

# **Assessment of human pharmaceuticals in drinking water catchments, tap and drinking fountain waters**

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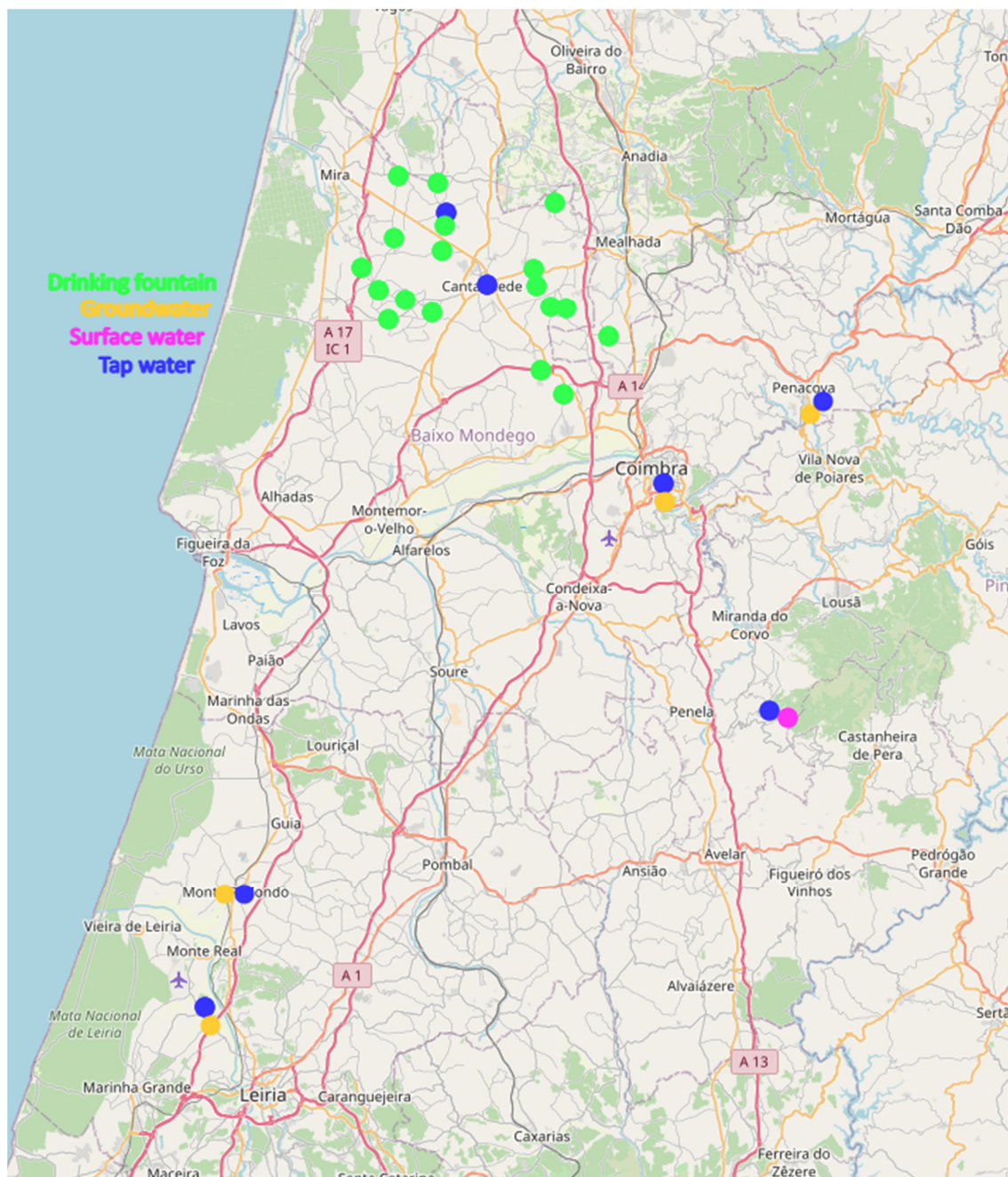


Figure S1. Sampling location.

