

## factsheet | on biosimilar medicines

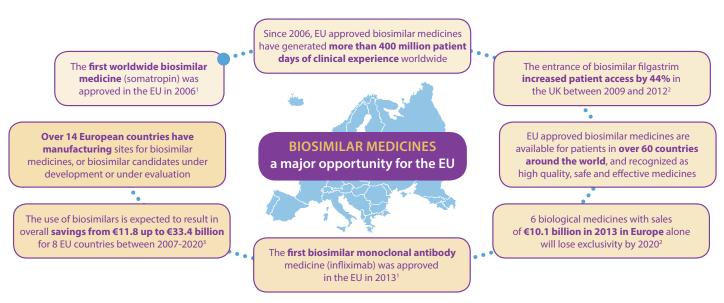


#### WHAT IS A BIOSIMILAR MEDICINE?

A **biosimilar medicine** is a biological medicine that is developed to be highly similar to an existing biological medicine (the 'reference medicine').

The pharmaceutical company needs to show that the biosimilar medicine does not have any meaningful differences from the reference medicine in terms of quality, safety or efficacy.

#### **BIOSIMILAR MEDICINES: KEY FACTS**



Sources: <sup>1</sup>EMA European public assessment report; <sup>2</sup> IMS Midas 2013; <sup>3</sup> IGES Study, 2012.

### Key Therapeutic Areas Covered by Current Biosimilar Medicines

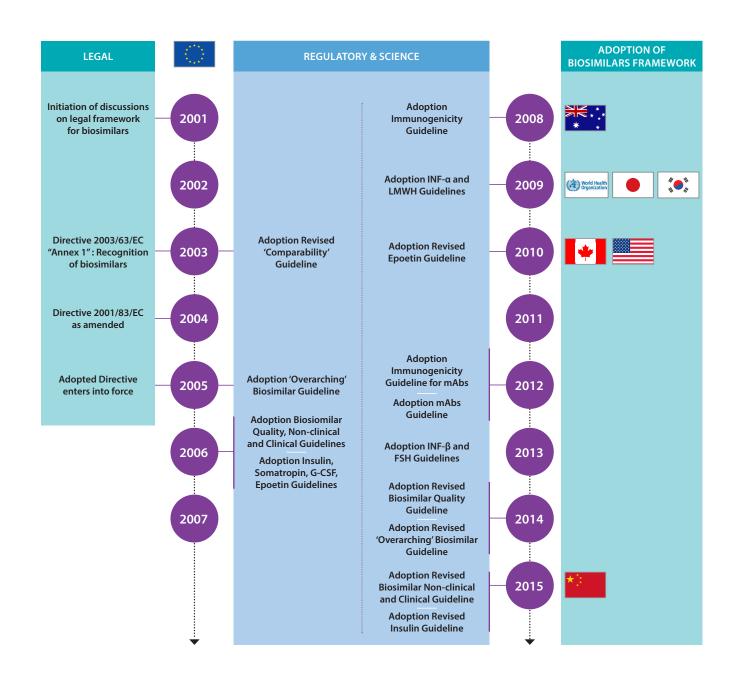
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Active substance (year of first approval)	Therapeutic area
	Pituitary dwarfism
Somatropin (2006)	Prader-Wili syndrome
	Turner syndrome
	Neutropenia
Epoetin (2007)	Follow-up of cancer treatment
	Hematopoietic stem cell transplantation
	Rheumatoid arthritis
	Crohn's disease
Infliximab (2013)	Ulcerative colities
	Psoriasis
	Psoriatic arthritis
	Ankylosing spondylitis
Folitropin (2013)	Anovulation
Insulin glargine (2014)	Diabetes mellitus

#### Key Therapeutic Areas Covered by Future Biosimilar Medicines

Therapeutic area
Crohn's disease
Rheumaoid arthritis
Colorectal cancer
Lung cancer
Colorectal cancer
Head and neck cancer
Diabetes mellitus
Diabetes mellitus
Neutropenia
Follow-up of cancer treatment
Hematopoietic stem cell transplantation
Macular degeneration
B-cell non-Hodgkin's lymphoma
Breast cancer

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#### EU BIOSIMILARS LEGAL, SCIENTIFIC & REGULATORY FRAMEWORK INSPIRING THE WORLD



### ABOUT THE EBG

The European Biosimilars Group (EBG), a sector group of the EGA, represents the leading companies in the biosimilar medicines space. The EBG Members bring competition to the biologicals market, thereby increasing access to highly innovative medical treatments to patients, in Europe and around the world, and supporting the sustainability of the European healthcare systems.

The EGA represents the European generic and biosimilar medicines industries, which provide high-quality cost- competitive medicines to millions of Europeans. The EGA vision is to provide sustainable access to high quality medicines for all European patients, based on 5 important pillars: patients, quality, value, sustainability and partnership.







