

Did you know that goat's milk contains prebiotic oligos which are structurally closer to breast milk*



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* When compared to cow's milk. Source: Urashima and Taufik, 2010.

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Guild behind Danii

THE Pharmacy Guild of Australia has lent its support to diabetes charity group The Danii Foundation, promoting the organisation's upcoming fundraising golf day.

The Guild will also sponsor jelly beans, with the new supply arrangements for the National Diabetes Services Scheme (NDSS) meaning community pharmacy plays a key role in supporting type 1 diabetics.

The Danii Foundation golf day will take place Wed 09 Nov at Sydney's St Michael's Golf Club, with registration and sponsorship opportunities now available online at www.danii.org.au.

Bayer seals Monsanto

AFTER months of negotiation, German drugs and crop chemicals company Bayer has secured US seeds supplier Monsanto in a deal estimated to be worth US\$66b.

This latest offer was the third in a series of bids to create a company with more than 25% of the world market for seeds and pesticides.

The deal, expected to be closed by end 2017, is not without its detractors who suggest that Bayer is "neglecting the company's pharmaceutical business".

Polarised review reaction

THE government's long-awaited response to the Review of Medicines and Medical Devices Regulation (**PD** yesterday) has elicited a wide range of reactions from across the sector.

While Complementary Medicines Australia (CMA) ceo Carl Gibson has praised the "transformational recommendations that will be of immense benefit to the complementary medicines industry and to consumers", health activist Ken Harvey has been scathing of proposed changes to advertising regulations, particularly the abolition of pre-clearance.

"In addition, the worst offenders of misleading and deceptive claims are not members of industry associations, so self-regulation offered by industry associations will not pick these up," he said. "The horses will bolt!"

Harvey gave guarded support for some principles in the review but emphasised that "the devil is in the detail", with special concerns around soft levels of severity and lack of timeliness of penalties for breaking the rules.

"We are currently running at 80% regulatory non-compliance with TGA post-marketing reviews

and 98% upheld complaints by the TGACRP," Harvey points out, adding that, "In short, there is money to be made in breaking the rules!"

He also supported the proposed "more efficient, effective complaint system" but has "concern that the dead hand of the TGA may try and take this over; their current track record and lack of transparency is appalling!"

However CMA's Gibson said the robust way the review had been conducted was a "benchmark process, with wide stakeholder consultation, and while the details of the implementation will be critical to ensure delivery on the intent, the recommendations outline a regulatory framework for complementary medicines that will be critical to the continued growth of the industry and its contribution to Australia's preventive health agenda."

MEANWHILE The Australian Self Medication Industry (ASMI) welcomed the majority of the government's decisions about the review recommendations, but disagrees with retention of restrictions on advertising of S3 products and the implementation of a self-regulatory process.

Further, the Generic and Biosimilar Medicines association (GBMA, formerly GMiA) supported the streamlining of therapeutic goods by "removing duplicative and inefficient processes without undermining the safety and quality of medicines", reducing the red-tape burden for generic and biosimilar medicine suppliers.

New ARTG additions

JANSSEN-CILAG'S Simponi (golimumab) has been granted an extension of indication by the Therapeutic Goods Administration to include the treatment of adults with active non-radiographic axial spondyloarthritis (nr-Axial SpA) under certain conditions.

Biogen's Alprolix (eftrenonacog alfa) has also had its indication extended to include "use in children 12 years of age or under with haemophilia B".

Ulipristal proposal

THE Advisory Committee on Medicines Scheduling has proposed down-scheduling emergency contraceptive medication ulipristal, on the same basis as the current scheduling of levonorgestrel.

The committee has advised an implementation date of 01 Feb 2017 for the move, with the delegate to the Secretary of the Department of Health agreeing with the advice, subject to a consultation period.

The delegate has also issued a draft decision in favour of doubling the S2 pack size of fexofenadine for seasonal allergic rhinitis to 20 dosage units and not more than ten days' supply.

