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# **Biosimilars Market**

**"What we have learned so far"**

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# Biosimilars' Market

# What have we

# learned so far?

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# Evolving Regulatory Landscape:

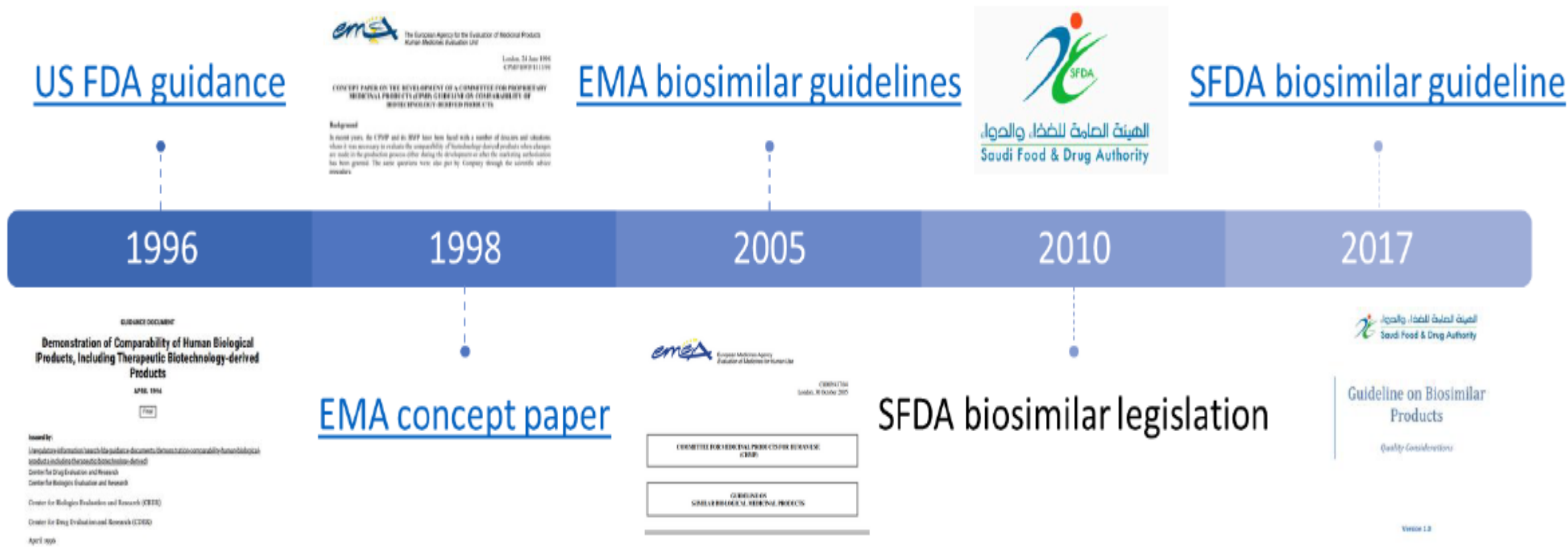
Regulations across markets evolving to favour biosimilars and reduce time and cost of development

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<b>FDA</b>	<b>EMA</b>	<b>MHRA</b>
Regulatory framework 1 <sup>st</sup> established in 2010 (BPCI) <sup>1</sup>	Regulatory framework 1 <sup>st</sup> establish in 2003 <sup>5</sup>	Waiver for non-clinical Pharmacology and Tox studies <sup>8</sup>
40+ biosimilars approved	90+ biosimilars approved*	Comparative efficacy study (Phase III) waiver basis scientific rationale <sup>8</sup>
Waiver for non-clinical Pharmacology and Tox studies <sup>2</sup>	Waiver for non-clinical Pharmacology and Tox studies <sup>6</sup>	
Approval of Interchangeable Insulins without Phase III study <sup>3</sup>	All biosimilars are interchangeable with reference product and equivalent biosimilar <sup>7</sup>	
Approval of Interchangeable biosimilars without switching data (e.g. Coherus' bRanibizumab) <sup>4</sup>		

\*Total no. of Biosimilar applications approved by EMA, includes withdrawn/refused products. Sources: 1. GaBi(2023); 2. FDA Modernization Act 2.0(2023); 3. USFDA(2019); 4. Coherus(2022); 5. PubMed(2020); 6. EMA; 7. EMA/HMA(2023); 8. gov.uk



# Evolving Regulatory Landscape in KSA\* :

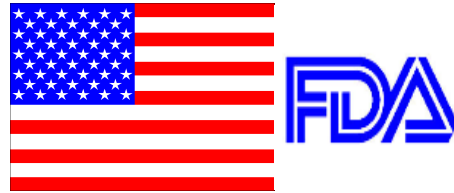


\*Evolution of Biosimilar Regulation in Saudi Arabia - Global Bio Conference Seoul - 1 September 2023





# Biosimilarity: Regulatory Definitions



- **The American Food & Drug Administration (FDA):** A biosimilar is a biological product that is highly similar to and has no clinically meaningful differences from an existing FDA-approved reference product.(1)



- **European Medicines Agency (EMA):** A biosimilar medicine ('biosimilar') is a medicine highly similar to another biological medicine already marketed in the EU 'reference medicine'. Due to the natural variability of the biological source, strict controls are always in place during manufacturing to ensure that minor differences do not affect the way the medicine works or its safety. (2)

1. <https://www.fda.gov/Drugs/DevelopmentApprovalProcess/HowDrugsareDevelopedandApproved/ApprovalApplications/TherapeuticBiologicApplications/Biosimilars/ucm580419.htm#biosimilar>  
2. Biosimilars in the EU, Information guide for healthcare professionals



# Why 'biosimilar' not 'bioidentical'?

- Microheterogeneity
  - An effect of the inherent variability of the biological system used for manufacture<sup>1</sup>
  - Resulting product is a mixture of different forms of the same protein<sup>2</sup>
- Post-translational modifications<sup>3</sup>
  - Glycosylation, methylation, oxidation, deamination
  - May occur after a change in cell line or manufacturing process
  - Resulting product is highly similar, but not identical to the originator
  - Make complex molecules, such as mAbs and –cept fusion proteins, particularly difficult to replicate

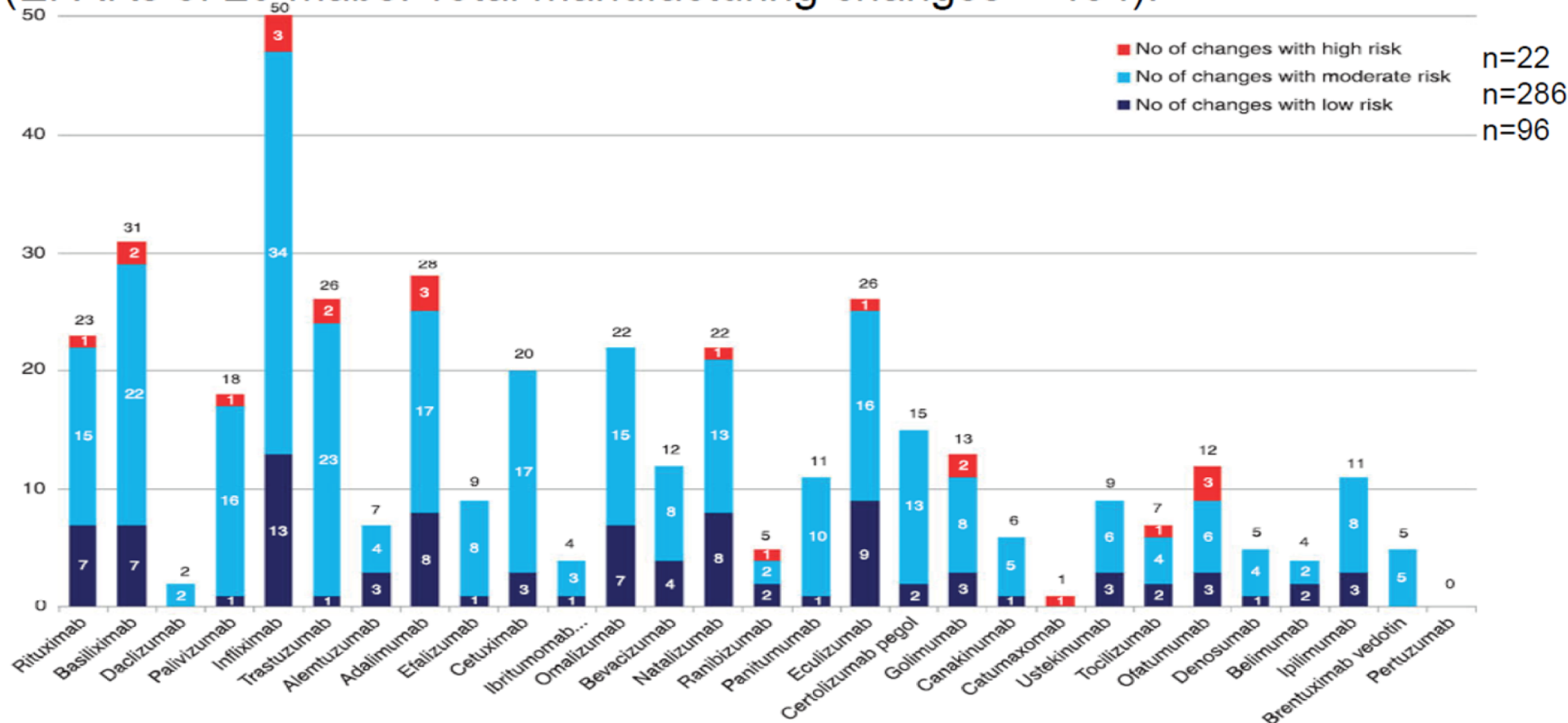
**But...originator products are also subject to variability<sup>4</sup>**

