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Press Release

NATCO starts Phase-III Clinical Trial of Molnupiravir capsules for Covid-19 treatment

Hyderabad, India, May 21st, 2021

Natco Pharma Limited (NSE: NATCOPHARM; BSE: 524816) has initiated Phase-III clinical trial of Molnupiravir capsules in India. Its first patient was dosed today in Yashoda Hospitals, Hyderabad.

Pre-clinical data have shown that Molnupiravir has broad anti-influenza activity, including highly potent inhibition of SARS-CoV-2 replication. Patients treated with Molnupiravir achieved response within 5 days of therapy indicating that the duration of treatment with Molnupiravir is short, with the additional advantage of being an oral therapy.

Phase-III clinical trial is initiated to evaluate the efficacy and safety of Molnupiravir Capsules in mild COVID-19 patients. NATCO's clinical trial is planned in 32 hospitals across India. A few established hospitals locally include Yashoda Hospitals, Gleneagles Global Hospitals, KIMS Hospital in Secunderabad and Vizag, and Excel Hospital, where the trial is being conducted.

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