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for 2019



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Christmas

Market Round-up

V29 – 21st December, 2018

General Market News:

- **GSK** buys **Tesaro** for \$5 billion in dramatic bet on Cancer Genetics
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- **GSK** and **Pfizer** have unveiled plans to combine their consumer health businesses into a new world-leading Joint Venture business around £9.8 billion.
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- **GSK** plans split after consumer health tie-up with **Pfizer**
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- Both **Pfizer** and **Novartis** have withdrawn drug applications earlier this month with the European Medicines Agency's committee.
Pfizer withdrew **Fyzoclad** (a biosimilar of AbbVie's Humira) and **Novartis** withdrew **canakinumab**.
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- **Roche** is blaming Government deal for revenue decline
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- **Molecular Partners** reaches cancer immunotherapy deal with
[LINK](#)
- **Foxconn healthcare foundation** to partner with **Merck** for biotech development
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Biologics / Biosimilars:

- **Amgen** has submitted a supplemental Biologics License Application for **Nplate®** (romiplostim)
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NCPE Drug Updates

- A full pharmacoeconomic assessment is recommended for **Kyowa Kirin's Burosumab** (Crysvita®)
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- A full HTA is recommended to assess the clinical effectiveness and cost effectiveness of **Recordati's cariprazine** (Reagila®)
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Drug Approvals/Filings:

- The EC has approved **Shire's Takhzyro**
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- **Vertex** has revealed that it will be submitting its cystic fibrosis medicines **Orkambi** and **Symkevi** to the Scottish Medicines Consortium for appraisal, following "constructive discussions" with the Scottish government.
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- The European Commission has granted marketing authorisation for **Sanofi's** dengue vaccine **Dengvaxia**.
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- EU & NICE authorise **MSD's Keytruda** for stage III melanoma
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Brexit:

- Drug firms are to receive a six-month **Brexit exemption** to safeguard supplies. Health Products Regulatory Authority (HPRA) is waiving the relabelling requirements as industry steps up no-deal preparations.
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- Emergency medicines to be fast-tracked into State after **Brexit**
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- Warning of rising drug prices as Britain prepares for no-deal Brexit
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