1. Weise M, et al. Nat Biotechnol 2011;29:690-3. 2. European Commission. What you need to know about biosimilar medicinal products. A consensus information document. [Accessed September 2014]. [http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/sectors/healthcare/files/docs/biosimilars\\_report\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/sectors/healthcare/files/docs/biosimilars_report_en.pdf)  
3. Dörner T, et al. Ann Rheum Dis 2013;72:322-8. 4. Schneider CK. Ann Rheum Dis 2013;72:315-8.



# Manufacturing Changes Authorized by EMA

(EPARs of 29 mabs: Total manufacturing changes = 404):



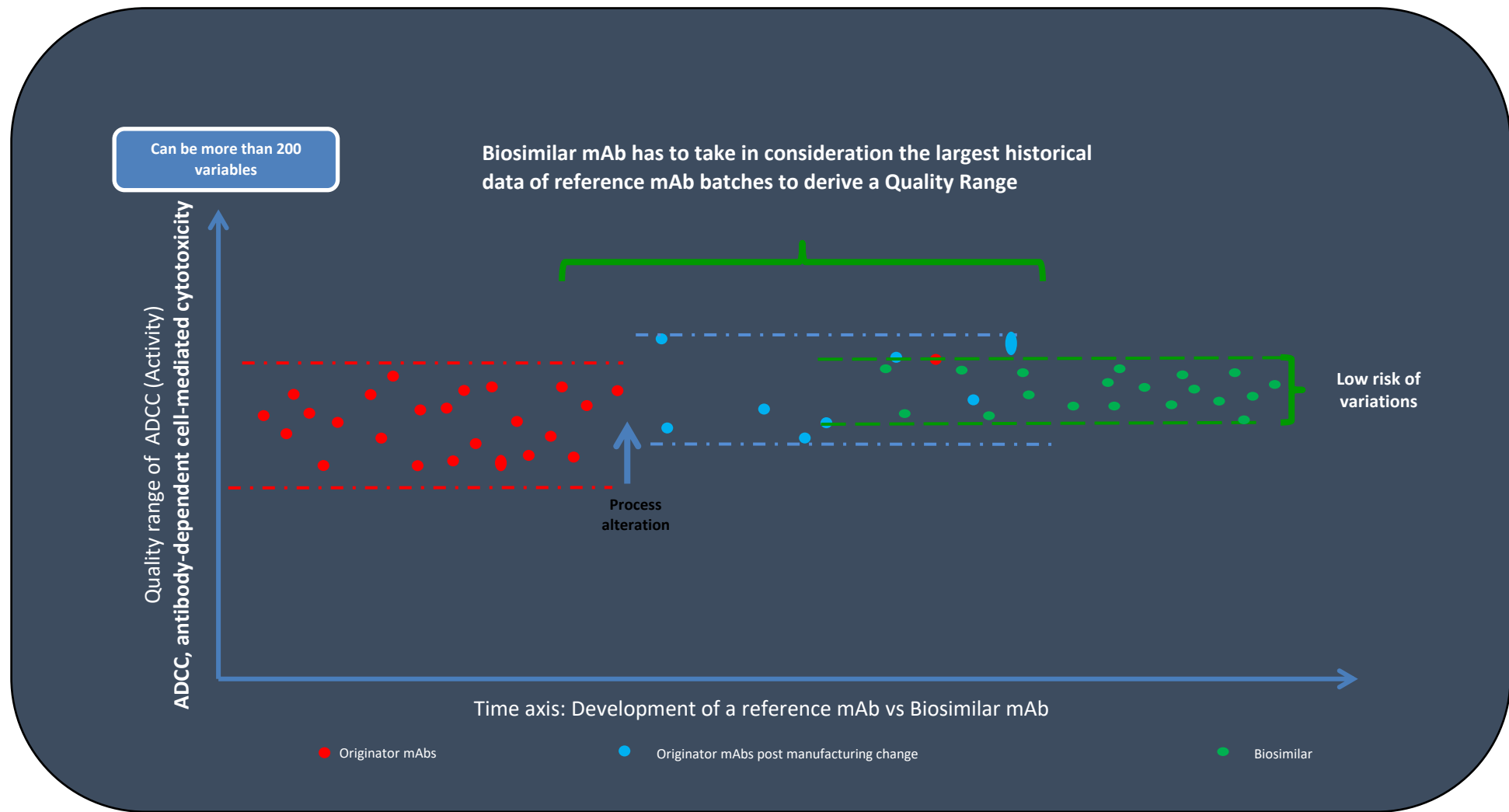
**Figure 2.** Number of manufacturing changes for monoclonal antibodies in their European Public Assessment Reports according to risk category (during the search period all non-proprietary names relate only to the trade named medicines listed in Table 1).

*Authorized manufacturing changes for therapeutic monoclonal antibodies (mAbs) in European Public Assessment Report (EPAR) documents.*



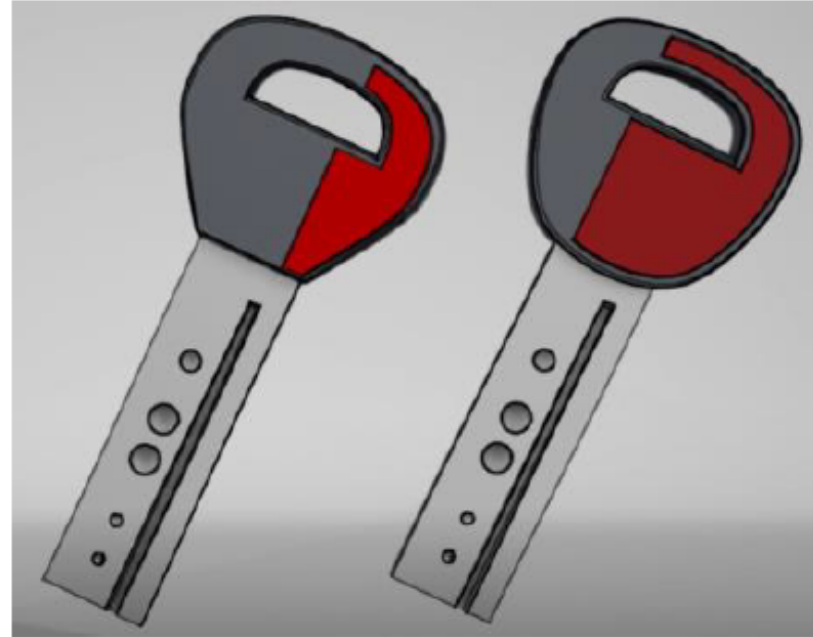


# Manufacturing Changes Authorized by EMA



Does it have to be 100% Identical?

Not identical



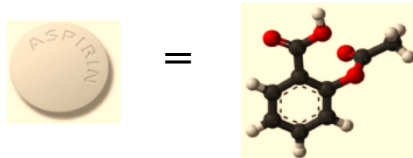
**Structurally irrelevant difference**  
Both keys work



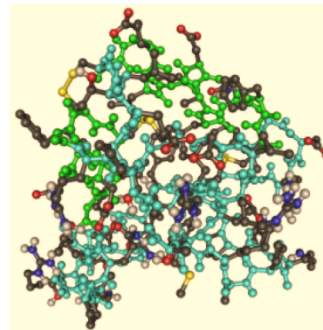
# How Biologics Are Different In Comparison To Chemical Medicines?

