Composite Analysis of the Finances for Thirteen of the World’s Largest Pharmaceutical Companies from 2011-2017

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The thirteen companies are: AbbVie, Amgen, AstraZeneca, Bristol-Myer Squibb, Eli Lilly, Gilead Sciences, GlaxoSmithKline, Johnson & Johnson, Merck, Novartis, Pfizer, Roche and Sanofi. Together, these thirteen companies earned roughly 40% of the world’s total pharmaceutical revenue in recent years.

Financial summaries for each company can be found here: http://truecostofhealthcare.net/pharmaceutical_financial_index/

Here are the composite numbers for all 13 companies from 2011-2017:

Total Revenue: $3,273 Billion
Pharmaceutical Sales $2,615 Billion
Total Profit: $646 Billion
Total Spent on Research: $549 Billion
Total Spent on Marketing: $895 Billion
Total Spent in Taxes: $201 Billion
US Revenue: $1,461 Billion
Revenue from All Other Countries: $1,822 Billion

Here are the composite numbers for all 13 companies for 2017 only:

Total Revenue: $484 Billion
Pharmaceutical Sales $391 Billion
Total Profit: $75 Billion
Total Spent on Research: $90 Billion
Total Spent on Marketing: $125 Billion
Total Spent in Taxes: $45 Billion
US Revenue: $233 Billion
Revenue from All Other Countries: $250 Billion
Figure 1: Total amount all 13 companies earned in profit (net income after taxes) from 2011-2017 compared to how much they spent on research, marketing and taxes.

Figure 2: Total amount all 13 companies earned in profit (net income after taxes) in only 2017 compared to how much they spent on research, marketing and taxes.
**Figures 3:** The proportion of the total revenue for all twelve companies that was allocated toward research, marketing, taxes and profits from 2011-2017

**Proportion of Revenue from US vs. All Other Countries 2011-2017**

**Figure 4:** 45% of the combined revenue for these 13 companies since 2011 has come from sales in the US.
**Figure 7:** 48% of the combined revenue for these 13 companies in just 2017 came from sales in the US.

**Figure 8:** Total revenues and pharmaceutical sales for the major pharmaceutical companies have been surprisingly flat since about 2010.
Figure 9: Though overall revenues for the major pharmaceutical companies have been flat in recent years, pharmaceutical sales in the U.S. have continued to rise. Revenue from U.S. pharmaceutical sales has been helped recently by a rapid increase in the incentives pharmaceutical companies have given to U.S. pharmacy benefit managers, wholesalers and some providers. These incentives, mostly in the form of rebates and chargebacks, have encouraged the PBMs and providers to prefer more expensive medications, when given a choice, because more expensive medications often yield higher rebates.