



Alvotech Initiates Confirmatory Patient Study for AVT05, a Proposed Biosimilar for Simponi® and Simponi Aria®

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- *The clinical study will compare AVT05 and Simponi® in patients with moderate to severe rheumatoid arthritis*

REYKJAVIK, Iceland, May 04, 2023 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Alvotech (NASDAQ: ALVO), a global biotech company specializing in the development and manufacture of biosimilar medicines for patients worldwide, announced today the initiation of Alvotech's confirmatory patient study for AVT05, a biosimilar candidate to Simponi® and Simponi Aria® (golimumab). The objective of the clinical study is to compare the efficacy, safety, and immunogenicity of AVT05 and Simponi® in adult patients with moderate to severe rheumatoid arthritis.

"It is a pleasure to be able to mark another clinical milestone in our biosimilars development pipeline," said Joseph McClellan, Chief Scientific Officer. "Alvotech's platform approach allows us to diversify and develop multiple product candidates in parallel. This is part of our strong commitment to improve patient lives by expanding access to affordable biologics globally."

The AVT05 confirmatory patient study (<https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT05842213>) is a randomized, double-blind, 2-arm multicenter study comparing the efficacy, safety, and immunogenicity of subcutaneous AVT05 and EU-approved Simponi in patients with moderate to severe rheumatoid arthritis. The primary outcome measure will be to demonstrate comparative efficacy of AVT05 with Simponi at week 16 based on change from baseline on a standardized Disease Activity Standard score (DAS28-CRP) which assesses the severity of rheumatoid arthritis using clinical and laboratory data. In [January 2023](#) Alvotech announced the initiation of a pharmacokinetic study for AVT05.

In the twelve months up to April 2023, combined net revenues worldwide from sales of Simponi and Simponi Aria were over \$2.1 billion, based on reported sales by the manufacturer of the reference product [1].

[1] Source: Johnson & Johnson quarterly reports.

About AVT05

AVT05 is a biosimilar candidate for Simponi and Simponi Aria (golimumab). Golimumab is a monoclonal antibody that inhibits tumor necrosis factor alpha (TNF alpha), a cytokine protein in the body. Elevated TNF alpha levels have been implicated in several chronic inflammatory diseases such as rheumatoid arthritis, psoriatic arthritis, and ankylosing spondylitis. AVT05 is an investigational product and has not received regulatory approval in any country. Biosimilarity has not been established by regulatory authorities and is not claimed.

About Alvotech

Alvotech is a biotech company, founded by Robert Wessman, focused solely on the development and manufacture of biosimilar medicines for patients worldwide. Alvotech seeks to be a global leader in the biosimilar space by delivering high quality, cost-effective products, and services, enabled by a fully integrated approach and broad in-house capabilities. Alvotech's current pipeline contains eight biosimilar candidates aimed at treating autoimmune disorders, eye disorders, osteoporosis, respiratory disease, and cancer. Alvotech has formed a network of strategic commercial partnerships to provide global reach and leverage local expertise in markets that include the United States, Europe, Japan, China, and other Asian countries and large parts of South America, Africa and the Middle East. Alvotech's commercial partners include Teva Pharmaceuticals, a US affiliate of Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd. (US), STADA Arzneimittel AG (EU and select other territories), Fuji Pharma Co., Ltd (Japan), Advanz Pharma (EEA, UK, Switzerland, Canada, Australia and New Zealand), Cipla/Cipla Gulf/Cipla Med Pro (Australia, New Zealand, South Africa/Africa), JAMP Pharma Corporation (Canada), Yangtze River Pharmaceutical (Group) Co., Ltd. (China), DKSH (Taiwan, Hong Kong, Cambodia, Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia, India, Bangladesh and Pakistan), YAS Holding LLC (Middle East and North Africa), Abdi Ibrahim (Turkey), Kamada Ltd. (Israel), Mega Labs, Stein, Libbs, Tuteur and Saval (Latin America) and Lotus Pharmaceuticals Co., Ltd. (Thailand, Vietnam, Philippines, and South Korea). Each commercial partnership covers a unique set of product(s) and territories. Except as specifically set forth therein, Alvotech disclaims responsibility for the content of periodic filings, disclosures and other reports made available by its partners. For more information, please visit www.alvotech.com. None of the information on the Alvotech website shall be deemed part of this press release.

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