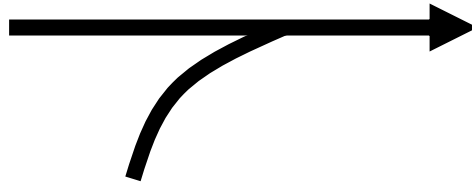
A large, jagged iceberg floats in the dark blue ocean under a cloudy, overcast sky. The iceberg's surface is textured with various shades of blue and white, showing its complex, crystalline structure. The water is dark and calm, with a few smaller ice floes visible in the foreground.

Around 1500 active ingredients in use yet publically available chronic data only available for ≈ 100 of these

Dealing with the data gaps



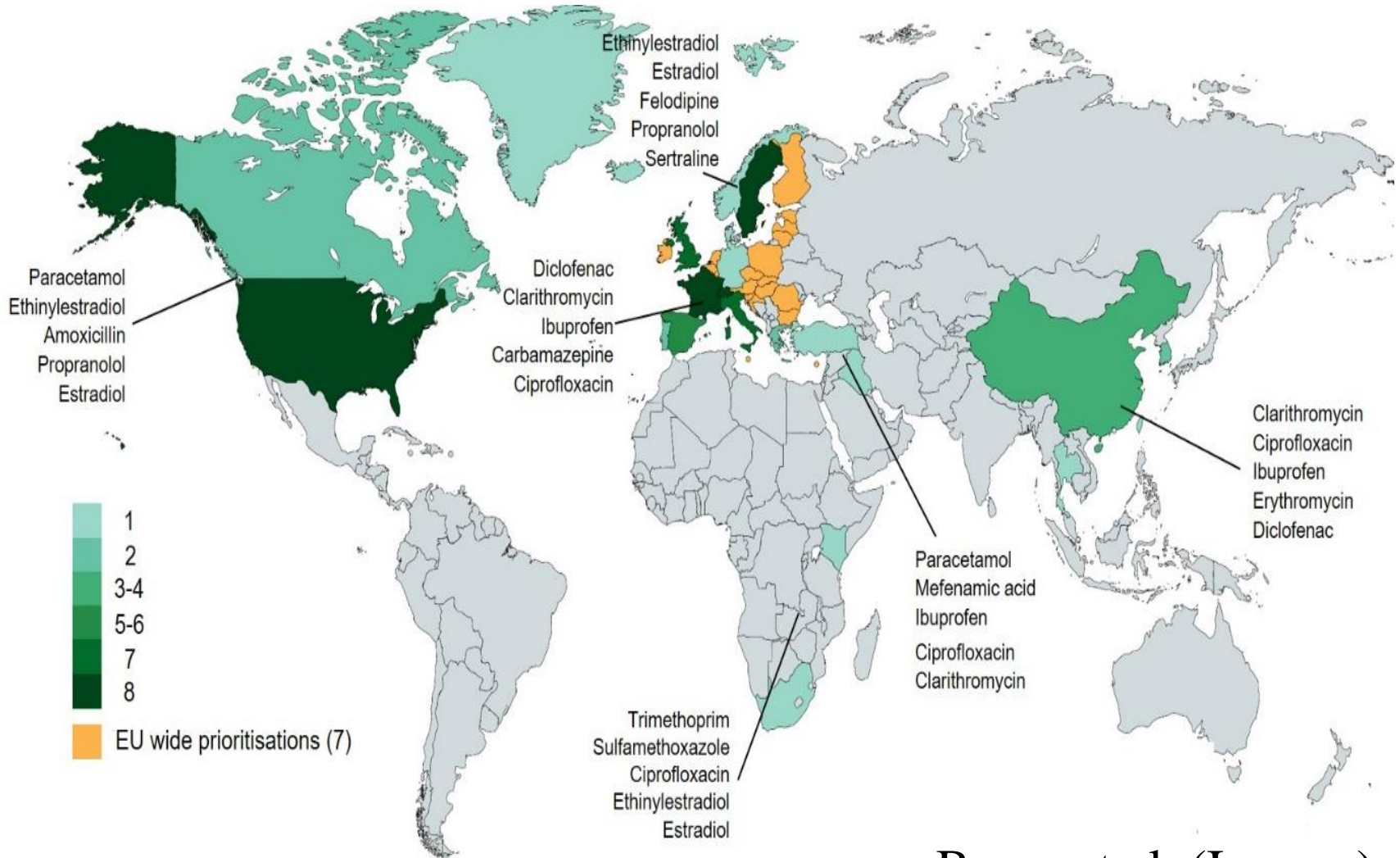
>1500 Compounds



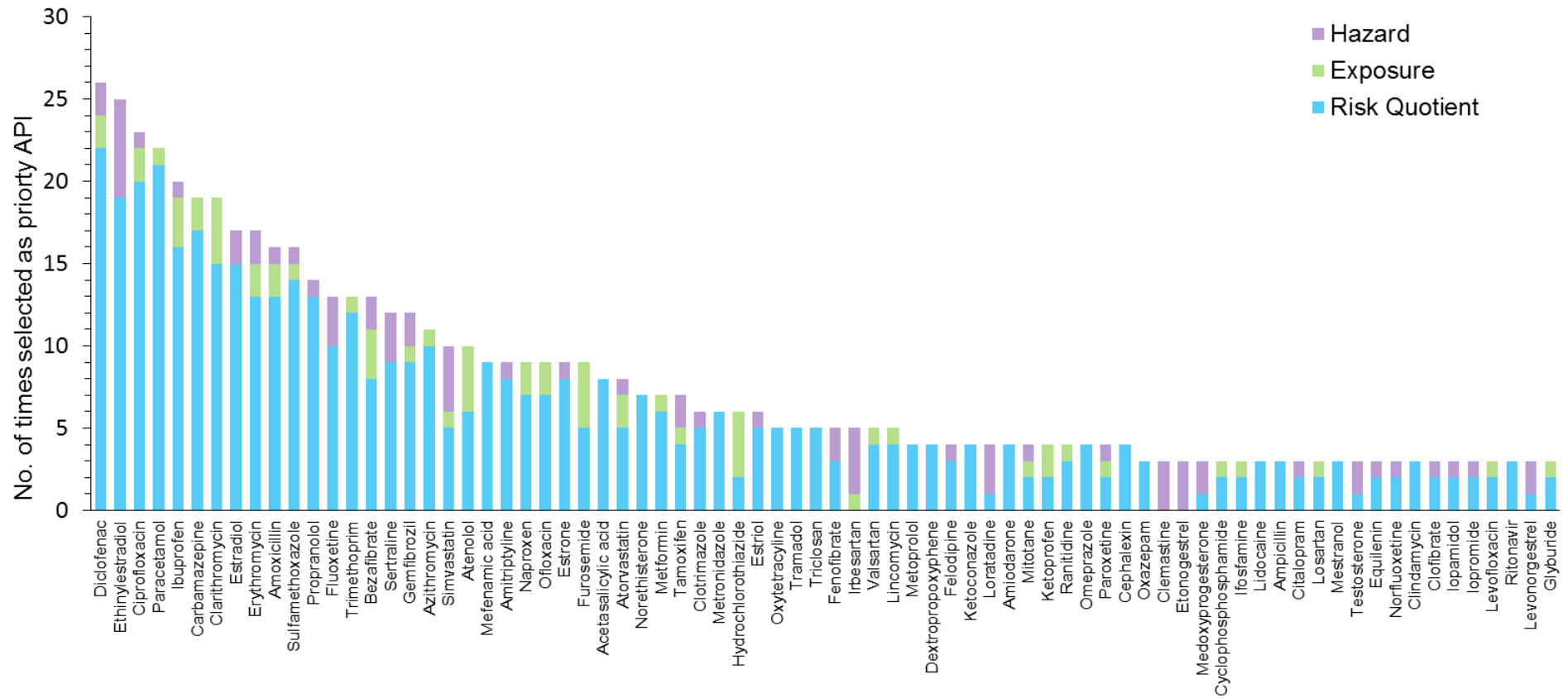
**Compounds
of most
concern**

properties
usage
mode of action
side effects
models
therapeutic dose etc.

Exercises to date



Pharmaceuticals that have been prioritised



Have we got the right substances?

- Existing methods not perfect
- Difficult to characterise emissions
- Real data difficult to get
- Parameters/assumptions/models used previously may be inappropriate

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1. Drospirenone

CAS Number: 67392-87-4
Inchi Key: METQSPRSQINEEU-HXCATZOESA-N
IUPAC Name: 6beta,7Beta;15beta,16beta-Dimethylene-3-oxo-17alpha-pregn-4-ene-21,17-carbolactone
SMILES: [H][C@@]12C[C@@]1([H])[C@@]1([H])[C@@]3([H])[C@@]4([H])C[C@@]4([H])[C@@]4(CCC(=O)O4)[C@@]3(C)CC[C@@]1([H])[C@@]1(C)CCC(=O)C=C21
Studies: 14

OECD202

- Acute immobilization test of drospirenone with Daphnia magna**
