

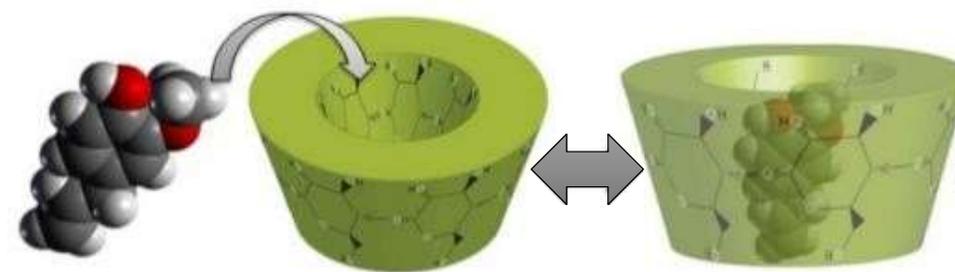
# GETTING THE BEST OUT OF CYCLODEXTRINS

**Pharmaceutical  
Applications  
of Cyclodextrins**



## WHAT ARE CYCLODEXTRINS?

- Composed of sugars
- Cyclic molecules
- Naturally occurring compounds
- Used in food, pharmaceuticals, drug delivery, chemical industries, agriculture, etc.
- **Sub-nanometer** sized molecular containers with hydrophilic outer phase and hydrophobic interior properties
- Reversible inclusion complex formation



# HISTORY OF PHARMACEUTICAL APPLICATIONS

## Traditional Applications

- CDs as drug complexing agents in drug delivery
- Nanosizing, solubilizing, stabilizing, targeting etc.
- **Summary of results: >100 marketed products in 2021**

