

Chapter 3

Biosimilar medicines — rising to the cost challenge

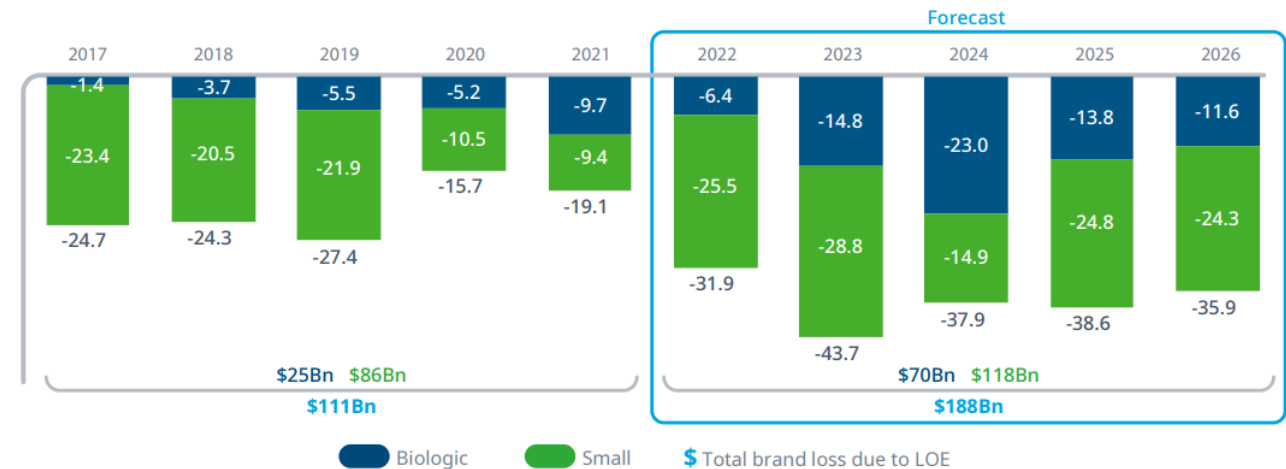
Addressing the rising cost of biological medicines has become a priority for governments and healthcare systems around the globe.

Biosimilar medicines are providing more cost-effective biological treatments, but what are biosimilar medicines, and how do they meet this challenge?

In many developed markets, the opportunity for biosimilar medicines by 2027 will continue to grow significantly

- **Global biotech spending** is expected to **exceed \$660Bn** by 2027 (35% of global medicines spending)¹
- In the next five years to **2027**, biological medicines are expected to lose exclusivity and result in **\$65 billion lower spending**¹

Exhibit 37: Developed markets impact of brand losses of exclusivity 2017-2026, US\$Bn



Source: IQVIA Market Prognosis, Sep 2021; IQVIA Institute, Nov 2021

The introduction of biosimilar frameworks is delivering tangible results for healthcare systems which use them. The next decade offers massive opportunities with biologic medicines representing close to half of total competition opportunity in the pharmaceutical market.

