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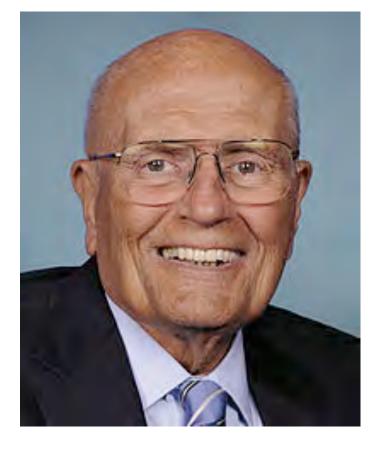


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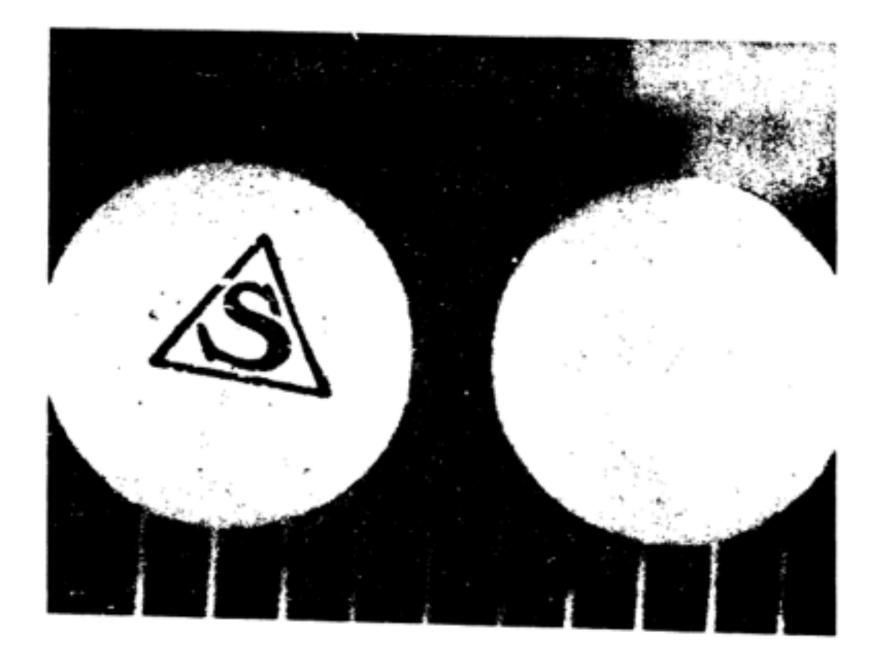




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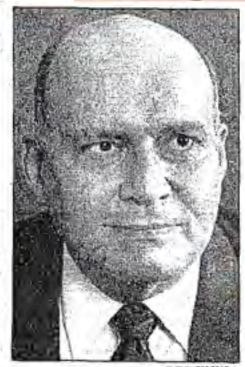
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### The Bungled Punishment of Prisoner Seife



MARVIN SEIFE

#### By Phil McCombs Washington Post Staff Writer

TAREE RIVERS, Tex.—The story of Marvin Seife's fall from the heights of foreaucratic power in Washington to the steel col of a Texas prison cell, and thence to the critical care unit of a hospital where he hovers near death, is at once a great personal tragedy, an apt Washington morality tale and proof on a near-Sophoclean scale—should anyone need reminding—that there is absolutely, positively no such thing as a free lunch.

Seife's decline brought him to the federal prison here, an arrangement of beige cinder block and concertina wire sprawled across green rolling hills under the vast South Texas sky. It was here on Feb. 10 that the physician and former Food and Drug Administration official, who is considered one of the fathers of the generic drug boom, turned himself in to serve five months for perjury after a jury found he'd lied about lunches he'd had with industry representatives. At the age of 67, he became inmate No. 27472-037.

