



Navigating Compliance Post-COVID with AI and Big Data

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Aurobindo lost 5 million USD per week due to a single non-compliant inspection

- **Eugia Unit-3 stopped production** of terminally sterilized products following a Form 483 issued by the USFDA on **February 2, 2024**
- Production **resumed February 29, 2024**
- **Unit-3** contributes 40% to Eugia's revenue, implying **US sales contribution of USD 140-150 million** (9-10% of overall US sales)
- Aurobindo expects quarterly revenues will be **impacted by 20 million USD** (~ 1 month production stop + ramp-up times)



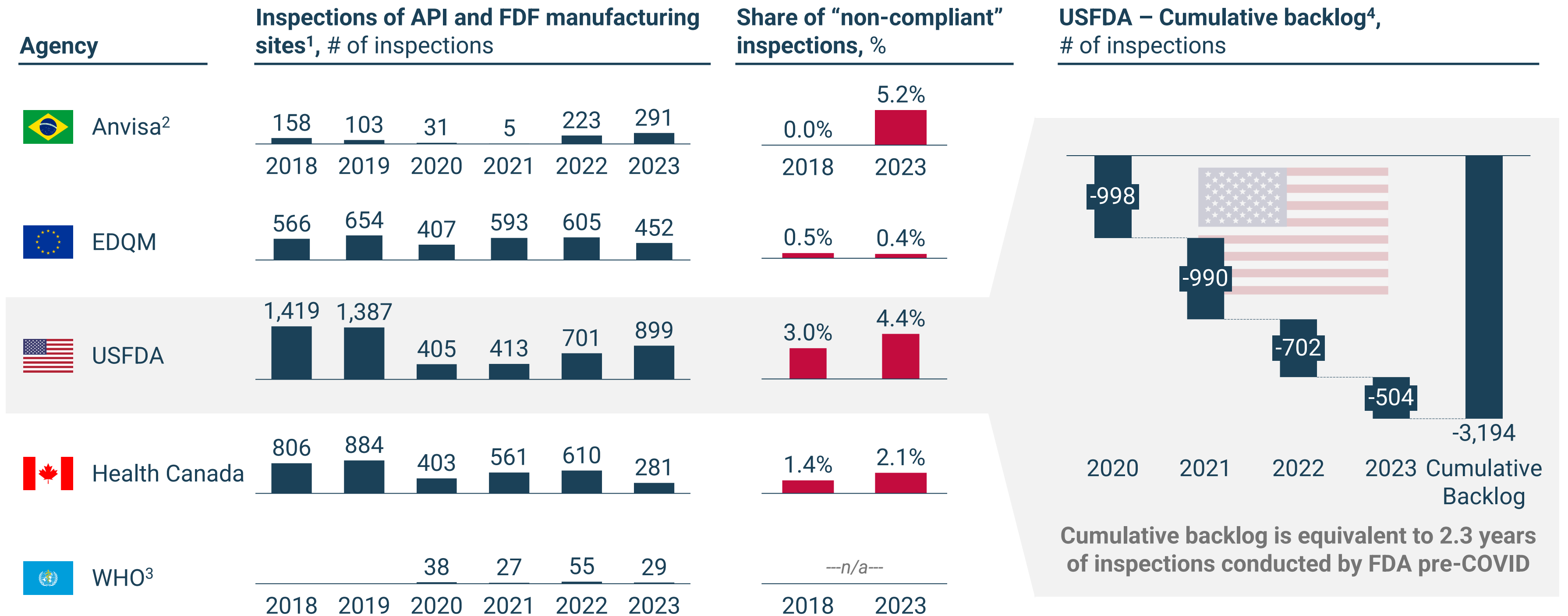
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Regulatory agencies have a substantial inspection backlog from the pandemic, resulting in a higher share of non-compliance

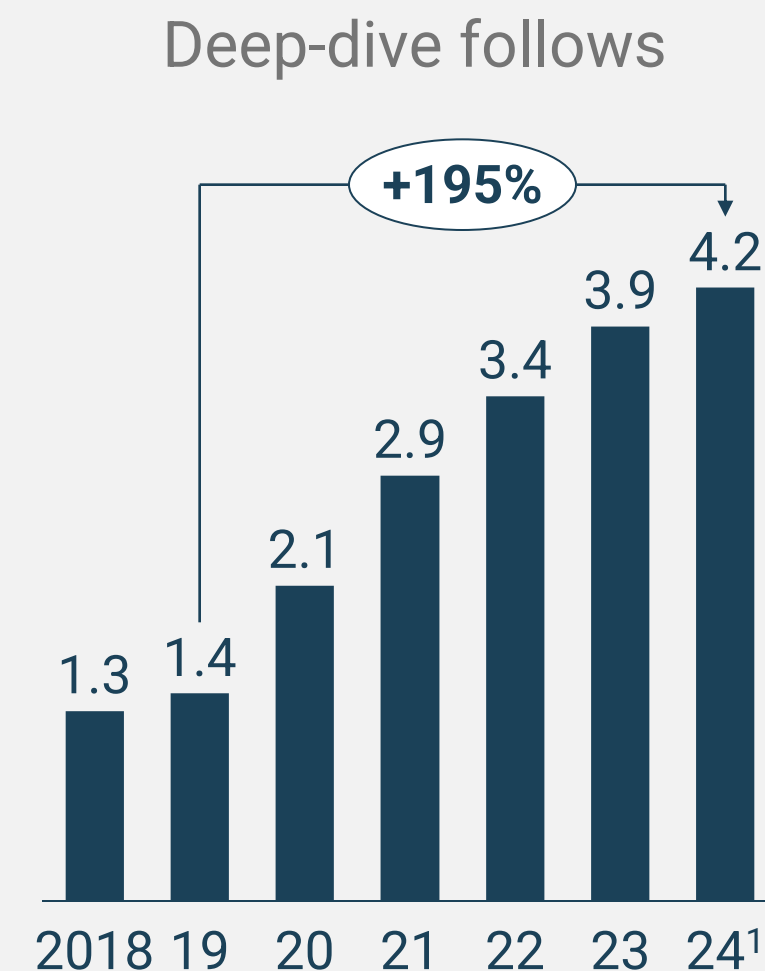
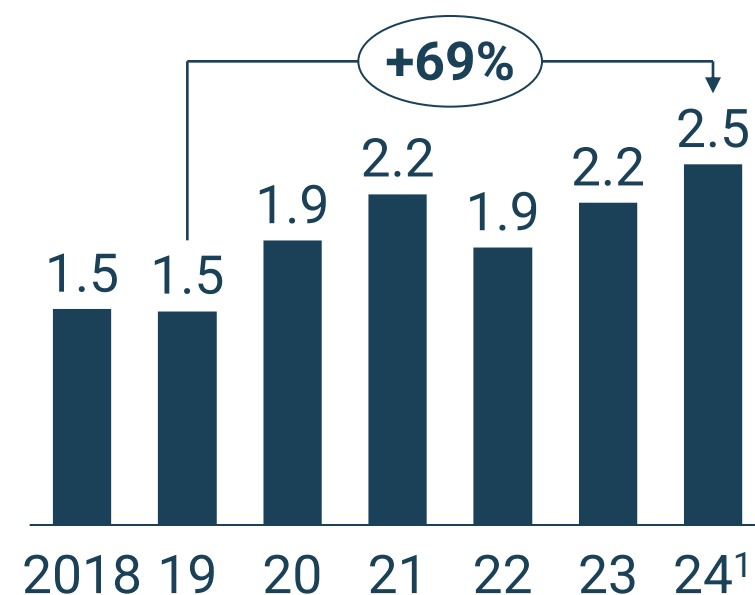
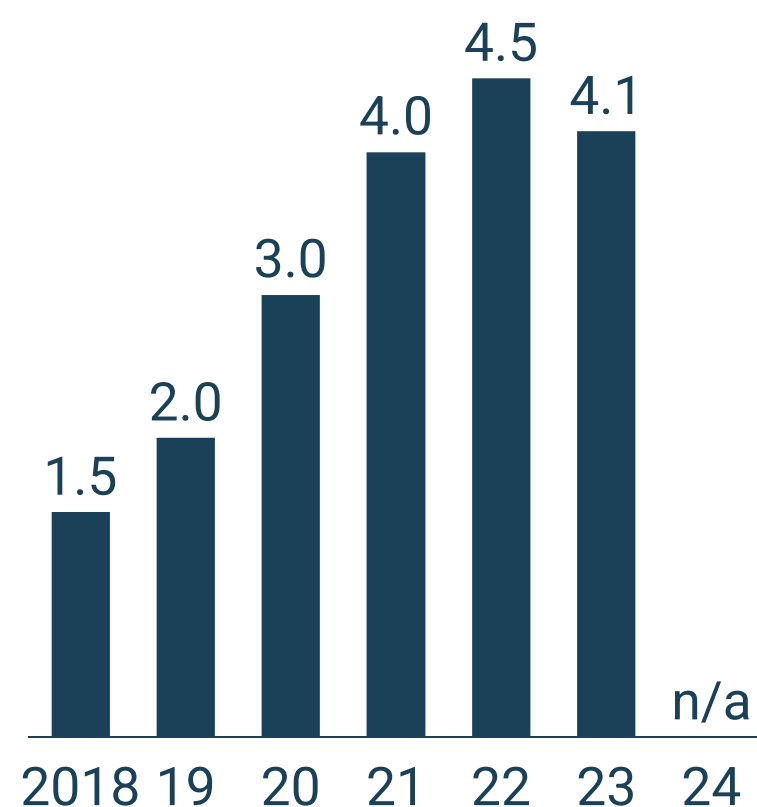


