

Pharmaceuticals

ANDA approvals in February 2011

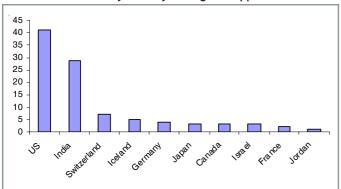
In this report, we have summarised the abbreviated new drug application (ANDA) filings and Para IV challenges made by pharmaceutical (pharma) majors in the US generics market and we analyze the trends/recent developments in the sector.

Sector overview

Industry pressures are continuing to mount for innovators as a number of blockbusters are losing exclusivity with few new launches to fill up the gap. In light of that, it is not surprising that the pharma majors continued their foray into the generics sector and into the emerging markets. Companies also continued their pursuit of patent challenges, geographic and portfolio diversification, and positioning for biosimilars.

Among the notable recent deals are: Sanofi acquiring Genzyme for \$20 billion (biotech), Pfizer acquiring Aurobindo's drug pipeline for \$28 million (emerging market), and Reckitt Benckiser Group acquiring Paras Pharma for \$724 million (filling portfolio gap). At home, Piramal Healthcare (Piramal) acquired a majority stake in a discovery services firm - Oxygen bio research for Rs51 crore (76% stake), while Sun Pharmaceutical Industries (Sun pharma) is on its way to de-list Caraco.

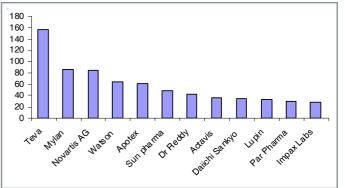
Meanwhile, we remain robust on the US generics growth story. We believe that the growth in the pharma sector is now focused on specialist/niche therapy areas. In the boom of off-patent drugs, generic companies like Sun pharma, Dr Reddy's Laboratories (Dr Reddy's), Lupin and Glenmark Pharmaceuticals (Glenmark) would be able to weather the future downturns.



Total A-rated ANDAs by country of origin of applicant

The US-based companies received the most ANDA approvals, with 41 approvals going to 24 different US companies. The Indian groups were in the second place, with 29 final approvals going to nine companies.

Companies with the most patent challenges on record as of 2010



Teva continued to be by far the most prolific filer of ANDAs with patent challenges. Mylan claimed the second spot with challenges on 86 products, while Novartis (Sandoz) dropped to the third place with links to 84 challenges. Amongst the Indian pharma companies, Sun pharma ranks the highest with major concentration towards dermatology and controlled substances, followed by Dr Reddy's and Lupin (oral contraceptives, opthalmics, modified release).

Key events/updates in pharma sector

- The US Food and Drug Administration (USFDA) imposed an import alert on Aurobindo Pharma (Aurbindo)'s cephalosporins plant after its initial inspection in December 2010. The facility would contribute ~5% of the total revenues. Currently Aurobindo supplies ten products to Pfizer. A delay in the clearance of the ban would impact the earnings from this deal. Pfizer confirmed four of its injectable products-cefazolin, cefotaxime, ceftazidime and ceftriaxone-would be affected by this import alert.
- Sanofi Aventis has entered into a definitive agreement to acquire Genzyme for \$20 billion (~\$74 per share). In addition to cash, Genzyme's shareholders would also receive one contingent value right for each share held. The CVR would entitle the shareholders to receive additional cash payments relating to developments and milestone achieved for Cerezyme and Fabrazyme. We believe that apart from earnings benefits, the acquisition would also help Sanofi strengthen its biotech portfolio.



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We present below the ANDA approvals by the Indian pharma companies from February 5, 2011 till March 4, 2011.

