

# Revision of the General Pharmaceutical Legislation: Impact Assessment of European Commission and EFPIA proposals

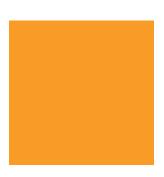


















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### The Commission and EFPIA have proposed revisions to the Pharmaceutical Package and commissioned impact assessments • Proposals are not exhaustive; some key proposals (e.g., AMR and package)

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Key revisions proposed	Commission proposal	EFPIA proposal	
1 Regulatory approval	Shortened EMA review timelines and expanded scope of the PRIME programme*	More ambitious changes to streamline procedures and strengthen PRIME, in addition to the Commission's proposal	
2 Modulation of RDP  Click for details on RDP	Reduced baseline RDP duration from 8 to 6 years with various possibilities for extension: EU market launch and continuous supply (+2y), addressing UMN (+6 mo.), comparative clinical trials (+6 mo.), new therapeutic indication (+1y, as current)	Strengthened RDP baseline and modulation according to predictable factors	
3 Unmet medical need definition	Unified definition of UMN with three criteria: (1) life threatening or seriously debilitating condition, (2) lack of available treatment or remaining high mortality or morbidity, and (3) decrease in mortality or morbidity by new therapy	Patient-centric, broad definition of UMN to further support innovation: UMN is understood as any condition that is not adequately prevented, treated or diagnosed by authorised interventions	
4 Access	Possibility of RDP extension contingent on launch and supply in all EU27 Member States, with the view to incentivise access. Additionally, plan to expand the Bolar exemption to include activities related to HTA and P&R	Introduced commitment to file, as well as other comprehensive proposals (Access Portal, equity-based tiered pricing (EBTP), innovative pricing and payment models, proposals related to HTA methodology and criteria) aimed at tackling root causes of impaired patient access	
Links to environment,  5 chemicals and water policy	GPL linked to existing and forthcoming environmental legislations (e.g., possibility of refusal of MA on environmental grounds, introduction of ERA for antimicrobials and legacy APIs, substance restrictions)	Support for ambitious and feasible environmental provisions which take a risk-benefit approach and prioritise access (e.g., proposal for ePI; EFPIA, AESGP and Medicines for Europe's proposal for an extended ERA)	
Impact assessments carried out	Based on net monetary gains Static methodology	Based on net present value (NPV) modelling  Dynamic methodology	

<sup>\*</sup>PRIME is a scheme run by the EMA to enhance support for development of medicines which target an unmet medical need. **Abbreviations.** AESGP: Association of the European Self-Care Industry; APIs: Active pharmaceutical ingredients; AMR: Antimicrobial resistance; ATMPs: Advanced therapy medicinal products; EBTP: Equity-based tiered pricing; EMA: European Medicines Agency; ERA: Environmental risk assessment; ePI: Electronic product information; GPL: General pharmaceutical legislation; HTA: Health technology assessment; MA: Marketing authorisation; NPV: Net present value; P&R: Pricing and reimbursement; PRIME: Priority medicines; RDP: Regulatory data protection; UMN: Unmet medical needs



# The Commission's proposal to weaken the incentives framework is expected to decrease the EU's ability to innovate

#### Key changes considered in EFPIA/Dolon Impact Assessment

- Regulatory. Shortened EMA review timelines for standard MA and expanded scope of the PRIME programme
- Modulation of RDP. Reduction in baseline RDP from 8 to 6 years, with possibilities for extension
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#### Modelled impact on innovation in Europe for products relying on RDP1

drop in average rNPV vs the current framework

Severe weakening of incentives for innovation in Europe

**22%** of innovation foregone, looking at Europe in isolation

Over the next 15 years, translates to:



50 products foregone

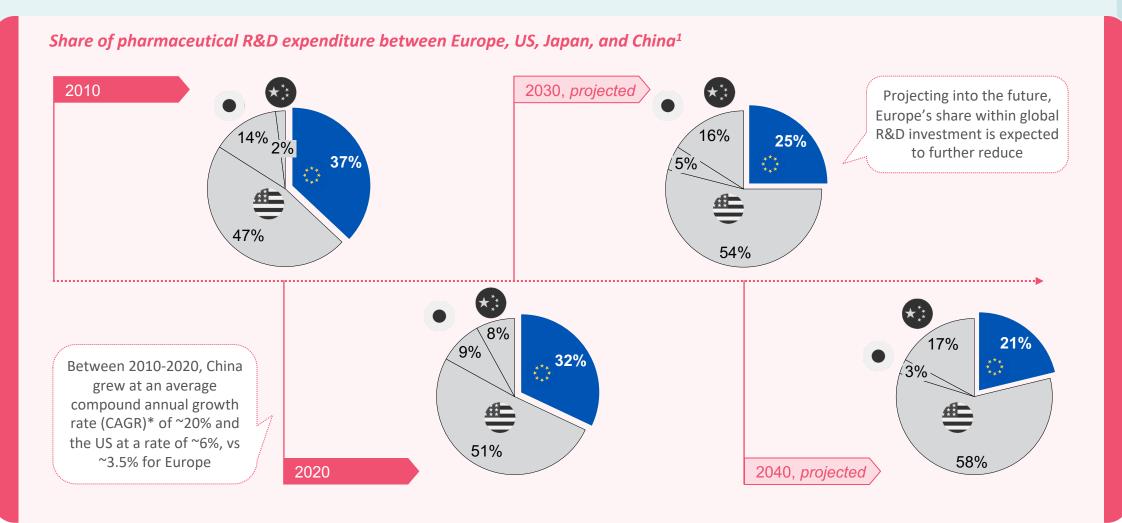
16 million life years lost

In practice, innovation is global, so this suggests that Europe's contribution to global innovation would decrease

SMEs are disproportionately impacted, despite being essential to the EU ecosystem and key drivers of innovation



# The Commission's proposal might decrease the role of Europe as a driver of innovation relative to other regions



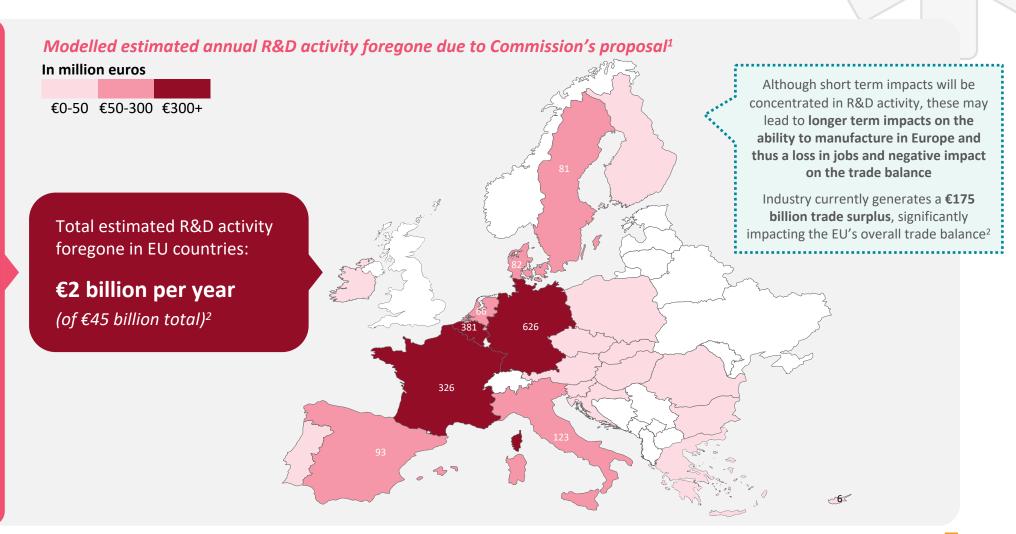
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### The Commission's proposal is expected to have significant knock-on effects on R&D activity at country level

#### Methods

- Analysis is based on historical data reported by EFPIA<sup>1</sup>
- Assuming that the impact on R&D activity is equal to the impact on innovation as measured by rNPV and is uniform across countries, an 8% drop in annual R&D spend in each country is expected (which corresponds to a loss of 22% of innovation for the 35% of products that rely on RDP)





# These results contrast with Technopolis' suggestion that the Commission's proposal will positively impact innovation, including in areas of UMN

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Dolon/EFPIA Impact Assessment <sup>1</sup>	Dolon/	EFPIA Im	pact Assessm	ient¹
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Predicts a 22% drop in expected innovation in Europe for the 35% of RDP-reliant products, resulting in:

- Loss of 50 new products over the next 15 years
- Reduction in share of global R&D by one third by 2040
- Loss of €2 billion annual spend on R&D in EU

...and correct for critical shortcomings of Technopolis' analyses...

