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Biosimilars – Where We Are Today

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Objectives

- Define and differentiate between reference biologic and biosimilar.
- Review the regulation of biosimilars including how biosimilars are created, reviewed, and approved in the United States.
- Discuss concerns about changing between reference biologics and biosimilars.
- Discuss the biosimilar market and list the current biosimilars currently available in Rheumatology

Definitions

Biologic Products:

- Generally large, complex molecules
- Produced through living organisms

Reference Product:

- Biologic product FDA approved which biosimilars are compared to

Biosimilar Product:

- **Highly similar and has no clinically meaningful difference** from its reference product

REFERENCE PRODUCT



Original FDA-approved biological product.

Prescribed by a provider.

BIOSIMILAR



Highly similar to and with no clinically meaningful differences from the reference product.

Prescribed by a provider.

INTERCHANGEABLE PRODUCT



Highly similar to and with no clinically meaningful differences from the reference product.

Meets additional requirements.

May be substituted without consulting the prescriber, depending on state pharmacy laws.

What is a Biosimilar?



Determined to have no clinically meaningful difference in safety and efficacy (safe and efficacious)



No clinically meaningful difference is determined by evaluating:

Safety
Purity
Potency



Biosimilar can be approved for indications it was not directly compared to, as long as the reference product has the same mechanism of action.

Interchangeable Products

- Biosimilar product which meets additional requirements outlined by the Biologics Price Competition and Innovation Act
- Expected to produce the same clinical result as the reference product for ANY patient
- Interchangeability is an additional approval process sought by the manufacturer
 - Requires “Switching Study”
 - Formulation differences may impact (citrate free vs citrate formulations)

Approval Process of Biosimilars

- Goal of biosimilar development: demonstrate biosimilarity, NOT to independently establish safety and effectiveness of the product
- Manufacturer generates array of data comparing the product to the reference product to demonstrate biosimilarity
- By allowing the manufacturers to focus on similarity instead of treatment studies, this speeds up the process to promote competition and cost savings for patients



Additional Clinical Studies

Clinical Pharmacology

Animal Studies

Analytical (the foundation)

Biosimilar Approval Process

Reference Biological Development Timeline and Cost



Biosimilar Development Timeline and Cost



Interchangeable products at the pharmacy

Biosimilars deemed interchangeable are treated similarly to generic drugs

FDA has concluded the medication CAN be substituted at the pharmacy WITHOUT consulting the provider (pending state laws)

Biosimilars that are not interchangeable would need provider consultation prior

Biosimilars and generics: the same thing?

Similarities

- “Versions” of the brand name (reference product)
- May offer more affordable treatment to patients

Differences

- Generic must demonstrate bioequivalence
- Biosimilars must demonstrate high similarity to reference product and must demonstrate NO clinically meaningful differences in safety and efficacy

Naming Biosimilars



FDA
Guidance for
industry in
January 2017



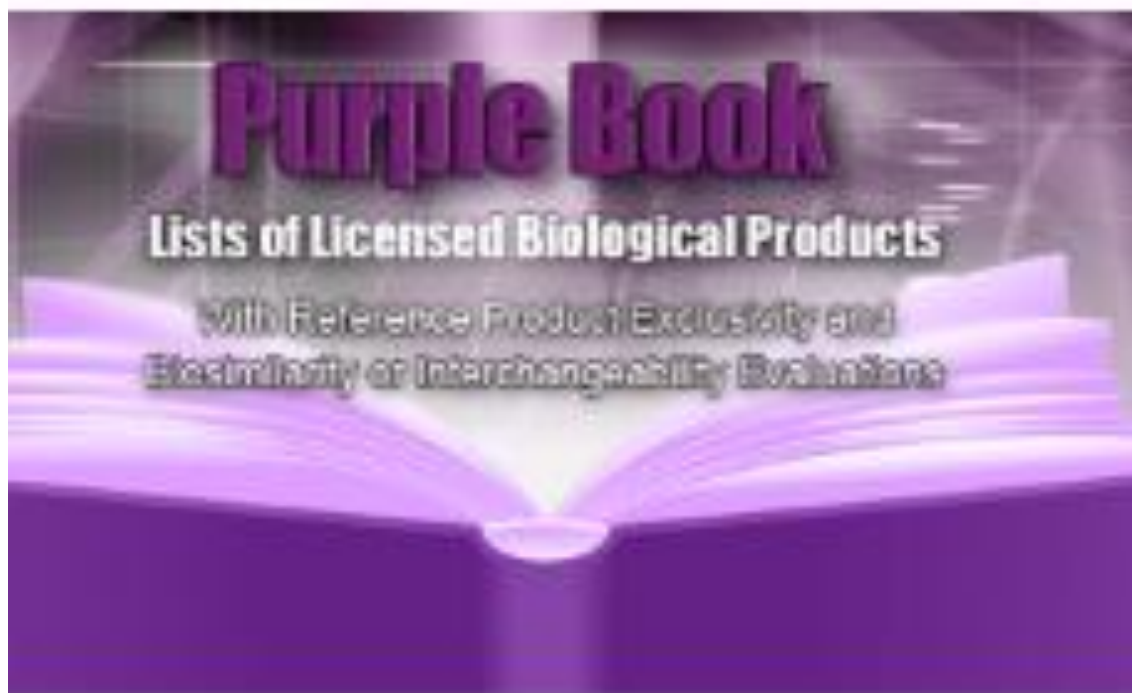
Must bear a
non-
proprietary
name that
includes and
FDA-
designated
suffix



Non-proprietary name used
is that of the originator
biologic product, which
contains the core name and
a distinguishing suffix that is
devoid of meaning and
composed of four lowercase
letters

What should patients know?

- Biologics are made from the same source as reference product
 - Similar to loaves of bread
- Clinically considered the same as reference product
 - No expected differences in risks or benefits
- FDA goes through EXTENSIVE investigation of these products to meet standards
- Lower cost does not reflect quality or effectiveness



Adalimumab (Humira) Biosimilars

Q adalimumab

Abrilada (adalimumab-afzb)

BLA Number: 761118

351(k) Biosimilar

Anjevita (adalimumab-atto)

BLA Number: 761024

351(k) Biosimilar

Cyltezo (adalimumab-adbm)

BLA Number: 761058

351(k) Interchangeable

Hadlima (adalimumab-bwwd)

BLA Number: 761059

351(k) Biosimilar

Hulio (adalimumab-fkjp)

BLA Number: 761154

351(k) Biosimilar

Humira (adalimumab)

BLA Number: 125057

351(a)

Hyrimoz (adalimumab-adaz)

BLA Number: 761071

351(k) Biosimilar

Idacio (adalimumab-aacf)

