

# Pediatric Formulation : Global Alignment and Science Advancement

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# Background/ Problem Statement



Refusal to take medication

- Inconsistent and unclear global regulatory requirements
- Lack of fundamental understanding of key product performance, including palatability, swallowability, and taste assessment
- Stringent safety criteria for excipients due to lack of safety information or perceived toxicity concerns in the target population
- Challenges to achieve dose flexibility, dose uniformity and convenience at the same time
- Unique ADME profiles in children and thus BA/BE criteria

# Mission and Vision

- To serve as the primary contact for pediatric formulation sciences in the U.S.
- To promote global collaboration and advocate for global harmonization for pediatric product requirements
- To be a catalyst for advancing science & technology of pediatric products
- To share best practices, publish information, provide mechanisms for collaboration and learning



# Accomplishments

Assessed EuPFI  
STEP Excipient  
Database

Comments on a  
key EMA guideline  
on pharmaceutical  
development of  
paediatric use

EuPFI f2f meeting

1H 2013

Sub-teams formed

Vision & Mission

Rolled out a global  
survey

2H2013

IQ signed Collaboration  
Agreement with EuPFI

Provided common excipients to  
STEP Excipient Database

Survey results presented in IQ  
CMC Summit and EuPFI annual  
meeting

Several initiatives with EuPFI

TC with FDA

2014



# Impact



- Share our survey results to guide global alignment
  - IQ, EuPFI annual meeting (Sep '14), GRiP webinar (Jan '15)
  - Key areas with significant gaps:
    - Palatability
    - Age-appropriate formulations
    - Excipients
    - Biopharmaceutics
    - Mis-alignment of global regulatory requirements
- Survey medical professionals to address gaps in pediatric physiology (e.g., size and volume of dosage forms) and to inform stakeholders through a whitepaper
- As opportunities arise, collaborate with CPLG & PSLG in the areas of biopharmaceutics and excipient use, respectively

# Impact - continued



- Advocate for global alignment and partner with the leading consortium in pediatric formulation (EuPFI)
  - Gathering feedback received from EMA/FDA on PIP/PSP submitted by member companies and provide findings and constructive feedback to regulatory agencies for better consistency
  - Planning a 2016 joint IQ/EuPFI/FDA workshop
- US Voice and Alignment
  - IQ has become a significant voice in the US for pediatric formulation development
  - Continuing to align US effort with other organizations such as USPFI