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Prioritisation of Pharmaceuticals Based on Risks to Aquatic Environments in

Kazakhstan

Running head: Prioritisation of Pharmaceuticals in Kazakhstan

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1 ABSTRACT

2 Over the last 20 years, there has been increasing interest in the occurrence, fate, 3 effects and risk of pharmaceuticals in the natural environment. However, we still have 4 only limited or no data on ecotoxicological risks of many of the active pharmaceutical ingredients (APIs) currently in use. This is partly due to the fact that the environmental 5 6 assessment of an API is an expensive, time-consuming and complicated process. Prioritisation methodologies, that aim to identify APIs of most concern in a particular 7 8 situation, could therefore be invaluable in focusing experimental work on APIs that really 9 matter. The majority of approaches for prioritising APIs require annual pharmaceutical usage data. These methods cannot therefore be applied to countries, such as Kazakhstan, 10 11 which have very limited data on API usage. This paper therefore presents an approach for 12 prioritising APIs in surface waters in information-poor regions such as Kazakhstan. Initially data were collected on the number of products and active ingredients for different 13 therapeutic classes in use in Kazakhstan and on the typical doses. These data were then 14 15 used alongside simple exposure modelling approaches to estimate exposure indices for active ingredients (about 240 APIs) in surface waters in the country. Ecotoxicological 16 effects data were obtained from the literature or predicted. Risk quotients were then 17 calculated for each pharmaceutical based on the exposure and the substances ranked in 18 order of risk quotient. Highest exposure indices were obtained for benzylpenicillin, 19 20 metronidazole, sulbactam, ceftriaxone and sulfamethoxazole. The highest risk was estimated for amoxicillin, clarithromycin, azithromycin, 21 ketoconazole and benzylpenicillin. In the future, the approach could be employed in other regions where 22 usage information are limited. 23

Key words: active pharmaceutical ingredients, ecotoxicity, Kazakhstan, exposure,
environmental risk

26 INTRODUCTION

Active pharmaceuticals ingredients (APIs) can be released to the aquatic 27 environment during their manufacture, following use and as a result of disposal (Boxall et 28 29 al. 2003). The major pathway is thought to be through excretion to the sewage system where they are then transported to wastewater treatment plants (WWTPs) (Boxall et al. 30 31 2012). As many APIs are resistant to treatment in WWTPs, they are ultimately released in WWTP effluents into surface waters. A range of APIs has been detected in surface waters 32 and wastewater effluents in several regions of the globe, including the Arctic (Besse et al. 33 34 2008; Brausch and Rand 2011). Around 160 different APIs have been detected in the aquatic environment with the most common classes being detected belonging to the 35 antibiotic, analgesic, painkiller and cardiovascular drug families (Kummerer 2010). 36

37 A wide range of effects of pharmaceuticals on aquatic organisms have been reported (Hegelund et al. 2004; Porsbring et al. 2009; Shi et al. 2012). Chronic toxicity studies have 38 shown effects at low concentrations in fish, invertebrates, algae and bacteria. For example, 39 40 diclofenac has been reported to have adverse histological impacts on kidney and gills of rainbow trout at concentrations of 5 µg/L in 28 days (Schwaiger et al. 2004). 41 Acetaminophen, venlafaxaine, carbamazepine and gemfibrozil at concentrations of 10 42 μg/L 0,5 μg/L and 10 μg/L respectively, had an adverse reproductive impacts, inducing 43 reproduction and changing kidney proximal tubule morphology (Galus et al. 2013). 44 Concentrations of propranolol and fluoxetine seen in effluents have been shown to affect 45 reproduction in aquatic organisms and the nervous system in fish (Kummerer 2010). 46

While a wealth of data is now available on the occurrence, fate and effects of APIs in the natural environment, the knowledge of the risk of pharmaceuticals in water is still limited. One of the major challenges is that while over 1500 APIs are in use, we only have data on the environmental risks of a few of these (Berninger et al. 2016). Therefore, approaches are needed that cut down the number of pharmaceuticals to be studied in order
to focus on substances that are likely to pose the greatest risk and and for which
environmental risk should therefore be established using experimental testing (Besse et al.
2008; Guo et al. 2016).