BLA Number: 761255

351(k) Biosimilar

Yuflyma (adalimumab-aaty)

BLA Number: 761219

351(k) Biosimilar

Yusimry (adalimumab-aqvh)

BLA Number: 761216

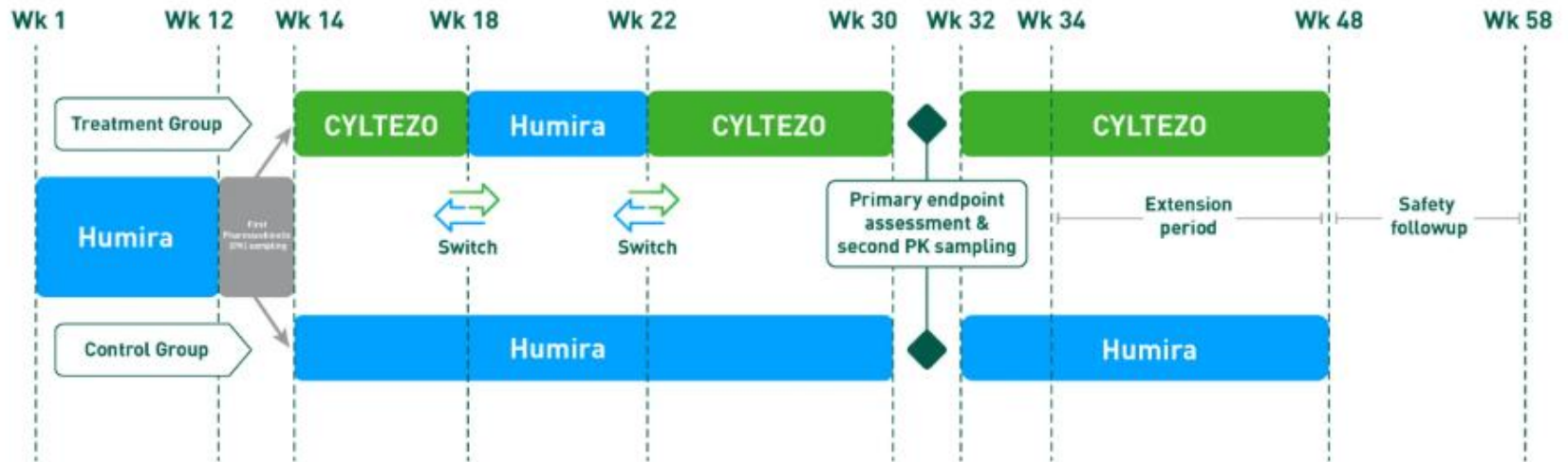
351(k) Biosimilar

Adalimumab b-adbm (Cyltezo)

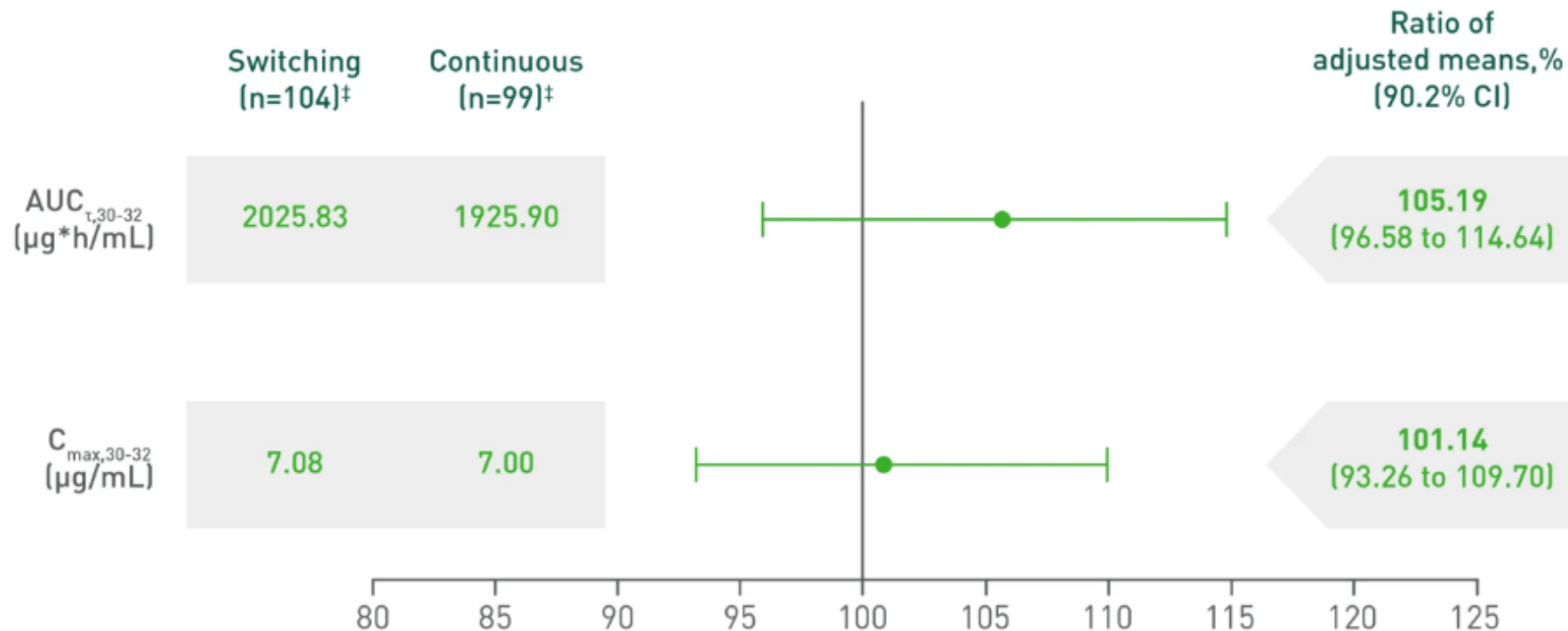
- Only biosimilar for adalimumab considered to be interchangeable
- Second product to receive this designation (insulin glargine)
- Other manufacturers have applied for interchangeability but are pending review still

Cyltezo Switch Study (VOLTAIRE-X)