Dynamically represents how companies make investment decisions, especially considering risk

Realistically models launch conditionality

Justifies key assumptions based on available evidence or feedback from industry experts

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#### Suggests a positive impact on industry and innovation:

- €298 million net benefit to industry (highly dependent on value and number of TEV calculations, as well as number of products able to be launched in all 27 Member States)
- 1-2 new UMN medicines per year
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Statically represents the impact on innovation, without adequate representation of risk and cost of capital

Overstates the share of products that can meet launch conditionality

Does not provide justification for key assumptions and findings (e.g., additional products addressing UMN)



# In contrast, EFPIA's proposal to strengthen the RDP baseline stands to maintain the innovation-friendliness of Europe

#### EFPIA proposals considered

- Regulatory approval.
   Shortened EMA review timelines and expanded scope of the PRIME programme
- Modulation of RDP.
   Strengthened RDP baseline;
   modulation according to
   predictable factors
- EFPIA Commitment to File.
   EFPIA companies'
   commitment to file for P&R
   within 2 years of receiving
   MA, provided that national
   systems allow

Modelled impact on innovation in Europe for products relying on RDP<sup>1,2</sup>

+2% Increase in average rNPV vs current framework

Incentives for innovation are broadly preserved compared to the current legislative framework

products "saved" compared to the Commission's proposal\*

EFPIA proposals balance access (through the Commitment to File) and innovation (through strengthening of RDP)

EFPIA's commitment to file can increase breadth and speed of access, provided country-level health systems allow it



Reduction in time-to-availability across EU Member States by 2-6 months



Increase in availability of medicines by 1-24% in select EU Member States



<sup>\*</sup>The small drop in expected innovation vs current framework associated with EFPIA proposals results in a quirk of modelling (broader distribution around the average rNPV, which is slightly higher than baseline). **Abbreviations.** EC: European Commission; EMA: European Medicines Agency; MA: Marketing authorisation; rNPV: Risk-adjusted net present value; P&R: Pricing and reimbursement; PRIME: Priority medicines; RDP: Regulatory data protection **Source.** 1. Dolon analysis, 2. IQVIA, 2022 (data on file).

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### The Commission puts forth six objectives for the revision of the Pharmaceutical Legislation and a set of key proposals to achieve them

Objectives explored in this deck



Create a single market for medicines



Offer an innovation-friendly framework



Reduce authorisation times for medicines



Enhance availability and ensure medicine supply



Address antimicrobial resistance (AMR)



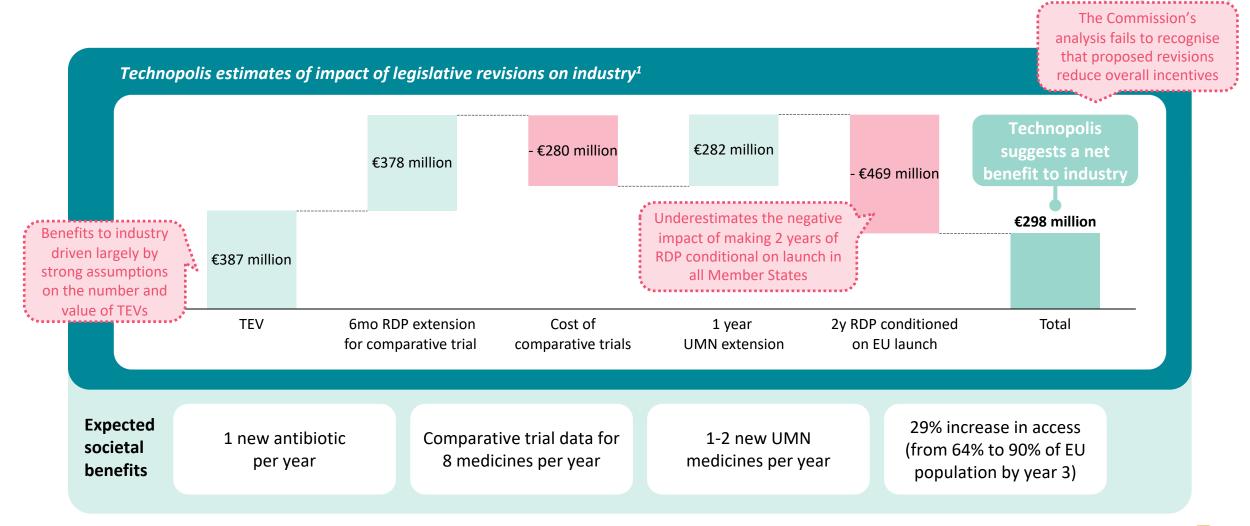
Make medicines more environmentally sustainable

Not exhaustive – only proposals explored in this deck

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### The Commission carried out an impact assessment concluding that proposed revisions increase incentives and positively impact industry and society



### EFPIA supports the Commission's overarching objectives and has put forward fit-for-purpose proposals that can achieve them

To achieve the Commission's objectives to enhance the availability and accessibility of medicines while fostering an environment conducive to R&D in Europe, EFPIA recommends several alternatives to the proposed revisions to the Pharmaceutical package<sup>1</sup>



Regulatory approval. EFPIA welcomes the intention to streamline regulatory procedures, but has concerns as to whether proposals would indeed result in faster marketing authorisation

**Modulation of RDP.** The RDP baseline should be strengthened rather than decreased. Launch conditionalities should not be introduced, as industry cannot influence factors required to launch in all EU markets

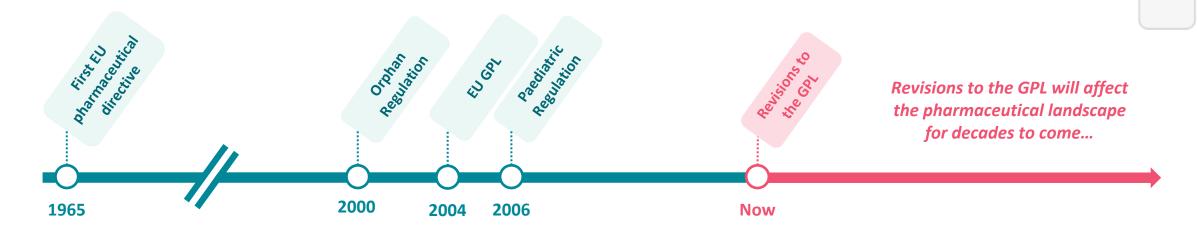
**UMN definition.** A definition of UMN should be broader and patient-centred. A meaningful incentive for UMN products should be offered

**Access.** EFPIA members have committed to filing P&R applications in all EU countries as quickly as possible, and no later than two years after receiving marketing authorisation, provided that national P&R systems allow

**Environmental regulations.** A more suitable set of environmental changes should be introduced, which focus on risk-based approaches, consider impact on patient access, and reflect feasibility



### Revisions of the GPL will have long-lasting impact on industry and patients; hence, it must be grounded in a rigorous impact assessment



...and must be grounded in a rigorous impact assessment that adequately reflects the dynamics of innovation and access...

... which is not the case of Technopolis' Impact Assessment<sup>1</sup>

Static representation of investment decisions

Lack of justification for assumptions made

Overstatement of the share of products which can meet launch conditionality Lack of
consideration of
root causes of
limited innovation
and access

Failure to capture impact on global competitiveness



### EFPIA's Impact Assessment relies on a risk-adjusted Net Present Value framework to dynamically reflect the impact of legislative changes on innovation and access

### Risk-adjusted Net Present Value framework<sup>1</sup> rNPV modelling is routinely used by pharmaceutical companies to 1 Revenue make investment decisions. It neatly summarises the strength of the economic proposition in a single figure by combining inputs relevant to the four key dimensions of investment: revenue, costs, time and risk Time Costs

#### What does rNPV show?

A positive result from an rNPV calculation means that the investment may be profitable and may lead to a positive investment decision

E.g., A target rNPV >\$200 million globally (or >€60 million in Europe) is generally considered necessary to justify investment<sup>2</sup>

### Why is rNPV best tailored to evaluate the impact of legislative revisions?

- ✓ Reflects tools used by developers to make Go/No-Go decisions for R&D and launch
- ✓ Enables dynamic representation of the impact of the ecosystem on decisions







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# Impact on innovation. Adopting a European perspective, the Commission's proposal to weaken RDP incentives is expected to decrease innovation

Commission's proposal considered

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Modelled impact on innovation in Europe for products relying on RDP<sup>1\*\*</sup>

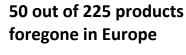
Under the Commission's proposal, the average rNPV would fall to €4.6 million (vs. €10.1 million within current framework, a 55% drop), leading to severe weakening of incentives for innovation in Europe\*\*\*

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Over the next 15 years, adopting an EU perspective:

Key legislative changes







22%

Drop in expected innovation in Europe vs current Regulation for products relying on RDP

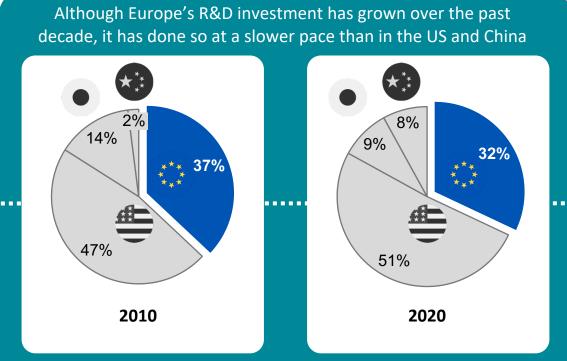
Because investment decisions are inherently global, the actual impact on innovation may be lower than that predicted with an exclusively EU perspective, if other regions disproportionately contribute to incentives for innovation. This suggests that Europe would become a consumer rather than a driver of innovation