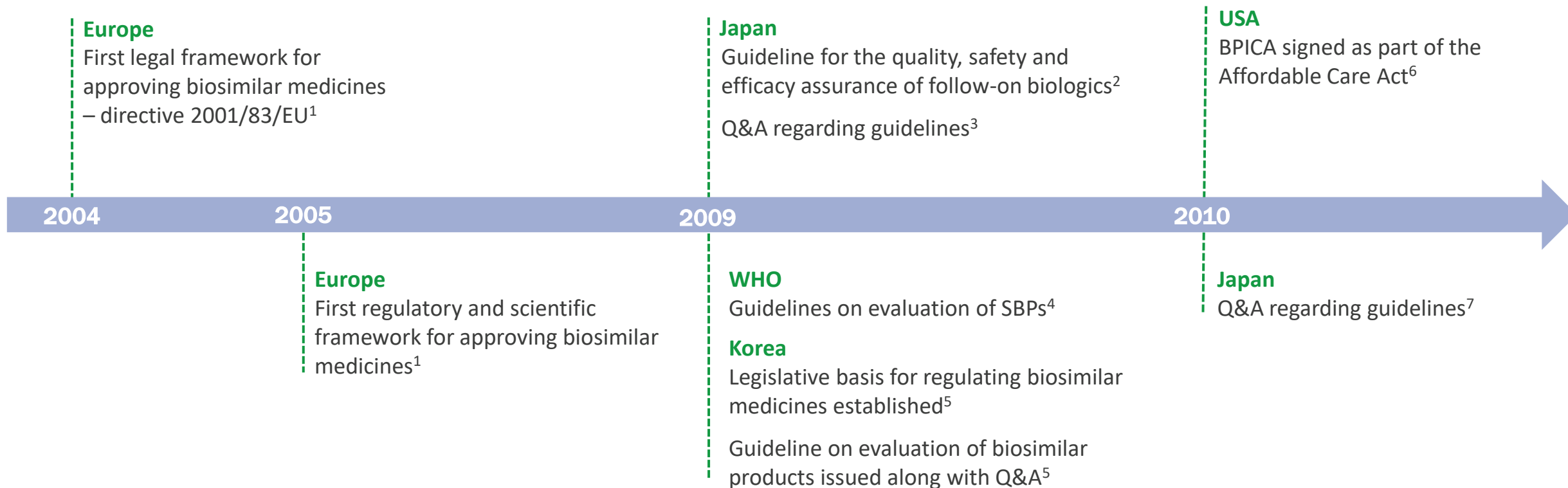
Europe was the first region in the world to develop a framework for biosimilar medicines

- A **biosimilar medicine** is a biological medicine that is developed to be **highly similar to an existing biological medicine** (the ‘reference product’)¹
- Biosimilar medicines can be marketed once all regulatory exclusivity and intellectual property right periods for the reference product have expired¹
- In 2004 and 2005, **Europe was the first region in the world** to develop a legal, regulatory, and scientific framework for approving biosimilar medicines²
- Within 10 years, the EU framework moved from a science-driven, conceptual approach to a science-driven, **knowledge-based approach**³
- Since 2006, EU-approved biosimilar medicines have already generated more than **4,5 billion** cumulated **patient treatment days of safe clinical experience**¹

Europe has pioneered the development, licensing, and marketing of biosimilar medicines²



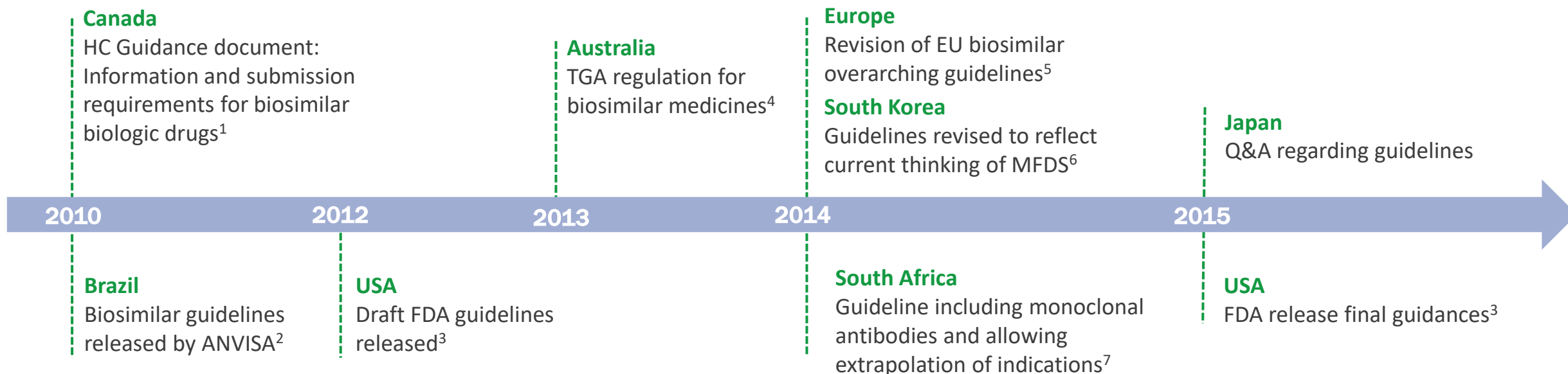
Scientific, regulatory, and legal frameworks have now been established around the world (1)



Abbreviations: BPICA, Biologics Price Competition and Innovation Act; EMA, European Medicines Agency; MHLW, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare; SBP, similar biotherapeutic products; WHO, World Health Organisation.

