

# FDA to ease testing rules to speed biosimilar approvals

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Bengaluru: The U.S. Food and Drug Administration plans to ease testing requirements for companies developing biosimilar drugs, Bloomberg News reported, citing an agency official and

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The change could cut about \$20 million from the cost of developing a biosimilar, according to Bloomberg. The policy is part of a broader FDA effort to make it easier for companies to win approval for such drugs in the United States, where officials have long seen them as a way to lower medicine prices, Bloomberg reported.

Unlike cheap generic versions of simple-to-manufacture pills, medicines made from living cells cannot be exactly copied, so are referred to as biosimilars.

The Department of Health and Human Services, which oversees the FDA, did not immediately respond to a Reuters request for comment outside regular working hours.

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