 BAYER - Bayer Pharma AG, TXST19970141, 1997
 Ecotoxicity, Daphnia, Daphnia magna (aq. invertebrate), 48 Hours, GLP, 1 Result

OECD201

- Growth inhibition test of drospirenone on the green algae Scenedesmus subspicatus**
 BAYER - Bayer Pharma AG, TXST 19970158, 1997
 Ecotoxicity, Algae, Desmodemus subspicatus (Scenedesmus subspicatus) (algae / cyanobacteria), 72 Hours, GLP, 2 Results

OECD211




- Reproduction study of Drospirenone (ZK 30595) in Daphnia magna**
 BAYER - Bayer Pharma AG, TOXT6082178, 2011
 Ecotoxicity, Daphnia, Daphnia magna (aq. invertebrate), 21 Days, GLP, 10 Results


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- Short-term fish (fathead minnow, Pimephales promelas) reproduction test with drospirenone (ZK 30595)**
 BAYER - Bayer Pharma AG, TOXT0078609, 2009
 Ecotoxicity, Fish, Pimephales promelas (fish), 21 Days, GLP, 2 Results

OECD209

- Respiration inhibition test of drospirenone (ZK 30595) on activated sludae micro organisms**

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Summary

- Around 84,000 chemicals used in commerce and many more formed in the environment
- We can't look at everything everywhere
- Prioritisation methods are part of the solution
- Closer working of industry, regulatory bodies and research community essential to develop usable approaches



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