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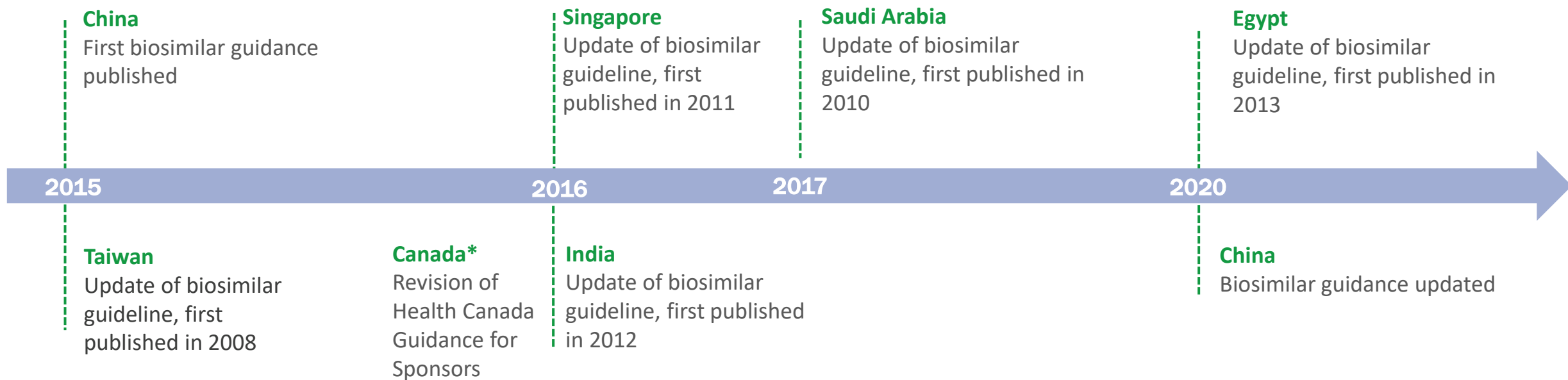
Biosimilar medicines offer more cost-effective alternative options and thereby enhance competition in the marketplace

Abbreviations: ANVISA, The Brazilian Health Regulatory Agency; EMA, European Medicines Agency; FDA, Food and Drug Administration; HC, Health Canada; JGA, Japan Generic Medicines Association MFDS, Ministry of Food and Drug Safety; MCCZA, Medicines Control Council of South Africa; TGA, Therapeutic Goods Administration.

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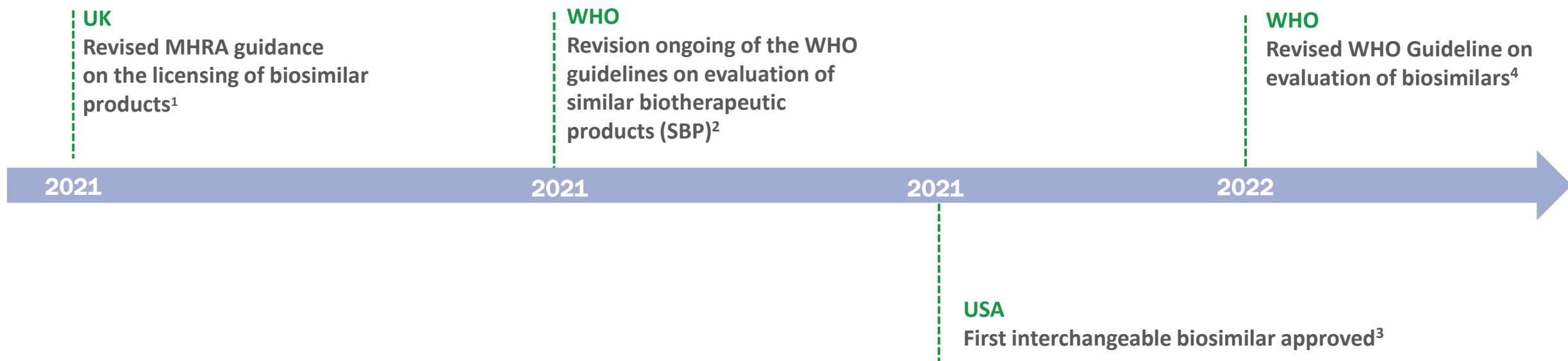


