MODULE SPECIFICATION TEMPLATE

**SECTION 1: MODULE SPECIFICATIONS**

1. **Title of the module**

BI514 Pharmacology

1. **School** or partner institution which will be responsible for management of the module

Biosciences

1. **Start date of the module**

September 2003 revised July 2013

1. **The number** of students expected to take the module

100

1. **Modules to be withdrawn** on the introduction of this proposed module and consultation with other relevant Schools and Faculties regarding the withdrawal

None this is a minor revision of an existing module

1. **The level of the module** (e.g. Certificate [C], Intermediate [I], Honours [H] or Postgraduate [M])

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1. **The number of credits** and the ECTS value which the module represents

15 credits (7.5 ECTS credits)

1. **Which term**(s) the module is to be taught in (or other teaching pattern)

Spring Term

1. **Prerequisite and co-requisite modules**

Core Stage 1 modules, BI307 Human physiology and Disease recommended

1. **The programmes of study to which the module contributes**

Biochemistry and related programmes

Biomedical Science and related programmes

1. **The intended subject specific learning outcomes** on successful completion of the module students will be able to:
2. Demonstrate an understanding of receptors, ion channels, enzymes and carrier molecules as drug targets.
3. Describe drug-receptor interactions at the molecular level.
4. Understand systems pharmacology – e.g. cardiovascular and central nervous systems – and the action of therapeutic agents in diseased states
5. Demonstrate both a practical and theoretical knowledge of pharmacological techniques

**12.Intended generic learning outcomes**

1. Be able to extract and interpret information at an intermediate level
2. Be able to analyse and evaluate data at an intermediate level
3. Have acquired skills in written communication and receiving critique.
4. Have acquired skills in working as a team to solve problems

**13.A synopsis of the curriculum**

**Pharmacodynamics and chemical transmission**

* Introduction and basic principles of drug action
* Structure and function of receptors and ion channels
* Neurotransmission. Neurons and synapses, neuromuscular junctions, autonomic nervous system, adrenergic and cholinergic nerve terminals, neuromodulation
* Local transmission. Inflammatory response: role of histamine

**Systematic pharmacology**

* *The Cardiovascular System*. Regulation of blood pressure, angina and cardiac failure
* *The Respiratory System*. Pathogenesis of asthma, mode of action of bronchodilators and anti-inflammatory agents
* *The Central Nervous System* -Central neurotransmitters and opioids*,* Local and general anaesthetics*,* Treatment of anxiety and sleep disorders*,* Treatment of schizophrenia, Parkinson’s disease and mania/depression*,* Drugs of abuse and withdrawal symptoms
* *The Gastrointestinal Tract.* Pathogenesis and treatment of peptic ulcers, constipation and diarrhoea
* *The Endocrine and Reproductive Systems.* Corticosteroids, contraception and pregnancy, treatment of subfertility
* *Chemotherapy.* General principles of antibiotic/antiviral/antifungal/anticancer agents

**Practical:**

Drug receptor binding data analysis

**14.Indicative Reading List**

* Required Reading:
* Neal MJ, Medical pharmacology at a glance, 5th Edition, Blackwell Pub., 2005
* Rang, H. P, Rang and Dale's pharmacology, 6th Edition, Churchill Livingstone, 2007

**15.Learning and Teaching Methods**, including the nature and number of contact hours and the total study hours which will be expected of students, and how these relate to achievement of the intended module learning outcomes

The module will be taught through lectures and an associated data handling workshop and practical class

The lectures will provide the detailed theoretical content for the module allowing achievement of learning outcomes 11.1-11.4

The practical class will allow achievement of outcomes 11.4, 12.1 – 12.4

The workshop will allow achievement of outcomes 11.3,11.4 , 12.1 – 12.4

**Contact hours:** Lectures: 22h

Practicals: 6h

Workshop: 3h

**Self-Study:**  Practical report: 24h

Workshop: 24h

Reading, revision: 71h

Total: 150h

**16.Assessment methods** and how these relate to testing achievement of the intended module learning outcomes

Workshop – pharmacology in practice

Students will be presented with a series of clinical conditions, which will be discussed in the workshop. Students will then evaluate treatment possibilities for each of the conditions described, their mode of action, potential complications, and finally the most suitable therapeutic strategy for the individual patient (20%).

#### This will test achievement of module outcomes 11.3,11.4 , 12.1 – 12.4

#### Practical

The practical session proposed for this module will ensure that the students are cognisant with techniques which underpin our understanding of pharmacology and the development/characterisation of drugs for the treatment of disease (20%).

#### This will test achievement of module outcomes 11.2, 11.4, 12-1 – 12.4

#### Examination:

There will be an end of year examination requiring answers to essay type questions (60%).

#### This will test achievement of module outcomes 11.1 -4, 12-3

**17.Implications for learning resources, including staff, library, IT and space**

None this is a minor revision of an existing module

**18.The School recognises** and has embedded the expectations of current disability equality legislation, and supports students with a declared disability or special educational need in its teaching. Within this module we will make reasonable adjustments wherever necessary, including additional or substitute materials, teaching modes or assessment methods for students who have declared and discussed their learning support needs. Arrangements for students with declared disabilities will be made on an individual basis, in consultation with the University’s disability/dyslexia support service, and specialist support will be provided where needed.

**19.Campus(es) where module will be delivered:**

Canterbury

**SECTION 2: MODULE IS PART OF A PROGRAMME OF STUDY IN A UNIVERSITY SCHOOL**

**Statement by the School Director of Learning and Teaching/School Director of Graduate Studies (as appropriate):** "I confirm I have been consulted on the above module proposal and have given advice on the correct procedures and required content of module proposals"

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| ................................................................  Director of Learning and Teaching/Director of Graduate Studies (delete as applicable)  …………………………………………………  Print Name | ..............................................  Date |

**Statement by the Head of School:** "I confirm that the School has approved the introduction of the module and, where the module is proposed by School staff, will be responsible for its resourcing"

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