1 Covering a total of N = 3,447 confirmed API and FDF manufacturing sites mapped on the QYOBO platform – excluding offices, packaging, logistics or testing sites without commercial manufacturing operations. 2 Preliminary results, filtered for actual inspections only, risk assessment and other acceptance types were removed. 3 WHO only publishes compliant inspection certificates 4 Comparing the average number of inspections in 2018 and 2019 (1,403 inspections per year) against the actuals in the years 2020 through 2023.

Source: QYOBO platform, filtered for API, FDF or API + FDF manufacturing that have been inspected in the past 10 years (2015-2024)

The time since the last inspection vastly increased for all regulatory agencies during the pandemic

Median time since last inspection per manufacturing site (N = 3,447 sites), years

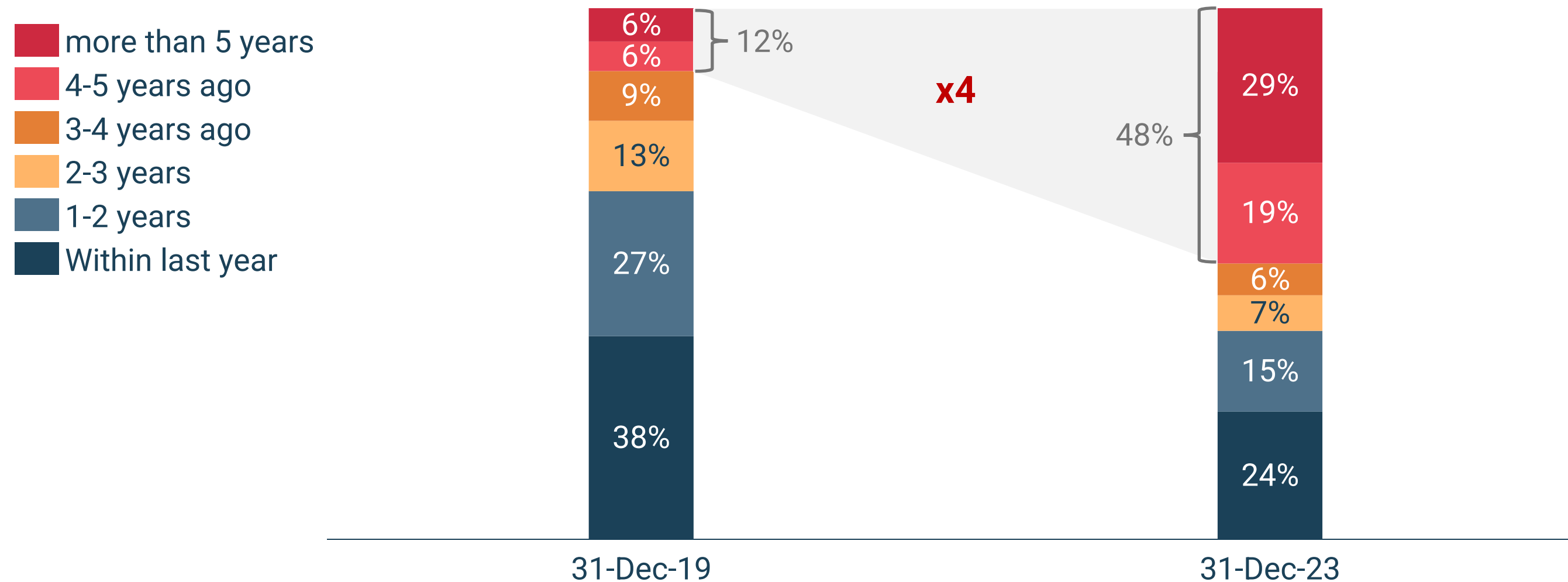


¹ "Time since last inspection" calculated for each year on December 31, except for the ongoing year 2024 where April 5 was used

Source: QYOB0 platform

At the end of 2023, four times more manufacturing sites had not been inspected in over 4 years compared to 2019

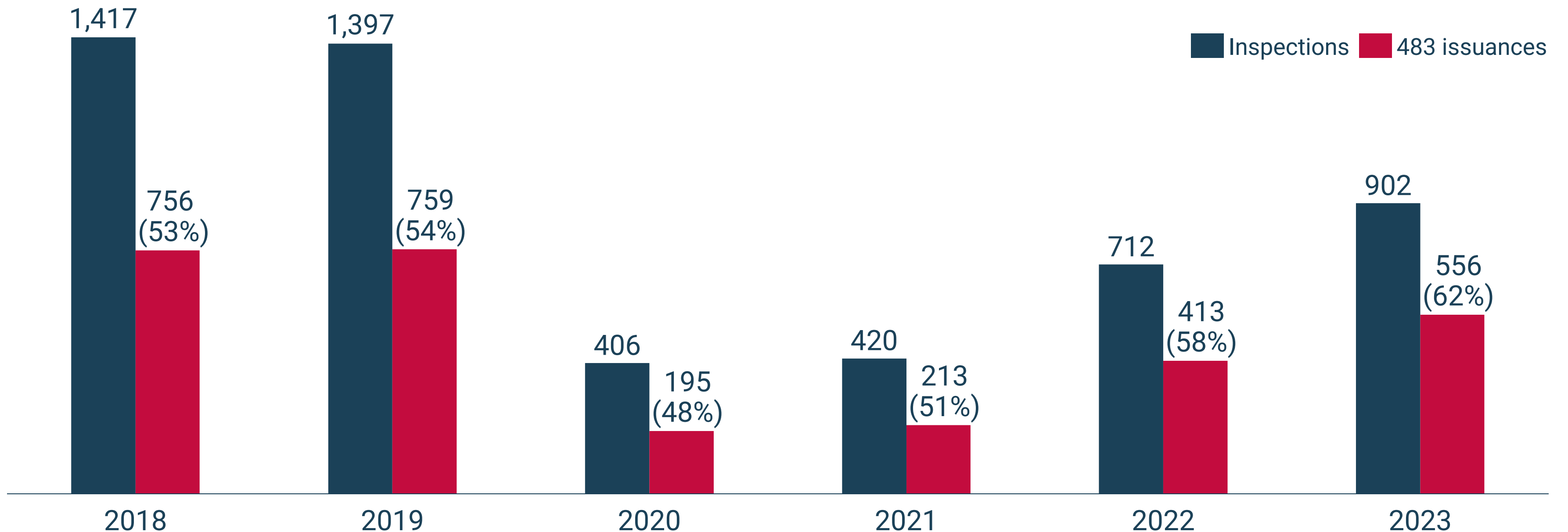
Time since last US FDA inspection, # of manufacturing sites



