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ADCAN Pharma and M42 to collaborate on advanced oncology manufacturing and clinical research in the UAE

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Memorandum of Understanding connects ADCAN Pharmaâ??s oncology manufacturing capabilities with M42â??s clinical research



ADCAN Pharma, a leading UAE-based pharmaceutical manufacturer, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with M42, a global health leader powered by artificial intelligence (AI), technology and genomics, to explore collaboration in pharmaceutical manufacturing and clinical research. The agreement supports efforts to develop the UAE's life sciences sector and strengthen its role in global pharmaceutical supply chains.

Under the MoU, the two organisations will explore contract development and manufacturing organization (CDMO) opportunities through Glenmark Pharmaceuticals, a research-led global pharmaceutical company. CDMOs develop, manufacture and package medicines on behalf of other pharmaceutical companies.

The initial focus will be on secondary packaging—preparing finished medicines in the labeling and packs required for each market—and export-oriented pharmaceutical supply. Glenmark has completed a quality audit of ADCAN Pharma's manufacturing facility, an important step toward moving the project to its next stage.

The next phase will focus on facilitating the UAE registration of an advanced oncology product based on an antibody-drug conjugate, a type of targeted cancer therapy that links an antibody to a cancer-killing drug, designed to deliver treatment directly to cancer cells. Batch release for key export markets may follow, subject to applicable regulatory requirements and approvals.

ADCAN Pharma will also support clinical trial activities led by IROS, M42's contract research organisation, helping connect clinical research with pharmaceutical development and manufacturing.

The collaboration is designed to grow ADCAN Pharma's CDMO business and secondary packaging services, while supporting M42's clinical research objectives. It also contributes to Abu Dhabi's efforts to build a connected life sciences ecosystem that links local pharmaceutical capabilities with global markets.