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COMMERCIAL BULLETIN

As always, please contact us if you require further information or if we can be of further assistance in product/products you would like to see in our database.

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MERCK AND JOHNSON & JOHNSON TO STRIKE DEAL

Merck & Co., (MSD in the UK) a leading vaccine player worldwide, has been largely absent during the COVID-19 vaccine race. Not anymore: The drug maker is set to partner with Johnson & Johnson to boost production of its newly authorized shot.

Officials realized J&J had fallen behind on production targets, so officials jumped in to coordinate a tie-up between the companies. Recognizing it's a "wartime effort," the companies agreed to join forces when they might otherwise be rivals, one unnamed official told the newspaper.

To read more:

https://www.fiercepharma.com/pharma/merck-j-j-to-strike-wartime-covid-19-vaccine-production-pact-wapo?mkt_tok=Mjk0LU1RRi0wNTYAAAF7knU3Ne87xGso1zmzefB9VwzoQW7E7Q0vsKjhEJ2324ICXzQNIJo3h69gA4gIKJr06yiDnzuU8-o03mLM1PP22T0tL36-iJ69Z28pHcrCY7FurafT&mrkid=1081505

PRESCRIPTION CHARGE INCREASE

The NHS prescription charge in England is set to increase to £9.35 from 1 April 2021 for single prescription items. The price of single prescription items will increase from the current £9.15 to £9.35, while three-month prescription prepayment certificates are also set to increase from £29.65 to £30.25. A Department of Health and Social Care spokeswoman commented: "Nearly 90% of prescription items are dispensed free of charge in community pharmacies in England.

To read more

http://www.pharmatimes.com/news/nhs_prescription_charges_set_to_rise_in_england_1364448?utm_source=Emig+Newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=emig+news+alert

ROWLANDS BUYS DIGITAL PRESCRIPTION SERVICE

The company that owns the Rowlands pharmacy chain, and the Numark pharmacy membership organisation, has purchased one of the UK's largest digital prescription services. Phoenix UK has bought Co-op Health for an undisclosed sum, in a move the buyer described as "market-disruptive".

Announcing the purchase on 12 March 2021, Phoenix said the deal would "help independent pharmacies compete against the likes of Pharmacy2U".

To read more

<https://pharmaceutical-journal.com/article/news/rowlands-pharmacy-owner-buys-digital-prescription-service>

MEDICINES WILL NOT BE EXEMPTED FROM PRICE HIKES

According to the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority, the government has allowed pharmaceutical manufacturers to increase the annual wholesale price index by 0.5 percent. As a result, the prices of many drugs, including painkillers, antifungals, cardiacs and antibiotics, could rise by April.

Pharmaceutical companies say production prices have risen by 15-20 percent. So companies are planning to increase prices by 20 percent.

To read more

<https://interviewtimes.net/medicines-will-not-be-exempted-from-price-hikes-prices-may-rise-by-20-in-april/>

