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Emcure Pharma to launch oral COVID-19 drug

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A toll free helpline to be set up to help doctors and patients



Emcure Pharmaceuticals Limited (EPL) has received an Emergency Use Authorisation (EUA) approval from the Drug Controller General of India for the launch of Molnupiravir, an investigational oral anti-viral drug, for the treatment of mild COVID-19. EPL plans to launch Molnupiravir under the brand name Lizuvira in the Indian market.

EPL will endeavour to deliver Lizuvira (Molnupiravir) in a week. A toll-free Helpline will be dedicated to helping the doctors and patients access the product.

Earlier this year, EPL had entered into a licensing agreement with Merck Sharpe Dohme (MSD) to manufacture and supply Molnupiravir to India and over 100 low and middle-income countries (LMICs).

Molnupiravir is an oral antiviral that inhibits the replication of multiple RNA viruses including SARS-CoV-2. The drug, being developed by MSD and Ridgeback Biotherapeutics has been approved by the UK Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) and US Food and Drug Administration (US FDA) for the treatment of mild-to-moderate COVID-19 at high risk of developing severe disease.