\*We include EFPIA's commitment to file in this scenario as it is already ongoing. \*\*RDP measures may also impact products which have patents longer than RDP, due to patent challenges and greater uncertainty. \*\*\*European companies will be most heavily impacted, including SMEs and startups with the aim to invest in Europea. **Abbreviations.** AMR: Antimicrobial resistance; ATMPs: Advanced therapy medicinal products; EC: European Commission; EMA: European medicines agency; PRIME: priority medicines; RDP: Regulatory data protection; rNPV: Risk-adjusted net present value; UMN: Unmet medical need. **Source.** 1. Dolon analysis. 2. Sharma and Towse, 2010. Available: <a href="https://example.com/her-patents/person-patents/">https://example.com/her-patents/</a>



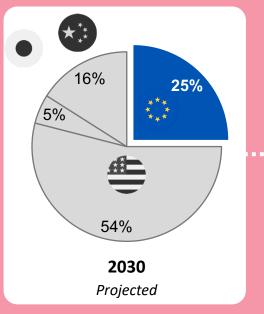
# Impact on innovation. The Commission's proposal widens the R&D gap between EU, US, and China, increasing the EU's reliance on other regions for innovation

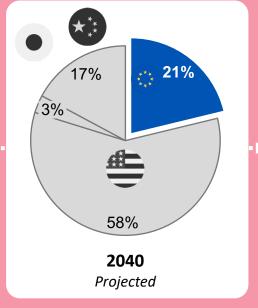
Share of pharmaceutical R&D expenditure between Europe, US, Japan, and China<sup>1</sup>



Between 2010-2020, China grew at an average CAGR of ~20% and the US at a rate of ~6%, vs ~3.5% for Europe

Projecting into the future, the share of Europe within global R&D investment is expected to further reduce





Estimates are based on extrapolation of CAGR\* observed 2010-2020 coupled with the expected negative effect of Commission's proposal



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### Impact on innovation. Legislative revisions are likely to hamper progress in disease areas with important remaining UMNs, such as cardiovascular disease

Case study

Reducing the RDP baseline from 8 to 6 years may prevent innovation in CVD

Under the Commission's proposal, only 18% of products are very likely to be recognised as addressing an UMN, having a negative impact on research in disease areas such as:

Cardiovascular disease (CVD)

**Diabetes** 

Migraine

HIV

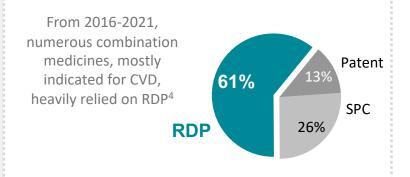
Oncology



Despite significant success in reducing mortality from CVD, it remains a major cause of death and disability, causing a third of deaths globally<sup>2</sup>



Premature deaths due to CVD led to €62 billion in productivity losses in 2018<sup>3</sup>





CVD is unlikely to meet the Commission's UMN definition\*, potentially impacting innovation incentives adversely

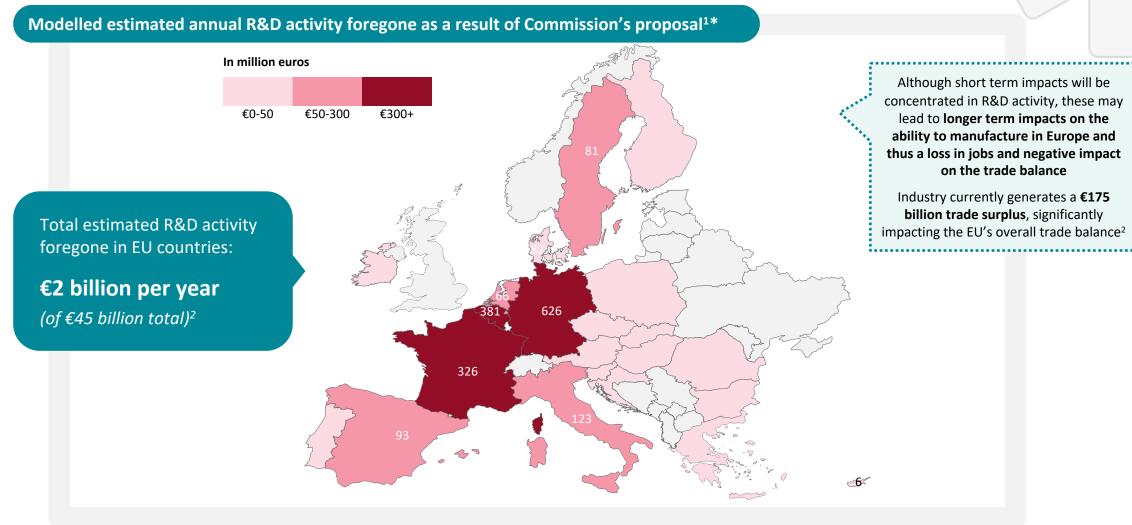


To enable future innovation in disease areas like CVD, RDP should be strengthened and the UMN definition should be broadened

\*Life threatening or seriously debilitating AND lack of available treatment or remaining high mortality/morbidity AND decrease in mortality/morbidity. **Abbreviations.** CVD: Cardiovascular disease; HIV: Human immunodeficiency virus; RDP: Regulatory data protection; SPC: Supplementary protection certificate; UMN: Unmet medical need. **Sources:** 1. EXON paper, publication forthcoming. 2. CDC, 2021. Available: <a href="here">here</a>. 3. Luengo-Fernandez et al., 2023. 4. IQVIA, 2022. Available: <a href="here">here</a>.



### Impact on innovation. The Commission's proposal will have significant knockon effects on R&D activity at country level



<sup>\*</sup>R&D activity is still expected to increase in the EU, but at a slower rate than if the R&D ecosystem were optimal. **Abbreviations**. R&D: Research and development. **Source**. 1. Dolon analyses based on EFPIA data (EFPIA, 2023. Available: <a href="here">here</a>). 2. EFPIA, 2023. Available: <a href



### The case of orphans. The Commission's proposals relevant to rare diseases might lead to the 'loss' of 45 orphan medicines expected in Europe by 2035

#### Context

#### **Success of the Orphan Regulation**

- The 2000 OMP Regulation was a resounding success. Since its inception, 200+ OMPs have reached patients (vs 8 prior), half of which can be attributed to the incentives put in place<sup>1</sup>
- Despite this, 95% of diseases still do not have treatments<sup>2</sup> and there is further need for a strong incentives framework in the EU

#### Revision

#### **Key Commission proposals**

**Modulation of OME.** OME duration contingent on product characteristics:

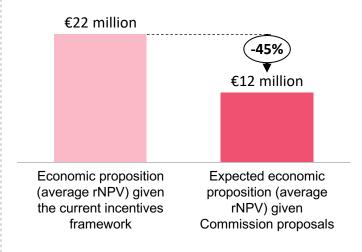
- 10 years for HUMN products
- 9 years for new molecules
- 5 years for repurposed and wellestablished use products
- Extensions for EU launch (+1y) and new indications (+1y, up to 2 indications)



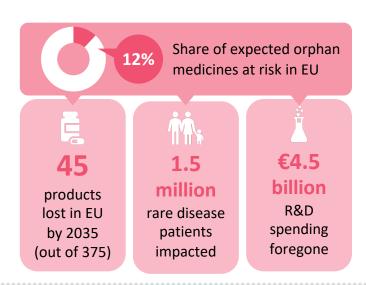
Cap to OD validity. Expiry of orphan designation if marketing authorisation is not obtained within 7 years

Modelling Modelled expected impact of Commissions proposal on orphan innovation in Europe<sup>3</sup>

Proposals amount to a reduction of incentives and predictability. The economic proposition for orphan innovation in EU will further deteriorate from an already precarious state

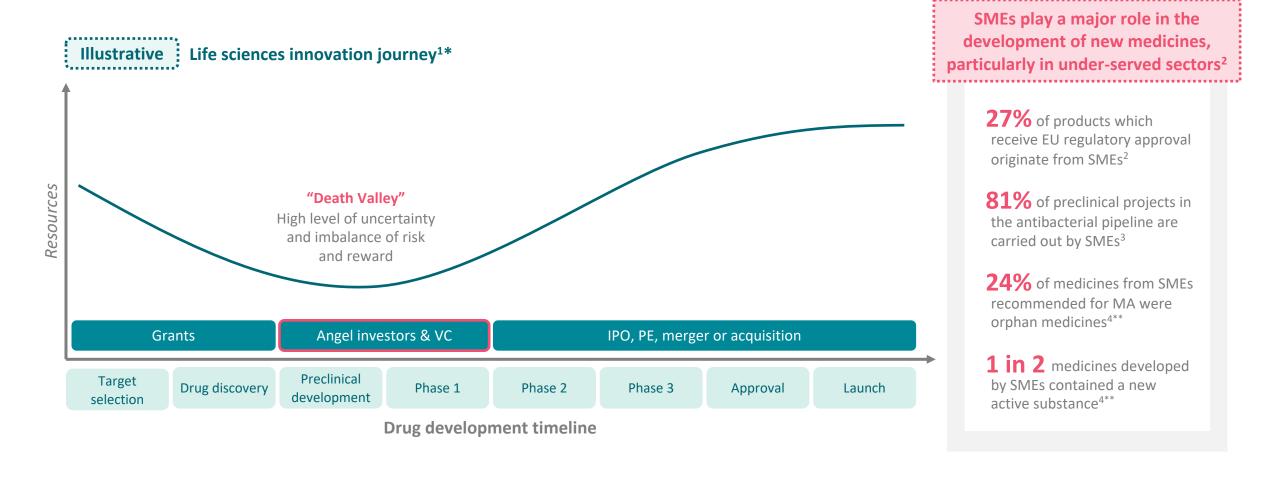


Deterioration of the ecosystem is expected to lead to orphan medicines foregone in Europe, impacting patients and R&D