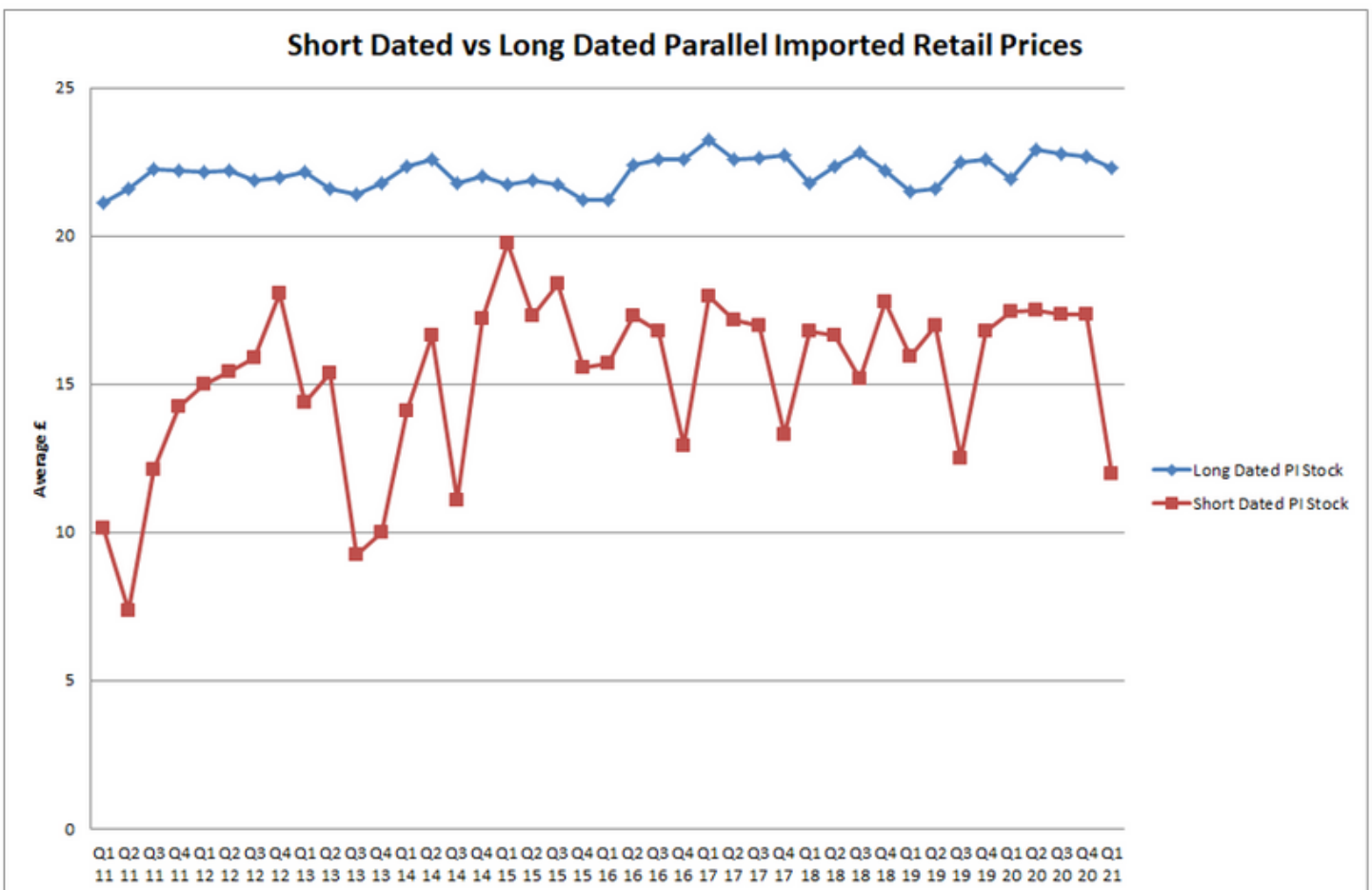
WAVEDATA ANALYSIS OF SHORT DATED PRICES

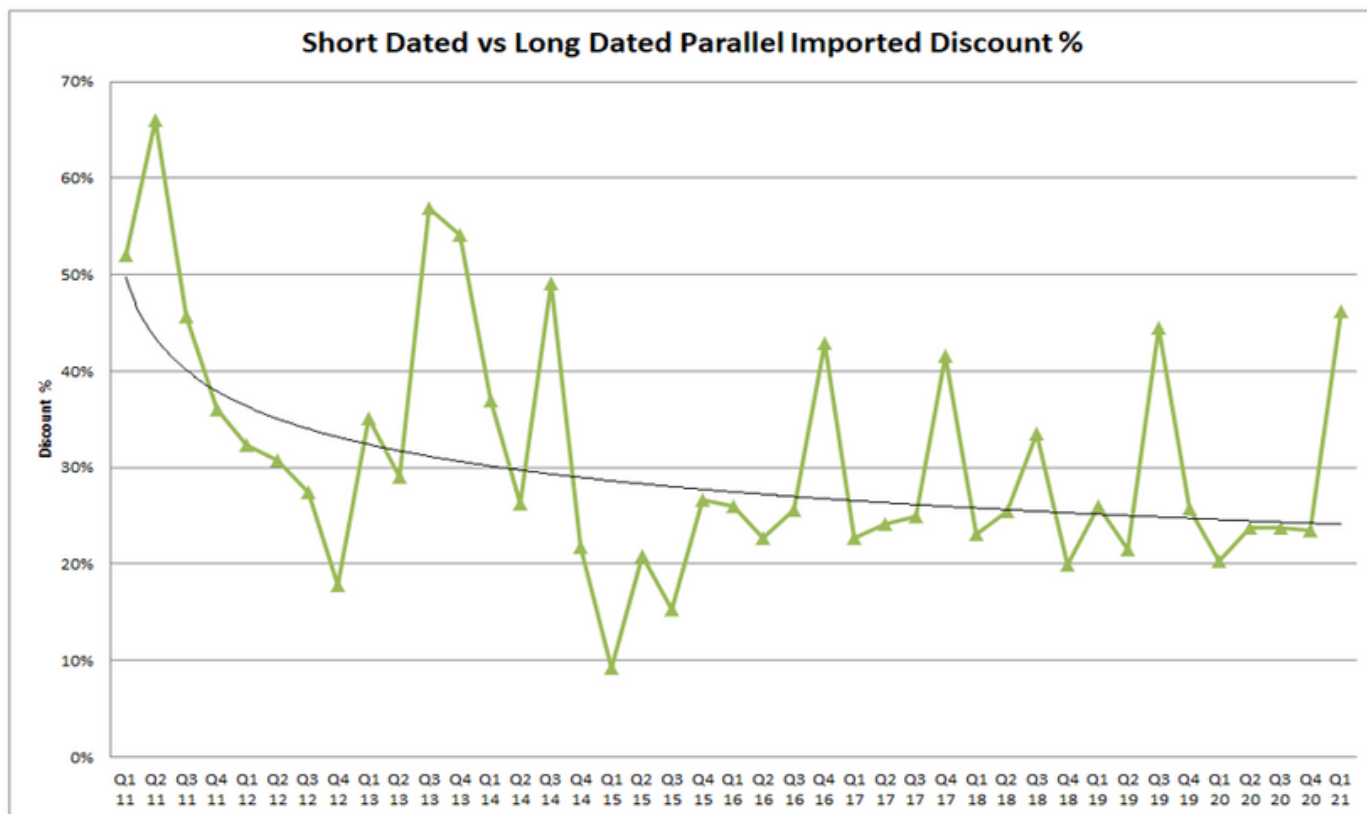
We spend a lot of time recording the prices that pharmacies and dispensing doctors pay for their medical supplies.

Along with this information we record whether the product is short dated or not. This analysis compares the average price of short dated parallel imported products in any one month with the normal 'long dated' product.

We found that over the last 10 years the average discount has declined from approximately 50% to closer to 25%. Along with is there is a good deal of variability in the monthly averages, which is the difference between the 9 months of product life remaining and just 3. So over the last 5 years the discounts varied from about 20% to about 45%.

Previous analyses have not proved that products with just 3 months remaining are necessarily cheaper than those with 9. But this analysis suggests there may be some logic in this negotiation after all.





EU EXPORT BAN

In the event of an Export ban, Britain faces a two month delay with the Covid vaccine programme. A ban, due to be discussed by leaders of the 27 EU member said, the ban would badly stall the UK vaccination effort, and would be likely to force the government to extend restrictions on people's lives. It would not, however, provide a significant boost to EU member states' troubled programmes, according to a report by the data analytics company Airfinity.

To read more

<https://forum.diabetes.org.uk/boards/threads/eu-export-ban-would-delay-uk-covid-vaccine-drive-by-two-months.92173/>

PRICE WATCH UK..OLMESARTAN PRICES TREBLE IN UK

Average UK trade prices of Olmesartan as much as trebled across multiple presentations in the second month of 2021. However, this was not the only triple-digit price rise seen during February, WaveData reveals.

Average UK trade prices to independent pharmacists for Olmesartan saw triple-digit rises in February 2021, according to the latest figures from market researcher WaveData, with the antihypertensive not only accounting for the top two positions in our table of Biggest Risers but also showing the steepest increase among our selection of Recent Launches too.

To see more go to <https://generics.pharmaintelligence.informa.com/> and view our article from this month's Generics Bulletin.

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WAVEDATA — TOP TEN SEARCHED PRODUCTS - WHERE THE FOCUS WAS TO MARCH 2021

According to WaveData, these were the most commonly investigated products in searches of the online pricing data Wavedata Live accessed through www.wavedata.co.uk/login.

Both UK and PI prices were viewed for each product, giving some indication of where the focus was to March 2021. WaveData prices in the top 20 articles are averages.