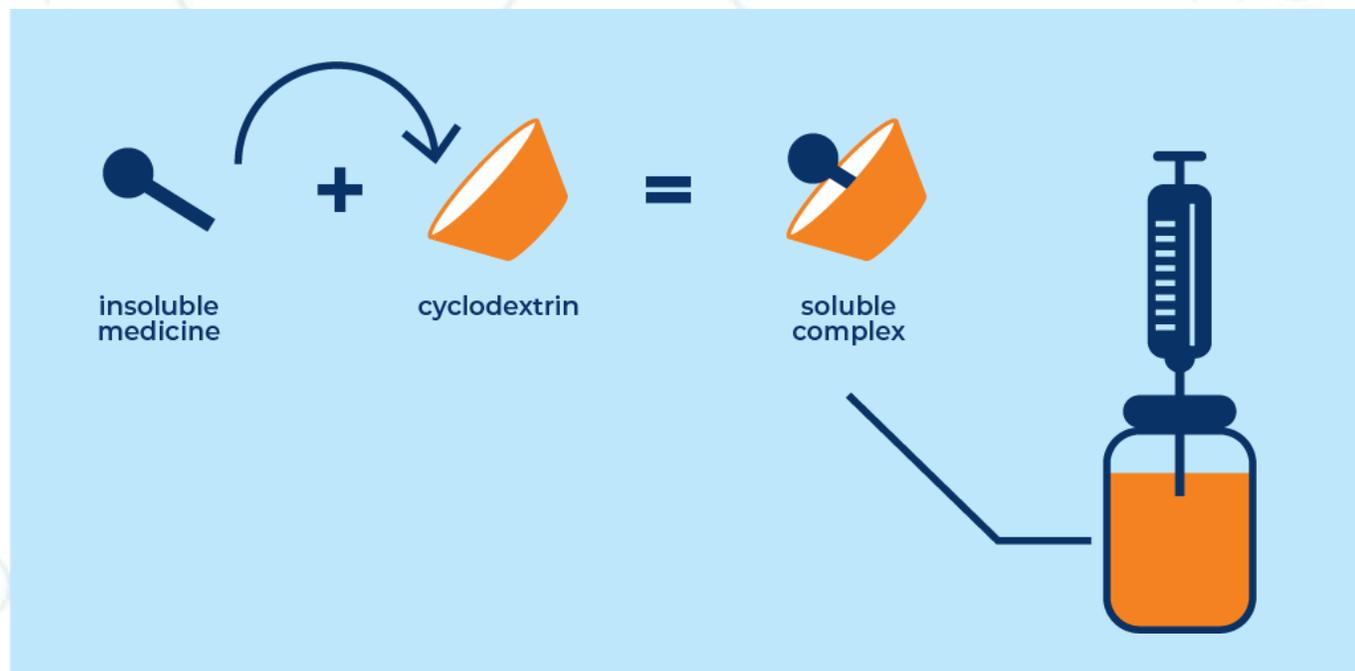
## CDs as active ingredients

- Lowering lysosomal cholesterol : treating Niemann-Pick C disease with **HPBCD (FDA Orphan Drug designation 2015)**
- In clinical anesthesia (**Sugammadex/ Bridion®**)



## MAIN FUNCTIONAL PROPERTIES OF CDs

They form **NON-COVALENT** „host-guest” type inclusion complexes in a **reversible** manner (Szejtli,1980)



**Cyclodextrins may increase**



- Drug solubility
- Wetting, dissolution rate
- Drug stability
- Absorbed quantity

**Cyclodextrins may decrease**



- API's dose for same efficacy
- Taste
- Side effects
- Smell

## WHY USE CYCLODEXTRINS? POSSIBILITIES

- Significant **solubility enhancement** (10 to 100,000 fold)
- Improvement of **chemical stability**
- **Increased bioavailability**, facilitated delivery
- Reduced aggregation
- **Moderate irritation** or reduced side-effects
- Maximized patient safety, complete renal elimination
- Enables **formulation of water-insoluble APIs** in all dosage forms
- Lower API doses can be achieved



**Parent  
Native  
Unsubstituted**

$\alpha$ -CD (Alfadex)  
EP, USP

$\beta$ -CD (Betadex)  
EP, USP

$\gamma$ -CD (Gammadex)  
EP, USP, JPC

**Derivatives  
Substituted**

2-hydroxypropyl  $\beta$ -CD (HP- $\beta$ -CD,  
hydroxypropyl betadex)  
EP, USP

Sulfobutylether  $\beta$ -CD (SBE- $\beta$ -CD, betadex  
sulfobutyl ether sodium)  
EP, USP

Random methylated  $\beta$ -CD (RM- $\beta$ -CD)  
rare: nasal/ocular

2-hydroxypropyl  $\gamma$ -CD (HP- $\gamma$ -CD)

# CDs USED IN PHARMACEUTICALS

**>100 pharma products on the market containing cyclodextrins**



	$\alpha$ -CD	$\beta$ -CD	$\gamma$ -CD	HP- $\beta$ -CD	SBE- $\beta$ -CD	RM- $\beta$ -CD	HP- $\gamma$ -CD
ORAL		X	X	X	X		
NASAL						X	
RECTAL		X		X			
DERMAL		X	X	X			
OCULAR		X		X	X	X	X
PARENTERAL	X			X	X		X

European Medicinal Agency EMA/CHMP/333892/2013, Committee for Human Medicinal Products (CHMP)  
Background review for cyclodextrins used as excipients

# DEXOLVE™ FOR IMPROVED PHARMACEUTICAL FORMULATIONS



	<b>Solubility increase using 10 m/m % SBECD vs purified water</b>
Piroxicam	20X
Carbamazepine	36X
Amiodarone	50X
Voriconazole	85X
Delafloxacin	340X
Ziprasidone*HCl	470X
Aripiprazole	3350X
Posaconazole pH 6	20X
Posaconazole pH 3	120X

Aqueous solubilities: Pubmed database  
(<https://pubchem.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov>)  
solubility in SBECD solutions: CycloLab results



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OGYÉI/577  
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In progress

**EudraGMDP**

OGYÉI/3039  
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## PURPOSES OF USING CDs OTHER THAN SOLUBILIZING



Thiomersal-free, reduced irritation in diclofenac stabilized eye drops

Fast onset and life-cycle management  
Omeprazole/BCD/arginine ternary complex



Use of CDs to ensure content uniformity:  
low dose units with pre-diluted-complexed APIs.  
Ethinyl estradiol stabilizes with  $\beta$ CD

