



News Updates: January 21, 2014

Clinical Trials

Publication: Pharmabiz

Edition: Online

Date: January 20, 2014

Headline: [DCGI not to approve BA/BE studies conducted at clinical or bioanalytical facilities not approved by CDSCO](#)

Synopsis: The drug controller general of India (DCGI) will not accept and approve the reports of bioavailability (BA) and bioequivalence (BE) studies which are conducted at clinical or bioanalytical facilities that are not approved by the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO). Cautioning the industry about such malpractices, the DCGI has warned that there is a requirement of obtaining approval from the office of DCGI prior to initiation of activity of bioanalytical laboratory for the purpose of analysis of samples obtained from bioavailability (BA) and bioequivalence (BE) studies.

General Industry

Publication: The Economic Times

Edition: National

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Headline: [Cipla Appoints Sameer Goel as India Head](#)

Synopsis: Drug major Cipla on Monday announced the appointment of Sameer Goel as country head—India. Goel, who comes to Cipla from GlaxoSmithKline (GSK), will be reporting to company's managing director and Global CEO Subhanu Saxena.

Publication: Mint

Edition: Online

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Headline: [Domestic pharma in the recovery room](#)

Synopsis: Pharmaceutical firms had a tough time in their home market in the September quarter after problems relating to the implementation of a new drug pricing policy hit sales. While price cuts was one issue, reduced trade margins led to a strike of sorts by trade channels. The good news is that the current quarter has begun to see sales stabilize.

Publication: The Economic Times

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Headline: [Diet Supplement Exporters Hit Certification Hurdle](#)

Synopsis: The lack of clarity on the certification process for their products has dealt a serious blow to Indian exporters of dietary supplements and nutraceuticals, who are now unable to ship newer products abroad or renew licences for older ones. Since 2011 (India has merged many Central Acts of various ministries to form the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India or FSSAI), there has been confusion on which authority is responsible

for issuing the export certificates for supplements and nutraceuticals.

Publication: Mint

Edition: Mumbai

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Headline: [India's pyrrhic victory over polio](#)

Synopsis: After being among the handful of polio-endemic nations all these years, India has finally been declared a polio-free country by the World Health Organization (WHO). At first glance, this appears to be a big milestone for a country which lacks a functional public health system. A closer look suggests that the victory is uncertain, and that even this partial victory has come at an enormous cost. The war against polio only serves to underscore how difficult it is for India to win the battle on preventable diseases without reconfiguring its public health architecture.

Publication: Financial Chronicle

Edition: Bangalore

Date: 20 Jan 2014

Headline: [India to highlights efforts being taken to revive economy at WEF](#)

Synopsis: A 125-member strong Indian delegation will attend the World Economic Forum (WEF) annual meeting at Davos Switzerland this week where they will highlight efforts being undertaken to turn around the economy.

Publication: Hindustan Times

Edition: Delhi

Date: 21 Jan 2014

Headline: [Sun Pharma eyes Rs 8,000-crore acquisitions in US, Europe](#)

Synopsis: India's biggest drug firm by market value Sun Pharma is betting big on overseas markets especially the US and Europe for growth. The company's merger and acquisition & strategy acquiring distressed assets and then turning them around .

Similar reports have appeared in the following:

[Mumbai](#)

Website: Business Standard

Date: 20 Jan 2014

Headline: [Indian cos among emerging world's vaccine heroes: Bill Gates](#)

Synopsis: Billionaire philanthropist Bill Gates has showered rich praise on companies from emerging nations including India for donning the role of hidden vaccine heroes and driving down their cost to about USD 1 per dose in the global fight to protect kids from deadly diseases.

Publication: Financial Chronicle

Edition: National

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Headline: [Indian pharma market posts double-digit growth in Nov](#)

Synopsis: After months of single-digit growth in August, September and October, India's pharmaceutical market

has posted a double digit growth at 13.8 per cent in November at Rs 6,763 crore, though the moving annual total sales (MAT) market growth for the industry continued to be below the 10 per cent mark, for the third successive month, in November, according to a recently published data by market research agency IMS Health.