

Hikma signs license agreement with Medicine Patent Pool for molnupiravir

Improving patients' access to an important COVID-19 medicine in the region

London, UK – 20 January 2022 – Hikma Pharmaceuticals PLC (Hikma), the multinational pharmaceutical company, announces that it has entered into a license agreement with Medicine Patent Pool (MPP) for molnupiravir, MSD's¹ investigational oral COVID-19 antiviral medicine, in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region. The sub-license agreement is a result of the voluntary licensing agreement signed by MPP and MSD in October 2021 to facilitate affordable global access for molnupiravir, which MSD is developing in partnership with Ridgeback Biotherapeutics.

Under the terms of the agreement, Hikma will have rights to sublicense MSD patents and manufacturing know-how for molnupiravir. Hikma will be responsible for manufacturing and commercialising the product. The agreement allows the supply of molnupiravir to 105 low and middle-income countries and Hikma will focus its efforts on the seven MENA markets where it has a presence.

"As a company whose mission is to put better health within reach every day, we are excited to partner with MPP and bring this important COVID-19 medicine to patients in MENA," said Mazen Darwazah, Hikma's Executive Vice Chairman and President of MENA. "This is another example of Hikma's ongoing commitment to improve access to high-quality, affordable treatments and we look forward to delivering this needed medicine to patients."

Hikma has worked hard during the pandemic to ensure healthcare professionals in the MENA region have the support they need to care for their patients, particularly during challenging times. This partnership with MPP furthers our work and helps equip doctors and patients in MENA with more treatment options.

About Molnupiravir

Molnupiravir (MK-4482) is an investigational, orally administered form of a potent ribonucleoside analog that inhibits the replication of SARS-CoV-2, the causative agent of COVID-19. Molnupiravir has been shown to be active in several preclinical models of SARS-CoV-2, including for prophylaxis, treatment, and prevention of transmission. Additionally, pre-clinical and clinical data have shown molnupiravir to be active against the most common SARS-CoV-2 variants.

On Dec 23rd 2021, MSD and Ridgeback's announced that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) granted Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for molnupiravir for the Treatment of High-Risk Adults With Mild to Moderate COVID-19

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About Hikma

(LSE: HIK) (NASDAQ Dubai: HIK) (OTC: HKMPY) (rated BBB-/stable S&P and BBB-/stable Fitch) Hikma helps put better health within reach every day for millions of people around the world. For more than 40 years, we've been creating high-quality medicines and making them accessible to the people who need them. Headquartered in the UK, we are a global company with a local presence across the United States (US), the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) and Europe, and we use our unique insight and expertise to transform cutting-edge science into innovative solutions that transform people's lives. We're committed to our customers, and the people they care for, and by thinking creatively and acting practically, we provide them with a broad range of branded and non-branded generic medicines. Together, our 8,600 colleagues are helping to shape a healthier world that enriches all our communities. We are a leading licensing partner, and through our venture capital arm, are helping bring innovative health technologies to people around the world. For more information, please visit: www.hikma.com

About the Medicines Patent Pool

The Medicines Patent Pool (MPP) is a United Nations-backed public health organisation working to increase access to, and facilitate the development of, life-saving medicines for low- and middle-income countries. Through its innovative business model, MPP partners with civil society, governments, international organisations, industry, patient groups, and other stakeholders, to prioritise and license needed medicines and pool intellectual property to encourage generic manufacture and the development of new formulations. To date, MPP has signed agreements with eleven patent holders for thirteen HIV antiretrovirals, one HIV technology platform, three hepatitis C direct-acting antivirals, a tuberculosis treatment, a long-acting technology and an experimental oral antiviral treatment for COVID-19. MPP was founded by Unitaid, which continues to be MPP's main funder. MPP's work on access to essential medicines is also funded by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC). MPP's activities in COVID-19 are undertaken with the financial support of the Japanese Government and SDC. More information at <https://medicinespatentpool.org/>.