

## Market Round-up

Week Ending:  
23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020

### General Market News:

- **GSK's** Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) candidate vaccines have generated some positive results in phase I/II studies.  
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### Covid19

- **HIQA** report found number of issues at Dealgan House nursing home  
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- **Pfizer** will apply for emergency US approval of the Covid-19 vaccine it is developing with Germany's **BioNTech SE** in the third week of November.  
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- **Prof Luke O'Neill** says we will get back to a pre-COVID world - but it will take time.  
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- The EMA has confirmed that **Moderna's** COVID-19 vaccine candidate **mRNA-1273** is eligible for submission under the agency's centralised procedure.  
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- **Westmeath nursing home** says it is dealing with Covid-19 outbreak  
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### Drug Approvals/Filings:

- The European Medicines Agency's (EMA) Committee for Medicinal Products for Human Use (CHMP) has recommended ten new medicines for approval at its October 2020 meeting:
  1. **Gilead Sciences's Tecartus**
  2. **Janssen's Rekambys**
  3. **ViiV Healthcare's Vocabria (cabotegravir)**
  4. **Orchard Therapeutics - Libmeldy**
  5. **Alnylam Pharmaceuticals's Oxlumo**
  6. **Zogenix, Inc.'s Fintepla**
  7. **Novartis's Leqvio**
  8. **Aimmune Therapeutics Palforzia**
  9. **Trixeo's Aerosphere**
  10. **Mylan's generic Lenalidomide**

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- The European Commission have granted orphan drug status to **Pharming Group's** drug, **leniolisib**.  
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- The FDA has fully approved **AbbVie's Venclexta** in acute myeloid leukaemia (AML).  
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- **AstraZeneca's** EGFR-tyrosine kinase inhibitor **Tagrisso** has been granted a priority review by the FDA for the treatment of early-stage EGFR-mutated lung cancer.
- **Sanofi's Sarclisa** has been granted a positive recommendation from NICE for patients with multiple myeloma.  
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### **Mergers, Acquisitions & Collaborations:**

- **Astellas** to acquire **iota Biosciences** following R&D partnership  
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- **NCPE Drug Updates**
- A full HTA is recommended to assess the clinical effectiveness and cost effectiveness of **MSD's** imipenem/cilastatin/relebactam (**Recarbrio**®)  
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- A full HTA is recommended to assess the clinical effectiveness and cost effectiveness of **Abbvie's venetoclax** in combination with obinutuzumab compared with the current standard of care.  
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### **Further Reading:**

- How is Ireland's healthcare system coping with coronavirus?  
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- **Study:** More patients relying on pharmacies in pandemic  
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### **Good news!**

It's all a bit difficult right now, so our weekly market updates will include a good news article from around Ireland each week. A little something to make you smile!

- *A puppy who had been in the MADRA rescue shelter in Galway is now one step away from becoming a rescue dog herself. See the adorable video here!*  
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