

# News release

## **Kyowa Kirin Announces Approval for Partial Change of Rituximab Biosimilar Received by Sandoz in Japan**

**Tokyo, Japan, September 29, 2023** – Kyowa Kirin Co., Ltd. (President & CEO: Masashi Miyamoto, "Kyowa Kirin", TSE: 4151) today announced that Sandoz KK (Tokyo; President: Francis Vaillant, "Sandoz"), its strategic partner of the anti-CD20 monoclonal antibody Rituximab biosimilar which Kyowa Kirin markets in Japan, has received approval for the partial change of Rituximab biosimilar for the treatment of lupus nephritis who have had an inadequate response to conventional therapy.

This product is a biosimilar to the rituximab (genetic recombination) with a MOA (mechanism of action) of antibody-dependent cytotoxicity (ADCC), complement-dependent cytotoxicity (CDC) and B-cell depletion caused by apoptosis. Under the agreement with Sandoz announced on January 26, 2016, Kyowa Kirin is responsible for sales and marketing of the product in Japan.

The Kyowa Kirin Group companies strive to contribute to the health and well-being of people around the world by creating new value through the pursuit of advances in life sciences and technologies.