In comparison to small chemical molecules, biologics are large, and they are often 200 – 1000 times larger than the chemical molecules. Moreover, biologics are significantly more complex with 3D protein structured.(1)

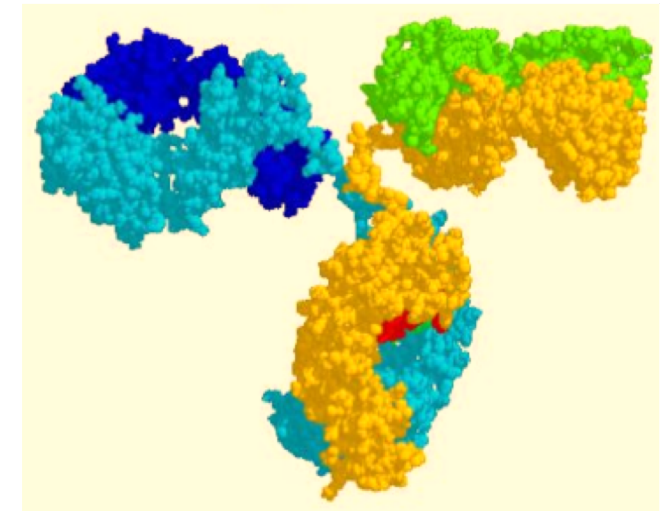
Aspirin  
(Acetylsalicylic acid)  
180 Daltons



Insulin  
5,700 Daltons



mAb  
150,000 Daltons





# Why 'Biosimilars' Are Not 'Generic Drugs'?

Biosimilars differ from generics in complexity, manufacturing processes, and in the data needed to demonstrate similarity for approval<sup>1,2-3</sup>

Properties	Generics	Biosimilars
Size	Small	Large
Molecular Weight	~150 Daltons	~150,000 Daltons
Structure	Simple and well-defined	Complex with potential structural variations
Manufacturing	Predictable chemical process to make identical copy	Specialized biological process to make similar copy
Complexity	Easy to fully characterize	Difficult to characterize
Stability	Relatively stable	Sensitive to storage and handling conditions
Adverse Immune Reaction	Lower potential	Higher potential
Manufacturing Quality Tests	≤ 50	≥ 250
Approval Requirements	Small clinical trials in healthy volunteers	Large clinical trials in patients

1. Camacho LH, Frost CP, Abella E, Morrow PK, Whittaker S. Biosimilars 101: considerations for U.S. oncologists in clinical practice. Cancer Medicine. 2014;3:889-899. 2. Niederwieser D, Schmitz S. Biosimilar agents in oncology/haematology: from approval to practice. Eur J Haematol. 2011;86:277-288. 3. Alten R, Cronstein BN. Clinical trial development for biosimilars. Semin Arthritis Rheum. 2015;44:S2-S8.



# Why 'Biosimilars' Are Not 'Generic Drugs'?

Biosimilars require significantly more expertise and investments to develop in comparison to small molecules



	Small Molecule Generics	Biosimilars
Expertise & Capabilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Easy to build given limited complexity</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Highly specialized skills</li><li>- Experience with complex technological platforms</li></ul>
Development Spends	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Simple Gx: &lt;\$1 M</li><li>- Complex Gx: \$15-20 M</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- \$50M - \$300M</li></ul>
Manufacturing Investments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Simple Gx: \$20-30 M</li><li>- Complex Gx: \$40-50 M</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- \$200 M+</li></ul>
Development Timelines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- 2 - 3 years</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- 6 – 9 years</li></ul>
Clinical Studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Bioequivalence studies in healthy volunteers</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Pharmacokinetic comparison studies in Phase 3</li></ul>
No. of Subjects in Clinical Studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- 20 – 50</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- 100 - 500</li></ul>

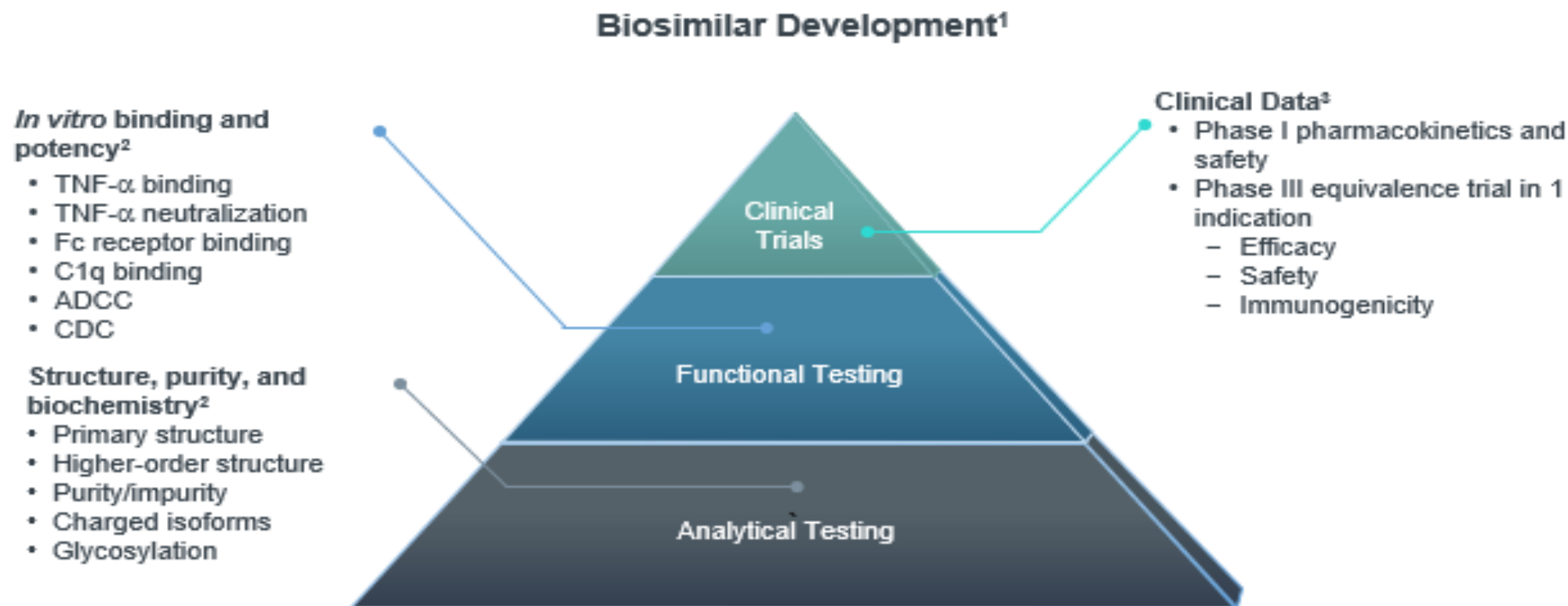


Sources: McKinsey Aug'22 Report; BBL Research



# Totality of the Evidence Concept:

Assessment of biosimilarity uses the “totality-of-the-evidence” concept, whereby a complete data package, comprising physicochemical, biological, nonclinical and clinical data, is used to evaluate and confirm biosimilarity between a proposed biosimilar and an approved originator (reference product).



ADCC, antibody-dependent cell-mediated cytotoxicity; C1q, complement factor 1q; CDC, complement-dependent cytotoxicity; Fc, fragment crystallizable;.

1. US FDA. Quality considerations in demonstrating biosimilarity of a therapeutic protein product to a reference protein product. 2015

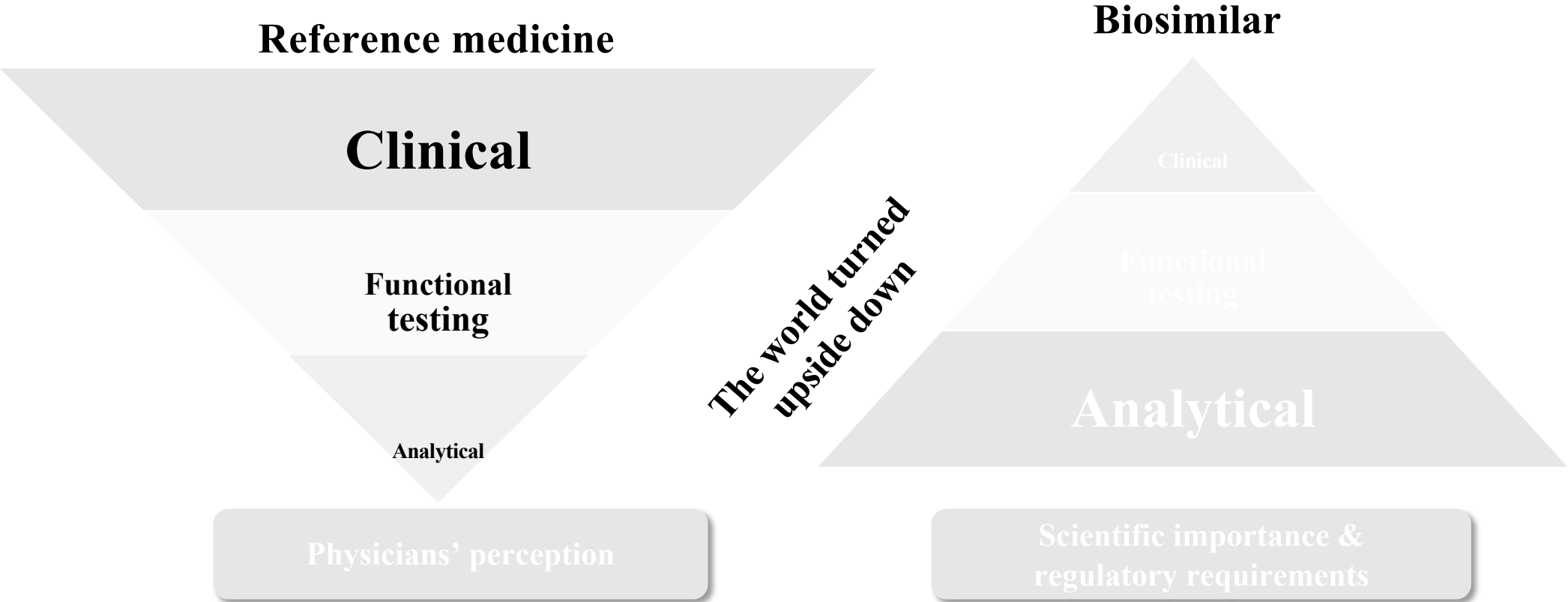
2. EMA. Remsima Assessment Report. 2013.

