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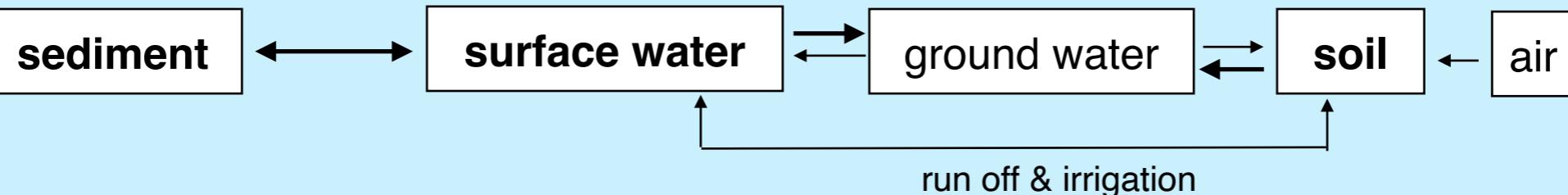
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environmental cycle of pharmaceuticals & antimicrobial resistance

Many types of pharmaceuticals & multi-resistant organisms from various sources



All environmental compartments contaminated

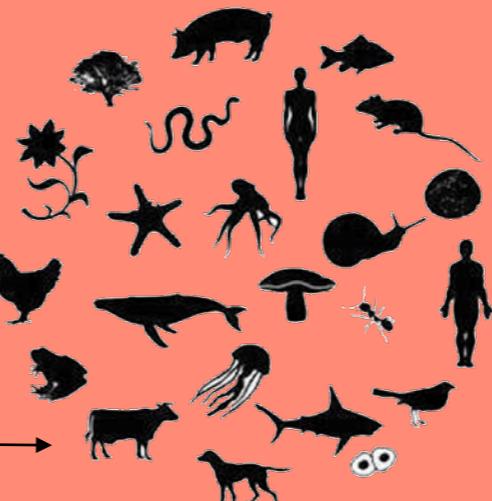


Exogenous exposure

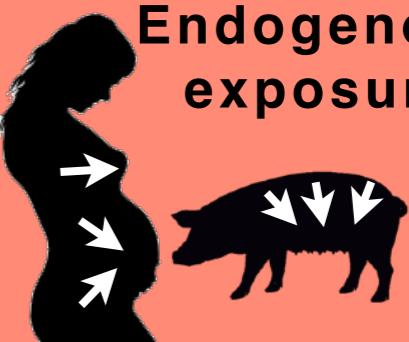
tap water

food chain

direct environmental contact



Endogenous exposure



Effects on society and ecology



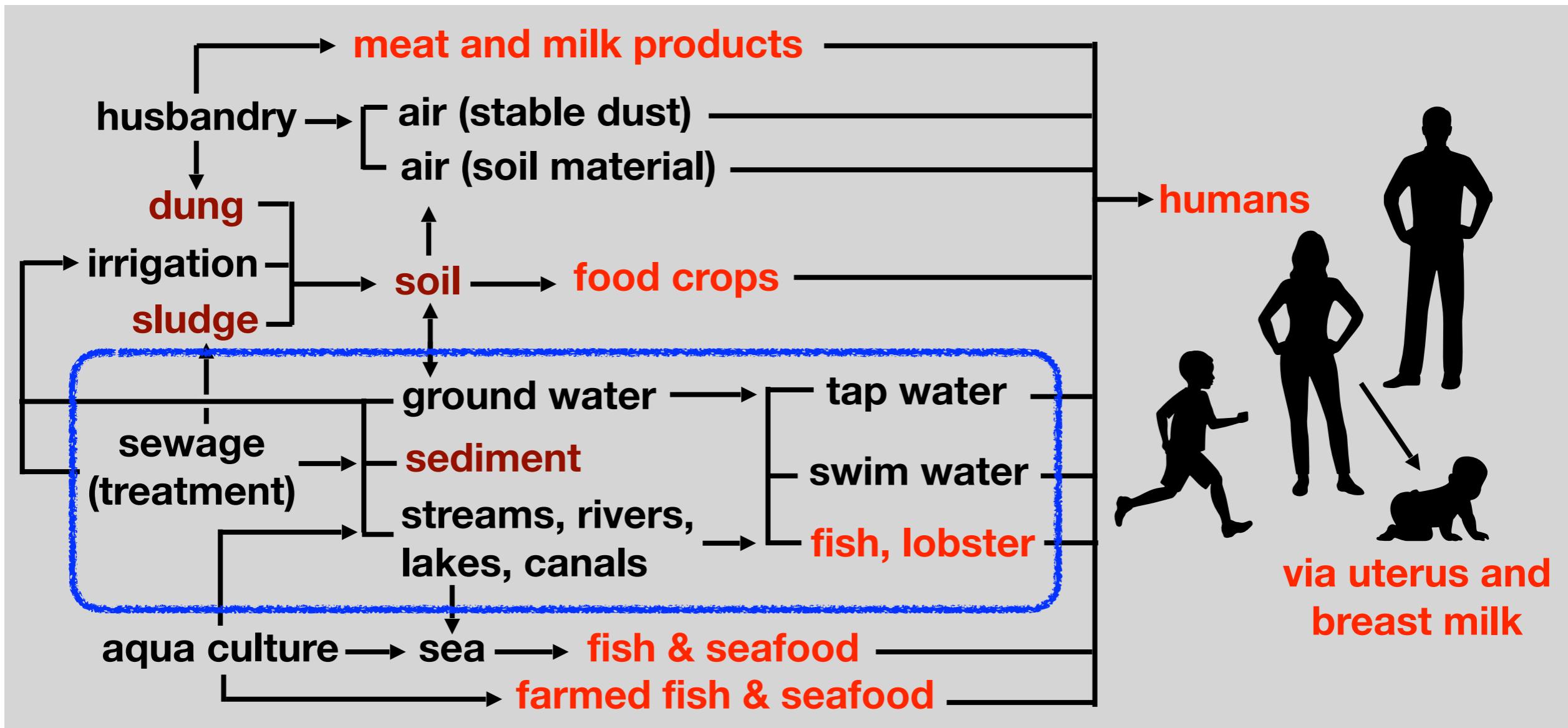
Development of resistance

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Increase in disease & untreatable infections