Product	Dec-20	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21
Sertraline Tabs 100mg 28	£4.04	£2.82	£3.44	£3.47
Sertraline Tabs 50mg 28	£2.48	£1.70	£2.11	£1.97
Atorvastatin Tabs 20mg 28	£0.73	£0.70	£0.68	£0.68
Paracetamol Caplets 500mg 100	£0.83	£1.05	£1.04	£1.07
Levothyroxine Tabs 25mcg 28	£0.54	£0.49	£0.46	£0.45
Gliclazide Tabs 80mg 28	£0.48	£0.44	£1.59	£0.51
Pramipexole Tabs 88mcg 30	£2.11	£2.04	£3.01	£5.71
Mirtazapine Tabs 15mg 28	£1.76	£1.66	£1.42	£1.29
Trimethoprim Tabs 200mg 14	£0.92	£1.06	£2.29	£5.10
Pregabalin Caps 25mg 56	£2.00	£2.13	£2.44	£2.84

This bulletin now goes out to 5000 plus people.

If you would like to add or suggest any articles/comments, please let me know by the 21st April 2021, as I will be issuing the next bulletin on the 28th April 2021.

If you have any colleagues who would like to receive this, please let them know about it. You can view all copies of the Bulletin at <https://www.wavedata.co.uk/kb/>

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FUTURE EVENTS

Organizer	Date	Venue	Link or Email
The Virtual 2nd European Conference on Neuroinflammation	12th - 13th Apr 21	Online	https://ecn2021.com/congress-agenda/
WHF policy conference - Priorities for tackling health inequalities in the national recovery from COVID-19	20th Apr 21	Online	https://www.westminsterforumprojects.co.uk/book/Priorities-for-tackling-health-inequalities-2021
How the Drug Discovery Industry Works	20th Apr 21	Online	https://biolearndrugdiscovery20apr.obn.expoplatform.com/
WHF policy conference - long COVID - priorities for research and improving patient care, treatment and support	22nd Apr 21	TBC	https://www.westminsterforumprojects.co.uk/book/The-way-forward-for-long-COVID-patients-2021
WHF policy conference - diabetes prevention and improving patient outcomes in England	26th Apr 21	TBA	https://www.westminsterforumprojects.co.uk/book/Priorities-for-diabetes-prevention-and-patient-outcomes-in-England
BioTrinity 2021	27th - 28th Apr 21	Online	https://biotrinity.com/registration-form
WHF policy conference - Biosimilars in the NHS - development, regulation, commissioning and improving engagement	29th Apr 21	TBA	https://www.westminsterforumprojects.co.uk/book/Biosimilars-21
WHF policy conference - the future of professional healthcare regulation reform	11th May 21	Online	https://www.westminsterforumprojects.co.uk/book/healthcare-Reg-21
WHF policy conference - improving lung health in England - priorities for prevention, care delivery, and innovation	20th May 21	Online	https://www.westminsterforumprojects.co.uk/book/Improving-lung-health-in-England-2021
WHEF policy conference - evidence-based policymaking and learning from the COVID-19 response	21st May 21	Online	https://www.westminsterforumprojects.co.uk/book/HE-Evidence-21
The NHS ICU Virtual Summit: Future-Proofing Critical Care	25th May 21	Online	https://www.convenzis.co.uk/events/the-nhs-icu-virtual-summit/
WHF policy conference - The future of utilising artificial intelligence in healthcare	27th May 21	Online	https://www.westminsterforumprojects.co.uk/book/AI-in-Healthcare
HDA Annual Conference	11th June 21	London	secretariat@hdauk.co.uk
Virtual NHS Workforce Congress: The People Promise	16th June 21	Online	https://www.convenzis.co.uk/events/virtual-nhs-workforce-congress-the-people-promise/
BioTrinity 2021 - A New LIVE Interactive Hybrid Event	21st - 25th June 21	London	https://biotrinity.com/registration-form
Delivering National Emergency care access standards: Patient Flow Congress	7th Jul 21	Online	Sean.mclaughlin (a)tcvnews.co.uk
BioForward 2021	23rd Sept 21	Oxford	www.bioforward.co.uk
WHF policy conference - pharmacy services in England - integration, service delivery, public health, learning from COVID-19	12th Oct 21	Online	https://www.westminsterforumprojects.co.uk/book/The-future-for-pharmacy-services-in-England-2021