

## Takeda looking for loans for Shire bid

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**The Japanese pharma has announced its interest in acquiring Shire, and under UK takeover rules has until 25 April to make a bid.**



**Singapore** – Takeda appears to be preparing its bid for rare diseases pharma Shire, reportedly sounding out major creditors for loans to finance the deal of up to \$40 billion.

Japanese news outlets reported that Takeda is looking for loans of several trillion yen – tens of billions of dollars – from several banks.

At around \$40B, the deal would be the largest ever overseas acquisition by a Japanese company and would propel Takeda into the top ranks of global drugmakers.