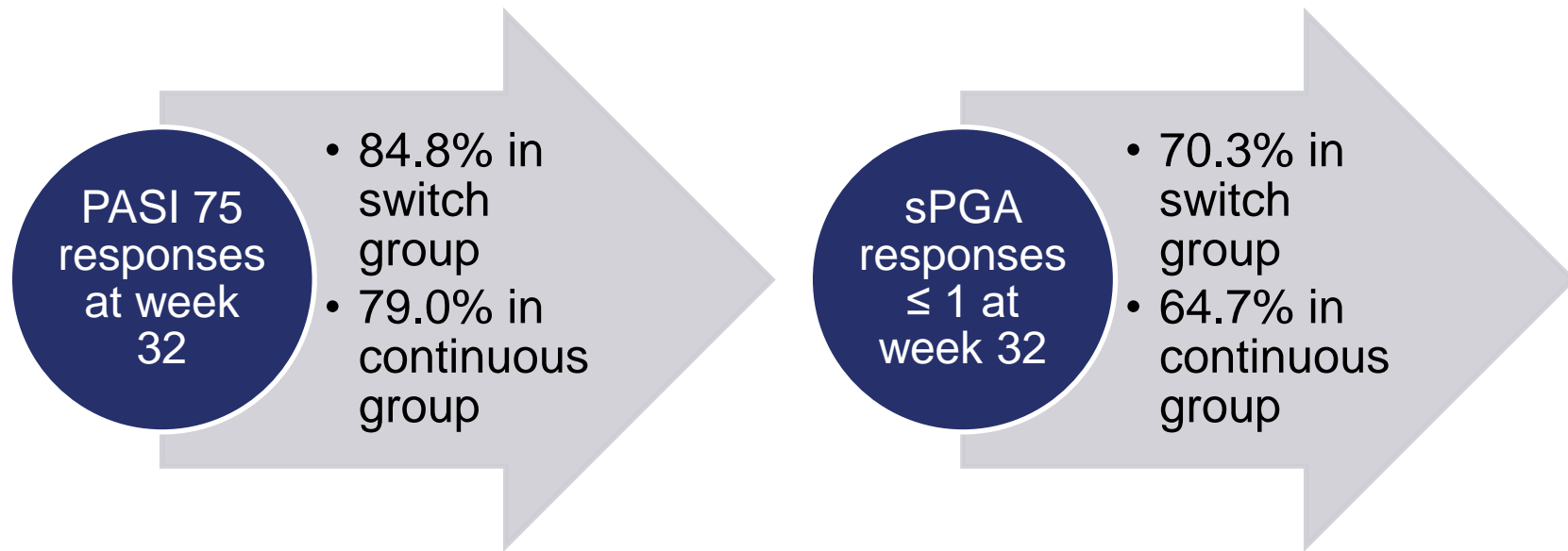
- Patients age 18 to 80 diagnosed with moderate to severe chronic plaque psoriasis with stable disease
- After 14 weeks of treatment with Humira, patients either received Humira or switched to Cyltezo, back to Humira then back to Cyltezo



Primary endpoints of the switching study: Humira vs CYLTEZO



Efficacy



Safety

Safety summary post-randomization (safety evaluation set)

Adverse events, n (%)	Switching (n=118)	Continuous (n=120)	Total (n=238)
At least one treatment-emergent adverse event (TEAE)	67 (56.8)	75 (62.5)	142 (59.7)
At least one TEAE [¶]	14 (11.9)	22 (18.3)	36 (15.1)
At least one serious TEAE	5 (4.2)	4 (3.3)	9 (3.8)
At least one non-serious TEAE	67 (56.8)	72 (60.0)	139 (58.4)
At least one serious TEAE [¶]	0 (0.0)	1 (0.8)	1 (0.4)
At least one severe TEAE	3 (2.5)	5 (4.2)	8 (3.4)
At least one TEAE of special interest [#]	1 (0.8)	0 (0.0)	1 (0.4)
TEAE leading to discontinuation	1 (0.8)	2 (1.7)	3 (1.3)

[¶]Investigator-assessed.

[#]Defined as hepatic injury, anaphylactic reactions, serious infection, or hypersensitivity reactions.

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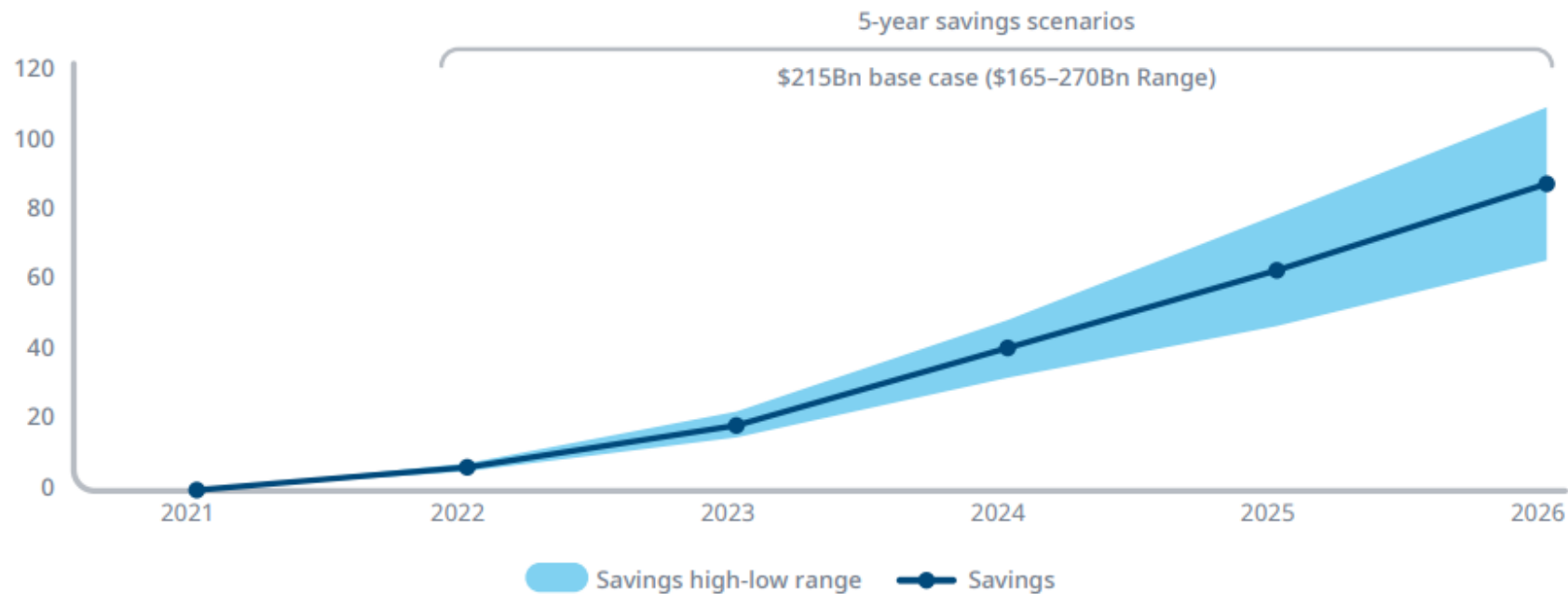
Biosimilar Landscape

