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Mankind Pharma and Innovent Biologics to revolutionise cancer care in India with immunotherapy Sintilimab

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Mankind Pharma and Innovent Biologics have announced a groundbreaking partnership to exclusively license and commercialise sintilimab, an advanced PD-1 immunotherapy, in the Indian market. This strategic collaboration aims to address the critical challenges in cancer treatment and improve patient access to innovative therapeutic options in the region.

Cancer has become a major health concern in India, with its burden projected to reach 29.8 million DALYs by 2025, according to The National Cancer Registry Programme. In response to this pressing challenge, the partnership between Mankind Pharma and Innovent Biologics offers a pivotal solution, aiming to tackle the rising incidence of cancer and improve patient outcomes across the country.

Sintilimab, marketed as TYVYT (sintilimab injection) in China, is a high-quality PD-1 immunoglobulin G4 monoclonal antibody co-developed by Innovent and Eli Lilly. Its mechanism of blocking the PD-1/PD-L1 pathway reactivates T-cells, enhancing the body's natural ability to target and eliminate cancer cells. The drug has demonstrated remarkable efficacy and favorable safety across multiple major cancer types with eight approved indications in China, including non-small cell lung cancer, liver cancer, gastric cancer, esophageal cancer, endometrial cancer and Hodgkin's lymphoma. TYVYT (sintilimab injection), is one of the top therapy choices in immunotherapy, has already benefited millions of cancer patients since its launch in 2018. This versatile immunotherapy holds the potential to make a significant impact for oncology patients in India.

Under the agreement, Mankind Pharma will have exclusive rights to register, import, market, sell and distribute sintilimab in India. Innovent will oversee manufacturing and supply of the product, ensuring consistent availability and adherence to high-quality standards. Innovent will be eligible to receive upfront, regulatory and commercial milestone payments.