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First Approval For Lupus Drug Paves Way For New Treatments

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Abstract (summary)  Translate

GSK has received an approval for Benlysta (belimumab) for the treatment of Lupus nephritis, the first drug to be approved for this. An important step in bringing drugs to the unmet clinical needs of lupus sufferers an important autoimmune market that is set to grow over coming years.

Full text  Translate

Key View:

The approval of Benlysta (belimumab) for the treatment of Lupus, and prevention of longer term kidney damage is the first approval of a specific drug to target lupus related complications.

Lupus currently affects around five million people globally and has historically been difficult to diagnose which could mean, as understanding increases, more cases are identified.

Lupus will be a growth market as new drugs come online which can improve quality of life for patients and reduce lupus associated mortality. Lupus is subject to intense research and we expect more approvals to be forthcoming over the next three years as trials reach their completion dates.

Lupus nephritis (LN) is a serious inflammation of the kidneys which affects almost 40% of patients with systemic
Increasing Research into Lupus

Registered Lupus Trials per year

![Bar chart showing the number of lupus trials registered annually from 2019 to 2023. The chart peaks in 2021 with over 50 trials, followed by a decline in subsequent years.]

Source: Clinicaltrials.gov

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