Increase in costs health care & mitigation

human exposure to medicines and antimicrobial resistance via food, water and air



Legend:

dark red = accumulation

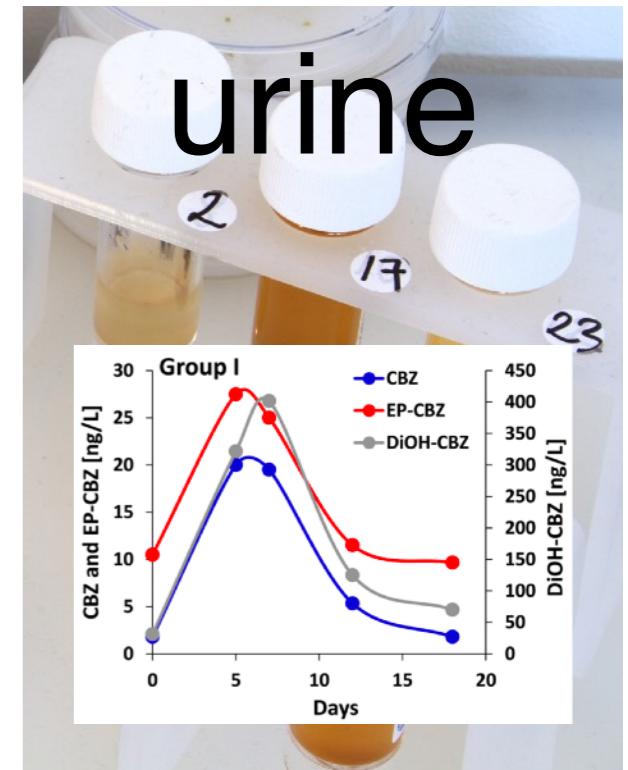
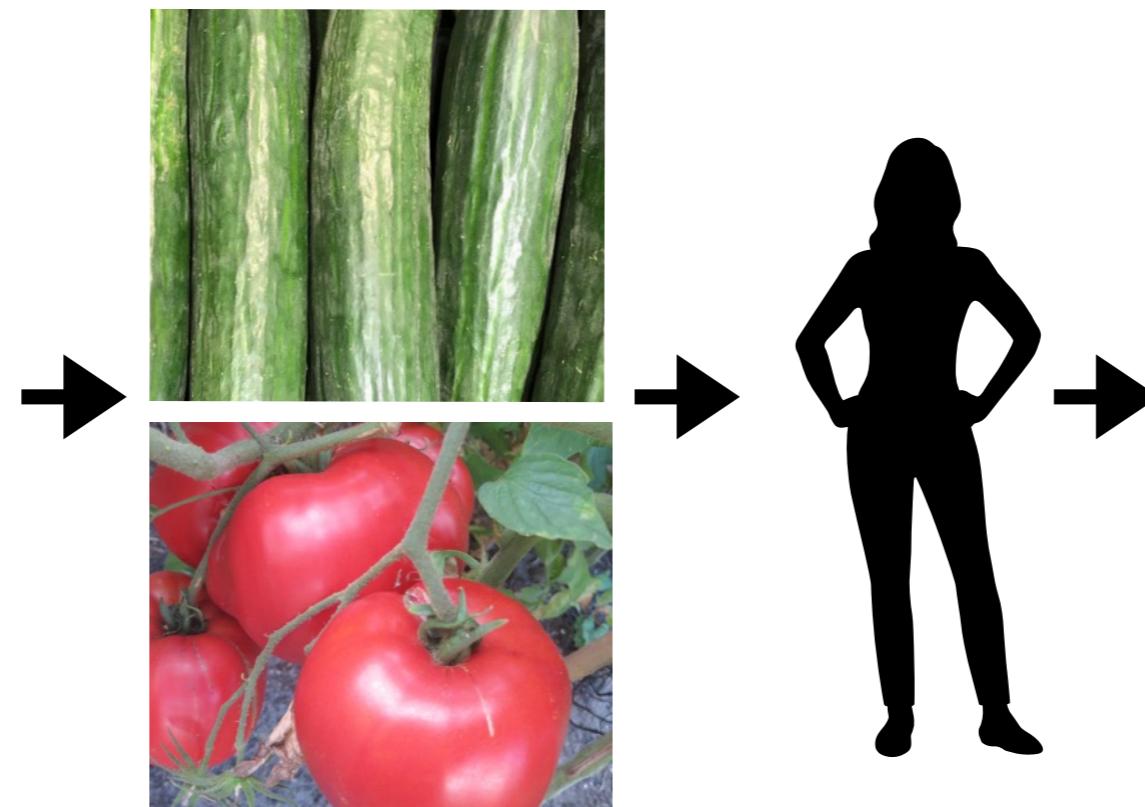
light red = bioaccumulation and/or biomagnification