It was here that they threw him into solitary for 12 days because the Federal Bureau of Prisons misplaced his paperwork—including a letter from his doctor warning that Seife was prone to serious infections. It was here that they confiscated his shoes and left him to walk around in socks, then issued boots that he says were too small and blistered his feet. Here that the blisters became infected, that the infection spread, and that Seife nearly died before authorities drove him 40 miles to the Bee County Regional Medical Center on March 1, where, two days later, a surgeon amputated his gangrenous left leg below the knee.

"What has happened to me is the most-horrible thing on Earth," Seife now growls in his bed at the Nix Medical Center in San Antonio, where he was subsequently moved. "It almost killed me. I won all those awards, I was one of the most honored employees of the ederal government, they wrote that I was 'a breath of fresh air.' And look at what they've done to me!

"Out of nothing, I was totally destroyed. Thirty years, I gave my whole life to public service! . . . It's cost me \$250,000 to defend myself. I have to pay it myself, and these crooks in the generic drug industry get their legal bills paid."

He pulls up the sheet to reveal his stump, spotted with lesions, and his right leg, which is wrapped in

See SEIFE, A18, Col. 1

## thyroid storm



Barry Dong

Betty Dong

## thyroid storm







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### Thyroid Storm

To study, to finish, to publish.

-Benjamin Franklin

I stopped a flawed study that would have put millions of patients at risk.

-Carter Eckert

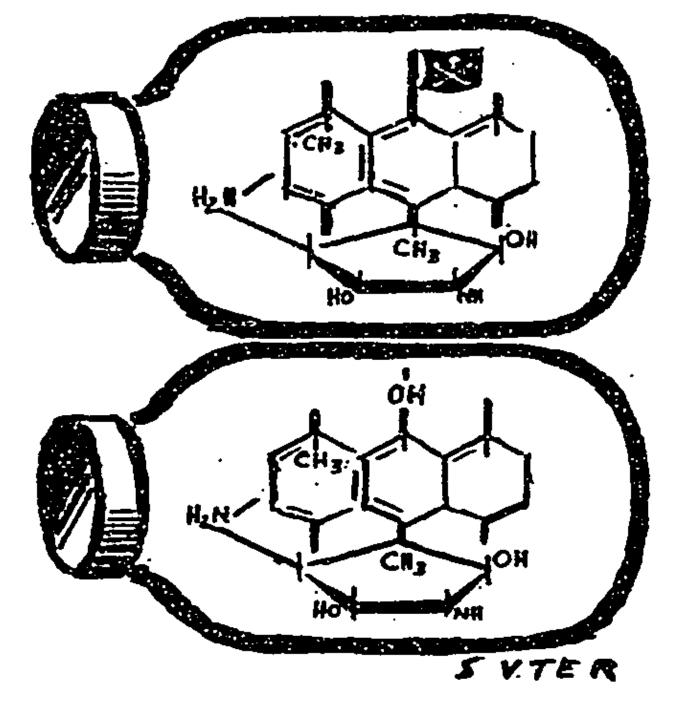
In this issue of THE JOURNAL, we are publishing a report<sup>1</sup> of work that started 9 years ago, was concluded in December 1990, and the data from which were published in another journal in July 1995. Given that we at *JAMA* like to keep up-to-date and that we try never to republish what others have already put in print, the reader might well ask what is going on. The story necessary to answer this question provides a cautionary tale that illustrates the sharply differing views of research taken by the university researcher and the company sponsoring that research, if the company's product is at stake. At a time when an increasing proportion of research funding is provided by private companies,<sup>2</sup> the story holds lessons for both, as well as for university faculties, administrators, regulatory agencies, and for physicians who prescribe on the basis of evidence.

See also pp 1199, 1205 and 1224.