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*[Revision of Health Canada Guidance for Sponsors](#)



Scientific and regulatory frameworks continue to evolve




This evolution is driven by the billions of patient treatment days of experience, as well as improvements in regulatory processes, analytical science and characterisation technology

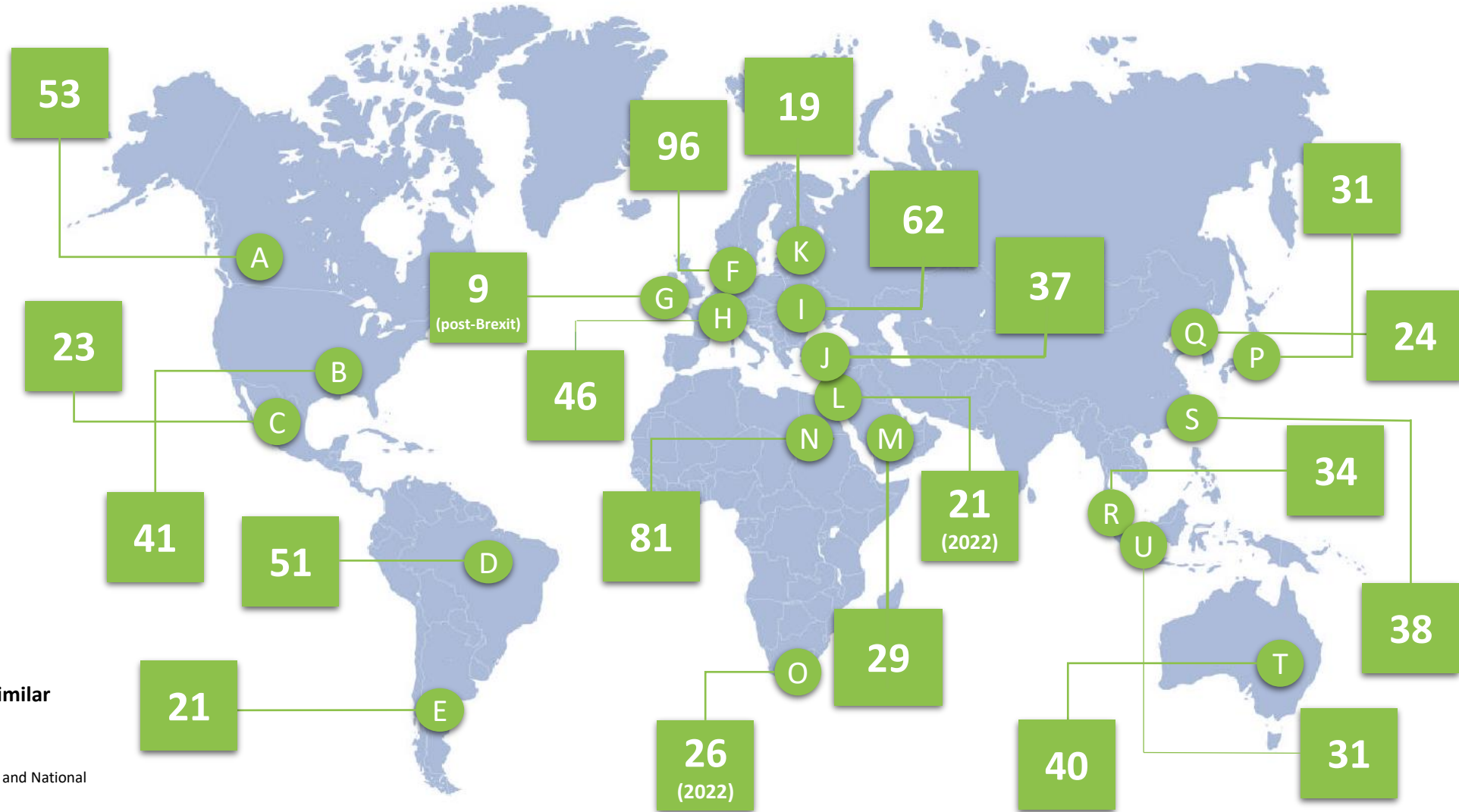
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Opportunity to generate competition in the biologics space with more than 800 biosimilar medicines covering over 10 therapeutic areas