Table S1. Sampling site and type of water

Sampling number	Sampling site	Type of water	pH
<b>G13</b>	Franciscas	Drinking fountain	7,4
<b>G2</b>	Fervença	Drinking fountain	6,13
<b>G5</b>	Cadima	Drinking fountain	6,95
<b>G7</b>	Fonte da Azenha (Fontinha)	Drinking fountain	7,12
<b>G16</b>	Corticeiro de Cima	Drinking fountain	6,2
<b>G4</b>	Olheiro (Sanguinheira)	Drinking fountain	6,98
<b>G15</b>	Cordinhã	Drinking fountain	6,92
<b>G18</b>	Come Vacas (Cordinhã)	Drinking fountain	6,43
<b>G19</b>	Amieiras (São Caetano)	Drinking fountain	6,29
<b>G20</b>	Iséu (Ançã)	Drinking fountain	6,8
<b>G3</b>	Casal do Netos	Drinking fountain	6,32
<b>G17</b>	Corgo Enchieiro	Drinking fountain	5,66
<b>G12</b>	Ferraria (Barcouço)	Drinking fountain	5,64
<b>G10</b>	Sete-fontes	Drinking fountain	6,18
<b>G14</b>	Freixial (Venda Nova do Bolho)	Drinking fountain	6,04
<b>G1</b>	Porto-Sobreiro	Drinking fountain	5,22
<b>G11</b>	Porto de Carros (Murte)de)	Drinking fountain	7,15
<b>G6</b>	Ançã	Drinking fountain	6,79
<b>G8</b>	Febres	Tap water	7,15
<b>G9</b>	Cantanhede	Tap water	7,2
<b>M1 - 9</b>	Boavista WTP water catchment 1	Groundwater	6.62
<b>M1 - 10</b>	Boavista WTP water catchment 2	Groundwater	6.73
<b>M1 - 3</b>	Boavista WTP treated water	Tap water	6.76
<b>M1 - 1</b>	Ronqueira WTP water catchment	Groundwater	6.48
<b>M1 - 4</b>	Ronqueira WTP treated water	Tap water	6.64
<b>M1 - 5</b>	Louçainha WTP water catchment	Surface water	6.46
<b>M1 - 8</b>	Louçainha treated water	Tap water	7.11
<b>M1 - 11</b>	Amor WTP water catchment	Groundwater	6.89
<b>M1 - 6</b>	Amor WTP treated water	Tap water	6.72
<b>M1 - 2</b>	Paúl WTP water catchment	Groundwater	6.16
<b>M1 - 7</b>	Paúl WTP treated water	Tap water	6.71
<b>M2 - 9</b>	Boavista WTP water catchment 1	Groundwater	6.75
<b>M2 - 10</b>	Boavista WTP water catchment 2	Groundwater	6.80
<b>M2 - 3</b>	Boavista WTP treated water	Tap water	6.79
<b>M2 - 1</b>	Ronqueira WTP water catchment	Groundwater	6.64
<b>M2 - 4</b>	Ronqueira WTP treated water	Tap water	6.65
<b>M2 - 5</b>	Louçainha WTP water catchment	Surface water	6.51
<b>M2 - 8</b>	Louçainha treated water	Tap water	7.16
<b>M2 - 11</b>	Amor WTP water catchment	Groundwater	6.99

