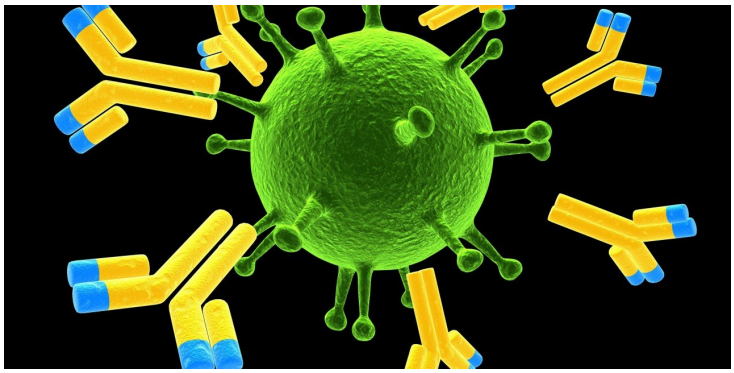
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JHL Biotech declares Phase III Study of JHL1101

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JHL Biotech announced today that the first patient at Beijing Cancer Hospital has been successfully randomized in the Phase III study of JHL1101 to treat diffuse large B-cell lymphoma (DLBCL).

The Phase III study is a multinational, randomized, double-blind, positive-controlled, parallel group clinical study. It compares the efficacy and safety of JHL1101 in combination with CHOP (J-CHOP) versus rituximab in combination with CHOP (R-CHOP) in patients with previously untreated diffuse large B-cell lymphoma. CHOP is the standard chemotherapy treatment for diffuse large B-cell lymphoma. The study is being conducted in Europe, China, and other parts of Asia.

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After completion of similarity assessment in quality attributes and preclinical, a pharmacokinetic (PK) study is being conducted in RA patients in Europe. Earlier this year, the Chinese regulatory authority approved the clinical trial application of the Phase III study.

"Rituximab is an important biologic for the treatment of lymphoma and rheumatoid arthritis. Unfortunately, it is very expensive for patients and healthcare payers. JHL1101 would provide affordable treatment for these patients," said Mr. Racho Jordanov, CEO, JHL Biotech. "This is a significant milestone for JHL, and a step forward in our goal to become a global leader in developing, manufacturing, and commercializing biologics."