1 The total site count differs between 2019 (N = 3,204 API and FDF manufacturing sites) and 2023 (N = 3,447 manufacturing sites) as further sites were added/registered with the FDA.
Source: QYOBO platform

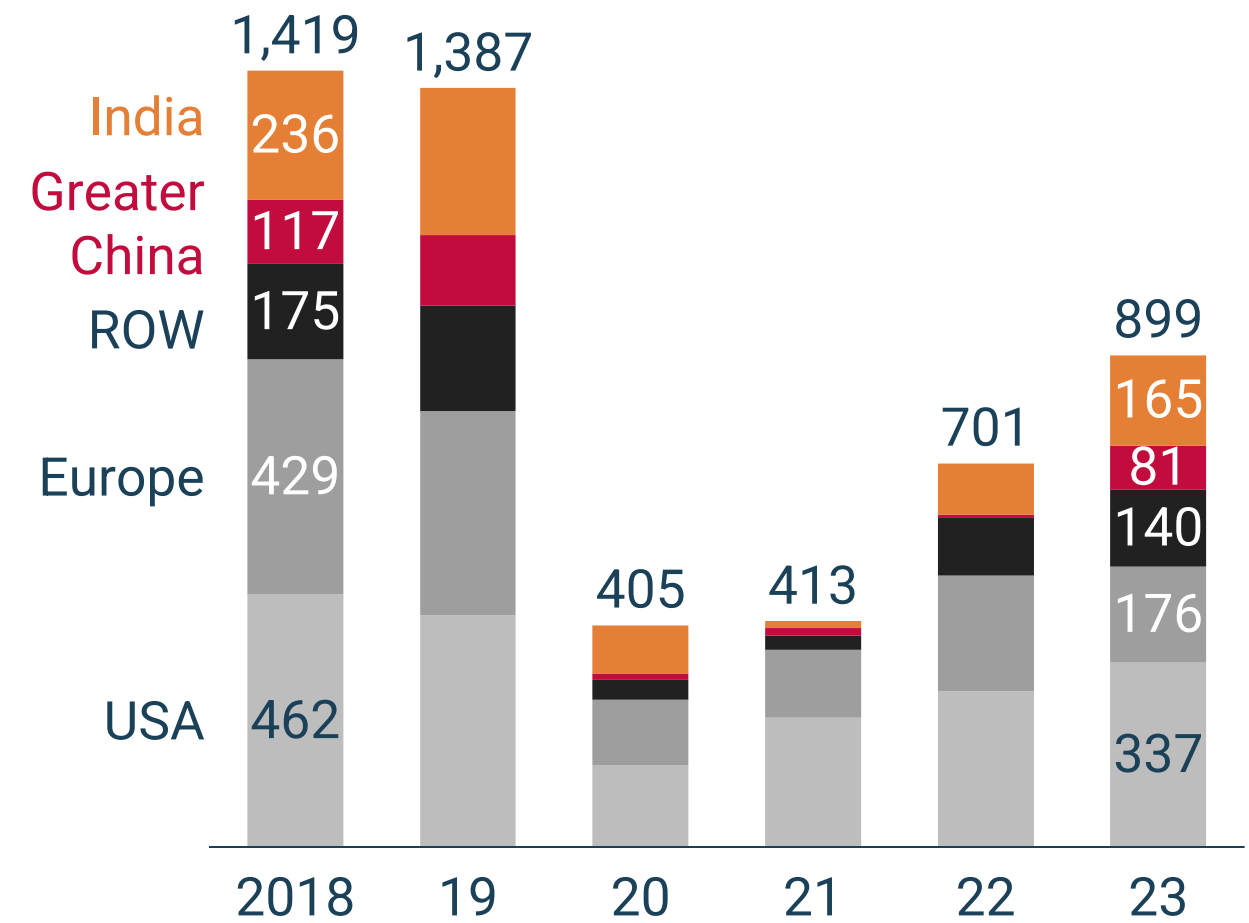
In 2023, Form 483s were issued at a higher rate than ever before

Total number of inspections vs. total number of 483 issuances, #

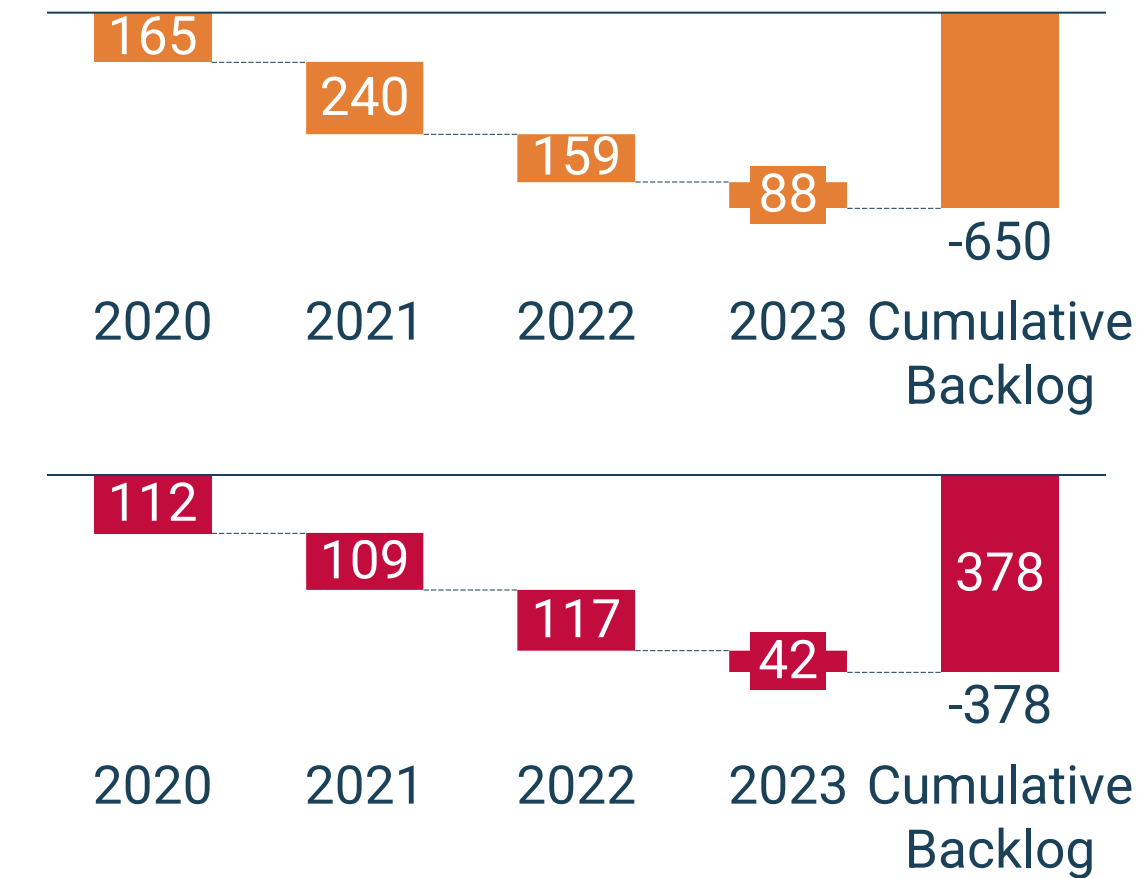


Geographic focus – Inspections of Indian and Chinese sites will soon surpass pre-COVID levels to mitigate 2-3 year backlog