<b>M2 - 6</b>	Amor WTP treated water	Tap water	7.05
<b>M2 - 2</b>	Paúl WTP water catchment	Groundwater	5.70
<b>M2 - 7</b>	Paúl WTP treated water	Tap water	6.28
<b>M3 - 9</b>	Boavista WTP water cathment 1	Groundwater	6.78
<b>M3 - 10</b>	Boavista WTP water cathment 2	Groundwater	6.81
<b>M3 - 3</b>	Boavista WTP treated water	Tap water	6.86
<b>M3 - 1</b>	Ronqueira WTP water catchment	Groundwater	6.71
<b>M3 - 4</b>	Ronqueira WTP treated water	Tap water	6.56
<b>M3 - 5</b>	Louçainha WTP water catchment	Surface water	6.41
<b>M3 - 8</b>	Louçainha treated water	Tap water	6.45
<b>M3 - 11</b>	Amor WTP water catchment	Groundwater	6.76
<b>M3 - 6</b>	Amor WTP treated water	Tap water	6.89
<b>M3 - 2</b>	Paúl WTP water catchment	Groundwater	5.60
<b>M3 - 7</b>	Paúl WTP treated water	Tap water	7.56
<b>M4 - 9</b>	Boavista WTP water cathment 1	Groundwater	6.74
<b>M4 - 10</b>	Boavista WTP water cathment 2	Groundwater	6.71
<b>M4 - 3</b>	Boavista WTP treated water	Tap water	6.85
<b>M4 - 1</b>	Ronqueira WTP water catchment	Groundwater	6.70
<b>M4 - 4</b>	Ronqueira WTP treated water	Tap water	6.48
<b>M4 - 5</b>	Louçainha WTP water catchment	Surface water	6.56
<b>M4 - 8</b>	Louçainha treated water	Tap water	7.35
<b>M4 - 11</b>	Amor WTP water catchment	Groundwater	6.75
<b>M4 - 6</b>	Amor WTP treated water	Tap water	6.90
<b>M4 - 2</b>	Paúl WTP water catchment	Groundwater	5.81
<b>M4 - 7</b>	Paúl WTP treated water	Tap water	7.73
<b>M5 - 9</b>	Boavista WTP water cathment 1	Groundwater	6.75
<b>M5 - 10</b>	Boavista WTP water cathment 2	Groundwater	6.67
<b>M5 - 3</b>	Boavista WTP treated water	Tap water	6.96
<b>M5 - 1</b>	Ronqueira WTP water catchment	Groundwater	6.73
<b>M5 - 4</b>	Ronqueira WTP treated water	Tap water	6.75
<b>M5 - 5</b>	Louçainha WTP water catchment	Surface water	6.44
<b>M5 - 8</b>	Louçainha treated water	Tap water	7.30
<b>M5 - 11</b>	Amor WTP water catchment	Groundwater	6.83
<b>M5 - 6</b>	Amor WTP treated water	Tap water	6.79
<b>M5 - 2</b>	Paúl WTP water catchment	Groundwater	5.68
<b>M5 - 7</b>	Paúl WTP treated water	Tap water	7.88
<b>M6 - 9</b>	Boavista WTP water cathment 1	Groundwater	6.68
<b>M6 - 10</b>	Boavista WTP water cathment 2	Groundwater	6.69
<b>M6 - 3</b>	Boavista WTP treated water	Tap water	6.95
<b>M6 - 1</b>	Ronqueira WTP water catchment	Groundwater	6.67
<b>M6 - 4</b>	Ronqueira WTP treated water	Tap water	9.48
<b>M6 - 5</b>	Louçainha WTP water catchment	Surface water	6.36
<b>M6 - 8</b>	Louçainha treated water	Tap water	7.42

<b>M6 - 11</b>	Amor WTP water catchment	Groundwater	6.93
<b>M6 - 6</b>	Amor WTP treated water	Tap water	6.65
<b>M6 - 2</b>	Paúl WTP water catchment	Groundwater	6.40
<b>M6 - 7</b>	Paúl WTP treated water	Tap water	7.47
<b>M7 - 9</b>	Boavista WTP water cathment 1	Groundwater	6.94
<b>M7 - 10</b>	Boavista WTP water cathment 2	Groundwater	6.77
<b>M7 - 3</b>	Boavista WTP treated water	Tap water	6.98
<b>M7 - 1</b>	Ronqueira WTP water catchment	Groundwater	6.48
<b>M7 - 4</b>	Ronqueira WTP treated water	Tap water	6.66
<b>M7 - 5</b>	Louçainha WTP water catchment	Surface water	6.43
<b>M7 - 8</b>	Louçainha treated water	Tap water	7.41
<b>M7 - 11</b>	Amor WTP water catchment	Groundwater	7.35
<b>M7 - 6</b>	Amor WTP treated water	Tap water	6.59
<b>M7 - 2</b>	Paúl WTP water catchment	Groundwater	5.81
<b>M7 - 7</b>	Paúl WTP treated water	Tap water	7.55

Table S2. Gradient elution scheme.

<b><i>TIME</i></b>	<b><i>%A</i></b>	<b><i>%B</i></b>
<b>0.00</b>	90	10
<b>3.00</b>	90	10
<b>3.10</b>	55	45
<b>5.00</b>	55	45
<b>8.00</b>	15	85
<b>9.00</b>	15	85
<b>9.10</b>	5	95
<b>14.00</b>	5	95
<b>14.10</b>	90	10
<b>30.00</b>	90	10

Table S3. Target compounds organized by therapeutic groups and their internal standards.