Social and Economic Challenges



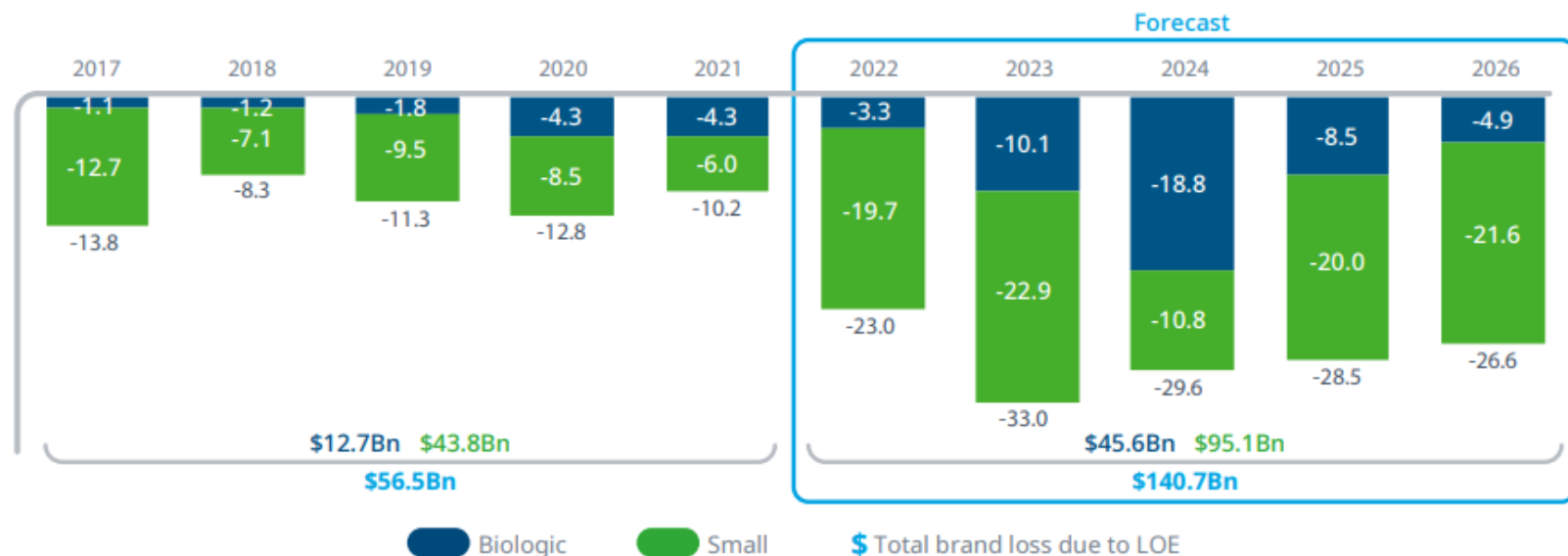
- Population is aging → rising prevalence of Chronic Conditions
- Global spending on pharmaceutical products continues to increase
- Biologics are an important but expensive portion of new drugs

Exhibit 39: Global savings from biosimilars 2021-2026



Source: IQVIA Market Prognosis, Sep 2020; IQVIA Institute Mar 2021

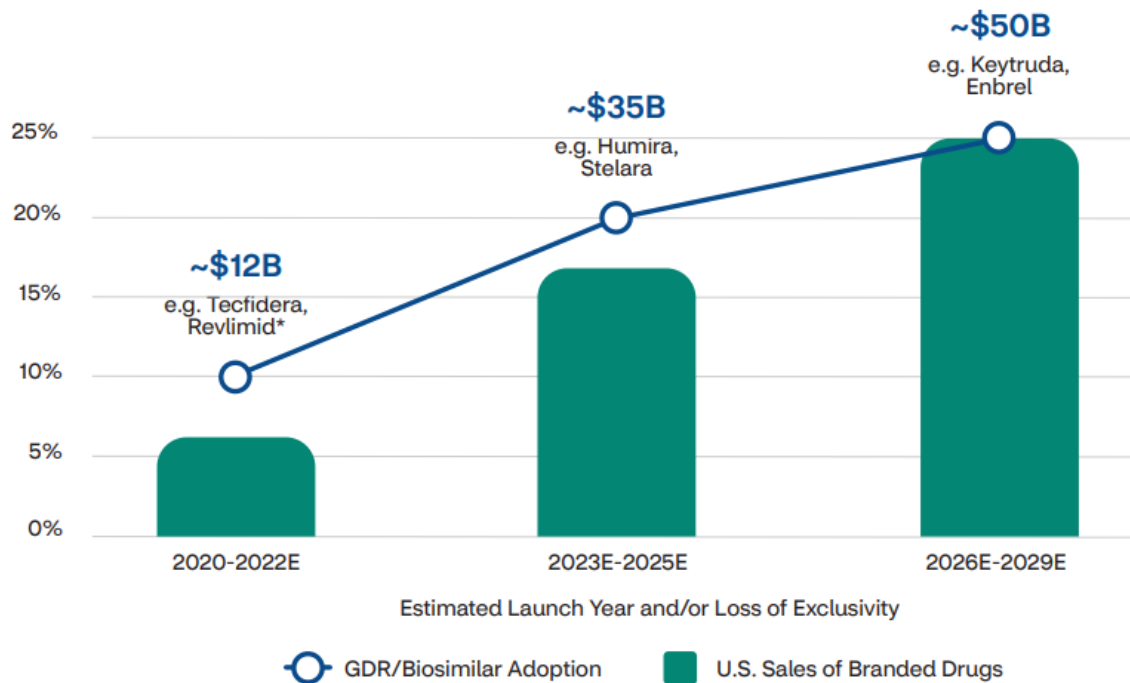
Exhibit 25: U.S. Impact of brand losses of exclusivity 2017-2026, US\$Bn



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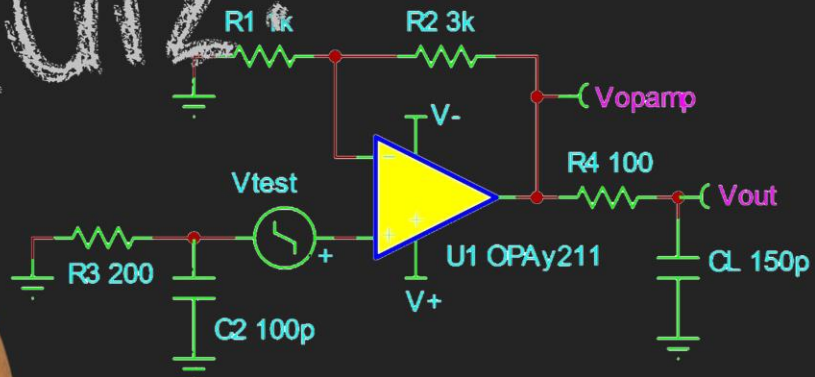
Projected U.S. Market Impact of Generic/Biosimilar Competition on Top Specialty Branded Products

