# **Challenges in the Application of Green Chemistry Principles in Pharmaceutical Research and Development**

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# ABSTRACT

The concept of green chemistry is evolving beyond lab curiosity to include widespread therapeutic applications in industry. But as industries are among the most dynamic, they always lead the way in any significant developments. In terms of novel concepts, traditional feed stocks, safer raw materials, and alternative mechanisms in labs at pilot scale, these developments appear intriguing for companies to implement. The goal is to provide an overview of the state of green chemistry integration in the pharmaceutical industry, highlighting its issues and difficulties while highlighting potential future directions. This review discusses the multifaceted effects of green chemistry on pharmaceutical analysis, the environment, the populace, analysts, and businesses. The final product and everything around it are impacted by every choice and analytical mindset.

This review will provide a focused summary of practical ways to accomplish this objective and go over examples of the effective. Adjusting procedures to minimize energy usage, waste production, or resource requirement.

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#### 1. Introduction

Green chemistry is a field of study that applies a set of guidelines to the creation, design, development, and use of chemical goods and procedures that lessen or do away with the use and production of dangerous materials. The goal of chemistry is to safeguard human health and environment, and it marks a significant shift from the conventional approaches that were previously employed. prior to green. The primary goal of chemistry was to reduce exposure to substances, but the planning is the focus of green chemistry. and the production of nonhazardous substances either the environment or humans. Paints, dyes, fertilizers, insecticides, plastics, medications, and a wide variety of other commercial and commodity products have all been treated with it .Water , electronics, energy production, and cleaning cleansing. Chemicals' molecular structures determine their characteristics, which can be changed by altering the chemical structures. Green Chemistry deals with the many risks that will be resulting from the substances, including potential physical risks (flammable or explosive), toxicity (being carcinogenic, causing cancer, or fatal), or worldwide risks (such as stratospheric ozone or climate change) [1]. Thus, in the context of green chemistry, the diverse materials are frequently created during a non -dangerous manner. Chemistry plays a crucial part in preserving and enhancing our standard of living, the industry's competitiveness, and hence the surroundings in nature. Chemistry's function here isn't widely acknowledged by the government or the general in reality, chemistry, chemicals, and chemists are literally seen by many as the root causes of the problems.

#### 1.1 Chemistry

Since green is the colour of chlorophyll, it is also the colour of the dollar. A green stretch of years might also serve as a battlefield for environmentalists. & turning into a green becoming a product trend marketing. It becomes essential for chemists to be environmentally conscious in your application of green chemistry together with certain elements of the chemical sciences, in production, basic and applied research, and instruction [2].

#### **1.2 Definition of Green Chemistry**

Green chemistry, as defined by the EPA, is chemistry that creates chemical processes and products that are environmentally benign. The design of chemical products and processes that reduce or eliminate the use and generation of hazardous substances. So, stopping the development of pollutants. Chemical Products ought to be manufactured such that they don't stay in the surroundings at the peak of their application that weakens them into constituent parts that do not hurt the environment. Green chemistry also known as sustainable chemistry, is an approach to designing products and processes that minimize the use and generation of hazardous substances. It aims to reduce the environmental impact of chemical processes and products, while also promoting innovation, efficiency and cost savings. Support for saving to any synthesis that is possible without using "exotic" foreign substances, with less energy needed, Additionally, substituting water for organic solvents is important even in laboratories, and it might save millions of dollars on an industrial scale [3]. Green chemistry

is an ethical, multidisciplinary approach to research rather than a distinct field of study, sponsored by social, environmental, and chemical responsibility, which permits innovation and, thus, the development or creative research [4].

# **1.3 Concept and Ideas**

Green chemistry refers to the application of a set of guidelines that will lessen the use and production of dangerous materials during the production and use of chemical compounds. Green chemistry seeks to safeguard the environment rather than by creating new chemicals in addition to clearing up procedures that don't cause pollution. The most effective way to reduce waste is to prevent it from being generated in the first place. This involves designing chemical reactions and processes that do not produce hazardous or excessive waste byproducts. Green chemistry encourages using safer raw materials, chemicals, and solvents in the development of new processes, reducing risks to human health and the environment. The Green Chemistry program assists and promotes the innovations environmentally friendly chemical products procedures that lessen or even eradicate the production of dangerous or damaging materials. This program operates in close connection with twelve fundamentals of green chemistry [5].

