

Market Round-up

Week Ending: 5th February, 2021

Drug Approvals/Filings:

- The CHMP has recommended marketing authorisation for **Novo Nordisk's Sogroya** (somapacitan) for the treatment of adults with **growth hormone** deficiency (AGHD), moving it closer towards approval in the EU.
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- **Novartis' multiple sclerosis** drug **Kesimpta** (ofatumumab) has been given the green light by the CHMP scientific committee, paving the way for a likely approval in the coming weeks.
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- The EC has approved a marketing authorisation for **Chiesi Group's** triple combination **asthma** therapy **Trimbow** (beclometasone/formoterol/glycopyrronium).
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- **Bayer's** oral factor Xa inhibitor **Xarelto** (rivaroxaban) has been approved in the UK to treat **venous thromboembolism** (VTE) and to prevent VTE recurrence in children.
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- NICE has backed regular NHS funding in England and Wales for **MSD's Keytruda** in combination with pemetrexed and platinum chemotherapy in certain lung cancer patients.
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- People living in the UK with severe **atopic dermatitis** are to be given early access to **Pfizer's abrocitinib** following a green light by the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA).
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Covid19

- The EMA has approved **AstraZeneca's COVID-19** vaccine for use in the EU in all adults aged over 18
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- **Janssen** has filed its single dose **COVID-19** vaccine candidate with the FDA, asking for an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA).
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- MINISTER FOR HEALTH Stephen Donnelly has said that 35,000 doses of the Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine are due to be delivered to Ireland next week.
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- Rolling reviews of **Novavax's COVID-19** vaccine have kicked-off in the UK, US, EU and Canada following the recent announcement that the jab demonstrated 89.3% efficacy in a phase III trial.
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Drug Development:

- **AstraZeneca** and researchers from the **UCL** Division of Infection & Immunity will collaborate on two projects which will aim to contribute to the development of **new cancer treatments**.
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- The CHMP has begun a rolling review of **REGN-COV2**, **Regeneron's** COVID-19 antibody candidate, after successful pre-clinical trials.
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Mergers & Acquisitions:

- **Jazz Pharmaceuticals** has agreed a \$7.2 billion deal to buy **GW Pharmaceuticals** and its pioneering cannabis-derived medicines, headed by childhood epilepsy drug Epidiolex.
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NCPE Drug Updates:

- The NCPE recommends that **AstraZeneca's acalabrutinib** not be considered for reimbursement at the submitted price
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General Market News

- A study shows inhaling **hyaluronan** is effective as a treatment for severe flares of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (**COPD**).
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- **AstraZeneca** to provide EU with extra nine million doses of **COVID-19** vaccine following dispute
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- The UK Government has ordered a further 40 million doses of **Valneva's COVID-19** vaccine candidate, to be manufactured in Scotland.
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Upcoming PMI Events:

- **Voices of Pharma – 10th February 10am – 12pm**
 - Lucy Nugent, CEO – Tallaght University Hospital
 - Danny McCoy, CEO – Ibec
 - Darragh O'Loughlin, Secretary General – IPU[LINK](#)
- **Masterclass – 11th March 9am – 12pm.**
Innovation in Healthcare – how Technology and Pharmaceuticals Are Collaborating