

## **Biocon Biologics partners with Sandoz for distribution of Adalimumab biosimilar in Japan**

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### **Sandoz would market the product on behalf of Biocon Biologics in Japan**



Indian firm Biocon Biologics Ltd (BBL), a fully integrated global biosimilars company and subsidiary of Biocon has signed a distribution agreement with Sandoz, granting the company the exclusive rights to promote, sell and distribute Adalimumab BS for subcutaneous injection [FKB] in Japan.

Based on this agreement, Viartis has completed marketing and promotion of the product as of December 15, 2023, but will continue to provide transition support until Sandoz will gradually assume responsibilities for the product starting February 15, 2024.

Biocon Biologics has acquired the global biosimilars portfolio of Viartis including Adalimumab. Fujifilm Kyowa Kirin Biologics, the developer of the drug, has concluded an exclusive global marketing license agreement with Biocon Biologics Ltd affiliate.

Adalimumab BS for subcutaneous injection [FKB] is a biosimilar of Humira® and is indicated for immune-related diseases such as rheumatoid arthritis, psoriasis vulgaris, ankylosing spondylitis, Crohn's disease, and ulcerative colitis.

The transfer of the distribution rights of this product is part of this strategy, and its addition to the product portfolio will strengthen Sandoz's immunology and biosimilar portfolio.

Biocon Biologics recently announced the successful completion of its integration of the acquired Viartis' biosimilars business in 120 countries ahead of schedule, marking a significant milestone in the company's journey as a fully integrated, global biosimilars enterprise.