Prioritization methods provide an approach to help to focus research on APIs that 55 really matter (Roos et al. 2012). A variety of approaches have therefore been proposed and 56 applied for ranking of activated pharmaceutical ingredients (APIs). Mostly these 57 approaches cover areas of Western Europe and North America (Besse et al. 2008; Roos et 58 59 al. 2012; Guo et al. 2016). Typically, these approaches use information on API usage to assess likely exposure concentrations and compare these to predictions of potential 60 61 toxicity. However, only a few studies have prioritised APIs in other regions of the world 62 such as Eastern Europe, Africa and South America (e.g. Al-Khazrajy and Boxall 2016). Prioritization of pharmaceuticals in these regions is more challenging as information on 63 API usage is either limited or non-existent for many of these regions. 64

65 It is however important to understand the risks of drugs in the environment in these other unstudied regions. For example, in Kazakhstan, the focus of this study, the 66 pharmaceutical market in the country is rapidly growing, and in 2012 more than 500 67 million packages of drugs were sold in the country corresponding to an average of 32 68 69 packages per person per year (Tashenov and Cherednichenko 2013). Medical substances 70 are readily available in Kazakhstan with most of them being freely available for purchase over the counter. According to the Ministry of Healthcare and Social Development of the 71 Republic of Kazakhstan, there are 7713 registered medications and approximately 24% of 72 73 these are available without a prescription (MHSD 2016). Wastewater treatment systems in Kazakhstan are also old and employ old technologies so the treatment may not be as 74 effective in removing APIs as in western countries. Consequently, emissions of 75

pharmaceuticals to the natural environment in Kazakhstan are expected to be high andimpacts could be greater than elsewhere in the World.

The aim of this study was therefore to develop an approach for prioritizing pharmaceuticals in surface water in regions with limited data and to apply the approach to identify APIs in use in Kazakhstan that require further scrutiny in terms of the assessment of their potential risks to the aquatic environment of Kazakhstan.

82 METHODS

The study aimed to identify those APIs most likely to lead to environmental impacts in Kazakhstan. The overall approach to prioritisation is illustrated in Figure 1. The approach was designed to consider potential for impacts of apical endpoints (mortality, growth and reproduction) in aquatic systems in Kazakhstan as well as impacts on possible non-apical endpoints corresponding to the therapeutic mode of action of an API.

88 Identification of pharmaceuticals in use in Kazakhstan and selection APIs for detailed
89 assessment

90 A list of APIs in use in Kazakhstan was constructed using the online directory of pharmaceutical products in use Kazakhstan (Vidal-Kazakhstan LLP 2015). For each API, 91 92 the number of products on the market was determined. Vitamins and vaccines were excluded from the analysis. To make the prioritisation manageable, all compounds 93 94 contained in fewer than 3 products were not considered further as it was assumed that 95 exposure to these would be low, although in the future these compounds could also be assessed. For the remaining compounds, data on the the recommended daily dose and 96 treatment duration was obtained (Supporting information, Table 1). 97

98 Environmental exposure

99 The relative exposure of those APIs in use in three or more products was100 characterised by estimating an Exposure Index for surface water (EI_{sw}). The EI was

101 calculated by multiplying the number of products containing an API available on the market, the average daily dose and fraction of drug not-metabolised by the patient and the 102 fraction not removed by the WWTP. The fraction of unmetabolised API was obtained 103 104 from peer-reviewed papers and available online databases (Wishart et al. 2006; FASS 2011; Medsafe 2015; Drugs.com 2016) (Supporting information, Table 2). The 105 compounds without data were considered to be totally excreted from the body. The 106 fraction not removed by the WWTP was estimated using an equation proposed by the 107 Guideline on the Environmental Risk Assessment of Medicinal Products for Human Use 108 109 (ECA 2003), with slight modification (Eqn.1):