3. US FDA. Scientific considerations in demonstrating biosimilarity to a reference product. 2015.





# Development of a Biosimilar Requires a Paradigm Shift:



At the end, both approaches provide the same level of confidence regarding safety and efficacy of the medicine



# Extrapolation of Indications Concept:

Extrapolation of indications is a core principle of biosimilar development. It is the leveraging of safety and efficacy data from clinical studies in the most sensitive indications to support the authorization of other less sensitive indications. Once extrapolation is granted, the biosimilar can be used for the treatment of all indications for which the reference product has been approved.<sup>1,2</sup>

EMA (2014)	FDA (2015)	WHO (2009)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Indication used in the clinical comparability should be the “most sensitive and relevant”</li><li>• Extrapolation of the results to the other indications would be possible, if the mechanism of action is the same.</li><li>• Extrapolation could be acceptable with appropriate scientific justification and considered in light of the totality of data from the biosimilar comparability testing</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Extrapolation should be based on sufficient scientific justification</li><li>• Efficacy and safety tested in most sensitive indication to detect clinically meaningful differences in safety and efficacy</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• If extrapolation is intended, a detailed scientific discussion on the benefit/risk should be provided</li><li>• Efficacy and safety tested in most sensitive indication</li><li>• Non-inferiority study design may not support extrapolation</li></ul>

**Extrapolation is commonly possible with two following adequate justifications:**

- 1. Mechanism of action does not differ among different indications.
- 2. Clinical studies should be conducted in most sensitive and relevant indication.



# Studies Type Needed to Detect Biosimilarity:

- **Equivalence trial:**

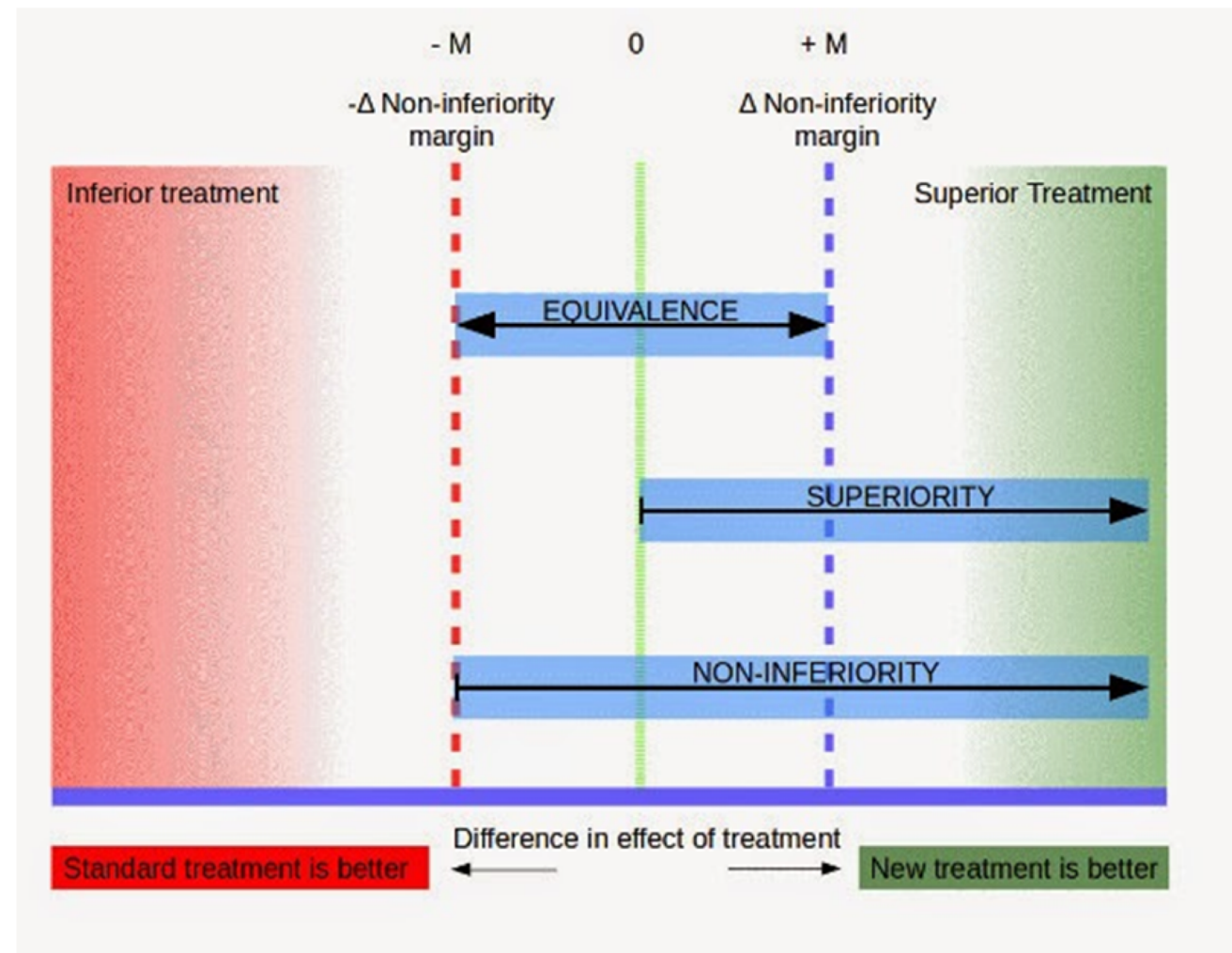
To detect similarity based on predefined equivalence range.  
(predefined upper and lower bound)

- **Superiority trial:**

To confirm superiority in terms of efficacy without compromising safety compared to the standard of care (SoC).  
*(lower bound is equal to SoC, no upper bound)*

- **Non-inferiority trial:**

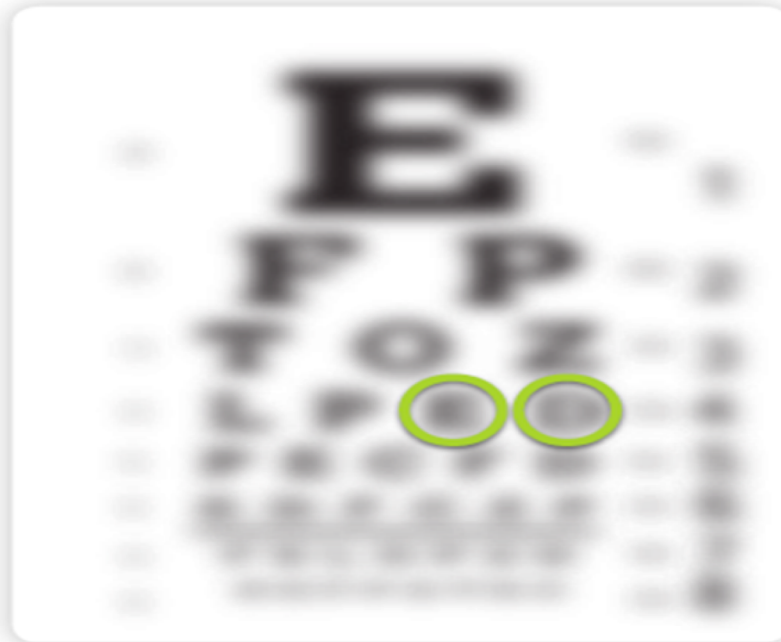
Are intended to show that the effect of a new treatment is not worse than that of an active control.  
*(predefined lower bound, no upper bound)*



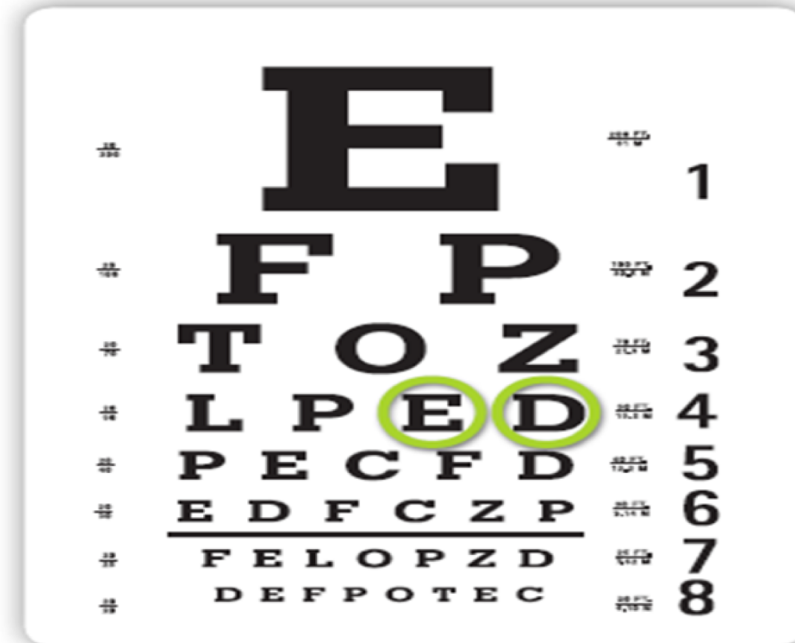
# WHY Now !!!