## PURPOSES OF USING CDs OTHER THAN SOLUBILIZING



Ulgut (benexate):  
masking  
bitter taste

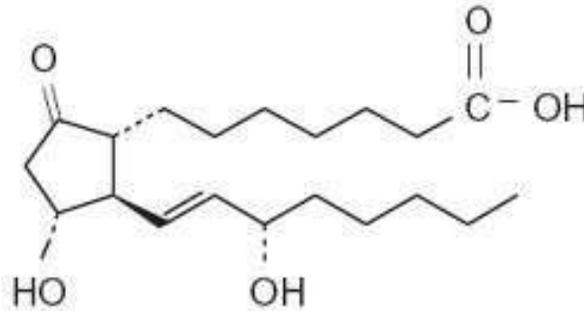
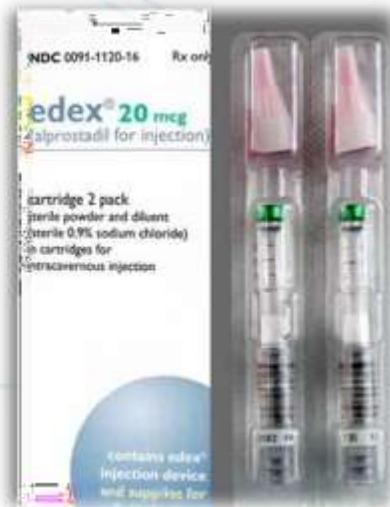


Masking the  
burning taste



Masking  
bitter taste

# CYCLODEXTRIN AS STABILIZING EXCIPIENT: MOLECULAR ENCAPSULATION FORMS A BARRIER AROUND API



Alpha-CD (Schwarz Pharma, Ono) encapsulated **Alprostadil**

## PARTICLE SIZE ENGINEERING BY CYCLODEXTRINS: A SIMPLE WAY TO MOLECULAR DISPERSITY (TO SUB-NANOMETER SIZE)

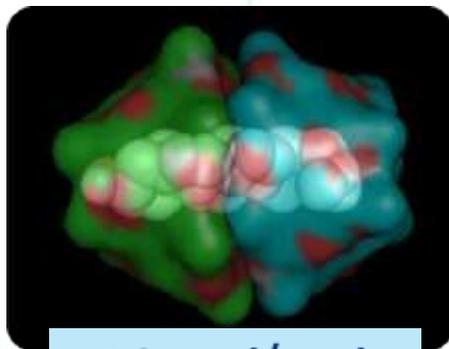
Molecular encapsulation of drugs by **CDs results** in

- **Molecular dispersity** (each drug is surrounded by a CD ring)
- No original crystalline lattice of drug remains (X-ray diffraction and DSC evidences)
- Novel solid phase (but **No** New Chemical Entity)
- No need to “destroy” crystalline lattice of drug on dissolution
- Molecular scale hydrophilic packing around lipophilic drug
- Improved wetting and dissolution properties in water

# SOLID-PHASE ENGINEERING, NANOSIZING VIA MOLECULAR ENTRAPMENT



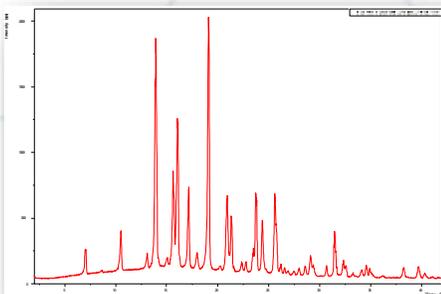
API **before**  
cyclodextrin  
inclusion



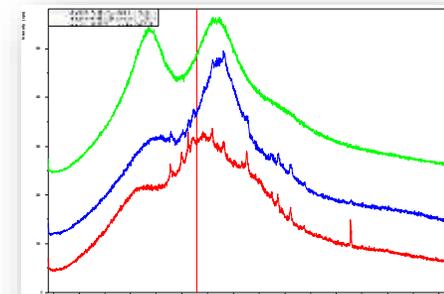
1:2 mol/mol  
API-BCD  
Inclusion  
complex