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$$F_{wwtp} = 1 - \frac{Sludgeinhab*Koc*focsludge}{WasteWinhab+(Sludgeinhab*Koc*focsludge)}$$
(Eqn. 1)

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Where, Fwwtp is the fraction of pharmaceutical released from the WWTP. 113 Wastewater parameters were obtained from the EU Technical Guidance Document for risk 114 assessment of chemicals (EC, 2003) as these are widely recognised for use in risk 115 assessment. WasteWinhhab is the amount of wastewater per inhabitant per day, that was 116 117 assumed to be 200 L/day (ECA 2003). Sludgeinhab was mass of waste sludge per inhabitant per day which was assumed to be 0.074 kg inh/day (ECA 2003). The focsludge 118 (fraction of sludge organic carbon) was assumed to be 0.326 (Struijs et al. 1991). The soil 119 organic carbon-water partitioning coefficient (Koc) value was estimated with the model 120 established for ionizable organic chemicals proposed by Franco and Trapp (2008). This 121 model estimates sorption using information on the hydrophobicity and degree of 122 dissociation of a molecule using the following equations: 123

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$$\log K_{oc} = \log (\Phi_n X 10^{0.54 \log Pn + 1.11} + \Phi_{ion} 10^{0.11 \log Pn + 1.54})$$
 for acids (Eqn. 2)

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$$\operatorname{Log} K_{oc} = \log (\Phi_n X 10^{0.37 \log Pn + 1.70} + \Phi_{ion} 10^{p K_a^{0.65}} X f^{0.14})$$
 for bases (Eqn. 3)

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128 An Exposure Index representing the internal exposure of APIs in fish plasma (EI_{fish}) 129 was also determined by multiplying the EI_{sw} by the fish blood-water partition coefficient 130 (Pbw) for each API. The calculation of Pbw was performed using the equation proposed 131 by Fick et al. (2010) (Eqn. 4):

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133 LogPbw = 0.73 * LogKow - 0.88 (Eqn. 4)

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Where *Pbw* was aqueous phase and fish arterial blood partition coefficient and *Kow*was Octanol/water partition coefficient.

137 Apical effects assessment

Predicted no-effect concentrations (PNEC) were estimated for each API using 138 Equation 5. In order to estimate PNECs, we collected all available experimental 139 140 ecotoxicological data on the toxicity of APIs to apical endpoints in aquatic organisms from peer-reviewed papers, using Google scholar, Web of Knowledge and SCOPUS, and online 141 datasets (FASS 2011) (Supporting information, Table 3). The data contained acute and 142 143 chronic ecotoxicity endpoints as LC/EC50 values and, as the aim of this work for priotisation and not regulation, were not quality assessed. For substances that did not have 144 experimental ecotoxicity data, the quantitative structure activity relationships (QSAR) 145 toolbox was used in order to fill all gaps (OECD 2009). This software helped to define 146 potential analogues and construct a matrix of data based on them. Initially, we selected the 147 protein-binding profile. Then, on endpoints section we selected ecotoxicological 148 information, that included growth, immobilisation and mortality. After that, on the 149 category definition module we used the aquatic toxicity classification system by 150

ECOSAR. Finally, the toolbox processed data with a common structure (70-90%). Where the toolbox identified predictions to not be accurate, these predictions were not included in the priotization analysis.

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$$PNEC = \frac{EcoTox}{AF} \quad (Eqn. 5)$$

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Where PNEC is the predicted no-effect concentration, EcoTox is the most sensitive ecotoxicological data for the aquatic compartment and AF was the safety factor. The AF was selected based on recommendations in the Technical guidance document on risk assessment (ECA 2003).

161 Non-Apical Endpoints

In order to account for non-apical effects relating to the therapeutic mode of action of each API, we used a similar approach to that proposed by Huggett et al. (2003) and collated information on plasma therapeutic concentrations (HtPC) of each API in humans. The information of HtPC was obtained from online databases (FASS 2011; Medsafe 2015; Drugs.com 2016; Kim et al. 2016) (Supporting information, Table 4).