In 1987, to establish that Synthroid was truly more effective than competing preparations, Flint Laboratories, then the manufacturers of Synthroid, approached Betty J. Dong, PharmD, at UCSF. This seemed a good choice because in 1986, Dong et al<sup>6</sup> had published a letter showing that the levothyroxine content of different thyroid products, 2 brandname products and 7 generic, differed widely. They noted that the 2 brand-name preparations, 1 of them Synthroid, were the preparations of choice. Flint and Dong signed a lengthy protocol/contract to finance comparative studies of the bioequivalence of Synthroid and 3 other preparations, and both sides expected the study to show that Synthroid was superior (letter from B. J. Dong to N. M. Kurtz, March 31, 1994). The contract detailed the experimental design and analysis of the data. Representatives of Flint, and after their takeover, Boots Pharmaceuticals Inc, made regular site visits, about 3 a year, to satisfy themselves that the work was being done properly. During these visits small problems were ironed out, but there was no hint of any bigger cloud.

In January 1989, at a time when there was a move to add a competitor's preparation to the Massachusetts formulary," Boots, in the first of their site visits, began asking for the preliminary results of a parallel in vitro study in which tablets were com-

### the same but not the same



### Generic Medicines: Essential contributors to the long-term health of society

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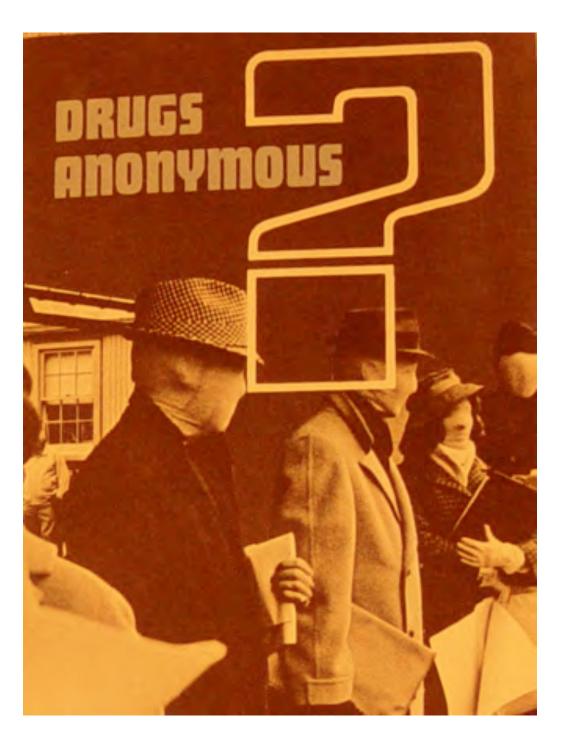
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## no such thing as a generic drug?

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## The Anonymous Drug That Hospitalized a Patient Readers' Digest November 1967