U.S. Market Sales, Illustrative Not Exhaustive



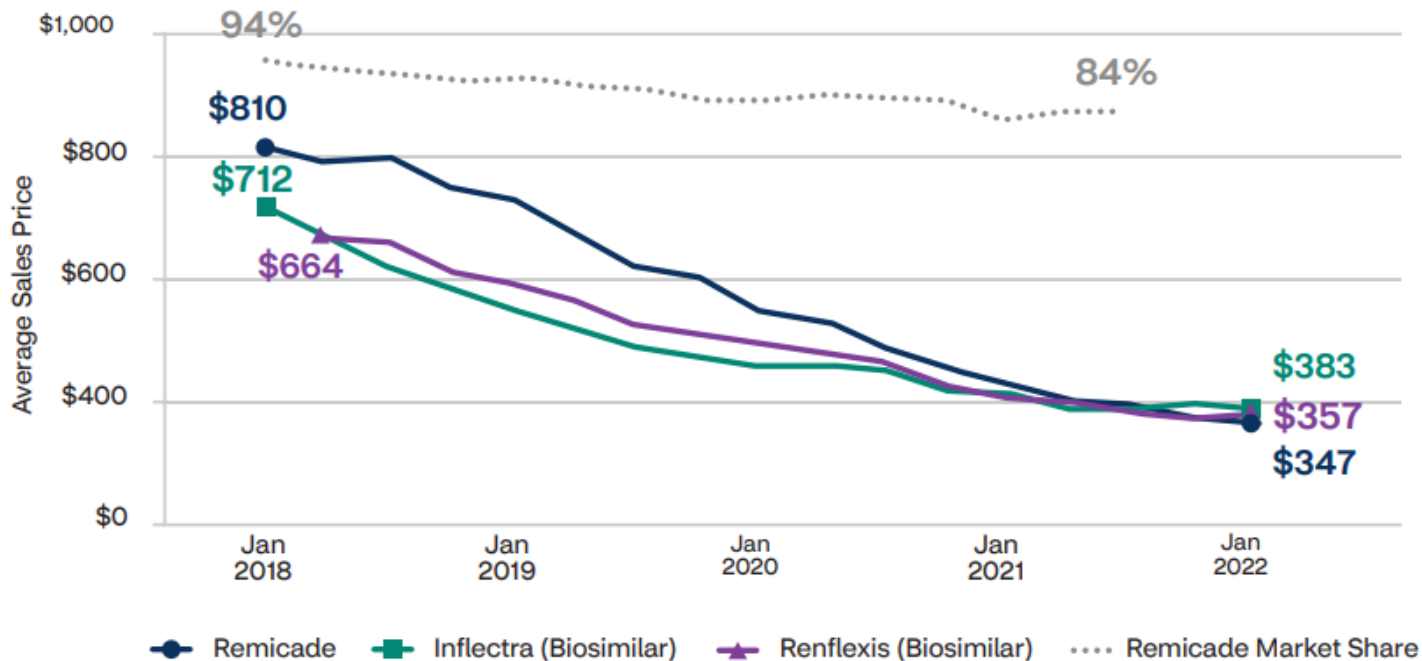
*Limited generic launch in 2022.

Pop Quiz!



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Infliximab Average Sales Price (ASP) Evolution from 2018-2022