Group	Target compound (C/M)							Internal Standard (IS)						
	Compound		MW	ESI-MS2				Compound	MW	ESI-MS2				
				RT range (min)	ESI mode	MRM transitions (m/z) Precursor ion > Product ion				ESI mode	MRM transitions (m/z) Precursor ion > Product ion			
Antibiotics	Ciprofloxacin (CIP)	C	331	14.05-14.15	PI	m/z 332 ( M+H +) > m/z 314 ( M+H-H2O +)	QP	Ciprofloxacin D8 (CIP-D8)	339	PI	m/z 340 ( M+H +) > m/z 322 ( M+H-H2O +)	QP		
						m/z 332 ( M+H +) > m/z 288 ( M+H-CO2 +)	CP				m/z 340 ( M+H +) > m/z 296 ( M+H-CO2 +)	CP		
	Erythromycin (ERY)	C	733	17.09-17.20	PI	m/z 734 ( M+H +) > m/z 576 ( M+H-C8H14O3 +)	QP	Azithromycin D3 (AZI-D3)	751	PI	m/z 752 ( M+H +) > m/z 594 ( M+H-C8H14O3 +)	QP		
						m/z 734 ( M+H +) > m/z 716 ( M+H-H2O +)	CP							
	Azithromycin (AZI)	C	748	17.30-17.55	PI	m/z 749 ( M+H +) > m/z 591 ( M+H-C8H14O3 +)	QP						m/z 752 ( M+H +) > m/z 576 ( M+H-C8H16O4 +)	CP
						m/z 749 ( M+H +) > m/z 573 ( M+H-C8H16O4 +)	CP							
	Clarithromycin (CLA)	C	747	17.54-17.63	PI	m/z 748 ( M+H +) > m/z 590 ( M+H-C8H14O3 +)	QP				m/z 748 ( M+H +) > m/z 558 ( M+H-C8H14NO3-H2O +)	CP		
						m/z 748 ( M+H +) > m/z 558 ( M+H-C8H14NO3-H2O +)	CP							
	Anti-inflammatory and/or analgesics	Diclofenac (DIC)	C	295	8.40-8.60	PI	m/z 296 ( M+H +) > m/z 278 ( M+H-H2O +)	QP	Diclofenac 13C6 (DIC-13C6)	301	PI	m/z 302 ( M+H +) > m/z 284 ( M+H-H2O +)	QP	
							m/z 296 ( M+H +) > m/z 250 ( M+H-CH2O2 +)	CP				m/z 302 ( M+H +) > m/z 256 ( M+H-CH2O2 +)	CP	
4-hidroxy-diclofenac (4-OH-DIC)		M	311	8.80-8.90	PI	m/z 312 ( M+H +) > m/z 294 ( M+H-H2O +)	QP	4-hidroxy-diclofenac 13C6 (4-OH-DIC-13C6)	317	PI	m/z 318 ( M+H +) > m/z 300 ( M+H-H2O +)	QP		
						m/z 312 ( M+H +) > m/z 250 ( M+H-H2O-CO2 +)	CP				m/z 318 ( M+H +) > m/z 256 ( M+H-H2O-CO2 +)	CP		
Naproxen (NAP)		C	230	7.15-7.30	PI	m/z 231 ( M+H +) > m/z 185 ( M+H-CH2O2 +)	QP		209	PI	m/z 210 ( M+H +) > m/z 164 ( M+H-CH2O2 +)	QP		

