

Australia gives its nod to Trastuzumab Biosimilar

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Australia's Therapeutic Goods Administration (TAG) has approved Celltrion's Herzuma, the country's first biosimilar trastuzumab.

While Celltrion is in discussions with affiliates concerning distribution channels for the drug approved to treat HER2-positive cancers, it has not yet decided on a launch date.

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Other biosimilars authorized in Australia include adalimumab, etanercept, infliximab, filgrastim, epoetin alfa, insulin glargine, and follitropin alfa. Unlike the United States, Australia addresses follow-on insulins and human follicle-stimulating hormones as biosimilars.