waste prevention	Atom economy	Less Hazardous	Designing Safer
		<b>Chemical Synthesis</b>	Chemicals
Safer Solvents	Design For Energy	Use Of Renewable	<b>Reduce Derivatives</b>
	Efficiency	Feedstock	
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9. Catalysis	10. Design For	11. Real Time	12. Safer
	Degradation	Pollution	Chemistry for
		Prevention	accident
			Prevention

# 2 TWELVE PRINCIPLES OF GREEN CHEMISTRY:

Fig: Twelve Principles of Green Chemistry [6]

# 2.1 **PRINCIPLES**

#### The Twelve Green Chemistry's Principles

- **1. Prevent waste:** Chemical synthesis should be planned to minimize waste. Cut down on waste creation as much as you can. Don't let the garbage be treated.
- 2. Optimize atomic economy by planning the synthesis to include the greatest possible proportion of the starting material in the finished product. Atom waste is minimal or nonexistent.
- **3.** Create less hazardous chemical synthesis: Creating a synthesis that uses or produces materials that are either environmentally or humanly harmful in little or no amounts.
- **4.** Create safer chemicals: creating substances that are completely efficient yet have little or no toxicity.
- 5. Employ safer reaction conditions and solvents: Avoid of auxiliary chemicals, solvents, and separation agents. Use the safer ones if you must.
- **6.** Improve energy efficiency by conducting chemical reactions whenever and wherever it is practical at room temperature and pressure.
- 7. Make use of renewable raw materials: Rely on renewable resources instead of depleting ones. Sources of renewable raw materials are often agricultural products, bio-waste, or waste from other processes; sources of exhaustible raw materials include mining operations and fossil fuels like coal, oil, and natural gas.
- 8. Avoid of chemical derivatives: If at all feasible, steer clear of any short-term modifications or protective groups. These derivatives produce a lot of waste that is frequently preventable and need extra reagents.
- **9.** Make use of catalysts and stoichiometric non-reagents: Catalytic processes can reduce waste. Catalysts may carry out a single reaction several times and are very effective in little amounts. They are better than the stoichiometric reagents, which can only react once and are needed in excess.
- **10.** Create degradation-friendly chemicals: Create chemicals that break down dangerous materials after usage to prevent them from building up in the environment.
- **11. Preventing pollution in real time:** During the synthesis, incorporate in-process control and monitoring to minimize or completely prevent the production of hazardous byproducts.
- **12.** Reduce the chance of accidents: Create these compounds with their physical forms (solid, liquid, or gaseous) in mind to lessen the likelihood of chemical mishaps including fires, explosions, and environmental discharges [7].

#### 3. Green chemistry's place in the pharmaceutical sector

Sustainability is the ability to develop or maintain a process throughout time without endangering the needs of future generations. "Sustainable chemistry" refers to the development of chemical products and processes that minimize or completely do away with the use and production of hazardous substances [8]. The rapid growth of the pharmaceutical and other businesses is contributing to the rapid and improved expansion of the medical and

health care sectors. An emerging field of chemistry that employs ecological techniques, it entails reducing or eliminating the use of hazardous elements in chemical reactions as well as the quantity of toxic and hazardous intermediates and products [9].

Many people's eyes were opened by the 1960s novel "Silent Spring." The academic article emphasized the perils of an over-reliance on natural resources and raised awareness of ecological perspective. The book described how some pollutants are affecting our biosphere. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) was founded in 1970. The Stockholm conference, which took place in Sweden in 1972 and was attended by many other countries, included the United Nations members [10].