167 Ranking APIs

The final step in the study was prioritization of the APIs. Risk Scores were used to rank compounds. Basically, the score was estimated by dividing the exposure indices for water and fish by either the PNEC or the HtPC. APIs with the highest ranking score were classified as the substances that should be in the list of concern.

172 **RESULTS**

In total, there are 7713 pharmaceutical products in use in Kazakhstan containing
174 1684 APIs. When complex mixtures as well as vaccines and vitamins are excluded, 841
175 APIs remained. The top 20 APIs, based on product number containing the ingredient, are

shown in Figure 2. Assuming product number is a surrogate for the extent of use, the most
widely used compound is paracetamol (an analgesic) followed by hydrochlorothiazide (a
diuretic used to treat high blood pressure, swelling and fluid build up) and metronidazole
(an antibiotic).

When APIs in use in fewer than three products were excluded, a list of 237 APIs was obtained for further prioritisation. Exposure indices for these substances are provided in the Supporting Information(Supporting information Tables 2 and 4). The highest exposure indices in surface water were seen for benzylpenicillin, metronidazole, sulbactam, ceftriaxone and sulfamethoxazole, whereas the highest exposure indices in fish plasma were seen for lisinopril, orlistat, telmisartan, drotaverine and terbinafine.

Experimental ecotoxicity data for daphnia, fish and/or algae was available for 154 of 186 187 the 237 APIs and human plasma therapeutic concentration data were available for 201 of these. Therefore, for the prioritisation, experimentally-based PNECs were used for 70% of 188 compounds and QSAR-based PNECs were used for 66 compounds. The most highly 189 190 ranked substances based on the apical ecotoxicological endpoints were amoxicillin, clarithromycin, azythromycin, ketoconazole and benzylpenicillin, whereas the most highly 191 ranked compounds based on the non-apical assessment were lisinopril, orlistat, estradiol 192 valerate, drotaverine and estradiol. Table 1 shows the top five ranked compounds broken 193 194 down by classification of diseases. Classification of diseases was based on classes of 195 illness cases registrated in health care institutions in Kazakhstan in 2014 (MHSD 2015).

196 DISCUSSION

197 The objective of the present study was to develop a method for ranking 198 pharmaceuticals in data-poor regions. The approach built on previous studies but, as usage 199 amount data were not available for Kazakhstan, used information on product numbers as 200 the basis for the exposure characterisation. The assumption being that APIs which were

present in numerous products would be more widely used than APIs present in only a few products. During the study we found the main drugs of concern, based on a combination of risk to apical or non-apical endpoints, in Kazakhstan were amoxicillin, clarithromycin, azithromycin, ketoconazole, benzylpenicillin, terbinafine, drotaverine, diclofenac, benzathine benzylpenicillin and telmisartan as these had the highest risk scores.

Even though the ranking approach used a different approach from previous studies, the 206 207 results show that some of the top ranked compounds in our study are also ranked highly by earlier prioritization research (Table 2). For example, amoxicillin, clarithromycin, 208 209 diclofenac and azithromycin, with the highest risk score, were defined as high priority in an ecotoxicological risk-based prioritization study performed in the UK by Guo et al. 210 211 (2016). Moreover, amoxicillin was detected as a chemical with the highest hazard to 212 aquatic organisms in the United Kingdom, France, Italy, Iran, Korea and Spain (Table 2). Cooper et al. (2008) concluded that sulfamethoxazole, diclofenac and clarithromycin were 213 the pharmaceuticals of high risk in a US study. Ketoconazole was identified as one of the 214 priority substance in a study by Roos et al. (2012) in Swedish aquatic systems. Lisinopril, 215 orlistat, estradiol valerate, cinnarizine, drotaverine, estradiol and clotrimazole were 216 217 identified as having the potential to elicit subtle effect in fish. Estradiol was identified by Guo et al. (2016) as having the potential to cause subtle effects in fish. 218

Most of the pharmaceuticals ranked highly on our list are related to the treatment of infectious and parasitic diseases, so the majority of them are antibiotics. Currently, antibiotics are one of the most well investigated pharmaceutical classes in terms of acute toxicity to aquatic organisms (Brausch and Rand 2011). Nevertheless, we still have a limited dataset on chronic effects of many antibiotics to aquatic ecosystems. The majority of ecotoxicology studies have been focusing on acute toxicity of antibiotics to algal species and the EC50s vary from 0.002 mg/L to 1283 mg/L (Guo et al. 2015).