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The case of SMEs. SMEs play a critical role in driving innovation, including in areas of unmet medical need







# The case of SMEs. SMEs require a solid financial ecosystem, where the EU is already losing ground versus the US and China

Currently, 3 out of 4 SMEs list private funding as their main funding source<sup>1</sup>

68% of EU SMEs are funded entirely by EU-based investors, and another 20% rely mostly on EU-based investors<sup>1</sup>

Strong financing is essential to the viability of SMEs, but Europe is falling behind in the capital landscape<sup>2</sup>



VCs in Europe raise 3-4x
less capital than in the US;
capital raised in China exceeds
that in Europe



There are significantly fewer funds active in Europe

(e.g., 176 early and late-stage funds vs. 623 in the US)



VC financing in Europe as a share of total VC financing across US, Europe and China dropped from 28% in 2001 to 13% in 2021

A study commissioned by the Dutch government found that expected financial return determines whether a drug is developed up to launch and VC investment plays a key role, but Europe risks lagging behind other regions<sup>3</sup>

There is a need to bolster the innovation ecosystem in Europe, with the view to renew Europe's position as a leader

This involves strengthening the incentives framework, recognising the value of medicines and enhancing support for the early-stage innovation ecosystem



# The case of SMEs. Revisions to the incentives framework is likely to hamper SMEs' ability to attract funding in Europe, negatively impacting innovation dynamism

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Modelled impact of the Commission's proposal on innovation in Europe for products developed by SMEs and which rely on RDP

Under the Commission's proposals, the average rNPV would fall to -€6.1 million (vs. -€4.2 million within current framework) and 1 in 10 SME-developed product would be economically viable in Europe¹

Key legislative changes **47**%

Drop in average rNPV in Europe vs current Regulation

Negative impact on SMEs' ability to attract funding for innovation

rNPV modelling suggests that SMEs are already required to go outside of Europe to remain viable within the current incentive framework, and changes would make this situation worse

In the long-term, SMEs' diminished ability to attract funding in Europe might lead to an erosion of the region's ability to innovate

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# EC Impact Assessment. The Commission's Assessment does not fully abide by Better Regulation Guidelines and overstates the gains associated with proposals

### Shortcoming #1 vs Better Regulation guidelines Inappropriate methodology for assessment

- Guidelines stipulate to "identify the most appropriate methods for collecting and interpreting data and for analysing impacts"<sup>1</sup>
- Static computation of net gains/costs does not represent the reality of dynamics of innovation

### Shortcoming #2 vs Better Regulation guidelines Overstating of gains for industry

- Guidelines stipulate to "include evidence (e.g., data, estimates, scientific findings) to substantiate the
- conclusions of the analysis" 1
- Assumptions do not reflect the reality, leading to an over-estimate of gains / under-estimate of costs

The Impact Assessment does not reflect that, in practice, the stringent wording and requirements for additional RDP mean **the current proposal reduces effective protection**, offering only an 8-year baseline (RDP + market protection) and a maximum of 9.5 years of effective protection in most cases, putting Europe at a competitive disadvantage

#### Issues with estimates of gains/costs to industry in the Commission's Impact Assessment<sup>2</sup>

Transferable Exclusivity Voucher	€387 million		•	These gains are unlikely to be realised, since the proposal is restrictive and limited, undermining the effectiveness of the incentive
6mo RDP extension for comparative trial		€378 million	٠	Assumptions here seem adequate, within the methodology
Cost of comparative clinical trials		- €280 millior	• 1	This estimate only reflects direct out-of-pocket expenses, without any consideration of risk
1 year UMN extension		€282 million	•	In the draft proposal, UMN results only in 6mo extensions, hence this benefit should be halved
2y RDP conditioned on EU launch and supply		- €469 million	•	This loss reflects an unsupported assumption that only a third of product not receive the 2y extension, which is unlikely given P&R processes
Total	€2	98 million	•	Total industry gains are vastly overstated; instead, proposals amount to a net loss



# Environmental links. The impact of the Commission's proposal is significantly compounded by increased environmental requirements

Revisions proposed by the Commission relative to the environment:

- Increased scope and impact of Environmental Risk Assessments
- Possibility of refusal / withdrawal of MA on environmental grounds
- Expanded links to other current or future environmental regulations (e.g., link to REACH legislation)
- Introduction of prescription requirement for many OTC medicines

Significant short-term impact on manufacturing within EU

Concerns regarding the feasibility of implementation of requirements within short timeframes imposed *E.g., PFAS ban (see next slide)* 

Detrimental effect on EU investment + innovation in the longer-term

Increased environmental demands would increase risk, R&D difficulty and production costs

Potential knock-on effects on patient access within the EU

Concerns regarding the impact on patients

Environmental requirements would compound negative impact of Commission's proposal for products relying on RDP. The impact of legislative revisions should be considered holistically



Drop in expected EU innovation vs current Regulation for products relying on RDP considering Commission's proposal AND environmental links<sup>1</sup>

Equivalent to 124 out 225 products relying on RDP being foregone in the EU per year



EFPIA and industry support the Commission's environmental and decarbonisation objectives, but there is a need for a balanced approach with alignment across legislations, consideration of patient access and recognition of the many uncertainties arising due to the multiple revisions occurring simultaneously



# Environmental links. Environmental requirements, such as a ban on PFAS, are unrealistic in the medium term and may halt EU development and manufacturing

Proposal

Joint REACH restriction proposal for all per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS)

Proposal not part of the GPL but linked to it indirectly

**Option 1.** Full ban without derogations; 18 mo. transition period

**Option 2.** Full ban with use-specific derogations affecting implementation, from an 18-month transition period (e.g., for starting materials, process chemicals), to time unlimited derogations (e.g., APIs)



PFAS are a group of more than 10,000 synthetic chemicals with high environmental persistence



Within the pharmaceutical industry, PFAS are used as APIs, raw materials and in manufacturing / packaging

Impact

Socio-economic analysis of the potential restriction of PFAS used for human medicinal medicines\*1

#### Ban of all PFAS

Disruption of all pharmaceutical manufacturing activity in the EU

#### **Economic impact**

Loss of GDP and employment linked to manufacturing

#### **Global health impact**

Medicine shortages due to loss of all production in the EEA

#### **Autonomy impact**

Reduction of competitiveness of EU and increased reliance on other regions for medicines



Total socio-economic impact of the ban would be over €328 billion, consisting of impact from unemployment and loss of EBIT for manufacturers; this could negate potential benefits from the GPL revision and points to the lack of consistency across proposals



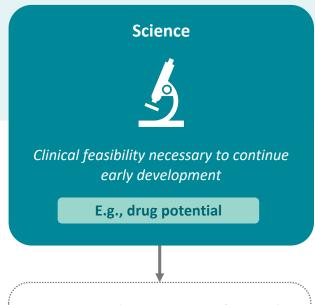
EFPIA is committed to finding non-PFAS substitutes where possible and proposes a time unlimited derogation of the whole process of human medicines developing and manufacturing in the REACH restriction proposal, recognising the need for a successful innovation cycle to identify substitutes

<sup>\*</sup>Data collection through a survey of 14 manufacturers of medicine, representing ~40% of the EEA; future monetary values estimated using NPV modelling. **Abbreviations.** API: Active pharmaceutical ingredient; EBIT: Earnings before interest and taxes; EEA: European Economic Area; GDP: Gross domestic product; GPL: General pharmaceutical legislation; PFAS: per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances; REACH: Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals **Sources.** 1. EPPA, 2023.