U.S. Biosimilars Market Landscape

As of February 2023



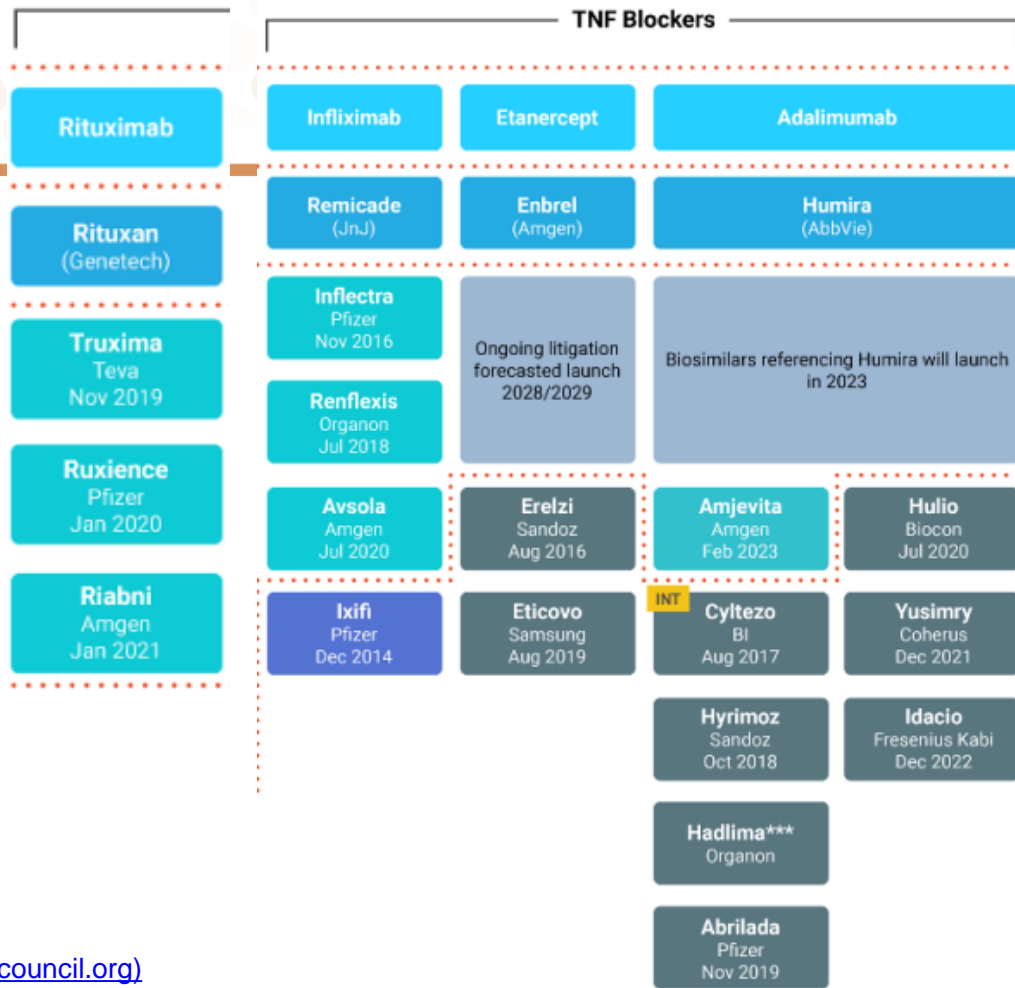
Class	Supportive Care			Oncology			TNF Blockers			Insulin	Ophthalmology
Molecule	Filgrastim	Epoetin	Pegfilgrastim	Rituximab	Bevacizumab	Trastuzumab	Infliximab	Etanercept	Adalimumab	Insulin Glargine	Ranibizumab
Innovator	Neupogen (Amgen)	Epogen/Procrit (Amgen / Jh.J)	Neulasta (Amgen)	Rituxan (Genentech)	Avastin (Genentech)	Herceptin (Genentech)	Remicade (Jh.J)	Enbrel (Amgen)	Humira (AbbVie)	Lantus (Sanofi)	Lucentis (Genentech)
Launched Manufacturer Launch Date	Zarxio Sandoz Sep 2015	Retacrit Pfizer/Vifor Nov 2018	Fulphila Biocron Jul 2018	Truxima Teva Nov 2019	Mvasi Amgen Jul 2019	Kanjinti Amgen Jul 2019	Infectra Pfizer Nov 2016	Ongoing litigation forecasted launch 2028/2029	Biosimilars referencing Humira will launch in 2023	^{INT} Semglee Biocron Nov 2021	Byovviz Biogen Jun 2022
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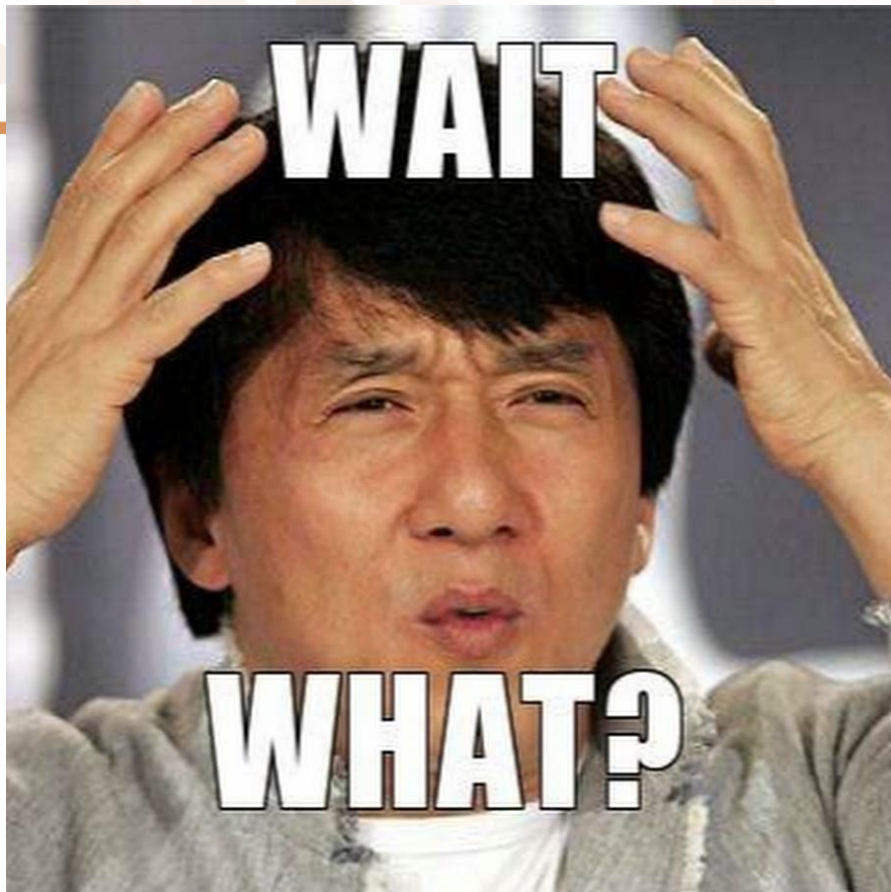


Approved
Manufacturer FDA
Approval Date

***A high concentrate (August 2022) and low concentrate (July 2019) version are approved

Rheumatology Relevant Biosimilar Market





Adalimumab

Humira
(AbbVie)

Biosimilars referencing Humira will launch
in 2023

Amjevita
Amgen
Feb 2023

Hulio
Biocon
Jul 2020

INT

Cyltezo
BI
Aug 2017

Yusimry
Coherus
Dec 2021

Hyrimoz
Sandoz
Oct 2018

Idacio
Fresenius Kabi
Dec 2022

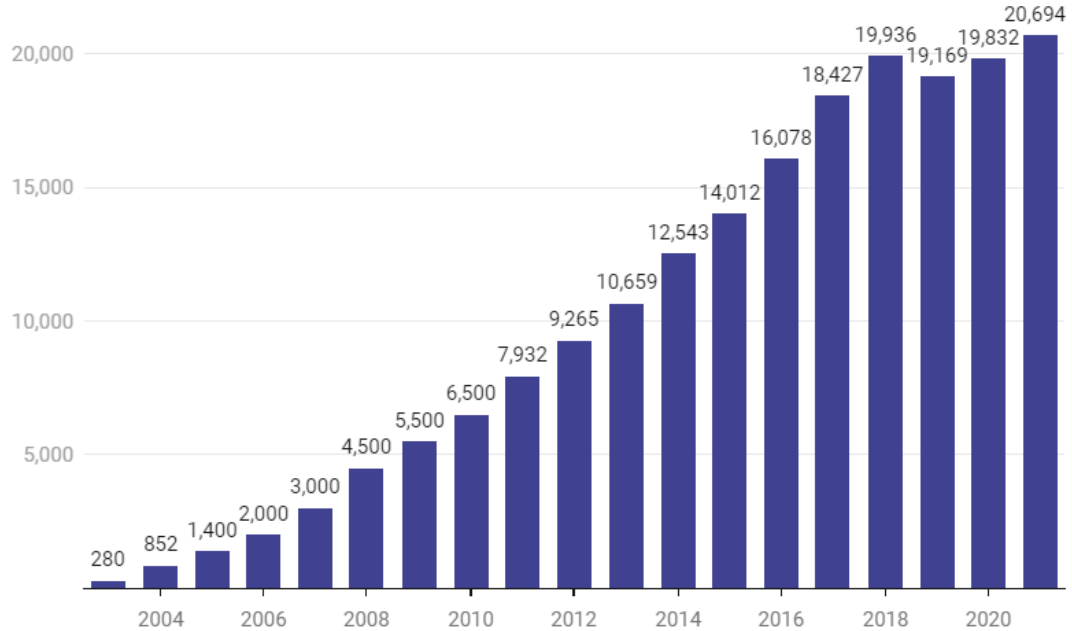
Hadlima***
Organon

Abrilada
Pfizer
Nov 2019

A close-up photograph of a human eye, looking slightly to the right. The eye is the central focus, with detailed eyelashes and iris visible. The background is a soft, out-of-focus light beige. Overlaid on the image is a semi-transparent pattern of light brown circles, resembling a honeycomb or cellular structure, which is most prominent in the upper left and right areas. The text "All Eyes on Adalimumab" is centered over the eye in a white, sans-serif font.