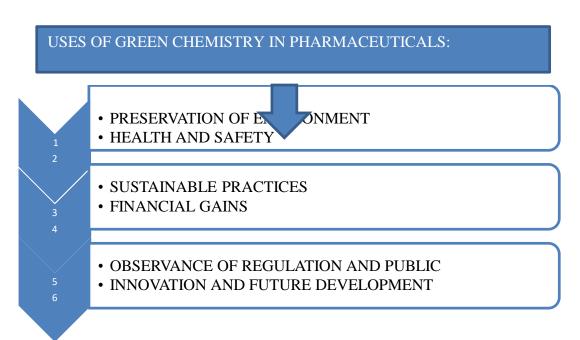
All attendees of this conference were made aware of the environmental hazards that contribute to ecosystem depletion by the speakers. Prioritizing pollution and hazardous materials was the primary focus of the EPA and the chemical industry until the 1980s. However, when scientists started to increase environmental awareness and look for solutions to stop pollution, chemists noticed a significant shift. In order to prevent pollution and implement cooperative changes to the current chemical synthesis process, the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), an international organization composed of about thirty developed nations, held meetings and issued recommendations [11]. Nanoparticles are particles that fall between 10 and 1000 nm in size. Nanoparticles have enhanced properties due to their large surface area. The actual method of producing nanoparticles is detrimental to the environment and toxic. One drawback of the traditional synthesis process is that the colloidal solution becomes contaminated by byproducts. As a result, green nanoparticle manufacturing was created to solve this issue [12].

These nanoparticles are inexpensive and good for the environment, and they can be produced on a huge scale. This is in line with some of the principles of green chemistry, such as prevention, the creation of safer chemicals, the synthesis of less dangerous substances, and the real-time prevention of pollution. In the pharmacy sector, nanotechnology is still in its early stages of development. Bandages that aid in wound healing are made using green nanoparticle manufacturing. After that, the nanoparticles are infused into the bandages.

To prevent the release of toxic and dangerous byproducts into the environment, pharmaceuticals are made utilizing environmentally friendly processes. Almost all of the green chemistry concepts have been applied in the same way. Sertraline, the medication, is an antidepressant. Sertraline was first made available on the market by Pfizer in 1991. Its reduction of serotonin absorption demonstrates its pharmacological activity. LY300164 is an alternative name for Talampanel. Neurological disorders like epilepsy, Parkinson's disease, and Alzheimer's disease are treated with this drug. Its pharmacological action is demonstrated by targeting the AMPA component. Sildenafil functions pharmacologically as a phosphodiesterase inhibitor by blocking the phosphodiesterase enzyme's activity. It was developed by Pfizer.

Green chemistry encourages the design of pharmaceutical compounds using more sustainable and efficient synthetic routes. This includes reducing the number of synthetic steps and optimizing reaction conditions to minimize waste generation, energy consumption, and resource usage. Pharmaceutical manufacturing often generates large amounts of waste, including solvents, reagents, and byproducts. Green chemistry principles seek to minimize waste generation through process optimization, including atom economy, which emphasizes designing reactions that use all components efficiently, thus reducing waste. Green analytical chemistry focuses on minimizing waste and energy in analytical procedures. For example, non-toxic reagents, fewer sample volumes, and more efficient instruments can be employed in quality control and drug testing.

It is mostly used to treat erectile dysfunction or male impotence. Quinapril is within the category of anti-hypertensive drugs. It reduces blood pressure and is used to treat hypertension and congestive heart failure [13].



### 4. Importance of Green chemistry in Pharmaceuticals

It is impossible to overestimate the significance of green chemistry in the pharmaceutical sector considering the enormous influence of conventional environmental effects of pharmaceutical procedures, resources and human health. Green chemistry is essential to redesigning drugs.

Development and production procedures, providing solutions that encourage sustainability, lessen the influence on the environment, and improve total effectiveness. The importance of green pharmaceutical chemistry is understandable through a number of crucial elements [14].

• **Preservation of the Environment:** Traditional pharmaceutical manufacturing methods frequently employ dangerous solvents, high energy usage, as well as the production of

significant waste. Principles of green chemistry strive to reduce these harmful environmental effects. By using feedstocks that are renewable, minimizing waste and choosing less dangerous solvents, pharmaceutical businesses can reduce their ecological burden considerably. This strategy aids in protecting natural resources, cut down on pollutants and the amount of dangerous substances into the environment.