# EFPIA proposal. Maintaining a strong and predictable intellectual property system is essential to bolstering a dynamic EU innovation environment

Bolstering a dynamic EU innovation environment, towards addressing UMN and ensuring competitiveness, requires 3 key factors¹:

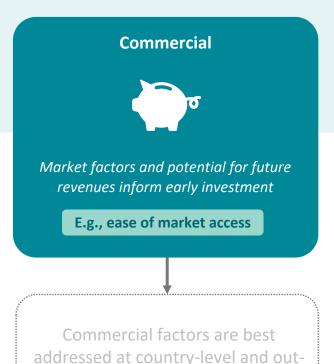


Revisions (e.g., UMN definition)
must reflect the realities of scientific
progress. The EU can help
strengthen the scientific landscape



A strong and predictable IP system is necessary to incentivise investment and safeguard sustainable innovation towards addressing UMN

Focus of the General Pharmaceutical Legislation revision



of-scope of EU legislation



# EFPIA proposal. In support of the Commission's goal to direct innovation towards addressing UMN, EFPIA supports a patient-centric, inclusive definition of UMN

EFPIA believes that....<sup>1</sup>



The UMN definition and its use should be patient-centric and inclusive of different perspectives

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Addressing UMN requires tools that reflect the realities of scientific progress and R&D investment

EU action should focus on bolstering the role of Europe as a global leader in innovation – without infringing on Member State competencies

**EFPIA's UMN definition** 

Any condition that is not adequately prevented, treated or diagnosed by authorised interventions



UMN should not be misconstrued as pertaining only to "life threatening or severely debilitating diseases;" many chronic diseases impose a burden on

patients, carers and society



Primary prevention of disease is tremendously valuable to society, and the unique aspects of vaccines and vaccination programs should be recognised within the UMN concept



A definition should recognise patients' desire for therapies which allow improvements beyond morbidity and mortality outcomes (e.g., therapies that improve QoL or convenience of care)



# EFPIA proposal. In contrast, EFPIA's proposal to strengthen the RDP baseline stands to maintain the innovation-friendliness of Europe

Modelled impact of proposals on innovation in <u>Europe for products</u>  $\underline{relying\ on\ RDP}^{1}$ 

EFPIA proposals

**Regulatory.** Shortened EMA review timelines and expanded scope of the PRIME programme

**Modulation of RDP.** Strengthened RDP baseline; modulation according to predictable factors

**EFPIA commitment to file.** EFPIA companies' commitment to file within 2 years of receiving MA

EFPIA proposals represent a a fair balance between enhancing availability and patient access through the Commitment to File while bolstering incentives for innovation through strengthened RDP

EFPIA proposals

+2%

Increase in average rNPV with EFPIA proposals vs. current incentives

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products "saved" compared to Commission proposals EFPIA's proposal minimises the drop in EU innovation caused by current Commission's proposal\*

Because investment decisions are inherently global, the actual impact on innovation may be lower than that predicted with an exclusively EU perspective, if other regions disproportionately contribute to incentives for innovation



<sup>\*</sup>The small drop in expected innovation vs current framework associated with EFPIA proposals results in a quirk of modelling (broader distribution around the average rNPV, which is slightly higher than baseline). **Abbreviations.** EMA: European Medicines Agency; MA: Marketing authorisation; PRIME: Priority medicines; RDP: Regulatory data protection; rNPV: Riskadjusted net present value. **Sources.** 1. Dolon analysis.

### Combatting AMR. EFPIA shares the objective to incentivise innovation in and access to novel antimicrobials, but has concerns on the stringent TEV conditions



Commission proposal	EFPIA recommendation <sup>1</sup>
Focus the pull incentive on "priority antimicrobials"	Focus on new antimicrobials' clinical benefit and effectiveness in combating resistance, based on insights from a dedicated expert group
Limit TEV use to products that are within the first four years pf their legal data protection	Make TEVs applicable to any product that has at least two years of regulatory data protection remaining
Allow the Commission to revoke the voucher prior to its transfer if a request for supply, procurement or purchase of the priority antimicrobial in the Union has not been fulfilled	Reflect that in some cases the MAH cannot be held accountable for the inability to fulfil requests for the priority antimicrobial
Limit the number of TEVs to 10 awarded over a 15-year period	Review the programme after 15 years, considering predefined outcomes and future medical needs
Apply the TEV provision from the application date of the Regulation	Apply the TEV provision from the entry into force of the Regulation
Mandate the TEV request to be made to the Commission concurrently with the submission of the marketing authorisation application to the EMA	Allow for the TEV request to be made at any point while the marketing authorisation application is under consideration

KEY PROVISIONS RELATIVE TO THE TEV

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### Impact on access. The launch-and-supply conditionality for RDP extension fails to consider that root causes of impaired access mostly lie at country-level

Root cause of unavailability and delay to innovative medicines<sup>1</sup>

Time prior to marketing authorisation

**Pricing and** reimbursement process

Value assessment process

**Health system** readiness

**Delays from national** to regional approval

- Speed of the regulatory process
- Initiation of the P&R process
- Misalignment on evidence requirement
- Insufficient budget to implement decisions
- Multiple layers of decision-making processes

- Accessibility of medicines prior to marketing authorisation
- Speed of the national timelines and adherence
- Misalignment on value and price

Value assigned to

and choice

- product differentiation
- Diagnosis-supporting infrastructure and relevance to patients

All stakeholders have a shared responsibility in ensuring broad and fast patient access

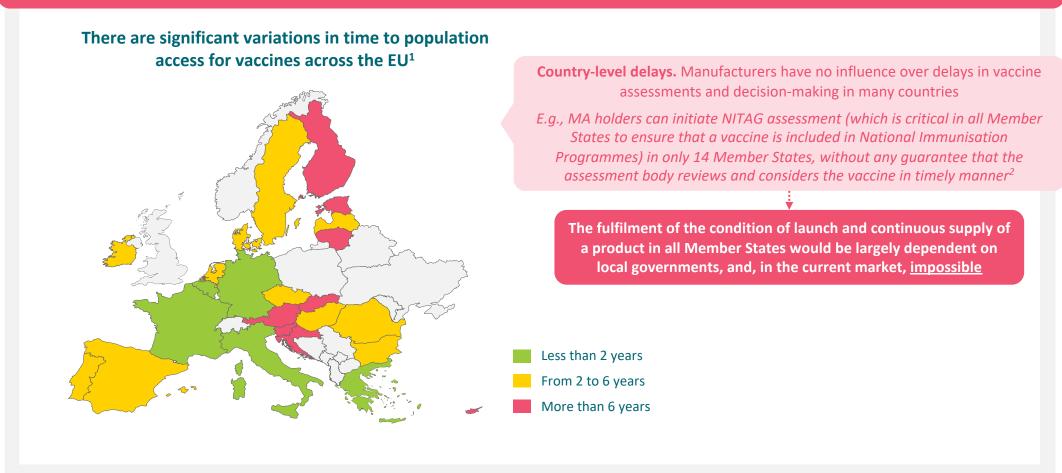
Information from the EFPIA Access Portal confirms that in many instances product unavailability is driven by lack of reimbursement: Of the 56% of products included in the Portal (which are on average 14 months post authorisation) that have been filed for P&R (on average across countries), 59% are still pending a reimbursement decision. It also confirms that reasons for delays in access are multi-factorial, commonly relating to requirement of P&R and health system constraints<sup>2</sup>

**EU-level** Key Country-level



# Impact on access. The launch-and-supply conditionality for RDP extension does not reflect the reality of access processes for vaccines in Europe

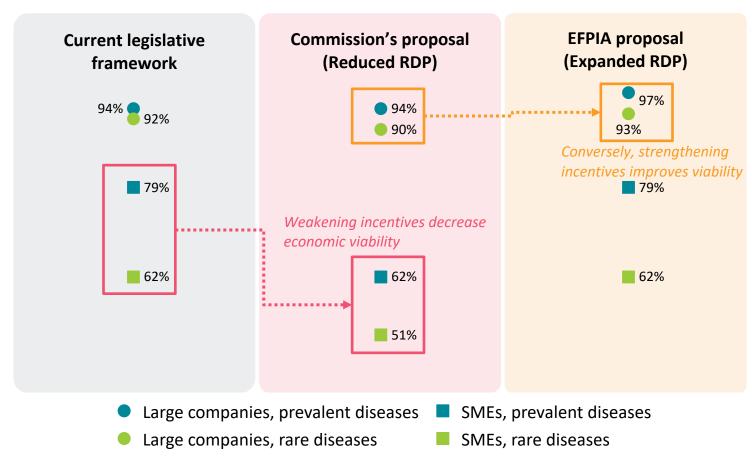
Under current market conditions, the Commission's proposal will result in a 2-year decrease of RDP for vaccines





### Impact on access. Reducing RDP duration makes filing across Member States more challenging for industry, especially for SMEs

Share of EU population living in countries where launch is economically viable for industry<sup>1</sup>



- EFPIA companies have committed to <u>file</u> within all Member States within two years, provided national systems allow it
- Because root causes of impaired access mostly relate to P&R processes, <u>launch and supply</u> in all States within two years is unrealistic
- As a result, RDP duration will be reduced by two years for most (if not all) innovative medicines, diminishing the financial viability of providing patient access
- In the long-term, Europe's attractiveness for approval of newly developed medicines may be impaired

Under Commission's proposal, ability to launch is not likely to change for large companies, but launch would only be viable for SMEs in 51% of countries for rare diseases and 62% of countries for prevalent diseases

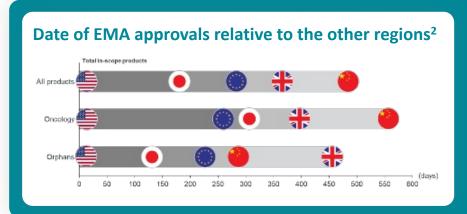
 Country-level access may further deteriorate if the narrow definition of UMN is adopted as a criteria for determining reimbursement at the national level; under the Commission's proposal, only 15-20% of products are expected to meet the UMN criteria<sup>2-3</sup>

# Impact on access. Measures proposed by the Commission are likely to further increase the lag in rate of and time to EU vs US approval



#### Lower rate of availability

Under the current legislative ecosystem, fewer medicines are getting approved in Europe vs the US, limiting availability of potentially transformative medicines for patients, caregivers, and physicians.



