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Artificial intelligence in modern pharmaceutical sciences: shaping the future of drug development and patient outcomes

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ABSTRACT

Artificial intelligence (AI) is rapidly transforming pharmaceutical sciences by accelerating innovation across discovery, development, and manufacturing. Traditional R&D processes remain slow, costly, and characterized by high failure rates, whereas AI offers early prediction, faster iteration, and enhanced decision-making that reduce development time and cost. AI-driven drug discovery enables target identification, protein structure prediction, and rapid molecule screening, facilitating quicker access to life-saving therapies. In formulation development, AI predicts excipient compatibility, models stability, and optimizes bioavailability, enabling patient-specific and more effective formulations. Manufacturing is undergoing a paradigm shift from reactive, manual processes to predictive, automated, and data-driven systems. Digital twins, predictive maintenance, and real-time analytics promote consistent quality, fewer deviations, and efficient scale-up. In bioprocessing, AI enhances media optimization, yield prediction, and upstream–downstream balancing. AI also strengthens regulatory science through NLP-based document consistency checks and improves clinical trial design via optimized site selection, automated patient recruitment, and trial success prediction. Furthermore, integration of real-world data enables continuous safety monitoring, early detection of adverse events, and dynamic benefit–risk evaluation. Overall, AI enhances rather than replaces scientific expertise, enabling a more efficient, patient-centric, and globally responsive pharmaceutical ecosystem.

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