API **after**  
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inclusion



**Solid phase transformation**  
(solid state also depends on the type of CD)



### Why use CDs in protein and biological formulations?

- Safer than current excipients (e.g. Tween) – no peroxide formation, corresponding immunogenicity, degradation
- Prevention of aggregation, delayed folding
- Less protein adsorption onto container surface
- Reduced/maintained viscosity, improved injectability
- Life-cycle management



Protein without  
CD

Protein + CD1

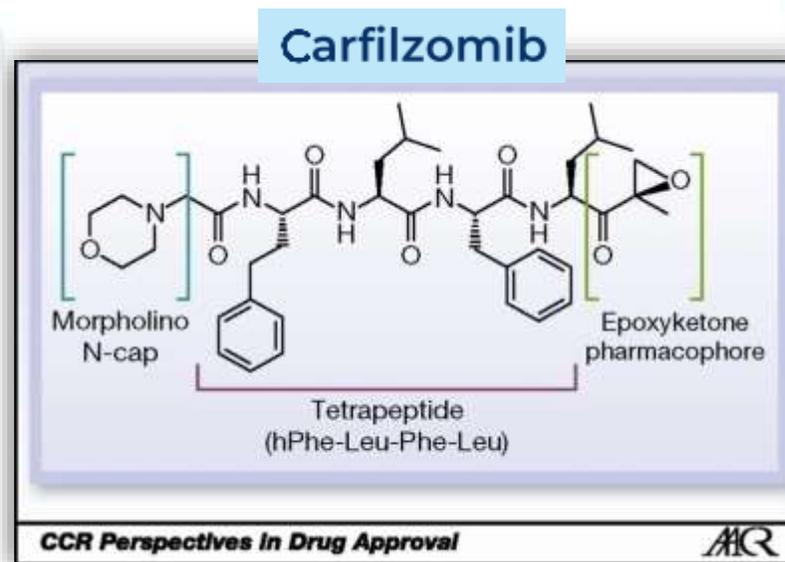
Protein + CD2

Protein + CD3

Cyclodextrins' effect on  
insulin aggregation after  
stirring

# FIRST APPROVED PEPTIDE/CYCLODEXTRIN-CONTAINING PRODUCT CARFILZOMIB-SBECD (BY AMGEN)

A synthetic **tetrapeptide** – complexed with **SBECD** against lymphoma marketed as **Kyprolis™**



A unit dose:  
60 mg of carfilzomib + 3 g SBECD 1:16 guest-host  
molar ratio

# CYCLOLAB SERVICE PORTFOLIO AND PIPELINE PROGRAMS RELATED TO FORMULATION

## Early phase drug development

Customization of CD enabled formulations

Investigation of changes in physico-chemical properties

## In vitro bioequivalence studies

Design in vitro studies to support bioequivalence of a CD enabled formulation.

