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Cipla gets selling rights for cancer drug in US

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Drug major Cipla said its subsidiary has secured rights from Hyderabad-based MSN Laboratories to market and distribute colon cancer treatment drug Capecitabine in the US market.

Cipla USA, Inc, a subsidiary of the company will be marketing the drug in strengths of 150 and 500 mg tablets.

The company's product is generic equivalent of Genentech's Xeloda.

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As per IQVIA (IMS Health) data, Xeloda and its generic equivalents had sales of around USD 178 million in the US for 12-month period ending June 2018.