US FDA inspections per country or region, #



USFDA – Cumulative backlog by country, # of inspections



Backlog is equivalent to 2.6 years of inspections conducted pre-COVID



Backlog is equivalent to 3.1 years of inspections conducted pre-COVID

Background (mounting political pressure)

"The Committee is particularly concerned about foreign drug inspections conducted in India and China... we are worried that the United States is overly reliant on sourcing from foreign manufacturers with a demonstrated pattern of repeatedly violating FDA safety regulations."

House Energy and Commerce Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee, July 2023

"What steps is the FDA taking to increase the number of foreign inspections overall?"

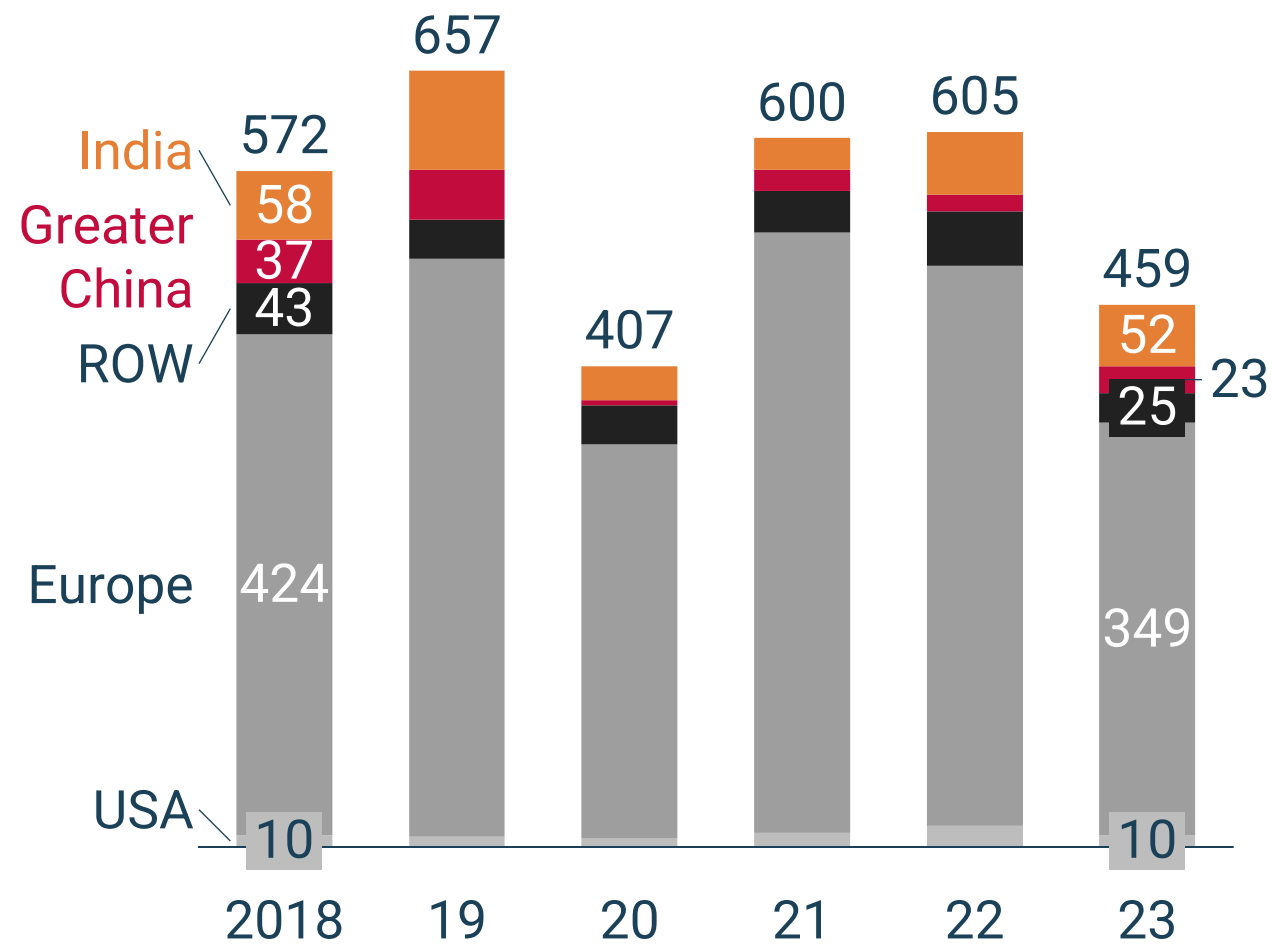
Marco Rubio + 8 Rep. U.S. Senators, December 2023

"I'm concerned that the FDA is failing in its mission. It is not adequately executing its foreign inspection program, which was questionable before the pandemic, became non-existent during the pandemic, and has seen little improvement since."

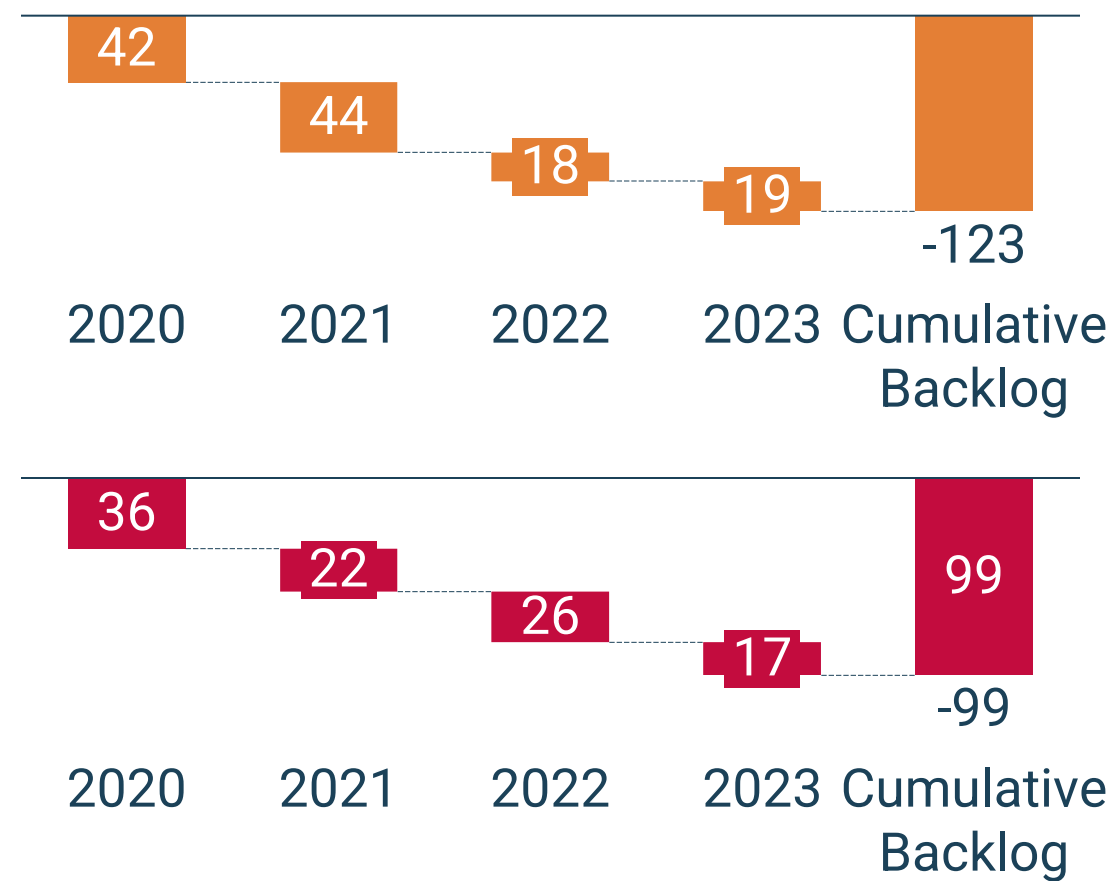
Cathy McMorris Rodgers, U.S. House Representative, February 2024