carbamazepine in urine of healthy people



irrigation with effluent



CBZ 5 µg/L

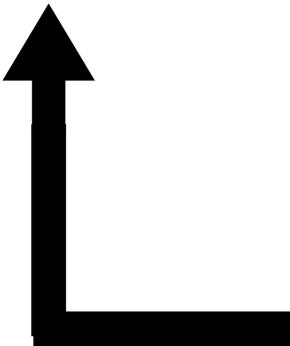
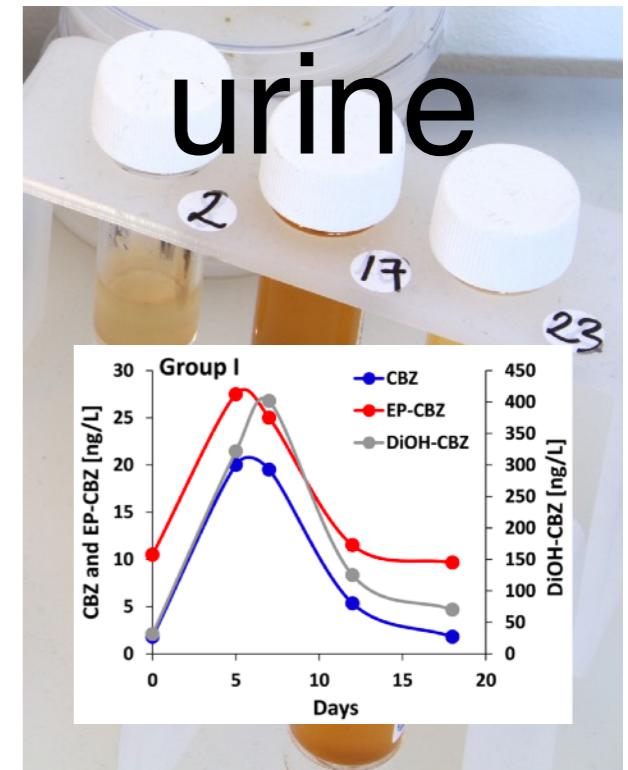
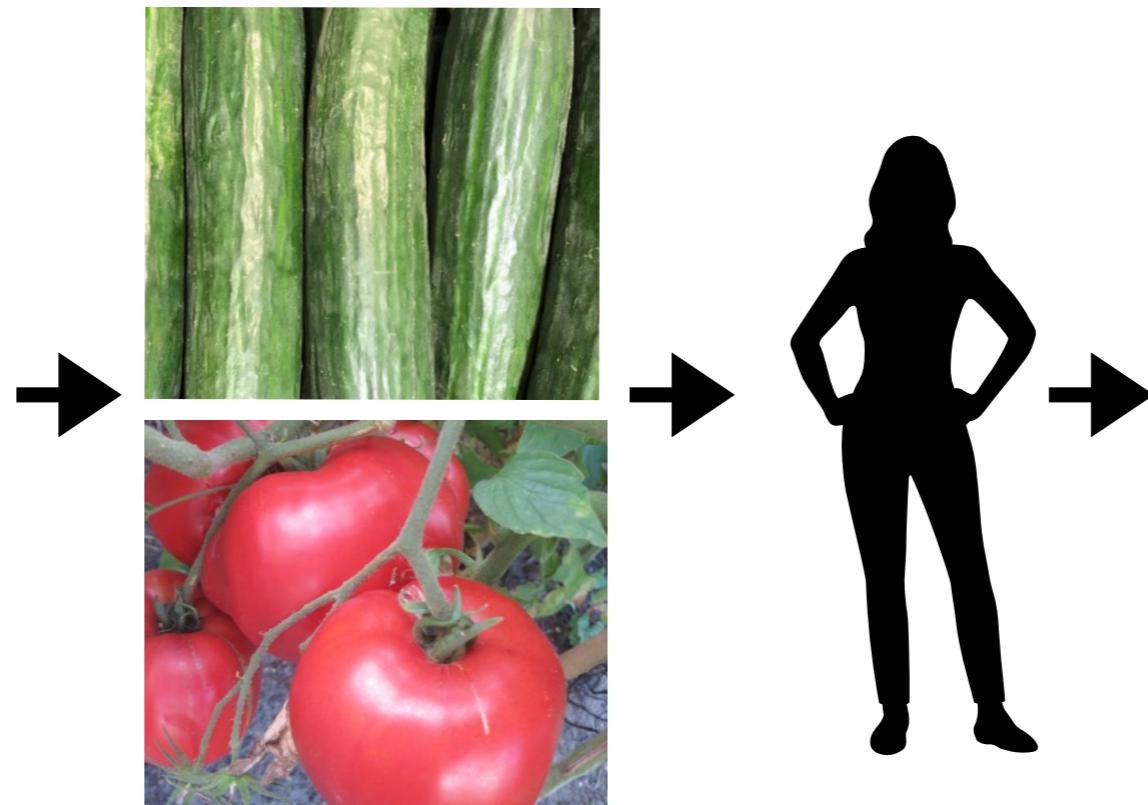


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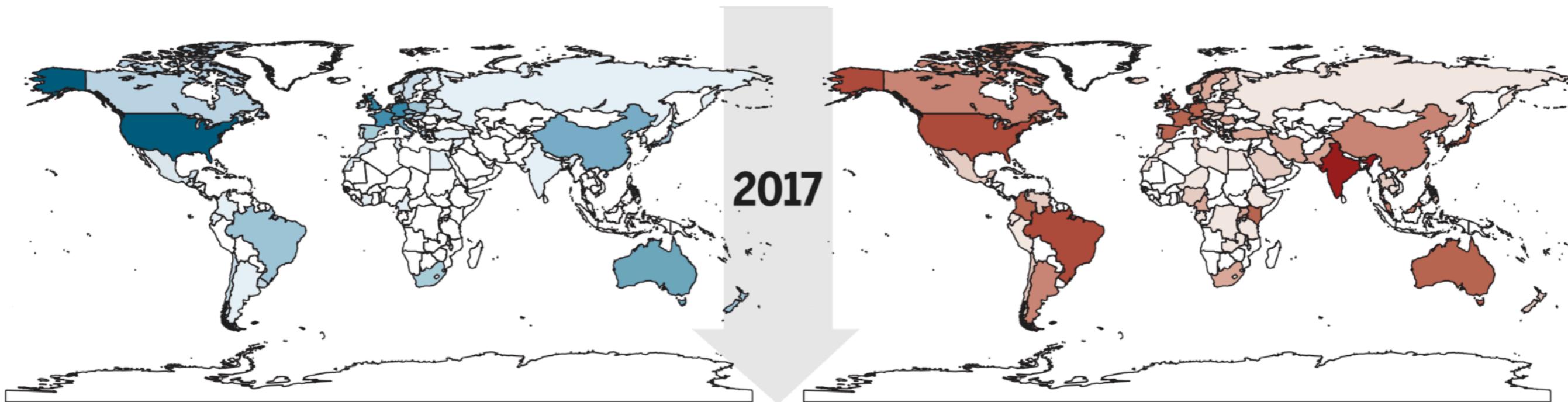
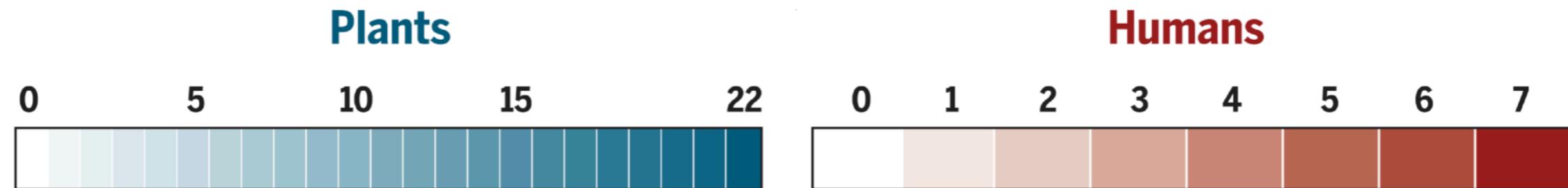