#### Longer time to availability

According to data from EFPIA's Portal, of new products approved between January 2021 and June 2022, EMA approval came later, on average, than the US and Japan by 285 days and 110 days respectively



Lag in rate of and time to approval is likely to increase following revision, despite the Commission's efforts to shorten EMA timelines

Deterioration of the incentives framework may lead to negative perceptions of the European market environment, leading to decisions to delay or forego regulatory approval in Europe. The gap between EU vs. US in terms of patient access may be further widened

Key areas of unmet need may be disproportionately impacted (e.g., orphan medicines have a lower level of filing on average)<sup>3</sup>



# EFPIA proposal. EFPIA puts forward concrete proposals to enhance access, built on an evidence-based diagnosis of root causes of impaired access

#### EFPIA's concrete proposals to improve patient access to innovative medicines and reduce inequalities across Europe<sup>1</sup>



Country-level

EFPIA commitment to file P&R applications in all EU countries no later than 2 years after EU market authorisation, provided that local systems allow it



Country-level

EU Access Portal where companies can provide timely information regarding the timing and processing of P&R applications in the 27 Member States



Country-level

Equity-Based Tiered
Pricing conceptual
framework to ensure
that ability to pay across
countries is considered
in the prices of
innovative medicines,
anchored in a principle
of solidarity



Country-level

Novel payment and pricing models, when used appropriately and tailored to the situation, can accelerate access, whilst providing sufficient incentives for innovation



EU-level

Efficient system of
European assessments
of relative efficacy at
time of launch in
the context of the
implementation of the
Health Technology
Assessment Regulation

Anchored in root causes of Impaired patient access

Time prior to authorisation

**P&R** process

Value assessment process

Health system readiness

Delays from national to regional approval

The EFPIA package of proposals is designed to tackle the pain points in the access ecosystem in a holistic way (given that root causes are both multifactorial and interconnected). Meaningful solutions require concerted action from all stakeholders, especially at country level



# EFPIA proposal. EFPIA's commitment to file stands to increase breadth and speed of access, provided pricing and reimbursement systems allow

Estimated impact of EFPIA's commitment to file1

EFPIA's commitment to file P&R applications in all 27 Member States within two years after the grant of the EU Marketing Authorisation, provided that national P&R systems can accommodate this timeline\*



### Reduction in time-to-availability across EU Member States by 2-6 months

E.g., average reduction of delay in patient access of 179 days in Bulgaria and 129 days in Romania



### Increase in availability of medicines by 1-24% in select EU Member States

E.g., expected 20% positive impact (or more) in medicine availability in Belgium, Lithuania and Slovakia

#### Despite increased filings, country-level factors may constrain impact on access:

- 1 Payer ability to pay for new innovations
- 2 Payer ability to handle increased workload

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Appendix – Methodology



## Two variations of the rNPV model have been used for the impact assessment, to model both innovation and access



Models the impact on innovation by considering the investment proposition at the time of initiation of clinical development



#### **Access model**

Models the impact on access by assessing the economic case for launch across Member States at the time of marketing authorisation

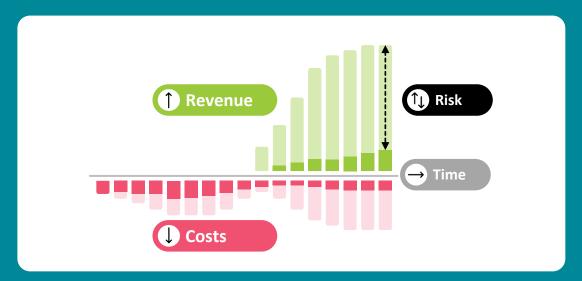


The Technical report contains further details, e.g., the methodology, presents results and highlights implications from modelling results<sup>1</sup>



### Our Impact Assessment adopts an rNPV approach, which dynamically represents the impact of the policy environment on investment and launch decisions

rNPV modelling is routinely used by pharmaceutical companies to make investment decisions. It neatly summarises the strength of the economic proposition in a single figure by combining inputs relevant to the four key dimensions of pharmaceutical investment: revenue, costs, time and risk<sup>1</sup>



rNPV is best tailored to evaluate the impact of legislative revisions:

- ✓ Reflects tools used by developers to make Go/No-Go decisions for R&D and launch
- ✓ Enables dynamic representation of the impact of the ecosystem on decisions

The model At the start of clinical studies begins... The economic proposition for investment in R&D, and thus how The model much innovation is expected to focuses on... occur within Europe given different sets of incentives Products relying on RDP as their last The model considers... form of market protection The model builds Risk-adjusted Net Present Value A Monte Carlo simulation to best The model represent the significant heterogeneity of pharmaceutical incorporates... development and revenue

#### **Base case:** Reflective of the investment proposition given the current incentives framework

- Focused on products that rely on RDP as the last form of market protection, in line with scope of Commission's revisions and Technopolis analyses
- Inputs reflective of the factors that influence investment decisions, based on public information (no product-level data)

	Input	Value	<b>Details</b>
Revenue	Revenue	• €158 million peak revenue	<ul> <li>Leveraged the revenue curve for 'archetypal' RDP products reported by Technopolis<sup>1</sup></li> <li>Specific to RDP cohort</li> </ul>
Sost	R&D costs	• €150 million out-of-pocket costs globally, adjusted for inflation	<ul> <li>Costs are sourced from academic literature and based on recent estimates<sup>2</sup>; they are not sponsored by industry</li> <li>As R&amp;D costs are global, a proportion was assigned to Europe; in the absence of specific data, this proportion is aligned with the share of revenue generated in Europe based on data reported by EFPIA (32%)<sup>3</sup></li> <li>Assumption that average R&amp;D costs are applicable to the RDP cohort</li> </ul>
	Other costs (COGS and SG&A)	<ul><li>29% of revenue on COGS</li><li>24% of revenue on SG&amp;A</li></ul>	<ul> <li>COGS and SG&amp;A are derived from figures reported by top 20 largest pharmaceutical companies in their annual reports</li> <li>Assumption that average COGS and SG&amp;A costs are applicable to the RDP cohort</li> <li>Note: COGS may differ by product type (e.g., may be much higher for specialised therapies like ATMPs and PDMPs)</li> </ul>
Risk	Probability of success	• Preclinical: 100%; Ph I: 66.4%; Ph II: 58.3%; Ph III: 59.0%; approval: 100%; HTA: 100%	<ul> <li>Referred to the academic literature to compute the probability of success at each phase<sup>4</sup></li> <li>Assumption that the probability of success for the average RDP product is the same as industry averages</li> </ul>
	R&D duration and time to access	<ul> <li>Ph I – III: 8 years</li> <li>EMA MA: 426 days</li> <li>MA to patient access: 511 days</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Referred to the academic literature to estimate the time to MA<sup>4</sup>, and used data from the EFPIA W.A.I.T. indicator to determine time from MA to access<sup>5</sup></li> <li>Assumption that time to access remains the same for RDP products as other products</li> </ul>
Time	IP protection	• 10.1 years	• Corresponds to eight years of data exclusivity, two years of market protection, and an additional year for products with a new therapeutic indication that offers enhanced clinical benefits over existing options
	Discounting	• 10.5%	Consistent with previous Dolon publications and published literature <sup>2,6</sup>

**Abbreviations.** ATMPs: Advanced therapy medicinal products; COGS: costs of goods and services; EMA: European Medicines Agency; HTA: Health technology assessment; MA: marketing authorization; PDMP: Plasma-derived products; R&D: Research and development; RDP: Regulatory data protection; SG&A: Selling, general & administrative. **Sources.** 1. Technopolis, 2022. Available: here. 2. Wouters, 2020. Available: here. 3. EFPIA, 2023. Available: here. 4. Wong et al, 2019. Available: here. 5. EFPIA, 2023. Available: here. 6. Dolon, 2023. Available: here.