Geographic focus – EDQM has a backlog of 1.7 and 2.5 years of inspections in India and China respectively


EDQM inspections per country or region, #



EDQM – Cumulative backlog by country, # of inspections




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How can big data analysis and AI boost regulatory compliance?

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Understand –
impact analysis

- **Quantify your risk accurately** – on a market and product level
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Anticipate –
plan ahead

- **Predict** how/whether a non-compliance event will impact your business or result in regulatory action (e.g. a warning letter prediction)
 - **Assess and monitor** – Set up an automated process to monitor when manufacturing sites have last been inspected
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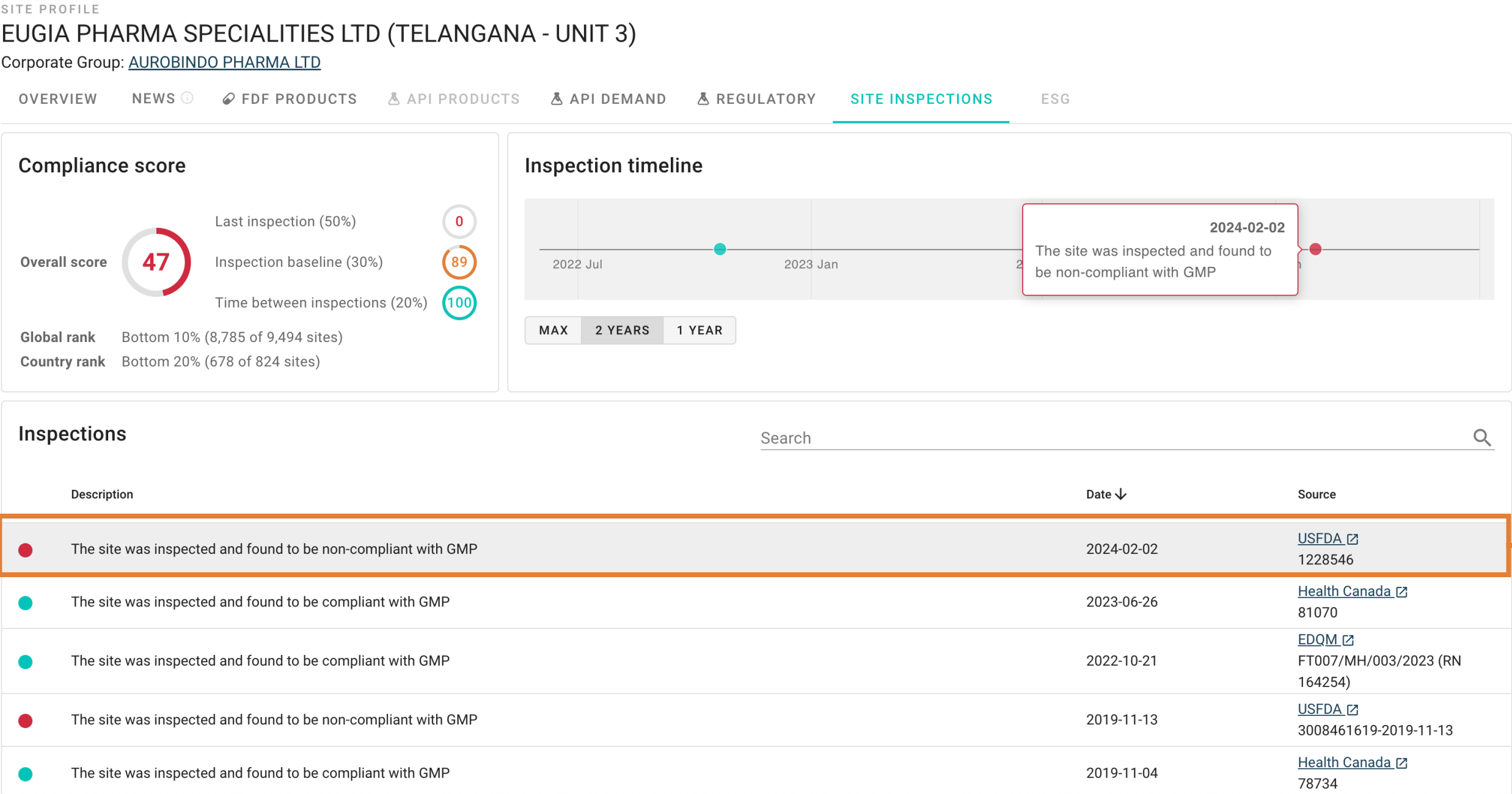
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Mitigate –
when things
don't go by plan

- **Test and improve** – Proactively reach out to suppliers with overdue inspections
- **Prioritize and communicate** – Make regulatory compliance a top-line responsibility to ensure the organization is made aware of the financial risk associated with it

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USFDA issued a Form 483 noting 9 observations at Aurobindo’s EUGIA pharma site in February 2024



1 Eugia Unit 3 manufactures injectables and eye drops for the US market

SITE PROFILE

EUGIA PHARMA SPECIALITIES LTD (TELANGANA - UNIT 3)

Corporate Group: [AUROBINDO PHARMA LTD](#)