## STATE-OF-THE-ART ANALYTICS OF TODAY ENABLE PRECISE CHARACTERISATION OF ADVANCED BIOLOGICS

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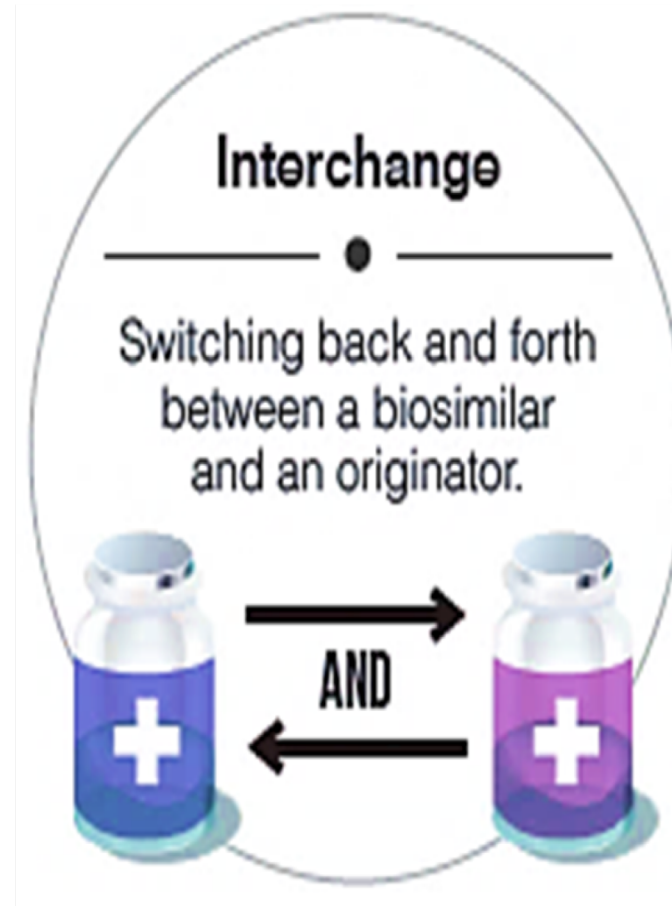
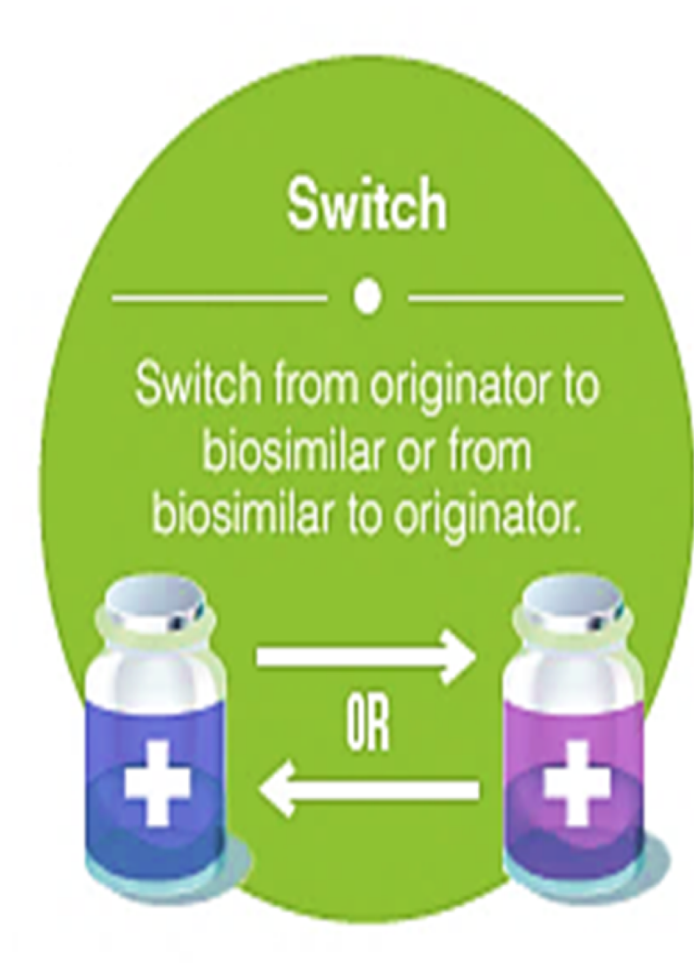
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WHEN RESOLUTION IS LOW, CRITICAL ATTRIBUTES CAN BE MISSED



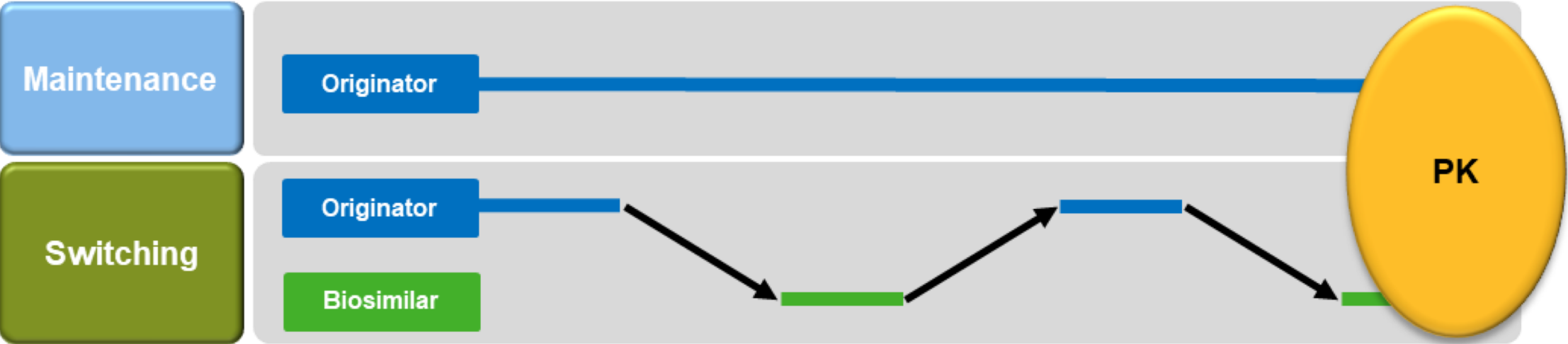
# Definitions of Switch, Interchange and Substitution:





# Interchangeability (US FDA Guideline) :

## ■ Switch Study Design



## ■ Clinical Data Needed

Study Endpoints	Study Design	Study Population	Extrapolation	Route of Administration
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- PK</li><li>- PD</li><li>- Immunogenicity</li><li>- Safety</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Sample size based on PK</li><li>- At least 2 doses both for reference and test drugs</li></ul>	Adequately sensitive population	Support extrapolation of data to other conditions of use	Assessment of clinical changes in safety risk & efficacy



# Interchangeability (EMA):



19 September 2022  
EMA/627319/2022

## Statement on the scientific rationale supporting interchangeability of biosimilar medicines in the EU

HMA and EMA consider that once a biosimilar is approved in the EU it is interchangeable, which means the biosimilar can be used instead of its reference product (or vice versa) or one biosimilar can be replaced with another biosimilar of the same reference product.



