

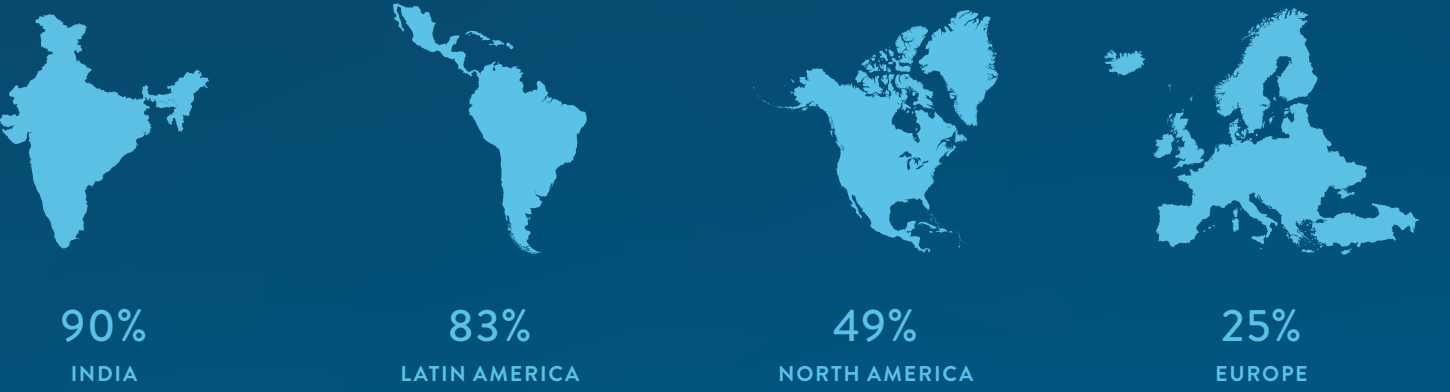
BIOSIMILARS

ARE BIOLOGIC MEDICINES THAT HELP DELIVER BETTER CARE FOR PEOPLE IN EMERGING COUNTRIES

NON-COMMUNICABLE DISEASES (NCDs), INCLUDING CANCER, ARE ON THE RISE - ESPECIALLY IN EMERGING MARKETS.¹

NCDs, also known as chronic diseases, include conditions such as cardiovascular diseases, cancers, chronic respiratory diseases, and diabetes.¹

PERCENTAGE INCREASE OF CANCER INCIDENCE FROM 2022 TO 2050²



By 2050 cancer incidence will increase significantly faster in **Latin America** and **India** compared with **Europe** and **North America**². This is linked to economic development and changing lifestyles, leading to longer lives and higher late-life cancer risk.^{1,2}

BIOLOGICS ARE CUTTING-EDGE MEDICINES THAT HAVE SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVED THE TREATMENT OF NCDs³



Biologics are derived from living organisms.⁴ They are highly complex molecules and more costly to produce than conventional medicines.^{3,5} Hence, they may remain out of reach for many.³

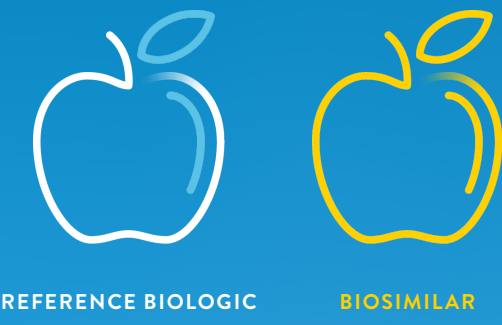
Access to new medicines, such as biologics, is more limited in emerging countries. In fact, new medicines make up only **0.1%** of total medicines used in emerging countries, which is over **20 times less** than in developed countries.³



BIOSIMILARS MAKE LIFE-SAVING MEDICINES MORE ACCESSIBLE AND AFFORDABLE IN EMERGING COUNTRIES³



Reduced access to treatments and care in emerging countries often leads to higher disease mortality rates compared to wealthier nations.⁶



Biosimilars are high-quality, highly similar versions of reference biologics. They are launched once the originator patent expires, which brings competition and increases the availability of biologic treatments.³

BIOSIMILARS ARE EFFECTIVE AND SAFE AND UNDERGO A RIGOROUS REGULATORY REVIEW



Biosimilars are developed through a high-quality scientific process that demonstrates they provide the same clinical benefits as the reference biologics.^{3,4}



6-9 years
The time it takes to demonstrate, through extensive testing, that a biosimilar delivers the same clinical benefits as the reference biologic.⁷

ABBOTT IS WORKING WITH EXPERTS TO EXPAND ACCESS TO BIOSIMILARS BY:



Facilitating regulatory pathways

- We’ve teamed up with the Americas Health Foundation and experts in cancer and health economics to tackle regulatory and policy challenges and streamline biosimilar regulatory pathways.
- This resulted in a **policy review** in *The Lancet Oncology* on streamlining biosimilars regulations to improve access to cancer treatment.⁹



Broadening access to scientific developments

- We are collaborating with local universities in Colombia on a **‘Biosimilars Academy’**, which provides healthcare professionals with the latest updates on biological treatments in oncology.
- In India, our **‘Start Strong’** program includes workshops to share the latest scientific developments on osteoporosis management trends with healthcare professionals.



Improving care through insights and diagnostics

- We support the use of **real-world evidence (RWE)** and diagnostic tools for timely and accurate treatment.
- In India, we’re improving access to **diagnostic scans** to promote early detection and treatment of bone density issues.



AT ABBOTT, WE ARE COMMITTED TO MAKING HIGH-QUALITY BIOSIMILARS MORE ACCESSIBLE TO PEOPLE FACING SERIOUS DISEASES IN EMERGING MARKETS, SO THAT THEY CAN GET AND STAY HEALTHY.

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