- **Health and Safety:** Green chemistry places a high priority on creating chemical processes and products that present the fewest possible risks to people. health. By using less harmful compounds and putting safer substitutes into practice, it produces a safer workplace for workers in pharmaceutical facilities. Additionally, the creation of safer pharmaceuticals reduces patients' possible health risks taking these drugs [15].
- **Sustainable Practices**: Sustainability is promoted by the pharmaceutical industry's adoption of green chemical techniques. Advancements in utilizing sustainable resources, creating more effective synthetic paths, as well as creating Drug compositions that are biodegradable help create a more environmentally friendly method of developing new drugs. This strategy guarantees that the sector lowers, its reliance on resources that are not renewable and reduces the amount of garbage produced throughout the full pharmaceutical product lifecycle [16].
- **Financial Gains:** Although implementing green chemistry techniques may require an initial investment in research and development, In the long run, these methods provide economic benefits. By using less energy and waste usage, pharmaceutical firms can reduce manufacturing costs and enhance overall quality efficiency of the procedure. Furthermore, the possibility of using better practices and renewable feedstocks production procedures can result in long-term advantages [15].
- **Observance of Regulations and Public:** Global regulatory bodies are progressively Stressing enduring procedures ecologically. Accepting green Chemistry complies with strict rules, lowering possible risks and improving the public opinion of pharmaceutical firms. It exhibits a dedication to environmental accountability and the welfare of society, favourably affecting the industry's reputation [17].
- **Innovation and Future Development:** By promoting the creation of new, more sustainable technologies, green chemistry stimulates innovation techniques and tools. Proceeding Innovation and study in green chemistry principles open doors for the pharmaceutical industry to develop fresh, efficient, and eco-friendly medications and procedures. To sum up, the significance of green chemistry in drugs is found in its ability to change the sector to become more sustainable, environmental accountability as well as safer methods while promoting economic gains and innovation. In addition to addressing the pressing need to decrease the effects of pharmaceuticals on the environment procedures, but it also conforms to sociocultural standards for ethical and responsible business procedures [18].

## 5. Challenges implementing with green chemistry in pharmaceuticals

Using green chemistry techniques in the pharmaceutical sector is vital for sustainability, yet there are obstacles to overcome. Numerous barriers prevent the widespread acceptance of green chemistry techniques. These are the main obstacles:

# 5.1 Technological Barriers:

- **Complexity of Molecules:** Because certain medications have complicated structures, it might be difficult to identify safe and effective green synthetic alternatives.
- Lack of Green Processes: Green and sustainable production techniques may not be well-established or easily accessible for some medications, necessitating extensive research and development.

# 5.2 Economic Viability and Scalability:

- **Initial Investment:** Research, technology, and infrastructure investments are frequently necessary for the implementation of green chemistry, which affects the upfront costs associated with medication development and production.
- **Scalability and concern:** It is difficult to create cost-effective, scalable, and sustainable techniques for large-scale manufacturing. It might be challenging to go from laboratory-scale procedures to industrial-scale operations.

# **5.3. Regulatory Compliance and Standardization:**

- **Varied Regulations:** Regulations and standards for green chemistry can differ across regions or countries, complicating compliance for global pharmaceutical companies.
- **Uncertainty and Rapid Changes:** Frequent changes or uncertainties in regulatory policies may hinder long-term planning and investments in green chemistry.

# **5.4. Education and Expertise:**

- **Training and Education:** Adopting green chemistry practices might require retraining or educating the workforce about newer, sustainable methodologies.
- **Expertise and Resources:** Access to experts in green chemistry and the availability of resources for implementing these practices might be limited, especially for smaller pharmaceutical companies.

# 5.5. Collaborative Efforts and Supply Chain Management:

• **Supply Chain Integration:** Working with suppliers and making sure that sustainable raw materials and reagents are available at every stage of the supply chain can be difficult.

• **Interdisciplinary Collaboration:** It can be logistically difficult to implement green chemistry as it frequently calls for interdisciplinary cooperation between chemists, engineers, regulatory specialists, and environmental scientists.

# 5.6. Resistance to Change and Inertia:

- **Cultural Shift:** The adoption of new, more sustainable practices may be slowed down by inertia and resistance to change within established systems and conventional ways.
- Short-Term Priorities vs. Long-Term Objectives: Businesses may place a higher priority on immediate financial rewards than on the long-term advantages of sustainable operations.

A coordinated effort from all parties involved in the pharmaceutical sector is needed to address these issues. Investing in research and development for green methodology, encouraging cooperation across many industry sectors, encouraging standardized rules, and providing incentives for green innovation are some possible solutions. It will also be essential to overcome these obstacles and promote the broad use of green chemistry in medicines through long-term planning, education, and steady regulatory backing [19].