Group	Target compound (C/M)							Internal Standard (IS)					
	Compound		MW	ESI-MS2				Compound	MW	ESI-MS2			
				RT range (min)	ESI mode	MRM transitions (m/z) Precursor ion > Product ion				ESI mode	MRM transitions (m/z) Precursor ion > Product ion		
						m/z 231 ( M+H +) > m/z 213 ( M+H-H2O +)	CP	Ibuprofen D3 (IBP-D3)					
	Ibuprofen (IBU)	C	206	6.50-6.67	PI	m/z 207 ( M+H +) > m/z 161 ( M+HCH2O2 +)	QP				m/z 210 ( M+H +) > m/z 192 ( M+H-H2O +)	CP	
						m/z 207 ( M+H +) > m/z 189 ( M+H-H2O +)	CP						
	Paracetamol (PARA)	C	151	5.95-6.10	PI	m/z 152 ( M+H +) > m/z 134 ( M+H-H2O +)	QP	Acetaminophen D4 (ACE-D4)	155	PI	m/z 156 ( M+H +) > m/z 138 ( M+H-H2O +)	QP	
						m/z 152 ( M+H +) > m/z 110 ( M+H-C2H2O +)	CP						
Psychiatric drugs	Citalopram (CIT)	C	324	10.70-10.82	PI	m/z 325 ( M+H +) > m/z 262 ( M+H-C2H9NO +)	QP	Citalopram D6 (CIT- D6)	330	PI	m/z 331 ( M+H +) > m/z 262 ( M+H-C2H3D6NO +)	QP	
						m/z 325 ( M+H +) > m/z 234 ( M+H-C4H13NO +)	CP				m/z 331 ( M+H +) > m/z 234 ( M+H-C4H7D6NO +)	CP	
	Fluoxetine (FLU)	C	309	11.55-11.64	PI	m/z 310 ( M+H +) > m/z 148 ( M+H-C7H5F3O +)	QP	Fluoxetine D5 (FLU- D5)	314	PI	m/z 315 ( M+H +) > m/z 153 ( M+H-C7H5F3O +)	QP	
						m/z 310 ( M+H +) > m/z 117 ( M+H-C8H10F3NO +)	CP				m/z 315 ( M+H +) > m/z 122 ( M+H-C8H10F3NO +)	CP	
	Sertraline (SER)	C	305	13.71-13.83	PI	m/z 306 ( M+H +) > m/z 275 ( M+H-CH5N +)	QP	Sertraline D3 (SER-D3)	308	PI	m/z 309 ( M+H +) > m/z 275 ( M+H-CH2D3N +)	QP	
						m/z 306 ( M+H +) > m/z 159 ( M+H-C10H13N +)	CP				m/z 309 ( M+H +) > m/z 159 ( M+H-C10H10D3N +)	CP	
Lipid regulators	Gemfibrozil (GEM)	C	250	15.48-15.57	PI	m/z 251 ( M+H +) > m/z 121 ( M+H-C7H14O2 +)	QP	Gemfibrozil D6 (GFZ-D6)	256	PI	m/z 257 ( M+H +) > m/z 121 ( M+H-C7H8D6O2 +)	QP	
						m/z 251 ( M+H +) > m/z 233 ( M+H-H2O +)	CP				m/z 257 ( M+H +) > m/z 239 ( M+H-H2O +)	CP	

Group	Target compound (C/M)							Internal Standard (IS)					
	Compound		MW	ESI-MS2				Compound	MW	ESI-MS2			
				RT range (min)	ESI mode	MRM transitions (m/z) Precursor ion > Product ion				ESI mode	MRM transitions (m/z) Precursor ion > Product ion		
	Bezafibrate (BEZ)		C	361	16.00-16.28	PI	m/z 362 ( M+H +) > m/z 316 ( M+H-CH2O2 +)	QP	Bezafibrate D4 (BZF-D4)		365	PI	m/z 366 ( M+H +) > m/z 320 ( M+H-CH2O2 +)
						m/z 362 ( M+H +) > m/z 276 ( M+H-C4H6O2 +)	CP					m/z 366 ( M+H +) > m/z 280 ( M+H-C4H6O2 +)	CP
Hormones	Estrone (E1)	C	270	8.95-9.21	NI	m/z 269 ( M-H -) > m/z 145 ( M-H-C6H12O -)	QP	Estradiol D5 (E2-D5)	277	NI	m/z 276 ( M-H -) > m/z 185 ( M-H-C5H9D3O -)	QP	
					m/z 269 ( M-H -) > m/z 159 ( M-H-C7H10O -)	CP							
	17β-estradiol (E2)	C	272	9.27-9.39	NI	m/z 271 ( M-H -) > m/z 183 ( M-H-C5H12O -)	QP						
						m/z 271 ( M-H -) > m/z 145 ( M-H-C8H14O -)	CP						
	17α-ethinylestradiol (EE2)	C	296	9.81-9.95	NI	m/z 295 ( M-H -) > m/z 185 ( M-H-C7H10O -)	QP						
						m/z 295 ( M-H -) > m/z 159 ( M-H-C9H12O -)	CP						
m/z 276 ( M-H -) > m/z 147 ( M-H-C8H11D3O -)	CP												
Antiepileptics	Carbamazepine (CAR)	C	236	15.22-15.35	PI	m/z 237 ( M+H +) > m/z 194 ( M+H-CHNO +)	QP	Carbamazepine D10 (CBZ- D10)	246	PI	m/z 247 ( M+H +) > m/z 204 ( M+H-CHNO +)	QP	
						m/z 237 ( M+H +) > m/z 220 ( M+H-NH3 +)	CP						m/z 247 ( M+H +) > m/z 230 ( M+H-NH3 +)