## IP services and consultation

## Analytical services

Method development, validation

HPLC, GC, CE, UV, MS, NMR, IR

Stability studies

CD-guest interaction studies

Assay, impurity tests

## PIPELINE FOR PARTNERING

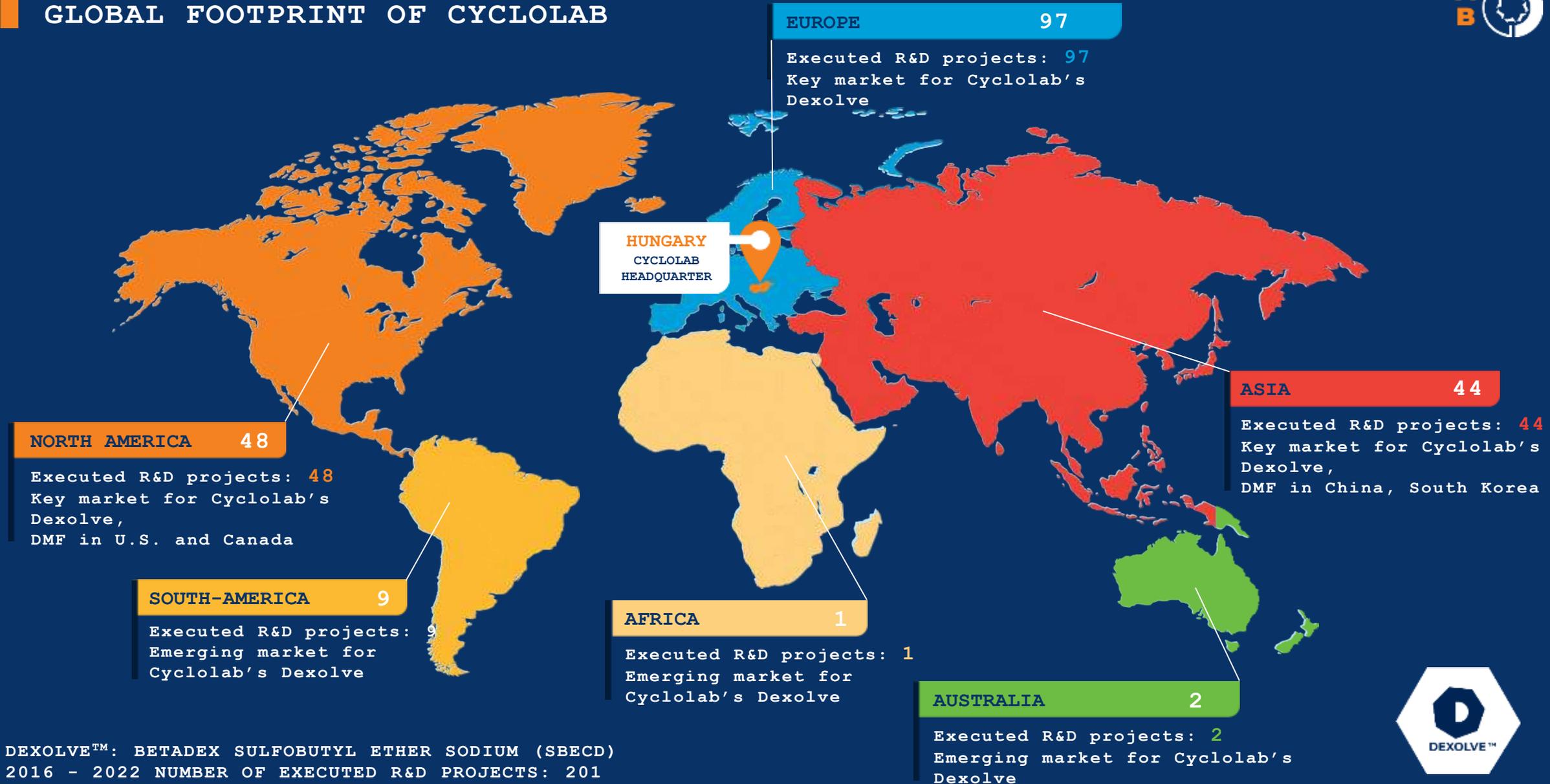
Pediatric and geriatric reformulation

Injectable panobinostat – various types of cancer

Injectable lonafarnib – progeria

Injectable repurposing: oral drugs reformulated as injectables

# GLOBAL FOOTPRINT OF CYCLOLAB



DEXOLVE™: BETADEX SULFOBUTYL ETHER SODIUM (SBECD)  
 2016 - 2022 NUMBER OF EXECUTED R&D PROJECTS: 201



## SUMMARY

### In 2021

- parent alpha-, beta- and gamma cyclodextrins, Hydroxypropyl-beta-cyclodextrin, Sulfobutylether-beta-cyclodextrin Na as excipients are in Pharmacopoeias (USP, EP, JP)
- 3 other cyclodextrins not listed in Ph yet present in approved products

>100 pharmaceutical products are in the market containing a cyclodextrin excipient

2 Cyclodextrins as APIs are approved:

- Sugammadex/Bridion (MSD) used in anesthesiology
- 2-Hydroxypropyl- $\beta$ -cyclodextrin has Orphan Drug designation for treatment of a rare fatal disease (Niemann Pick-C)
- Sulfobutyl-ether- $\beta$ -cyclodextrin has Orphan Drug designation for treatment of a rare disease (Stargardt)



## CDs in FORMULATIONS

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