Most of drugs from our ranking list have been detected in monitoring studies around the world. This provides a level of confidence in the approach. For instance, amoxicillin was detected in concentrations of 28 μ g/L and 82.7 μ g/L in hospital wastewater in Germany during the daytime (Kummerer 2001). Yasojima et al. (2006) showed clarithromycin and azithromycin at concentrations 647 ng/L and 260 ng/L in the wastewater effluents in Japan.

The majority of substances from the ranking list have been reported to cause toxicity 232 233 to aquatic organisms. For instance, Shi et al. (2012) showed that clotrimazole can affect the development stage of X. tropiclalis larvae and can lead to mortality of X. tropiclalis 234 even at a low concentration (0.1 µg/L). In 2008 Porsbring et al. (2009) conducted a 235 236 toxicity assessment of clotrimazole to natural microalgal communities. The results of the research showed that this compound causes growth inhibition of algal communities, it can 237 alter their pigment profiles and physiology (Porsbring et al. 2009). Hegelund et al. (2004) 238 investigated the response of fish to ketoconazole. Their results showed, that this 239 compound had effects to rainbow trout and killifish at 12 and 100 mg/kg, as it suppressed 240 241 cytochrome enzyme activity of fish (Hegelund et al. 2004). Halling-Sorensen (2000) showed that benzylpenicillin was toxic to *M.aeruginasa*, with an EC_{50} value of 0.005 242 mg/L. There is a large volume of published studies describing the risk of clarithromycin to 243 244 the environment. For instance, Oguz and Mihciokur (2014) studied the environmental risks of drugs in Turkey and concluded that clarithromycin can cause potential hazard to 245 living organisms because of its high bioconcentration factor. Furthermore, the substance 246 with the highest concentration in Italian rivers was clarithromycin at a concentration of 247 248 0.02 µg/L (Calamari et al. 2003). A considerable amount of literature has been published on the toxicity and occurrence of diclofenac in the last decades. Recent research by Acuna 249 et al. (2015) has reported that the occurrence of diclofenac was mentioned in 142 papers, 250

which covered 38 countries. Moreover, there were 156 reports about the ecotoxicological

effects of this substance (Acuna et al. 2015).

253 LIMITATIONS

254 The prioritization results in the present study are based on information on the number of products as we were not able to obtain information on annual mass usage data. The use of 255 consumption data of drugs could give us more precise results but simply is not available in 256 countries like Kazakhstan. In future, we recommend that more efforts are put into the 257 development of databases on annual usage of pharmaceuticals (and other) chemicals in 258 259 Kazakhstan and other regions with lack of data. In order to calculate PNEC, ecotoxicological data were collected from different sources and were not rated for data quality. Moreover, the 260 majority of pharmaceuticals excreted to WWTPs would be in the form of metabolites. The 261 262 paper did not consider these for ranking even though in some instances they could pose a risk to the environment. 263

264 CONCLUSION

The population of Kazakhstan is increasing so it is likely that consumption of 265 medicines in the country will grow too. Pharmaceuticals are readily available in Kazakhstan 266 with most of them being freely available for purchase over the counter. Wastewater treatment 267 systems in the country are also old and employ old technologies so the treatment may not be 268 269 as effective as in Western countries. Consequently, emissions of pharmaceuticals to the 270 natural environment in Kazakhstan are expected to be high and impacts could be greater than elsewhere in the world. Overall, the present assessment prioritized the human prescription 271 APIs, that are most likely to be present in Kazakhstan surface waters and which could pose 272 273 the greatest risk to living organisms. We recommend that these compounds be considered in future research to monitor concentrations of the APIs in the Kazakhstan environment and to 274 establish the level of risk to ecosystems in the country. It would be interesting to consider 275

about the effect mixture pharmaceuticals on surface water. While the paper has focused on prioritisation of pharmaceuticals in use in Kazakhstan, the design of the approach means that it can be applied in other countries with limited data on API usage. The approach could therefore be invaluable in determining the wider impacts of APIs across the globe.

