

Invitation to Participate in a European Paediatric Formulation Initiative Survey to Assess Need of Excipient Database

Dear Colleague,

On behalf of the **European Paediatric Formulation Initiative (EuPFI)**, we are writing to invite you to participate in a **global survey to assess the need of the excipients database** that will help us develop a prototype database based on the potential user's needs.

[EuPFI](#) is a Not-For-Profit Organization consisting of experts predominantly from industry, as well as academia and clinical pharmacy, with European Medicine Agency (EMA) as an observer. Its main aim and objective is to identify/scope issues and challenges in paediatric formulation in order to raise awareness and facilitate preparation of better/safe medicines for children. As part of our objectives, we are developing an evidence-based database of pharmaceutical excipients, addressing safety issues and toxicity aspects in medicines for children.

A similar Paediatric Formulation Initiative (PFI) exists in United States (US PFI) to address safety issues and problems associated with the lack of adequate pediatric formulations. The **Eu and US-PFIs** are working together to **create and maintain this pediatric excipients database** that is available to drug sponsors, scientists, and the public. This database should act as a **single online repository**, provide easy access to important information from key resource, and ultimately highlight gaps in excipient knowledge.

The goal is to conduct an international scan to determine the pediatric excipient database structure that best satisfies the needs of potential users. This is being undertaken by the way of **web-based survey**. We are asking for 10 to 15 minutes of your time to provide **your views on development of this database** as a single online source and its content. Should you not be the best person to complete this survey, please suggest/forward this letter to relevant people within your organization who may be able to do this (for example, formulators, regulatory groups, clinicians, pharmacologists, toxicologists, etc.). We would also greatly appreciate your help in forwarding this letter to colleagues at other institutions or organizations that may be able to participate, as broad input is very essential to the success of this important project.

Please click on the following link to find the survey: http://www.kwiksurveys.com?s=KIINJJ_8139d948. Thank you for your time and attention to this important EuPFI goal. The information you provide will be very valuable and help us in the initial design phase of this database building exercise to optimise the utility of such a tool.

Apologies if you receive this survey request more than once, but we want to capture a broad audience. Please feel free to contact us with any queries or comments – alternatively just add any feed back to the questionnaire.

Thank you in advance your invaluable contribution.

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