All Eyes on Adalimumab

Global Sales of Humira since 2003



Humira is the highest-selling pharmaceutical product in history, earning nearly \$200 billion since its late 2002 U.S. approval.

(Figures in millions of dollars)

Chart: Jonathan Gardner / BioPharma Dive • Source: Company annual reports. • Created with [Datawrapper](#)



WHOA!

THAT'S A LOT OF MONEY

Figure 32.

How comfortable are you prescribing an adalimumab biosimilar to your patients, once available?

- **Dermatology** N = 126
- **Rheumatology** N = 103
- **Gastroenterology** N = 72

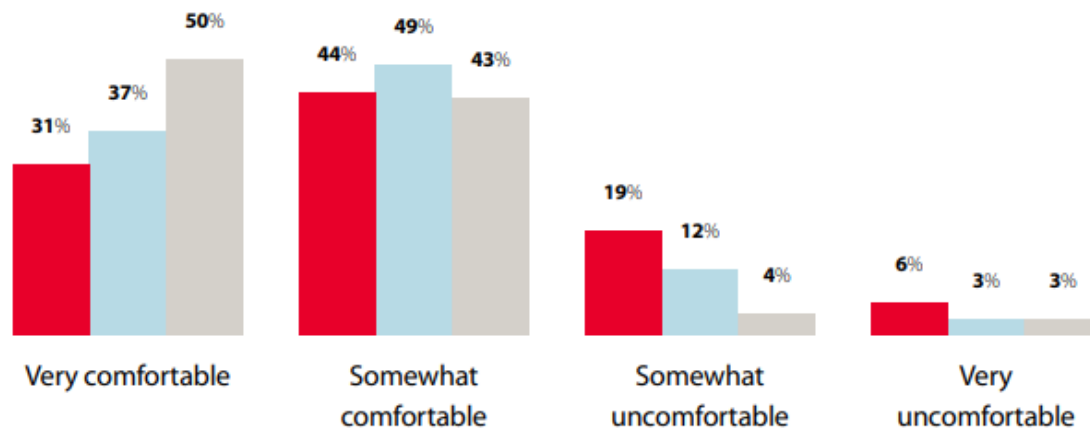


Figure 39.
What are your top concerns regarding adalimumab biosimilars? Please select up to 3.

● **Dermatology** N = 126
 ● **Rheumatology** N = 103
 ● **Gastroenterology** N = 72

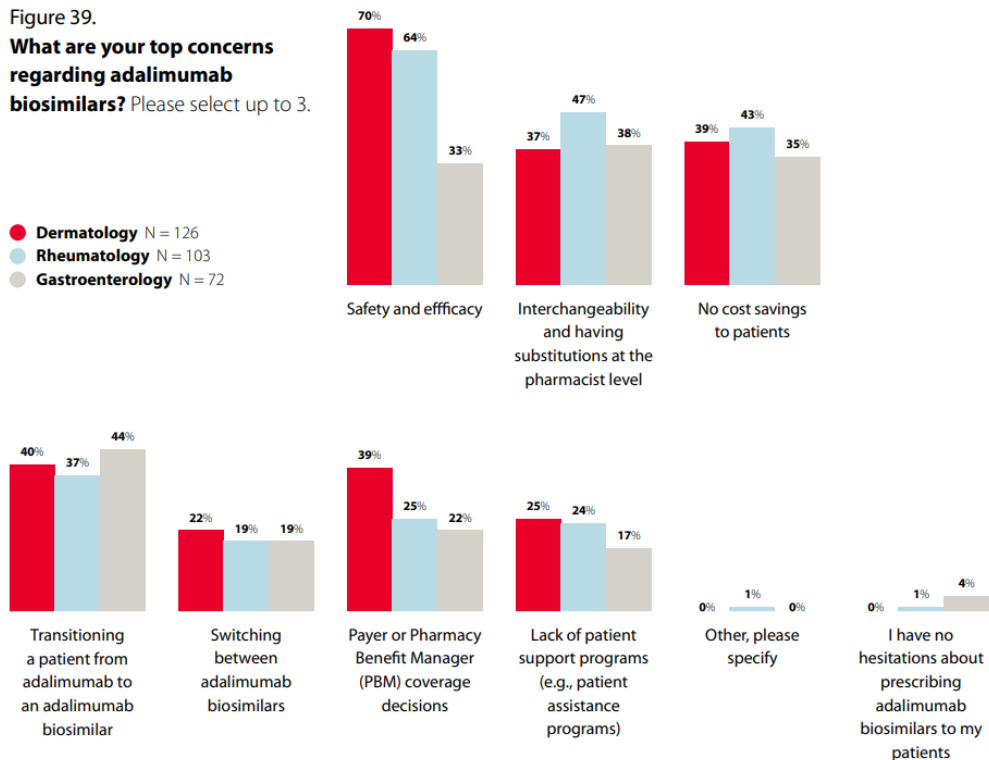
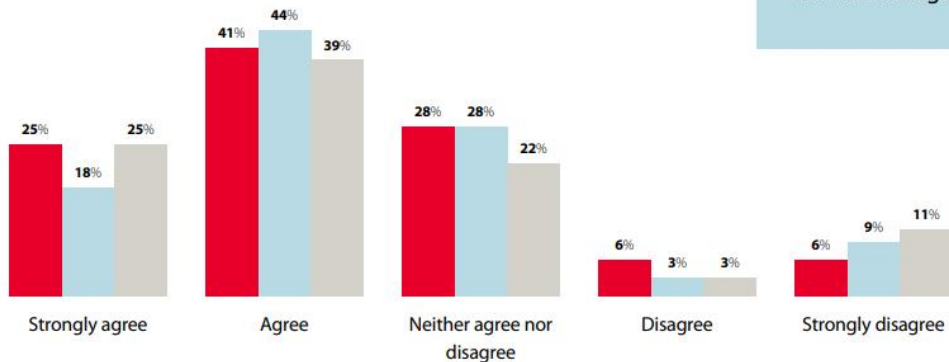


Figure 38.

To what extent do you agree with the following statement? I will only feel comfortable prescribing an adalimumab biosimilar if it has the interchangeability designation.

