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Lyndra Therapeutics, Gilead Sciences to develop ultra-long-acting HIV therapies

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Gilead will have exclusive rights to Lyndra's platform for HIV therapies

Lyndra Therapeutics, the company making daily pills a thing of the past, has announced a partnership with Gilead Sciences, Inc. to develop and commercialize ultra-long-acting oral HIV therapies. Gilead will have exclusive rights to Lyndra's therapeutics platform for ultra-long-acting formulations related to HIV.

Lyndra's ultra-long-acting dosage form has the potential to improve medication adherence by allowing patients to take a pill once a week, or even less frequently, rather than daily.

"Gilead has led the way in HIV prevention and treatment by focusing on reducing pill burden through the development of single-tablet oral regimens for their therapies, addressing an epidemic that affects nearly 40 million people globally*," said Amy Schulman, CEO and co-founder of Lyndra Therapeutics. "At Lyndra, our commitment to HIV is foundational and we are delighted to continue to work with strong research and development partners such as the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and, now, Gilead."

"Gilead is committed to advancing therapies for all people living with or at risk for HIV, including potential strategies for long-acting regimens that would reduce pill burden. This early partnership with Lyndra is the latest step in our ongoing investment in HIV research and development," said John McHutchison, AO, MD, Chief Scientific Officer and Head of Research and Development, Gilead Sciences.

This partnership announcement comes just months after Gilead joined Lyndra's oversubscribed $60.9 million Series B financing round.

**Global HIV & AIDS statistics – 2018 fact sheet*, UNAIDS.