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increase inazole resistant fungi in plants and humans



(Sources in) Fisher M. C. et al. 2018

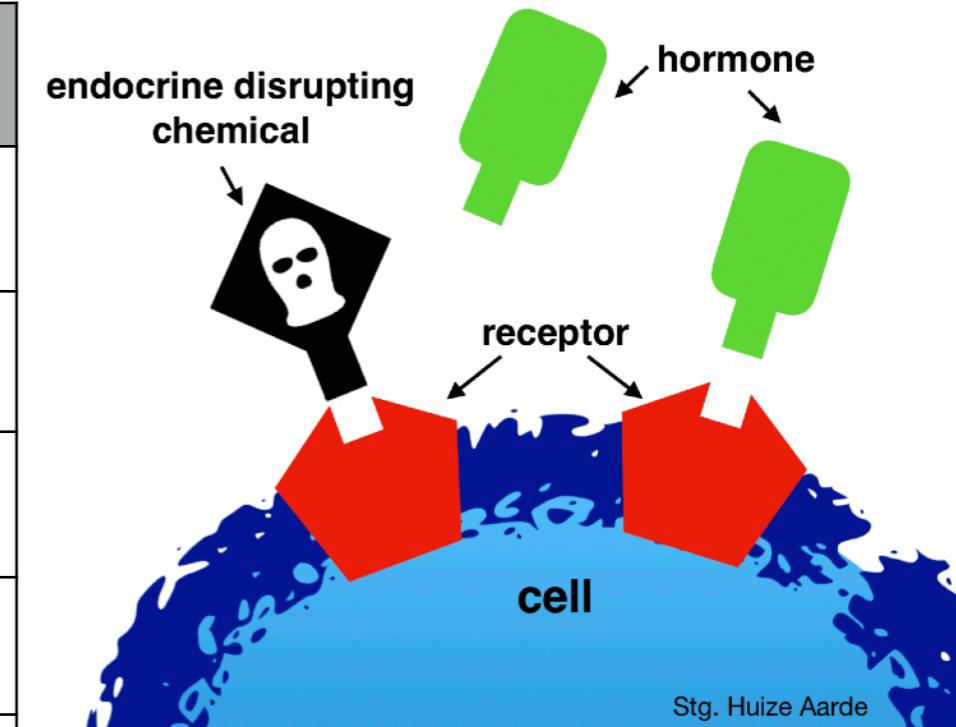


environmental medicines: endocrine disruptors?