# 6. Advanced Technologies and Computational Chemistry

Various advanced technologies are given as follow: -

- Artificial Intelligence.
- Green Synthesis and Bio-Based Feed stocks.
- Reducing waste and the circular economy.
- Biocatalysis and Enzymatic Processes.
- Green Analytical Techniques.
- Regulatory Support and Standardization
- Public Awareness and Consumer Demand.
- Collaborative Research and Knowledge Sharing.

# 6.1. Artificial Intelligence (AI):

- **Machine Learning**: Combining artificial intelligence and machine learning for molecular design, predictive modelling, and chemical process optimization will hasten the discovery of more environmentally friendly and effective routes for drug production [20].
- **Computational Chemistry and Simulation Tools:** More precise predictions of chemical reactions and molecular characteristics will be possible thanks to improved computational techniques, which will make the design of more environmentally friendly, safer medications.

# 6.2. Green Synthesis and Bio-Based Feed stocks:

• **Growth in Renewable Energy:** Growing use of feedstocks derived from biobased sources and naturally occurring pharmacological starting ingredients reduction of dependency on fossil fuels, synthesis, and reducing the effects on the environment of pharmaceutical procedures.

• **Green Developments Synthesis in Technology:** enduring artificial techniques like microwave-assisted flow chemistry, photochemistry, and synthesis, will keep driving more effectively and ecologically harmless education producing [21].

### 6.3. Reducing waste and the circular economy:

- **Closed-Loop Processes:** A focus on waste-reduction strategies for the circular economy by reducing, recycling, and reusing the Pharmaceuticals' effects on the environment manufacturing [19].
- **Environmentally Friendly Formulations:** Creation of Formulations and packaging for biodegradable medications substances to further lessen the environmental effect after ingestion [15].

### 6.4. Biocatalysis and Enzymatic Processes:

• **Enzymatic Technologies:** increased use of enzymatic and biocatalytic technologies for targeted, eco-friendly reactions, providing high selectivity and lowering the requirement for severe solvents and reagents [15].

#### 6.5. Green Analytical Techniques:

• Advancements in Analytical Methods: ongoing advancement of environmentally friendly analytical methods that use less solvent, like in-line monitoring and process control thorough analysis and process improvement effectiveness [21].

#### 6.6. Regulatory Support and Standardization:

- **Global Harmonization:** Attempts to standardize green chemistry laws globally, promoting a more uniform approach to compliance and making adaption simpler throughout several different areas [19].
- **Policies and Incentives:** Improved Governmental rewards, financing, and favourable regulations for businesses adopting green chemistry, encouraging additional funding for sustainable methods [22].

### 6.7. Public Awareness and Consumer Demand:

• **Demand for Sustainable Products:** Raising customer consciousness and the need for Eco-friendly and sustainable products are pushing. Pharmaceutical firms should give priority to green Chemistry procedures anticipations [23].

### 6.8. Collaborative Research and Knowledge Sharing:

• **Interdisciplinary Collaboration:** Knowledge will be advanced by ongoing cooperation between government agencies, business, and academia. exchange and creativity, speeding up the creation and acceptance of green chemistry procedures (24).

The prospects for Green Chemistry in the pharmaceutical industry has potential for creative technologies, environmentally friendly procedures, and a more robust emphasis on enduring procedures. As Improvements are ongoing, and cooperative efforts acquire traction, the pharmaceutical sector is anticipated to see a substantial change toward more efficient, ecologically friendly, and safer production and development of pharmaceuticals procedures [25].

## 7. Conclusion

The study of "green chemistry" has gained international attention in the field of analytical chemistry. To reduce toxicity without compromising analytical effectiveness, innovations towards more environmentally friendly and sustainable analytical methods have been put forth. By reducing operator risk and environmental contamination through reduced chemical consumption and waste creation, this could be demonstrated at every stage of the analysis.

Despite widespread scientific acceptance of the idea of "green chemistry," the technical development of the field has not yet been accomplished with the proper focus and effort, which can only be accomplished via awareness and education. Green chemistry has the potential to revolutionize drug manufacture and the pharmaceutical sector in the future. It has both economic and environmental benefits. Environmental sustainability and the transformation of the conventional pharmaceutical industries into sustainable ones are the outcomes.

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