C: compound; M: metabolite; ESI: electrospray ionization; PI: positive ionization mode; NI: negative ionization mode; RT: retention time; MW: Molecular weight; MRM: Multiple Reaction Monitoring; QP: quantification purpose; CP: confirmation purpose



Table S4. Analytical quality control for the quantification of each pharmaceutical in water.

Therapeutic group / compound	Matrix Matched Linearity ( <i>R</i> <sup>2</sup> )	MDL (ng L <sup>-1</sup> )	MQL (ng L <sup>-1</sup> )	ME (%)	Recovery (%)			RSD within-day (%)			RSD between-day (%)		
					20 ng	60 ng	125 ng	20 ng	60 ng	125 ng	20 ng	60 ng	125 ng
					L <sup>-1</sup>	L <sup>-1</sup>	L <sup>-1</sup>	L <sup>-1</sup>	L <sup>-1</sup>	L <sup>-1</sup>	L <sup>-1</sup>	L <sup>-1</sup>	L <sup>-1</sup>
ANTIB													
AZI	0.9995	3.29	9.97	100	99.52	96.06	98.62	0.20	4.40	0.84	0.07	4.15	0.48
CIP	0.9988	5.26	15.93	100.96	99.12	99.28	98.63	0.42	0.67	1.26	0.44	0.24	0.45
CLA	0.9999	1.51	4.58	98.77	98.57	94.03	98.59	0.67	4.33	1.40	0.58	6.85	1.30
ERY	0.9991	4.49	13.60	98.84	99.02	98.17	99.24	0.72	1.59	0.56	0.30	0.55	0.32
LIP REG													
BEZ	0.9998	2.26	6.84	100.00	99.37	99.24	98.44	0.76	0.93	1.89	1.80	0.54	0.90
GEM	0.9994	3.78	11.46	94.02	99.78	96.84	98.75	0.71	4.88	1.17	1.18	0.70	0.72
ANTIEPI													
CAR	0.9992	4.22	12.80	101.27	97.99	95.90	97.86	0.89	2.87	1.72	1.16	3.63	1.67
SSRIS													
CIT	1.0000	1.13	3.41	100.00	98.60	98.74	97.51	0.66	1.26	2.03	1.52	0.42	2.01
FLU	0.9999	1.84	5.59	100.61	99.50	96.98	99.20	0.74	3.12	0.78	1.24	3.05	0.71
SER	0.9996	3.04	9.22	99.44	99.88	97.03	99.06	0.57	3.99	0.60	1.21	0.76	0.40
ANTI-INF													
DIC	0.9991	4.61	13.97	101.96	98.33	98.47	98.85	1.10	1.58	0.91	1.48	0.90	1.12
4-OH-DIC	0.9990	4.92	14.92	99.33	97.97	98.40	98.44	1.34	2.25	1.58	1.31	0.57	1.22
IBU	0.9994	3.66	11.09	93.55	97.66	99.40	99.17	1.45	1.79	1.10	0.51	0.66	0.59
NAP	0.9992	4.38	13.27	101.27	97.66	96.41	97.50	0.84	5.16	1.37	2.05	1.58	3.10

