

Roche statement on termination of partnership with Atea Pharmaceuticals to develop AT-527

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After a thorough analysis of the evolving COVID-19 treatment landscape, Roche has taken the difficult decision to end the partnership with Atea on the AT-527 programme in order to focus efforts on other COVID-19 activities. Upon termination, the rights and licenses granted by Atea to Roche under the strategic collaboration will be returned to Atea.

Roche is proud to have partnered with Atea and would like to thank the patients, healthcare professionals and scientists involved in the research and development of AT-527 so far. Their contributions have helped further our understanding of antivirals and COVID-19 more broadly.

Development of other Roche COVID-19 treatment and diagnostic options continues in order to help address the urgent global medical need. These include the antibody combination Ronapreve™ (casirivimab and imdevimab) in partnership with Regeneron, and Actemra®/RoActemra® (tocilizumab), both of which are included in the World Health Organization's Therapeutics and COVID-19 living guideline. Together, these medicines have helped about two million patients. In addition, Roche's growing number of diagnostic solutions are also helping to detect and diagnose the infection.

Since the beginning of the pandemic, Roche has formed a number of partnerships to identify and support the research and development of treatments and diagnostics that can play a role in managing COVID-19. As the pandemic landscape evolves, so too does our understanding of the virus and potential treatments.

In these exceptional times, Roche stands together with society, governments, healthcare providers and all those working to overcome the pandemic. We are committed to ensuring that patients across the globe continue to receive the tests, treatments and care they need, and to help ease the overall burden on healthcare systems.

About Roche's response to the COVID-19 pandemic

As a leading healthcare company, we are doing all we can to support countries in their fight against COVID-19 and minimising its impact. We have developed a growing number of diagnostic solutions that help to detect and diagnose the infection, as well as providing digital support to healthcare systems. We also continue to identify, develop and support potential therapies which can play a role in treating the disease.

The impact of COVID-19 goes beyond those who contract it. That is why we are working with healthcare providers, laboratories, authorities and health organisations to help make sure patients continue to receive

the tests, treatment and care they need during these challenging times. Building on a longstanding tradition of partnerships, we are working together with governments and others to make healthcare stronger and more sustainable in the future.

Reliable, high-quality testing is essential to help healthcare systems overcome this pandemic and Roche has so far launched 16 diagnostics solutions to help minimise the impact of COVID-19. As soon as the novel SARS-CoV-2 virus was sequenced in early 2020, we got to work. On 13 March 2020 we became the first company to receive U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for a high-volume molecular test to detect the virus. Since then, we have continued to add a range of diagnostics solutions to our global portfolio to help in the fight against COVID-19. In addition to the gold standard PCR test, we have developed antigen tests to; help diagnose the virus in settings where there is limited molecular laboratory infrastructure, rapid antigen tests where the virus can be detected on the spot, tests that can test for both flu and COVID-19 at the same time, both high throughput and at the point of care, and tests that can detect virus antibodies that can help monitor the spread of the virus and can also support in vaccine development. In March 2021 the SARS-CoV-2 variant test was launched, designed to detect key spike mutations.

Aside from these tests we have also looked at how we can support care for patients who have COVID-19, receiving an FDA EUA for the Elecsys® IL-6 test to assist in identifying severe inflammatory response in patients with confirmed COVID-19, as well as launching Roche v-TAC, a digital algorithm that could help simplify the screening, diagnosis and monitoring of respiratory-compromised patients with COVID-19. Roche is working closely with governments and health authorities around the world, and has significantly increased production to support availability of tests globally.

Roche is actively involved in understanding the potential of the existing portfolio and is researching options for the future. In 2020, Roche entered into a number of new partnerships, including with Regeneron, Atea and Gilead to develop, manufacture and distribute molecules that can potentially both treat and prevent COVID-19.

Roche entered a partnership with Regeneron to jointly develop Ronapreve™ (casirivimab and imdevimab, known as REGEN-COV™ in the United States [US]). The antibody combination has been approved for use in the European Union and Japan, and conditionally in the United Kingdom and Australia, and is authorised for emergency or temporary pandemic use in additional territories such as the US, India and Canada. In addition, the World Health Organization recommended the use of Ronapreve for the treatment of patients with COVID-19.

In addition, we have explored the potential of our existing medicine Actemra®/RoActemra® (tocilizumab) in three global phase III clinical trials investigating its safety and efficacy in COVID-19 associated pneumonia (COVACTA, EMPACTA and REMDACTA). In June 2021, Actemra/RoActemra received an Emergency Use Authorization from the U.S. FDA for the intravenous treatment of COVID-19 in hospitalised adults and

paediatric patients (2 years of age and older) who are receiving systemic corticosteroids and require supplemental oxygen, non-invasive or invasive mechanical ventilation, or extracorporeal membrane oxygenation. In addition, the World Health Organization recommended the use of Actemra/RoActemra for the treatment of certain patients with COVID-19.

For more information on how Roche is responding to the global COVID-19 pandemic, please visit our [COVID-19 response page](#).

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Roche is the world's largest biotech company, with truly differentiated medicines in oncology, immunology, infectious diseases, ophthalmology and diseases of the central nervous system. Roche is also the world leader in in vitro diagnostics and tissue-based cancer diagnostics, and a frontrunner in diabetes management.

Founded in 1896, Roche continues to search for better ways to prevent, diagnose and treat diseases and make a sustainable contribution to society. The company also aims to improve patient access to medical innovations by working with all relevant stakeholders. More than thirty medicines developed by Roche are included in the World Health Organization Model Lists of Essential Medicines, among them life-saving antibiotics, antimalarials and cancer medicines. Moreover, for the twelfth consecutive year, Roche has been recognised as one of the most sustainable companies in the Pharmaceuticals Industry by the Dow Jones Sustainability Indices (DJSI).

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