

Market Round-up

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General Market News:

- Ireland's competition watchdog is monitoring the pharmaceutical sector here after concerns were raised regarding pricing.
<https://www.independent.ie/business/irish/regulator-may-take-action-on-drug-prices-37032234.html>
- The National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) in Canada has recommended **Shingrix** from **GSK** for the prevention of shingles for adults aged 50 and older.
<http://markets.businessinsider.com/news/stocks/national-advisory-committee-on-immunization-naci-recommends-shingrix-for-the-prevention-of-shingles-for-adults-aged-50-and-up-1027165477>
- **GSK** is taking its fight with **Gilead Sciences** for dominance of the **HIV** market to the world's leading AIDS conference next month by showcasing detailed results from its new two-drug treatment.
<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-gsk-gilead-sciences-hiv/gsk-takes-billion-dollar-drug-fight-with-gilead-to-top-aids-meeting-idUSKBN1JG1OU>
- **Novo Nordisk's** experimental diabetes pill, which it hopes will transform the diabetes market, has proved superior to both **MSD's Januvia** and its own best-selling injectable treatment Victoza in tests.
<https://endpts.com/novo-nordisks-sema-whips-mercks-diabetes-drug-rival-in-phiii-as-it-reaches-for-best-in-class-ranking-for-glp-1-group/>
- **MSD** has been given the go-ahead for plans to build a new biologics facility in Swords, Co Dublin, with works scheduled to commence this year.
<https://www.independent.ie/business/jobs/new-msd-drug-plant-in-dublin-gets-nod-37036951.html>
- Landmark Irish study shows diet can delay **Alzheimer's**
<https://www.independent.ie/life/health-wellbeing/mental-health/landmark-irish-study-shows-diet-can-delay-alzheimers-37033571.html>

Biosimilars/Biologics:

- **Novartis** gets ok from FDA to include new evidence **Cosentyx (Secukinumab)** in the treatment of psoriatic arthritis
<https://www.pharmpro.com/news/2018/06/novartis-gets-ok-include-new-evidence-cosentyx-psoriatic-arthritis>
- **Novartis** has pointed to a study that it says evidences the safety and efficacy of its biosimilar copies of **Janssen's Remicade** and **Amgen's Enbrel** for the treatment of autoimmune diseases.
<https://www.zenopa.com/news/287/study-suggests-effectiveness-and-safety-of-novartisu-drug-copies-zessly-and-erelzi>

- Full European approval has been granted to **Amgen's** drug **Blincyto**, which is used to treat a rare form of leukemia.
<https://www.gurufocus.com/news/697809/amgen-drug-receives-approval-->

Drug Approvals:

- EC grants full approval for **Amgen's Blincyto**
<https://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/amgen-receives-european-commission-approval-to-add-overall-survival-data-to-blincyto-blinatumomab-label-300668236.html>
- **Shire** announces FDA approval for label expansion of **CINRYZE** for prevention of attacks in Pediatric Hereditary Angioedema patients aged 6 and older.
<https://globenewswire.com/news-release/2018/06/21/1527592/0/en/Shire-Announces-FDA-Approval-for-Label-Expansion-of-CINRYZE-for-Prevention-of-Attacks-in-Pediatric-HAE.html>
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- In a double boost for patients with diabetes, the FDA signed off on expanding the use of **Medtronic's** hybrid closed-loop **insulin pump system** to include patients between the ages of 7 to 13 with Type 1 diabetes and approved the **Eversense** continuous glucose monitoring system for patients 18 and older.
https://www.fiercebiotech.com/fda-expands-use-medtronic-s-artificial-pancreas-to-younger-type-1-diabetics?mkt_tok=eyJpIjoiWkRRMU1qZ3habUkzTVRaaiIsInQiOiJkVzF2ajRiMndCZoVpWGtMdCtTNUFGdDd3c2JHUURCZotkWHp3dVNWRnNraEJ5TThEbENrcTk2ZGxPeWlBRVkwVoVldEx1VnYxOTVNdMhnb1BIRVlrbmlIaWtER2g3VXpsK1R1SokzWkZvQmpJWVZDd3d6KodiTkMoSEJjWkN5biJ9&mrkid=48364418

Further Reading:

- *What's Holding Back Market Uptake Of Biosimilars?*
<https://www.forbes.com/sites/joshuacohen/2018/06/20/whats-holding-back-market-uptake-of-biosimilars/#62707511691a>
- *'Patient organisations shouldn't have to march on the streets to get access to medicines'*
<https://www.irishtimes.com/special-reports/patient-healthcare/patient-organisations-shouldn-t-have-to-march-on-the-streets-to-get-access-to-medicines-1.3529125>
- *'What if we live to 100?' – Jacek Glinka, President at Mylan*
<https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/what-we-live-100-jacek-glinka/>
- *How These 4 Cannes-Winning Ideas Can Inspire New Creative Direction in Healthcare*
<https://www.adweek.com/creativity/how-these-4-cannes-winning-ideas-can-inspire-new-creative-direction-in-healthcare/>