

ella:

An Abortion-Causing Pill

Fact: The FDA (U.S. Food & Drug Administration) is considering approving a new abortion-causing drug called *ella*, under the guise of emergency contraception. If they approve *ella* and mislabel it as emergency contraception, women who are already pregnant could have an abortion without being told what *ella* can do.

Fact: A woman's body uses progesterone to line her uterus and assist the embryo in attaching itself to the uterine wall.

Fact: *ella* is an abortion causing drug. Unlike other "emergency contraceptives," *ella* is a Selected Progesterone Receptor Modulator (SPRM), which blocks progesterone receptors from supplying nutrients to the developing embryo and thereby starving the embryo and causing an abortion. The *only* other SPRM that has been approved by the FDA is the *RU-486* pill.

Fact: *RU-486* is a known abortion drug used for ending first trimester pregnancies and is currently distributed by Planned Parenthood and other abortion facilities across the country.

Fact: *RU-486* is so dangerous and controversial that the FDA says it can only be dispensed by a doctor in a doctor's office. Abortion providers find this requirement inconvenient and have even started using "telemed abortions" to get around the FDA requirement by dispensing *RU-486* over the internet to patients in another clinic. If approved, the FDA will allow *ella* to be made available in pharmacies without the minimum *RU-486* safety requirements, even though both drugs will be the only SPRMs on the market in the US.

Fact: According to the European Medicine Agency (EMA), the E.U.'s version of the FDA, numerous studies show that *ella* causes abortions in animals, including rats, rabbits, guinea pigs and macaques (similar to monkeys). Additionally, the EMA indicated that *ella* is "embryotoxic at low doses, when given to rats and rabbits." Given *ella*'s molecular similarity to *RU-486* and animal data, it is reasonable to conclude that *ella* will abort human pregnancies.

Fact: The limited data that is available suggests that *ella* may cause birth defects and may even affect babies while the mother is breast feeding. Yet, the FDA refuses to conduct more research to ensure *ella* is safe for children and their mothers. .

Fact: *ella* is not safe for women's health. The FDA looked at limited data on safety information and should conduct further tests on the effects of *ella*. We already know that the *RU-486* pill causes excessive bleeding and increases vulnerability to infection. The FDA has admitted that 6 women have died as a result of *RU-486* within 6 years of its approval. Women who choose to take *ella* have a right to be informed of all of the potential side-effects.

Fact: Once the FDA issues its approval of *ella*, nothing will prevent providers from prescribing, or women from using *ella* off-label, meaning taking the drug beyond the 5 day approved time frame or at different dose levels, thus putting women and their children's health and safety in danger.

Fact: If approved as emergency contraception, U.S. taxpayers will likely pay millions of dollars a year for *ella*, creating a loophole in the current federal ban on abortion funding. Once *ella* is paid for, abortion providers like Planned Parenthood could give it to pregnant women to induce a taxpayer-funded abortion.

Fact: The FDA has not done its job. Women in America deserve better. Women deserve to know the truth.

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