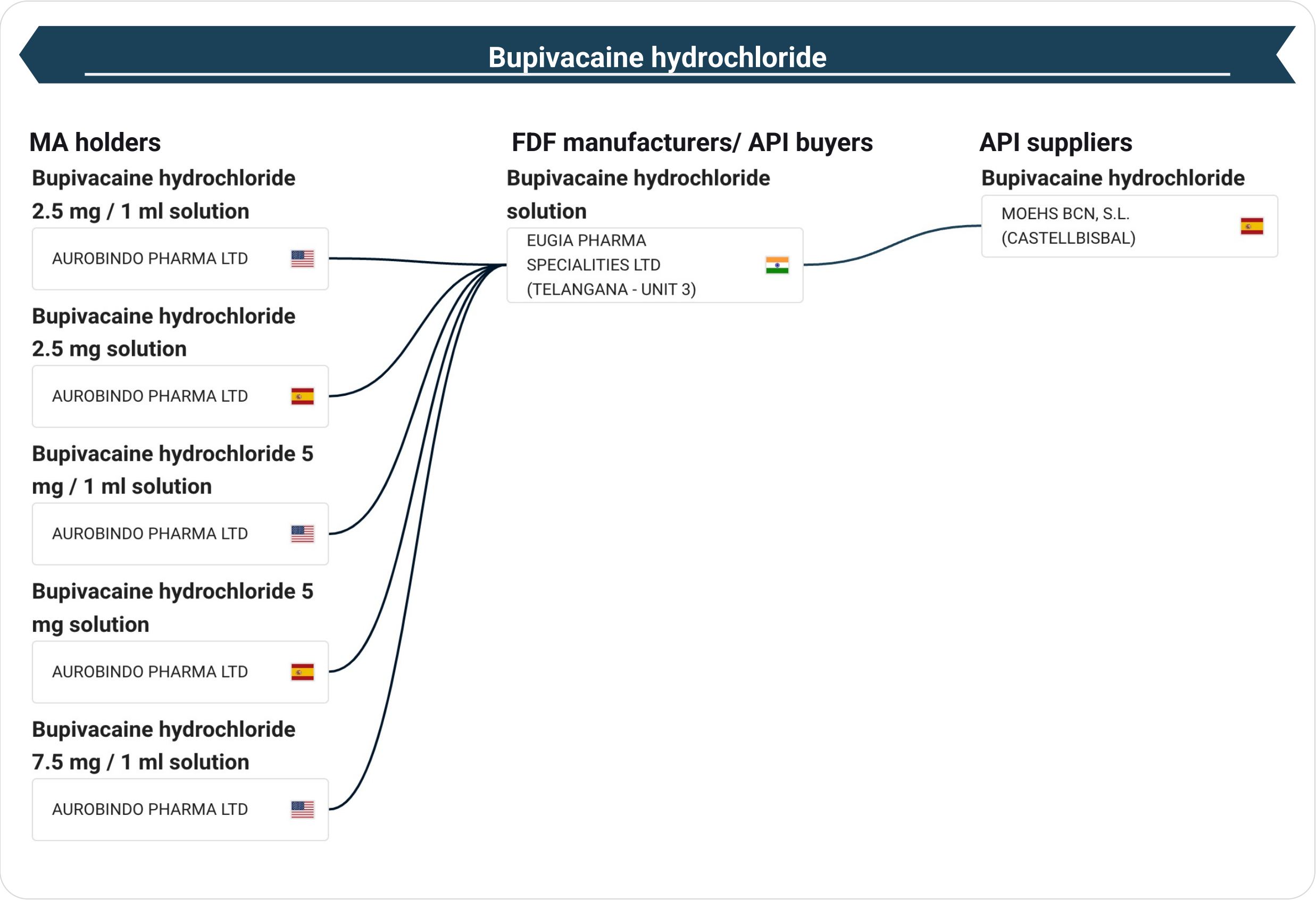
OVERVIEW NEWS ⓘ **FDF PRODUCTS** API PRODUCTS API DEMAND REGULATORY SITE INSPECTIONS ESG

FDF Product list					Search	
Active ingredients	Administration route	Dosage form		Strength	Properties	
Acyclovir sodium	parenteral use	injectable solution		1 gm / 20 ml		
Acyclovir sodium	parenteral use	injectable solution		500 mg / 10 ml		
Alcaftadine	ocular use	eye drop		2.5 mg / 1 ml		
Amiodarone hydrochloride	parenteral use	injectable solution		150 mg / 3 ml		
Amiodarone hydrochloride	parenteral use	injectable solution		450 mg / 9 ml		
Amiodarone hydrochloride	parenteral use	injectable solution		900 mg / 18 ml		
Atracurium besylate	parenteral use	injectable solution		100 mg / 10 ml		
Atracurium besylate	parenteral use	injectable solution		50 mg / 5 ml		
Azithromycin monohydrate		powder for injectable solution/suspension		500 mg		
Bivalirudin		powder for injectable solution/suspension		250 mg		

The site predominantly manufactures eye drops and liquid injectables with a few exceptions (solutions for inhalation, powder for injection)

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Impact assessment: QYOB0 platform helps customers to understand which markets are affected...

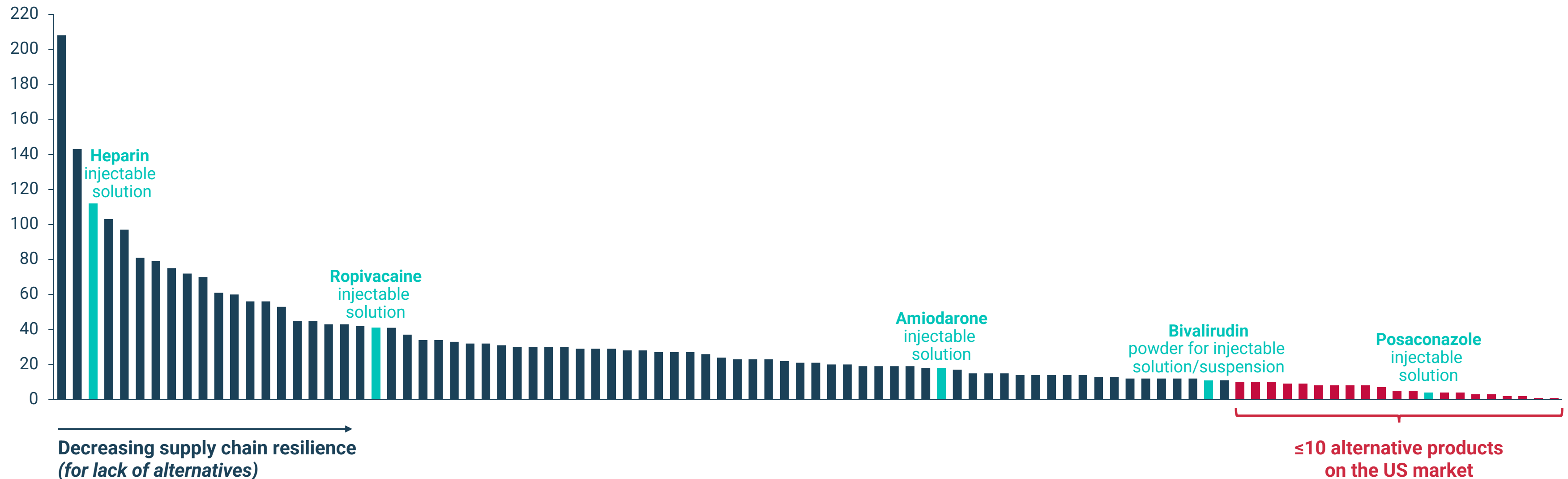


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... and which products: most have various alternatives on the market, but 21 products have 10 or less alternatives

 US market

Alternative products¹ on the US market, total #



¹ Products with same active ingredient and dosage form as those manufactured by Eugia Unit 3 for Aurobindo and other companies.

Source: QYOB0 platform (FDF module)

Anticipate – plan ahead

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Based on 10,000+ FDA offline documents, global inspection data of 8,000+ manufacturing sites and past warning letters...

Input Data: over 50,000 compliance documents

Pre-processing

QYOBO requested 10,000+ Form 483 documents from USFDA via FOIA (Freedom of Information Act)

Global inspection data for over 8,000 manufacturing sites*

Past warning letters from the USFDA

Step 1:

QYOBO is processing these documents via **OCR (Optical character recognition)** and converts it into structured text

Step 2:

Subsequent **pattern recognition extracts meaningful features** (overall document sentiment, tagwords, inspectors, etc.)

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This document lists observations made by the FDA representative(s) during the inspection of your facility. They are inspectional observations, and do not represent a final agency determination regarding your compliance. If you have an objection regarding an observation, or have implemented, or plan to implement, corrective action in response to an observation, you may discuss the objection or action with the FDA representative(s) during the inspection or submit this information to FDA at the address above. If you have any questions, please contact FDA at the phone number and address above.