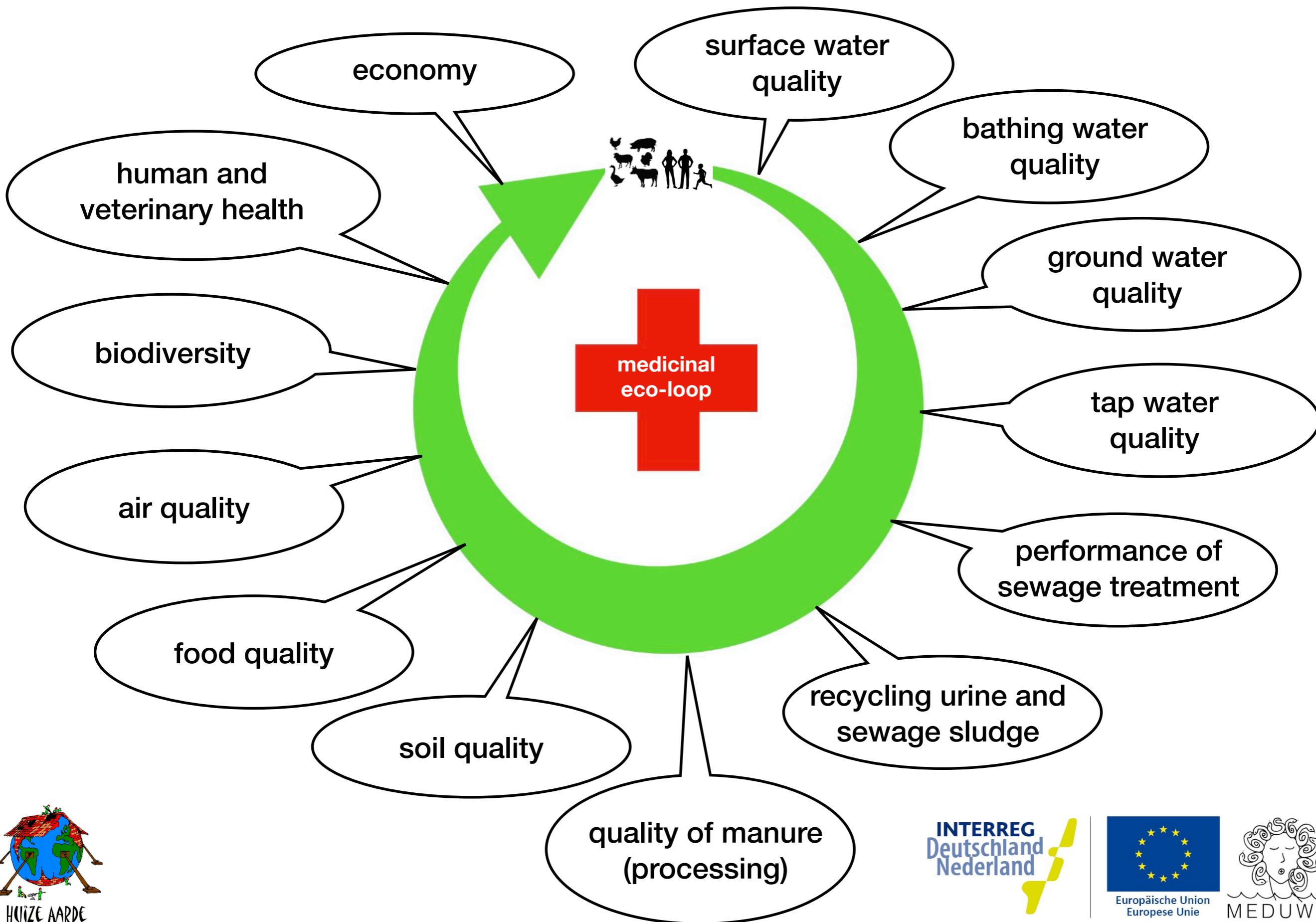
non-hormonal medicines with ED-effect

medicine group	sub group	examples	number studies
analgesics	NSAID	ibuprofen acetaminophen	11
antidepressants	SSRI	fluoxetin sertraline	10
anti-fungal agents	azoles	ketoconazole clotrimazole	7
cholesterol reducers	fibrates	bezafibrate clofibrate	5
antihypertensives	beta-blockers	salbutamol propanolol	4
anti-cancer agents	anti-estrogenics	tamoxifen	2
antihypertensives	diuretics	furosemide	2
antibacterial agents	antibiotics	amoxicillin erythromycin	1
antiepileptics	Na-blocker	carbamazepin	1
antiacids	H2-blocker	cimetidine	1

(based on 30 publications till February 2014, Stg. Huize Aarde)



societal consequences of medicinal environmental cycle



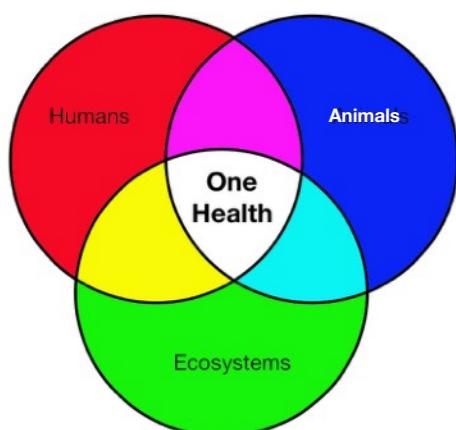
sustainability of measures

by human health sector

advanced drinking water treatment



separating waste streams at source



health promotion

Human measures: Jones OAH 2007; Wenzel H et al. 2008

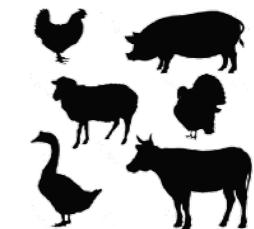
Veterinary measures: Jibichibi B et al. 2007; Eikelenboom D et al. 2012

