

# THE LANDSCAPE OF THE

# BIOSIMILAR MARKET

A changing world for follow-on biologics

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## WHAT ARE BIOSIMILARS?

**biosimilars (bīō'simələrs)** noun – a term used to describe officially approved subsequent (or "generic") versions of innovative biopharmaceutical products made by a different sponsor following patent and exclusivity expiry on the innovator product.

#### Low hanging fruit

2009



Between 2009 and 2019 **21 blockbuster** biopharmaceuticals, mainly in the areas of oncology and inflammatory diseases, will have lost patent protection.

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These 21 blockbuster drugs have a combined annual market value of over \$50 Billion (US).

2019

#### Safety concerns

Because the manufacturing process is more complex, biosimilars often come with safety concerns that are not common to generic pharmaceutical products. Physicians, Pharmacists and Payers have different opinions regarding the safety of biosimilars. ISR asked each group if biosimilars should require full-fledged clinical trials.







Physicians 55% Yes

Pharmacists 26% Yes

Payers 10% Yes

#### Legislation

In its "Draft Guidance" the FDA has stated that biosimilars must be "interchangeable"; however final guidance has not yet been provided. State legislatures have seen an influx of bills on biosimilars in the past two months, but the details vary.

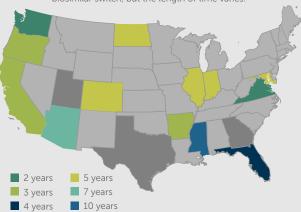
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#### RECORD RETENTION

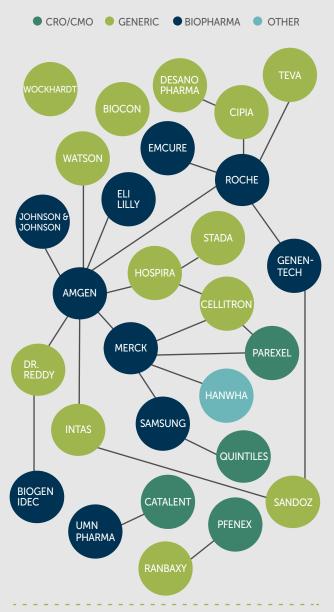
Most bills require the pharmacy to retain a record of the biosimilar switch, but the length of time varies.



■ Bill in process, but no mention of record retention timeline

### Key Players and Partnerships

The pharmaceutical and biotech industry is forming alliances and partnerships for the development of biosimilar drugs. Here is just a portion of the web of alliances.



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