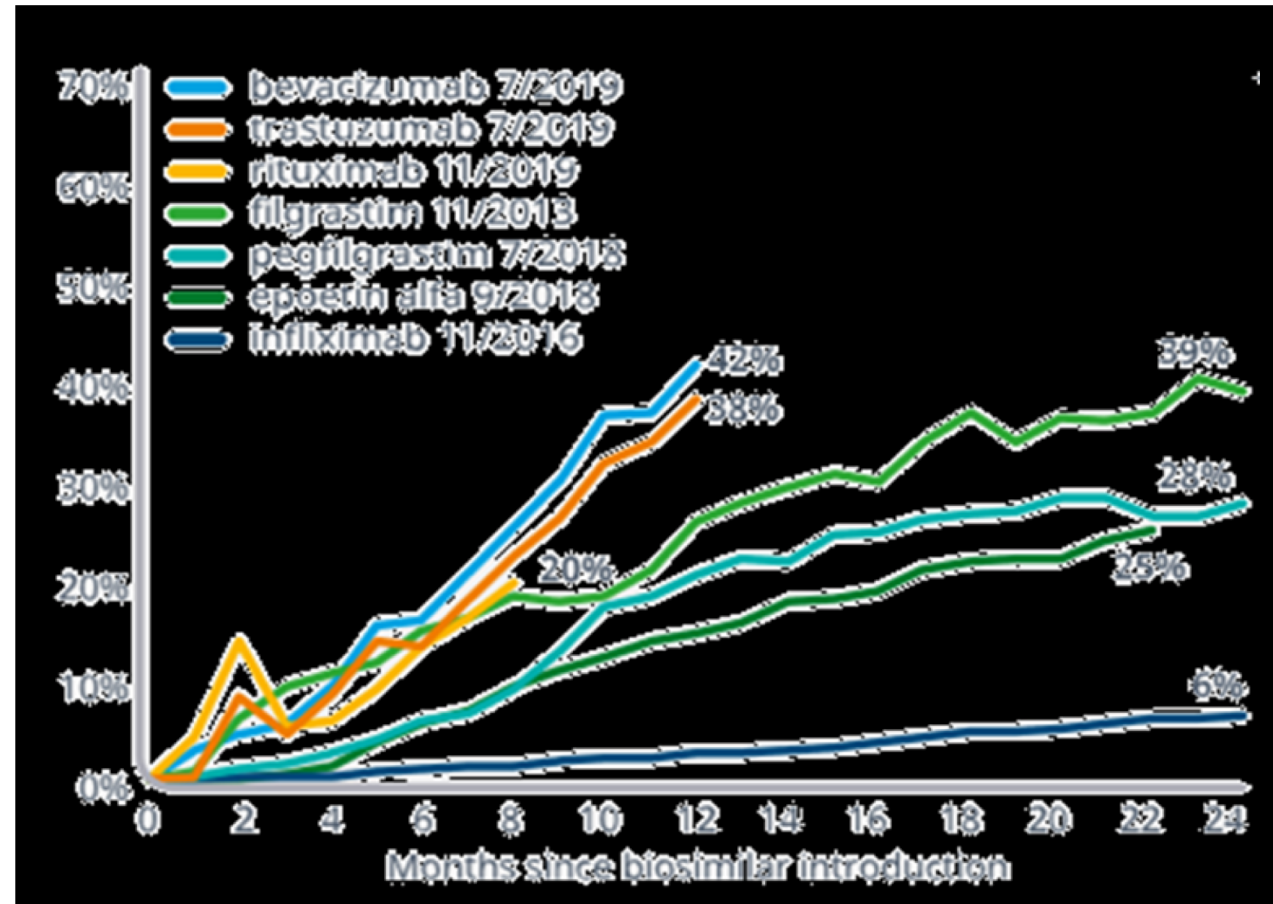
# Biosimilars Main Players :



<https://www.pharmashots.com/24011/top-biosimilar-companies-with-approved-and-pipeline-products-in-the-us-and-eu>



# Recently Launched Biosimilars Have Significantly Higher & Faster Market Share than Prior Biosimilars<sup>1</sup>

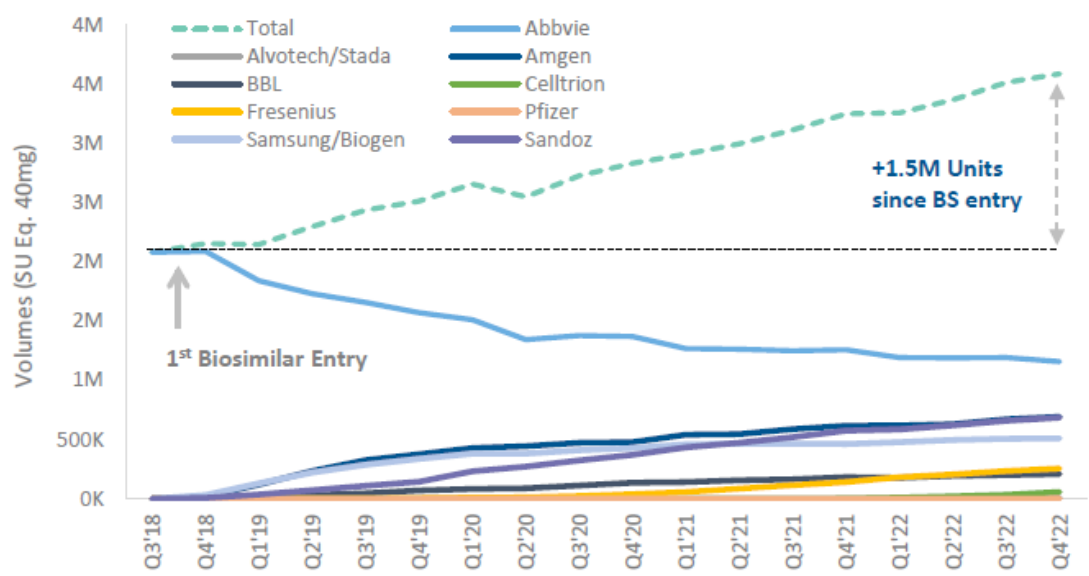


<sup>1</sup>Biosimilars in the United States 2020–2024 Competition, Savings, and Sustainability. IQVIA, Sept 2020 (<https://www.iqvia.com/insights/the-iqvia-institute/reports/biosimilars-in-the-united-states-2020-2024>),



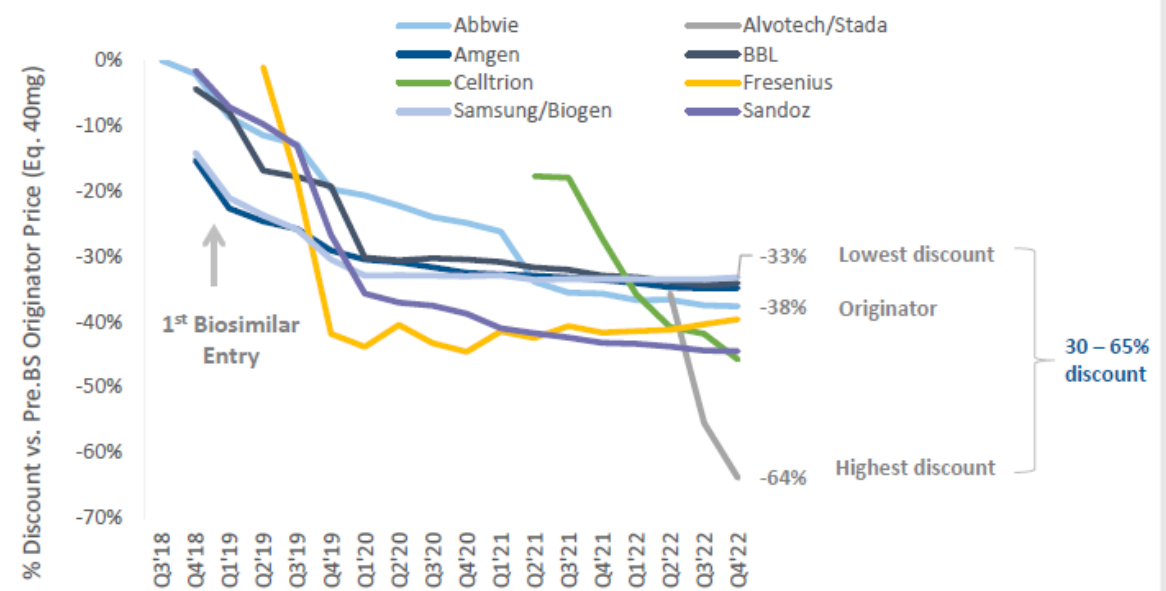
# Biosimilars –Enabling Affordable Access to Biologics in Europe:

Example: Increase in EU Adalimumab Market Size (SU)



Market expanded at a 14% CAGR since launch of biosimilars in 2018

Example: Reduction in EU Adalimumab Pricing



Pricing has reduced by >60% in since the launch of biosimilars in 2018



# Biosimilars –Enabling Affordable Access to Biologics in KSA:

Units				
	2018	2020	2023	CAGR%
Infliximab	37,700	85,471	220,124	80%
Adalimumab 40mg	141,179	215,000	570,080	59%

