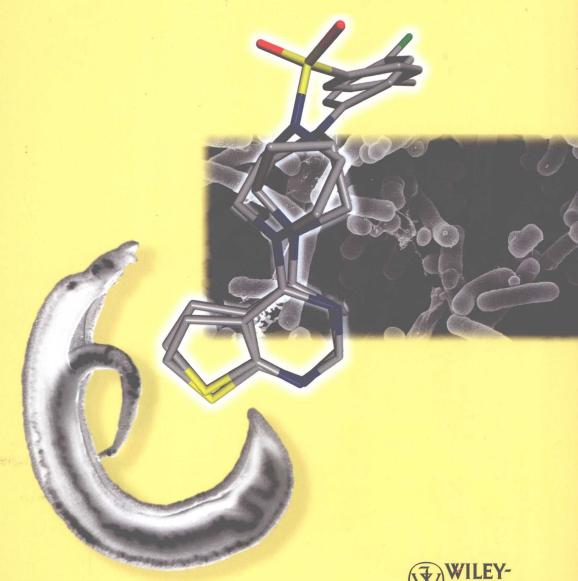




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# Foreword

It is ironic that three decades ago infectious diseases were viewed as a problem of the past. Malaria and tuberculosis were going to be eradicated, effective vaccines were available for major childhood infections, and an armamentarium of antibiotics was available for common community and hospital-acquired infections. Young physicians were advised not to enter infectious disease specialties because they were becoming irrelevant. The AIDS epidemic was the first wakeup call that infectious diseases would again become a major global health problem. Drugresistant malaria and tuberculosis are now almost ubiquitous and new and emerging infectious diseases are almost a weekly staple of the popular press. Indeed the need for new drugs for infectious diseases has never been greater. Global industry and global travel means that formerly exotic diseases can rapidly establish themselves at any port of entry. Effective vaccines against the most prevalent infectious diseases like AIDS and malaria have proven difficult to develop. Multidrug-resistant organisms are an issue in any clinical setting. This publication provides a window on new approaches to drug discovery and development targeting infectious diseases. Fortunately, technology and training in new methodologies of drug discovery have expanded rapidly in the past 10 years. The challenge is how to effectively apply this technology to the thorny problems of global infections and to maintain a drug development pipeline for infectious diseases in light of the immense cost now associated with bringing new drugs to market.

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# **Preface**

In the age of antibiotics, vaccines, and drugs, we might be lulled into a sense of complacency regarding infectious diseases and that there is "a cure for everything". This sense of security is maintained at our peril, however. One has only to consider the growing devastation caused by such big-name diseases as influenza, HIV-AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria to see that the struggle to treat and control infectious diseases is truly titanic and indeed becoming more perilous with the ever-evolving development and spread of drug resistance compounded by the greater freedom and speed of movement of goods, animals, and people. Aside from the recently perceived security threat to the health and business structures of the developed world caused by these and a plethora of other infectious disease, billions living in developing countries must endure the daily struggle of diseases. In contrast to most human health-related pharmaceutical companies, academic institutions, veterinary science, and animal health companies remain very much focused on infectious diseases, including those caused by bacteria and parasites. As illustrated in Figure 1, the animal health sector remains profitable, and thankfully so, as history has shown that therapies produced in this sector often prove invaluable for treatment of similar infectious diseases of humans - the application of anthelmintics being a case in point.

The improved understanding of the resilience of disease-causing agents to therapies, their expanding disease menace in the era of "globalization," and the balance provided by the opportunities for cross-sector exchange of ideas and applications spurred the preparation of this book. Also, the book serves to highlight the importance and visibility of drug discovery efforts for infectious diseases of both animals and humans.

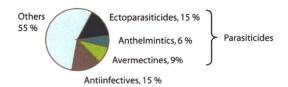
Though it is not possible to address every aspect, disease, or approach within a single volume, this book sets forth a series of case studies and review articles that focus on bacterial and parasitic diseases in order to showcase how scientists in the different disciplines strive to move drug discovery forward. The contributing authors are experts drawn from drug discovery units of the pharmaceutical industry, academia, and nonprofit organizations in an effort to offer a global and balanced insight into the issues and problems at stake and their possible solutions.

Writing this has been a rewarding task for everybody involved. My heartfelt thanks go to the contributing authors for their excellent work performed within a short time-frame. In addition, I am grateful to Intervet/Schering-Plough Animal Health and its Drug Discovery Unit for their unreserved support, inspiration, and motivation

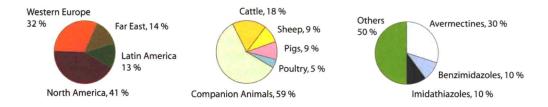
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## Animal Health Market: 16 Billion USD



#### Combined Parasiticides Market: 4.8 Billion USD



## Antiinfectives Market: 2.4 Billion USD

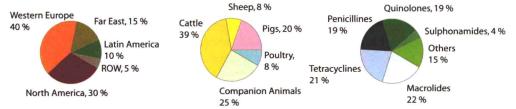


Figure 1 The world animal health market based on data from 2006. The first row depicts the proportion of antiparasitics and antiinfectives in the whole animal health market. Rows two and three represent the antiparasitics and antiinfectives market, respectively. From left to right the individual proportions are broken down according to regional sales (ROW = rest of

world), sales per animal species, and sales per chemical class. The area of the individual pie charts is not size-adjusted. Original data were derived by Wood Mackenzie and kindly provided by Linda Franken-Horspool, International Marketing, Intervet/Schering-Plough Animal Health.

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