by veterinary health sector

fermentation or combustion of manure;
oxidation of urine

collection of excess medicines

biological degradation
in manure



intelligent fertilization

authorisation on the basis of an
environmental impact assessment

non-chemical diagnosis & treatment

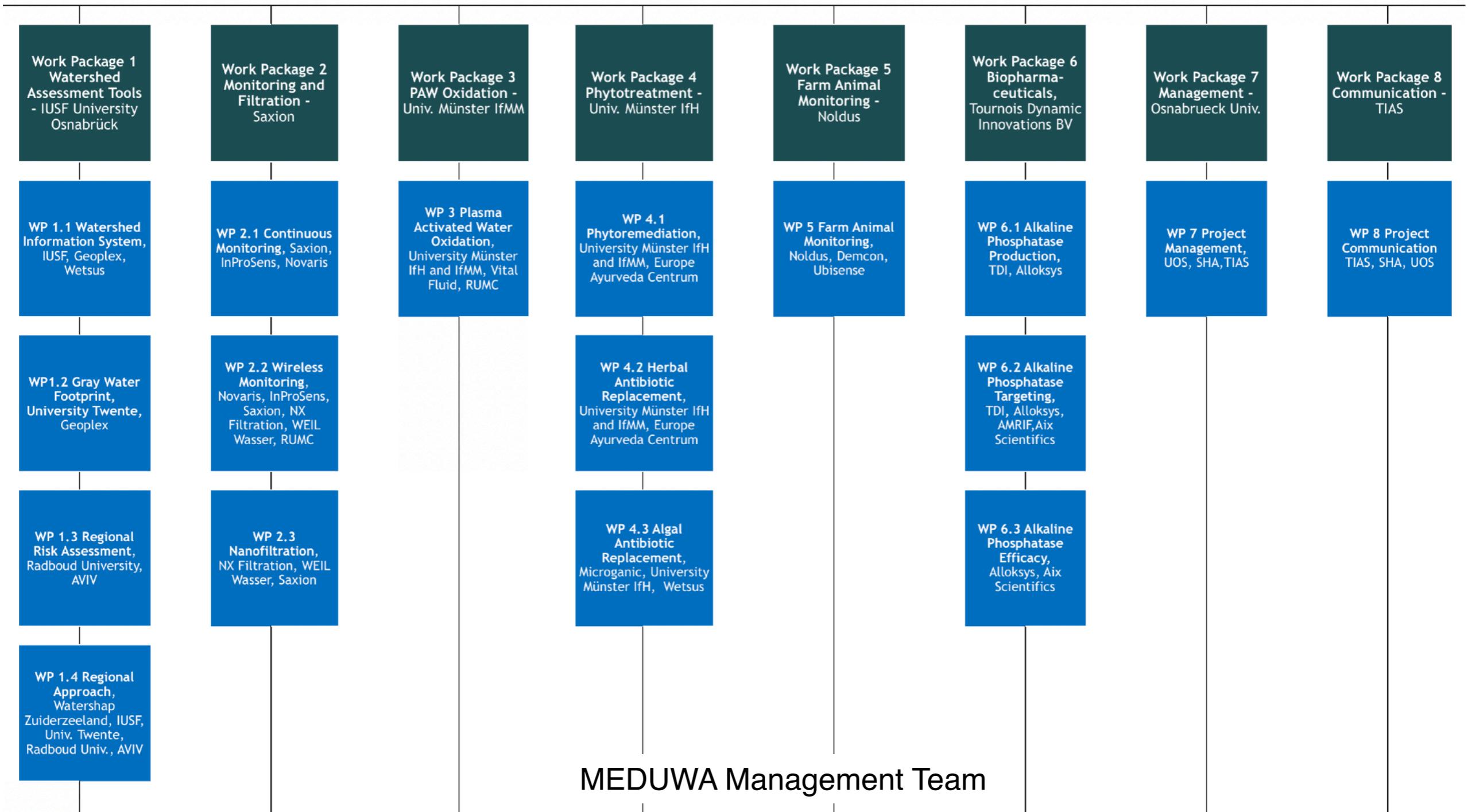
vaccination

promotion of animal health

reduced meat consumption;
reduction of food waste

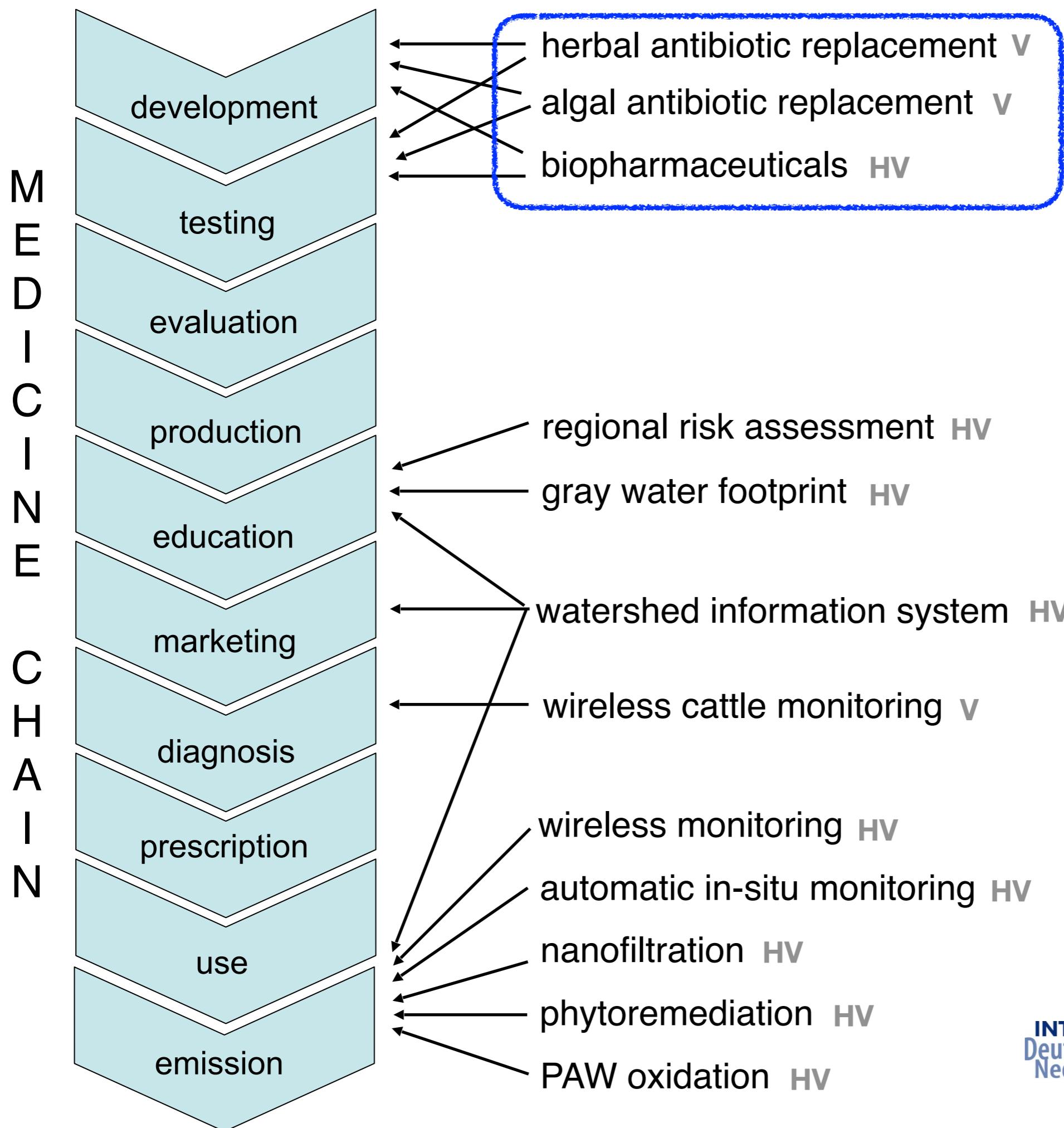


organogram of the MEDUWA-Vecht(e) Project



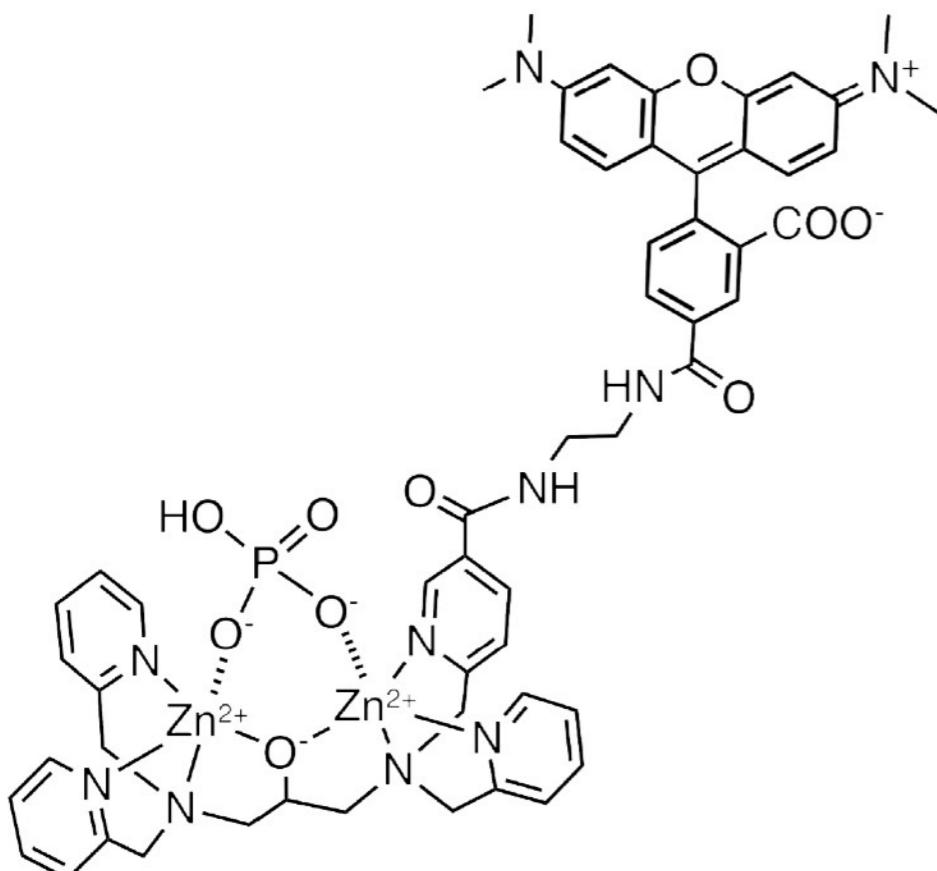
intervention classes of MEDUWA

WP	product	prevention	mitigation	monitoring	simulation prediction	visualisation communication
1.1	Watershed info system					
1.2	Gray water footprint					
1.3	Risk assessment					
2.1	Automatic in-situ monitoring					
2.2	Wireless water monitoring					
2.3	Nanofiltration					
3	PAW oxidation					
4.1	Phytoremediation					
4.2	Herbal antibiotic replacement					
4.3	Algal antibiotic replacement					
5	Wireless cattle monitoring					
6	Biopharmaceuticals					





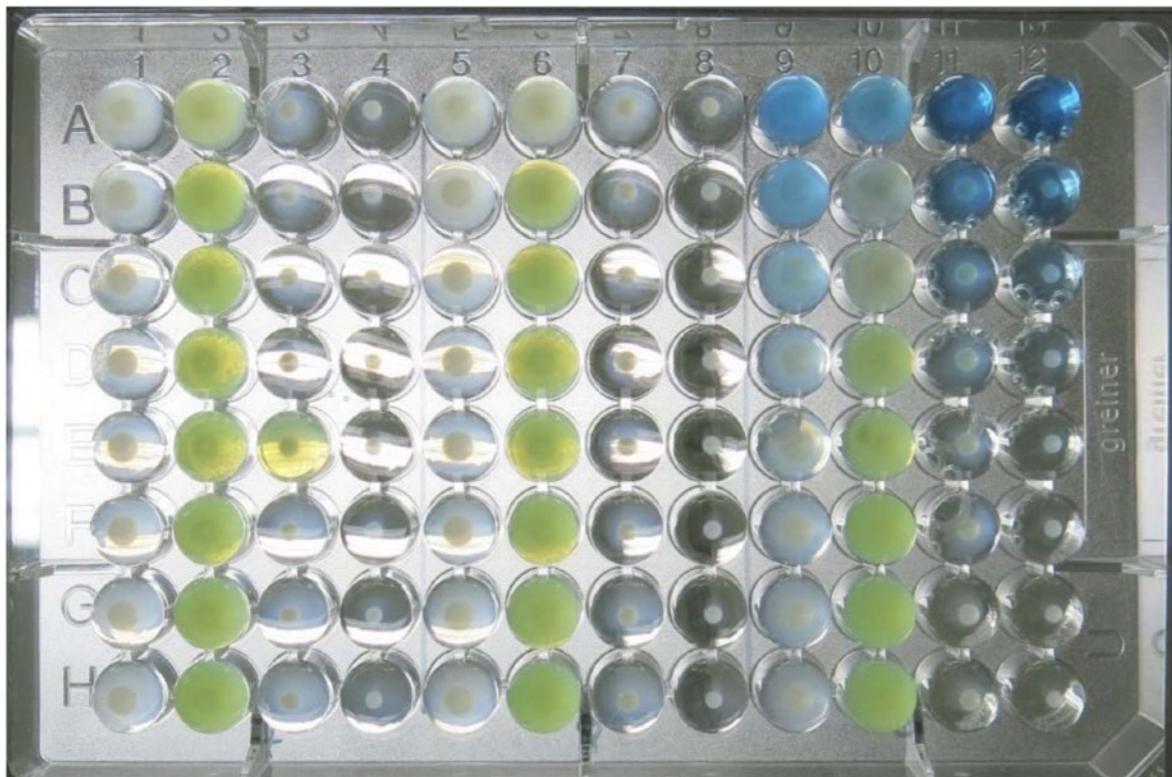
biopharmaceutical : alkaline phosphatase (AP)



- Production and application of AP as a natural anti-inflammatory medicine.
- **In humans:** eg. to prevent steroid use against inflammations in arthritis, cystic fibrosis and during cardiac operations.
