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Zydus signs deal with Gilead to manufacture, market remdesivir

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Zydus Cadila, an innovation-driven, global healthcare company has announced that it has signed a non-exclusive licensing agreement with Gilead Sciences Inc., for the manufacturing and distribution of Remdesivir, the investigational drug, which has been issued an Emergency Use Authorization by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to treat patients suffering from severe symptoms of Novel Coronavirus.

Zydus has been supporting the fight against COVID 19 with therapeutics, vaccines and diagnostics. Speaking on the development, Chairman of Zydus, Mr. Pankaj Patel said, “We are happy to collaborate with Gilead Sciences and increase the access to this life saving drug for patients suffering from COVID 19. Over the last decade, we have been partnering with Gilead Sciences to address various public healthcare challenges and improve global access to affordable need-based therapies. At this critical juncture, we join hands once again to ensure that no efforts are spared in the fight against this pandemic.”

As part of the non-exclusive agreement, Zydus will receive the manufacturing know-how from Gilead Sciences Inc., to manufacture the API for Remdesivir and the finished product and market it in 127 countries, including India.

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Zydus will leverage its ability to scale up production to reach patients across India and across the 127 countries in Gilead’s Global Patient Solution region.

The safety and efficacy of remdesivir to treat COVID-19 are being evaluated in multiple ongoing Phase 3 clinical trials.