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Sosei initiates oropharyngeal candidiasis trial

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Singapore:Ã?Â Sosei Group's Japanese subsidiary initiated a phase III trial for SO-1105 for the treatment of oropharyngeal candidiasis.Ã?Â The study is an open-label, randomised, multiple centres, parallel-group design (with open active comparator miconazole gel), and will assess efficacy and safety of SO-1105.

SO-1105 is an antifungal agent, administered as a muco-adhesive buccal tablet for the treatment of oropharyngeal candidiasis in immunocompromised patients. SO-1105 has the potential to become the first long-acting, sustained-release treatmentÃ?Â in tablet form for oropharyngeal candidiasis in Japan that could enhance patients' compliance and quality of life.

SO-1105 was originally developed by a French pharmaceutical company, BioAlliance Pharma, which received its first marketing authorization for SO-1105 in France in October 2006. SO-1105 has since been registered in 24 European countries, in South Korea, and in the United States, under the trade names Loramyc/Oravig.

Mr Shinichi Tamura, CEO, Sosei Group, commented that, "This is an important step forward in development of SO-1105. With its once-daily mucoadhesive administration, SO-1105 is expected to improve compliance and patients' quality of life."