## Although some modelling inputs are not specific to the RDP cohort, they are still appropriate to use



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We sought to understand whether products that rely on RDP are systematically different from the average approved medicines in terms of their development process (time, costs, risk)



Data

We received from IQVIA a list of 37 historical products which relied on RDP as the last form of IP protection

- Indications. CVD, hypertension, diabetes type 2, pulmonary disease, arthritis, depression, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, myelodysplastic syndromes, cystic fibrosis, neoplasms, carcinoma, infertility, contraception, gout, pain, opioid-related disorders
- Approval. between 2007-2011



**Approach** 

We analysed data from the EMA on clinical studies submitted for marketing authorisation (number of studies, number of patients enrolled, duration of R&D if reported)



Conclusion

We did not find evidence that RDP products have much shorter, cheaper or less risky R&D vs the average medicine<sup>1</sup>



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Although an approximation, it is adequate to use averages reported in the literature in our rNPV modelling



## An additional analysis was performed to understand the impact of the Commission's proposal on European R&D share vs other regions







Future European R&D share vs other regions was projected



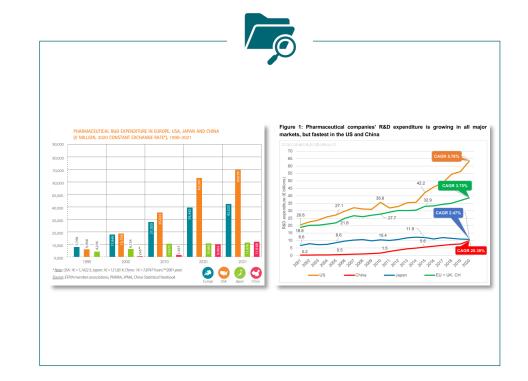
#### Two key drivers were identified

- 1 Different growth rates across regions
- 22% drop in expected EU innovation as a result of the Commission's proposal

#### Two key assumptions were made

The Commission's proposal will only have an impact

- 1 starting in 2028, following the voting in 2026 and the subsequent implementation in 2028
  - China will continue to grow at a 20% rate until 2025, at
- which point, the contribution of China is half that of Europe. After 2025, CN will grow at the same rate as the US

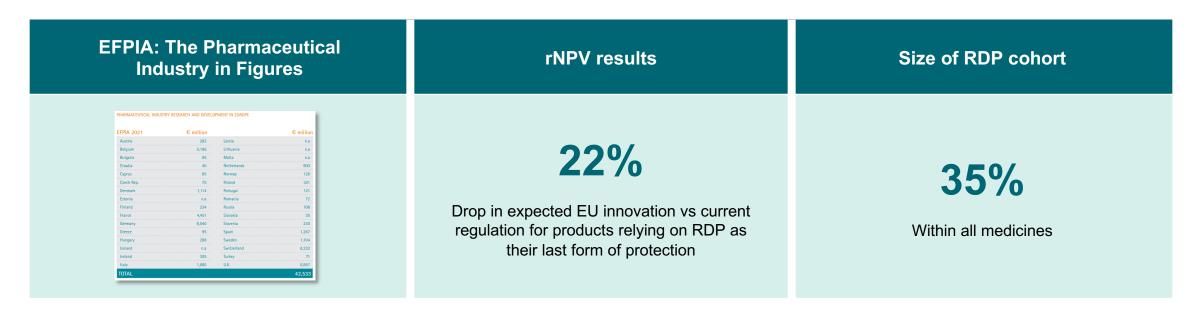




# Further analysis was conducted to gain insights into how the Commission's proposal might affect R&D activity at country level

#### **Approach**

- Goal of analysis. Develop an understanding of how the Commission's proposal will impact R&D activity in individual Member States
- Data sources. EFPIA's Pharmaceutical Industry in Figures report<sup>1</sup>, Dolon's Impact Assessment of the Commission and EFPIA proposals<sup>2</sup>
- Methods. Applied the drop in innovation vs current regulation for products relying on RDP, as well as the share of RDP products
- Assumptions. The impact on R&D activity is equal to the impact on innovation as measured by rNPV values and will be consistent across countries





### Separate additional analyses were conducted for SMEs and environmental



regulations

#### The case of SMEs<sup>1</sup>

Adjusted model to account for specificities of SMEs, to differentiate the impact of Commission's proposal by the nature/size of companies:

 Cost of capital assumed to be 50% higher than for large companies (i.e., 16% yearly, instead of 10.5%)



#### Environmental regulations<sup>1</sup>

Added the potential impact of links to environmental regulations. Given the lack of identified quantitative evidence on the implications of these increased requirements, the following assumptions were made:

 5% increase in R&D costs and 20% increase in COGS as a result of the more extensive ERA requirements and constraints on substances involved in manufacturing and packaging (this assumption is a conservative estimate)



# The NPV access model dynamically represents the impact of changes in the ecosystem on the economic proposition for R&D investment and launch

	NPV access model
The model begins	At point of marketing authorisation
The model focuses on	The economic proposition for launching in all 27 EU Member States, and thus the impact of incentives on access
The model considers	Products relying on RDP as their last form of market protection
The model builds on	Net Present Value
The model incorporates	A Monte Carlo simulation to best represent the significant heterogeneity of pharmaceutical development and revenue



# The access model focuses on the Dolon's economics of launching in all 27 Member States, with the view to examine the feasibility of the launch

#### **Access Model**

- From the perspective of a pharmaceutical company having just obtained MA and pondering market launch decisions
- NPV model designed to be schematic, in the absence of reliable public data, but to help broadly understand whether launch in all Member States is financially attractive

	Input	Value	<b>Details</b>
	Prevalence	<ul><li>Prevalent disease: 1,000 per 10,000</li><li>Rare disease: 1 per 10,000</li></ul>	The model considers two disease archetypes (a prevalent disease and a rare disease)
$\subseteq$	German price (used as anchor)	<ul><li>Prevalent disease: €2,000</li><li>Rare disease: €100,000</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Price adjusted for each country based on price indexes<sup>1</sup>; patient population calculated based on country population<sup>2</sup></li> </ul>
	Peak share of prevalent patients treated	<ul><li>Prevalent disease: 1%</li><li>Rare disease: 15%</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Patient populations are calculated based on the population in each country, disease prevalence and an assumption on the share of prevalent patients that actually received the therapy</li> <li>Delay in patient access for each country derived from WAIT indicator and set at maximum 3 years<sup>3</sup></li> </ul>
Cost	COGS and SG&A	<ul> <li>COGS estimated at 29% of revenue (based on review of company annual reports)</li> <li>Large company: annual SG&amp;A varying between €2-10 million based on country size</li> <li>Small company: annual SG&amp;A varying between €5-25 million based on country size</li> <li>Small yearly expense for ongoing R&amp;D costs</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Note: COGS may differ by product type (e.g., they may be much higher for specialised therapies such as ATMPs and PDMPs)</li> </ul>
ne I	RDP duration	<ul> <li>10 years (base case, but varied upwards / downwards in Commission / EFPIA scenarios)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Varying RDP duration based on scenario, with 50% drop in market share and 10% drop in price at loss of exclusivity</li> </ul>
Ē	Discounting	• 10.5%	Consistent with previous Dolon publications and published literature

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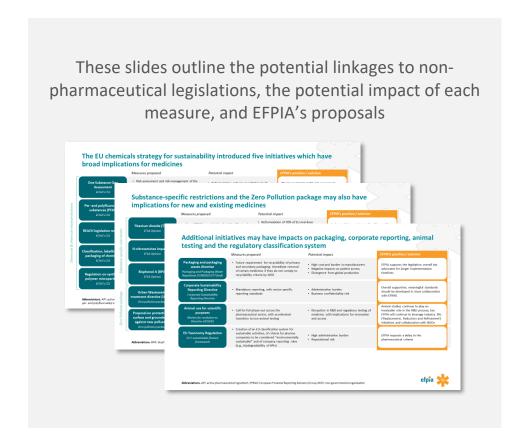


Appendix – Environmental proposals



### The following section outlines the Commission's environmental proposals

This slide provides an overview of the five mechanisms proposed for lessening the environmental impact of medicines, their potential impacts, and EFPIA's proposals The Commission proposes five mechanisms to lessen the environmental impact of medicinal products, including increased interlinkages with non-pharma legislations revoke, prohibit supply or withdraw a MA on · Negative impact on patient access environmental concerns. If an ERA indicates a environmental grounds (e.g., if ERA is incomplete / insufficiently substantiated, or if risks identified Increased risk for industry leading to negative impacts on innovation Articles 47, 195, 196 have not been sufficiently addressed) ERA scope extended to cover risk of AMR selection during entire lifecycle of potential impacts on global manuf. AMR Industry Alliance and regulators to align pproach of legacy APIs, which should be October 2005 to complete an ERA; prioritisation environmental testing capacity ised on outputs of the IMI PREMIER project of medicines using a risk-based approach sustainability of innovation EMA should maintain control of ERA for risk assessment procedures of other EU legal ecital 69, 71, Article 22, 2 · Risk to global supply chains uman medicines: risk-benefit assessment frameworks that may apply to medicines Subjection of medicinal products to medical accessibility and safety considerations should be carefully evaluated; EFPIA recommend less prescription if they are an antimicrobial or Heavy impact on healthcare system (e.g., contains an active substance which is PBT/vPvB. increased demand for HCPs) harsh mitigation measures than changing OTC Negative impacts on acces





### The Commission proposes five mechanisms to lessen the environmental impact of medicinal products, including increased interlinkages with non-pharma legislations

Possibility of refusal of MA on environmental grounds

Articles 47, 195, 1961

#### Measures proposed

and outside the EU

#### Introduction of possibility to refuse, suspend, revoke, prohibit supply or withdraw a MA on environmental grounds (e.g., if ERA is incomplete / insufficiently substantiated, or if risks identified have not been sufficiently addressed)

#### Potential impact

#### Negative impact on patient access

• Increased risk for industry leading to negative impacts on innovation

#### EFPIA's position / solution

MA should not be denied solely on basis of environmental concerns. If an ERA indicates a potential risk, appropriate binding and time constrained post-authorisation measures should be implemented

Introduction of manufacturing covered in the ERA for antimicrobials

Recital 72, Article 221

 ERA scope extended to cover risk of AMR selection during entire lifecycle of antimicrobials, including manufacturing inside • Reduced flexibility in supply chains with potential impacts on global manuf.

