

Lupin files INDA for anti-psoriasis_____

Mumbai, 31 December 2003: Lupin today announced that it has filed an Investigational New Drug Application (INDA) for a botanical oral treatment for psoriasis, Desoris (LLL-3348) with the Drug Controller General (India).

Psoriasis is characterized by defects in the normal growth cycle of epidermis that lead to epidermal hyper-proliferation, altered maturation skin cells, vascular changes, and inflammation.

Based on animal data, Desoris (LLL-3348) has been found to be efficacious and safe. Some of the current treatments for psoriasis involve certain side effects such as nephrotoxicity, hepatotoxicity, bone marrow toxicity, and teratogenicity; they may also be carcinogenic.

Animal pharmacokinetic data suggests that the botanical Desoris (LLL-3348) could be used once a day.

This is Lupin's second IND Application based on herbal R&D; in early December, Lupin's INDA for the prophylactic treatment of migraine was approved by the Drug Controller General (India).

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