- A. Canada
- B. USA
- C. Mexico
- D. Brazil
- E. Argentina
- F. European Union
- G. UK
- H. Switzerland
- I. Serbia
- J. Turkey
- K. Montenegro
- L. Jordan
- M. Saudi Arabia
- N. Egypt
- O. South Africa
- P. Japan
- Q. South Korea
- R. Malaysia
- S. Chinese Taipei
- T. Australia
- U. Singapore

 Number of biosimilar approvals

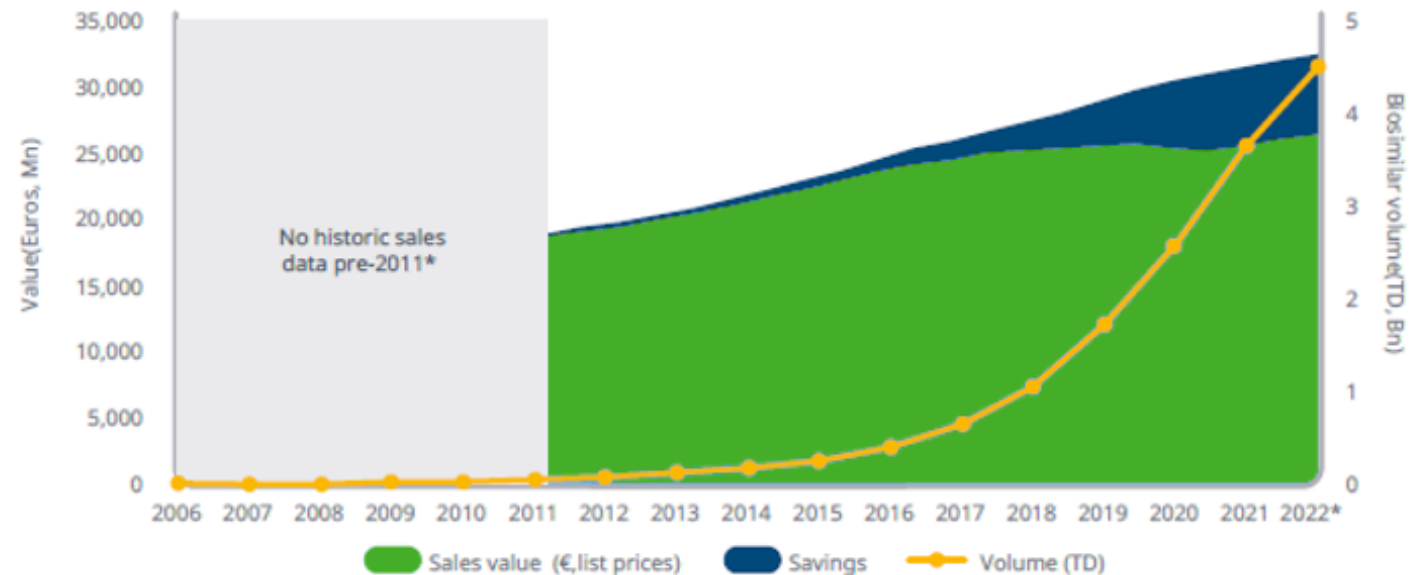
Source of data: IGBA membership and National Regulatory Authorities



Savings derived from biosimilar medicines use have contributed to the sustainability of healthcare systems

- In 2012, estimates suggested savings could be in the range of €12–€34 billion by 2020¹
- As of 2022, the **cumulative savings** at list prices from the impact of biosimilar competition in **Europe** reached **over €30 billion**¹

Exhibit 6: Savings from the impact of biosimilar competition at list prices



Biosimilar medicines have already delivered savings of over 30 billion EUR in Europe alone²



Globally, biosimilar medicines have the potential to offer healthcare systems huge savings for the same or better outcomes