Over 60% of providers across all therapeutic areas will only feel comfortable prescribing an adalimumab biosimilar if it has an interchangeability designation



- **Dermatology** N = 126
- **Rheumatology** N = 103
- **Gastroenterology** N = 72

Product attributes most commonly cited as “very important”



Dermatologists

- Device/Ease of Use (**72%**)
- Interchangeability (**70%**)



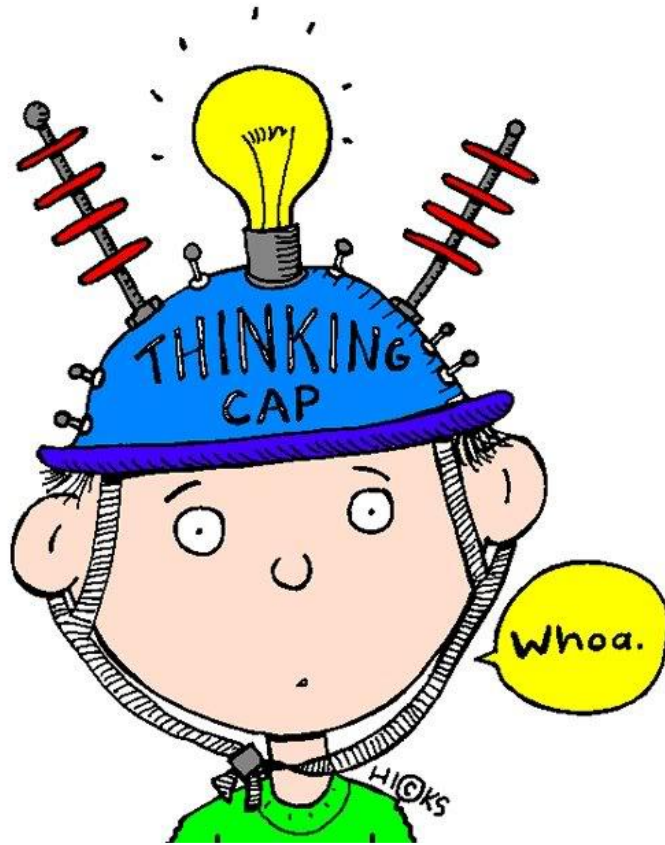
Rheumatologists

- Citrate-Free (**62%**)
- Interchangeability (**60%**)



Gastroenterologists

- Device/Ease of Use (**69%**)
- Citrate-Free (**67%**)



How am I going to keep
all this straight?



Approval Status	Product	Company	Estimated Launch	Seeking Interchangeability	Concentration	Citrate Free	Latex Free	Needle Size
FDA Approved	Amjevita™	Amgen	January 31, 2023	Yes	Low (50MG)	Yes	No	29G Syr. / 27G Pen
	Hadlima™	Organon	June 30, 2023	No	Low (50MG) ¹	No	Yes	29G Syr. / 29G Pen
	Cyltezo®	Boehringer Ingelheim	July 1, 2023	Yes (October 18, 2021) ²	Low (50MG)	Yes	No	27G Syr. / 27G Pen
	Hulio™	Viartis	July 31, 2023	No	Low (50MG)	Yes	Yes	29G Syr. / 29G Pen
	Hyrimoz™	Sandoz	September 30, 2023	No	Low (50MG)	No	No	27G Syr. / 27G Pen
	Abrilada™	Pfizer	November 20, 2023	Yes ³	Low (50MG)	Yes	Yes	29G Syr. / 29G Pen
Pending Approval	Idacio®	Fresenius Kabi	September 30, 2023	No	Low (50MG)	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
	CHS – 1420	Coherus	December 15, 2023	No	Low (50MG)	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
	AVT-02	Teva	TBD (Post Oct 2022) ⁴	Yes	High (100MG)	Yes	Yes	Unknown
	CT – P17	Celltrion	TBD	No	High (100MG)	Yes	Yes	29G Syr. / 29G Pen
	ABP – 501 HC	Amgen	TBD	Yes ⁵	High (100MG)	Yes	No	29G Syr. / 27G Pen

Sources: all information in this table is publicly available information

¹Samsung Bioepis conducted a Phase I clinical trial comparing two formulations of Hadlima™ (50MG and 100MG) (NCT04514796)

²Boehringer Ingelheim was granted interchangeability from FDA after positive results of a switching study between Cyltezo® and Humira® (Voltaire-X)

³Pfizer Phase III clinical trial to evaluate interchangeability between Abrilada™ and Humira® (NCT04230213)

⁴Alvotech and AbbVie are currently in litigation, but Alvotech has agreed that they will not launch "at-risk" prior to a court decision scheduled for Oct. 31, 2022

⁵Amgen Phase III clinical trial to evaluate multiple switches between a high-concentration formulation of Amjevita™ with Humira® (NCT05073315)

† <https://www.fiercepharma.com/special-report/top-20-drugs-by-2020-sales-humira>

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Summary



Biosimilar agents go through extensive testing to ensure they are similar in nature to the reference biologic and prove no clinically meaningful difference



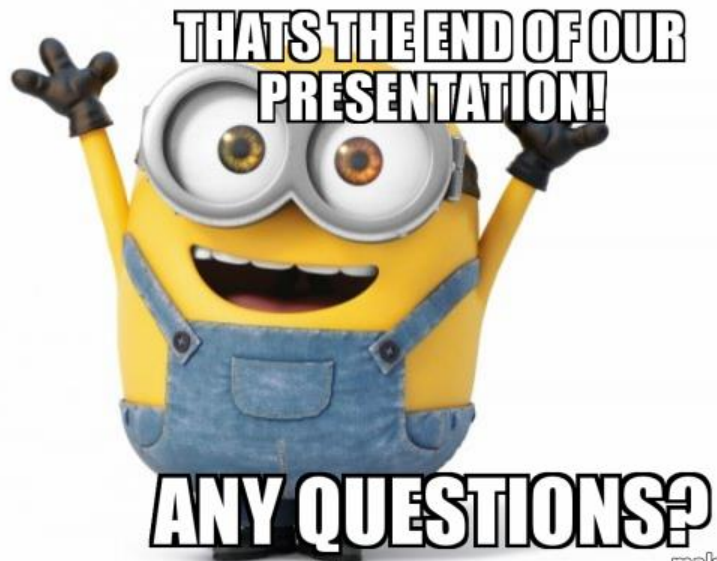
Biosimilar uptake has been slow in the United States but gaining steam with the adalimumab biosimilars entering the landscape



New designation of interchangeability within the US biosimilar market



Biosimilar agents for use in rheumatology are currently available in the US for infliximab, rituximab, and now adalimumab



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