

Highlights from the Week of 9th February – 16th February



FDA approves Merck's KEYTRUDA and KEYTRUDA QLEX for certain patients with platinum-resistant epithelial ovarian, fallopian tube, or primary peritoneal carcinoma, who have received one or two prior systemic treatment regimens

(FDA, Approval)



European Commission grants marketing authorization for Bio-Thera's GOTENFIA, a biosimilar referencing SIMPONI, for the treatment of various types of arthritis

(EU, Approval)



European Commission approves Amgen's UPLIZNA for the treatment of adult patients with generalized myasthenia gravis who are anti-AChR and anti-MuSK antibody positive

(EU, Approval)

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FDA grants Priority Review for Takeda's ovesporexton to treat narcolepsy type I patients who need new and different treatment options, with a PDUFA date in Q3 2026

(FDA, Priority Review)



FDA grants Orphan Drug Designation to HanchorBio's HCBI01 for the treatment of gastric cancer, including advanced gastric adenocarcinoma in both HER2-positive and HER2-negative subtypes

(FDA, Orphan Drug)



Biocodex and THX Pharma announces a strategic licensing agreement to develop and commercialize treatments for three rare diseases, leveraging global footprint and specialized R&D pipelines

(Collaboration)

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sanofi

Sanofi acquires Dynavax for \$15.50 per share, along with its adult vaccine candidates HEPLISAV-B, Z-1018 and additional vaccine pipeline projects

(Acquisition)

Alkermes

Alkermes acquires Avadel, a strategic move that accelerates Alkermes' entry into the sleep medicine market

(Acquisition)

Roche

Roche announces that the Phase 3 MAJESTY study for obinutuzumab in adults with primary membranous nephropathy successfully met its primary and secondary endpoints, achieving complete remission at 104 weeks

(Phase 3, Result)

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AstraZeneca announces positive results from the Phase 3 KALOS and LOGOS trials evaluating BREZTRI AEROSPHERE in patients with uncontrolled asthma, demonstrating significant improvements in lung function

(Phase 3, Result)