

Seikagaku Announces the Launch of HyLink[®], an Intra-Articular Single-Injection Viscosupplement for the Treatment of Knee Osteoarthritis in Taiwan

Seikagaku Corporation (Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, Japan; “Seikagaku”) announced today the launch of HyLink[®], an intra-articular single-injection viscosupplement for the treatment of knee osteoarthritis in Taiwan, through TCM Biotech International Corp. (New Taipei City, Taiwan; “TCM”).

HyLink[®] is an intra-articular single-injection viscosupplement for the treatment of knee osteoarthritis whose main ingredient is a cross-linked hyaluronate hydrogel made using Seikagaku's unique cross-linking technology. Since the highly viscoelastic hyaluronate hydrogel remains in the knee joint cavity for a long period of time, HyLink[®] is expected a long-lasting improvement of symptoms by an administration of only 3 mL .

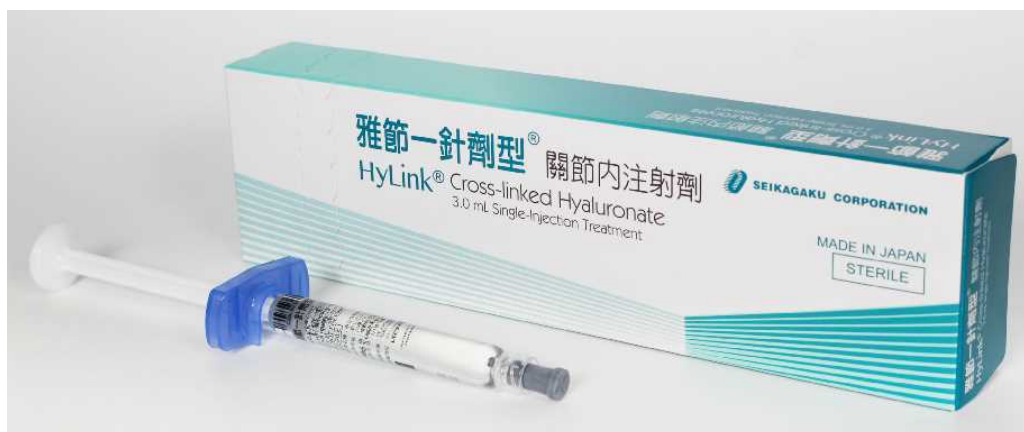
TCM is a pharmaceutical company with a nationwide sales network in Taiwan that has strengths in the fields of orthopedics and rehabilitation. TCM exclusively distributes in Taiwan ARTZDispo^{®*1} and Artzfors^{®*2}, intra-articular multiple-injection viscosupplements manufactured by Seikagaku. These products hold a high share in the Taiwanese market for hyaluronic acid treatments, which is expected to expand as the elderly population grows, and TCM will aim to further strengthen its presence in the market by introducing HyLink[®] in addition to ARTZDispo[®] and Artzfors[®].

Seikagaku will continue to support TCM's sales promotion activities through the provision of academic information in its capacity as manufacturer, and Seikagaku and TCM together will contribute to improving the quality of life of patients.

*1 ARTZDispo[®]: A medical device indicated for knee osteoarthritis and rotator cuff lesions without complete tears

*2 Artzfors[®]: A medical device indicated for rotator cuff lesions without complete tears

HyLink[®]



About Knee Osteoarthritis

Knee osteoarthritis is a disease in which joint tissue degenerates and inflammation and pain occur due to the wearing of articular cartilage. Since bones come into direct contact with one another as the condition and cartilage wear progress, intense pain occurs when the knee joint is moved. The occurrence of knee osteoarthritis is said to be associated with aging, obesity, external injury, excessive exercise, genetic predisposition, and other factors.

About Seikagaku Corporation

Seikagaku Corporation is an R&D-oriented pharmaceutical company that focuses on glycoscience as an area of specialization. Since its foundation in 1947, Seikagaku has continuously focused on the possibilities of glycoscience and developed original, beneficial pharmaceutical products and medical devices in the fields of orthopedic disorders and ophthalmic diseases. Under a unique business model of specializing in R&D and manufacturing without having an in-house pharmaceuticals sales division, Seikagaku contributes to healthy and fulfilling lives for people around the world by marketing products globally in collaboration with companies having strengths in particular countries and product areas. Detailed information is available on the Seikagaku website (<https://www.seikagaku.co.jp/english/>).

About TCM

TCM is a pharmaceutical company founded in 1998 that has a nationwide sales network in Taiwan. It has expertise and strengths particularly in the fields of orthopedics and rehabilitation and offers innovative products. Detailed information is available on the TCM website (<http://www.tcmbio.com>).

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