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Figure captions

Figure 1. Outline of the prioritization approach for active pharmaceutical ingredients (APIs) in surface waters in Kazakhstan. APIs – active pharmaceuticals ingredients; WWTP – wasterwater treatment plant; EIsw – exposure index for surface water; PNEC – predicted no-effect concentration; RCR – risk score ratio; EIfish – exposure index in fish plasma; HtPC – human plasma therapeutic concentration.

Figure 2. Top 20 active pharmaceutical ingredients in use in Kazakhstan based on number of products containing an active pharmaceuticals ingredients.

Table 1. Summary of top ranked APIs, by disease class, prioritised based on apical effects (EIsw:PNEC) and non-apical effects (HtPC:EIfish). Compounds in bold have been identified as priority using both methods.

#	Classification	Registered	Top ranked APIs	Top ranked APIs
	of diseases	morbidity	(EIsw:PNEC)	(HtPC:EIfish)
		incidents in		
		health care		
		institutions		
		in 2014 in		
		Kazakhstan		
		(per		
		100000)		
1	Respiratory	28233.8	Xylometazoline	Loratadine
	diseases		Beclomethasone	Clemastine
			Chloropyramine	Montelukast
			Pheniramine	Dextromethorphan
			Clemastine	Fexofenadine
2	Diseases of	13472.7	Telmisartan	Lisinopril
	blood		Atorvastatin	Telmisartan
	circulatory		Rutoside	Amiodarone
	system		Losartan	Rosuvastatin
			Captopril	Amlodipine
3	Diseases of	8952.1	Drotaverine	Orlistat
	digestive		Ursodeoxycholic	Drotaverine
	system		acid	Repaglinide
			Thioctic acid	Loperamide

			Bisacodyl	Hyoscine
			Pioglitazone	butylbromide
4	Disease of	7250.8	Ketoconazole	Estradiol valerate
	urino-genital		Levonorgestrel	Estradiol
	system		Nystatin	Miconazole
			Miconazole	Ethinylestradiol
			Drospirenone	Ketoconazole
5	Diseases of the	5516.3	Neomycin	Betaxolol
	eye and its		Betaxolol	Neomycin
	appendages		Tropicamide	Tropicamide
6	Diseases of the	4965.9	Clopidogrel	Clopidogrel
	blood-forming			
	organs and			
	certain			
7	Diseases of	4471.6	Cinnarizine	Cinnarizine
	nervous system		Paracetamol	Fentanyl
			Betahistine	Acetylsalicylic
			Carbamazepine	acid
			Gabapentin	Tramadol
				Valproic acid
8	Diseases of the	4093.1	Diclofenac	Methyl salicylate
	musculoskeletal		Etofenamate	Diclofenac
	system and		Ketoprofen	Indomethacin
	connective		Clodronic acid	Benzydamine
	tissue		Naproxen	Ketoprofen

9	Infectious and	2296	Amoxicillin	Clotrimazole
	parasitic		Clarithromycin	Isotretinoin
	diseases		Azithromycin	Disulfiram
			Benzylpenicillin	Terbinafine
			Terbinafine	Azithromycin
10	Tumors	1657.	Oxaliplatin	Paclitaxel
			Cisplatin	Mycophenolic
			Mycophenolic acid	acid
			Capecitabine	Imatinib
			Paclitaxel	Anastrozole
				Topotecan
11	Mental and	1270.6	Citicoline	Sertraline
	behavioral		Piracetam	Fluoxetine
	disorders		Fluoxetine	Chlorpromazine
			Clozapine	Risperidone
			Sertraline	Clozapine

Note: Bold highlighted pharmaceuticals show their common appearance in top ranking of drugs on both risk ratios. APIs – activated pharmaceuticals ingredients; EIsw – exposure index for surface water; PNEC – predicted no-effect concentration; HtPC – human plasma therapeutic concentration; EIfish – exposure index in fish plasma.