DURING AN INSPECTION OF YOUR FIRM WE OBSERVED:
OBSERVATION 1
Procedures designed to prevent microbiological contamination of drug products purporting to be sterile are not established and written.

Specifically,

A. Your firm failed to adequately validate the aseptic process for its manufacture of injectable, ophthalmic, and topical products derived from human umbilical cord and amniotic membrane in that it has never performed a media fill simulation.

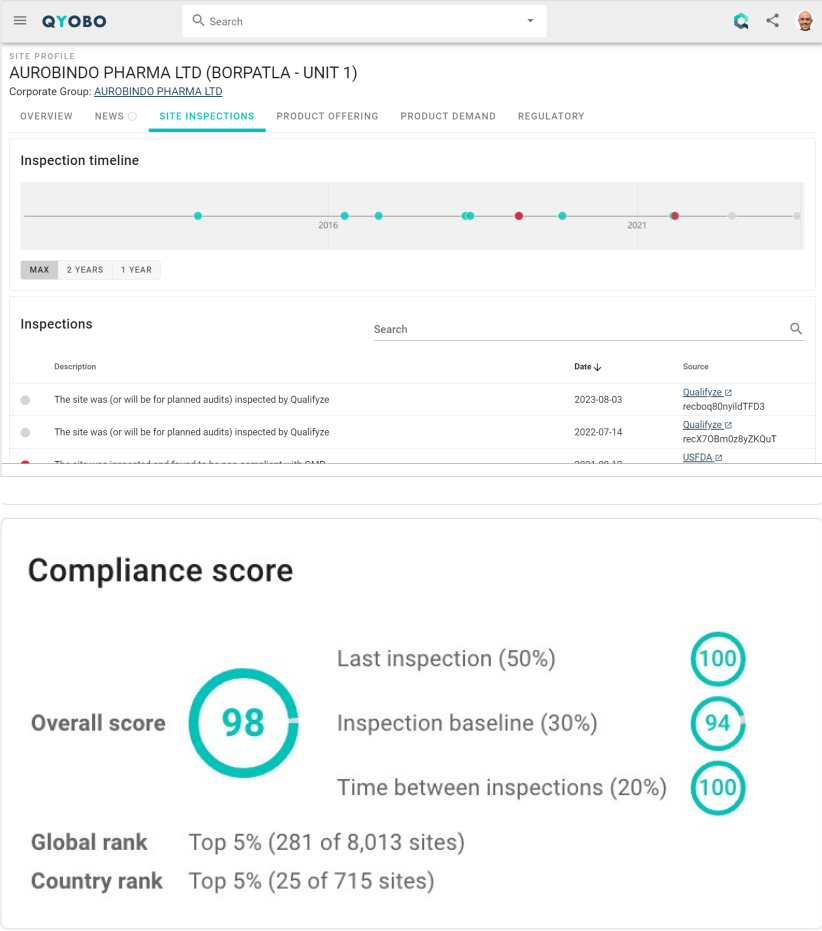
From 07/16/2020 to 10/07/2021 the following batches of products were completely/partially distributed:

Vitti Lab Products	HCT/P Source	# Batches
Opti Drops	Amniotic Membrane	(b) (4)
NS PURE	Amniotic Membrane	
WJ PURE +	Umbilical Cord	
(b) (4)	Umbilical Cord	
EV PURE+	Umbilical Cord	

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WARNING LETTER

Aurobindo Pharmaceutical Limited

MARCS-CMS 618091 - JANUARY 12, 2022

Delivery Method: VIA UPS

Product: Drugs

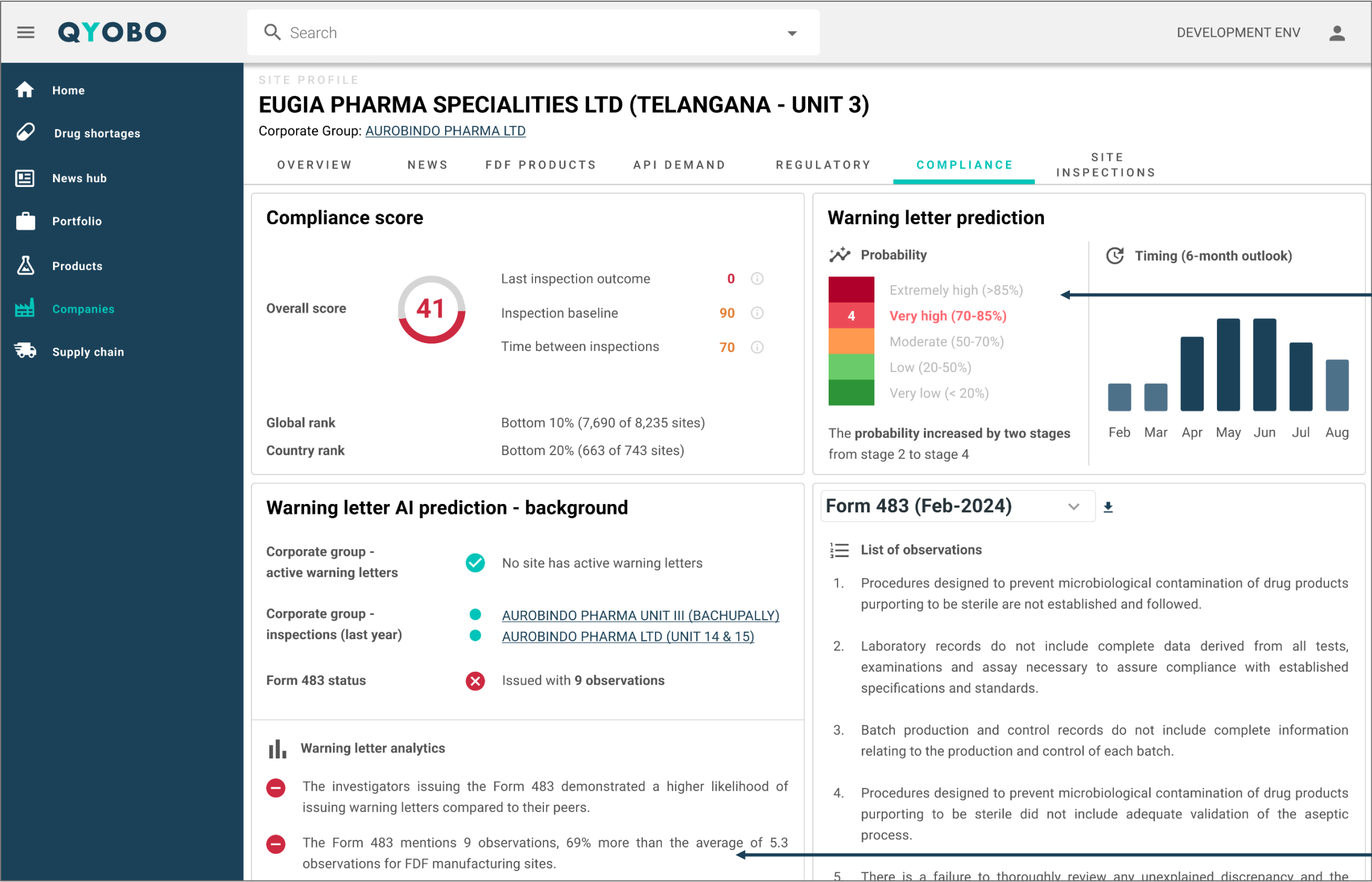
Recipient: Mr. Narayan Govindarajan
Managing Director
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Floor No 12, 22 & 24 Galaxy
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Issuing Office: Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER)
United States