Generic Name	Brand Name	Innovator company	Company type	Approval	Indication	Market size (\$mn)	Marketing Timeline	Key players
Levocetirizine Dihydrochloride Tablets	Xyzal	UCB Inc.	Glenmark	Final	Allergic rhinitis	231	Immediate	Dr Reddy, Synthon
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Venlafexine ER Capsules	Effexor XR Capsules	Wyeth Pharma	Aurobindo	Tentative	CNS	2400		-
Lamotrigine Tablets	Lamictal	GSK Pharma	Alembic	Final	CNS	-	Immediate	Apotex, Cadista, Dr Reddy, Lupin, Mylan, Sandoz, Sun, Teva, Torrent, Watson, Cadila, Aurobindo
Lamotrigine Tablets	Lamictal	GSK Pharma	Jubilant Lifesciences	Final	CNS	-	Immediate	Apotex, Cadista, Dr Reddy, Lupin, Mylan, Sandoz, Sun, Teva, Torrent, Watson, Cadila, Aurobindo
Pantoprozole Sodium	Protonix	Wyeth Pharma	Dr Reddy's Lab	Final	GI	2000	-	-
Carboplatin	Paraplatin	BMS	Strides Arcolab	Final, EU market	Ovarian Cancer	138	Immediate	Teva
Gabapentin Tablets	Neurontin	Pfizer	Matrix Labs	Final	Epilepsy	300	Immediate	Actavis, Alkem, Amneal, Apotex, Aurobindo, Cadila Invagen, Teva, Ranbaxy, Sun, Watson, Glenmarl
Gabapentin Tablets	Neurontin	Pfizer	Cadila	Final	Epilepsy	300	Immediate	Actavis, Alkem, Amneal, Apotex, Aurobindo, Matrix Invagen, Teva, Ranbaxy, Sun Watson, Glenmar
Naratriptan Tablets	Amerge	GSK Pharma	Sun pharma	Final	CNS	60	Immediate	Paddock, Roxane, Sandoz, Teva
Lithium Carbonate ER Capsules	Lithobid	Noven Therapies	Glenmark	Final	Psycotic	10	Immediate	Roxane, West ward, Sun Pharma
Zidovudine	Ziagen	VIIV Healthcare	Matrix Labs	NDA approval	Anti- retroviral-HI	V	-	Cipla, Strides - tentative approvals
Ondansetron	Zofran ODT	GSK pharma	Ranbaxy	Final	Oncology	300	Immediate	Glenmark, Mylan, Sandoz, Sun Pharma, Teva
Galantamine Hydrobromide	Razadyne ER	Ortho Mcneil Janssen	Cadila	Final	Alzheimer	50	Immediate	Barr, Impax, Mylan, Watson, Sun Pharma
Irbesartan and Hydrocholo rothiazide	Avalide	Sanofi Aventis	Cadila	Tentative	Anti- Hypertensive	2100	Patent expires in Sep 11/ Mar 12	-
Abacavir Sulphate Solution	Ziagen	VIIV Healthcare	Cipla	Tentative	Anti- retroviral-HI	- V	Patent expires in Dec 2011	Strides Arcolab, Matrix labs

Valuation table: Sharekhan pharma universe

Company	CMP		EPS (Rs)		P/E (x)			
	(Rs)	FY11E	FY12E	FY13E	FY11E	FY12E	FY13E	
Glenmark Pharmaceuticals	300	17.6	19.5	24.1	17.0	15.4	12.4	
Sun Pharma	432	16.9	21.8	26	25.6	19.8	16.6	
Lupin	397	19.1	23.1	27.2	20.8	17.2	14.6	
Nicholas Piramal	463	9.2	15.7	-	50.4	29.5	-	
Cadila Healthcare	767	33.5	41.0	50.6	22.9	18.7	15.2	
Ipca Laboratories	273	20.0	23.8	30.5	13.7	11.5	9.0	
Opto Circuits	258	18.4	22.3	27.3	14.0	11.6	9.5	
JB Chemicals	138	15.3	18.3	22.2	9.0	7.6	6.2	
Torrent Pharmaceuticals	510	34.6	45.7	50.9	14.7	11.2	10.0	

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