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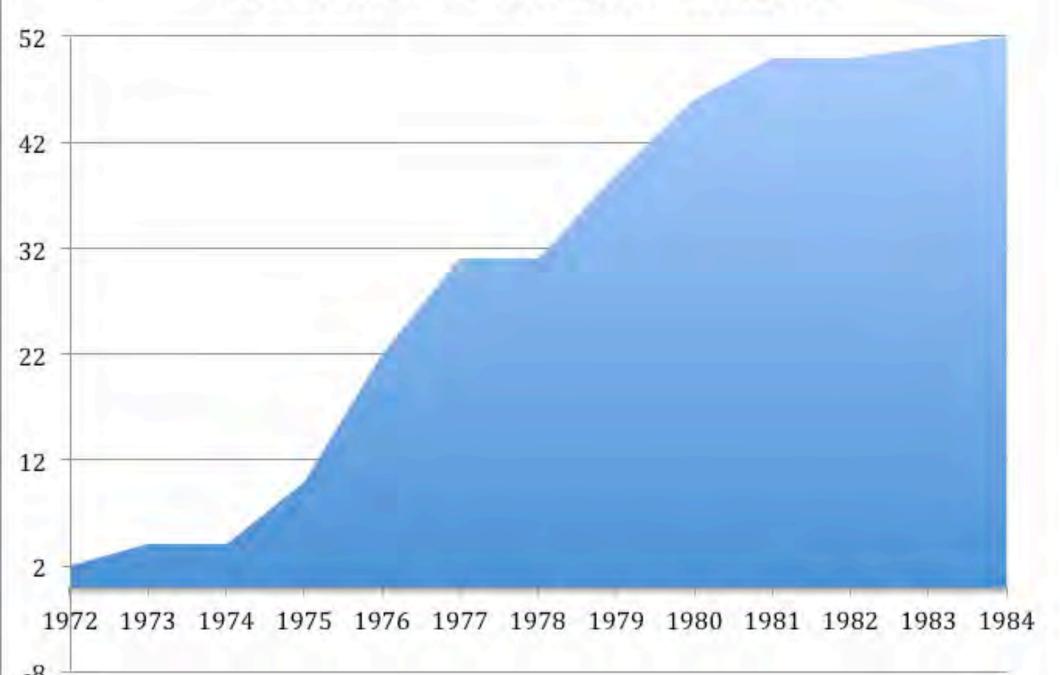
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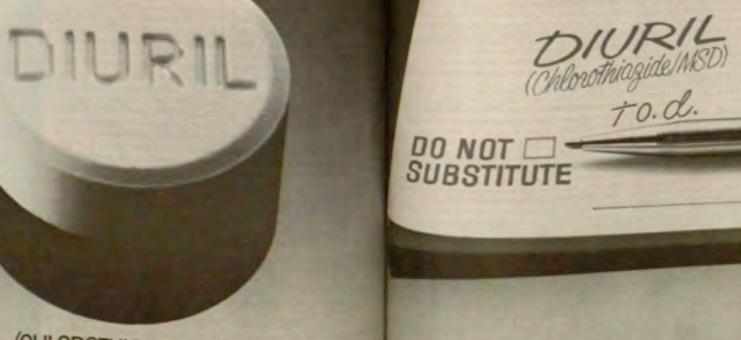
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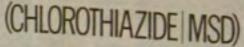
We've put the name on the tablet for quick identification

## Here's what you can do

Specify "no substitution" on your prescriptions



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## when is a medicine good enough?

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### **GENERIC "LOOK ALIKE"**



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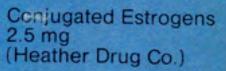
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Dexamethasone 0.75 mg (Three P Products Corp.)

Amoxicillin 250 mg (Biocraft Laboratories)

Chlordiazepoxide 5 mg (Cord Laboratories)

Ampicillin 250 mg (Biocraft Laboratories)







ROTID 250 mg (Roche)

IVERT 12.5 mg

(Roerig)

DARVON

(Lilly)

(Merck)

OMPOUND-65

ADRON 0.75 mg

LIBRIUM 5 mg (Roche)

POLYCILLIN 250 mg (Bristol)



EMARIN 2.5 mg (Ayerst)