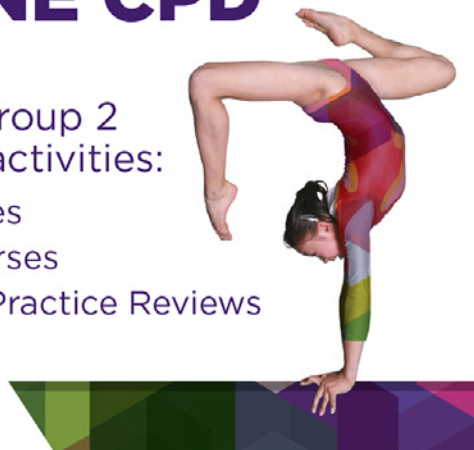
Other scheduling proposals subject to consultation include changes to 2,4 dinitrophenol and N,N-dimethyltryptamine, while a proposal to change the scheduling of piper methysticum (kava) was not accepted.

The consultation period on the interim decisions closes on 29 Sep - for details see www.tga.gov.au.

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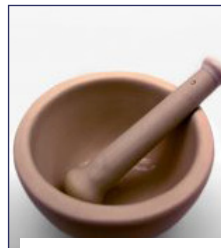
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Inner Health on TV

HEALTH World has excitedly noted that this week's TV debut of a new Channel 9 program called *Doctor Doctor* featured its probiotic brand Inner Health making an appearance in the doctor's office scene, highlighting the "benefits of using a well-researched probiotic combination whilst taking a course of antibiotics".

The new drama series follows the adventures of Hugh Knight, "a rising heart surgeon who is gifted, charming and infallible".



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21-25 Sep: The Pharmacy Alliance 2016 Members' Forum; Queenstown, New Zealand; visit: pharmacyalliance.com.au

27-29 Oct: Pharmacy Assistant National Conference; Sea World Resort, Gold Coast; visit: www.pharmacyassistants.com

16-19 Nov: Medicines Management 2016; Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre; for more info visit: www.cpd.shpa.org.au

Monash pharmacy ranking up

THE latest Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU) has seen Australia's Monash University Clinical Medicine and Pharmacy Faculty ranked 34th in the world and the second in Australia.

This represents a jump from last year's 76th and third positions, the university has said.

Reuters international rankings placed Monash as Australia's second most innovative university across Asia, while the Victorian university moved from an estimated rank of 114th to 79th globally in the overall Academic Ranking of World Universities in August.

It was also ranked 4th in the world for Pharmacy and Pharmacology in the 2016 QS World University rankings by Subject.

Professor Christina Mitchell, Monash Dean of Medicine Nursing and Health Sciences said it was an outstanding result for staff and students, highlighting the faculty's commitment to international collaboration & research excellence.

Monash continues to be ranked in the top 200 in all five of the ARWU field rankings including Natural Sciences and Mathematics (ranked second in Australia); Engineering/

Technology and Computer Sciences; Life and Agriculture Sciences; Clinical Medicine and Pharmacy; and Social Sciences, Mitchell said.

Professor Bill Charman, Dean of the Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, said "This significant improvement reflects the capacity of our life science and pharmaceutical researchers to undertake high quality basic research, as well as pursuing translational opportunities in partnership with industry and government in an increasingly cross-disciplinary manner.

"Such outcomes have also been reflected in the increasing number of our staff recognised as Highly Cited Researchers."

ARWU has been presenting the world top 500 universities annually since 2003, based on objective indicators and third-party data.

New GSK chief

GLAXOSMITHKLINE yesterday announced the appointment of Anne Belcher as general manager of GSK Pharmaceuticals in Australia.

Belcher will succeed Geoff McDonald, who's headed up the local operation since 2012.



Dispensary Corner

NOW this is what we call a throne. Visitors to New York's iconic Guggenheim Museum are being invited to spend a penny in a fully functioning solid gold toilet.

The sculpture (**pictured**) has been created by Italian artist Maurizio Cattelan, who has titled the piece simply 'America'.

Fortunately for those who want to try it out the special toilet is not on display in public areas, but has been installed in a specially designated one-person unisex rest room.

The Guggenheim says the luscious lavatory is "ultimately reminding us of the inescapable physical realities of our shared humanity" as well as giving guests an "experience of unprecedented intimacy with a work of art".



MUSLIMS heading to Mecca for the annual Hajj pilgrimage have been warned about the dangers of visiting "random barbers" because of the risk of infection.

Ritualistic head shaving is one of the essential activities undertaken by visitors, but the *Arab News* is warning that huge demand leads some to go to amateurs "who deserve to be described as butchers," leaving hundreds of bleeding scalps in their wake.

"Their main objective is to get their hands on money, disregarding any health and environmental standards," the newspaper adds, warning Hajjis could be risking hepatitis or other disease due to unsterile blades.

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