

UNDERSTANDING YOUR BIOSIMILAR MEDICATION

Biosimilars are medications that are compared to original biologic medications that have already been FDA approved^{1,2}

Each biosimilar is made and proven to be highly similar to the biologic it is based on (the reference drug)²

CAREFULLY EVALUATED¹

The FDA requires proof that a biosimilar is as safe and effective as the reference drug



Data, studies, and tests



Ongoing safety monitoring



Quality checks of where and how it's made

PROVEN SIMILARITY^{1,2}

A biosimilar is only FDA approved if it has **no clinically meaningful differences from the reference drug**



SAME
benefits



SAME
strength and dosing



SAME
administration



SAME
possible side effects

Treatment may start with a biosimilar or you may be switched to one³

PROVIDES MORE TREATMENT OPTIONS¹



More options



Lower costs



More competition among medicines

IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS FOR BIOSIMILARS

Biosimilars, like all biologics, require:^{1,2}

**SCIENTIFIC
EXPERTISE
TO DEVELOP**



**MANUFACTURING
EXPERIENCE
TO SUPPLY**



Makers of biosimilars can offer you additional support

- Educational information about your health condition and treatment options
- Help understanding and managing insurance coverage and related costs
- Lifestyle tips that may support your health

To learn more about biosimilars, visit
www.fda.gov/drugs/biosimilars/patient-materials

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