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European Patent Office maintained Bayer patent on the once-daily administration of rivaroxaban (Xarelto™)

Berlin, October 29, 2021 – The European Patent Office has reversed a first instance decision and maintained a Bayer patent (EP 1 845 961) on the once-daily administration of rivaroxaban (Xarelto™; 10, 15 and 20 mg). The 2.5 mg dose is not affected.

Several generic drug manufacturers had initially successfully opposed the patent. With this decision of the European Patent Office, this patent is still valid until mid-January 2026, therefore almost two years longer than the extended compound patent protection until early April 2024. Until then, it will not be possible in EU countries (except Malta) and certain non-EU countries (e.g. UK, Switzerland) to launch generic rivaroxaban that is intended to be administered once a day without infringing the patent. At country level the option to challenge the patent remains. Bayer welcomes the positive decision strengthening the patent and will continue to vigorously defend its intellectual property.

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