- **In animals:** to replace persistent chemicals against mastitis, colitis, weaning diarrhea.



plant and algae mixtures instead of antibiotics



To:

- replace antibiotics in animals and humans;
- promote health and growth;
- prevent the contamination of soil, air and water with medicines;
- prevent the development of resistances;
- remediate contaminated water and soil (phytoremediation)



plant and algae mixtures instead of antibiotics

bacterial species

plant
species

Bacillus subtilis	S. aureus	E. coli	Ps. aeruginosa
1:20 – 1:2560	1:20 – 1:2560	1:20 – 1:2560	1:20
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n.e.	n.e.	n.e.	n.e.
n.e.	1:20	n.e.	n.e.
1:20 – 1:2560	1:20 – 1:1280	1:20 – 1:640	n.e.
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1:20 – 1:80	1:20 – 1:80	n.e.	1:20 – 1:40
n.e.	n.e.	n.e.	n.e.
1:20 – 1:256	1:20 – 1:256	1:20 – 1:2650	1:20 – 1:40

Intermediate results:

- 15 species and mixtures tested
- Effects differ between bacteria
- Some herbs kill bacteria (green)
- Some only inhibit growth (yellow)





green medicines: utopia or option

examples of biodegradable medicines (according to OECD tests)

isosorbide dinitrate	> 90%
mesalazine	> 90%
penicillin V	> 90%
piracetam	> 90%
cytarabine	> 90%
acetylsalicylic acid	81 %
valproic acid	78%
glufosfamide	72%



Prof. Klaus Kümmerer



Stability does not exclude biodegradability.