- Increased resource burden on regulators
- Negative impact on patient access

EFPIA welcomes close collaboration between AMR Industry Alliance and regulators to align on antibiotic manufacturing standard; EFPIA proposes to focus on "antibiotic" resistance

Introduction of ERA for legacy
APIs

Recital 71, 72, Article 23<sup>1</sup>

 Requirement for medicines authorised before October 2005 to complete an ERA; prioritisation of medicines using a risk-based approach

 Unnecessary pressure on limited environmental testing capacity EFPIA supports risk-based prioritisation approach of legacy APIs, which should be based on outputs of the IMI PREMIER project, not linked to other chemical legislation

Increased interlinkage with other environmental legislations (Recital 69, 71, Article 22, 23)<sup>1</sup>

Further details on slides 3-5

 Need for applicants to consider environmental risk assessment procedures of other EU legal frameworks that may apply to medicines

- Negative impact on patient access and sustainability of innovation
- Risk to global supply chains
- Higher burden of data generation

Risk-based approaches should be considered; EMA should maintain control of ERA for human medicines; risk-benefit assessment should take precedence

Medicinal products with environmental concerns subject to medical prescription

Article 511

- Subjection of medicinal products to medical prescription if they are an antimicrobial or contains an active substance which is PBT/vPvB, or PMT/vPvM
- May not reduce emissions significantly
- Heavy impact on healthcare system (e.g., increased demand for HCPs)
- Negative impacts on access

The balance between patient autonomy, accessibility and safety considerations should be carefully evaluated; EFPIA recommend less harsh mitigation measures than changing OTC medicines to prescription medicines

**Abbreviations.** AMR: Antimicrobial resistance; API: Active pharmaceutical ingredient; ERA: Environmental Risk Assessment; MA: Marketing authorisation; OTC: Over the counter; PBT: Persistent, bioaccumulative and toxic; PMT: Persistent, mobile and toxic; vPvB: Very persistent and very bioaccumulative; vPvM: Very persistent and very mobile. **Sources.** 1. European Commission, 2023. Available: here.

### Additionally, the EU chemicals strategy for sustainability introduced initiatives which have broad implications for medicines

Measures proposed

### Potential impact

#### EFPIA's position / solution

One Substance One
Assessment<sup>1</sup>

ECHA's CSS

 Risk assessment and risk management of the same chemical to be consistent across all sectors, despite different uses, levels of exposure and benefit-risk evaluation

 Reformulation, refusal, or withdrawal of medicines despite benefits to patients, leading to negative access implications Pharmaceutical benefit-risk assessment should take precedent over other sectors' principles

Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS)<sup>2</sup>

ECHA's CSS

- Ban of all PFAS, with the exception of APIs, with a very broad definition of PFAS
- Risk to manufacturing and supply
- Negative access implications
- Global divergence

The definition of PFAS should be narrower and/or there should be an exemption for pharmaceuticals

REACH legislation revision<sup>3</sup>

ECHA's CSS

- Additional obligations and restrictions in REACH processes; treatment of severe health issues to fulfil criteria for essential use of chemicals, but treatment of non-severe health issues will not be deemed essential
- Risk to supply chains of critical raw materials
- Ban of certain substances used in medicines
- Reduced innovation in Europe
- · Access delays

Aspects of the proposal conflict with the pharmaceutical strategy; EFPIA to engage decision makers on medicinal products' regulatory processes and potential supply chain risks

Classification, labelling and packaging of chemicals<sup>4</sup>

ECHA's CSS

- Revision of Regulation and introduction of new hazard classes for endocrine disruptors and PBT/vPvB or PMT/vPvM chemicals
- No added value of extended notification duties
- Cumbersome labelling requirements may hinder innovation process in Europe

Actions prescribed under the CSS should be considered holistically; the grouping methodology is not acceptable

Regulation on synthetic polymer microparticles<sup>5</sup>

ECHA's CSS

- Medicines exempt from the broadening ban on microplastics, but requirement to report usage of a broader category of microplastics, incl. synthetic polymer microparticles
- Unworkable guidance on reporting obligations leading to inaccuracies in indication of pharmaceuticals entering the environment

EFPIA working to develop guidance on reporting obligations

usage of a broader category of microplastics, indication of pharmaceuticals entering the incl. synthetic polymer microparticles environment

Abbreviations. API: Active pharmaceutical ingredient; CSS: EU Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability; ECHA: European Chemicals Agency; PBT: Persistent, bioaccumulative and toxic; PFAS:

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Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances; PMT: Persistent, mobile and toxic; PEAS: European Chemicals Agency; PBT: Persistent, bloaccumulative and toxic; PEAS: Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances; PMT: Persistent, mobile and toxic; REACH: Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals; vPvB: very persistent and very bioaccumulative; vPvM: very persistent and very mobile. **Sources.** 1. ECHA, 2020. Available: <a href="here">here</a>. 2. ECHA, 2023. Available: <a href="here">here</a>. 3. European Commission, 2023. Available: <a href="here">here</a>. 4. ECHA, 2023. Available: <a href="here">here</a>. 5. European Commission, 2023. Available: <a href="here">here</a>. 4. ECHA, 2023. Available: <a href="here">here</a>. 5. European Commission, 2023. Available: <a href="here">here</a>. 4. ECHA, 2023. Available: <a href="here">here</a>. 5. European Commission, 2023. Available: <a href="here">here</a>. 4. ECHA, 2023. Available: <a href="here">here</a>. 5. European Commission, 2023. Available: <a href="here">here</a>. 5. European Commission, 2023. Available: <a href="here">here</a>. 5. European Commission, 2023. Available: <a href="here">here</a>. 6. ECHA, 2023. Available: <a href="here">here</a>. 5. European Commission, 2023. Available: <a href="here">here</a>. 6. EUROPEAN COMMISSION COMMISSION

## Substance-specific restrictions and the Zero Pollution package may also have implications for new and existing medicines

#### EFPIA's position / solution Measures proposed Potential impact • Reformulation of 70% of EU oral dose Use of TiO2 banned in food, which affect oral Industry driving actions to identify possible Titanium dioxide (TiO2)1 medicines, leading to higher costs for medicines; Commission to review potential alternatives and building dossier to respond manufacturers and decreased patient access EFSA Opinion alternatives in Feb 2025 to legislative requirement Global divergence • EMA to request more supporting safety Focused discussions needed to identify Significant time need to compile safety N-nitrosamines impurities<sup>2</sup> science for Nitroso Drug Substance Related solutions with (global) regulators; there is a evidence leading to delayed patient access Impurities (NDSRIs) to confirm lower safety need to distinguish between risks from ICH EFSA Opinion Drug supply shortages M7 nitrosamines and NDSRIs risk **Urban Wastewater** EFPIA supports the objective for clean water, • Extended producer responsibility specifically treatment directive but this should be implemented within an High cost and administrative burden for the pharmaceutical sector (e.g., 'polluter (UWWT)<sup>3</sup> integrated, proportionate, risk-based and pays principle') fair process Zero Pollution Package Proposal on protection of • Updated list of water pollutants to include surface and groundwater • Higher burden on manufacturers Thorough, robust risk approach needed pain medicines, antimicrobials and hormones; against new pollutants<sup>4</sup> all APIs included and closely monitored Zero Pollution Package



## Additional initiatives may have impacts on packaging, corporate reporting, animal testing and the regulatory classification system

#### Measures proposed

#### Potential impact

#### EFPIA's position / solution

### Packaging and packaging waste directive<sup>1</sup>

Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation (COM2022 677 final)

 Future requirement for recyclability of primary and secondary packaging; immediate removal of certain medicines if they do not comply to recyclability criteria by 2035

• High cost and burden to manufacturers

Negative impacts on patient access

• Divergence from global production

EFPIA supports the legislation overall but advocates for longer implementation timelines

### Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive<sup>2</sup>

Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive Mandatory reporting, with sector specific reporting standards

Administrative burden

Business confidentiality risk

Overall supportive; meaningful standards should be developed in close collaboration with EFRAG

### Animal use for scientific purposes<sup>3</sup>

Motion for resolution to Directive 2010/63  Call for full phase-out across the pharmaceutical sector, with accelerated transition to non-animal testing  Disruption in R&D and regulatory testing of medicine, with implications for innovation and access Animal studies continue to play an invaluable role in the R&D process, but EFPIA will continue to leverage industry 3Rs ('Replacement, Reduction and Refinement') initiatives and collaboration with NGOs

#### **EU Taxonomy Regulation<sup>4</sup>**

EU's sustainable finance framework

 Creation of an EU classification system for sustainable activities, of criteria for pharma companies to be considered "environmentally sustainable" and of company reporting rules (e.g., biodegradability of APIs)

- High administrative burden
- Reputational risk

EFPIA requests a delay to the pharmaceutical criteria

