

## Natco Pharma submits ANDA for Ibrutinib generic

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Natco Pharma Limited has announced submission of an Abbreviated New Drug Application (ANDA) containing a paragraph IV certification with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for generic version of Ibrutinib Tablets of 140mg, 280mg, 420mg and 560mg strength (proposed generic equivalents to Imbruvica® Tablets).

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In the United States Imbruvica® brand is owned and marketed by Pharmacyclics LLC and Janssen Biotech, Inc. Imbruvica® had U.S. Sales of approximately US\$ 2.6 Billion for twelve months ending September, 2018, according to data from IQVIA. As per the last tracked prescription sales, almost 83% of the sales contribution has come from the above mentioned tablet dosage forms.