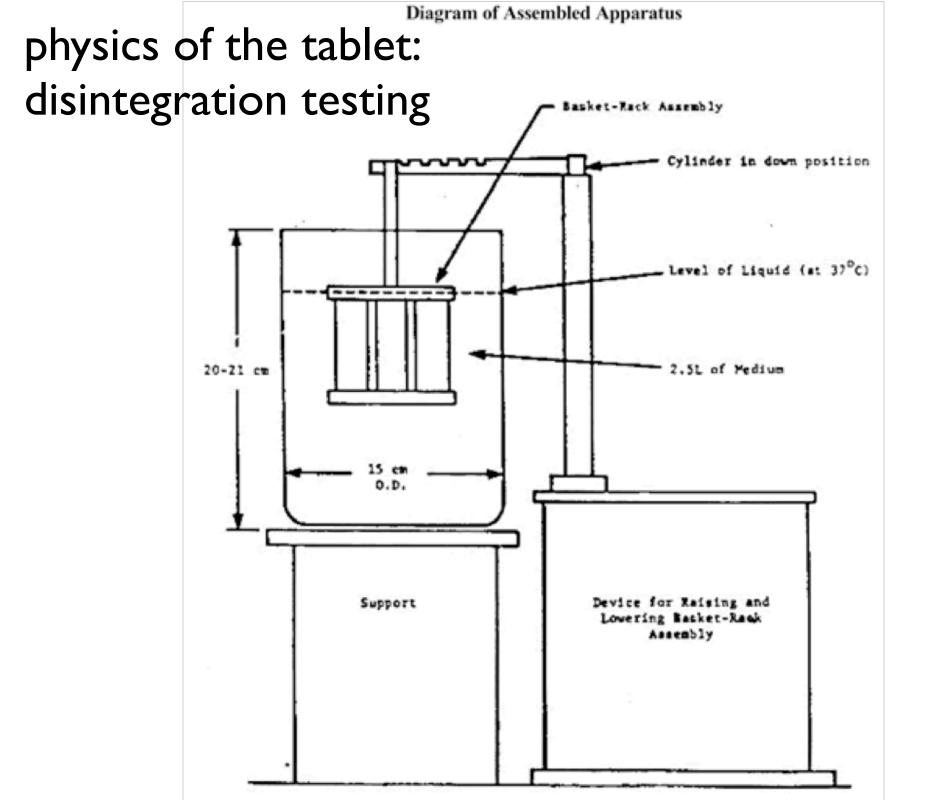




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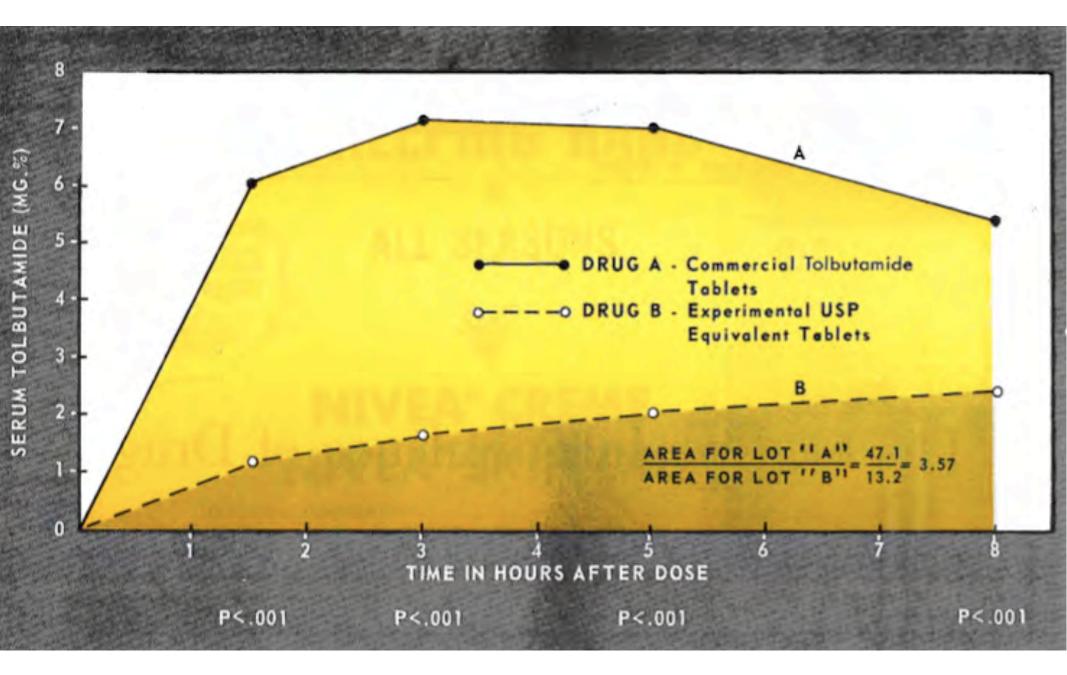




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### physiology of the tablet: in vivo availability



## is bioequivalence enough?



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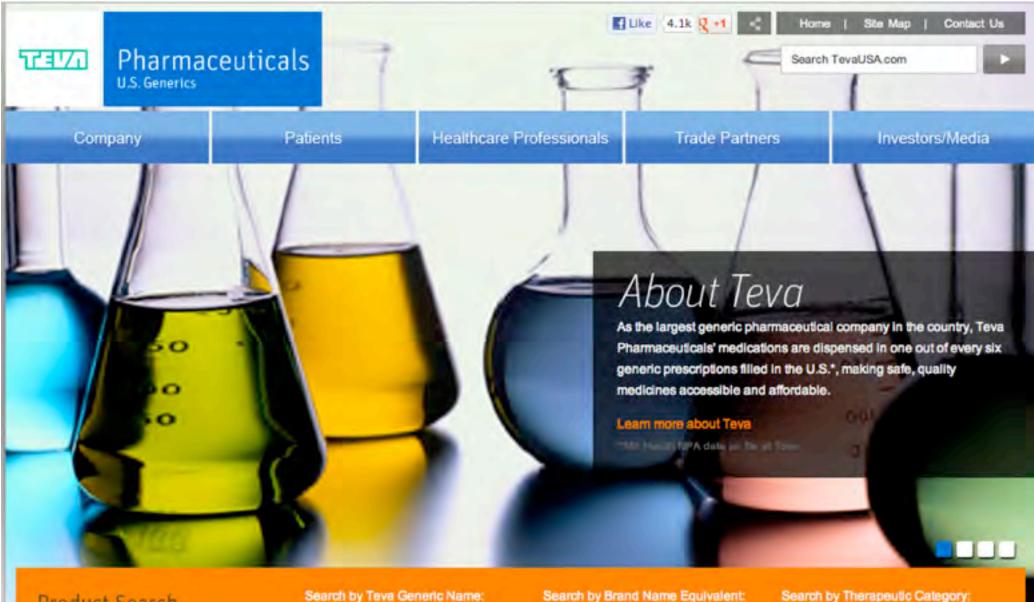


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## conclusions: the generic future



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Teva offers over 350 high-quality, affordable generic medicines.





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Teva is the leading generics company in Europe, with \$5.7 billion sales in 2011. Headquartered in the Netherlands, Teva Europe specializes in the development, production and marketing of a wide range of generic, innovative and branded pharmaceuticals, biosimilars and Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (APIs). Teva Europe has 14,000 employees in 29 European Union member states, plus Norway and Switzerland. About 1,186 doses of Teva medicine are taken by patients in Europe every second.



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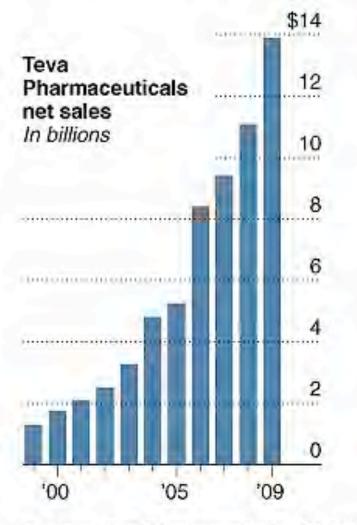
### The New York Times

## the generic giant

May 9, 2010

### **Generic Giant**

Teva Pharmaceuticals, which specializes in generics, has grown to be the largest drug manufacturer in terms of U.S. prescriptions dispensed.



Top pharmaceutical companies, by U.S. prescriptions, 2009 Shaded companies specialize in generics

COMPANY	U.S. PRESCRIPTIONS DISPENSED IN MILLIONS
Teva Pharmaceuticals	629.5
Mylan Labs	343.1
Pfizer	264.6
Novartis*	238.8
Watson	234.7
Merck	123.1
Qualitest Products	99.5
Apotex	97.9
AstraZeneca	93.2
Lupin Pharmaceuticals	92.8

\*Includes sales at Sandoz, Novartis's generic division.

Sources: Teva Pharmaceuticals; IMS Health