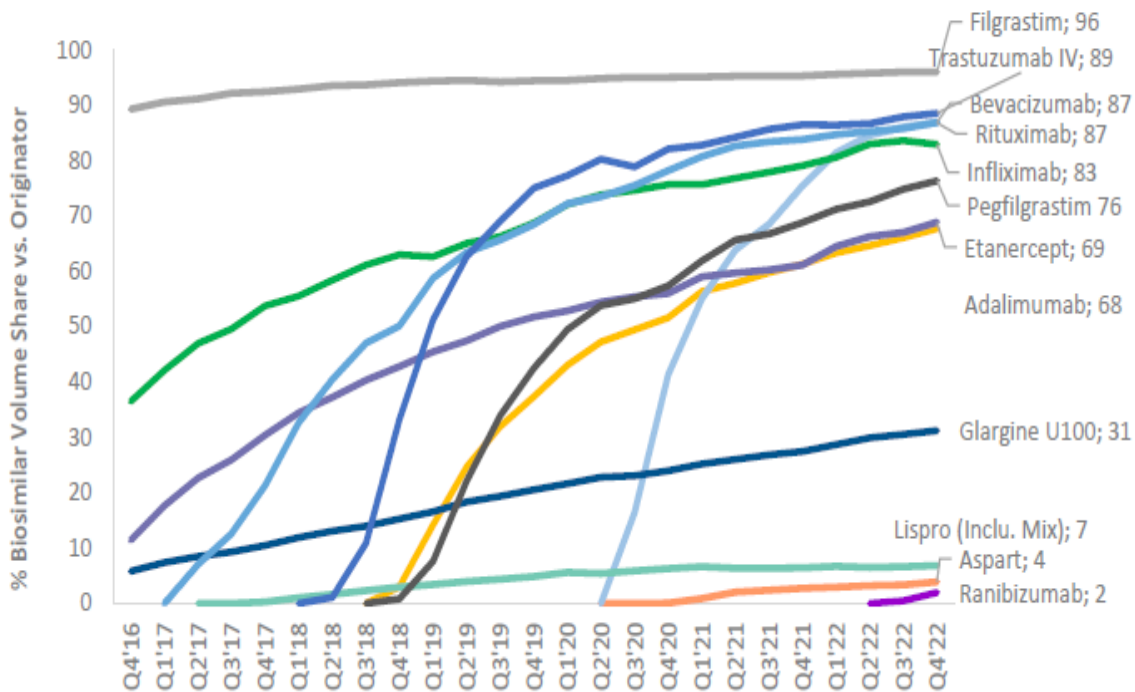
Prices SAR				
	2018	2020	2023	CAGR%
Infliximab	765 / 725	698.75/562.5/515	.....	.....
Adalimumab 40mg	1,875	750/637.5/427	.....	.....



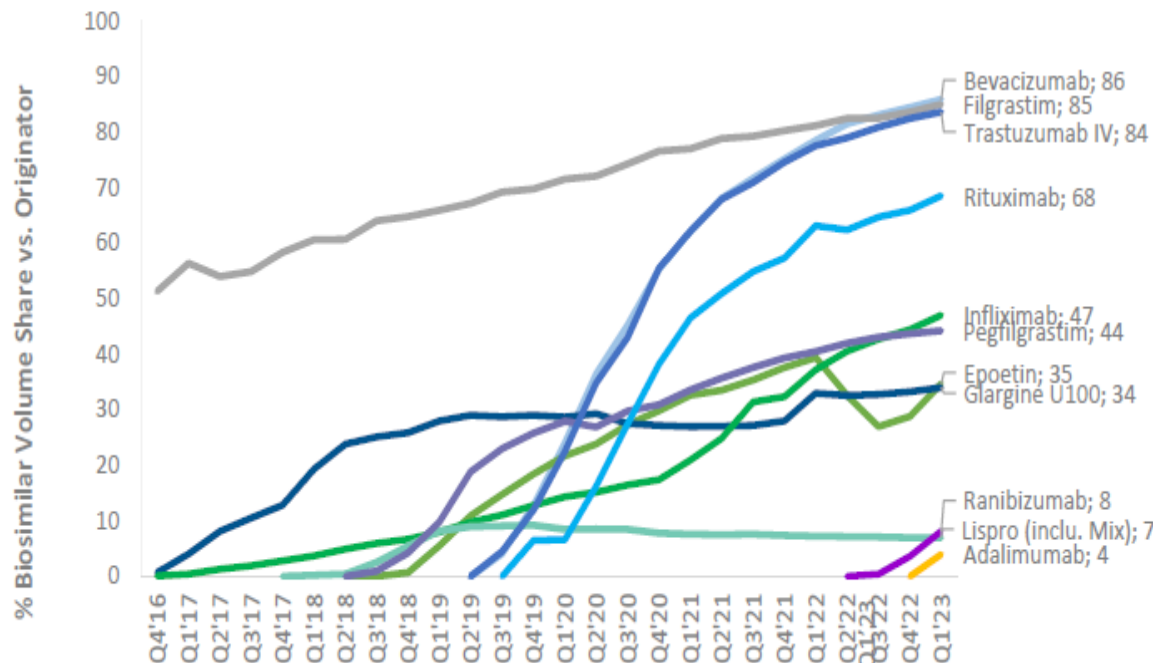


# Biosimilar Adoption in Europe (Q4/22) vs US (Q1/23):

Europe



US

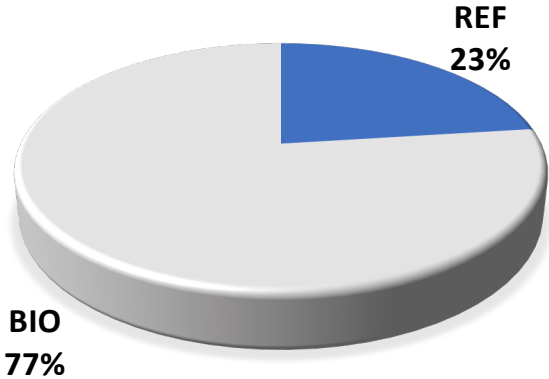


Source: IQVIA volumes (Eq.SU) (US: Till Q1'23; Europe: Till Q4'22)

