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Former FDA Official Daniel Fabricant, Ph.D., Available to Provide Expert Commentary on New *JAMA* Study on Unapproved Ingredients in Nutritional Supplements

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Former Food and Drug Administration (FDA) official and the head of the largest association for the natural products industry Dr. Daniel Fabricant, Ph.D., is available to provide expert comment in response to a new *JAMA* study on unapproved ingredients in nutritional supplements.

“The safety record of the dietary supplement and natural products industry is far superior to prescription drugs or even conventional foods because of a strong federal regulatory regime, significant investment in product safety and quality, consumer demand and self-regulatory programs developed by the men and women of our industry, who want to help people lead healthier lifestyles. NPA strongly supports the prosecution of criminal activity and has robust internal measures and quality assurance programs to report bad actors to authorities,” said Daniel Fabricant, Ph.D., President and CEO of NPA.

A supplemental article by Dr. Pieter A. Cohen cites a 2015 *New England Journal of Medicine* study that claims nutritional supplements caused 23,000 hospitalizations. The study relied on data from 63 ERs instead of the official FDA Serious Adverse Event Reporting database for dietary supplements. The laws that regulate supplements require official reporting of adverse events so that the regulators, the health care community and others can review the data and make informed public policy decisions. Even if the study estimates are accurate, the number of hospital visits related to dietary supplements would represent .0001687 percent of the 136.3 million hospital visits each year, according to CDC data.

Schedule an Interview

To schedule an interview with Dr. Fabricant immediately, please contact Justin Bartolomeo at 202-789-4365 or jbartolomeo@hdmk.org

Daniel Fabricant, Ph.D., President and CEO, Natural Products Association

Dr. Fabricant has more than a decade of regulatory, legislative and scientific experience in the natural products industry. Prior to being named President and CEO of NPA, the nation’s largest and oldest trade organization representing the natural products industry, Dr. Fabricant directed agency policy, public affairs and regulatory action regarding regulation of the dietary supplement industry for more than three years at the FDA. While with the agency, he successfully navigated the large, heavily-matrixed governmental organizational structure to bring life to a regulatory function that was non-existent for



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almost 20 years. Before his time at the FDA, Dr. Fabricant was vice president, global government and scientific affairs, for NPA, responsible for establishing and leading industry coalitions dealing with a range of issues. Dr. Fabricant is internationally recognized for his regulatory and governmental public health expertise and natural products research.

Natural Products Association

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