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Biotech Battles

Indian drug makers are slugging it out with Big Pharma over launch of biosimilars. Will they be able to hold their fort in this emerging space?

By E. Kumar Sharma Delhi Print Edition: August 14, 2016



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Roche's action was expected. Other drug companies - whether it is Biocon, Mylan, Reliance Life Sciences and, now, Hetero - have, for over two years now, been battling legal challenges to their biosimilars from innovator companies such as Roche. Anticipating such an action, Ahmedabad-based Zydus Cadila approached the Mumbai High Court a few months ago for restraining the innovator company from challenging the biosimilar of its breast cancer drug Trastuzumab that it had launched in January this year.

This, say market watchers, is just a start. Given that at stake are drugs with markets worth billions of dollars, the battle between global pharmaceutical giants and Indian biosimilar makers is unlikely to abate. The fight will, if anything, intensify, as more and more Indian companies try to tap the opportunities in the biosimilar space, which some see as the payt growth frontier.



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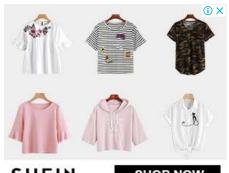
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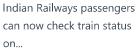


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