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Chinese antibody drug for cancer to be produced and marketed in Indonesia

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Bevagen, a recombinant humanized anti-VEGF monoclonal antibody drug for five cancer indications approved by BPOM in Indonesia



On June 14, two of Legend Capital's portfolio companies, Innovent Biologics, Inc. and PT Etana Biotechnologies Indonesia, jointly announced that the Indonesian Food and Drugs Authority (BPOM) had approved Bevagen (bevacizumab biosimilar).

Bevagen is a recombinant humanized anti-VEGF monoclonal antibody drug for five indications including metastatic colorectal cancer (mCRC), metastatic triple-negative breast cancer (mTNBC), advanced non-small cell lung cancer(NSCLC), ovarian cancer (OC), and cervical cancer(CC). Under the approval of the BPOM, Bevagen will potentially be the first Chinese antibody drug to be marketed and locally produced in Southeast Asia.

Nathan Tirtana, President Director of Etana, said, "With this product, we believe we can provide better access to high-quality and affordable biosimilar drug to meet the need of cancer patients in Indonesia. Our next step is to implement the technology transfer and local Bevagen production in Indonesia via collaboration with Innovent."