* work in progress

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... our AI model indicates a “very high” probability for a warning letter for Eugia Unit-3



The warning letter prediction model indicates a very high probability of a warning letter between April and July 2024

To make this assessment, the model uses over 50,000 compliance documents for 8,000 manufacturing sites and their corporate relationships

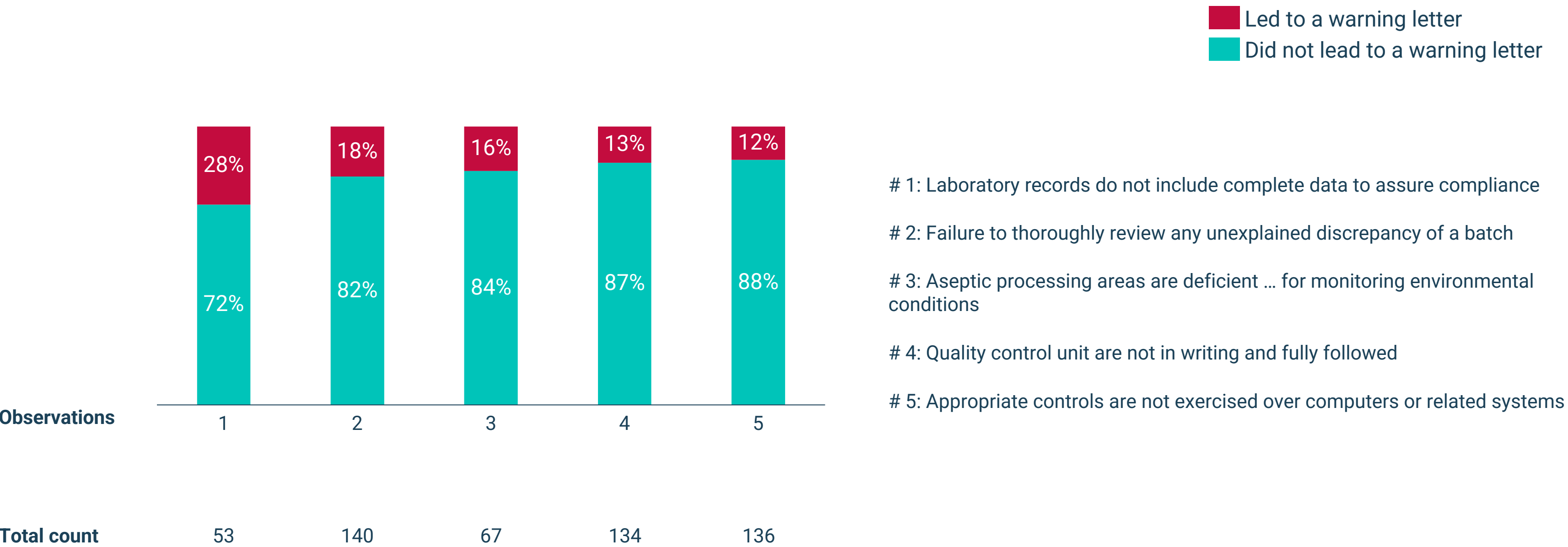
Warning letter analytics provide data-driven statistics and background to help understand the prediction

Screenshot cropped for brevity

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The model itself decides which features are best suited for the prediction (example for observations)

Severeness of observations, %



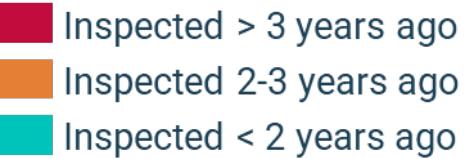
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Systematically anticipate upcoming inspections in the supply chain - Example for Aurobindo (1/2)

Active in US Market ¹	Operation type	Dosage form	Manufacturing site	Time since last USFDA inspection ² , years	Time since last EDQM/HC inspection ² , years
✓	API		 APITORIA PHARMA LTD (KISTAIPALLY, UNIT 8)	<div><div></div>4.2</div>	<div><div></div>3.8</div>
✓	API		 APITORIA PHARMA LTD (BORPATLA - UNIT 1)	<div><div></div>2.4</div>	<div><div></div>2.4</div>
✓	API		 APITORIA PHARMA LTD (PASHAMYLARAM, UNIT 5)	<div><div></div>1.9</div>	
✓	API		 APITORIA PHARMA LTD (PYDIBHIMAVARAM, UNIT 4)	<div><div></div>1.4</div>	<div><div></div>1.7</div>
✓	API		 APITORIA PHARMA LTD (GUNDLA MACHANUR - UNIT 9)	<div><div></div>1.1</div>	<div><div></div>1.1</div>
✓	API		 APITORIA PHARMA PRIVATE LIMITED (E-BONANGI, UNIT-VI)	<div><div></div>0.6</div>	
✓	API + FDF		 EUGIA PHARMA SPECIALITIES LTD (BHIWADI)	<div><div></div>1.5</div>	<div><div></div>1.5</div>

1 GDUFA fees paid for 2024 or active CDER (Current Drug Establishment Registration) 2 Calculated on 31.12.2023

Source: QYOBO platform



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Systematically anticipate upcoming inspections in the supply chain - Example for Aurobindo (2/2)

Active in US Market ¹	Operation type	Dosage form	Manufacturing site	Time since last USFDA inspection ² , years	Time since last EDQM/HC inspection ² , years
✓	FDF		🇮🇳 EUGIA SEZ PVT LTD (MAHABUBNAGAR)	4.8	4.9
✓	FDF	💉	🇮🇳 EUGIA PHARMA SPECIALITIES LTD (TELANGANA - UNIT 3)	4.1	0.5
✓	FDF	💉	🇮🇳 AUROBINDO PHARMA LTD UNIT 12 (MIYAPUR)	3.9	0.8
✓	FDF	💊	🇺🇸 AUROLIFE PHARMA LLC (2400 ROUTE, DAYTON)	2.1	
✓	FDF	💊	🇮🇳 AUROBINDO PHARMA LTD (JEDCHERLA MANDAL, UNIT 7)	1.6	5.6
✓	FDF	💊	🇺🇸 AUROLIFE PHARMA LLC (DURHAM)	1.3	
✓	FDF	💊	🇮🇳 AUROBINDO PHARMA UNIT III (BACHUPALLY)	0.5	0.5
✓	FDF	💊	🇮🇳 EUGIA PHARMA SPECIALITIES LTD. (KOLTHUR)	0.4	1.1
✓	FDF		🇮🇳 APL HEALTHCARE LIMITED (MENAKURU - UNIT IV)	0.3	
✓	FDF	💊	🇮🇳 AUROBINDO PHARMA LTD (CHITKUL, UNIT 6)	0.3	
✓	FDF	💊	🇮🇳 APL HEALTHCARE LIMITED (JADCHERLA , GREEN IND AREA)	0.1	
✓	FDF	💊	🇺🇸 EUGIA US MANUFACTURING LLC (HIGHTSTOWN)	0.0	

Inspected > 3 years ago
Inspected 2-3 years ago
Inspected < 2 years ago

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Summary

- The **COVID-induced backlog** poses an **increasing risk to a safe and reliable drug supply**, as inspection data suggest a higher degree of non-compliance.
- **Indian and Chinese manufacturing sites** are particularly **in focus** for inspections.
- Leveraging **big data and AI models**, **sites at risk** can be identified using **globally connected data**.
- **Quantifying and systematically monitoring** compliance risks can provide the means to **anticipate and mitigate** non-compliance events.