Kazakhstan	United	France (Besse	United States	Sweden	Iran	Korea	Italy (Zuccato
	Kingdom (Guo	et al. 2008)	(Cooper et al.	(Roos et al. 2012)	(Alighardas	(Kim et al.	et al. 2005)
	et al. 2016)		2008)		hi et al.	2008)	
					2014)		
Amoxicillin	Amitriptyline	Amoxicillin	Erythromycin	Ethyinylestradiol	Amoxicillin	Amoxicillin	Amoxicillin
Clarithromycin	Amoxicillin	Acetyl salicylic	Oxytetracycline	Atovaquone	Cephalexin	Apramycin	Atenolol
Azithromycin	Atorvastatin	acid	Sulfamethoxazole	Sertraline	Clavulanic	Bromhexine	Hydrochlorothi
Ketoconazole	Azithromycin	Ofloxacin	Fluoxetine	Estradiol	acid	Ciprofloxacin	azide
Benzylpenicillin	Carbamazepine	Propranolol	Nitroglycerin	Mycophenolate	Penicillin	Diclazuril	Ranitidine
Terbinafine	Ciprofloxacin	Carbamazepine	Clofibrate	mofetil	Trimethopri	Dihydrostrepto	Clarithromycin
Drotaverine	Clarithromycin	Furosemide	Ibuprofen	Propranolol	m	mycin sulfate	Ceftriaxone
Diclofenac	Diclofenac	Clarithromycin	Acetominophen	Acetylsalicylic acid	Sulfametho	Doxycycline	Furosemide
Benzathine	Estradiol	Diclofenac	Estradiol	Naproxen	xazole	Enramycin	Bezafibrate
benzylpenicillin	Metformin	Sertraline	Diclofenac	Felodipine	Azithromyc	Erythromycin	Ciprofloxacin
Telmisartan	Mesalazine	Fluoxetine	Caffeine	Ketoconazole	in	Fenbendazole	Enalapril

Table 2. Defined top priority APIs in surface water of Kazakhstan, UK, France, US, Sweden, Iran, Korea and Spain

Disulfiram	Omeprazole	Fenofibrate	Carvedilol	Acetaminophen	Erythromyc	Florfenicol	Spiramycin
Oxytetracycline	Orlistat	Paroxetine	Metronidazole	Amitriptyline	in	Fluvalinate	Omeprazole
		Fluvoxamine	Trimethoprim	Fluoxetine		Ivermectin	
			Tetracycline	Dipyridamole		Monensin	
			Propranolol	Chlorprothixene		sodium	
			Gemfibrozil	Bromhexine		Norfloxacin	
			Naproxen	Entacapone		Oxytetracycline	
			Diazepam	Fulvestrant			
			Paroxetine	Galantamine			
			Clarithromycin				

Figure 1

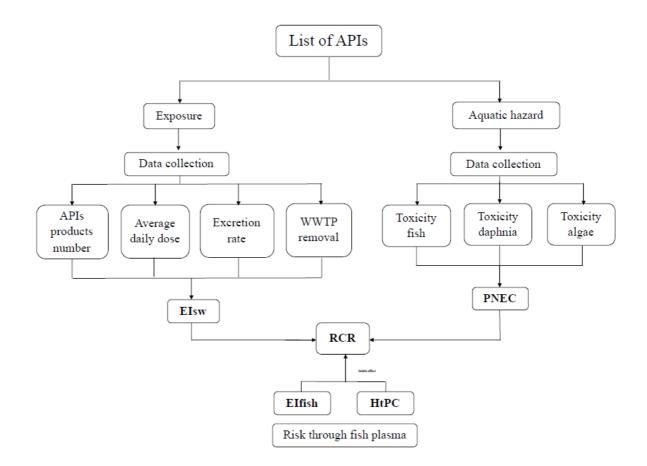


Figure 2