Biodegradability can be included intentionally.



Biodegradability can improve therapeutic effect and reduce side effects.

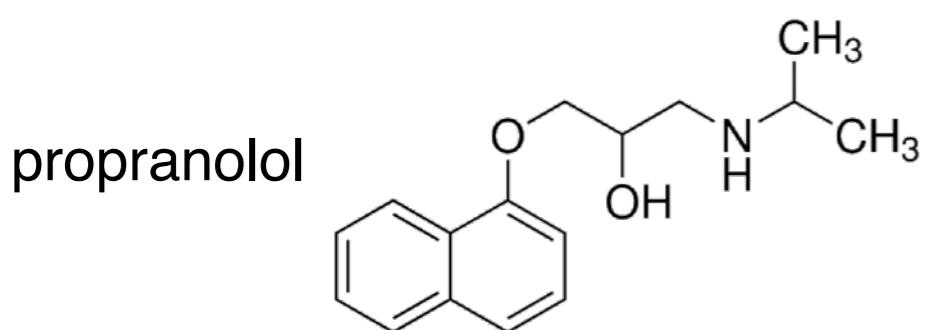
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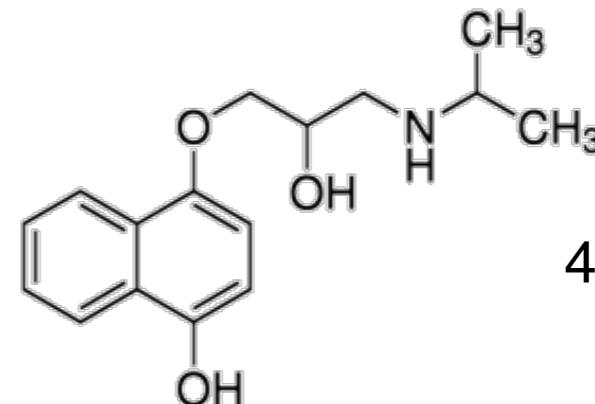


benign-by-design-medicines

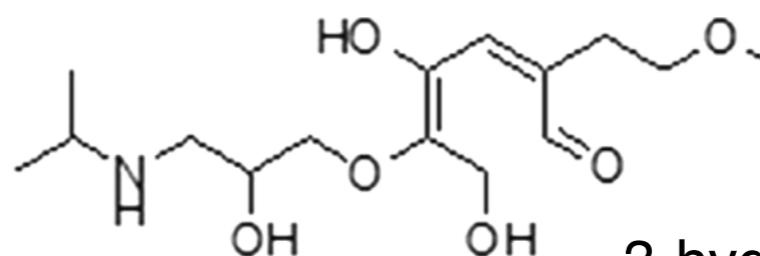
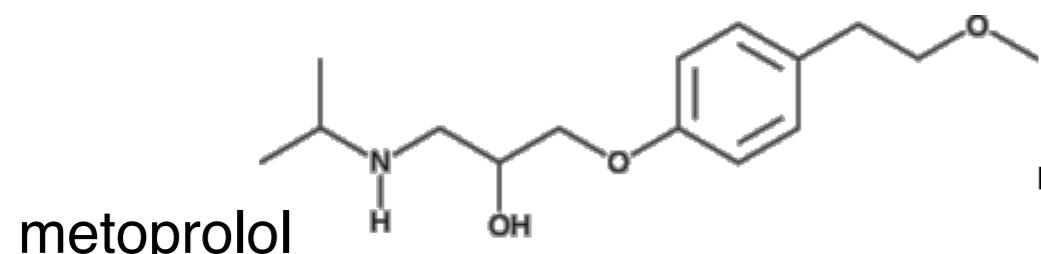
not biodegradable



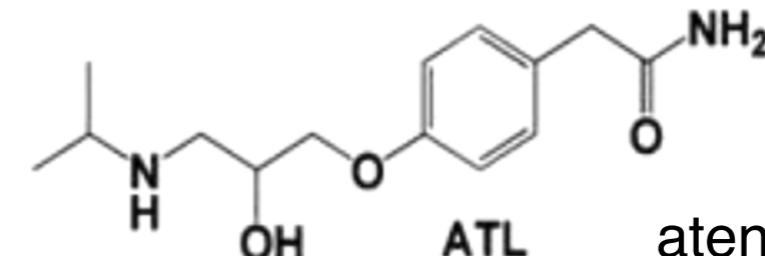
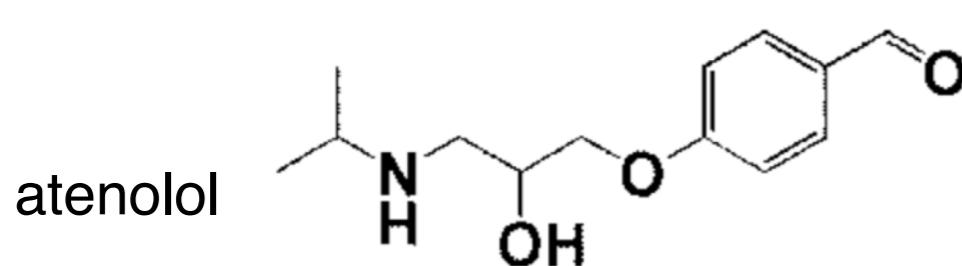
biodegradable



4-hydroxy-propranolol



3-hydroxy-metoprolol



atenolol TP 238

metoprolol: Rastogi T et al. 2014 Chemosphere
propranolol: Rastogi T et al. 2015 Env Sc Techn
atenolol: Rastogi T et al. 2015 RCS Advances



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green medicines: phytotherapeutics

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priorities for action



- Stimulate cross-sectoral pilot projects that work on the whole life cycle of medicines.
- Develop & test source oriented solutions, including prevention.
- Incentives for start-ups and universities for research in biodegradable medicines.



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