Canada - \$94 million CAD

Combined savings from use of etanercept, filgrastim, infliximab and insulin glargine biosimilars in 2018⁵

U.S.A – 12,6 billion USD

Biosimilars 10-year system savings: 12,6 billion USD in 2021 Biosimilars projected system savings by 2025: 133 billion USD⁴

Europe – >30 billion EUR

between 2006 and 2022¹

Japan – 46 billion JPY

between 2017 and 2019 with CAGR 61%²

South Africa – 6.4 million USD

(84.5 million Rand) per annum

A 50% price reduction following the introduction of the biosimilar trastuzumab would translate into 670 more patients being treated (2016)³

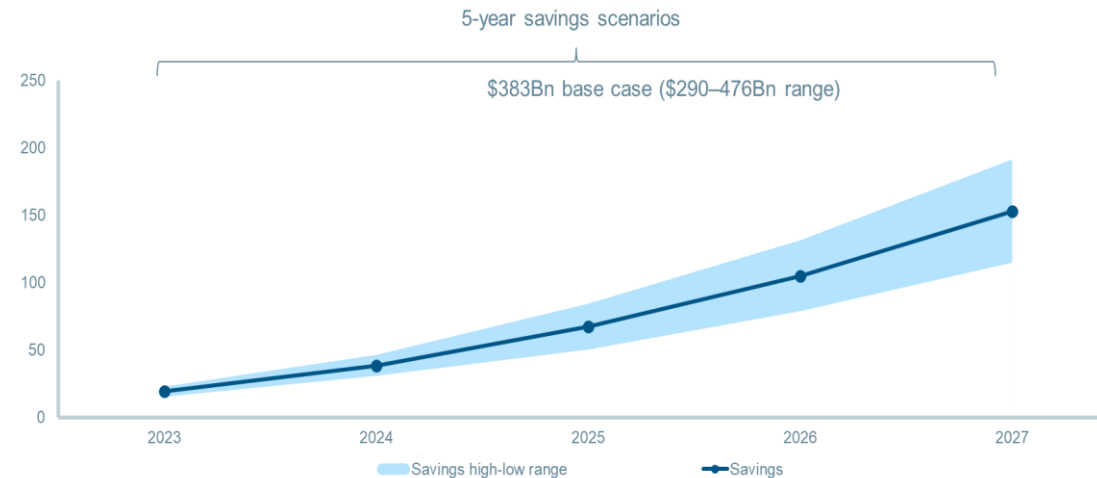
Biosimilar medicines represent a cost-effective alternative to the reference products

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More people globally will access relevant biological medicines as biosimilar competition unfolds

- Key upcoming biosimilar medicines are expected to reach patients throughout the next five years, particularly to treat patients living with cancer and autoimmune diseases

Incremental savings from biosimilar medicines are expected to be a cumulative **\$383Bn globally** from 2023 to 2027.¹



Global annual savings could exceed \$100 billion in 2026 & 2027 as some of the largest spending biologic molecules will face biosimilar competition during this period¹

Access to relevant biologic medicines will open up to more people globally, as costs of treating patients for cancer or autoimmune disorders are reduced to affordable levels for both patients and governments across all countries¹

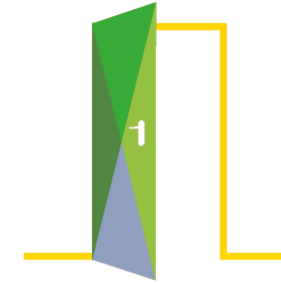
Summary: Biosimilar medicines — rising to the cost challenge



In the absence of competition, biological medicines place a **huge financial burden** on global healthcare systems¹



In many developed markets, key biological medicines are **coming off patent**¹



Patent expiry presents a **significant and growing opportunity** for the introduction of biosimilar medicines^{1,3}



Around the globe, biosimilar medicines are being introduced, **enhancing competition** in the marketplace¹ and **access for more patients**³



European markets alone have cumulated over **30 billion EUR** savings from biosimilar medicines competition since 2006²



The **potential savings** offered by biosimilar medicines **by 2027** could help support the **long-term sustainability** of healthcare systems¹