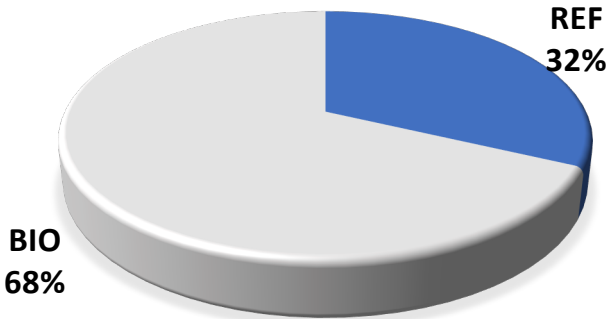


# Biosimilar Adoption in KSA YTD 09/2023:

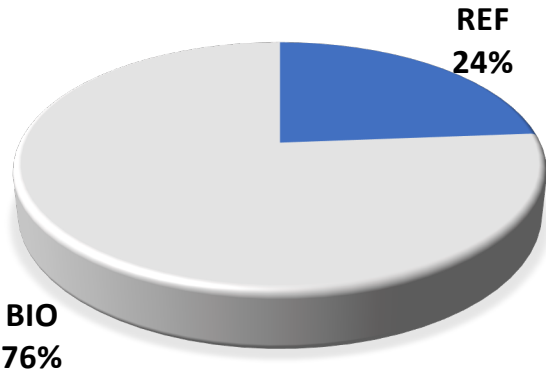
Adalimumab



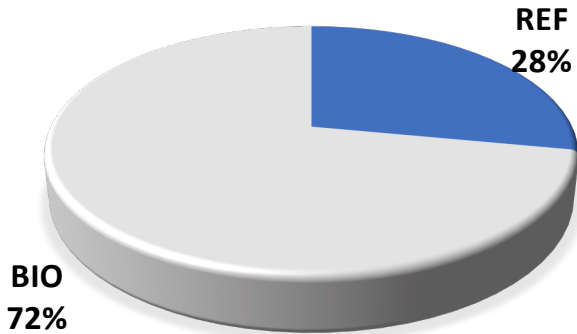
Infliximab

















Rituximab



Trastuzumab



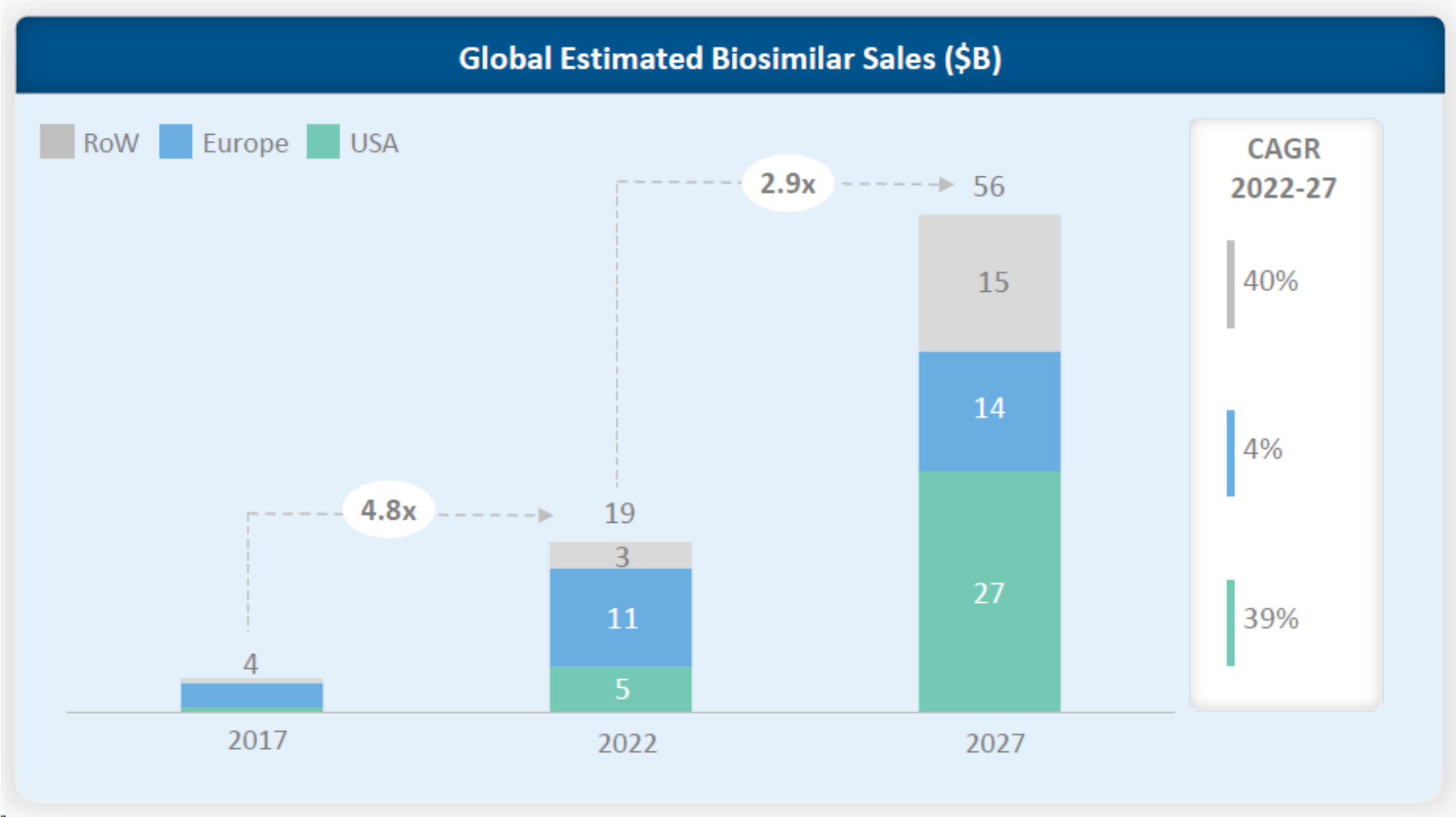
# Biosimilars approved in Saudi Arabia

Class	Active biological substance	Number of biosimilars
Polysaccharides	Enoxaparin sodium	
Growth factors	Epoetin	
	Filgrastim	
	Pegfilgrastim	
Hormones	Follitropin alfa	
	Insulin glargine	
	Insulin aspart	
	Somatropin	
	Teriparatide	
Monoclonal antibody	Adalimumab	
	Infliximab	
	Rituximab	
	Bevacizumab	
	Trastuzumab	



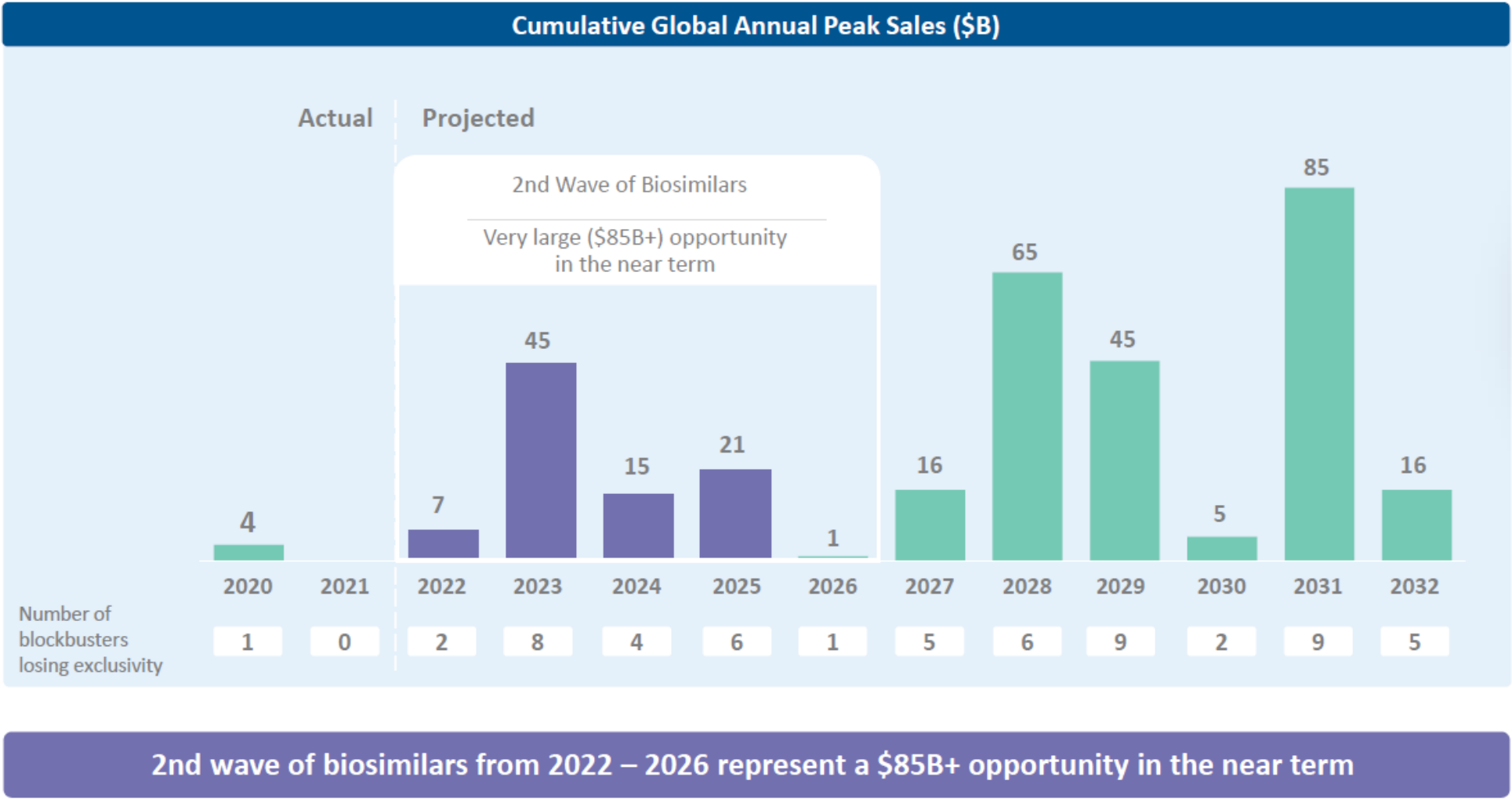
# Global Biosimilar Market Size

Market has grown 5x vs. 2017 in last 5 years



# Global Biosimilars Opportunity Potential:

Very large opportunity with 55+ blockbusters losing exclusivity by 2032 translating to \$270B+ in cumulative peak sales



Notes: \*"Blockbuster" defined here as a drug with annual sales of more than \$1 B in the peak year. Analysis based on timing of US patent expiry | Sources: EvaluatePharma, Jan 2023; Public disclosures; McKinsey analysis



# Summary:



**Biosimilars market  
expected to grow  
significantly to \$56B by  
2027**

Biologics becoming  
'Standard of Care'

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Increased adoption of  
biosimilars

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55+ products losing  
exclusivity within the next  
10 years



**Launch of biosimilars  
improves access and  
affordability**

Market expansion as they  
become more affordable for  
a larger patient population

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Lower costs translate to  
significant savings



**Regulatory landscape  
likely to evolve to  
further increase uptake  
of biosimilars**

Removal of Phase III by  
several other regulators

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Automatic substitution



**As competition  
increases, cost  
competitiveness will be  
key to success**

Vertical integration and  
scale will be key levers of  
cost leadership





## Important Links :

- <https://www.gabionline.net/>
- <https://www.centerforbiosimilars.com/>
- <https://pharmaintelligence.informa.com/searchlisting?searchtext=biomimilars>



# Thank You

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