

Press Release

Astellas Announces Termination of Co-promotion with Viatris, Succession of Manufacturing and Marketing Approval, and Transfer of Distribution for Lipitor® Tablets

TOKYO, April 1, 2021 - Astellas Pharma Inc. (TSE: 4503, President and CEO: Kenji Yasukawa, Ph.D., “Astellas”) announced that Astellas and Viatris Pharmaceuticals Japan Inc. (Country Manager: Sun-A Kim, “Viatris”) have agreed to end the co-promotion of a hypercholesterolemia and familial hypercholesterolemia treatment (HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor) “Lipitor® Tablets 5mg, 10mg” (generic name: atorvastatin calcium hydrate, “Lipitor”) manufactured and sold by Astellas and co-promoted by both companies in Japan on July 31, 2021.

In accordance with this agreement, Viatris will solely promote and distribute Lipitor from August 1, 2021. Also, Viatris will take over the Marketing Authorization Holder of Lipitor from Astellas as of August 1, 2021.

The impact of this transaction on Astellas’ financial results of the current fiscal year ending March 31, 2021, is expected to be minor.

About Astellas

Astellas Pharma Inc. is a pharmaceutical company conducting business in more than 70 countries around the world. We are promoting the Focus Area Approach that is designed to identify opportunities for the continuous creation of new drugs to address diseases with high unmet medical needs by focusing on Biology and Modality. Furthermore, we are also looking beyond our foundational Rx focus to create Rx+[®] healthcare solutions that combine our expertise and knowledge with cutting-edge technology in different fields of external partners. Through these efforts, Astellas stands on the forefront of healthcare change to turn innovative science into value for patients. For more information, please visit our website at <https://www.astellas.com/en>.

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