Therapeutic group / compound	Matrix Matched Linearity ( $R^2$ )	MDL (ng L <sup>-1</sup> )	MQL (ng L <sup>-1</sup> )	ME (%)	Recovery (%)			RSD within-day (%)			RSD between-day (%)		
					20 ng	60 ng	125 ng	20 ng	60 ng	125 ng	20 ng	60 ng	125 ng
					L <sup>-1</sup>	L <sup>-1</sup>	L <sup>-1</sup>	L <sup>-1</sup>	L <sup>-1</sup>	L <sup>-1</sup>	L <sup>-1</sup>	L <sup>-1</sup>	L <sup>-1</sup>
PARA	0.9995	3.57	10.82	99.20	99.14	97.22	98.10	0.56	3.32	2.27	1.15	1.34	1.34
HORM													
E1	0.9987	5.45	16.53	100.68	98.90	99.68	97.88	0.99	0.98	0.99	0.50	1.16	0.74
E2	0.9991	4.56	13.82	102.68	96.68	95.16	96.65	0.92	2.76	1.98	2.21	5.01	0.94
EE2	0.9990	4.94	14.98	99.44	99.07	96.86	97.45	0.37	5.47	1.47	0.60	3.60	0.86

MDL – Method detection limit; MQL – Method quantification limit; ME – Matrix effect; RSD – Relative standard deviation.

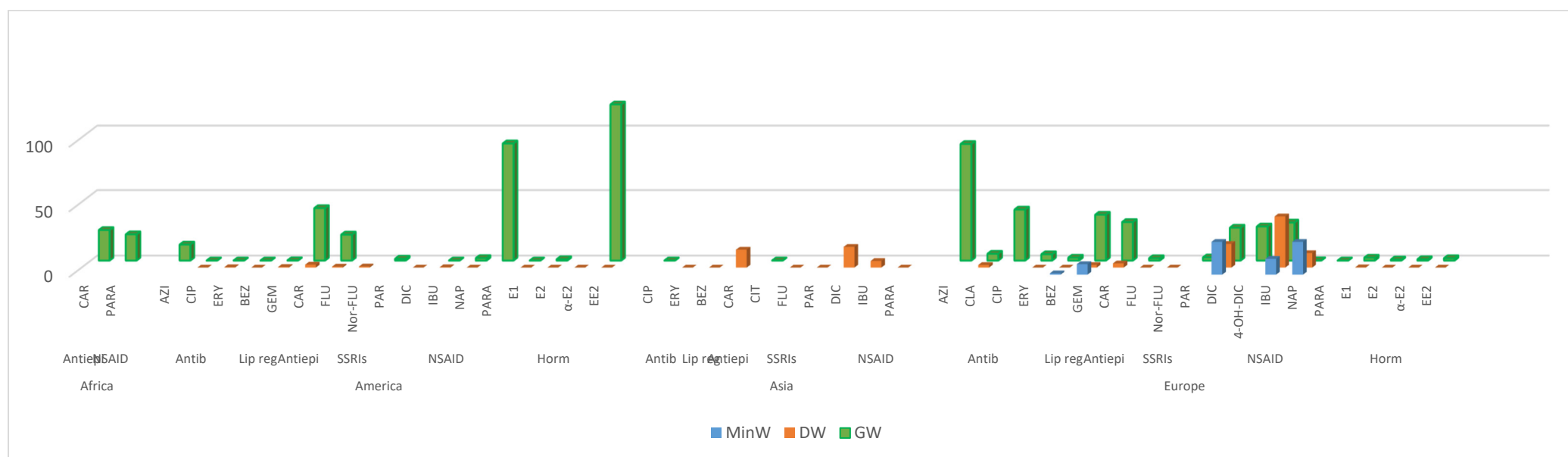


Figure S2. Median concentrations for each pharmaceutical in mineral, drinking and groundwaters by continent.

CIP – Ciprofloxacin; ERY – Erythromycin; AZI – Azithromycin; CLA – Clarithromycin; GEM – Gemfibrozil; BEZ - Bezafibrate (BEZ)), antiepileptics (Carbamazepine (CAR)), selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRIs) (Citalopram (CIT), Fluoxetine (FLU), Sertraline (SER)), non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) and analgesics, still referred to only as NSAIDs, (Diclofenac (DIC), 4-hydroxy-diclofenac (4-OH-DIC), Naproxen (NAP), Ibuprofen (IBU), Paracetamol (PARA)) and hormones (Es-trone (E1), 17 $\beta$ -estradiol (E2) and 17 $\alpha$ -ethinylestradiol (EE2))Anx—anxiolytics; Antib - Antibiotics; Antiepi - Antiepileptics; DW – Drinking water; GW – Groundwater; Horm—hormones; Lip reg - Lipid regulators; MinW – Mineral water; NSAIDs - Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs; SSRIs – Selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors.